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MILITARY SPENDING AND FORCES

Worldwide military spending in 2007.....	\$1,279.6 billion (US)
United States military spending in 2007.....	\$552.6 billion (US)
Canadian military spending in 2007.....	\$18.5 billion (US)
NATO military spending in 2007.....	\$863.5 billion (US)
UN budget for peacekeeping July 2007–June 2008.....	\$6.8 billion (US)
Rank of Canada among military spenders in 2007.....	14th largest
Number of military personnel, worldwide, 1985.....	28.0 million
Number of military personnel, worldwide, 2009.....	20.5 million
Number of military and civilian police personnel serving in UN operations, December 2008.....	91,712 (including 179 Canadians)

CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS

Top 5 global exporters of major weapons for the period 2003-2007.....	United States*, Russia*, Germany, France*, United Kingdom*
Ranking of Canada in leading global weapons exporters 2003-2007.....	13
Top 5 global importers of major weapons for the period 2003-2007.....	China*, India, United Arab Emirates, Greece, South Korea
Top 10 global exporters of small arms in 2005.....	United States*, Italy, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Brazil, Japan, United Kingdom*, Russia*, Canada
Top 10 global importers of small arms in 2005.....	United States*, France*, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Germany, United Kingdom*, Australia, Italy, Spain, United Arab Emirates
Estimated total of small arms worldwide.....	875 million (approx. one gun for every seven people)
Estimated small arms in the hands of civilians.....	650 million
Estimated small arms in the hands of US civilians.....	270 million
Estimated number of small arms registered by civilians.....	79 million

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NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Estimated number of nuclear weapons in the world	25,000
States in possession of nuclear weapons	China*, France*, India, Israel, North Korea, Pakistan, Russia*, United Kingdom*, United States*
Known nuclear weapon tests, 1945-2009	2,058
Last nuclear test	May 25, 2009 – North Korea
Date Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty was signed.....	September 10, 1996, but it has not yet entered into force
Current Treaty membership	180 States have signed, 148 ratified
States with nuclear power and research reactors required	44, of which the latest was Colombia on January 29, 2008. Nine states have yet to ratify: China*, Egypt, India†, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, North Korea†, Pakistan†, United States* († have not signed or ratified the Treaty)
Most recent signature.....	By Timor-Leste on September 26, 2008
Most recent ratification	By Lebanon on November 21, 2008

CONFLICTS

Number of armed conflicts in 2008	28 (in 24 countries)
Percentage of current armed conflicts that began during	35.7
the Cold War (1946-1989)	
Percentage of current armed conflicts in which total	35.7
combat deaths exceed 100,000	
Number of countries with armed conflicts in 2008	18
that involved combatants under 18 years of age	
Percentage of world's armed conflicts by region in 2008:	
Asia	39.3
Africa	39.3
Middle East	14.2
Europe.....	3.6
The Americas	3.6
Deaths directly resulting from armed conflicts, 2004-2007:	
Asia (includes the Middle East).....	137,701
Africa	48,997
Europe.....	5,121
The Americas	12,894

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Sources: *The Military Balance 2009*; United Nations Peace Operations, *Year in Review 2007* and *Year in Review 2008*; *SIPRI Yearbook 2008*; *Small Arms Survey 2007*; Nuclear Resources Defense Council; Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization; Geneva Declaration Secretariat, *Global Burden of Armed Violence*; Project Ploughshares, Armed Conflicts Database

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