

21.16 Canadian Armed Forces strength, selected years

Fiscal years ending March 31	Navy ¹	Army ¹	Air Force ¹	Canadian Armed Forces	Total
1962	21,500	51,855	53,119	126,474
1969	18,291	37,445	42,604	98,340
1972	15,388	32,212	37,333	84,933
1976	7,599	18,295	21,943	31,901	79,738
1978	6,501	15,500	18,700	40,436	81,137
1979	5,952	14,212	17,209	43,218	80,591
1980	5,437	13,032	15,771	46,058	80,299
1981	4,943	11,832	14,284	49,802	80,861
1982	4,543	10,671	12,992	54,652	82,858
1983	4,188	9,899	12,089	56,729	82,905
1984	3,927	9,233	11,292	57,223	81,675
1985	3,563	8,515	10,221	61,441	83,740
1986	3,252	7,799	9,184	64,138	84,373
1987	2,868	6,921	8,023	68,187	85,999
1988	2,550	6,161	7,020	70,653	86,384

¹ After 1972, no navy, army or air force existed *per se*. The figures provided in these columns are based on Prior Single Service Affiliation.

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