

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	800	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Armoured battalion with main battle tanks and armoured fighting vehicles. Supported by self-propelled artillery and air defence assets, engineers, an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance group and logistic support elements
Belgium	269	1 x Armoured infantry company with national support element and staff officers for battlegroup headquarters
Denmark	3	Support to brigade headquarters
Iceland	1	1 x Strategic communications civilian
Approximate total troop number: 1073		



Battlegroup led by Canada, operating with Latvian forces in Adazi, Latvia		
Contributor	Troops	Forces
Canada	450	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Mechanised infantry battalion with armoured fighting vehicles Support elements
Albania	21	Mobility (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) engineers
Czech Republic	60	1 x Mortar platoon and support element
Italy	160	1 x Mechanised infantry company/ Mountain troop company with armoured fighting vehicles, Joint Terminal Air Controllers and sniper teams, mortar and anti-tank unit
Montenegro	8	1 x reconnaissance squad
Poland	Up to 200	1 x Tank Company, national contribution to battlegroup HQ, support elements
Slovakia	152	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mechanised infantry company Contribution to battlegroup headquarters Support elements
Slovenia	Up to 50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Infantry reconnaissance platoon 1 x Tactical Air Control Party team Contribution to battlegroup headquarters Support elements
Spain	300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x Mechanised infantry company with tanks and armoured fighting vehicles Mobility engineers and support elements
Approximate total troop number: 1401		



**Battlegroup led by Germany,
operating with Lithuanian forces in Rukla, Lithuania**

Contributor	Troops	Forces
Germany	540	1 x Armoured infantry company, combat service, combat service support
Belgium	1	Staff officer for battlegroup headquarters
Czech Republic	230	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Mechanized infantry company • Support elements
Iceland	1	Public Affairs Civilian
Netherlands	250-270	1 x Mechanised infantry company with armoured fighting vehicles
Norway	13	Joint fires section
Approximate total troop number: 1055		



**Battlegroup led by the United States,
operating with Polish forces in Orzysz (Bemowo Piskie), Poland**

Contributor	Troops	Forces
United States	889	1 x Armoured cavalry squadron with combat service and support enablers
Croatia	69	Self-propelled rocket launcher battery (4 x SPRL 122mm "VULKAN")
Romania	120	1 x Ground-based air defence battery and support elements
United Kingdom	140	Light Reconnaissance squadron equipped with Jackal
Approximate total troop number: 1218		

Approximate total troop number for all four battlegroups (As of 20 March 2019): 4747

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