

This is an official request from the BRAC Commission.

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If so, how can the Air Force use the Air National Guard personnel figures in computing its cost savings for Guard bases that are being closed and/or realigned?

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Inquiry Response

Re: BI-0031, Commission Question on AirNG End Strength and Savings
(OSD Clearinghouse Tasker 0173)

Requester: BRAC Commission

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Answer: Based on the Fiscal Year 2006 President's Budget, the Air National Guard's total military end strength is 107,000. BRAC realignment and closure recommendations, if approved, will result in manpower efficiencies within the Air National Guard.

Personnel that are made available by these BRAC actions will be reinvested into high priority emerging missions and will keep the Air National Guard a relevant part of the Future Total Force.

Approved



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