

NATO's Enhanced Forward Presence

NATO has enhanced its presence in the eastern part of the Alliance, with four multinational battlegroups in Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Poland. These battlegroups, led by the United Kingdom, Canada, Germany and the United States respectively, 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 four 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 led by the United Kingdom, operating with Estonian forces in Tapa, Estonia		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
United Kingdom	754	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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	209	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Armoured infantry company Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Iceland	1	1 Strategic communications civilian
Approximate total troop number: 964		



Battlegroup led by Canada, operating with Latvian forces in Adazi, Latvia		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Canada	Up to 527	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Mechanised infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles 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 60	1 x Mortar platoon
Iceland	1	1 Strategic communications civilian
Italy	Up to 200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Heavy infantry company with tanks and armoured fighting vehicles 1 x Reconnaissance Platoon Contribution to battlegroup headquarters Support elements
Montenegro	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Fire support team Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Poland	Up to 175	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Tank company Contribution to battlegroup headquarters Support elements
Slovakia	Up to 152	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Mechanised infantry company Contribution to battlegroup headquarters Support elements

Slovenia	41	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Mortar platoon • 1 x Tactical Air Control Party team • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Spain	343	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Mechanised infantry company with tanks and armoured fighting vehicles • 1 x Combat engineers company • Logistic elements • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Approximate total troop number: 1525		



Battlegroup led by Germany, operating with Lithuanian forces in Rukla, Lithuania		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Germany	527	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Armoured company • 1 x Mechanised infantry platoon • Combat service, combat service support
Belgium	1	1 x Public affairs officer
Czech Republic	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Electronic warfare element • Support elements
France	275	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Mechanised infantry company • Armoured platoon with main battle tanks
Iceland	1	Public Affairs Civilian
Luxembourg	4	1 x Transportation team
Netherlands	270	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Mechanised infantry company • Logistics support element
Norway	120	1 x Armoured infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles
Approximate total troop number: 1233		



Battlegroup led by the United States, operating with Polish forces in Orzysz (Bemowo Piskie), Poland		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
United States	670	1 x Armoured cavalry squadron with combat service and support enablers
Croatia	Up to 80	Self-propelled rocket launcher battery
Romania	Up to 120	1 x Ground-based air defence battery and support elements
United Kingdom	140	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light reconnaissance squadron • Logistics support element
Approximate total troop number: 1010		

Approximate total troop number for all four battlegroups: 4732

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