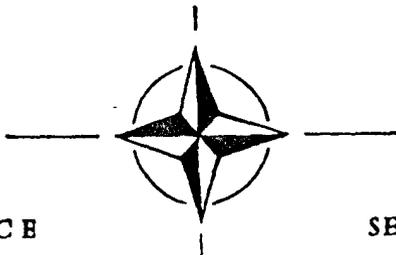




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DEFENCE EXPENDITURES OF NATO COUNTRIES

1949 - 1970

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	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
(0)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
Belgium	Million Belgian Francs	7,653	19,925	19,561	21,111	22,230	24,853	25,036	26,313	28,432	30,110	31,488	34,405
Canada	Million Canadian Dollars	372	1,771	1,715	1,810	1,712	1,813	1,659	1,766	1,965	1,927	1,899	2,086
Denmark	Million Danish Kroner	360	885	1,180	1,551	1,651	1,764	1,974	2,080	2,249	2,591	2,640	2,757
France	Million Francs	4,787	11,710	20,395	22,184	22,849	24,280	25,300	26,732	28,912	30,200	31,700	33,200
Federal Republic of Germany (a)	Million DM	..	6,287	13,175	17,233	19,924	19,553	19,915	20,254	21,408	19,310	21,577	22,647
Greece	Million Drachmae	1,630	3,428	5,034	5,102	5,385	5,647	6,290	7,168	9,390	11,003	12,762	13,587
Italy	Milliard Lire	301	543	749	861	1,031	1,118	1,212	1,342	1,359	1,403	1,412	1,446
Luxembourg	Million Luxembourg Francs	112	566	290	355	348	462	477	497	413	374	391	414
Netherlands	Million Guilders	680	1,583	2,013	2,186	2,307	2,661	2,714	2,790	3,200	3,280	3,682	4,002
Norway	Million Norwegian Kroner	370	1,141	1,179	1,371	1,465	1,570	1,897	1,947	2,097	2,399	2,502	2,685
Portugal	Million Escudos	1,419	2,100	4,922	5,744	5,724	6,451	6,680	7,393	9,575	10,692	10,661	11,444
Turkey	Million Liras	556	936	2,718	2,980	3,157	3,443	3,821	3,996	4,596	5,159	5,395	5,523
United Kingdom	Million £s Sterling	779	1,569	1,709	1,814	1,870	2,000	2,091	2,153	2,276	2,332	2,290	2,479
United States	Millions US Dollars	13,503	42,786	47,808	52,381	52,295	51,213	51,827	63,572	75,465	80,732	81,444	76,507
Area													
Total Europe (b)	Million US Dollars	4,825	11,741	15,339	17,408	18,756	19,706	20,574	21,475	22,994	22,296	23,216	24,416
Total North America	Million US Dollars	13,875	44,557	49,523	54,096	53,879	52,890	53,362	65,205	77,282	82,515	83,200	78,437
Total NATO (b)	Million US Dollars	18,700	56,298	64,862	71,504	72,635	72,596	73,936	86,680	100,276	104,811	106,416	102,853

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 3,194 million DM in 1970.

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.