

The Air Force in Facts and Figures

■ 2013 USAF Almanac

Structure of the Force

How the Air Force Is Organized

This overview describes the Air Force's primary organizational structures and its Air and Space Expeditionary Force.

The **Department of Defense** is a Cabinet agency headed by the Secretary of Defense. It comprises three military departments—Air Force, Army, and Navy—each with a civilian Secretary.

The **Joint Chiefs of Staff (JCS)** constitute DOD's corporate military leadership. The Chairman and vice chairman serve full time in their positions, while the service Chiefs also serve as the military heads of their respective services.

The Secretary of the Air Force (SECAF) heads the **Department of the Air Force**. Supporting the SECAF are the Secretariat staff and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force (CSAF), who oversees the Air Staff. The heads of the major commands report to the CSAF.

Most Air Force units fall under a **major command** (Majcom), which has broad functional responsibilities. Majcoms are organized under a unit-oriented scheme, with one or more **numbered air forces**, or a major non-unit scheme, with one or more centers.

The predominant command entity within USAF is the **wing**. A standard

wing contains four groups: **operations** (operates primary mission equipment and includes such functions as intelligence), **maintenance** (provides weapon system maintenance), **mission support** (provides base support and services, including civil engineer, logistics readiness, and security forces), and **medical**.

Squadrons form the basic organizational building blocks within a wing, generally working under one of the four groups to provide either mission or functional support. Squadrons may comprise several **flights**.

The Air Force organization also includes **field operating agencies** (FOAs) and **direct reporting units** (DRUs).

Air and Space Expeditionary Force

To relieve chronic optempo problems stemming from back-to-back operations, the Air Force developed an expeditionary concept initially called the Expeditionary Aerospace Force. The term EAF was supplanted by the term Air and Space Expeditionary Force (**AEF**). The term AEF also refers to a basic organizational unit.

USAF grouped its power projection and support forces into 10 AEF "buckets of capability" operating in five pairs. Ini-

tially, combat air forces (**CAF**) deployed for a 90-day AEF rotation, with mobility air forces (**MAF**) and low-density, high-demand (**LD/HD**) forces operating on longer deployments as needed. In 2004, USAF went to a basic 120-day rotation, while LD/HD forces, including battle management, battlefield airmen, and reconnaissance assets, normally deployed for 180 days.

In late 2008, USAF began employing Tempo Bands (A-E) with different deployment-to-dwell ratios. For instance, CAF forces in Tempo Band A deployed on a 1:4 ratio—four months (120 days) deployed to 16 months dwell time. The other bands, operating mostly on 180-day deployment cycles, were: B at 1:4; C at 1:3; D at 1:2; and E at 1:1. In 2010, USAF changed 120-day rotations to 180-day, merging Band A with B.

In November 2011, USAF announced plans to change to a new construct, dubbed **AEF Next**, that would abandon the confusing tempo band approach. Under AEF Next, now slated for initial operational capability in October 2013, airmen will deploy with their unit commanders, serving as one of six airpower teams that usually deploy on six-month rotations, followed by 12 months at home station. ■

Current Air Force Leaders

Date in Position

Secretary of the Air Force	Michael B. Donley	Oct. 17, 2008
Air Force Chief of Staff	Gen. Mark A. Welsh III	Aug. 10, 2012
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force	CMSAF James A. Cody	Jan. 24, 2013

USAF Total Force

(As of Sept. 30, 2012)

	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Estimate FY13
Air Force Active Duty										
Officers	74,109	73,252	70,539	65,722	64,805	65,496	66,201	65,487	64,932	64,900
Enlisted	298,314	276,117	273,990	263,372	258,092	263,351	263,437	263,542	263,964	260,000
Cadets	4,193	4,327	4,424	4,401	4,482	4,561	4,558	4,341	4,022	3,948
Total Air Force Active Duty	376,616	353,696	348,953	333,495	327,379	333,408	334,196	333,370	332,918	328,848
Civilian personnel										
Direct hire (excluding technicians)	122,572	124,534	128,475	125,636	124,698	123,106	134,183	145,407	124,129	152,500
ANG technicians	21,703	22,731	21,997	22,409	22,353	22,391	22,657	22,139	22,859	21,451
AFRC technicians	9,538	9,407	9,427	9,127	8,857	9,147	10,068	9,397	10,366	10,149
Total direct hire	153,813	156,672	159,899	157,172	155,908	154,644	166,908	176,943	157,534	184,100
Indirect hire	6,575	6,571	6,833	6,212	6,515	6,346	6,564	6,776	6,449	6,400
Total civilian personnel	160,388	163,243	166,732	163,384	162,423	160,990	173,472	183,719	163,803	190,500
Air National Guard										
Selected Reserve Officers	13,633	13,672	13,782	13,992	14,115	14,326	14,389	14,418	14,598	13,865
Selected Reserve Enlisted	93,189	92,758	91,876	92,162	93,564	94,870	93,287	91,267	90,791	87,735
Total ANG	106,822	106,430	105,658	106,154	107,679	109,196	107,676	105,685	105,389	101,600
Air Force Reserve Command										
Selected Reserve Officers	16,723	16,676	16,678	16,199	15,169	14,753	14,560	14,535	14,303	15,611
Selected Reserve Enlisted	58,599	59,126	57,397	54,083	52,396	53,233	55,559	56,786	57,125	54,889
Total AFRC Selected Reserve	75,322	75,802	74,075	70,282	67,565	67,986	70,119	71,321	71,428	70,500
Individual Ready Reserve Officers	9,912	9,942	11,356	13,018	13,633	12,833	11,692	11,692	11,222	11,392
IRR Enlisted	27,095	31,377	33,548	36,831	35,668	30,349	28,863	28,863	24,271	27,482
Total AFRC IRR	37,007	41,319	44,904	49,849	49,301	43,182	40,555	40,555	35,493	38,874
Total AFRC	112,329	117,121	118,979	120,131	116,866	111,168	110,674	111,876	106,921	109,374
Total Ready Reserve	219,151	223,551	224,637	226,285	224,545	220,364	218,350	217,561	212,310	210,974

Armed Forces Manpower Trends, End Strength in Thousands

(As of Sept. 30, 2012)

	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Estimate FY13
Active Duty military										
Air Force	377	354	349	334	327	333	334	333	333	330
Army	500	493	505	522	544	553	566	566	550	552
Marine Corps	178	180	180	187	199	203	202	201	198	197
Navy	373	363	350	338	332	329	328	325	318	323
Total	1,428	1,390	1,384	1,381	1,402	1,418	1,430	1,425	1,399	1,402
Guard and Reserve (selected reserve)										
Air National Guard	107	106	106	106	108	109	108	107	105	102
AFRC	75	76	74	71	68	68	70	71	71	71
Army National Guard	343	333	346	353	360	358	362	358	358	358
Army Reserve	204	189	190	190	197	205	205	205	201	205
Marine Corps Reserve	40	40	40	39	38	39	39	40	40	40
Naval Reserve	83	76	71	70	68	67	65	66	65	63
Total	852	820	827	829	839	846	849	847	840	839
Direct-hire civilian (full-time equivalents)										
Air Force	154	157	160	157	156	155	167	177	157	184
Army	208	213	220	221	230	247	260	269	250	273
Navy/Marine Corps	183	179	174	176	178	186	195	201	201	201
Defense agencies	105	105	104	105	108	115	120	125	133	134
Total	650	654	658	659	672	703	742	772	741	792

Active Duty Airmen by Rank

(As of Sept. 30, 2012)

Rank	Men	Women	Total
Officers			
General	13	1	14
Lieutenant General	41	3	44
Major General	88	11	99
Brigadier General	133	14	147
Colonel	3,146	433	3,579
Lieutenant Colonel	8,617	1,378	9,995
Major	12,020	2,498	14,518
Captain	17,347	4,810	22,157
First Lieutenant	5,713	1,759	7,472
Second Lieutenant	5,335	1,572	6,907
Total	52,453	12,479	64,932
Enlisted			
CMSAF	1	0	1
Chief Master Sergeant	2,335	296	2,631
Senior Master Sergeant	4,210	837	5,047
Master Sergeant	21,764	4,673	26,437
Technical Sergeant	33,477	8,290	41,767
Staff Sergeant	54,332	13,396	67,728
Senior Airman	44,654	10,860	55,514
Airman First Class	41,820	9,017	50,837
Airman	3,552	717	4,269
Airman Basic	8,064	1,669	9,733
Total	214,209	49,755	263,964
Academy Cadets	3,128	894	4,022
Total Personnel	269,790	63,128	332,918



SSgt. Greg Biondo (r) trains photographers to document combat operations.

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Number and Percentage of Active Duty Airmen by Gender

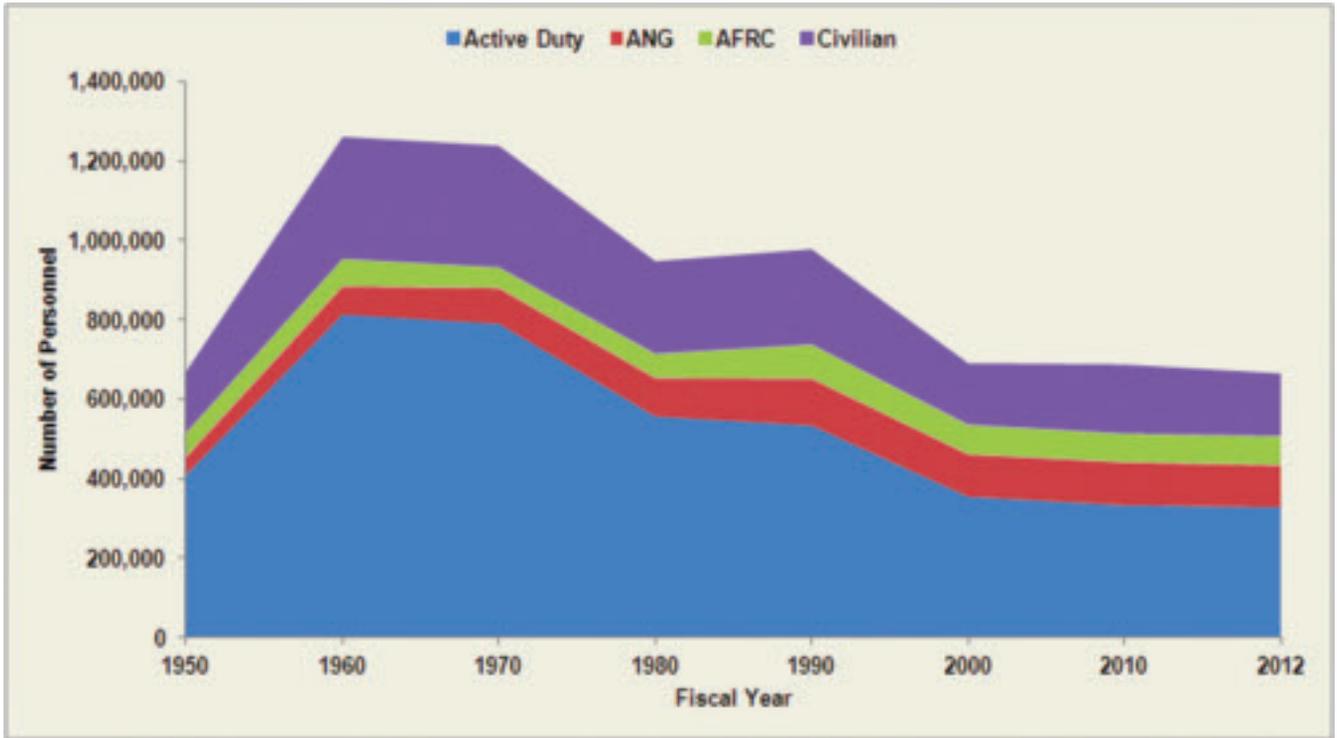
	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2012
Officers								
Male	55,474	126,014	125,136	89,156	86,714	57,204	53,838	52,453
Percentage	97.3%	97.2%	96.4%	91.3%	86.7%	82.9%	81.3%	80.8%
Female	1,532	3,675	4,667	8,493	13,331	11,819	12,363	12,479
Percentage	2.7%	2.8%	3.6%	8.7%	13.3%	17.1%	18.7%	19.2%
Total Officers	57,006	129,689	129,803	97,649	100,045	69,023	66,201	64,932
Enlisted								
Male	350,489	679,412	652,559	399,517	374,385	231,620	212,491	214,209
Percentage	98.9%	99.2%	98.6%	86.8%	86.0%	80.8%	80.7%	81.2%
Female	3,782	5,651	8,987	60,803	60,803	55,011	50,946	49,755
Percentage	1.1%	0.8%	1.4%	13.2%	14.0%	19.2%	19.3%	18.8%
Total Enlisted	354,271	685,063	661,546	460,320	435,188	286,631	263,437	263,964
Cadets								
Male	0	1,949	4,144	3,907	3,817	3,617	3,592	3,128
Percentage	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	88.6%	87.3%	84.6%	78.8%	77.8%
Female	0	0	0	504	553	658	966	894
Percentage	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.4%	12.7%	15.4%	21.2%	22.2%
Total Cadets	0	1,949	4,144	4,411	4,370	4,275	4,558	4,022

Active Duty Airmen by Region

Regions	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2012
US and its territories	342,437	633,327	565,098	445,886	418,027	291,260	277,123	281,067
Europe	24,531	104,899	72,937	76,788	69,296	32,901	30,963	30,226
East Asia, Pacific	36,412	50,679	139,666	32,263	33,558	22,030	12,649	12,599
Africa, Mideast, South Asia	1,491	11,160	608	674	376	8,972	891	593
Western Hemisphere	6,266	14,106	5,348	2,211	2,356	345	339	312
Other	140	581	7,692	147	11,620	146	12,231	8,121
Total	411,277	814,752	791,349	557,969	535,233	355,654	334,196	332,918

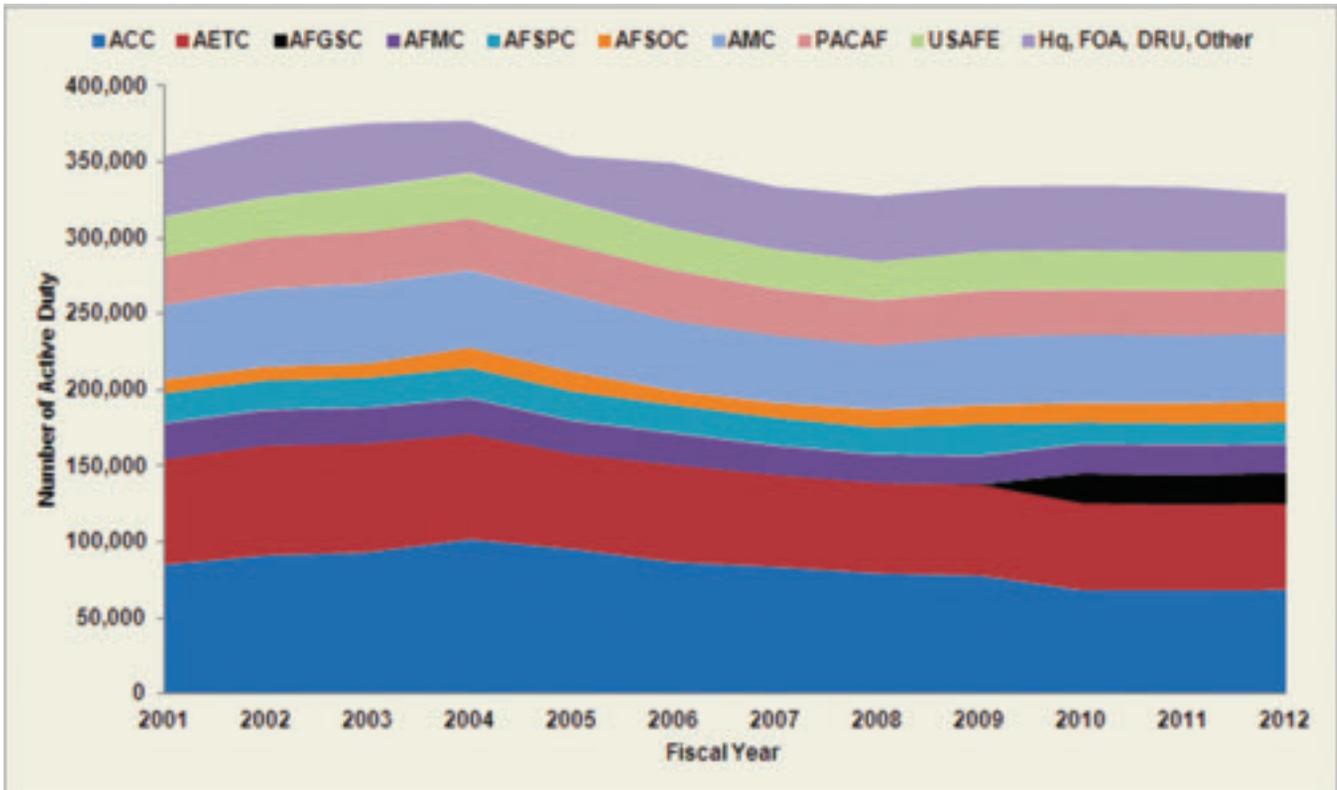
Note: Airmen deployed for operations in Afghanistan and Iraq are included in home station regions or under other.

Total Force Over Time



Note: Data for 1950 and 1960 as of June 30; data for other years as of Sept. 30. Sources: *Air Force Magazine's "USAF Almanac,"* various years; US Census Bureau, "Statistical Abstract of the United States"; "Department of Defense Selected Manpower Statistics," various years.

Active Duty Airmen by Active Duty Major Command



Note: Data for 1950 and 1960 as of June 30; data for other years as of Sept. 30.

Personnel Strength by Commands, FOAs, and DRUs

(As of Sept. 30, 2012)

	Military	Civilian	Total
Active Duty Major Commands			
Air Combat Command	68,576	9,973	78,549
Air Education and Training Command	57,134	15,708	72,842
Air Force Global Strike Command	19,913	2,538	22,451
Air Force Materiel Command	18,763	61,161	79,924
Air Force Space Command	13,975	7,781	21,756
Air Force Special Operations Command	13,778	1,693	15,471
Air Mobility Command	45,371	8,984	54,355
Pacific Air Forces	29,267	7,815	37,082
US Air Forces in Europe-Air Forces Africa	24,314	6,181	30,495
Total Major Commands	291,091	121,834	412,925
Field Operating Agencies (FOAs)			
Air Force Agency for Modeling and Simulation	7	16	23
Air Force Audit Agency	0	642	642
Air Force Civil Engineer Center	100	763	863
Air Force Cost Analysis Agency	25	106	131
Air Force Financial Services Center	4	130	134
Air Force Flight Standards Agency	85	49	134
Air Force Historical Research Agency	0	48	48
Air Force Inspection Agency	93	24	117
Air Force Intelligence Analysis Agency	58	69	127
Air Force ISR Agency	13,025	2,671	15,696
Air Force Legal Operations Agency	493	253	746
Air Force Medical Operations Agency	201	149	350
Air Force Medical Support Agency	223	118	341
Air Force Office of Special Investigations	1,526	781	2,307
Air Force Operations Group	43	2	45
Air Force Personnel Center	914	1,864	2,778
Air Force Personnel Operations Agency	15	256	271
Air Force Petroleum Agency	35	63	98
Air Force Public Affairs Agency	276	48	324
Air Force Review Boards Agency	11	74	85
Air Force Safety Center	48	68	116
Air Force Security Forces Center	308	51	359
Air Force Weather Agency	1,031	324	1,355
Air National Guard Readiness Center	79	723	802
Total FOAs	18,600	9,292	27,892
Direct Reporting Units (DRUs)			
Air Force District of Washington	3,982	999	4,981
Air Force Operational Test & Evaluation Center	367	219	586
US Air Force Academy (excluding cadets)	2,024	1,365	3,389
Total DRUs	6,373	2,583	8,956
Other			
Hq. USAF	1,970	2,154	4,124
Other	10,862	21,491	32,353
USAFA Cadets	4,022	0	4,022
Total Other	16,854	23,645	40,499
Total Strength	332,918	157,354	490,272

Active Duty Personnel Strength

(As of Sept. 30, 2012)

Year	Number	Year	Number
1907	3	1973	691,182
1908	13	1974	643,970
1909	27	1975	612,751
1910	11	1976	585,416
1911	23	1977	570,695
1912	51	1978	569,712
1913	114	1979	559,455
1914	122	1980	557,969
1915	208	1981	570,302
1916	311	1982	582,845
1917	1,218	1983	592,044
1918	195,023	1984	597,125
1919	25,603	1985	601,515
1920	9,050	1986	608,199
1921	11,649	1987	607,035
1922	9,642	1988	576,446
1923	9,441	1989	570,880
1924	10,547	1990	535,233
1925	9,670	1991	510,432
1926	9,674	1992	470,315
1927	10,078	1993	444,351
1928	10,549	1994	426,327
1929	12,131	1995	400,409
1930	13,531	1996	389,001
1931	14,780	1997	377,385
1932	15,028	1998	367,470
1933	15,099	1999	360,590
1934	15,861	2000	355,654
1935	16,247	2001	353,571
1936	17,233	2002	368,251
1937	19,147	2003	375,062
1938	21,089	2004	376,616
1939	23,455	2005	353,696
1940	51,165	2006	348,953
1941	152,125	2007	333,495
1942	764,415	2008	327,379
1943	2,197,114	2009	333,408
1944	2,372,292	2010	334,196
1945	2,282,259	2011	333,370
1946	455,515	2012	332,918
1947	305,827	2013	327,600
1948	387,730		
1949	419,347		
1950	411,277		
1951	788,381		
1952	983,261		
1953	977,593		
1954	947,918		
1955	959,946		
1956	909,958		
1957	919,835		
1958	871,156		
1959	840,435		
1960	814,752		
1961	821,151		
1962	884,025		
1963	869,431		
1964	856,798		
1965	824,662		
1966	887,353		
1967	897,494		
1968	904,850		
1969	862,353		
1970	791,349		
1971	755,300		
1972	725,838		

2013 number is an estimate.

Budgets

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Terms Explained

Funding levels can be expressed in several ways. **Budget authority** is the value of new obligations that the federal government is authorized to incur. These include some obligations to be met in later years. Figures can also be expressed in **outlays** (actual expenditures, some of which are covered by amounts that were authorized in previous years).

Another difference concerns the value of money. When funding is in **current** or **then-year** dollars, no adjustment for inflation has taken place. This is the actual amount of dollars that has been or is to be spent, budgeted, or forecast. When funding is expressed in **constant dollars**, or **real dollars**, the effect of inflation has been factored out to make direct comparisons between budget years possible. A specific

year, often the present one, is chosen as a baseline for constant dollars.

Normally, Congress first authorizes payment, then appropriates it. **Authorization** is an act of Congress that establishes or continues a federal program or agency and sets forth guidelines to which it must adhere. **Appropriation** is an act of Congress that enables federal agencies to spend money for specific purposes.

Air Force Budget—A 10-Year Perspective

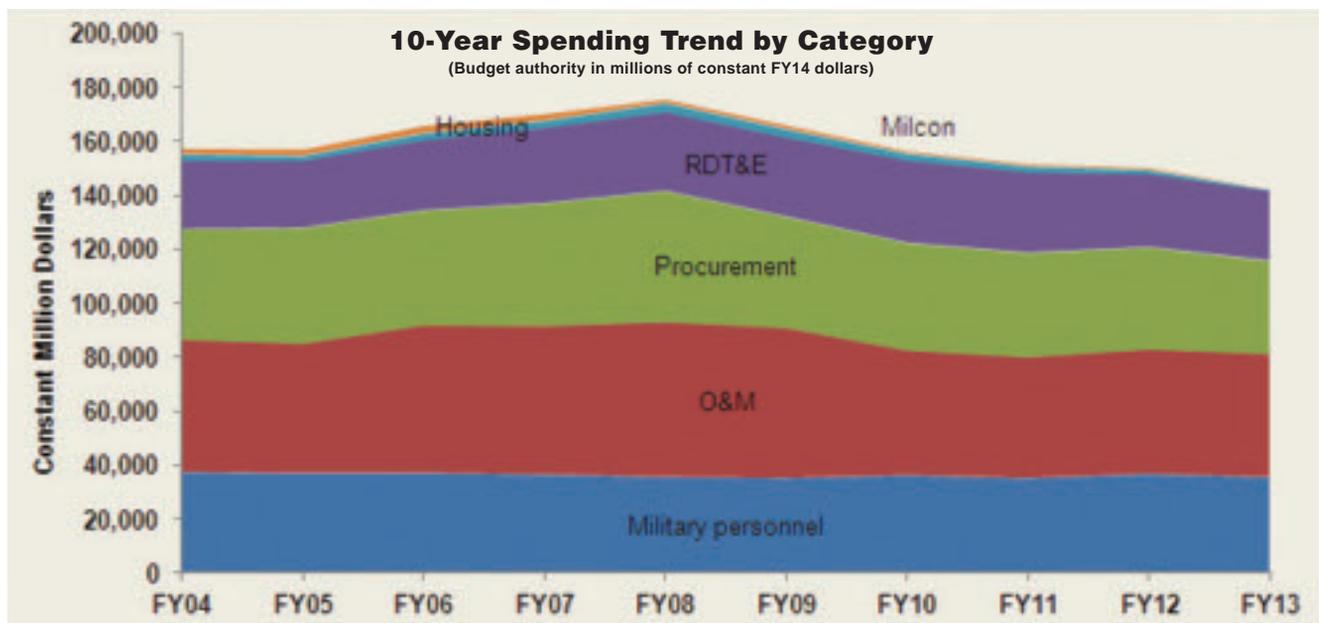
(Budget authority in millions of current and constant FY14 dollars; excludes costs of the Global War on Terror.)

Current Dollars	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
Military personnel	\$29,681	\$30,344	\$31,398	\$31,789	\$32,180	\$31,722	\$33,100	\$33,192	\$35,355	\$34,777
O&M	39,252	39,752	46,709	48,237	52,225	50,352	42,700	42,676	44,877	44,988
Procurement	32,460	35,117	35,989	39,542	43,816	37,054	36,383	36,402	36,401	33,762
RDT&E	20,290	20,551	22,220	24,566	26,630	26,587	27,993	28,251	26,222	25,248
Milcon	1,831	1,499	2,183	2,328	3,089	2,787	2,400	2,080	1,460	375
Housing	1,441	1,680	2,086	1,900	1,001	1,087	569	569	490	581
Rev. & mgmt.	690	-667	1,252	666	-934	61	64	67	65	45
Total	\$125,536	\$127,918	\$141,657	\$148,947	\$157,909	\$149,515	\$143,400	\$143,236	\$144,870	\$139,777

Constant Dollars	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
Military personnel	\$37,307	\$36,887	\$36,984	\$36,425	\$35,523	\$35,158	\$36,108	\$35,085	\$36,603	\$35,473
O&M	49,338	48,323	55,019	55,272	57,651	55,806	46,580	45,110	46,461	45,888
Procurement	40,800	42,689	42,392	45,309	48,368	41,068	39,689	38,478	37,686	34,437
RDT&E	25,503	24,982	26,173	28,149	29,397	29,467	30,537	29,862	27,148	25,753
Milcon	2,301	1,822	2,571	2,668	3,410	3,089	2,618	2,199	1,512	383
Housing	1,811	2,042	2,457	2,177	1,105	1,205	621	601	507	593
Rev. & mgmt.	867	-811	1,475	763	-1,031	68	70	71	67	46
Total	\$157,792	\$155,499	\$166,860	\$170,669	\$174,314	\$165,711	\$156,430	\$151,406	\$149,984	\$142,573

Percentage real growth	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13
Military personnel	0.6%	-1.1%	0.3%	-1.5%	-2.5%	-1.0%	2.7%	-2.8%	4.3%	-3.1%
O&M	-11.6%	-2.1%	13.9%	0.5%	4.3%	-3.2%	-16.5%	-3.2%	3.0%	-1.2%
Procurement	0.7%	4.6%	-0.7%	6.9%	6.8%	-15.1%	-3.4%	-3.1%	-2.1%	-8.6%
RDT&E	4.9%	-2.0%	4.8%	7.5%	4.4%	0.2%	3.6%	-2.2%	-9.1%	-5.1%
Milcon	9.1%	-20.8%	41.1%	3.7%	27.8%	-9.4%	-15.2%	-16.0%	-31.3%	-74.7%
Housing	-8.7%	12.8%	20.3%	-11.4%	-49.2%	9.0%	-48.5%	-3.1%	-15.7%	16.8%
Total	-2.4%	-1.5%	7.3%	2.3%	2.1%	-4.9%	-5.6%	1.4%	-5.0%	-31.8%

Numbers do not add due to rounding.



Defense Budget Authority

(\$ billions)

	2012	2013	2014	Planned 2015	2016	2017	2018
No War Costs, Current Dollars	\$529.9	\$527.5	\$526.6	\$540.8	\$551.4	\$560.0	568.6
No War Costs, Constant FY 2014 Dollars	\$548.6	\$538.1	\$526.6	\$530.0	\$528.5	\$524.9	521.3
With War Costs, Current Dollars	\$645.0	\$614.7	\$615.1	\$540.8	\$551.4	\$560.0	568.6
With War Costs, Constant FY 2014 Dollars	\$667.8	\$627.0	\$615.1	\$530.0	\$528.5	\$524.9	521.3

Defense Outlays

(\$ billions)

	2012	2013	2014	Planned 2015	2016	2017	2018
Current Dollars	\$650.9	\$633.3	\$597.6	\$584.0	\$561.9	\$562.1	\$564.1
Constant FY 2014 Dollars	\$673.9	\$646.0	\$597.6	\$572.3	\$538.5	\$526.9	\$517.1

Service and Agency Shares of Total DOD Budget

(Budget authority in billions of constant FY14 dollars)

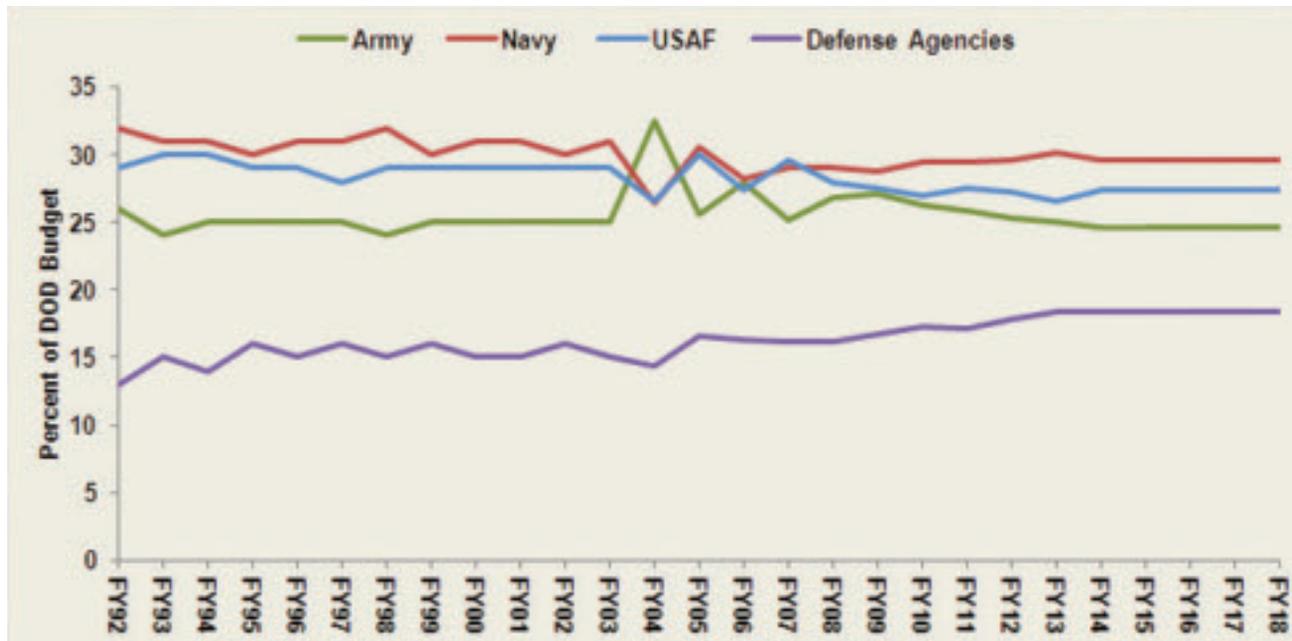
	2012	2013	2014	Planned 2015	2016	2017	2018
Dollars							
Air Force	150.0	142.6	144.4	145.2	144.8	143.8	142.8
Army	138.6	134.5	129.7	130.4	130.0	129.1	128.2
Navy/Marine Corps	162.3	162.1	155.8	156.9	156.4	155.4	154.3
Defense agencies	98.4	98.8	96.8	97.5	97.2	96.6	95.9
Total	548.6	538.1	526.6	530.0	528.5	524.9	521.3
Percentages							
Air Force	27.3%	26.5%	27.4%	27.4%	27.4%	27.4%	27.4%
Army	25.3%	25.0%	24.6%	24.6%	24.6%	24.6%	24.6%
Navy/Marine Corps	29.6%	30.1%	29.6%	29.6%	29.6%	29.6%	29.6%
Defense agencies	17.9%	18.4%	18.4%	18.4%	18.4%	18.4%	18.4%

Note: USAF shares above include non-Blue funding. FY 2015-18 estimates based on FY 2014 shares.

USAF's Blue-only share

Dollars	123.2	112.3	114.1
Percentages	22.5%	20.9%	21.7%

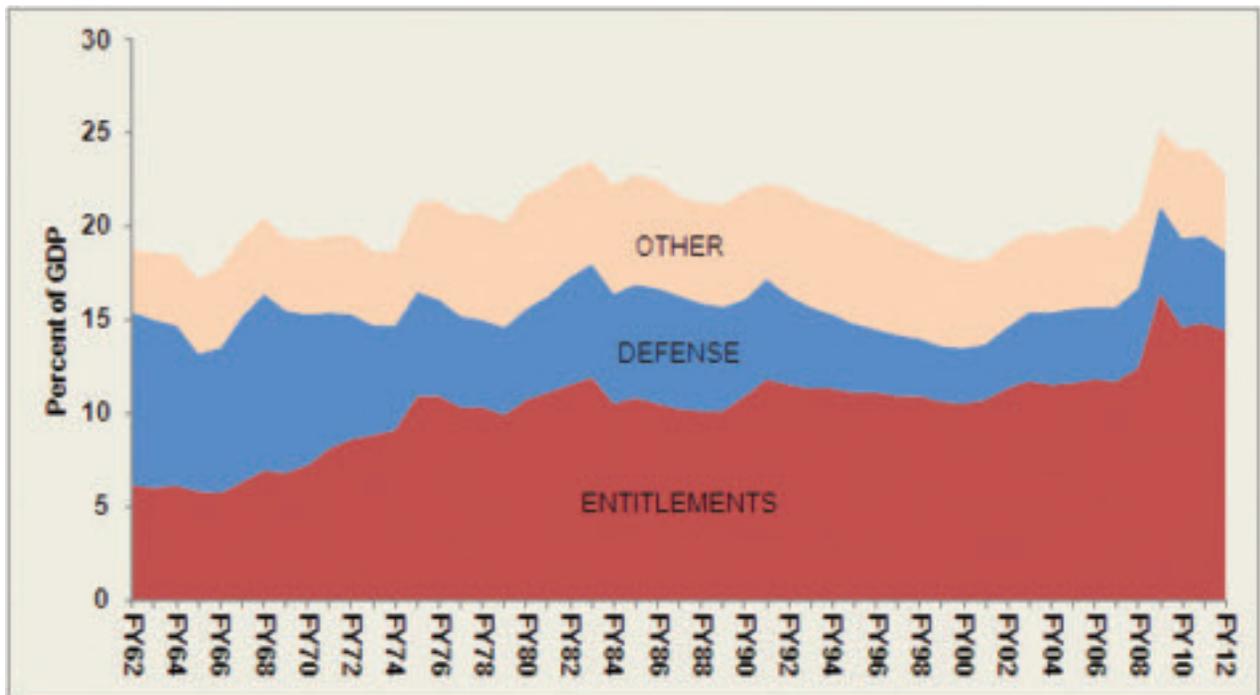
Note: USAF budget includes Blue, dollars for programs actually managed by USAF, and non-Blue, dollars USAF does not manage but that simply pass through USAF's accounts, such as some intelligence and space-related funding.



Federal Budget Outlay Categories

Percentages of GDP

Year	Total Outlays	Deficit/Surplus	Entitlements	Defense	Year	Total Outlays	Deficit/Surplus	Entitlements	Defense
1962	18.8	1.0	6.1	9.3	1988	21.3	3.8	10.1	5.8
1963	18.6	0.7	6.0	9.0	1989	21.2	3.8	10.1	5.6
1964	18.5	1.0	6.1	8.6	1990	21.9	4.8	10.9	5.2
1965	17.2	0.2	5.8	7.4	1991	22.3	5.4	11.8	5.4
1966	17.8	0.4	5.7	7.8	1992	22.1	5.5	11.5	4.8
1967	19.4	1.6	6.3	8.9	1993	21.4	4.6	11.3	4.4
1968	20.5	3.2	6.9	9.5	1994	21.0	3.7	11.3	4.0
1969	19.4	0.1	6.8	8.7	1995	20.6	3.1	11.1	3.7
1970	19.3	0.9	7.2	8.1	1996	20.2	2.3	11.1	3.4
1971	19.5	2.4	8.1	7.3	1997	19.5	1.3	10.9	3.3
1972	19.6	2.2	8.6	6.7	1998	19.1	0.3	10.9	3.1
1973	18.7	1.2	8.9	5.9	1999	18.5	0.0	10.6	3.0
1974	18.7	0.5	9.1	5.6	2000	18.2	0.9	10.5	3.0
1975	21.3	3.5	10.9	5.6	2001	18.2	0.3	10.7	3.0
1976	21.4	4.0	10.9	5.2	2002	19.1	3.0	11.3	3.3
1977	20.7	2.5	10.3	4.9	2003	19.7	4.9	11.7	3.7
1978	20.7	2.5	10.3	4.7	2004	19.6	4.9	11.5	3.9
1979	20.2	1.6	9.9	4.7	2005	19.9	4.0	11.6	4.0
1980	21.7	2.7	10.7	4.9	2006	20.1	3.3	11.8	3.9
1981	22.2	2.4	11.1	5.2	2007	19.7	2.5	11.7	4.0
1982	23.1	3.7	11.5	5.8	2008	20.8	4.5	12.4	4.3
1983	23.5	6.0	11.9	6.1	2009	25.2	11.1	16.4	4.7
1984	22.2	4.8	10.5	5.9	2010	24.1	9.6	14.6	4.8
1985	22.8	5.3	10.8	6.1	2011	24.1	9.1	14.8	4.7
1986	22.5	5.4	10.5	6.2	2012	22.8	7.4	14.4	4.3
1987	21.6	3.6	10.2	6.1					



Source: "The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2013-2023," Congressional Budget Office, February 2013.

Where To Find Budget Data

Congressional Budget Office

<http://www.cbo.gov/>

- Topics>>Budget>>Budget and Economic Outlook>>Reports

Defense Department Comptroller

<http://comptroller.defense.gov>

- Budget materials by fiscal year
- Links to budget pages for each service

Office of Management and Budget

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>

- The Budget (current fiscal year, including appendices and historical tables)
- Links to past budgets (via GPO Access)

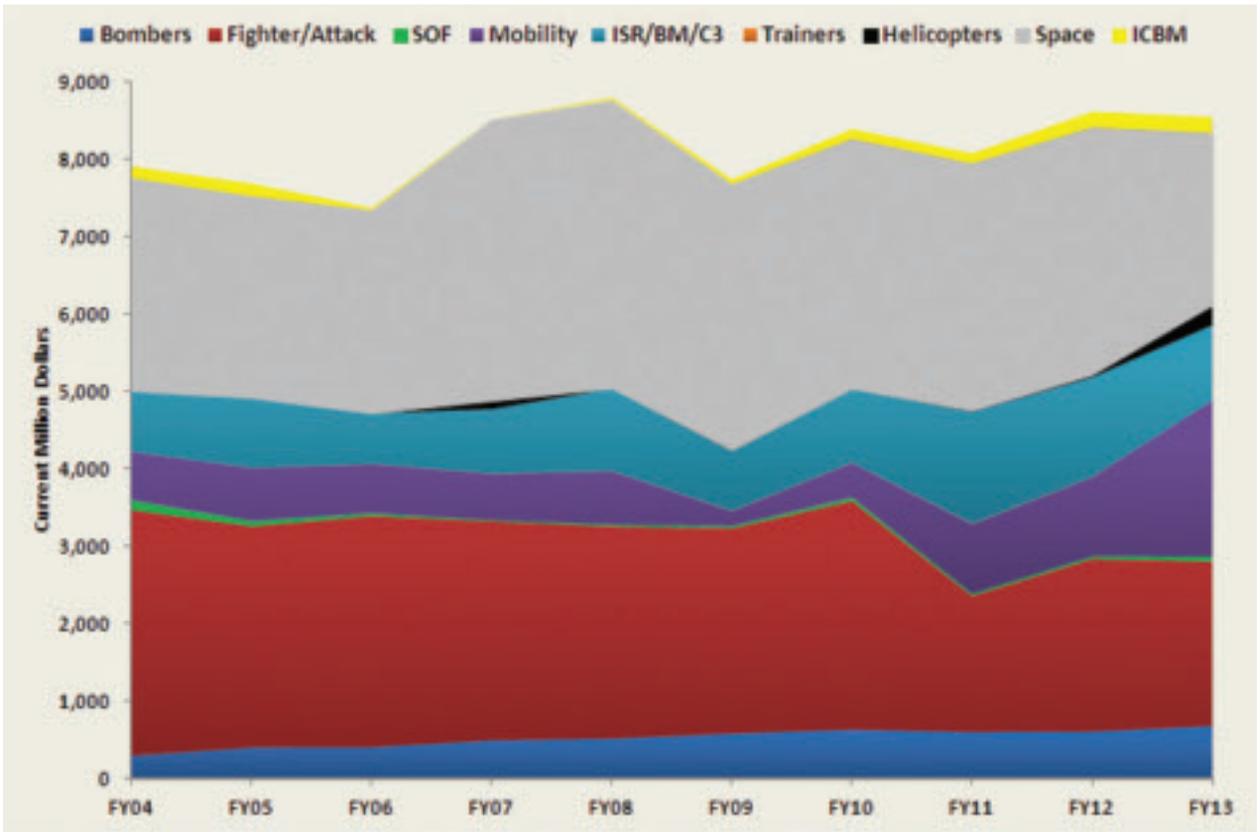
Government Printing Office (GPO) Access to Budget

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- Current and historical budget documents through Clinton Administration

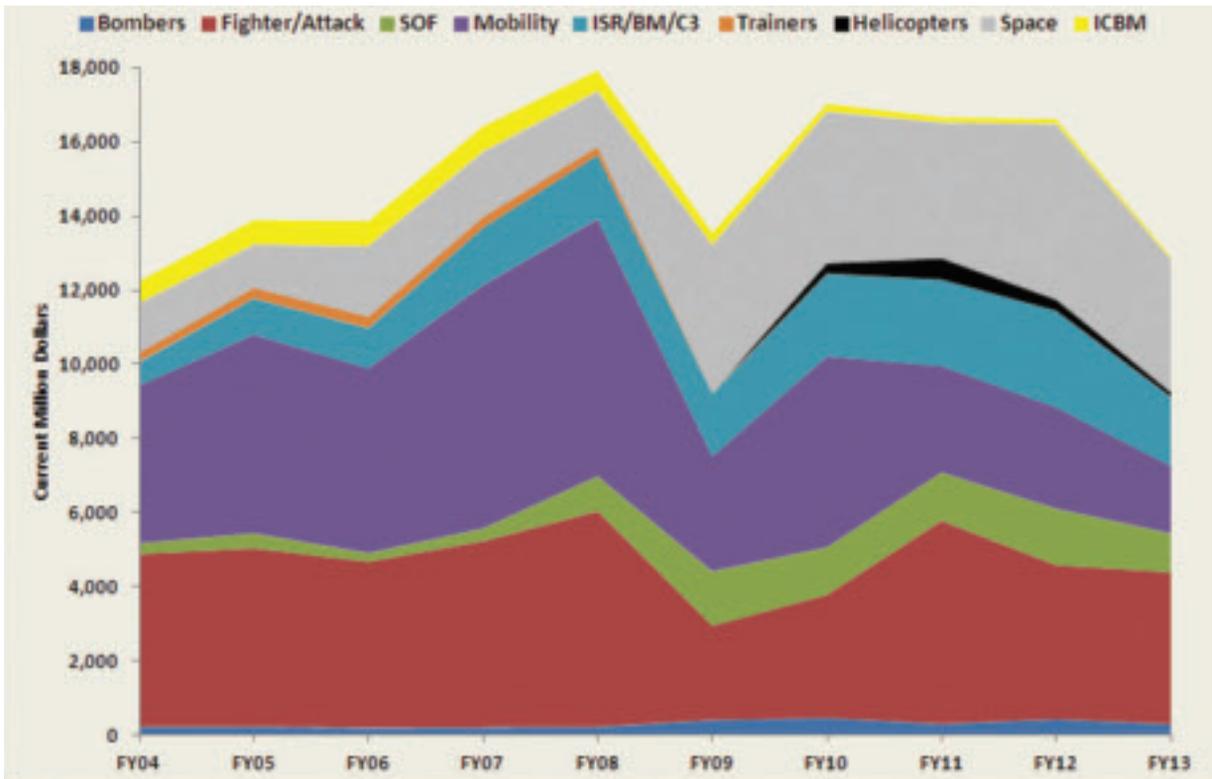
10 Years of RDT&E Funding for USAF Major Programs by Category

(Based on current million dollars)



10 Years of Procurement Funding for USAF Major Programs by Category

(Based on current million dollars)



Aircraft Total Active Inventory (TAI)

(As of Sept. 30, 2012)

	Active	ANG	AFRC	Total Force		Active	ANG	AFRC	Total Force
Bomber					Tanker				
B-1	66			66	HC-130J	2			2
B-2	20			20	HC-130N	2	6	1	9
B-52	58		18	76	HC-130P	15	3	4	22
Total	144		18	162	KC-10	59			59
Fighter/Attack					Transport				
A-10C	190	108	48	346	KC-135R	138	156	67	361
F-15C	106	108		214	KC-135T	30	24		54
F-15D	13	22		35	Total	246	189	72	507
F-15E	219			219	C-5A		19	16	35
F-16C	469	334	49	852	C-5B	18		16	34
F-16D	112	45	4	161	C-5C	2			2
F-22A	169	18		187	C-5M	8			8
F-35	11			11	C-12C	16			16
Total	1,289	635	101	2,025	C-12D	6			6
Special Ops Forces					Trainer				
AC-130H	8			8	T-1	178			178
AC-130U	17			17	T6	445			445
AC-130W	12			12	T-38A	54			54
CV-22	28			28	(A)T-38B	6			6
MC-130E			5	5	T-38C	448			448
MC-130H	20			20	T-41	4			4
MC-130J	10			10	T-51	3			3
MC-130P	22	4		26	T-53	25			25
Total	117	4	5	126	UV-18	3			3
ISR/BM/C3					Helicopter				
E-3B	22			22	HH-60G	67	17	15	99
E-3C	8			8	HH-60U	4			4
E-3G	2			2	TH-1H	24			24
E-4	4			4	UH-1H	10			10
(T)E-8A		1		1	UH-1N	63			63
E-8C		17		17	UH-1V	2			2
E-9A	2			2	Total	170	17	15	202
E-11A	3			3	Trainer				
EC-130H	14			14	T-1	178			178
EC-130J		7		7	T6	445			445
MC-12W	42			42	T-38A	54			54
MQ-1	129	36		165	(A)T-38B	6			6
MQ-9	97	7		104	T-38C	448			448
NC-135W	1			1	T-41	4			4
OC-135	2			2	T-51	3			3
RC-26		11		11	T-53	25			25
RC-135S	3			3	UV-18	3			3
RC-135U	2			2	Gliders	47			47
RC-135V	8			8	Total	1,213			1,213
RC-135W	9			9	ISR/BM/C3				
RQ-4B	27			27	E-3B	22			22
TC-130H	1			1	E-3C	8			8
TC-135W	3			3	E-3G	2			2
TU-2	5			5	E-4	4			4
U-2	27			27	(T)E-8A		1		1
WC-130H		8	1	9	E-8C		17		17
WC-130J			10	10	E-9A	2			2
WC-135C	1			1	E-11A	3			3
WC-135W	1			1	EC-130H	14			14
Total	413	87	11	511	EC-130J		7		7

Total active inventory (TAI): aircraft assigned to operating forces for mission, training, test, or maintenance. Includes primary, backup, and attrition reserve aircraft.

Total Number of Aircraft in Service Over Time

(As of Sept. 30, 2012)

Type of Aircraft—Active	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12
Bomber	173	172	173	172	173	153	154	150	144	144
Fighter/Attack	1,628	1,627	1,622	1,619	1,552	1,496	1,468	1,256	1,287	1,289
Special Ops Forces	101	99	98	103	100	94	89	98	105	117
ISR/BM/C3	134	132	134	137	266	292	320	362	381	413
Tanker	325	301	285	278	277	262	260	263	247	246
Transport	530	516	525	529	454	449	452	458	429	425
Helicopter	129	160	169	160	160	170	159	160	151	170
Trainer	1,308	1,277	1,267	1,284	1,111	1,074	1,114	1,000	1,190	1,213
Total Active Duty	4,328	4,284	4,273	4,282	4,093	3,990	4,016	3,747	3,934	4,017
Type of Aircraft—ANG										
Bomber	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fighter/Attack	777	771	764	765	746	687	664	614	639	635
Special Ops Forces	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
ISR/BM/C3	7	24	26	29	28	45	45	80	80	87
Tanker	236	243	252	260	235	215	182	179	189	189
Transport	271	266	249	245	258	244	241	240	242	232
Helicopter	17	18	18	18	18	18	17	17	17	17
Total ANG	1,312	1,326	1,313	1,321	1,289	1,213	1,153	1,134	1,171	1,164
Type of Aircraft—AFRC										
Bomber	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	18	18
Fighter/Attack	121	120	120	120	104	103	108	97	100	101
Special Ops Forces	14	14	14	14	14	14	14	10	10	5
ISR/BM/C3	20	20	20	17	17	11	11	14	12	11
Tanker	76	81	89	89	85	69	69	69	72	72
Transport	175	149	133	146	152	149	149	149	152	148
Helicopter	18	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Total AFRC	433	408	400	410	396	370	375	363	379	370
Total Force	6,073	6,018	5,986	6,013	5,778	5,573	5,544	5,244	5,484	5,551

ICBMs and Spacecraft in Service Over Time

(As of Sept. 30, 2012)

Type of System	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12
Minuteman III	500	500	500	450	450	450	450	450	450	450
Peacekeeper	23	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total ICBMs	523	506	500	450						
AEHF								1	1	2
DMSP	4	4	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	4
DSCS	10	11	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	8
DSP (classified)										
GPS	28	30	29	30	30	30	30	36	34	30
Milstar	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
SBIRS							2*	2*	3*	3*
SBSS								1	1	1
WGS							2	3	3	3
Total Satellites	47	50	47	48	50	50	54	62	61	56

AEHF: Advanced Extremely High Frequency; DMSP: Defense Meteorological Satellite Program; DSCS: Defense Satellite Communications System; DSP: Defense Support Program; GPS: Global Positioning System; SBIRS: Space Based Infrared System; SBSS: Space Based Surveillance System; WGS: Wideband Global SATCOM

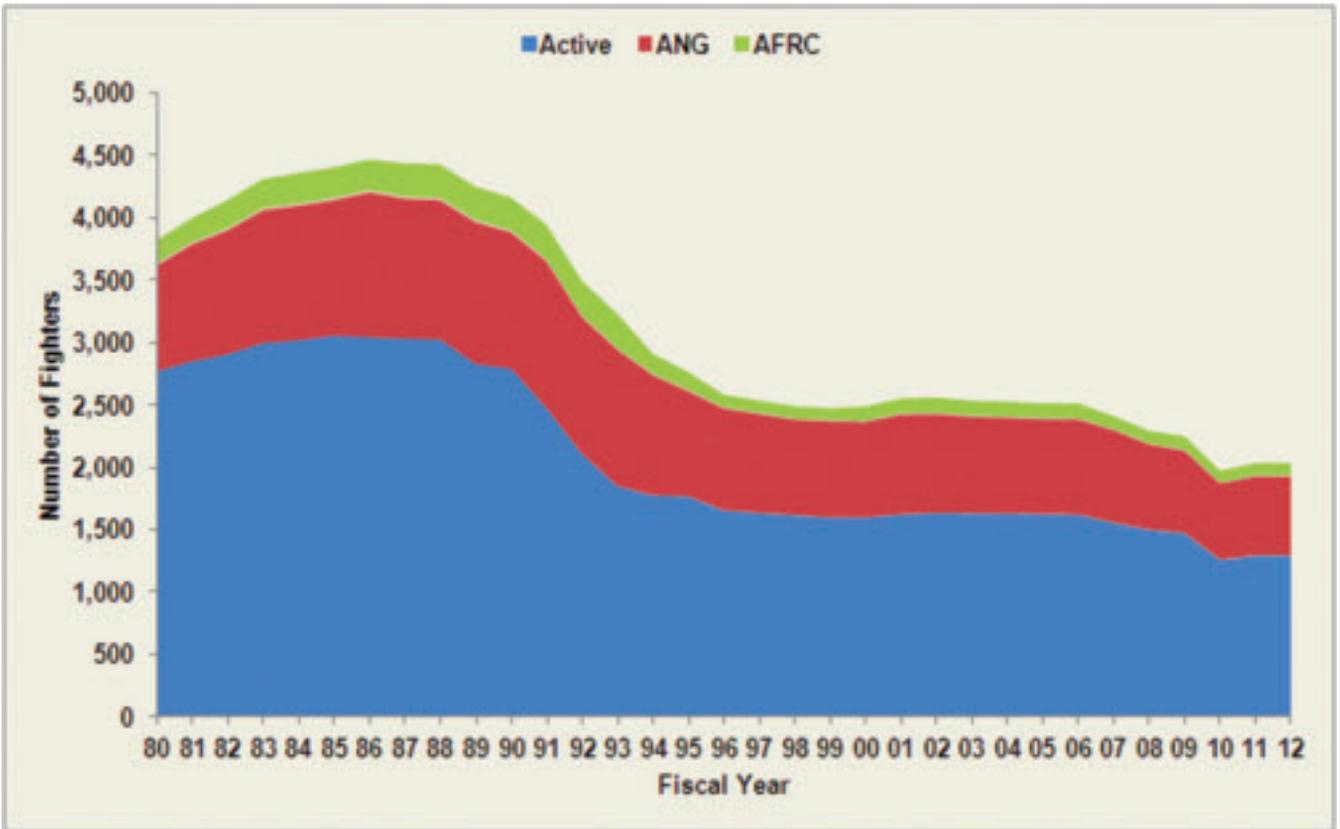
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Tactical Aircraft Flying Hours per Crew per Month

(As of Sept. 30, 2012)

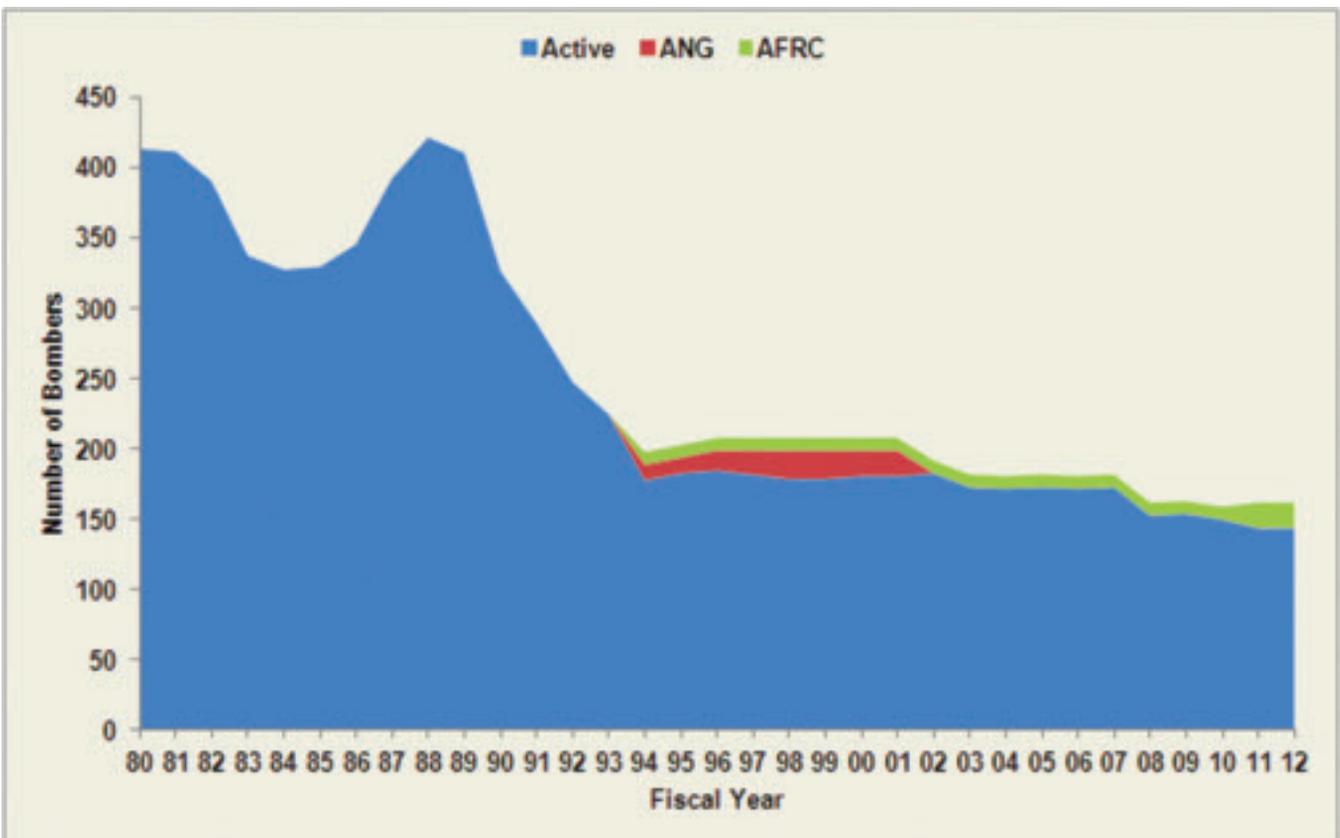
	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12
Active Duty	17.1	16.9	15.3	16.0	15.9	14.4	17.0	19.4	17.7	13.5
ANG	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.6	10.0	9.0	9.0	8.5	7.8	7.1
AFRC	16.1	10.9	11.6	17.5	12.5	14.4	14.1	14.9	16.5	15.8

Fighters Over Time



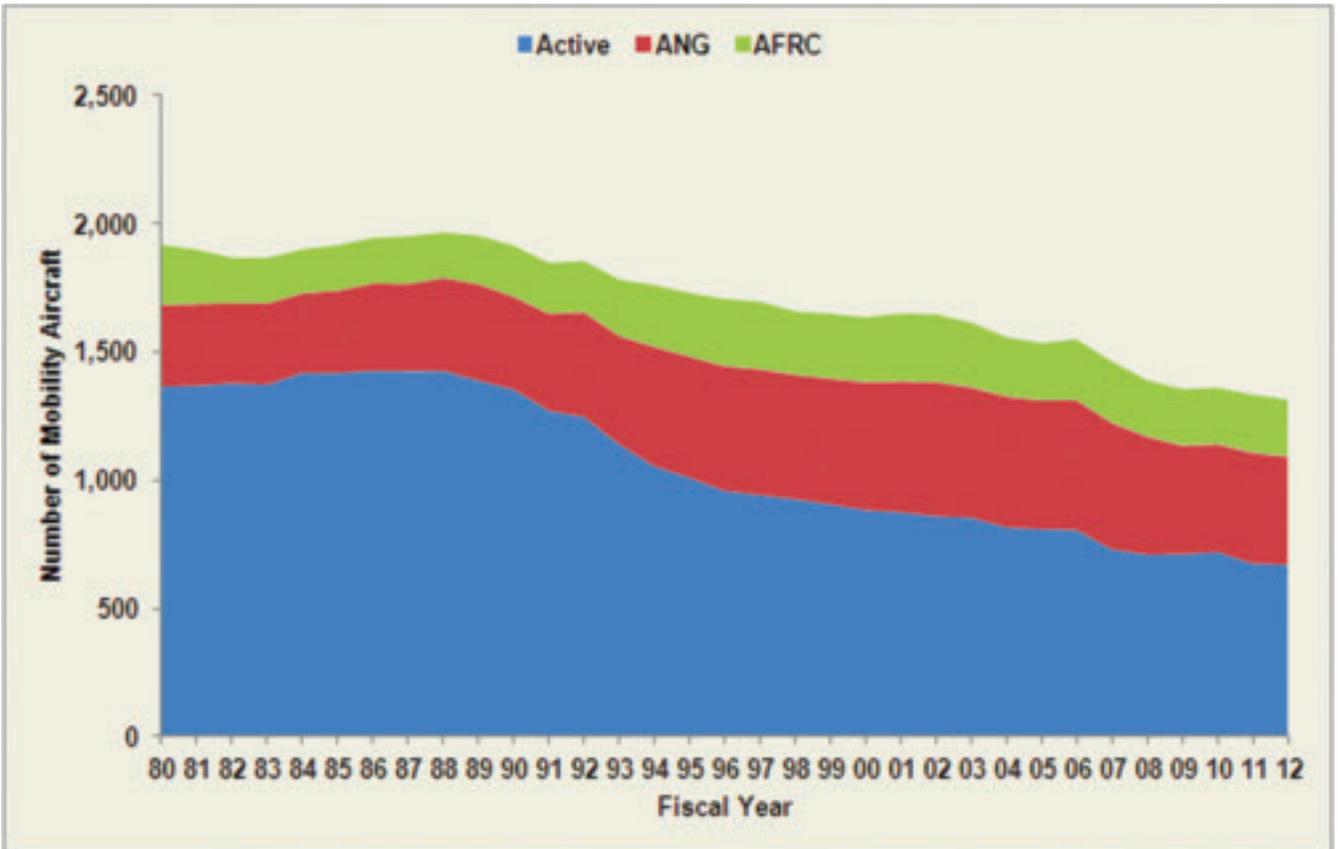
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Bombers Over Time



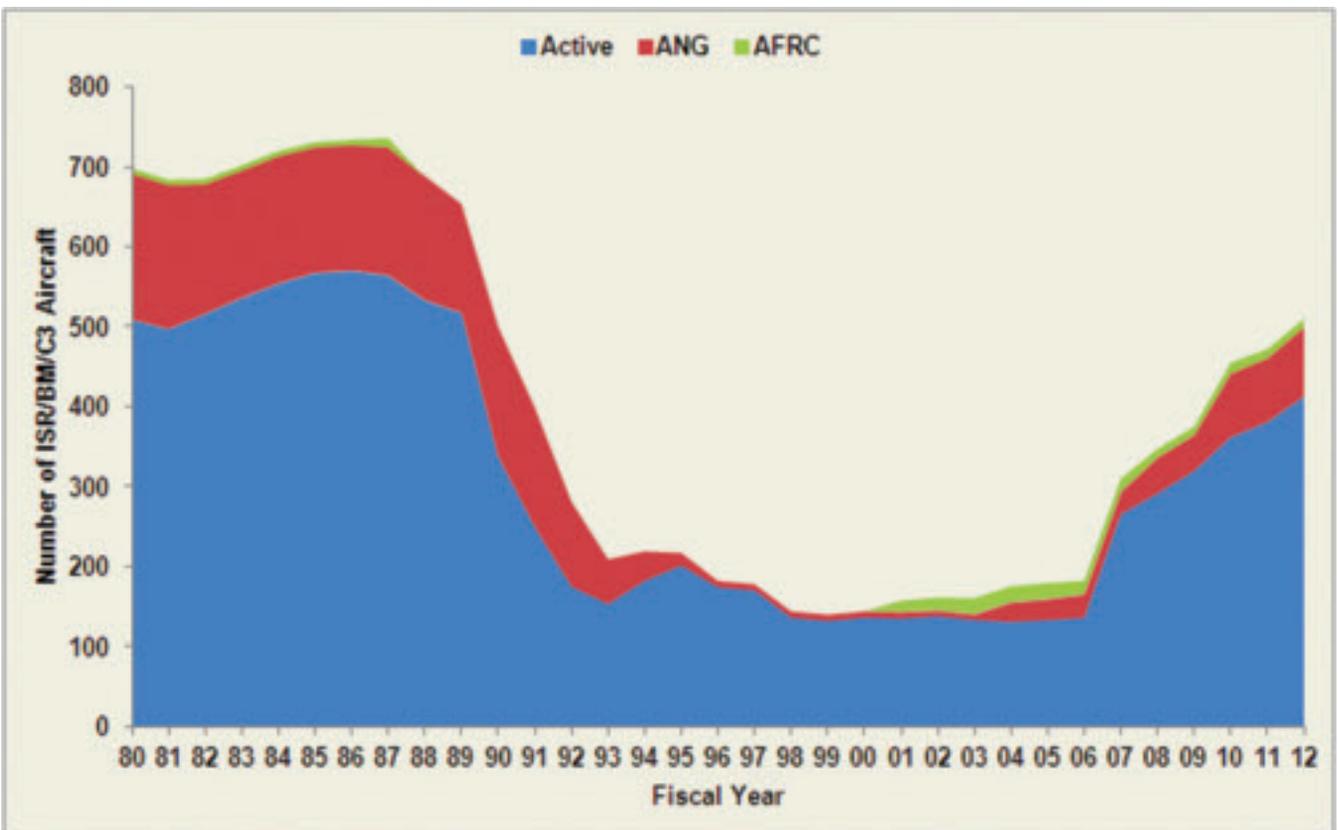
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Mobility Aircraft Over Time



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ISR/BM/C3 Aircraft Over Time



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Total Force Aircraft Age

(As of Sept. 30, 2012)

	Total Force TAI	Average Age		Total Force TAI	Average Age
Bomber			Tanker		
B-1B Lancer	66	25.1	HC-130J Combat King II	2	2.1
B-2A Spirit	20	18.2	HC-130N King	9	26.7
B-52H Stratofortress	76	50.8	HC-130P King	22	46.0
Total	162	36.3	KC-10 Extender	59	27.7
Fighter/Attack			KC-135R Stratotanker	361	50.9
A-10C Thunderbolt II	346	31.3	KC-135T Stratotanker	54	52.6
F-15C Eagle	214	28.4	Total	507	34.3
F-15D Eagle	35	29.0	Transport		
F-15E Strike Eagle	219	20.5	C-5A Galaxy	35	41.1
F-16C Fighting Falcon	852	21.9	C-5B Galaxy	34	24.6
F-16D Fighting Falcon	161	22.4	C-5C Galaxy	2	42.3
F-22A Raptor	187	5.0	C-5M Super Galaxy	8	27.6
F-35A Lightning II	11	0.9	C-12C Huron	16	36.2
Total	2,025	22.5	C-12D Huron	6	28.4
Special Ops Forces			C-12F Huron	2	28.3
AC-130H Spectre	8	43.0	C-12J Huron	4	24.7
AC-130U Spooky	17	21.7	C-17 Globemaster III	217	9.3
AC-130W Stinger II	12	23.3	C-20B	5	25.4
CV-22 Osprey	28	2.9	C-20C	3	25.4
MC-130E Combat Talon I	5	47.5	C-20H	2	17.5
MC-130H Combat Talon II	20	24.2	C-20K	1	24.3
MC-130J Commando II	10	0.8	C-21	47	27.6
MC-130P Combat Shadow	26	44.6	C-27J Spartan	12	2.0
Total	126	26.0	C-32A	4	14.0
ISR/BM/C3			C-32B	2	9.3
E-3B Sentry (AWACS)	22	34.2	C-37A	8	11.9
E-3C Sentry (AWACS)	8	29.6	C-37B	3	2.6
E-3G Sentry (AWACS)	2	30.5	C-38A	2	14.5
E-4 NAOC	4	38.3	C-40B	4	8.7
E-8C JSTARS	17	12.0	C-40C	7	6.4
E-9A (Range Control)	2	20.0	C-130E Hercules	13	48.8
E-11A (BACN)	3	0.9	C-130H Hercules	265	25.1
EC-130H Compass Call	14	39.3	C-130J Hercules	91	5.2
EC-130J Commando Solo	7	12.2	LC-130H Hercules	10	27.1
MC-12W	42	4.2	VC-25 "Air Force One"	2	22.0
MQ-1 Predator	165	5.5	Total	805	21.5
MQ-9 Reaper	104	2.6	Helicopter		
NC-135W (test bed)	1	50.5	HH-60G Pave Hawk	99	22.3
OC-135 Open Skies	2	50.4	HH-60U Pave Hawk	4	1.2
RC-26B Condor	11	18.4	TH-1H Iroquois	24	36.8
RC-135S Cobra Ball	3	50.5	UH-1H Iroquois	10	40.2
RC-135U Combat Sent	2	47.7	UH-1N Iroquois	63	39.8
RC-135V Rivet Joint	8	47.9	UH-1V Iroquois	2	40.3
RC-135W Rivet Joint	9	50.2	Total	202	30.1
RQ-4B Global Hawk	27	2.4	Trainer		
TC-130H (C2 trainer)	1	46.9	T-1 Jayhawk	178	17.9
TC-135W (C2 trainer)	3	50.3	T-6 Texan II	445	7.0
TE-8A JSTARS	1	21.7	T-38A Talon	54	45.9
TU-2 (trainer)	5	28.4	(A)T-38B Talon	6	49.1
U-2 Dragon Lady	27	29.7	T-38C Talon	448	45.2
WC-130H Hercules	9	46.7	T-41 Mescalero	4	43.1
WC-130J Hercules (Hurricane Hunter)	10	11.4	T-51	3	7.2
WC-135C Constant Phoenix	1	48.3	T-53	25	0.6
WC-135W Constant Phoenix	1	50.4	UV-18 Twin Otter	3	28.5
Total	511	30.4	Gliders	47	8.3
			Total	1,213	25.3
			Grand Total		
			5,551	24.4	

A pair of F-16s show the tail markings for the 56th Fighter Wing, Luke AFB, Ariz.



Photo by Jim Haselbine

USAF Aircraft Tail Markings

Code	Unit and Location	Code	Unit and Location
AC	177th FW (ANG), Atlantic City Arpt., N.J.	LF	56th FW (ACC), Luke AFB, Ariz.
AF	USAF Academy, Colo.	LI	106th RQW (ANG), F. S. Gabreski Arpt., N.Y.
AK	3rd Wing (PACAF), JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska 354th FW (PACAF), Eielson AFB, Alaska 176th Wing (ANG), JB Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska	LN	48th FW (USAFE-AFAFRICA), RAF Lakenheath, UK
AL	187th FW (ANG), Montgomery Regional Arpt., Ala.	MA	104th FW (ANG), Barnes Arpt., Mass.
AP	12th FTW (AETC), NAS Pensacola, Fla.	MD	175th Wing (ANG), Martin State Arpt., Md.
AV	31st FW (USAFE-AFAFRICA), Aviano AB, Italy	MI	127th Wing (ANG), Selfridge ANGB, Mich.
AZ	162nd FW (ANG), Tucson Arpt., Ariz.	MM	341st MW (AFGSC), Malmstrom AFB, Mont.
BB	9th RW (ACC), Beale AFB, Calif. Det. 2, 53rd Wing (ACC), Beale AFB, Calif.	MN	133rd AW (ANG), Minn.-St. Paul Arpt./ARS 148th FW (ANG), Duluth Arpt., Minn.
BD	917th FG (AFRC), Barksdale AFB, La.	MO	366th FW (ACC), Mountain Home AFB, Idaho
CA	129th RQW (ANG), Moffett Field, Calif. 144th FW (ANG), Fresno Yosemite Arpt., Calif. 163rd RW (ANG), March ARB, Calif.	MT	5th BW (AFGSC), Minot AFB, N.D. 91st MW (AFGSC), Minot AFB, N.D.
CB	14th FTW (AETC), Columbus AFB, Miss.	NY	174th ATKW (ANG), Hancock Fld., N.Y.
CH	432nd Wing (ACC), Creech AFB, Nev.	OF	55th Wing (ACC), Offutt AFB, Neb.
CO	140th Wing (ANG), Buckley AFB, Colo.	OH	179th AW (ANG), Mansfield Lahm Arpt., Ohio 180th FW (ANG), Toledo Express Arpt., Ohio
CT	103rd AW (ANG), Bradley Arpt., Conn.	OK	137th ARW (ANG), Will Rogers World Arpt., Okla. 138th FW (ANG), Tulsa Arpt., Okla. 552nd ACW (ACC), Tinker AFB, Okla.
D	100th ARW (USAFE-AFAFRICA), RAF Mildenhall, UK	OS	51st FW (PACAF), Osan AB, South Korea
DC	113th Wing (ANG), JB Andrews, Md.	OT	31st TES (ACC), Edwards AFB, Calif. 49th TES (ACC), Barksdale AFB, La. 53rd Wing (ACC), Eglin AFB, Fla. 88th TES (ACC), Nellis AFB, Nev. 337th TES (ACC), Dyess AFB, Tex. 422nd TES (ACC), Nellis AFB, Nev. 556th TES (ACC), Creech AFB, Nev. Det. 4, 53rd Wing (ACC), Creech AFB, Nev.
DM	355th FW (ACC), Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.	RA	12th FTW (AETC), JB SA-Randolph AFB, Tex.
DR	943rd RQG (AFRC), Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz.	RS	86th AW (USAFE-AFAFRICA), Ramstein AB, Germany
DY	7th BW (ACC), Dyess AFB, Tex.	SA	149th FW (ANG), JB SA-Lackland AFB, Tex.
ED	412th TW (AFMC), Edwards AFB, Calif.	SC	169th FW (ANG), McEntire JNGB, S.C.
EG	33rd FW (AETC), Eglin AFB, Fla.	SD	114th FW (ANG), Joe Foss Fld., S.D.
EL	28th BW (ACC), Ellsworth AFB, S.D.	SJ	4th FW (ACC), Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C.
EN	80th FTW (AETC), Sheppard AFB, Tex.	SP	52nd FW (USAFE-AFAFRICA), Spangdahlem AB, Germany
ET	96th TW (AFMC), Eglin AFB, Fla.	SW	20th FW (ACC), Shaw AFB, S.C.
FC	336th TRG (AETC), Fairchild AFB, Wash.	TD	53rd WEG (ACC), Tyndall AFB, Fla.
FE	90th MW (AFGSC), F. E. Warren AFB, Wyo.	TX	147th RW (ANG), Ellington Fld., Tex. 301st FW (AFRC), NAS JRB Fort Worth, Tex.
FF	1st FW (ACC), JB Langley-Eustis, Va. 192nd FW (ANG), JB Langley-Eustis, Va.	TY	325th FW (AETC), Tyndall AFB, Fla.
FL	920th RQW (AFRC), Patrick AFB, Fla.	VN	71st FTW (AETC), Vance AFB, Okla.
FM	482nd FW (AFRC), Homestead ARB, Fla.	WA	57th Wing (ACC), Nellis AFB, Nev.
FS	188th FW (ANG), Fort Smith Arpt., Ark.	WI	115th FW (ANG), Truax Fld., Wis.
FT	23rd Wing (ACC), Moody AFB, Ga.	WM	72nd TES (ACC), Whiteman AFB, Mo. 509th BW (AFGSC), Whiteman AFB, Mo.
GA	116th ACW (ANG), Robins AFB, Ga. 165th AW (ANG), Savannah Hilton Head Arpt., Ga.	WP	8th FW (PACAF), Kunsan AB, South Korea
HD	Det. 1, 53rd Wing (ACC), Holloman AFB, N.M.	WV	130th AW (ANG), Yeager Arpt., W.Va.
HH	15th Wing (PACAF), JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii 154th Wing (ANG), JB Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii	WW	35th FW (PACAF), Misawa AB, Japan
HL	388th FW (ACC), Hill AFB, Utah 419th FW (AFRC), Hill AFB, Utah	XL	47th FTW (AETC), Laughlin AFB, Tex.
HO	49th Wing (ACC), Holloman AFB, N.M.	YJ	374th AW (PACAF), Yokota AB, Japan
IA	132nd FW (ANG), Des Moines Arpt., Iowa	ZZ	18th Wing (PACAF), Kadena AB, Japan
ID	124th FW (ANG), Boise Air Terminal, Idaho		
IN	122nd FW (ANG), Fort Wayne, Ind.		
JZ	159th FW (ANG), NAS JRB New Orleans		
KC	442nd FW (AFRC), Whiteman AFB, Mo.		
LA	2nd BW (AFGSC), Barksdale AFB, La.		

USAF Grades and Insignia

Officer



Second Lieutenant
(O-1)



Brigadier General
(O-7)



First Lieutenant
(O-2)



Major General
(O-8)



Captain
(O-3)



Lieutenant General
(O-9)



Major
(O-4)



General
(O-10)



Lieutenant Colonel
(O-5)



Colonel
(O-6)

Enlisted



Master Sergeant
(E-7)

Airman Basic
(E-1)
No insignia



Airman
(E-2)



Senior Master Sergeant
(E-8)



Airman First Class
(E-3)



Senior Airman
(E-4)



Chief Master Sergeant
(E-9)



Staff Sergeant
(E-5)



Chief Master Sergeant of
the Air Force



Technical Sergeant
(E-6)



First Sergeant
The diamond device, shown here on senior master sergeant stripes, denotes an E-7 through E-9 who advises and assists a squadron commander in managing unit activities.



Command Chief Master Sergeant
The star device shown here denotes an E-9 who serves in a 9E000 position, formerly known as a senior enlisted advisor.

Awards and Decorations

Shown in order of precedence.



Medal of Honor (AF)



Air Force Cross



Defense Distinguished Service Medal



Distinguished Service Medal (AF)



Silver Star



Defense Superior Service Medal



Legion of Merit



Distinguished Flying Cross



Airman's Medal



Bronze Star Medal



Purple Heart



Defense Meritorious Service Medal



Meritorious Service Medal (AF)



Air Medal



Aerial Achievement Medal



Joint Service Commendation Medal



Air Force Commendation Medal



Joint Service Achievement Medal



Air Force Achievement Medal



Air Force Combat Action Medal



Presidential Unit Citation (AF)



Joint Meritorious Unit Award



Gallant Unit Citation



Air Force Meritorious Unit Award



Air Force Outstanding Unit Award



Air Force Organizational Excellence Award



Prisoner of War Medal



Combat Readiness Medal



Air Force Good Conduct Medal



Good Conduct Medal



Air Reserve Forces Meritorious Service Medal



Outstanding Airman of the Year Ribbon



Air Force Recognition Ribbon



American Defense Service Medal



American Campaign Medal



Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal



European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal



World War II Victory Medal



Army of Occupation Medal



Medal for Humane Action



National Defense Service Medal



Korean Service Medal



Antarctica Service Medal



Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal



Vietnam Service Medal



Southwest Asia Service Medal



Kosovo Campaign Medal



Afghanistan Campaign Medal



Iraq Campaign Medal



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal



Global War on Terrorism Service Medal



Korean Defense Service Medal



Armed Forces Service Medal



Humanitarian Service Medal



Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal



Air & Space Campaign Medal



Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Short



Air Force Overseas Ribbon-Long



Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon



Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon



USAF Basic Military Training Instructor Ribbon



Air Force Recruiter Ribbon



Armed Forces Reserve Medal



USAF NCO PME Graduate Ribbon



USAF Basic Military Training Honor Graduate Ribbon



Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon



Air Force Training Ribbon



Philippine Defense Ribbon



Philippine Liberation Ribbon



Philippine Independence Ribbon

Awards and Decorations Continued



Philippine Presidential Unit Citation



ROK Presidential Unit Citation



RVN Gallantry Cross with Palm



United Nations Service Medal



United Nations Medal



NATO Meritorious Service Medal



NATO Medal for Yugoslavia



NATO Medal for Kosovo



Article 5 NATO Medal-Eagle Assist



Article 5 NATO Medal-Active Endeavor



Non-Article 5 NATO Medal-Balkans



Non-Article 5 NATO Medal-ISAF



Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal



Kuwait Liberation Medal, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia



Kuwait Liberation Medal, Government of Kuwait



Republic of Korea Korean War Service Medal

Devices



Bronze Star

For number of campaigns or operations, multiple qualifications, or an additional award of an authorized ribbon.



Silver and Bronze Stars

When worn together on a single ribbon, silver stars are worn to wearer's right of a bronze star.



Mobility Device

Worn with the Armed Forces Reserve Medal to denote Active Duty status for at least one day during a contingency; here with number of mobilizations.



A Device

Worn on Overseas Ribbon-Short for service north of Arctic Circle; one per ribbon; worn to the wearer's right of OLCs.



Silver Star

One silver star is worn in lieu of five bronze service stars.



Silver and Bronze OLCs

Silver OLCs are worn to the wearer's right of the bronze OLCs on the same ribbon.



Hourglass Device

Issued for the Armed Forces Reserve Medal in bronze for 10 years of service, silver for 20, and gold for 30.



Arrowhead Device

Shows participation in assigned tactical combat parachute, glider, or amphibious assault landing; worn on campaign medals, Korean Service Medal, and Armed Forces and GWOT Expeditionary medals.



Silver Oak Leaf Cluster

For sixth, 11th, etc., entitlements or in lieu of five bronze OLCs.



Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster

For second and subsequent awards.



Valor Device

For valor; not an additional award; only one per ribbon; worn to the wearer's right of OLCs on the same ribbon.



Plane Device

Worn on Army of Occupation Medal for 90 consecutive days in direct support of the Berlin Airlift, June 26, 1948, to Sept. 30, 1949.



"Wintered Over" Device

Worn on Antarctica Service Medal to denote staying on the Antarctic continent over the winter—bronze for one; gold, two; silver, three.

USAF Specialty Berets

Airmen in seven USAF specialties are authorized to wear a colored beret along with the insignia of that particular field.



Combat Controller/Special Tactics Officer



Pararescue Jumper/Combat Rescue Officer



Security Forces



Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape



Tactical Air Command and Control
(Tactical Air Control Party crest)



Air Liaison Officer
(TACP flash and rank)



Weather Parachutist