

The 15 major spender countries in 2007

The 15 countries with the highest military expenditure in 2007 in market exchange rate terms and purchasing power parity terms

Spending figures are in US\$, at constant (2005) prices and exchange rates.

Military expenditure in MER dollar terms						Military expenditure in PPP dollar terms ^a		
Rank	Country	Spending (\$ b.)	World share (%)	Spending per capita (\$)	% of GDP, 2006 ^b	Rank	Country	Spending (\$ b.)
1	USA	547	45	1 799	4.0	1	USA	547
2	UK	59.7	5	995	2.6	2	China	[140]
3	China	[58.3]	[5]	[44]	2.1	3	Russia	[78.8]
4	France	53.6	4	880	2.4	4	India	72.7
5	Japan	43.6	4	339	1.0	5	UK	54.7
Sub-total top 5		762	63			Sub-total top 5		893
6	Germany	36.9	3	447	1.3	6	Saudi Arabia ^c	52.8
7	Russia	[35.4]	[3]	[249]	3.6	7	France	47.9
8	Saudi Arabia ^c	33.8	3	1 310	8.5	8	Japan	37.0
9	Italy	33.1	3	568	1.8	9	Germany	33.0
10	India	24.2	2	21	2.7	10	Italy	29.6
Sub-total top 10		925	76			Sub-total top 10		1 094
11	South Korea	22.6	2	470	2.5	11	South Korea	29.4
12	Brazil	15.3	1	80	1.5	12	Brazil	26.7
13	Canada	15.2	1	461	1.2	13	Iran ^d	22.1
14	Australia	15.1	1	733	1.9	14	Turkey	16.5
15	Spain	14.6	1	336	1.2	15	Taiwan	15.8
Sub-total top 15		1 008	83			Sub-total top 15		1 204
World		1 214	100	183	2.5			

GDP = gross domestic product; MER = market exchange rate; PPP = purchasing power parity; [] = estimated figure.

^a The figures in PPP dollar terms are converted at PPP rates (for 2005), based on prices comparisons of the components of GDP.

^b The figures for national military expenditure as a share of GDP are for 2006, the most recent year for which GDP data are available.

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

^d The figure for Iran is for national defence and does not include spending on the Revolutionary Guards, which constitutes a considerable part of Iran's total military expenditure.

Sources: *Military expenditure: SIPRI Yearbook 2008: Armaments, Disarmament and International Security* (Oxford University Press: Oxford, 2008), Appendix 5A; *PPP rates: International Comparison Program, 2005 International Comparison Program: Preliminary*