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Region	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
World total (excluding Iraq)	1493	1470	1411	• •	1163	1121	1087	1038	1014	1025
World total (including Iraq)										
Africa	16.4	16.6	16.7	14.6	13.6	16.8	15.5	13.8	13.0	14.1
North Africa	3.6	3.7	3.7	3.8	4.2	4.4	4.8	4.6	4.8	5.2
Sub-Saharan Africa	12.8	12.9	13.0	10.8	9.4	12.4	10.7	9.2	8.2	8.9
Americas	666	659	625	550	577	553	528	502	477	472
Central America & the Caribbean	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.7	4.1	4.2	4.8	4.1	4.2	4.3
North America	625	618	591	520	549	521	492	463	437	434
South America	37.7	36.2	30.0	26.5	24.2	28.8	31.5	35.1	35.0	33.2
Asia and Oceania	134	141	148	150	158	161	162	167	171	177
Central & South Asia	25.3	26.3	26.4	25.6	25.8	28.3	28.3	29.7	30.0	32.0
East Asia	80.3	85.0	89.8	92.9	99.4	100	99.0	101	104	107
South-East Asia	13.8	15.0	16.5	16.8	17.2	17.5	18.9	20.4	21.3	22.6
Oceania	14.9	14.9	15.1	15.1	15.4	15.9	16.1	15.6	15.5	15.7
Europe	603	585	529	• •	332	310	304	281	279	281
Central Europe	39.7	42.1	24.7	17.8	20.9	16.7	17.3	17.8	17.5	18.1
Eastern Europe	290	269	228		49.7	43.6	42.3	28.4	26.8	29.5
Western Europe	273	274	277	272	262	250	244	235	235	234
Middle East (excluding Iraq)	73.5	68.2	92.4	103	83.0	79.6	76.8	73.1	73.9	80.9
Middle East (including Iraq)										

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Region	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
World total (excluding Iraq)	1014	1038	1074	1097	1169	1250	1329	1386	1431	1488	1573
World total (including Iraq)							1331	1389	1433	1491	1577
Africa	14.5	23.1	19.9	19.3	21.6	20.7	24.6	25.3	27.5	29.3	34.5
North Africa	5.5	5.1	5.1	6.3	6.5	6.9	7.7	7.9	7.8	8.4	10.1
Sub-Saharan Africa	9.0	18.0	14.8	13.0	15.0	13.7	16.9	17.3	19.7	20.9	24.4
Americas	465	467	483	491	543	607	659	692	705	727	780
Central America & the Caribbean	4.3	4.5	4.6	4.8	4.5	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.9	5.4	5.5
North America	425	427	442	446	499	567	617	647	657	675	725
South America	35.4	35.5	36.2	39.8	39.4	35.9	37.7	40.9	43.1	45.9	49.2
Asia and Oceania	178	188	192	204	215	224	238	250	265	283	300
Central & South Asia	33.0	36.9	38.4	39.6	39.8	40.9	46.4	49.1	49.8	51.1	56.0
East Asia	108	114	118	127	136	141	149	158	169	181	192
South-East Asia	20.1	19.7	19.5	19.7	21.0	23.2	23.3	23.8	25.0	28.6	29.4
Oceania	16.4	17.1	17.0	17.6	18.1	18.5	19.1	19.7	20.9	22.1	22.7
Europe	271	276	285	288	295	301	305	309	314	322	331
Central Europe	17.3	16.8	16.9	17.5	18.1	18.5	18.5	19.4	19.8	21.0	20.1
Eastern Europe	18.1	19.9	26.5	28.3	31.2	33.0	34.6	39.7	44.6	49.3	53.9
Western Europe	235	240	242	242	245	250	252	250	249	252	257
Middle East (excluding Iraq)	86.2	84.5	92.9	95.4	94.5	96.8	103	110	120	127	127
Middle East (including Iraq)							105	113	122	130	131

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Region	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2018 (current prices)
World total (excluding Iraq)	1685	1718	1723	1711	1683	1680	1706	1709	1727	1774	1816
World total (including Iraq)	1689	1722	1728	1715	1691	1687	1715	1715	1735	1780	1822
Africa	35.9	37.6	40.6	41.5	45.7	46.9	43.8	42.9	42.7	39.2	40.6
North Africa	11.5	12.7	15.8	17.1	19.9	20.8	21.2	21.4	21.1	19.9	22.2
Sub-Saharan Africa	24.4	25.0	24.8	24.3	25.8	26.1	22.5	21.5	21.7	19.3	18.4
Americas	840	864	854	811	755	714	701	694	693	723	735
Central America & the Caribbean	6.1	6.5	6.8	7.4	7.8	8.5	8.9	8.2	7.7	8.4	8.6
North America	783	802	793	748	689	647	635	631	627	655	670
South America	51.5	55.1	54.4	55.9	58.3	58.4	57.5	54.6	57.9	59.7	55.6
Asia and Oceania	338	346	360	374	393	415	438	460	478	494	507
Central & South Asia	64.3	65.2	66.4	66.8	67.0	70.5	72.3	78.0	83.7	87.2	85.9
East Asia	218	225	237	250	266	283	298	310	323	336	350
South-East Asia	30.8	31.2	32.2	33.5	36.9	36.6	40.2	41.6	41.3	41.0	41.9
Oceania	24.4	24.7	24.3	23.5	23.3	25.1	27.5	30.0	30.1	29.2	29.1
Europe	337	331	326	329	324	327	338	350	343	348	364
Central Europe	19.4	18.7	18.2	18.0	17.8	18.8	21.3	21.6	23.4	26.1	24.1
Eastern Europe	55.5	56.4	60.6	70	73	78.5	84.6	89.3	73.1	71.9	72.9
Western Europe	263	256	247	241	233	230	232	240	246	250	245
Middle East (excluding Iraq)	133	139	142	155	166	178					
Middle East (including Iraq)	137	143	147	159	174	185					

Notes regarding estimates and regional coverage

- 1) The temporal coverage varies by region, based on data availability. A meaningful world total is not possible before 1988 due to the lack of data for the USSR.
- 2) All world totals and most regional totals include estimates for at least one country.
- 3) The estimates exclude certain countries due either to data being missing for too many years to make meaningful estimates, or to an absence of economic data to enable conversion to constant (2017) US\$. These are shown in the column to the right of the data for each region
- 4) The set of countries excluded from the totals for Africa has changed compared to the previous SIPRI data release in April 2016. Therefore, the estimates for World, Africa and Sub-Saharan Africa have changed.
- 5) Two series of World and Middle East totals are presented. The first, longer series from 1980 (Middle East) or 1988 (World) excludes figures for Iraq, while the second, from 2004-2018, includes figures for Iraq. This is because there is insufficient military spending and/or economic data to make meaningful estimates for Iraq for the whole period 1980-2018. In particular, SIPRI's normal approach to estimating missing data for regional totals would not be viable given the extreme changes in Iraq resulting from the Iran-Iraq war, ending in 1998, the Gulf War in 1990-91, and the sanctions regime in the 1990s. However, from 2004-2018, data for Iraq is available, so the shorter series includes this data.

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