

The 15 major spender countries in 2008

The 15 countries with the highest military expenditure in 2008

Spending figures are in US\$, at current prices and market exchange rates.

Rank	Country	Spending (\$ b.)	World share (%)	Spending per capita (\$)	Share of GDP, 2007 (%) ^a	Change, 1999–2008 (%)
1	USA	607	41.5	1967	4.0	66.5
2	China	[84.9]	[5.8]	[63]	[2.0]	194
3	France	65.7	4.5	1061	2.3	3.5
4	UK	65.3	4.5	1070	2.4	20.7
5	Russia	[58.6]	[4.0]	[413]	[3.5]	173
Sub-total top 5		882	60			
6	Germany	46.8	3.2	568	1.3	–11.0
7	Japan	46.3	3.2	361	0.9	–1.7
8	Italy	40.6	2.8	689	1.8	0.4
9	Saudi Arabia ^b	38.2	2.6	1511	9.3	81.5
10	India	30.0	2.1	25	2.5	44.1
Sub-total top 10		1 084	74			
11	South Korea	24.2	1.7	501	2.7	51.5
12	Brazil	23.3	1.6	120	1.5	29.9
13	Canada	19.3	1.3	581	1.2	37.4
14	Spain	19.2	1.3	430	1.2	37.7
15	Australia	18.4	1.3	876	1.9	38.6
Sub-total top 15		1 188	81			
World		1 464	100	217	2.4	44.7

[] = estimated figure; GDP = gross domestic product.

^a The figures for national military expenditure as a share of GDP are for 2007, the most recent year for which GDP data is available.

^b The figures for Saudi Arabia include expenditure for public order and safety and might be slight overestimates.

Source: *Military expenditure: SIPRI Yearbook 2008: Armaments, Disarmament and International Security* (Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2008), Appendix 5A.