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# Appendix A: Size, Costs, and Number of U.S. Forces

This appendix shows, for quick reference, the total size and costs of each type of major combat unit in the Congressional Budget Office's analysis (see Table A-1). The table also shows how many of each type of unit the Department of Defense plans to have in its force

each year from 2021 to 2025, as reported in DoD's 2021 Future Years Defense Program. Supplemental data for Table A-1 is available on CBO's website ([www.cbo.gov/publication/57088#data](http://www.cbo.gov/publication/57088#data)).

Table A-1.

**Size, Costs, and Number of U.S. Forces, 2021 to 2025**

	Military Personnel per Unit	Annual Cost per Unit (Millions of 2021 dollars)	Number of Units				
			2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Department of the Army</b>							
Armored Brigade Combat Team							
Active component	16,330	3,160	12	12	12	12	12
National Guard	13,620	910	5	5	5	5	5
Stryker Brigade Combat Team							
Active component	16,670	3,060	7	7	7	7	7
National Guard	13,350	850	2	2	2	2	2
Infantry Brigade Combat Team							
Active component	15,910	2,920	13	13	13	13	13
National Guard	12,380	780	21	21	21	21	21
Aviation Brigade							
Active component	3,320	690	16	16	16	16	16
Reserve component	2,310	210	12	12	12	12	12
Army Special-Operations Forces	46,880 <sup>a</sup>	8,420 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Rest of the Army	13,640 <sup>a</sup>	4,440 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Department of the Navy</b>							
Aircraft Carrier	6,600	1,470	11	11	11	12	11
Carrier Air Wing	4,880	1,140	9	9	9	9	9
Arleigh Burke Class Destroyer (DDG-51)	710	180	72	74	76	77	80
Ticonderoga Class Cruiser (CG-47)	800	210	22	17	14	10	9
Littoral Combat Ship	510	150	23	26	29	31	31
Zumwalt Class Destroyer (DDG-1000)	510	230	2	3	3	3	3
Attack Submarine <sup>c</sup>	400	190	53	51	49	47	44
Amphibious Ship <sup>d</sup>	1,480	360	35 <sup>e</sup>	35 <sup>e</sup>	36 <sup>e</sup>	36 <sup>e</sup>	37 <sup>e</sup>
Marine Corps Infantry Battalion							
Active component	6,320	990	24	24	24	24	24
Reserve component	4,340	550	8	8	8	8	8
Marine Corps Aircraft Complement	2,610	660	24	24	24	24	24
Ballistic and Guided Missile Submarines	670	190	18	18	18	18	18
P-3 and P-8 Maritime Patrol Aircraft Squadron <sup>f</sup>	1,720	360	7	7	8	8	8
Seabee Construction Engineers	13,620 <sup>a</sup>	2,190 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Navy Special-Operations Forces	19,470 <sup>a</sup>	3,270 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Marine Corps Special-Operations Forces	140 <sup>a</sup>	30 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Rest of the Navy	48,760 <sup>a</sup>	10,000 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Rest of the Marine Corps	2,370 <sup>a</sup>	630 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Department of the Air Force<sup>f</sup></b>							
Attack Aircraft Squadron							
A-10	1,290	280	14	13	13	13	13
Fighter Aircraft Squadron							
F-15	1,660	400	24	20	18	18	16
F-16	1,260	270	41	41	39	37	37
F-22	2,410	620	13	13	13	13	13
F-35	3,070	680	11	14	17	20	21

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			2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Department of the Air Force<sup>f</sup> (Continued)</b>							
Bomber Aircraft Squadron							
B-52	3,420	810	5	5	5	5	5
B-1B	4,790	1,200	3	3	3	3	3
B-2	8,810	2,120	1	1	1	1	1
Cargo Aircraft Squadron							
C-130	2,180	440	21	21	20	19	19
C-5	2,410	480	4	4	4	4	4
C-17	1,510	330	16	16	16	16	16
Tanker Aircraft Squadron							
KC-135	1,920	430	28	27	27	27	25
KC-10	3,450	850	3	3	1	0	0
KC-46	1,140	250	5	6	8	9	9
UAS Squadron							
RQ-4 "Global Hawk"	1,600	430	2	2	2	2	2
MQ-9 "Reaper"	1,020	220	23	24	25	27	28
Minuteman III Missile Squadron <sup>g</sup>	2,300	520	8	8	8	8	8
RED HORSE Construction Engineers	17,230 <sup>a</sup>	2,410 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Air Force Special-Operations Forces	25,970 <sup>a</sup>	4,720 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Space Force	7,100 <sup>a</sup>	3,800 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Rest of the Air Force	53,960 <sup>a</sup>	13,790 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Defensewide Activities</b>							
Special Operations Command	0 <sup>h</sup>	9,410 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Defense Health Program for Retirees	0 <sup>h</sup>	14,470 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Classified Defensewide Funding	0 <sup>h</sup>	17,250 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Rest of the Defensewide Organizations	0 <sup>h</sup>	6,710 <sup>b</sup>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Data source: Congressional Budget Office, using data from the Department of Defense's 2021 budget request. See [www.cbo.gov/publication/57088#data](http://www.cbo.gov/publication/57088#data).

n.a. = not applicable; UAS = unmanned aerial system.

a. Total military personnel for these forces, rather than personnel per unit.

b. Total annual cost for these forces, rather than cost per unit.

c. Because of data limitations, CBO could not estimate costs for different classes of attack submarines using the framework of this analysis.

d. Because of data limitations, CBO could not estimate costs for different classes of amphibious ships using the framework of this analysis. The costs shown here are average costs for ships only (they do not include the costs of the Marine units that would deploy on the ships).

e. Includes two command ships that are considered part of the amphibious fleet in DoD's budget documents.

f. Aircraft squadrons are notional squadrons of 12 aircraft (actual squadrons vary in size).

g. Squadron of 50 Minuteman missiles.

h. Defensewide organizations do not directly fund any military personnel of their own (because all military personnel are part of one of the services).

