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Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh attended the Order of Merit service on Thursday.

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Prince Philip [announced Thursday](#) he is disengaging from public life, but Queen Elizabeth II, who turned 91 last month, is still going strong — really, really strong.

Last year, the queen took part in 332 royal engagements, according to an analysis by The Times of London.

That wasn't an anomaly: She regularly has logged the equivalent of about one engagement per day in recent years.

In 2015, she [partook](#) in 341 engagements, after [tallying](#) 393 engagements in 2014.



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In fact, the queen was far more active than many of the younger members of the royal family last year. Only her direct offspring bested her in engagements.

Prince Charles, the heir to the throne, who is 68, had 530 engagements last year; the queen's daughter, Princess Anne, who is 66, had 509; and another of the queen's sons, Prince Edward, who is 53, had 359.

Meanwhile, the queen's grandson, Prince William, the Duke of Cambridge, who is 34, took part in 188 royal engagements last year. His wife Kate Middleton, the Duchess of Cambridge, who is 35, partook in 140. The couple [has faced criticism](#) for their lack of participation in events.

Their totals last year were even less than that of Prince Philip, who turns 96 next month and is also known as the Duke of Edinburgh. He took part in 219 royal engagements in 2016.

Even with Prince Philip departing from public life, the queen plans to continue her rigorous schedule.

An announcement from Buckingham Palace Thursday said the queen “will continue to carry out a full program of official engagements,” even after her husband retires from public life starting in the fall.

Engagements can include official visits and attending ceremonies, sporting events, concerts, fundraisers, receptions, lunches, dinners, banquets, bestowing awards, and other meetings, including with local and international government officials.

Still, the numbers may not tell the full story since engagements can vary in terms of how taxing they are. Some may involve more time, preparation, and travel than others.

For example, the queen and Prince Philip did not take part in any overseas in engagements while

Prince William and his wife traveled to dozens of overseas engagements last year.

And, because there can be multiple engagements per day, those statistics don't show how many days royal family members actually spent on public engagements.

But other analyses have looked at just that.

In 2016, Prince Philip had engagements on 110 days last year, more than the queen who had engagements on 80 days, according to the [Daily Mail](#).

Prince William had also engagements on 80 days in 2016, while his wife had engagements on 63 days.

Beyond engagements, the queen also [reportedly](#) sets aside time daily to help read and respond to the more than 150 pieces of correspondence she receives each day on average. She regularly reviews and signs government documents sent to her in briefcases known as "red boxes."

According to The Times of London, "Except for Christmas Day and Easter Day, the queen never has a day off from the official red boxes which pursue her everywhere."

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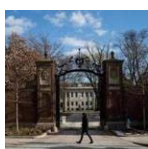


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