## The Chart Page

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## Before and After Gorbachev

Equipment	Pre-Gorbachev yearly average (1982–84)	Gorbachev yearly average (1986–88)	Gorbachev (1989)
Tanks	2,800	3,400	1,700
Other armored fighting vehicles	5,400	4,600	5,700
Towed field artillery	1,300	1,000	800
Self-propelled field artillery	900	900	750
Multiple rocket launchers	600	480	300
Self-propelled antiaircraft artille	ry 200	100	250
Submarines	9	9	9
Major surface warships	9	9	12
Minor surface combatants	57	55	54
Bombers	40	47	40
Fighters/fighter-bombers	950	700	625
ASW fixed-wing aircraft	5	5	5
AWACS aircraft	2	5	5
Military helicopters	580	450	400
ICBMs	116	116	140
SLBMs	115	100	100
SRBMs	580	700	700
Long-range SLCMs	35	200	200
Short-range SLCMs	980	1,100	1,100
SAMs (excludes man-portable)	15,000	16,000	14,000

In 1986-88, production of Soviet tanks, bombers, AWACS planes, SAMs, cruise missiles, and short-range ballistic missiles actually increased. However, the output of conventional ground force equipment as well as fighter aircraft and helicopters generally declined. Gorbachev announced in January 1989 that output would be reduced, and Soviet 1989 production of military materiel generally fell from 1988. Major surface warships here include carriers, frigates, corvettes, and paramilitary ships. R&D accounts for twenty-four percent of Soviet defense spending (compared to 13.4 percent for the US) and procurement of weapons and military equipment accounts for another forty-three percent (compared to 27.5 percent for the US).

Soviet leaders seek to address the growing shortages in the civilian economy by redirecting into production of civilian goods the resources and capacities released as a result of weapon production cuts. According to Soviet statements, some 400 defense plants and 100 civilian plants that produce military products are engaged in or are planning for industrial conversion. Conversion, however, has been slower and less extensive than promised by Soviet officials.

Source: US Department of Defense, Soviet Military Power 1990, September 1990.