

## The arms race and weapons of mass destruction.

### Global military expenditures 2002

Global military expenditures currently exceed \$US800 billion. The top military spenders are:

United States	\$US 343.2 billion
Russia*	\$US 60.0 billion
China*	\$US 42.0 billion
Japan	\$US 40.4 billion
United Kingdom	\$US 34.0 billion
Saudi Arabia	\$US 27.2 billion
France	\$US 25.3 billion
Germany	\$US 21.0 billion
Brazil	\$US 17.9 billion
India	\$US 15.6 billion
Italy	\$US 15.5 billion
South Korea	\$US 11.8 billion

Australia	\$US 7.9 billion
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\*Based on 2000 funding (most recent year available)

Sources: Center for Defense Information, Council for a Livable World, International Institute for Strategic Studies, US State Department, US Central Intelligence Agency

### Global Priorities

For approximately 30% of annual world military expenditures (\$US810 billion), all of the following could be accomplished:

• Eliminate starvation/malnutrition	\$US 19 billion
• Provide shelter	\$US 21 billion
• Remove landmines	\$US 4 billion
• Eliminate nuclear weapons	\$US 7 billion
• Refugee relief	\$US 5 billion
• Eliminate illiteracy	\$US 5 billion
• Provide clean, safe water	\$US 10 billion
• Provide health care/AIDS control	\$US 21 billion
• Stop deforestation	\$US 7 billion
• Prevent global warming	\$US 8 billion
• Stabilize population	\$US 11 billion
• Prevent acid rain	\$US 8 billion
• Energy efficiency	\$US 33 billion
• Renewable energy	\$US 17 billion
• Stop ozone depletion	\$US 5 billion
• Prevent soil erosion	\$US 24 billion
• Retire developing nations' debt	\$US 30 billion

More info: <http://www.worldgame.org>

### The arms peddlers

The world's suppliers of major conventional arms 1997-2001

1. USA	\$US 44.82 billion
2. Russia	\$US 17.35 billion
3. France	\$US 9.80 billion
4. UK	\$US 6.70 billion
5. Germany	\$US 4.82 billion
6. Ukraine	\$US 2.62 billion
7. Netherlands	\$US 1.86 billion
8. Italy	\$US 1.67 billion
9. China	\$US 1.55 billion
10. Belarus	\$US 1.52 billion
11. Sweden	\$US 1.12 billion
12. Israel	\$US 0.97 billion
13. Spain	\$US 0.87 billion
14. Canada	\$US 0.64 billion
15. Australia	\$US 0.62 billion

Source: [http://projects.sipri.se/armstrade/facts\\_and\\_figures.html](http://projects.sipri.se/armstrade/facts_and_figures.html)  
All figures at constant (1990) prices

### The Middle East arms race

U.S. arms licenses and agreements with selected Middle East countries 1990-2001

Saudia Arabia	\$US 43.84 billion
Israel	\$US 18.35 billion
Egypt	\$US 16.13 billion
United Arab Emirates	\$US 9.56 billion
Kuwait	\$US 5.24 billion
Algeria	\$US 0.91 billion
Bahrain	\$US 1.30 billion
Jordan	\$US 0.81 billion
Pakistan	\$US 0.26 billion
Qatar	\$US 0.46 billion
Yemen	\$US 0.17 billion

Source: [http://www.fas.org/asmp/profiles/sales\\_db.htm](http://www.fas.org/asmp/profiles/sales_db.htm)  
All figures at historical costs

**DID YOU KNOW** that three-quarters of the world's arms trade flows into the Middle East?

# Weapons of mass destruction

## States possessing or having possessed Weapons of Mass Destruction

	Nuclear	Chemical	Biological	Missile
Afghanistan		●		
Algeria	●			
Belarus	●			
Bulgaria			●	
Chile		●		
China	●	●	●	●
Cuba			●	
Ethiopia		●		
Egypt		●	●	●
France	●	●		●
India	●	●	●	●
Indonesia		●		
Iran	●	●	●	●
Iraq	●	●	●	●
Israel	●	●	●	●
Kazakhstan	●			
Laos		●	●	
Libya		●	●	●
Myanmar		●		
North Korea	●	●	●	●
Pakistan	●	●	●	●
Romania			●	
Russia	●	●	●	●
South Africa	●	●	●	●
South Korea		●	●	
Syria		●	●	●
Taiwan		●	●	●
Thailand		●		
Ukraine	●			
Vietnam		●	●	
United Kingdom	●	●		●
United States	●	●	●	●

● indicates military nuclear program, but not to weapons stage

Source: FAS Intelligence Resource Program  
[http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/wmd\\_state.htm](http://www.fas.org/irp/threat/wmd_state.htm)

## Counting the nuclear stockpiles

Country	Suspected Strategic Nuclear Weapons	Suspected Non-Strategic Nuclear Weapons	Suspected Total Nuclear Weapons
China	250	120	400
France	350	0	350
India	60	?	60+
Israel	100-200	?	200+
Pakistan	24-48	?	24-48
Russia	6,000	4,000	10,000
United Kingdom	180	5	185
United States	8,646	2,010	10,656

Source:  
<http://www.cdi.org/issues/nukef&f/database/nukearsenals.cfm>

## Nuclear weapons in figures

- 14,300: Approximate number of strategic nuclear weapons worldwide.
- 7,300: Approximate number of strategic U.S. nuclear weapons, reducing to 3500 in 2003 under Start II
- 6,000: Approximate number of strategic Russian nuclear weapons, reducing to 3000 in 2003
- 7,500: Approximate number of strategic nuclear weapons worldwide, year 2003.
- \$3.5 trillion: Amount the United States spent between 1940 and 1995 to prepare to fight a nuclear war.
- \$27 billion: Amount the United States spends annually to prepare to fight a nuclear war.
- \$2.2 billion: Cost for one B-2 bomber (21 were authorized by Congress).
- \$2.5 billion: The lifecycle cost of each B-2 bomber

Source: <http://www.cdi.org/nuclear/factsataglance.cfm>

### DID YOU KNOW that:

- Saudi Arabia has emerged as the world's leading arms purchaser, acquiring weapons systems worth \$36.4 billion from the United States alone between 1994 and 1997.
- Since 1976, Israel had been the largest annual recipient of U.S. foreign assistance. U.S. aid to Israel in the last half century has totalled a whopping \$US81.3 billion.
- The Pentagon announced in 1997 that it was anticipating a 20-50 year deployment of US troops in the Persian Gulf.

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