

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	808	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Armoured infantry battalion with main battle tanks and armoured fighting vehicles Self-propelled artillery, air defence assets and engineers Intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance group Logistic support elements
France	337	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Tank squadron with main battle tanks and armoured fighting vehicles Supported by an engineer platoon and national support elements
Iceland	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Strategic communications specialist (civilian)
Approximate total troop number: 1146		



Battlegroup led by Canada, operating with Latvian forces in Ādaži, Latvia		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Canada	up to 572	<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 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobility explosive ordnance disposal engineers
Czech Republic	up to 80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Ponton bridge platoon
Iceland	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Strategic communications specialist (civilian)
Italy	up to 250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Montenegro	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Engineers squad Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Poland	up to 177	<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 Artillery battery 1 x Reconnaissance squadron Support elements

Slovenia	42	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Fire support platoon • 1 x Tactical Air Control Party team • Support elements • Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Spain	346	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: 1650		



Battlegroup led by Germany, operating with Lithuanian forces in Rukla, Lithuania		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Germany	543	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Affairs Official
Czech Republic	up to 135	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Ground Based Air Defence unit
Luxembourg	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Transportation team
Netherlands	270	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Mechanised infantry company • Logistics support element
Norway	up to 150	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Armoured infantry company with main battle tanks and infantry fighting vehicles • Combat service and combat service support element
Approximate total troop number: 1103		



Battlegroup led by the United States, operating with Polish forces in Orzysz (Bemowo Piskie), Poland		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
United States	797	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Mechanized Infantry Battalion with Combat Support and Combat Service Support enablers.
Croatia	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Contribution to battlegroup headquarters
Romania	up to 120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Self-propelled defence battery and support elements
United Kingdom	137	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light reconnaissance squadron • Logistics support element
Approximate total troop number: 1058		

Approximate total troop number for all four battlegroups: 4957

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