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## Where the Nukes Are

World military arsenals contain more than 27,000 nuclear weapons, with 95 percent of them in the hands of either Russia or the United States. So says a new report from the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, a US think tank. Its author, Steven M. Kosiak, says Moscow has 16,000 nukes (of which 7,200 are militarily operational) while Washington's stockpile runs to 10,000 weapons (of which 5,750

are operational or in "reserve"). Thus, a huge number of weapons in both nations are "inactive," meaning they have no military function. Included in the tally are strategic, theater, and tactical weapons. Nuclear capability is attributed to seven other "declared" and "undeclared" powers—China, France, Britain, Israel, India, Pakistan, and North Korea. These seven, combined, possess no more than 1,450 such weapons.

## Two at the Top

### Declared and Undeclared Nuclear Arsenals, 2006

Country	Nuclear Warheads
Russia	16,000
US	10,000
China	400
France	350
Britain	200
Israel	200
India	50
Pakistan	48
North Korea	2

**Note:** Figures for Russia and the US include all active and nonactive warheads. For other nations, the figures given portray the high end of a high-low estimate.

**Source:** "Spending on US Strategic Nuclear Forces: Plans and Options for the 21st Century," Steven M. Kosiak, CSBA, 2006.