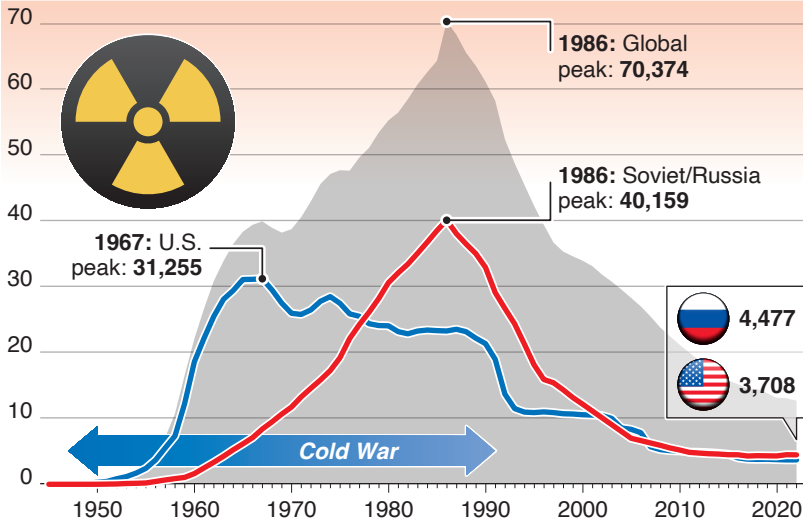


# Status of global nuclear forces

The world's inventory of nuclear weapons remains very high, despite sizeable reductions since the end of the Cold War, with nine countries in possession of approximately 12,700 warheads

## ESTIMATED NUCLEAR WARHEAD INVENTORIES, 1945-2022\*



## OTHER ESTIMATED NUCLEAR STOCKPILES, 2022



China  
350



France  
290



UK  
180



Pakistan  
165



India  
160



Israel  
90

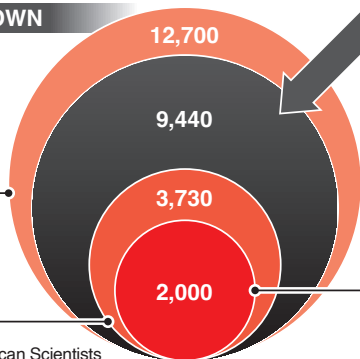


N. Korea  
20

## GLOBAL BREAKDOWN

**12,700** nuclear warheads, including retired but still intact warheads awaiting dismantling

**3,730** deployed with operational forces (on missiles or bomber bases)



**9,440** warheads stockpiled ready for use by missiles, aircraft, ships and submarines

**2,000** on high alert, ready for use at short notice

\*South Africa briefly had six nuclear warheads in 1980s

© GRAPHIC NEWS