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U.S. And NATO Allies Accounted for Over Half of Global Military Expenditure in 2022

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The world's total military expenditure surpassed \$2.24 trillion in 2022, with Europe recording its steepest rise in the last three decades, according to the annual military expenditure [report](#) of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI). The report was published on April 24.

The annual report notes that global military expenditure rose by 3.7 percent last year. 2022 was the eighth consecutive year of increasing global defense spending.

The U.S. remains by far the largest global spender with a military expenditure of over \$877 billion in 2022—three times more than the second largest spender, China, which spent \$292 billion. \$19.9 billion of the U.S. military expenditure was military aid to Ukraine.

The U.S. and its NATO allies have been the primary reason for the rising military expenditure and weaponization in the world.

The U.S. alone accounts for 39 percent of the world's total military expenditure. This is more than the total military expenditure of the rest of the top 10 military spenders, including China, Russia, and India. According to a SIPRI [press release](#), the 31 NATO members together spent over \$1.23 trillion—more than half of the world's total military expenditure in 2022.