



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

The Department of Defense (DOD) is responsible for the military forces needed to safeguard U.S. vital national interests. The President's 2023 Budget for DOD provides the resources necessary to sustain and strengthen U.S. deterrence, advancing our vital national interests through integrated deterrence, campaigning, and investments that build enduring advantages. The Budget: supports America's servicemembers and their families; strengthens alliances and partnerships; preserves America's technological edge; bolsters economic competitiveness; and combats 21st Century security threats.

The Budget requests \$773 billion in discretionary funding for DOD, a \$69 billion or 9.8-percent increase from the 2021 enacted level. This two-year growth enables DOD to make the investments necessary to execute the Administration's *Interim National Security Strategic Guidance* and forthcoming National Security Strategy and National Defense Strategy.

The President's 2023 Budget:

- **Supports United States' European Allies and Partners.** The Budget supports Ukraine, the United States' strong partnerships with North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) allies, and other European partner states by bolstering funding to enhance the capabilities and readiness of U.S. forces, NATO allies, and regional partners in the face of Russian aggression.
- **Promotes Integrated Deterrence in the Indo-Pacific and Globally.** The Budget proposes \$773 billion for DOD. To sustain and strengthen deterrence, the Budget prioritizes China as the Department's pacing challenge. DOD's 2023 Pacific Deterrence Initiative highlights some of the key investments the Department is making that are focused on strengthening deterrence in the Indo-Pacific region. DOD is building the concepts, capabilities, and posture necessary to meet these challenges, working in concert with the interagency and U.S. allies and partners to ensure U.S. deterrence is integrated across domains, theaters, and the spectrum of conflict.
- **Counters Persistent Threats.** While focused on maintaining robust deterrence against China and Russia, the Budget also enables DOD to counter other persistent threats including those posed by North Korea, Iran, and violent extremist organizations.
- **Modernizes the Nuclear Deterrent.** The Budget maintains a strong, credible nuclear deterrent, as a foundational aspect of integrated deterrence, for the security of the Nation and U.S. allies. The Budget supports the U.S. nuclear triad and the necessary ongoing nuclear modernization programs, to include the nuclear command, control, and communication networks.

- **Advances U.S. Cybersecurity.** The Budget invests in cybersecurity programs to protect the Nation from malicious cyber actors and cyber campaigns. These priorities include strengthening cyber protection standards for the defense industrial base and investing in the cybersecurity of DOD networks.
- **Takes Care of Servicemembers and the DOD Civilian Workforce.** The Budget invests in America’s servicemembers and civilian workforce with robust 4.6 percent pay raises—the largest in a generation—and addresses economic insecurity by funding a newly authorized basic needs allowance. The Budget also continues to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Fulfills America’s Commitment to Military Families.** Military families are key to the readiness and well-being of the All-Volunteer Force, and therefore are critical to national security. The Budget supports military families by prioritizing programs that directly support military spouses, children, caregivers, survivors, and other dependents.
- **Strengthens Programs to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Assault.** The Budget fully funds DOD’s implementation of the recommendations of the Independent Review Commission on Sexual Assault in the Military to improve the Department’s ongoing work to enhance accountability, prevention, climate and culture, and victim care and support. Examples of these efforts include the establishment of a violence prevention workforce and enabling servicemembers who experience sexual harassment to access services from a sexual assault victim advocate. The Budget also supports the establishment of an independent Office of Special Trial Counsel in each military department, as required under the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2022, to carry out changes to the military justice process for handling sexual assault, domestic violence, and other serious crimes.
- **Promotes Climate Resilience and Energy Efficiency to Support Warfighting Operations.** It is vital to examine the security implications of climate-induced extreme weather and to adapt DOD platforms and military installations to protect mission critical capabilities. The Budget supports efforts to plan for and mitigate the impacts of climate change and improve the resilience of DOD facilities and operations. The Budget invests in power and energy performance, which makes U.S. forces more agile, efficient, and survivable in this complex and changing environment.
- **Enhances Biodefense and Pandemic Preparedness.** The Budget provides robust funding for programs that support the Administration’s biodefense and pandemic preparedness priorities as outlined in U.S. biodefense and pandemic preparedness strategies and plans, including the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Chemical and Biological Defense Program, and Biological Threat Reduction Program. The Budget supports enhanced investments in medical countermeasures, including vaccines, diagnostics, and therapeutics research and manufacturing; clinical research and testing; early warning and real-time monitoring; biosafety and biosecurity; and threat reduction activities with global partners.
- **Builds the Air Forces Needed for the 21st Century.** The Budget procures a mix of highly capable aircraft while continuing to make investments in the fighter, bomber, and training aircraft of the future. Investing in this mix of aircraft provides an opportunity to reduce the future fleet’s operational costs while increasing its resiliency and flexibility to meet future threats.
- **Optimizes U.S. Naval Shipbuilding.** Maintaining U.S. naval power is critical to reassuring allies and deterring potential adversaries. The Budget proposes executable and responsible investments in the U.S. Navy fleet. In addition, the Budget continues the recapitalization of

the Nation's strategic ballistic missile submarine fleet while also investing in the submarine industrial base.

- **Supports a Ready and Modern Army.** The Budget maintains a ready Army capable of responding globally as part of the Joint Force through investments in Army modernization initiatives, force posture improvements, and deterrence capabilities.
- **Invests in Long-Range Fire Capabilities.** The safety and security of the Nation requires a strong, sustainable, and responsive mix of long-range strike capabilities. The Budget invests in the development and testing of hypersonic strike capabilities while enhancing existing long-range strike capabilities to bolster deterrence and improve survivability.
- **Increases Space Resilience.** Space is vital to U.S. national security and integral to modern warfare. The Budget maintains America's advantage by improving the resilience of U.S. space architectures to bolster deterrence and increase survivability during hostilities.
- **Ensures Readiness.** The Budget continues to ensure that U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Guardians remain the best trained and equipped fighting force in the world. At the same time, the Budget strengthens and empowers DOD's civilian workforce as a critical contributor to the Nation's security.
- **Optimizes Force Structure.** In line with the forthcoming National Defense Strategy, the Budget optimizes force structure to build a Joint Force that is lethal, resilient, sustainable, survivable, agile, and responsive. The Budget supports DOD's plan to responsibly upgrade capabilities by redirecting resources to cutting edge technologies in high-priority platforms. Some force structure is too costly to maintain and operate, and no longer provides the capabilities needed to address the current and future national security challenges. The Budget enables DOD to reinvest savings associated with optimized force structure to higher priority investments.
- **Supports Defense Research and Development and the Defense Technology Industrial Base.** DOD plays a critical role in overall Federal research and development that spurs innovation, yields high-value technology, ensures American dominance over strategic competitors, and creates good-paying jobs. The Budget prioritizes defense research, development, test, and evaluation funding to invest in breakthrough technologies that drive innovation, support capacity in the defense technology industrial base, ensure American technological leadership, and underpin the development of next-generation defense capabilities.
- **Strengthens the U.S. Supply Chain and Industrial Base.** The Budget invests in key technologies and sectors of the U.S. industrial base such as microelectronics, casting and forging, and critical materials.
- **Empowers Small Disadvantaged Businesses and Underserved Communities.** The Budget advances equity and supports small disadvantaged businesses and underserved communities. DOD will continue to explore opportunities to serve the American people, with a focus on these communities, through supplier and contracting operations.

