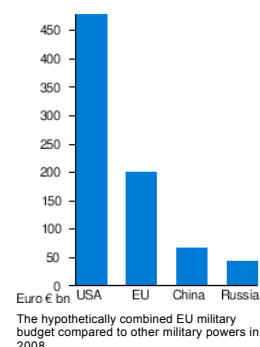


## Defence Spending

The combined defence budgets of the 27 EU member states in 2008 amounted to €200.2 billion (\$260.4 billion). This represents 1.63% of [European Union GDP](#)<sup>[2]</sup>, second only to the [US military's](#) €477.4 billion (\$620.5 billion) 2008 defence budget, which represents 4.5% of [United States GDP](#). The EU figures include the spending for joint projects such as the [Eurofighter](#) and joint [procurement of equipment](#).

[France](#) and the [United Kingdom](#) account for more than 45% of [EU](#) military expenditure.



Figures sourced from [SIPRI](#) and EDA.

| Country                        | Defence Budget (€ Euro) <sup>[10]</sup> | % of GDP <sup>[11]</sup> | Date (2008) <sup>[12]</sup> |
|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <a href="#">European Union</a> | €200,235,000,000                        | 1.63%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">UK</a>             | €54,733,589,125                         | 2.32%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">France</a>         | €45,362,000,000                         | 2.32%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Germany</a>        | €31,753,000,000                         | 1.27%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Italy</a>          | €22,631,000,000                         | 1.44%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Spain</a>          | €12,756,000,000                         | 1.16%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Netherlands</a>    | €8,488,000,000                          | 1.43%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Greece</a>         | €6,192,000,000                          | 2.55%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Poland</a>         | €5,974,000,000                          | 1.66%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Belgium</a>        | €4,252,000,000                          | 1.24%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Sweden</a>         | €4,026,000,000                          | 1.23%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Austria</a>        | €2,558,000,000                          | 0.94%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Portugal</a>       | €2,536,000,000                          | 1.53%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Finland</a>        | €2,463,000,000                          | 1.32%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Denmark</a>        | €2,300,000,000                          | 1.41%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Czech Republic</a> | €2,134,000,000                          | 1.44%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Romania</a>        | €2,055,000,000                          | 1.24%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Hungary</a>        | €1,286,000,000                          | 1.22%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Ireland</a>        | €1,077,000,000                          | 0.58%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Slovakia</a>       | €994,000,000                            | 1.53%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Bulgaria</a>       | €797,000,000                            | 2.34%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Slovenia</a>       | €567,000,000                            | 1.48%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Latvia</a>         | €370,000,000                            | 1.60%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Lithuania</a>      | €363,000,000                            | 1.12%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Cyprus</a>         | €301,178,000                            | 1.78%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Estonia</a>        | €295,000,000                            | 1.85%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Luxembourg</a>     | €185,000,000                            | 0.53%                    | 2008                        |
| <a href="#">Malta</a>          | €28,000,000                             | 0.50%                    | 2008                        |

## [edit] Active Military Forces

The [EU's](#) combined active troop total in 2008 was 1,800,707 and as of 2008, the European Union has an average of 80,177 [Land Force](#) troops deployed around the world. During a military surge the European Union can deploy 464,574 Land Force troops, of those 464,574 troops, 125,237 can be sustained in a large scale long term conflict.<sup>[2]</sup>

| Flag                           | Nation                         | Active Personnel        | Reserve Force           | Paramilitary            | Total   | Active troops/1000 citizens            | Tanks               | Combat aircraft     | Transport aircraft | Aircraft Carriers |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------|--|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| <a href="#">France</a>         | <a href="#">France</a>         | 250,582 <sup>[13]</sup> | 419,000 <sup>[14]</sup> | 101,666 <sup>[13]</sup> | 771,248 | 4.27 <sup>436</sup> <sup>[15]</sup>    | 374                 | 186                 | 1                  |                   |
| <a href="#">Germany</a>        | <a href="#">Germany</a>        | 247,100 <sup>[16]</sup> | 305,000                 | 40,000 <sup>[17]</sup>  | 592,100 | 3.45 <sup>400</sup>                    | 241                 | 176                 | 0                  |                   |
| <a href="#">United Kingdom</a> | <a href="#">United Kingdom</a> | 240,400 <sup>[18]</sup> | 195,600 <sup>[19]</sup> | 0                       | 436,000 | 3.9 <sup>493</sup>                     | 522                 | 196                 | 3                  |                   |
| <a href="#">Italy</a>          | <a href="#">Italy</a>          | 187,000 <sup>[20]</sup> | 68,000 <sup>[21]</sup>  | 111,800 <sup>[22]</sup> | 366,000 | 3.42 <sup>320</sup>                    | 306 <sup>[23]</sup> | 112 <sup>[23]</sup> | 2                  |                   |
| <a href="#">Greece</a>         | <a href="#">Greece</a>         | 177,600 <sup>[24]</sup> | 291,000 <sup>[24]</sup> | 4,000 <sup>[24]</sup>   | 472,600 | 16.60 <sup>1,270</sup> <sup>[25]</sup> | 254 <sup>[26]</sup> | 35 <sup>[26]</sup>  | 0                  |                   |
| <a href="#">Spain</a>          | <a href="#">Spain</a>          | 143,780                 | 328,500                 | 72,600 <sup>[27]</sup>  | 544,880 | 3.49 <sup>227</sup>                    | 151 <sup>[28]</sup> | 110                 | 1                  |                   |
| <a href="#">Poland</a>         | <a href="#">Poland</a>         | 100,272 <sup>[29]</sup> | 234,000 <sup>[30]</sup> | 21,300 <sup>[30]</sup>  | 355,572 | 4.23 <sup>900</sup>                    | 251 <sup>[31]</sup> | 87                  | 0                  |                   |
| <a href="#">Romania</a>        | <a href="#">Romania</a>        | 90,000 <sup>[32]</sup>  | 104,000 <sup>[32]</sup> | 79,900 <sup>[32]</sup>  | 273,900 | 4.31 <sup>350</sup>                    | 119 <sup>[33]</sup> | 24 <sup>[33]</sup>  | 0                  |                   |
| <a href="#">Czech Republic</a> | <a href="#">Czech Republic</a> | 57,050 <sup>[34]</sup>  | 0 <sup>[34]</sup>       | 5,600 <sup>[35]</sup>   | 62,650  | 5.57 <sup>179</sup> <sup>[36]</sup>    | 52 <sup>[37]</sup>  | 71 <sup>[37]</sup>  | 0                  |                   |
| <a href="#">Netherlands</a>    | <a href="#">Netherlands</a>    | 53,130 <sup>[38]</sup>  | 32,200 <sup>[38]</sup>  | 3,300 <sup>[39]</sup>   | 88,630  | 3.24 <sup>119</sup>                    | 115 <sup>[37]</sup> | 43 <sup>[37]</sup>  | 0                  |                   |
| <a href="#">Belgium</a>        | <a href="#">Belgium</a>        | 45,800 <sup>[40]</sup>  | 100,500 <sup>[40]</sup> | 0 <sup>[40]</sup>       | 146,300 | 3.94 <sup>132</sup>                    | 68 <sup>[37]</sup>  | 37 <sup>[37]</sup>  | 0                  |                   |

|  |                        |                              |                        |           |       |                     |                     |                    |   |
|--|------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---|
|  Portugal       | 44,900 <sup>[41]</sup> | 210,930 <sup>[41]</sup>      | 25,600 <sup>[42]</sup> | 281,430   | 4.25  | 137                 | 45                  | 33                 | 0 |
|  Bulgaria       | 39,000 <sup>[43]</sup> | 303,000 <sup>[43]</sup>      | 34,000 <sup>[43]</sup> | 376,000   | 5.1   | 160                 | 80 <sup>[37]</sup>  | 46 <sup>[37]</sup> | 0 |
|  Finland        | 36,700 <sup>[44]</sup> | 485,000 <sup>[44]</sup>      | 3,100 <sup>[45]</sup>  | 524,800   | 5.17  | 124                 | 63                  |                    | 0 |
|  Austria        | 34,600 <sup>[46]</sup> | 72,000 <sup>[46]</sup>       | N/A                    | 106,600   | 4.23  | 237                 | 16                  | 3                  | 0 |
|  Sweden         | 33,900 <sup>[47]</sup> | 262,000 <sup>[47]</sup>      | 35,000 <sup>[48]</sup> | 330,900   | 3.07  | 280                 | 166 <sup>[37]</sup> | 41 <sup>[37]</sup> | 0 |
|  Hungary        | 33,400 <sup>[49]</sup> | 90,300 <sup>[49]</sup>       | 12,000 <sup>[50]</sup> | 135,700   | 3.31  | 0                   | 55 <sup>[37]</sup>  | 30 <sup>[37]</sup> | 0 |
|  Slovakia       | 26,200 <sup>[51]</sup> | 20,000 <sup>[51]</sup>       | 4,700 <sup>[52]</sup>  | 50,900    | 4.05  | 70                  | 27                  | 24                 | 0 |
|  Denmark        | 22,880 <sup>[53]</sup> | 64,900 <sup>[53]</sup>       | 61,500 <sup>[53]</sup> | 149,280   | 4.24  | 57 <sup>[54]</sup>  | 60                  | 15                 | 0 |
|  Lithuania      | 13,510 <sup>[55]</sup> | 309,200 <sup>[55]</sup>      | 14,390 <sup>[55]</sup> | 337,100   | 3.53  |                     | 2 <sup>[56]</sup>   | 24 <sup>[56]</sup> | 0 |
|  Ireland        | 10,500 <sup>[57]</sup> | 14,000 <sup>[57]</sup>       | 0 <sup>[57]</sup>      | 24,500    | 5.78  |                     | 0 <sup>[37]</sup>   | 12 <sup>[37]</sup> | 0 |
|  Cyprus         | 13,000 <sup>[58]</sup> | 60,000 <sup>[58]</sup>       | 750 <sup>[59]</sup>    | 73,750    | 12.80 | 154 <sup>[58]</sup> | 0                   |                    | 0 |
|  Slovenia       | 9,000 <sup>[60]</sup>  | 20,000 <sup>[60]</sup>       | 4,500 <sup>[61]</sup>  | 33,500    | 1.21  |                     | 9                   | 12                 | 0 |
|  Estonia        | 5,700 <sup>[62]</sup>  | 220,000 <sup>[63]/&gt;</sup> | 20,000 <sup>[62]</sup> | 245,700   | 4.13  | 0                   | 0                   |                    | 0 |
|  Latvia         | 5,500 <sup>[64]</sup>  | 406,592 <sup>[65]</sup>      | 10,698 <sup>[66]</sup> | 422,790   | 2.13  | 0                   | 0                   | 3 <sup>[67]</sup>  | 0 |
|  Malta          | 2,140 <sup>[68]</sup>  | 0 <sup>[68]</sup>            | 0 <sup>[68]</sup>      | 2,140     | 5.37  |                     | 0                   |                    | 0 |
|  Luxembourg     | 900 <sup>[69]</sup>    | 0 <sup>[69]</sup>            | 612 <sup>[69]</sup>    | 1,512     | 1.92  |                     | 0                   | 3                  | 0 |
|  European Union | 1,536,274              | 4,549,222                    | 798,800                | 6,884,296 | 4.36  | 6,895               | 3,523               | 1,349              | 7 |