

8. Strategic Nuclear Balance

SOVIET UNION⁵

	Launchers	Warheads	Yield ⁶	Total Warheads
<i>ICBMs</i>				
SS-11				
M2	100	1	1.100	100
M3	210	3	0.350	210 ⁷
SS-13 M2	30	1	0.750	30
SS-17 M3	50	4	0.750	200
SS-18 M4/5/6	308	10	0.550	3,080
SS-19 M3	250	6	0.550	1,500
SS-24 M1/2	86	10	0.550	860
SS-25	300	1	0.550	300
Total	1,334			6,280
<i>SLBMs</i>				
SS-N-6 M3	176	2 ⁸	1.000	176
SS-N-8 M1/2	286	1	1.500	286
SS-N-17	12	1	1.000	12
SS-N-18 M1/3	224	7	0.500	1,568
SS-N-20	120	10	0.200	1,200
SS-N-23	96	4	0.100	384
Total	914			3,626

⁵Source: R.S. Norris, W. Arkin. "Soviet Strategic Nuclear Forces, End of 1990," *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* 47, no. 2, March 1991: 49.

⁶In megatonnes.

⁷The SS-11 M3 carries a multiple re-entry vehicle which is counted as one warhead.

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