



U.S. Air Force **SNAPSHOT**

A summary of facts and figures about America's Air Force.

Jul - Sep 04

What We Believe ...

- **Vision:** Global vigilance, reach and power
- **Mission:** To defend the United States and protect its interests through air and space power
- **Core Values:** Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do
- **Core Competencies:** Developing Airmen, Technology-to-Warfighting and Integrating Operations
- **Distinctive Capabilities:** Air and Space Superiority, Global Attack, Rapid Global Mobility, Precision Engagement, Information Superiority, Agile Combat Support

AF Basics

- **Established:** Sept. 18, 1947
- **Active Duty Strength:** 375,553
- **Total Force Strength:** 699,294 (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve & Civilians)
- **Budget (for FY04):** \$124.8 billion
- **Bases:** 84 major installations, 82 minor installations
- **Aircraft in Total Force Inventory:** 6,041
- **Career Specialties:** 46 officer, 135 enlisted

Key Leaders

- **AF Secretary:** [Hon. James G. Roche](#)
- **AF Chief of Staff:** [Gen. John P. Jumper](#)
- **AF Undersecretary:** [Hon. Peter B. Teets](#)
- **AF Vice Chief of Staff:** [Gen. T. Michael Moseley](#)
- **Chief Master Sergeant of the AF:**
[CMSAF Gerald R. Murray](#)

AF Demographics

Totals:

- **Civilian:** 141,226
- **Officers:** 73,121
- **Enlisted:** 302,432
- **ANG:** 106,715
- **AFRC:** 75,800

Average Total Service:

- **Officers:** 11 yrs
- **Enlisted:** 8 yrs

Active Force (%):

- **Men:** 80
- **Women:** 20

AF Race/Ethnic Grp%

- **Caucasian:** 75.2
- **Black:** 15.5
- **Hispanic/Latino:** 7.0
- **Asian:** 1.7
- **Am Indian/Alskn:** 0.4
- **Hawaiian/Pacific Is:** 0.4

Commissioning

Sources (%):

- **AFROTC:** 42
- **OTS:** 22
- **Academy:** 19
- **Other:** 17

Average Age:

- **Officers:** 35
- **Enlisted:** 29
- **Below age 26:** 41.7%

AF Civilian Workforce

- **% White Collar:** 75.9
- **% Blue Collar:** 24.1
- **% Male:** 65
- **% Female:** 35
- **Average Age:** 46
- **Avg. Service:** 16 yrs
- **% Serving overseas:** 11.4
- **% w/BA/BS degree:** 45
- **% w/Masters degree:** 15
- **% w/PHD:** 2

Budget

Total FY04 Budget: \$124.8 Billion

- **Ops and Maintenance:** 31.3%
- **Military Personnel:** 23.9%
- **Procurement:** 25.9%
- **Research, Development, Test & Eval:** 16.3%
- **Mil Family Housing:** 1.1%
- **Construction:** 1.3%
- **BRAC:** .2%

Total Force Mission Breakout By Aircraft

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| • Rescue: | Active: 65% | Guard: 20% | Reserve: 15% |
| • Tanker: | Active: 49% | Guard: 39% | Reserve: 12% |
| • Theater Airlift: | Active: 36% | Guard: 45% | Reserve: 19% |
| • Strategic Airlift: | Active: 71% | Guard: 8% | Reserve: 21% |
| • Bomber: | Active: 95% | Guard: 0% | Reserve: 5% |
| • Fighter: | Active: 65% | Guard: 30% | Reserve: 5% |
| • ISR: | Active: 79% | Guard: 0% | Reserve: 21% |
| • SOF: | Active: 80% | Guard: 9% | Reserve: 11% |
| • C2: | Active: 68% | Guard: 32% | Reserve: 0% |

Education Levels

Enlisted-Highest Attained*: Officer-Highest**:

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| • AA or Equivalent Hours: 14% | • Advanced/ Professional degrees: 49.6% |
| • B.A., B.S., or higher: 5% | |

* All have a minimum of a HS/GED education ** All have a BS/BA degree

Basing of People

- **Located Stateside:** 80% in 72 major installations and 80 minor installations
- **Located Overseas:** 20% in 12 major installations and 2 minor installations

Key Messages, Jul - Sep 04

Force Shaping Phase II

- Phase II enables us to create a force better aligned to meet the current and future mission requirements.
- Phase II will move the Air Force to our authorized end strength while rebalancing skills by:
 - Expanded waivers for some programs including active-duty service commitments, Palace Chase
 - New waivers, including the return of the Career Job Reservation Program
 - Reducing the retirement minimum mandatory time in grade for some O-5s and O-6s
 - Reducing enlisted accessions by about 11,000 for one year
 - Requiring commanders to consider qualitative factors for Airman retention
 - Involuntary NCO retraining program to fix NCO grade imbalances
 - Selected voluntary transfers to the Army

F/A-22 Raptor = U.S. Air Dominance

- The F/A-22 Raptor is the cornerstone of US air supremacy for the next generation of joint warriors.
- The Raptor's low observable and highly maneuverable airframe, capable of sustained supersonic flight without afterburner (supercruise), and advanced integrated avionics provides unmatched capabilities:
 - Only the Raptor can penetrate and survive the future high-threat anti-access environment to strike critical targets and enable other joint forces, day or night, through any weather
 - It can defeat any adversary aircraft now flying or in development; it is truly first shot, first kill
 - The Raptor's highly advanced sensor suite and supercruise capability provide unique cruise missile defense options to theater commanders and homeland defense
- The F/A-22's unique and dominant capabilities are crucial to establishing the air supremacy that protects the joint warfighting force as it deploys, employs and fights our nations wars.

Fit to Fight: Ensuring a Professional Image

- Physical fitness and a professional image are vital aspects of being an Airman
- Our commanders are and will continue to be involved in ensuring all Airmen present a professional image while in uniform by
 - Exercising with their Airmen to evaluate overall fitness
 - Providing direct feedback, and if needed mandate participation in fitness educational programs
- As our new fitness program evolves we will continue to make improvements as needed

More information on the Web

- Air Force Issues & Answers: www.issues.af.mil
- Air Force Link: www.af.mil
- Air Force recruiting: www.airforce.com

Air Expeditionary Force Rotation Adjustments

AEF rotation timelines are changing to reflect higher operational requirements and to better meet the needs of combatant commanders. It will still provide Airmen with stability and predictable deployments.

The changes include:

- Baseline deployments increase to 120 days
- The AEF rotational cycle will change from 15-months to 20 months
- Our pool of deployable Airmen will be expanded by reviewing the criteria upon which we exclude Airmen from our AEFs
- The new timeline will be effective beginning with AEF 1/2 in September 2004

Although this change for deployment lengths is permanent, the AEF composition and concept of operations remains unchanged

- AEFs will continue to provide about 5 AEWs and 6 AEGs of capability
- Low density/high demand units will continue to follow DoD-approved deployment guidelines.
- Air Force global mobility forces will continue to follow our AEF Presence Policy, with mobility aviation units postured in multiple AEFs

Longer deployments present additional challenges to our Reserve component. However, we will manage these matters carefully to ensure equity and fairness across the Total Force.

AF Air and Space Inventory: 6,041 aircraft

Fighter/ Attack: 2,524 (A/OA-10, F-15, F-15E, F-16, F-117, F/A -22)

Bomber: 182 (B-1, B-2, B-52)

Tanker: 606 -- KC-10, KC-135

Strategic Airlift: 275 (C-5, C-17, C-141)

Theater Airlift: 509 (C-130)

Support/Special Airlift: 221 (C9, C-12, C-20, C-21, C-22, C-26, C-32, C-37, C-38, C-40, C-135, UH-1, VC-25)

Command & Control: 53 (E-3, E-4, E-8)

Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance: 97 (U-2, OC/RC/WC-135, MQ-1, RQ-1, RQ-4, WC-130)

Electronic Warfare: 15 (EC-130H)

Special Operations: 127 (AC-130, EC-130E/J, MC-130, MH-53)

Combat Search & Rescue: 136 (HH-60, HC-130)

Trainer: 1296 (T-1, T-3, T-6, T-37, T-38, T-41, T-43, AT-38, UV-18, NC/TC-130, NC/TC-135, AFA Gliders)

Satellite: 50

Strategic Missile: 516 (Minuteman, Peacekeeper)