

French nuclear weapons capability

The numbers that have changed since last year are highlighted in red

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Type / designation	Types of nuclear warheads		Yield (kt)	No. of warheads	Remarks
Deployed				280	
Submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) ¹⁾				240	
MSBS M51 ²⁾	M51.1	TN75	MIRV $\leq 6 \times 100$	240	3)
	M51.2	TNO	MIRV $\leq 6 \times 100$		
Air-launched systems (Bombers, etc.)				40	
Bomber payloads ASPMA ⁴⁾		TNA	Variable ~ 300	40	5)
ASPMA7 for carrier planes ASPMA ⁶⁾		TNA	Variable ~ 300	0	7)
Reserve / Nondeployed				~10	
Air-launched systems (Bombers, etc.)				~10	8)
Total inventory				290	

MIRV = Multiple independently targetable reentry vehicle

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