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Last year, the sale of arms and military services around the world was 2.5 percent higher than in 2016, totalling \$398.2 billion, according to [new data](#) released by Sipri. American companies accounted for \$225.5 billion of that total.

U.S. companies were driven by large export orders and major acquisitions. [Lockheed Martin](#) retained its place at the top of the biggest arms-producing companies with \$44.9 billion in sales. Its November 2015 purchase of helicopter manufacturer Sikorsky and accelerated deliveries of the F-35 Lightning II combat aircraft contributed to its success. Boeing's arms sales came to \$27 billion last year and its more notable weapons systems include the P-8A Poseidon maritime patrol aircraft and AH-64E Apache attack helicopters.

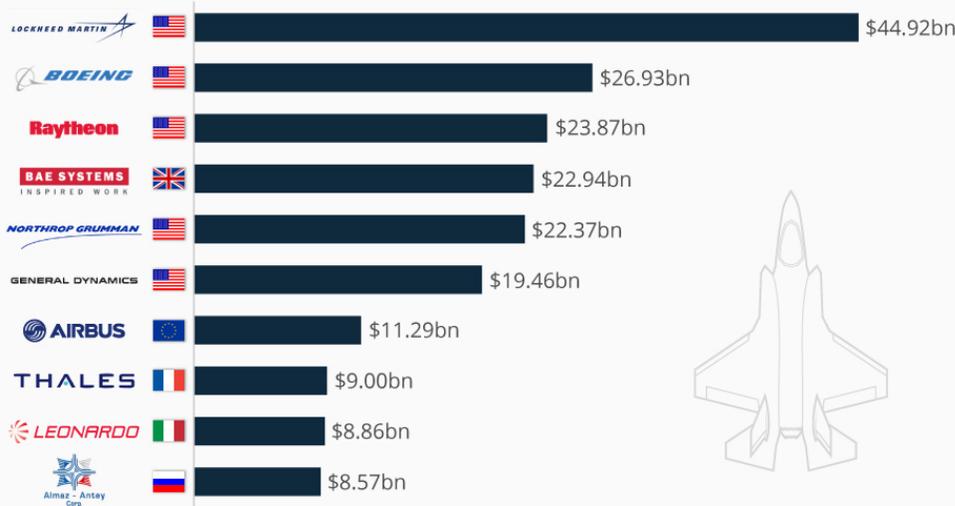
Out of the ten largest arms manufacturers, five are American and BAE systems is the first-non U.S. company on the list. Known for producing the Royal Navy's new aircraft carriers [as well as the Eurofighter Typhoon combat aircraft](#), it comes fourth on the list in 2017 with sales coming to \$23.87 billion.



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Lockheed Martin Is The World's Largest Arms Producer

Top arms-producing and military services companies in 2017*



* Excluding China due to a lack of comparable and sufficiently accurate data

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DESCRIPTION

This chart shows the top arms-producing and military companies in 2017.

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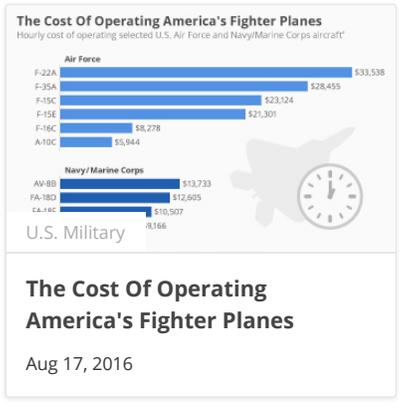
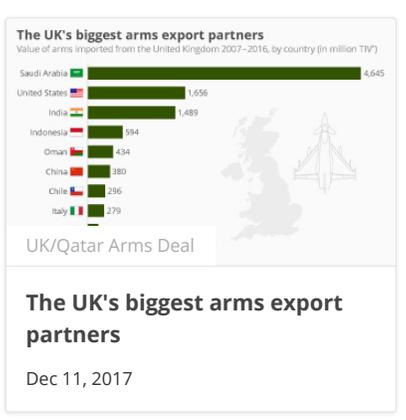
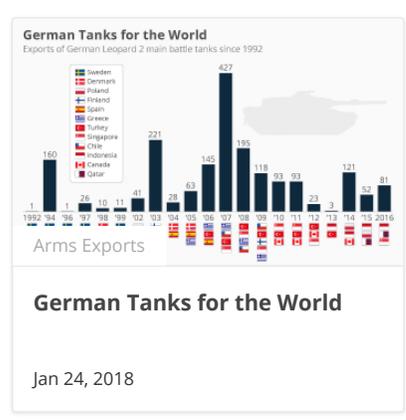
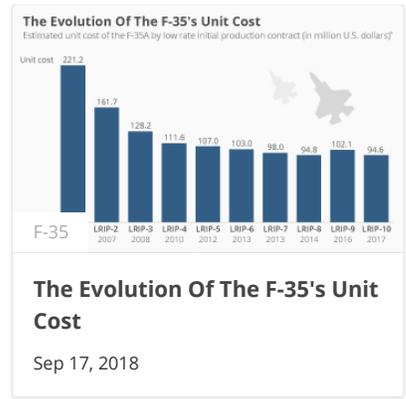
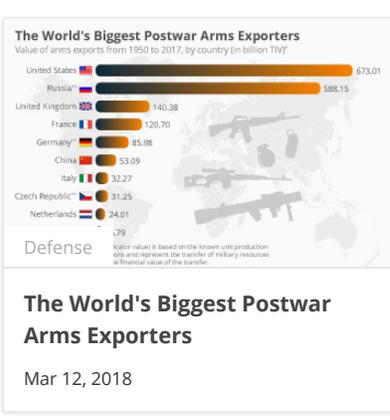
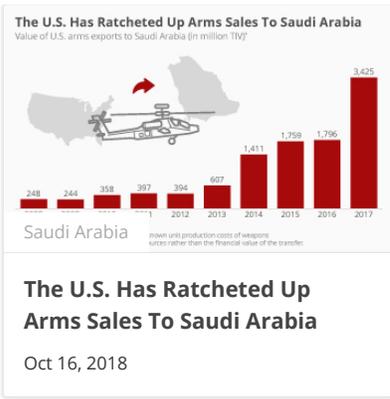
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