

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	828	<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
Denmark	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff officers
Iceland	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Strategic communications specialist (civilian)
Approximate total troop number: 831		



Battlegroup led by Canada, operating with Latvian forces in Ādaži, 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobility explosive ordnance disposal engineers
Czech Republic	56	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Mortar platoon
Iceland	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Strategic communications specialist (civilian)
Italy	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	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Pioneers squad 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 Artillery battery Reconnaissance squad Staff officers integrated to the battlegroup headquarters

Slovenia	40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Engineer platoon • 1 x Tactical Air Control Party team • Support elements • 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 support 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	620	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Armored company, including the Mechanized infantry & engineer platoon • Combat service, combat service support, and medical support element.
Belgium	199	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Motorized Infantry Company including anti-tank & engineer Platoon, logistic/medical support element
Czech Republic	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Electronic warfare platoon
Iceland	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Affairs (civilian)
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	120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Armoured infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles
Approximate total troop number: 1249		



Battlegroup led by the United States, operating with Polish forces in Orzysz (Bemowo Piskie), Poland		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
United States	670	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Armoured cavalry squadron with combat service and support enablers
Croatia	up to 80	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-propelled rocket launcher battery
Romania	up to 120	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: 4615

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