

The Massive US Military Machine: \$596 Billion Defense Budget, 800 Plus Military Bases

Infograph. The US military machine and its global presence in charts

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Trump's budget for 2018, proposes cutting lots of stuff, from the EPA to the NEA and even small cuts at NASA. One of the few departments that will not see any cuts was the US Department of Defense.

In 2015, Politico estimated that there are 800 U.S. bases abroad. The costs to maintain this massive military global footprint runs up to \$100 billion annually.

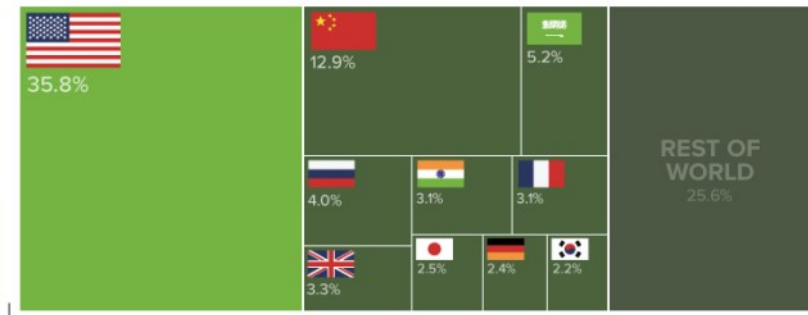
[The Visual Capitalist](#) has summed up the huge US military machine the Infograph and accompanying charts below...

U.S. MILITARY PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENTS BY COUNTRY

Nearly 200,000 troops are currently deployed overseas in 177 countries

Even before the \$54 billion budget increase proposed for FY2018, the United States spends more on defense than the next seven countries combined.

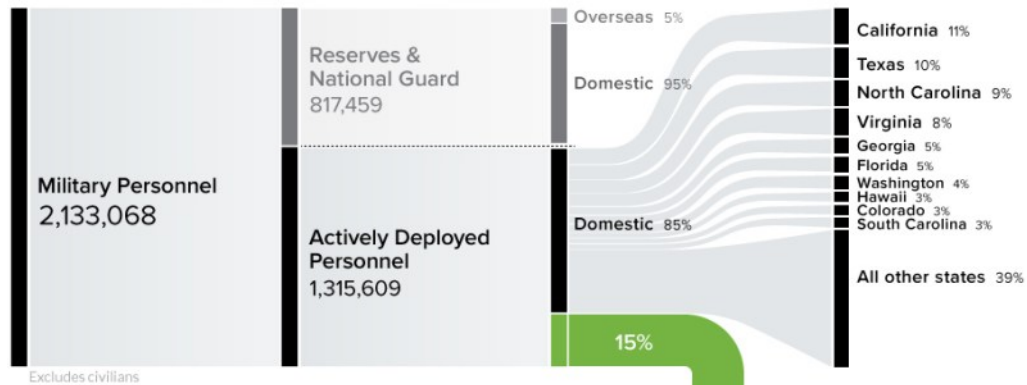
The proposed one-year increase in military spending alone is equal to the same size of the entire UK defense budget.



Global Military Expenditure: **\$1.7 Trillion**

Personnel

All that money has to go somewhere - and a good portion of this goes to pay for the 2.1 million troops domestically and overseas. Here's how they break down.



Overseas Deployment

199,485



Unspecified / Other Overseas

Deployments of fewer than 50 troops not shown on map



TROOPS Deployed in 177 countries

OVERSEAS BASES Approximately 800



COSTS ~\$100 billion to maintain



Via [The Visual Capitalist](#)..

If the proposed budget ultimately passes in Congress, the DoD would be allocated an extra \$54 billion in federal funding – a 10% increase that would be one of the largest one-year defense budget increases in American History.

To put the proposed increase in context, the United States already spends more on defense than the next seven countries combined. Meanwhile, the additional \$54 billion is about the size of the United Kingdom's entire defense budget.

Country	Military Spending (2015)	Share
United States	\$596 billion	35.8%
China	\$215 billion	12.9%
Saudi Arabia	\$87 billion	5.2%
Russia	\$66 billion	4.0%
United Kingdom	\$55 billion	3.3%
India	\$51 billion	3.1%
France	\$51 billion	3.1%
Japan	\$41 billion	2.5%
Germany	\$39 billion	2.4%
South Korea	\$36 billion	2.2%
Others	\$427 billion	25.6%

Internationally, there are under 200,000 troops that are stationed in 177 countries. Here are the top 20 countries they are stationed in...

Rank	Country / Territory	U.S. Troops
#1	Japan	39,345
#2	Germany	34,805
#3	South Korea	23,468
#4	Italy	12,102
#5	Afghanistan	9,294
#6	United Kingdom	8,479
#7	Kuwait	6,296
#8	Iraq	5,540
#9	Bahrain	5,504
#10	Guam	3,831
#11	Spain	3,256
#12	Qatar	2,976
#13	Turkey	2,234
#14	Djibouti	1,961
#15	Jordan	1,759
#16	United Arab Emirates	1,079
#17	Belgium	842
#18	Cuba	806
#19	Romania	667
#20	Greece	407
	Other / Unknown	34,834
	Total	199,485

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