

NATO's Forward Presence

NATO has enhanced its presence in the eastern part of the Alliance, with eight multinational battlegroups in Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. These battlegroups are multinational, and combat-ready, demonstrating the strength of the transatlantic bond. Their presence makes clear that an attack on one Ally will be considered an attack on the whole Alliance. NATO's battlegroups form part of the biggest reinforcement of NATO's collective defence in a generation.

The table below illustrates national contributions to the battlegroups. The personnel and force numbers are based on information provided by contributing nations and may include forces deployed in a support role. Numbers should be taken as indicative as they change regularly, in accordance with the deployment procedures of the contributing nations.



Battlegroup, operating in Kabile, Bulgaria		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Bulgaria	Up to 803	• 1 x Infantry mechanized battalion with enablers
United States	135	• 1 x Cavalry troop
Albania	30	• 1 x Infantry platoon
Approximate total troop number: 968		



Battlegroup led by the United Kingdom, operating with Estonian forces in Tapa, Estonia		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
United Kingdom	993	• 1 x Armoured infantry battalion with main battle tanks and armoured fighting vehicles • Supported by self-propelled artillery and air defence assets, engineers, an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance group and logistic support elements
Denmark	217	• 1 x Mechanised infantry company
France	219	• 1 x Light infantry company
Iceland	1	• Strategic communications specialist (civilian)
Approximate total troop number: 1430		



Battlegroup, operating in Tata, Hungary		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Hungary	710	• 1 x Infantry mechanized battalion with enablers
Croatia	60	• Contribution to battlegroup headquarters • Civil-Military Co-operation team • Medical team • Explosive Ordnance Disposal
United States	130	• Cavalry troop
Approximate total troop number: 900		



Battlegroup led by Canada, operating with Latvian forces in Ādaži, Latvia		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Canada	Up to 639	• 1 x Mechanised infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles • 1 x Artillery battery • 1 x Combat support company • 1 x Combat service support company Support elements • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters and Latvian National Armed Forces Mechanised Infantry Brigade
Albania	Up to 21	• Mobility explosive ordnance disposal engineers

Czech Republic	Up to 81	• 1 x Ponton bridge platoon
Iceland	1	• Strategic communications specialist (civilian)
Italy	Up to 250	• 1 x Infantry company (mountain troops) • 1 x Reconnaissance platoon • 1x Very Short Range Air Defence platoon • 1 x Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear defence team • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters • Support elements
North Macedonia	9	• 1 Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear unit
Montenegro	11	• 1 Chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear unit • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Poland	up to 177	• 1 x Tank company • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters • Support elements
Slovakia	Up to 152	• 1 x Artillery battery • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters • Support elements
Slovenia	42	• 1 x Fire support platoon • 1 x Tactical Air Control Party team • Support elements • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Spain	Up to 504	• 1 x Mechanised infantry company with tanks and armoured fighting vehicles • 1 x Combat engineers company • Logistic support elements • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters and Latvian National Armed Forces Mechanised Infantry Brigade
Approximate total troop number: 1887		



Battlegroup led by Germany, operating with Lithuanian forces in Rukla, Lithuania		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Germany	1031	• 1 x Armoured company, including 2 mechanized infantry platoons, 1 tank platoon and 1 engineer platoon • Combat service and combat service support element
Belgium	1	• Public Affairs Official
Czech Republic	Up to 135	• 1 x Ground Based Air Defence unit
Iceland	1	• 1 x Public Affairs Official
Luxembourg	6	• 1 x Transportation team
Netherlands	270	• 1 x Infantry company • Logistics support element
Norway	Up to 188	• 1 x Armoured infantry company with main battle tanks and infantry fighting vehicles • Combat service and combat service support element
Approximate total troop number: 1632		



Battlegroup led by the United States, operating with Polish forces in Orzysz (Bemowo Piskie), Poland		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
United States	780	• 1 x Striker battalion
Croatia	4	• 1 x Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Romania	up to 120	• 1 x Self-propelled air defence battery and support elements
United Kingdom	129	• Light reconnaissance squadron • Logistics support element
Approximate total troop number: 1033		



Battlegroup, operating in Cincu, Romania

Contributor	Troops	Forces
France	550	• 1 x Infantry battalion
Belgium	248	• Combined Arms Tactical Subgroup
Poland	230	• 1 x Mechanised company with enablers
United States	120	• Cavalry troop
Approximate total troop number: 1148		



Battlegroup, operating in Lest, Slovakia

Contributor	Troops	Forces
Czech Republic	133	• 1 x Contribution to Battlegroup Headquarters and commando company
Germany	284	• 1 x Ground Based Air Defense unit • 1 x Infantry company • Combat service support
Netherlands	125	• 1 x Ground Based Air Defense
Slovenia	101	• 1 x Light infantry company • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Approximate total troop number: 643		

Approximate total troop number for all battlegroups: 9641

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