

8. STRATEGIC NUCLEAR BALANCE

<i>UNITED STATES</i> ¹	<i>Launchers</i>	<i>Warheads</i>	<i>Yield</i> ²	<i>Total Warheads</i>
<i>ICBMs</i>				
Minuteman II	450	1	1.200	450
Minuteman III				
MK-12	200	3	0.170	600
MK-12A	300	3	0.335	900
MX	50	10	0.300	500
Total	1,000			2,450
<i>SLBMs</i>				
Poseidon C-3	176	10	0.050	1,760
Trident I C-4	384	8	0.100	3,072
Trident II D-5	48	8	0.475	384
Total	608			5,216
<i>BOMBERS</i> ³				
B-1B	90	SRAM	0.170	1,100
B-52G/H	154	ALCM	0.05-0.150	1,600
FB-111A	24	Bombs	0.500	1,600
Total	268			4,300
TOTAL	1,876			11,966
START LIMIT	1,600			6,000 ⁴

¹Source: R.S. Norris, W. Arkin. "US Strategic Nuclear Forces, End of 1990," *The Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* 47, no. 1, January/February 1991: 48.

²In megatonnes.

³All bombers carry a mix of weapon systems. The B-52 is the only bomber to carry ALCMs.

⁴This limit does not apply directly to the totals. See Chapter 12 for explanation of sub-limits.