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Russia's Nuclear Neighborhood

U K R A I N E

★ Intercontinental ballistic missiles	136
SS-19 "Stiletto"	110
SS-24 "Scalpel"	26
★ Long-range strategic bombers	43
Tu-95 "Bear-H16"	22
Tu-160 "Blackjack"	21
★ Medium-range theater bombers	137
Tu-16 "Badger"	53
Tu-22 "Blinder"	55
Tu-22M "Backfire"	29
★ Strategic nuclear warheads	1,264
Aboard missiles	920
Aboard bombers	344



When the USSR broke apart, roughly a third of the Soviet strategic arsenal was left outside Russian borders, in three new nations. Strategic weapons in Belarus and Kazakhstan are under undisputed Russian control. Ukraine has asserted "administrative control" of the weapons on its territory, but they are said to remain under Moscow's operational control. Another of Russia's neighbors, China, possesses several hundred nuclear weapons.

K A Z A K H S T A N

★ ICBMs (all SS-18 "Satan")	94
★ Long-range strategic bombers	40
Tu-95 "Bear-H6"	27
Tu-95 "Bear-H16"	13
★ Medium-range theater bombers	0
★ Strategic nuclear warheads	1,260
Aboard missiles	940
Aboard bombers	320



B E L A R U S

★ ICBMs (all SS-25 "Sickle")	54
★ Long-range strategic bombers	0
★ Medium-range theater bombers	122
Tu-16 "Badger"	15
Tu-22 "Blinder"	55
Tu-22M "Backfire"	52
★ Strategic nuclear warheads	54
Aboard missiles	54
Aboard bombers	0



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