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DEFENCE EXPENDITURES OF NATO COUNTRIES

1949 - 1974

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	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974
(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Belgium	Million Belgian Francs	8,273	20,707	26,606	28,169	30,396	32,676	33,892	37,502	39,670	44,140	48,941	57,315
Canada	Million Canadian \$	372	1,771	1,659	1,766	1,965	1,927	1,899	2,061	2,131	2,238	2,405	2,770
Denmark	Million Danish Kroner	360	885	1,974	2,080	2,249	2,591	2,640	2,757	3,195	3,386	3,520	4,343
France	Million Francs	4,787	11,710	25,300	26,732	28,912	30,200	31,700	33,200	35,000	36,800	40,252	43,963
Federal Republic of Germany (a)	Million DM	..	6,287	19,915	20,254	21,408	19,310	21,577	22,573	25,450	28,720	31,908	35,964
Greece	Million Drachmas	1,630	3,428	6,290	7,168	9,390	11,003	12,762	14,208	15,480	17,211	19,866	24,126
Italy	Milliard Lire	301	543	1,212	1,342	1,359	1,403	1,412	1,562	1,852	2,162	2,392	2,676
Luxembourg	Million Luxembourg Francs	112	565	477	497	413	374	391	416	442	517	601	677
Netherlands	Million Guilders	680	1,583	2,714	2,790	3,200	3,280	3,682	3,968	4,466	4,974	5,465	6,437
Norway	Million Norwegian Kroner	370	1,141	1,897	1,947	2,097	2,300	2,502	2,774	3,022	3,239	3,505	4,081
Portugal	Million Escudos	1,419	2,100	6,680	7,393	9,575	10,692	10,779	12,538	14,699	16,045	16,736	20,910
Turkey	Million Liras	556	934	3,821	3,996	4,596	5,159	5,395	6,237	8,487	9,961	12,192	15,831
United Kingdom	Million £ Sterling	779	1,569	2,091	2,153	2,276	2,332	2,303	2,444	2,815	3,258	3,505	4,148
United States	Million US \$	13,503	42,786	51,827	63,572	75,448	80,732	81,443	77,854	74,862	77,639	78,473	84,332
<u>Area</u>													
Total Europe (b)	Million US \$	4,838	11,756	20,606	21,512	22,925	22,333	23,193	24,577	28,044	33,373	40,223	44,433
Total North America	Million US \$	13,875	44,557	53,362	65,205	77,265	82,515	83,199	79,821	76,973	79,898	80,876	87,176
Total NATO (b)	Million US \$	18,713	56,313	73,968	86,717	100,190	104,848	106,392	104,398	105,017	113,271	121,099	131,609

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 7,405 million DM in 1974.

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.