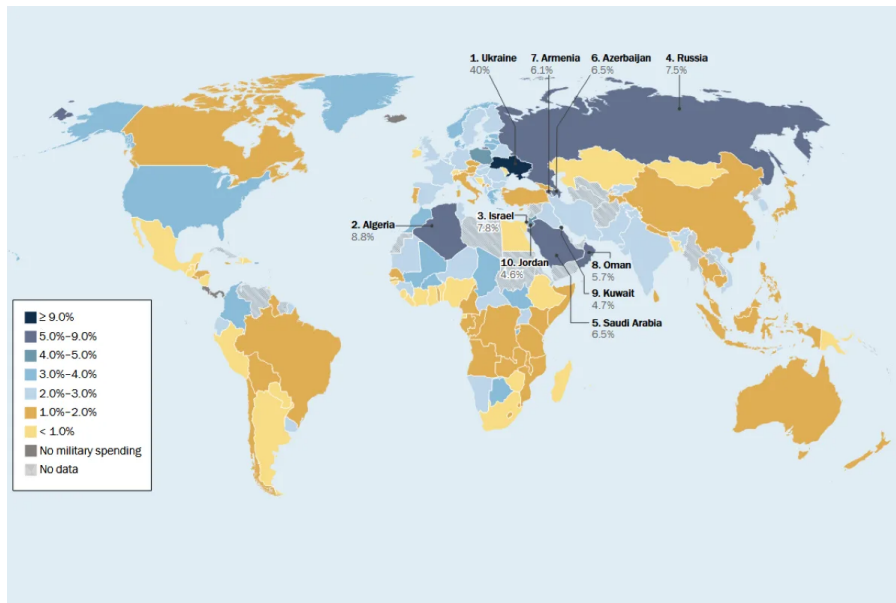




SIPRI - Global Defense Spending at 2.887 Billion: Record Surge for Germany and Spain

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The world continues to invest heavily in armaments, outlining a generalized rearmament that shows no signs of stopping. According to **SIPRI**, global military spending reached a record figure of **2.887 billion dollars** last year.

Despite the **United States** experiencing a **7.5% contraction** due to political stalemate over aid, the rest of the world responded with a net growth of **9.2%**. This figure reflects the deep insecurity of the current global geopolitical landscape.

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The German Locomotive and Germany's Leadership

Europe has been the main driver of this growth, driven by the need to fill decades-long gaps in stocks and operational readiness. Germany has consolidated its role as a military leader in the continent with an increase of **24%**.

German spending soared to **114 billion dollars**, bringing Berlin to exceed the NATO threshold with a burden of **2.3% of GDP**. This influx of capital has reinvigorated the national industry, with record orders for **tanks and air defense systems**.

Spain's Leap and Italy's Milestone

Spain recorded the highest percentage change among the major European economies, with an increase of **50%**. Madrid raised the budget to **40.2 billion**, surpassing the **2% of GDP** target to modernize fleet and aviation.

Italy reached a historic milestone by climbing the ranks to position itself as the **twelfth largest spender worldwide**. With about **48.1 billion dollars (+20%)**, our country has officially hit the **2% of GDP** target.

Italian funds have been absorbed by the enhancement of the **Navy** and technologies for **satellite surveillance**. While the United Kingdom slightly flexes, France focuses on **strategic autonomy** and nuclear modernization.

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The Arms Race in Asia and Oceania

Asia and Oceania have experienced the fastest growth since 2009, with spending of **681 billion dollars**. The fear of conflicts in the **South China Sea** drives nations towards a frantic race to acquire new technologies.

China confirmed its upward trend with an increase of **7.4%**, reaching **336 billion dollars**. Beijing massively integrates **artificial intelligence and hypersonic missiles** to qualitatively transform its armed forces.

In response, **Japan** reached its highest level since 1958 and **Taiwan** increased its budget by **14%**. **India** remains the fifth largest spender worldwide with **92.1 billion**, focusing on reducing

dependence on Russian supplies.

Comparative Analysis of World Powers

Rank	Country	Spending (Billion \$)	Var. %	Notes
1	USA	\$954	-7.5%	Technical drop due to Ukraine aid stalemate
2	China	\$336	+7.4%	Focus on AI and hypersonic capabilities
3	Russia	\$190	+5.9%	War economy and heavy rearmament
4	Germany	\$114	+24.0%	Total renewal of land vehicles
5	India	\$92.1	+8.9%	Program for indigenous production
6	UK	\$89.0	-2.0%	Priority on nuclear deterrence
11	France	\$68.0	+1.5%	Strengthening space defense
12	Italy	\$48.1	+20.0%	NATO 2% target achieved
16	Spain	\$40.2	+50.0%	Record growth in Europe

Towards a Future of Strategic Uncertainty

According to SIPRI, this trend represents a **structural change** that drains civilian resources towards the military sector. Global uncertainty has pushed allies to seek **strategic self-sufficiency** to deter potential aggressions.

The **transparency of budgets** becomes a critical issue, as many governments include digital security in defense. The line between military preparedness and **national security** in a broader sense appears increasingly blurred today.

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