

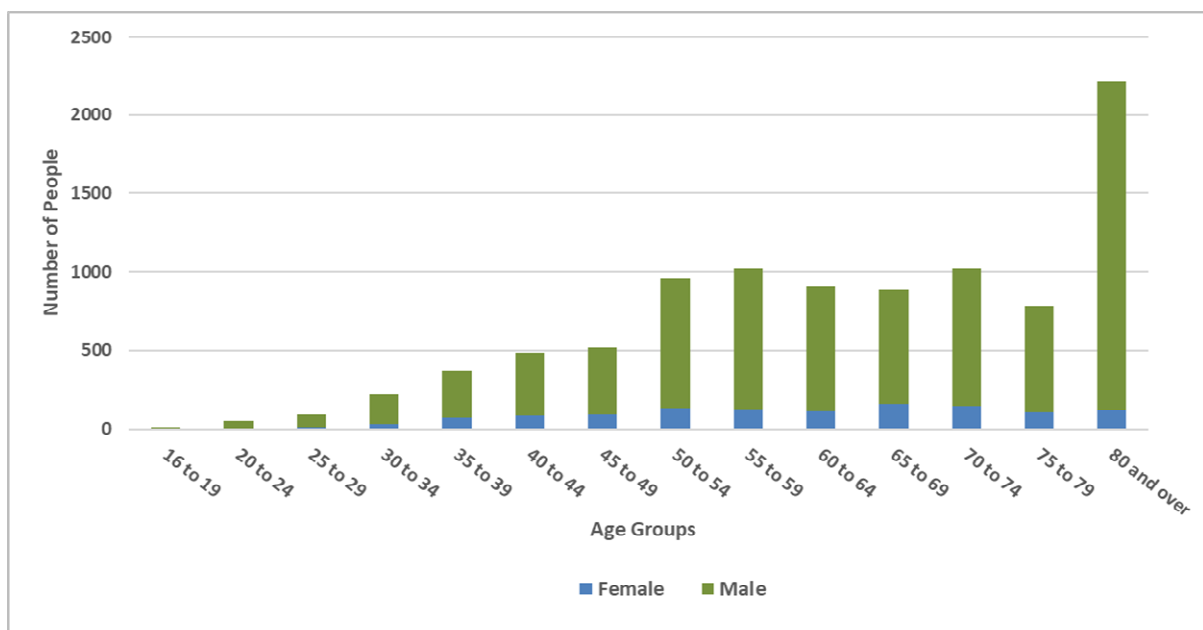
Scotland's Census 2022 – UK Armed Forces Veterans in Aberdeenshire

On 13 June 2024 data from the 2022 Census was published on armed forces veterans. This report highlights some of the main results for Aberdeenshire.

In Scotland a total of 176,100 people had previously served in the UK Armed Forces, which is 3.9% of people aged 16 and over. In Aberdeenshire 9,564 people had previously served in the UK Armed Forces of which 12.7% were female and 87.3% were male. This is 4.45% of people in Aberdeenshire aged 16 and over.

In Scotland half of all veterans (50.4%) were aged 65 and over and just under one third (30.6%) were aged 50 to 64. Aberdeenshire followed a similar pattern where 51.2% were aged 65 and over and 30.3% were aged 50 to 64.

Figure 1: Number of Armed Forces Veterans in Aberdeenshire by Age and Sex, 2022



The high percentage of veterans in the oldest group is explained by the National Service policy in place between 1939 to 1960 and War Service (to 1948).

The council areas with the highest percentage of veterans in their population were mostly those that contain or are close to military bases, such as Moray (9.0%) and Angus (6.1%).

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