

How the world appears to China

Foreign military bases (2021)

US: ~750 military bases outside the continental USA
(in around 80 countries and colonies)

China: 1 (in Djibouti)

Source for US base numbers and locations:
David Vine (author of *Base Nation: How U.S. Military Bases Abroad Harm America and the World*, 2015).

Some anti-China alliances

AUKUS (Australia, Britain, the US)

NATO (Britain, the US and 28 others)

The Quad (Australia, India, Japan, the US)

Global nuclear warhead stockpiles (2021)

Number of deployed strategic warheads ready to launch
and total number of warheads

China	0	350
US	1,650	5,600
France	280	290
UK	120	225
[Hostile to China]		
Pakistan	0	165
India	0	160
Israel	0	90

[In the middle]


Russia	1,600	6,257
North Korea	0	45


[Unreliable allies of China]

Source of figures: Federation of American Scientists.

'Deployed strategic warheads' are those actually loaded onto intercontinental missiles or at heavy bomber bases, ready for launch. The Pentagon re-confirmed in 2020: 'China almost certainly keeps the majority of its nuclear force on a peacetime status - with separated launchers, missiles, and warheads.' That means China does not have nuclear warheads loaded onto either its land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles or its submarine-launched ballistic missiles.

Key:

 In a military alliance hostile to China

 In a security relationship with the US, but not completely hostile

 Not entirely reliable ally of China


 Small US military base

 Medium US military base

 25 or more US military bases

 Chinese military base

 Represents 100 deployed strategic nuclear weapons

 Represents a country with nuclear weapons, but no deployed strategic nuclear weapons

