

Status of World Nuclear Forces^a

Country	Strategic Warheads	Tactical Warheads	Total Warheads	
			(operational)	(stockpile)
Russia	3,503	2,330	5,833	16,000 ^b
United States	5,235	500 ^c	5,735	9,962 ^d
China	~282	~120 ^e	~402	n.a.
France	348	n.a.	348	n.a.
United Kingdom	185 ^f	n.a. ^f	<200	n.a.
Israel	n.a. ^g	n.a. ^g	n.a. ^g	<200
Pakistan	n.a. ^g	n.a. ^g	n.a. ^g	50-60
India	n.a. ^g	n.a. ^g	n.a. ^g	40-50
(North Korea)	n.a. ^h	n.a. ^h	n.a. ^h	<10 ^h
Total	9,553ⁱ	2,950ⁱ	12,518ⁱ	27,232ⁱ

^a The estimate for each country is based on the [Nuclear Notebook](#) that I co-authored with Robert Norris in the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists*, and the nuclear appendix in the *SIPRI Yearbook* co-authored with Shannon Kile.

^b The exact size and composition of the Russian stockpile is uncertain, but based on Cold War levels and subsequent dismantlement rates. Some of the non-operational weapons are thought to be in reserve while others await dismantlement.

^c Several hundred, including some inactive warheads, are [deployed in Europe](#).

^d In addition, more than 12,000 plutonium pits and some 5,000 Canned Assemblies (secondaries) are stored.

^e The existence of a Chinese non-strategic nuclear arsenal is uncertain.

^f Only warheads for three operational SSBNs plus spares are counted. Some warheads have "sub-strategic" missions.

^g The breakdown of strategic and tactical warheads in the four lesser nuclear powers is not known, nor is it known how many are operational.

^h There is no publicly available evidence that North Korea has operationalized its nuclear weapons capability.

ⁱ Numbers may not add up due to uncertainty about the operational status of the four lesser nuclear weapons states and the uncertainty about the size of the total stockpile of three of the five initial nuclear powers. In those cases where total stockpile is not known, operational warheads have been counted.