
Country Rankings: 1996

As a statistical aid, the following tables show 167 countries of the world listed in descending order of their value for each of 4 absolute and relative arms transfer variables in 1996. The variable values are taken from Main Statistical Tables II, shown on this website under *WMEAT 1997*.

Users of these rankings should be aware that they are based on data whose accuracy is in many cases qualified as indicated by markings in Tables I and II signifying “not available,” “rough estimate,” or “estimate.” These tables and the Statistical Notes should be consulted in interpreting the rankings.

Entries marked “not available” (“NA”) are based on very rough estimates. While it is considered preferable to include countries with such data in the rankings rather than omit them, these estimates should be understood as having a wide range of error extending well beyond the level of neighboring countries in the rankings in most cases.

The variables, their abbreviations, and their data units are as follows:

Arms exports (AE).....	Millions of dollars
Arms imports (AI).....	Millions of dollars
Arms exports / total exports (AE/TE).....	Percent
Arms imports / total imports (AI/II).....	Percent

Country Rank in 1996, Arms Trade

Arms Exports (millions of dollars)					Arms Imports (millions of dollars)						
1	United States	23500	85	Djibouti	0	1	Saudi Arabia	9800	85	Congo (Kinshasa)	20
2	United Kingdom	6100	86	Dominican Republic	0	2	Japan	2400	86	Eritrea	20
3	Russia	3300	87	Ecuador	0	3	China-Taiwan	2000	87	Estonia	20
4	France	3200	88	El Salvador	0	4	Egypt	1800	88	Ireland	20
5	Sweden	1200	89	Equatorial Guinea	0	5	Kuwait	1700	89	Lithuania	20
6	Germany	825	90	Eritrea	0	6	China-Mainland	1500	90	Mauritius	20
7	Israel	675	91	Estonia	0	7	United Kingdom	1500	91	Paraguay	20
8	China-Mainland	600	92	Ethiopia	0	8	Turkey	1400	92	Romania	20
9	Canada	460	93	Fiji	0	9	Australia	1300	93	Slovenia	20
10	Netherlands	340	94	Gabon	0	10	Korea, South	1100	94	Barbados	10
11	Australia	280	95	Gambia, The	0	11	United States	1100	95	Cameroon	10
12	Belgium	270	96	Ghana	0	12	Israel	925	96	Costa Rica	10
13	Spain	220	97	Guatemala	0	13	Germany	900	97	Dominican Republic	10
14	Switzerland	190	98	Guinea	0	14	Finland	825	98	Ethiopia	10
15	South Africa	180	99	Guinea-Bissau	0	15	Indonesia	800	99	Gambia, The	10
16	Belarus	170	100	Guyana	0	16	United Arab Emirates	775	100	Ghana	10
17	Ukraine	150	101	Haiti	0	17	Netherlands	675	101	Iceland	10
18	Bulgaria	100	102	Honduras	0	18	Spain	675	102	Jamaica	10
19	Czech Republic	100	103	Iceland	0	19	Greece	625	103	Kenya	10
20	Iran	80	104	Iraq	0	20	Italy	575	104	Liberia	10
21	Italy	80	105	Ireland	0	21	Thailand	575	105	Libya	10
22	United Arab Emirates	80	106	Ivory Coast	0	22	Singapore	430	106	Mozambique	10
23	Uzbekistan	80	107	Jamaica	0	23	India	400	107	Nicaragua	10
24	New Zealand	60	108	Jordan	0	24	Oman	380	108	Nigeria	10
25	Korea, North	50	109	Kenya	0	25	Iran	350	109	Panama	10
26	Poland	50	110	Kuwait	0	26	Brazil	330	110	Tajikistan	10
27	Singapore	40	111	Kyrgyzstan	0	27	New Zealand	330	111	Tanzania	10
28	Austria	30	112	Laos	0	28	Sweden	310	112	Togo	10
29	Finland	30	113	Latvia	0	29	Belgium	290	113	Trinidad and Tobago	10
30	Egypt	20	114	Lebanon	0	30	Norway	290	114	Uruguay	10
31	Greece	20	115	Lesotho	0	31	Kazakhstan	280	115	Vietnam	10
32	Japan	20	116	Liberia	0	32	Slovakia	280	116	Azerbaijan	5
33	Korea, South	20	117	Libya	0	33	Switzerland	280	117	Burundi	5
34	Norway	20	118	Lithuania	0	34	Canada	260	118	Chad	5
35	Romania	20	119	Luxembourg	0	35	Chile	210	119	Guatemala	5
36	Serbia and Montenegro	20	120	Macedonia	0	36	Denmark	200	120	Latvia	5
37	China-Taiwan	10	121	Madagascar	0	37	France	200	121	Papua New Guinea	5
38	Denmark	10	122	Malawi	0	38	Malaysia	200	122	Qatar	5
39	Hungary	10	123	Mali	0	39	South Africa	190	123	Sierra Leone	5
40	Indonesia	10	124	Malta	0	40	Venezuela	190	124	Ukraine	5
41	Kazakstan	10	125	Mauritania	0	41	Philippines	180	125	Belarus	0
42	Mexico	10	126	Mauritius	0	42	Pakistan	170	126	Belize	0
43	Portugal	10	127	Mongolia	0	43	Peru	160	127	Benin	0
44	Slovakia	10	128	Morocco	0	44	Bulgaria	150	128	Bhutan	0
45	Slovenia	10	129	Mozambique	0	45	Cyprus	140	129	Burkina Faso	0
46	Turkey	10	130	Namibia	0	46	Austria	130	130	Cape Verde	0
47	Argentina	5	131	Nepal	0	47	Algeria	110	131	Central African Republic	0
48	Georgia	5	132	Nicaragua	0	48	Jordan	110	132	Congo (Brazzaville)	0
49	India	5	133	Niger	0	49	Cambodia	100	133	Cuba	0
50	Malaysia	5	134	Nigeria	0	50	Luxembourg	100	134	Djibouti	0
51	Moldova	5	135	Oman	0	51	Angola	90	135	Equatorial Guinea	0
52	Afghanistan	0	136	Pakistan	0	52	Syria	90	136	Fiji	0
53	Albania	0	137	Panama	0	53	Argentina	80	137	Gabon	0
54	Algeria	0	138	Papua New Guinea	0	54	Burma	80	138	Georgia	0
55	Angola	0	139	Paraguay	0	55	Mexico	80	139	Guinea	0
56	Armenia	0	140	Peru	0	56	Portugal	80	140	Guinea-Bissau	0
57	Azerbaijan	0	141	Philippines	0	57	Tunisia	80	141	Guyana	0
58	Bahrain	0	142	Qatar	0	58	Yemen	80	142	Haiti	0
59	Bangladesh	0	143	Rwanda	0	59	Colombia	70	143	Iraq	0
60	Barbados	0	144	Sao Tome and Principe	0	60	Afghanistan	60	144	Ivory Coast	0
61	Belize	0	145	Saudi Arabia	0	61	Czech Republic	60	145	Korea, North	0
62	Benin	0	146	Senegal	0	62	Poland	60	146	Kyrgyzstan	0
63	Bhutan	0	147	Sierra Leone	0	63	Sri Lanka	60	147	Laos	0
64	Bolivia	0	148	Somalia	0	64	Bahrain	50	148	Lesotho	0
65	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	149	Sri Lanka	0	65	Ecuador	50	149	Macedonia	0
66	Botswana	0	150	Sudan	0	66	Hungary	50	150	Madagascar	0
67	Brazil	0	151	Suriname	0	67	Morocco	50	151	Malawi	0
68	Brunei	0	152	Swaziland	0	68	Uzbekistan	50	152	Mali	0
69	Burkina Faso	0	153	Syria	0	69	Botswana	40	153	Malta	0
70	Burma	0	154	Tajikistan	0	70	Croatia	40	154	Mauritania	0
71	Burundi	0	155	Tanzania	0	71	Lebanon	40	155	Moldova	0
72	Cambodia	0	156	Thailand	0	72	Russia	40	156	Mongolia	0
73	Cameroon	0	157	Togo	0	73	Uganda	40	157	Namibia	0
74	Cape Verde	0	158	Trinidad and Tobago	0	74	Zimbabwe	40	158	Napal	0
75	Central African Republic	0	159	Tunisia	0	75	Albania	30	159	Niger	0
76	Chad	0	160	Turkmenistan	0	76	Armenia	30	160	Rwanda	0
77	Chile	0	161	Uganda	0	77	Bosnia and Herzegovina	30	161	Sao Tome and Principe	0
78	Colombia	0	162	Uruguay	0	78	Brunei	30	162	Senegal	0
79	Congo (Kinshasa)	0	163	Venezuela	0	79	El Salvador	30	163	Serbia and Montenegro	0
80	Congo (Brazzaville)	0	164	Vietnam	0	80	Honduras	30	164	Somalia	0
81	Costa Rica	0	165	Yemen	0	81	Sudan	30	165	Suriname	0
82	Croatia	0	166	Zambia	0	82	Turkmenistan	30	166	Swaziland	0
83	Cuba	0	167	Zimbabwe	0	83	Bangladesh	20	167	Zambia	0
84	Cyprus	0				84	Bolivia	20			

Country Rank in 1996, Arms Trade

Arms Exports / Total Exports (percent)					Arms Imports / Total Imports (percent)						
1	Korea, North	6.7	85	Dominican Republic	0	1	Afghanistan	NA	85	Trinidad and Tobago	.5
2	United States	3.8	86	Ecuador	0	2	Saudi Arabia	35.3	86	Sweden	.5
3	Russia	3.7	87	El Salvador	0	3	Kuwait	22.5	87	Denmark	.5
4	Israel	3.3	88	Equatorial Guinea	0	4	Egypt	13.8	88	Lithuania	.5
5	Belarus	3.1	89	Eritrea	0	5	Oman	8.3	89	Switzerland	.4
6	Georgia	2.5	90	Estonia	0	6	Kazakstan	6.6	90	Netherlands	.4
7	United Kingdom	2.3	91	Ethiopia	0	7	Cambodia	NA	91	Panama	NA
8	Bulgaria	2.2	92	Fiji	0	8	Burma	5.9	92	Kenya	.3
9	Sweden	1.4	93	Gabon	0	9	Congo (Kinshasa)	4.7	93	Jamaica	.3
10	France	1.1	94	Gambia, The	0	10	Angola	4.5	94	Argentina	.3
11	Ukraine	1.1	95	Ghana	0	11	Eritrea	4.2	95	Singapore	.3
12	Serbia and Montenegro	NA	96	Guatemala	0	12	Gambia, The	4.2	96	Hungary	.3
13	Moldova	.6	97	Guinea	0	13	Burundi	3.9	97	Bangladesh	.3
14	South Africa	.6	98	Guinea-Bissau	0	14	Yemen	3.8	98	Uruguay	.3
15	Egypt	.6	99	Guyana	0	15	Cyprus	3.5	99	Costa Rica	.3
16	Australia	.5	100	Haiti	0	16	Armenia	3.5	100	Papua New Guinea	.3
17	Czech Republic	.5	101	Honduras	0	17	United Arab Emirates	NA	101	Italy	.3
18	New Zealand	.4	102	Iceland	0	18	Uganda	3.4	102	Dominican Republic	.3
19	China-Mainland	.4	103	Iraq	0	19	Liberia	3.3	103	Malaysia	.3
20	Iran	.4	104	Ireland	0	20	Turkey	3.3	104	Portugal	.2
21	United Arab Emirates	NA	105	Ivory Coast	0	21	Albania	3.3	105	Czech Republic	.2
22	Switzerland	.3	106	Jamaica	0	22	Bulgaria	3.2	106	Latvia	.2
23	Romania	.3	107	Jordan	0	23	Sudan	NA	107	Slovenia	.2
24	Canada	.2	108	Kenya	0	24	Israel	2.9	108	Germany	.2
25	Spain	.2	109	Kuwait	0	25	Greece	2.8	109	Libya	.2
26	Poland	.2	110	Kyrgyzstan	0	26	Finland	2.8	110	Austria	.2
27	Greece	.2	111	Laos	0	27	Jordan	2.5	111	Belgium	.2
28	Netherlands	.2	112	Latvia	0	28	Togo	2.5	112	Romania	.2
29	Kazakstan	.2	113	Lebanon	0	29	Slovakia	2.5	113	Poland	.2
30	Belgium	.2	114	Lesotho	0	30	Sierra Leone	2.4	114	Guatemala	.2
31	Germany	.2	115	Liberia	0	31	Botswana	2.3	115	Canada	.2
32	Slovenia	.1	116	Libya	0	32	Turkmenistan	2.3	116	United States	.1
33	Slovakia	.1	117	Lithuania	0	33	New Zealand	2.2	117	Nigeria	.1
34	Hungary	.1	118	Luxembourg	0	34	Iran	2.2	118	Qatar	NA
35	Finland	.1	119	Macedonia	0	35	Chad	2.0	119	Vietnam	NA
36	Austria	.1	120	Madagascar	0	36	Australia	2.0	120	Mexico	.1
37	Turkey	negl.	121	Malawi	0	37	China-Taiwan	2.0	121	France	.1
38	Portugal	negl.	122	Mali	0	38	Venezuela	1.9	122	Russia	.1
39	Norway	negl.	123	Malta	0	39	Indonesia	1.9	123	Ireland	.1
40	Singapore	negl.	124	Mauritania	0	40	Zimbabwe	NA	124	Ukraine	negl.
41	Italy	negl.	125	Mauritius	0	41	Syria	1.7	125	Belarus	0
42	Argentina	negl.	126	Mongolia	0	42	Peru	1.7	126	Belize	0
43	Denmark	negl.	127	Morocco	0	43	Honduras	1.6	127	Benin	0
44	Indonesia	negl.	128	Mozambique	0	44	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1.6	128	Bhutan	0
45	Korea, South	negl.	129	Namibia	0	45	Tajikistan	1.5	129	Burkina Faso	0
46	India	negl.	130	Nepal	0	46	Brunei	1.4	130	Cape Verde	0
47	Mexico	negl.	131	Nicaragua	0	47	Pakistan	1.4	131	Central African Republic	0
48	China-Taiwan	negl.	132	Niger	0	48	Ecuador	1.3	132	Congo (Brazzaville)	0
49	Malaysia	negl.	133	Nigeria	0	49	Mozambique	1.3	133	Cuba	0
50	Japan	negl.	134	Oman	0	50	Algeria	1.2	134	Djibouti	0
51	Afghanistan	NA	135	Pakistan	0	51	Bolivia	1.2	135	Equatorial Guinea	0
52	Albania	0	136	Panama	0	52	Bahrain	1.2	136	Fiji	0
53	Algeria	0	137	Papua New Guinea	0	53	Barbados	1.2	137	Gabon	0
54	Angola	0	138	Paraguay	0	54	Uzbekistan	1.2	138	Georgia	0
55	Armenia	0	139	Peru	0	55	Chile	1.2	139	Guinea	0
56	Azerbaijan	0	140	Philippines	0	56	El Salvador	1.1	140	Guinea-Bissau	0
57	Bahrain	0	141	Qatar	0	57	Sri Lanka	1.1	141	Guyana	0
58	Bangladesh	0	142	Rwanda	0	58	China-Mainland	1.1	142	Haiti	0
59	Barbados	0	143	Sao Tome and Principe	0	59	India	1.1	143	Iraq	0
60	Belize	0	144	Saudi Arabia	0	60	Luxembourg	1.1	144	Ivory Coast	0
61	Benin	0	145	Senegal	0	61	Tunisia	1.0	145	Korea, North	0
62	Bhutan	0	146	Sierra Leone	0	62	Mauritius	.9	146	Kyrgyzstan	0
63	Bolivia	0	147	Somalia	0	63	Nicaragua	.9	147	Laos	0
64	Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	148	Sri Lanka	0	64	Ethiopia	.8	148	Lesotho	0
65	Botswana	0	149	Sudan	0	65	Norway	.8	149	Macedonia	0
66	Brazil	0	150	Suriname	0	66	Cameroon	.8	150	Madagascar	0
67	Brunei	0	151	Swaziland	0	67	Thailand	.8	151	Malawi	0
68	Burkina Faso	0	152	Syria	0	68	Korea, South	.7	152	Mali	0
69	Burma	0	153	Tajikistan	0	69	Tanzania	.7	153	Malta	0
70	Burundi	0	154	Tanzania	0	70	Japan	.7	154	Mauritania	0
71	Cambodia	0	155	Thailand	0	71	South Africa	.6	155	Moldova	0
72	Cameroon	0	156	Togo	0	72	Estonia	.6	156	Mongolia	0
73	Cape Verde	0	157	Trinidad and Tobago	0	73	Paraguay	NA	157	Namibia	0
74	Central African Republic	0	158	Tunisia	0	74	Brazil	.6	158	Nepal	0
75	Chad	0	159	Turkmenistan	0	75	Ghana	.6	159	Niger	0
76	Chile	0	160	Uganda	0	76	Spain	.6	160	Rwanda	0
77	Colombia	0	161	Uruguay	0	77	Lebanon	.5	161	Sao Tome and Principe	0
78	Congo (Kinshasa)	0	162	Uzbekistan	0	78	Philippines	.5	162	Senegal	0
79	Congo (Brazzaville)	0	163	Venezuela	0	79	United Kingdom	.5	163	Serbia and Montenegro	0
80	Costa Rica	0	164	Vietnam	0	80	Azerbaijan	.5	164	Somalia	0
81	Croatia	0	165	Yemen	0	81	Morocco	.5	165	Suriname	0
82	Cuba	0	166	Zambia	0	82	Croatia	.5	166	Swaziland	0
83	Cyprus	0	167	Zimbabwe	0	83	Colombia	.5	167	Zambia	0
84	Djibouti	0				84	Iceland	.5			