

Fact Sheet

Current Strategic Nuclear Forces of the Former Soviet Union

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Russia

START Accountable ¹	Strategic Nuclear Delivery Vehicles	Strategic Nuclear Warheads
Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs)	557	2,183
Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles (SLBMs)	292	1,592
Bombers	78	624
Total	927	4,399

Belarus, Kazakstan, and Ukraine²

START Accountable ¹	Delivery Vehicles	Strategic Nuclear Warheads
ICBMs	0	0
SLBMs	0	0
Bombers	0	0
Total	0	0

1. START I limits the United States and Russia each to 6,000 "accountable" warheads with an implementation deadline of December 2001. Figures are based on START counting rules, as negotiated between the United States and the Soviet Union and specified in the treaty text. Thus, numbers do not necessarily reflect those weapons systems that are operationally deployed.

2. Strategic nuclear weapons were located in Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Ukraine when the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991. Belarus and Kazakhstan rapidly transferred nuclear warheads back to Russia and transferred or destroyed their associated delivery systems. Ukraine completed the transfer of nuclear warheads back to Russia in 1996 and destroyed its last SS-24 ICBM silo on October 30, 2001.

Sources: START Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of September 1, 1990 and the most recent MOU of January 1, 2006.

Changes in Former Soviet Strategic Forces Since 1990

START Accountable ¹	Strategic Nuclear Delivery Vehicles		Strategic Nuclear Warheads	
	September 1990	January 2006	September 1990	January 2006
ICBMs				
SS-11	326	0	326	0
SS-13	40	0	40	0
SS-17	47	0	188	0
SS-18	308	104	3,080	1,040
SS-19	300	138	1,800	828
SS-24 (Silo)	56	0	560	0
SS-24 (Rail)	33	0	330	0
SS-25	288	273	288	273
SS-27 (Silo)	0	42	0	42
SS-27 (Road Mobile)	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	1,398	557	6,612	2,183
SLBMs				
SS-N-6	192	0	192	0
SS-N-8	280	0	280	0
SS-N-17	12	0	12	0
SS-N-18	224	96	672	288
SS-N-20	120	80	1,200	800
SS-N-23	112	96	448	384
RSM-56	0	20	0	120
Subtotal	940	292	2,804	1,592
Bombers				
Bear (Air-Launched Cruise Missile or ACLM)	84	64	672	512
Bear (Non-ACLM)	63	0	63	0
Blackjack	15	14	120	112
Subtotal	162	78	855	624
Total	2,500	927	10,271	4,399