

6. Conclusions

We summarize our main conclusions here:

1. The trend of pilot requirements should be downward with no major aberrations, although the active-reserve pilot mix is still uncertain.
2. Recent pilot undertraining in the Air Force will create future shortfalls and experience imbalances; further reductions in requirements and increased training are key parts of the solution. Short-term measures can minimize effects of shortfalls and imbalances.
3. Overall, smaller active inventories and proportionally larger reserves may result in insufficient future flow from active to reserve components. A policy of closer integration with reserve needs should be adopted.
4. New pilot career patterns need to be judged against future active and reserve needs.