

# Decline of nuclear arms stalls

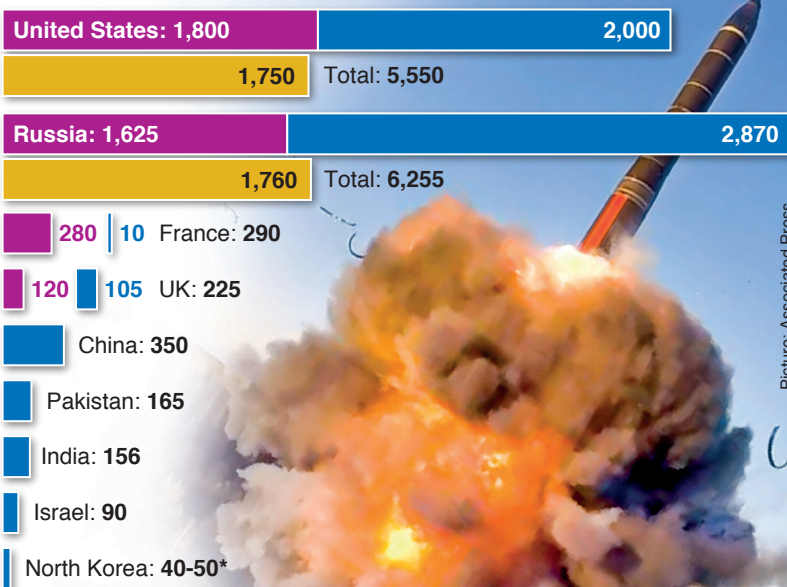
A decline in nuclear arsenals since the end of the Cold War appears to have stalled, with Russia and the U.S. both increasing numbers of operationally deployed weapons

## ESTIMATED NUCLEAR WARHEAD INVENTORIES (Jan 2021)

**Deployed:** Warheads on ballistic missiles or at operational bases

**Stockpiled:** Some preparation required to become fully operational

**Retired:** Awaiting dismantlement



Picture: Associated Press

## WORLD STOCKPILE

**2020** Deployed: 3,720 Total warheads: 13,400

**2021** Deployed: 3,825 Total warheads: 13,080

Global stockpile has decreased but U.S. and Russia have around 50 more warheads in operational deployment at start of 2021 than one year earlier

*\*Figures for North Korea are highly uncertain and not included in global totals*

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