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DEFENCE EXPENDITURES OF NATO COUNTRIES

1949 - 1971

The figures given in the attached table represent payments actually made or to be made during the course of the calendar year. They are based on the NATO definition of defence expenditures. In view of the differences between this and national definitions, the figures shown may diverge considerably from those which are quoted by national authorities or given in national budgets.

The figures relating to the United States and Canada include expenditures for military aid programmes. The figures shown for European NATO countries do not include the value of end-items received under military aid programmes from the United States and Canada.

TOTAL DEFENCE EXPENDITURES OF NATO COUNTRIES
(Current Prices)

Country	Currency Unit	A c t u a l											Forecast
		1949	1954	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971
(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Belgium	Million Belgian Francs	7,653	19,925	21,111	22,230	24,853	25,036	26,313	28,432	30,110	31,488	34,866	37,431
Canada	Million Canadian \$	372	1,771	1,810	1,712	1,813	1,659	1,766	1,965	1,927	1,899	2,061	2,061
Denmark	Million Danish Kroner	360	885	1,551	1,651	1,764	1,974	2,080	2,249	2,591	2,640	2,757	3,039
France	Million Francs	4,787	11,710	22,184	22,849	24,280	25,300	26,732	28,912	30,200	31,700	33,200	35,000
Fed. Rep. of Germany (a)	Million DM	..	6,287	17,233	19,924	19,553	19,915	20,254	21,408	19,310	21,577	22,573	25,713
Greece	Million Drachmae	1,630	3,428	5,102	5,385	5,647	6,290	7,168	9,390	11,003	12,762	14,208	16,062
Italy	Milliard Lire	301	543	861	1,031	1,118	1,212	1,342	1,359	1,403	1,412	1,562	1,637
Luxembourg	Million Luxembourg Francs	112	566	355	348	462	477	497	413	374	391	416	456
Netherlands	Million Guilders	680	1,583	2,186	2,307	2,661	2,714	2,790	3,200	3,280	3,682	3,968	4,346
Norway	Million Norwegian Kroner	370	1,141	1,371	1,465	1,570	1,897	1,947	2,097	2,399	2,502	2,774	3,001
Portugal	Million Escudos	1,419	2,100	5,744	5,724	6,451	6,680	7,393	9,575	10,692	10,779	12,501	12,773
Turkey	Million Liras	556	936	2,980	3,157	3,443	3,821	3,996	4,596	5,159	5,395	6,237	8,111
United Kingdom	Million £s Sterling	779	1,569	1,814	1,870	2,000	2,091	2,153	2,276	2,332	2,303	2,444	2,697
United States	Million US \$	13,503	42,786	52,381	52,295	51,213	51,827	63,572	75,448	80,732	81,443	77,827	77,791
Area													
Total Europe (b)	Million US \$ (c)	4,825	11,741	17,408	18,756	19,706	20,574	21,475	22,994	22,296	23,251	24,553	26,723
Total North America	Million US \$ (c)	13,875	44,557	54,096	53,879	52,890	53,362	65,205	77,265	82,515	83,199	79,733	79,697
Total NATO (b)	Million US \$ (c)	18,700	56,298	71,504	72,635	72,596	73,936	86,680	100,259	104,811	106,450	104,286	106,420

- a. Before it acceded to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (May 1955), the Federal Republic of Germany contributed to the defence budgets of certain NATO countries by the payment of occupation costs ; moreover, it bore certain other costs which also fall within the NATO definition of defence expenditures. In addition to defence expenditures (NATO definition), the German authorities are obliged to incur large annual expenditures for Berlin owing to the exceptional situation of this city and the need, in the interests of the defence of the free world, to ensure its viability. These expenditures, which are not included in the figures given above since they do not come within the NATO definition, are forecast to be 3,876 million DM in 1971.
- b. The totals for Europe and for NATO do not include defence expenditures of the Federal Republic of Germany for 1949 and for this reason they are not directly comparable to the totals for the following years. Moreover, as these totals have been established on the basis of the official exchange rates in force, comparisons made between two successive years could be slightly distorted if one or more countries modified their exchange rates during the course of one of these years.
- c. Since August 1971 a certain number of countries have floated their currencies and their exchange rates are consequently subject to fluctuation. For purposes of comparison, it has been judged preferable to continue to use the official exchange rates for 1970 in converting 1971 data into US dollars.