

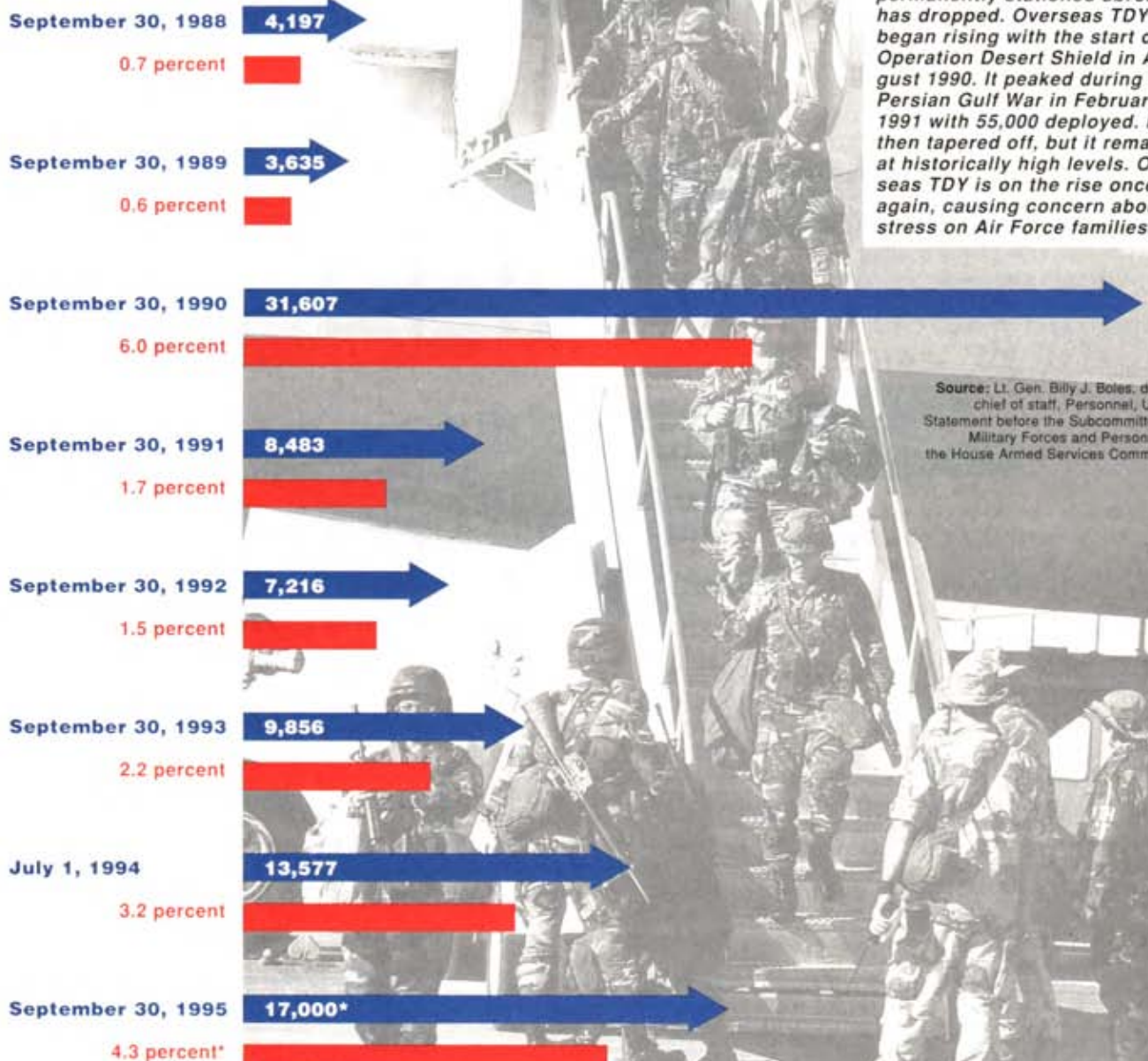
# The Chart Page

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## The Away-From-Home Air Force

USAF Troops on Overseas TDY

Percent of Total Active Force



Individual deployability—the readiness of each USAF member to pack up, move out, and set up for combat anywhere in the world—is critical to power projection. The number of troops sent overseas on temporary duty has been rising steadily even as the number permanently stationed abroad has dropped. Overseas TDY began rising with the start of Operation Desert Shield in August 1990. It peaked during the Persian Gulf War in February 1991 with 55,000 deployed. It then tapered off, but it remains at historically high levels. Overseas TDY is on the rise once again, causing concern about stress on Air Force families.

Source: Lt. Gen. Billy J. Boles, deputy chief of staff, Personnel, USAF. Statement before the Subcommittee on Military Forces and Personnel of the House Armed Services Committee.

\*Derived projections