



Status of world nuclear forces

British Prime Minister Gordon Brown has said he is prepared to scale back the country's Trident submarine nuclear deterrent. A planned \$33-billion modernization programme could be cut from four submarines to three as part of a global deal to reduce the world's nuclear arsenal

Country	Strategic warheads	Nonstrategic warheads	Reserves / to be dismantled	Total warheads
Russia	2,787	2,050	8,150	12,987
United States	2,202	500	6,700	9,402
France	300	—	—	300
China	180	Unknown	60	240
Britain	160	—	25	185
Israel	80	—	—	80
Pakistan	60	—	10-30	70-90
India	60	—	Up to 20	60-80
North Korea	Unknown*	—	—	Unknown
Totals	5,829	2,550	14,985	23,364

*Despite two North Korean nuclear tests, there is no publicly available evidence that North Korea has operationalized its nuclear weapons capability

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