

Global Nuclear Arsenal

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The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) recently revealed in its new yearbook 2025 that nine countries worldwide possess as many as 12,241 nuclear weapons as of January 1, 2025.

About Global Nuclear Arsenal

- At the start of 2025, **nine states** together possessed approximately **12,241 nuclear weapons**.
- **Which countries have nuclear warheads?** As per the report, the nine nuclear-armed states are the **US, Russia, the United Kingdom (UK), France, China, India, Pakistan, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), and Israel.**
- **How many nuclear warheads do these countries have?**
 - **Russia: 5,459** nuclear weapons
 - **US: 5,177** nuclear weapons
 - **China: 600** nuclear weapons
 - **France: 290** nuclear weapons

- UK: 225 nuclear weapons
- **India: 180** nuclear weapons
- **Pakistan: 170** nuclear weapons
- Israel: 90 nuclear weapons
- **North Korea: 50** nuclear weapons
- The report said that these **countries “continued intensive nuclear modernisation programmes** in 2024, upgrading existing weapons and adding newer versions”.
- The report further revealed that of the **total global inventory** of an estimated **12,241 warheads** in January 2025, about **9,614 were in military stockpiles for potential use.**
- An estimated **3,912** of those warheads were **deployed with missiles and aircraft**, and the **rest were in central storage.**
- Around **2,100** of the **deployed warheads** were kept in a **state of high operational alert on ballistic missiles.**
- **China’s nuclear arsenal** is **growing faster than any other** country’s, by about **100 new warheads a year since 2023.**
- It also mentioned that **India** is believed to have once again **slightly expanded** its nuclear arsenal in 2024 and **continued to develop new types of nuclear delivery systems**, including potentially canisterised missiles capable of carrying multiple warheads.
- **Russia and the USA** together possess around **90 percent of all nuclear weapons.**
- The U.S. has 1,770 deployed and 1,930 stored warheads, while its inventory stands at 5,177 in 2025 compared with 5,328 in 2024.
- Russia has 1,718 deployed and 2,591 stored warheads, and its inventory stands at 5,459, as against 5,580 in 2024.
- Overall, the number of **nuclear warheads in the world continues to decline**, due to the **USA and Russia dismantling retired warheads.**

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