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DEFENCE EXPENDITURES OF NATO COUNTRIES

1949 - 1973

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	Actual											Forecast
		1949	1954	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Belgium	Million Belgian Francs	8,273	20,707	26,241	26,606	28,169	30,396	32,676	33,892	37,502	39,670	44,140	49,075
Canada	Million Canadian \$	372	1,771	1,813	1,659	1,766	1,965	1,927	1,899	2,061	2,132	2,238	2,391
Denmark	Million Danish Kroner	360	885	1,764	1,974	2,080	2,249	2,591	2,640	2,757	3,195	3,386	3,711
France	Million Francs	4,787	11,710	24,280	25,300	26,732	28,912	30,200	31,700	33,200	35,000	36,800	41,460
Federal Republic of Germany (a)	Million DM	..	6,287	19,553	19,915	20,254	21,408	19,310	21,577	22,573	25,450	28,720	31,597
Greece	Million Drachmae	1,630	3,428	5,647	6,290	7,168	9,390	11,003	12,762	14,208	15,480	17,211	19,478
Italy	Milliard Lire	301	543	1,118	1,212	1,342	1,359	1,403	1,412	1,562	1,852	2,162	2,385
Luxembourg	Million Luxembourg Francs	112	565	462	477	497	413	374	391	416	442	517	575
Netherlands	Million Guilders	680	1,583	2,661	2,714	2,790	3,200	3,280	3,682	3,968	4,466	4,974	5,651
Norway	Million Norwegian Kroner	370	1,141	1,570	1,897	1,947	2,097	2,300	2,502	2,774	3,022	3,239	3,621
Portugal	Million Escudos	1,419	2,100	6,451	6,680	7,393	9,575	10,692	10,779	12,538	14,699	16,046	15,528
Turkey	Million Liras	556	934	3,443	3,821	3,996	4,596	5,159	5,395	6,237	8,487	9,961	12,483
United Kingdom	Million £ Sterling	779	1,569	2,000	2,091	2,153	2,276	2,332	2,303	2,444	2,800	3,272	3,481
United States	Million US \$	13,503	42,786	51,213	51,827	63,572	75,448	80,732	81,443	77,854	74,862	77,638	78,462
Area													
Total Europe (b)	Million US \$	4,838	11,757	19,733	20,606	21,512	22,925	22,333	23,193	24,577	28,008	33,416	39,974
Total North America	Million US \$	13,875	44,557	52,890	53,362	65,205	77,265	82,515	83,199	79,821	76,973	79,897	80,853
Total NATO (b)	Million US \$	18,713	56,314	72,623	73,968	86,717	100,190	104,848	106,392	104,398	104,981	113,313	120,827

a. Before it acceded to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (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 6,608 million DM in 1973.

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, these totals have been established on the basis of the current exchange rates during the year under review ; this being so, the changes in them, to some extent, reflect the impact of monetary events and a certain amount of caution should be exercised in making comparisons ; in particular the figures for 1973 show an increase of approximately 20 % in NATO European expenditures in comparison to 1972, which would be only 10 % if the same exchange rates were used for both years.