

National Guard Full Time Support

Fiscal Year 2021 Fact Sheet



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The Issue

The National Guard and Reserve rely heavily on full time support (FTS) personnel to train, administer, and maximize readiness for Reserve Component units. With authorized end strength levels increasing once again with a more hostile threat environment, National Guard FTS levels should be resourced to meet requirements and ensure servicemembers continue to maintain readiness and lethality.

U.S. Air Force Special Warfare Airmen with the New Jersey Air National Guard's 227th Air Support Operations Squadron fire on simulated enemy targets during a live-fire training mission.

Background

The National Guard relies on consistent support and training in order to maximize readiness. However, because the National Guard is inherently a part-time force, National Guard soldiers and airmen requires a percentage of their overall personnel to support their mission in critical roles in a full-time status. FTS personnel:

- Facilitate rapid response during domestic operations by preparing servicemembers and equipment;
- Organize, administering, training, and instructing fellow soldiers and airmen; and
- Maintain National Guard facilities, relationships with the local community, and day-to-day unit continuity.

The National Guard experienced commensurate decreases in FTS due to end strength drawdowns beginning in FY15. However, with authorized end strength levels increasing once again to combat a more hostile threat environment, National Guard FTS levels should increase, as well, to ensure servicemembers continue to maintain readiness.

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD AUTHORIZED FTS

	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
TOTAL End Strength	350,200	342,000	343,000	343,500	343,500	336,000
AGRs	31,385	30,770	30,155	30,155	30,595	30,595
Dual Status Techs.	27,210	26,099	25,507	22,294	22,294	22,294
Non-Dual Status Techs.	1,600	1,600	1,600	0	0	0
Title 5 Civilians	N/A	N/A	N/A	4,813	2,762	5,846
TOTAL FTS	60,195	58,469	57,262	57,262	55,651	58,735
PERCENT of End Strength	17.2%	17.1%	16.7%	16.7%	16.2%	17.4%

AIR NATIONAL GUARD AUTHORIZED FTS

	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20
TOTAL End Strength	105,500	105,500	105,700	106,600	107,100	107,700
AGRs	14,704	14,748	14,764	16,620	19,861	22,637
Dual Status Techs.	21,792	22,104	22,103	19,135	15,861	13,569
Non-Dual Status Techs.	350	350	350	0	0	0
Title 5 Civilians	N/A	N/A	N/A	3,108	3,111	4,493
TOTAL FTS	36,846	37,202	37,217	38,863	37,115	40,699
PERCENT of End Strength	35.1%	35.3%	35.2%	36.4%	36.2%	37.7%

Recommendation

- Increase resources to ensure Army National Guard FTS meets at least 80% of validated requirements
- Maintain resources to ensure Air National Guard FTS meets at least 80% of validated requirements

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