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Region	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
World total (excluding Iraq)	1538	1516	1460	• •	1217	1170	1135	1080	1055	1066	1054
World total (including Iraq)											
Africa	16.3	16.5	16.4	14.5	13.6	16.1	15.1	13.7	13.1	14.1	14.4
North Africa	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2	4.7	4.9	5.2	5.0	5.2	5.6	6.0
Sub-Saharan Africa	12.3	12.3	12.3	10.3	8.9	11.2	9.9	8.7	7.9	8.5	8.5
Americas	712	705	673	595	623	596	570	538	511	505	497
Central America & the Caribbean	4.0	4.1	3.8	3.6	3.9	4.0	4.6	4.0	4.1	4.1	4.2
North America	675	669	642	568	598	566	538	502	475	471	461
South America	33.1	31.4	26.6	23.1	21.2	25.4	28.1	31.6	32.0	29.8	32.0
Asia and Oceania	136	143	150	153	160	164	165	170	174	180	181
Central Asia					0.5	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
East Asia	82.9	87.8	92.8	96.0	102.8	103	102.3	105	108	111	112
Oceania	14.8	14.8	15.0	15.0	15.3	15.7	16.0	15.5	15.4	15.6	16.2
South Asia	24.7	25.7	25.8	25.0	24.7	27.1	27.3	28.7	29.0	30.9	32.0
South-East Asia	13.9	14.9	16.4	16.9	17.2	17.4	18.9	20.4	21.2	22.6	20.2
Europe	599	582	528		338	315	308	286	284	286	276
Central Europe	42.1	44.8	26.9	19.3	22.7	18.1	18.7	19.3	19.0	19.6	18.8
Eastern Europe	277	257	218		47.6	41.8	40.3	27.0	25.4	28.0	17.0
Western Europe	279	280	283	278	267	255	249	240	240	238	240
Middle East (excluding Iraq)	74.5	68.6	92.9	103	83.1	79.1	76.5	72.6	73.1	80.4	85.7
Middle East (including Iraq)											

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World total (excluding Iraq)	1077	1114	1139	1215	1301	1384	1443	1486	1548	1637	1753
World total (including Iraq)						1386	1446	1488	1551	1641	1757
Africa	21.0	18.3	18.7	20.9	20.1	22.6	23.5	25.5	26.8	31.5	33.2
North Africa	5.4	5.4	6.7	7.0	7.5	8.4	8.6	8.5	9.0	11.0	12.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	15.6	12.8	12.0	13.9	12.7	14.2	14.9	17.0	17.8	20.5	20.6
Americas	499	517	525	582	652	708	742	754	777	834	899
Central America & the Caribbean	4.3	4.4	4.6	4.4	4.3	4.0	4.1	4.0	5.0	5.1	5.9
North America	463	480	484	542	615	670	701	711	731	785	846
South America	32.2	32.6	35.9	35.9	32.8	34.3	36.8	38.6	41.1	44.5	47.4
Asia and Oceania	191	196	208	219	228	242	255	270	288	306	344
Central Asia	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.9	1.3	1.2	1.2
East Asia	118	122	132	141	146	154	164	176	188	200	227
Oceania	16.9	16.9	17.4	18.0	18.3	19.0	19.5	20.7	21.9	22.5	24.2
South Asia	35.9	37.3	38.5	38.5	39.5	44.9	47.4	48.1	49.0	54.0	62.3
South-East Asia	19.8	19.4	19.8	21.2	23.3	23.3	23.8	24.6	28.0	28.6	29.7
Europe	281	290	293	300	306	310	313	318	327	336	342
Central Europe	18.2	18.3	18.9	19.6	20.0	19.9	20.9	21.3	22.6	21.7	20.9
Eastern Europe	18.7	24.9	26.8	29.7	31.4	33.0	37.6	42.4	46.8	51.2	52.7
Western Europe	244	247	247	250	254	257	255	254	257	263	268
Middle East (excluding Iraq)	83.8	92.6	95.5	93.0	94.9	101	110	119	128	129	135
Middle East (including Iraq)						103	112	121	132	133	139

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Region	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2019 (current prices)
World total (excluding Iraq)	1789	1794	1778	1748	1743	1766	1779	1800	1849	1914	1909
World total (including Iraq)	1793	1799	1783	1756	1750	1776	1785	1807	1855	1922	1917
Africa	35.5	39.2	40.4	45.1	46.4	44.3	43.3	42.5	41.0	41.6	41.2
North Africa	14.0	17.3	18.9	22.2	22.9	23.3	23.4	22.9	22.3	23.4	23.5
Sub-Saharan Africa	21.5	21.8	21.5	22.9	23.4	20.9	19.9	19.6	18.6	18.2	17.7
Americas	924	914	868	808	764	750	747	746	768	805	815
Central America & the Caribbean	5.7	6.1	6.5	6.9	7.2	7.0	7.7	7.2	7.9	8.5	8.7
North America	867	858	810	748	703	690	688	685	705	741	754
South America	50.8	50.1	51.3	53.4	54.0	53.4	51.0	53.9	55.2	55.3	52.8
Asia and Oceania	352	366	381	400	423	446	467	489	507	531	523
Central Asia	1.3	1.4	1.6	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.8	2.1	2.2
East Asia	234	246	260	276	294	310	323	337	354	370	363
Oceania	24.5	24.1	23.3	23.1	25.0	27.3	29.8	29.9	29.5	30.6	29.0
South Asia	63.1	64.1	64.3	64.2	67.8	69.0	74.9	80.7	83.8	89.1	88.1
South-East Asia	29.7	30.4	31.3	34.4	34.1	37.2	37.9	39.6	38.0	39.7	40.5
Europe	336	330	331	326	328	337	351	342	348	365	356
Central Europe	20.2	19.7	19.3	19.1	20.4	23.1	23.4	25.2	28.5	32.6	31.5
Eastern Europe	53.6	57.6	66	69	74.8	80.9	85.5	70.2	68.9	72.3	74.0
Western Europe	262	252	246	238	233	233	243	247	251	261	251
Middle East (excluding Iraq)	141	144	157	168	181						
Middle East (including Iraq)	146	149	161	176	188						

- 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 (2018) 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 2004-2019, 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 1980-2019. 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 2004-2019, data for Iraq is available, so the shorter series includes this data.

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