

## Fact Sheet

### Current U.S. Strategic Nuclear Forces

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#### Key

ICBM	Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles
SLBM	Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missiles
ALBM	Air-Launched Cruise Missiles

# Changes in United States Strategic Forces Since 1990

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	September 1990	January 2006	September 1990	January 2006
<b>ICBMs</b>				
MX/Peacekeeper <sup>2</sup>	50	50	500	500
Minuteman III	500	500	1,500	1,200
Minuteman II	450	0	450	0
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,000</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>2,450</b>	<b>1,700</b>
<b>SLBMs</b>				
Poseidon (C-3)	192	0	1,920	0
Trident I (C-4)	384	144	3,072	864
Trident II (D-5)	96	288	768	2,304
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>5,760</b>	<b>3,168</b>
<b>Bombers</b>				
B-52 (ALCM)	189	95	1,968	950
B-52 (Non-ALCM)	290	47	290	47
B-1	95	81	95	81
B-2	0	20	0	20
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>574</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>2,353</b>	<b>1,098</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>1,225</b>	<b>10,563</b>	<b>5,966</b>

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1. The United States met the START I implementation deadline of December 5, 2001, seven years after the treaty's entry into force. The treaty limits the United States and Russia each to 6,000 "accountable" warheads and 1,600 delivery vehicles (missiles and bombers).

All 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. For example, under START I, heavy bombers that are not equipped to carry long-range nuclear air-launched cruise missiles (ALCMs) will be counted as carrying only one warhead, regardless of the number of bombs or short-range attack missiles that they actually carry. Moreover, 150 U.S. heavy bombers that are capable of carrying ALCMs will be counted as carrying only 10 missiles each, even though they have the capacity to hold 20 missiles each.

2. The United States retired its last MX missile in September 2005. However, these systems will remain "accountable" under the treaty until they are eliminated per treaty rules.

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