

# Russia's tactical nuclear forces

Russia's arsenal of non-strategic nuclear warheads – designed to be used for tactical gains on the battlefield rather than destroying entire cities – vastly outnumbers that of the U.S.

## AIR-LAUNCHED WEAPONS

### ■ Delivery systems:

*Tu-22M* strategic bombers and *Su-24*, *Su-34* and *MiG-31* fighter jets

**334**  
Warheads

### ■ Weapon systems:

*Kh-102* (AS-23B) cruise missile and *Kh-47M2 Kinzhal* hypersonic land-attack missile

## NAVAL WEAPONS

### ■ Delivery systems:

Submarines, surface ships and aircraft

**784**  
Warheads

### ■ Weapon systems:

*Yakhont* (SS-N-26) anti-ship cruise missile, *Kalibr* (SS-N-30A) land-attack cruise missile, nuclear torpedoes and depth charges

*Live fire test of Iskander-M ballistic missile*

## GROUND-BASED

### ■ *Iskander-M* (SS-26)

surface-to-surface missile: **75 warheads**

**95**  
Warheads

### ■ *9M729 Novator*

(SSC-8) ground-launched cruise missile: **20 warheads**

## DEFENSIVE WEAPONS

### ■ *S-300* and *S-400*

air defence missiles: **250 warheads**

**345**  
Warheads

### ■ *53T6 Gazelle*

silo-based anti-ballistic missile system: **68 warheads**

### ■ *Redut* (SSC-1B) and

### *Bastion-P* (SSC-5)

coastal defence missiles: **27 warheads**

**Russia**  
Total tactical warheads  
**1,558**

**Note:** All numbers are approximate

**U.S.**  
**230**

