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New SIPRI military expenditure

World military expenditure increased by 2.9%

- World military expenditure increased by 2.9% in real terms in 2025 and is now estimated at \$2887 billion.
- The top 15 spenders in 2025 compared to 2024: 1. USA (-7.5%); 2. China (+7.4%); 3. Russia (+5.9%); 4. Germany (+24%); 5. India (+8.9%); 6. United Kingdom (-2.0%); 7. Ukraine (+20%); 8. Saudi Arabia (+1.4%); 9. France (+1.5%); 10. Japan (+9.7%); 11. Israel (-4.9%); 12. Italy (+20%); 13. South Korea (+2.6%); 14. Poland (+23%); 15. Spain (+50%).

Increases in 12 of the top 15 highest military spenders; decrease in the USA, United Kingdom, and Israel.

- US military spending decreased by 7.5% to \$954 billion in 2025. The US remains by far the largest spender in the world, accounting for 33% of global military spending in 2025.
- Estimated military spending by China rose for the 31st consecutive year in 2025, up by 7.4% to \$336 billion. China was the second largest spender in the world, accounting for 12% of global military spending.
- Russia's military spending is estimated to have grown by 5.9% in 2025 to \$190 billion.
- Germany increased spending by 24% in 2025 to reach \$114 billion.
- Ukraine was the 7th largest spender in 2025, increasing its military expenditure by 20% to \$84.1 billion.
- Israel's spending decreased by 4.9% in 2025 to \$48.3 billion.
- Spain's spending rose by 50% in 2025, the largest increase among the top 15.

Increases in four geographical regions and a decline in the Americas

- Spending in the Americas fell by 6.6% in 2025. In Central America and the Caribbean, it fell by 27% compared to 2024; North America's spending dropped by 6.6%, while it rose in South America (+3.4%).
- Spending in Asia and Oceania continued to rise in 2025, by 8.1%. Spending increased in all five subregions. In East Asia spending increased by 7.4%, and in South East Asia spending was up by 15%. Spending in South Asia grew by 8.7% and in Oceania by 2.5%. In Central Asia it rose by 12% in 2025.
- European spending increased by 14% in 2025. Spending in Central and Western Europe increased by 16% in 2025. In Eastern Europe, it was up by 10% and was the subregion's lowest since the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022.
- Military spending in the Middle East rose by 0.1% in 2025, the biggest spenders being Saudi Arabia, Israel and Türkiye.
- Spending in Africa rose by 8.5%, North Africa increased by 9.3% and sub-Saharan Africa was up by 7.4%.

Probable position. Excludes countries with military spending <\$100m.



- Total spending by all 32 NATO members amounted to \$1581 billion in 2025. European NATO members spent \$559 billion, which corresponds to 35% of total NATO Spending.
- Top 10 increases 2024–25: Belgium (+59%); Nigeria (+55%); Haiti (+54%); Spain (+50%); Norway (+49%); Denmark (+46%); Ghana (+40%); Angola (+37%); Guatemala (+36%); Zimbabwe (+36%)
- Top 10 decrease 2024-25: Sierra Leone (-42%); South Sudan (-39%); Mexico (-33%); Burkina Faso (-18%); Senegal (-17%); Argentina (-11%); Togo (-10%); Guinea-Bissau (-9.5%); Madagascar (-9.3%); Mozambique (-7.9%).

Regional details

Region	Change in military expenditure since 2024	Top 5 spenders in 2025	Top 3 increasers and decreasers (in real terms 2024-2025)
Africa	Increase	Algeria, Morocco, South Africa, Nigeria, Tunisia	<i>Increases:</i> Nigeria, Ghana, Angola <i>Decreasers:</i> Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Burkina Faso
Americas	Decrease	USA, Canada, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico	<i>Increases:</i> Haiti, Guatemala, Canada <i>Decreasers:</i> Mexico, Argentina, United States
Asia and Oceania	Increase	China, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia	<i>Increases:</i> Indonesia, Vietnam, Tadjikistan <i>Decreasers:</i> Bangladesh, Nepal, Cambodia
Europe	Increase	Russia, Germany, UK, Ukraine, France	<i>Increases:</i> Belgium, Spain, Norway <i>Decreasers:</i> Moldova, UK, Hungary
Middle East	Increase	Saudi Arabia, Israel, Türkiye, Kuwait, Iran	<i>Increases:</i> Lebanon, Türkiye, Bahrain <i>Decreasers:</i> Egypt, Iran, Israel