

**BELGIUM**

Population: 9,903,000.

Military service: 8 or 10 months.\*

Total armed forces: 89,500 (3,400 women; 24,600 conscripts).

Estimated GDP 1980: \$114.84 bn.

Defence expenditure 1981 (NATO and national definition): 121.76 bn francs (\$3.56 bn).

\$1 = 34.2 francs (1981), 30.46 francs (1980).

**Army:** 65,000 (incl Medical Service; 20,000 conscripts).

1 corps HQ, 1 div HQ.

1 armd bde.

3 mech inf bdes.

1 para-cdo regt.

3 recce bns.

2 mot inf bns.

3 arty bns.

1 SSM bn with 4 *Lance*.

2 SAM bns with 36 *HAWK*.

5 engr bns (3 fd, 1 bridge, 1 eqpt).

4 aviation sqns.

334 *Leopard*, 55 M-47 med, 133 *Scorpion* 1t tks; 153 *Scimitar* AFV; 1,123 APC (M-75, AMX-VCI, 266 *Spartan*); 21 105mm, 14 203mm how; 96 M-108 105mm, 26 M-44, 41 M-109 155mm, 10 M-110 203mm SP how; 5 *Lance* SSM; 80 JPK C-90 SP ATK guns; 180 *Milan* ATGW; 43 *Striker* AFV with *Swingfire* ATGW; 115 20mm, 55 *Gepard* 35mm SP AA guns; 60 *HAWK* SAM; 12 *Islander* ac, 68 *Alouette II* hel. (On order: 514 MICV, 525 M-113, 80 BDX APC; 240 *Milan* ATGW; *Improved HAWK* SAM.)

**Forces Abroad:** *Germany:* 25,000; 1 corps HQ, 1 div HQ, 1 armd, 1 mech inf bdes, 1 *HAWK* bn.

**RESERVES:** 133,000 (incl Medical Service), some on immediate recall status; 11,000 train every year, 1 mech, 1 mot inf bde train every three years.

**Navy:** 4,400 (1,000 conscripts).

4 E-71 frigates with 4 *Exocet* SSM, 8 *Sea Sparrow* SAM.

7 ex-US Type 498 ocean minehunters.

5 ex-US Type 60 coastal MCM (4 in reserve).

14 *Herstal* inshore minesweepers.

2 log support and comd ships (MCM).

3 *Alouette III* hel.

**Bases:** Kallo, Ostend, Zeebrugge.

**RESERVES:** 4,500 (on immediate recall status).

**Air Force:** 20,100 (3,600 conscripts); 144 combat aircraft.

5 FGA sqns: 3 with 54 *Mirage* 5BA/D; 2 with 36 F/TF-104G (to be replaced by F-16A/B).

2 AD sqns: 1 with 18 F-16A/B; 1 with 18

F-104G/TF-104G (being replaced by F-16A/B).

1 recce sqn with 18 *Mirage* 5BR.

2 tpt sqns with 12 C-130H, 2 Boeing 727QC, 3 HS-748, 5 *Merlin IIIA*, 2 *Falcon* 20.

1 SAR hel sqn with 3 HSS-1, 5 *Sea King*.

Trg and liaison sqns ac incl 32 SF-260MB, 23 Fouga CM-170. 2 sqns with 32 *AlphaJet*.

AAM: *Sidewinder*.

8 SAM sqns with 72 *Nike Hercules*.

(On order: some 98 F-16A fighters; *Sidewinder* AAM; 43 BDX (*Timoney*) APC.)

**Para-Military Forces:** 16,000 Gendarmerie with 62 FN armd cars, 5 *Alouette II*, 3 *Puma* hel.

(On order: 80 BDX (*Timoney*) APC.)

**BRITAIN**

Population: 55,968,000.

Military service: voluntary.

Total armed forces: 343,646, incl 16,696 women and some 9,300 enlisted outside Britain.

Estimated GDP 1980: \$485.14 bn.

Defence expenditure 1981-82: £12.275 bn (\$27.77 bn); NATO definition \$28.66 bn.†  
\$1 = £0.442 (1981), £0.455 (1980).

**Strategic Forces:**

**SLBM:** 4 *Resolution*-class SSBN, each with 16 *Polaris* A3 msls with 3 MRV (to be modified with *Chevaline*).

Ballistic Missile Early Warning System (BMEWS) station at Fylingdales.

**Army:** 176,248 (incl 6,546 women and 8,960 enlisted outside Britain, of which 7,100 are Gurkhas).

1 corps, 4 armd, 1 arty div HQ.

11 armd regts.

8 armd recce regts.

48 inf bns (incl 1 demonstration bn).

5 Gurkha inf bns.

3 para bns (1 in inf, 2 in para role).

1 special air service (SAS) regt.

1 msl regt with *Lance* SSM.

3 AD regts with *Rapier* SAM.

18 arty regts (1 hy, 13 fd, 1 GW, 1 cdo, 1 ATK, 1 locating).

11 engr regts (incl 4 armd div, 1 amph, 1 Gurkha).

6 army aviation regts.

**AFV:** 900 *Chieftain* med (60 in reserve), 271 FV101 *Scorpion* 1t tks; 243 FV601 *Saladin* armd cars; 290 FV107 *Scimitar*, 1,429 *Ferret*, 200 *Fox* recce; 2,338 FV432, 600 FV603 *Saracen*, 60 FV103 *Spartan* APC.

\* Conscripts serve 8 months if posted to Germany, 10 months if serving in Belgium.

† NATO budget content is standardized and differs from national.

*Arty*: 100 105mm pack how and 1t guns; 93 FH-70 155mm how, FV433 *Abbot* 105mm, 50 M-109 155mm, 31 M-107 175mm, 16 M-110 203mm sp guns/how; 12 *Lance* SSM.

*ATK*: *Carl Gustav* 84mm, 120mm RCL; *Milan*, *Swingfire* ATGW; FV102 *Striker*, 178 FV438/FV712 AFV with *Swingfire* ATGW.

*AD*: *Blowpipe*, 108 *Rapier/Blindfire* SAM.

*Air*: 100 *Scout*, 7 *Alouette* II, 20 *Sioux*, 158 *Gazelle*, 30 *Lynx* hel.

14 landing craft (2 tk, 12 med).

(On order: 240 *Challenger* med tks; 1,900 MCV-80 MICV; 102 FH-70 155mm how, 69 M-109A2 SP how; *LAW* RL; *Milan*, *TOW* ATGW; 48 *Blowpipe* SAM; 25 *Gazelle*, 98 *Lynx* hel).

DEPLOYMENT (see also *Forces Abroad*, below):

*United Kingdom Land Forces* (UKLF): *United Kingdom Mobile Force* (UKMF) – 6th Field Force with 5 (3 regular, 2 TA) inf bns and log spt gp; 7th Field Force with 3 regular, 2 TA units; 8th Field Force (3 regular, 2 TA bns for Home Defence); 1 bn gp (for ACE Mobile Force (Land)), 1 SAS regt (part), 1 Gurkha inf bn.

*HQ Northern Ireland*: 9,128; 3 inf bde HQ, 1 armd recce regt, variable number of major units in inf role,\* 1 SAS, 3 engr sqns, 2 army aviation sqns.

RESERVES: 137,000 Regular Reserves. 69,500 Territorial Army (TA): 2 armd recce regts, 38 inf bns, 2 SAS, 3 fd, 3 lt AD, 7 engr regts. 7,500 Ulster Defence Regiment (11 bns).

*Navy*: 74,687 (incl Fleet Air Arm, Royal Marines, 4,065 women and 330 enlisted outside Britain); 62 major surface combat vessels.

*Submarines, attack*: 28.

12 nuclear (6 *Swiftsure*, 3 *Churchill*, 2 *Valiant*, 1 *Dreadnought*), 16 diesel (13 *Oberon*, 3 *Porpoise*).

*Surface Ships*:

2 ASW carriers: 1 (*Invincible*) with 5 *Sea Harrier* V/STOL, 9 *Sea King* hel, twin *Sea Dart* SAM; 1 (*Hermes*) with 5 *Harrier* V/STOL, 12 *Sea King* hel, 2 quad *Seacat* SAM.

14 GW destroyers: 6 *County* (1 trials, 5 with 1 *Wessex* ASW hel, twin *Seaslug*, 2 quad *Seacat* SAM, 4 also have 4 *Exocet* SSM); 1 Type 82 with twin *Sea Dart* SAM, *Ikara* ASW; 7 Type 42 with twin *Sea Dart*, 1 *Lynx* ASW hel.

46 frigates: 45 GP (3 Type 22 with 4 *Exocet* SSM, 2 *Sea Wolf* SAM, 1 *Lynx* hel; 8 Type 21 with quad *Seacat* SAM, 1 *Wasp/Lynx* hel (5 with quad *Exocet*); 26 *Leander* with 1 *Wasp/Lynx* (7 with 4 *Exocet*, 3 quad *Seacat*; 8 with *Ikara* ASW, 2 quad *Seacat*; 10 converting to quad *Exocet*, *Sea Wolf*); 8 *Rothsay* (2 trg/trials) with quad *Seacat*, 1 *Wasp* hel; 1 Type 12 ASW (trg)

38 minesweepers/minehunters: 2 *Hunt*, 2 *Venturer* (trg), 29 *Ton* (9 Reserves), 1 coastal, 4 in-

shore (trg). 2 MCM spt (*Abdiel*, VT-2 hovercraft). 25 patrol craft: 7 *Island*, 6 *Ton*, 4 *Bird* (2 trg), 2 *Loyal*, 2 *Ford* (trg), 3 FAC(P) (trg), 1 Boeing hydrofoil (trials).

2 LPD assault ships with 4 LCM, 4 LCVP, 4 quad *Seacat* SAM.

Amphibious vessels incl: 1 hel spt ship, 6 landing ships, 16 LCM, 29 LCVP.

1 ice patrol, 1 Royal Yacht/hospital, 6 depot/sup- port ships, 15 tankers (1 trg).

5 hovercraft: 3 SRN-6, 1 BH-7, 1 SRN-5 (trg).

Included in above refitting or in reserve are: 1 SSBN, 3 nuclear, 4 diesel subs, 1 GW destroyer, 9 frigates, 1 MCM, 3 FAC(P), 1 LPD, 1 landing ship, 2 depot/spt ships, 1 tanker.

(On order: 2 ASW carriers, 3 *Trafalgar* SSN, 2 Type 42 destroyers, 3 Type 22 frigates, 2 *Castle* patrol craft, 7 *Hunt* MCM, 2 fleet tenders, *Harpoon* SSM.)

*Bases*: Chatham, Devonport, Faslane, Portland, Portsmouth, Rosyth.

FLEET AIR ARM: 20 combat ac, some 90 armed hel. 3 FGA sqns (1 HQ) with 20 *Sea Harrier* FRS-1.

6 ASW hel sqns: 5 with 42 *Sea King* HAS-2/-5 (3 sqns embarked). 1 (23 flts) with 26 *Lynx* HAS-2.

24 ASW flts: 22 with *Wasp* HAS-1, 2 with *Wessex* HAS-3.

2 cdo assault sqns; 1 with 10 *Sea King* HU-4, 1 with 20 *Wessex* HU-5.

8 SAR and trg hel sqns: 1 with 12 *Wessex* HAS-3, 3 with 37 *Wessex* HU-5, 1 with 16 *Sea King* HAS-1/-2/-5, 1 with 11 *Wasp* HAS-1, 1 with 8 *Lynx* HAS-2, 1 with 18 *Gazelle* HT-2.

3 flts with 2 *Sea Heron* C-2, 1 *Heron* C-4, 2 *Sea Devon* C-20, 2 *Chipmunk* T-40 ac.

1 observer trg sqn with 13 *Jetstream* T-2, 1 trg flt with 10 *Chipmunk* T-10.

1 fleet requirements and direction trg unit with 12 *Canberra* T-4/TT-18/T-22, 22 *Hunter* T-8C/GA-11.

(On order: 13 *Sea Harrier* FRS-1, 1 T-4 V/STOL, 3 *Hunter* T-8M, 2 *Jetstream* T-2 ac; 10 *Sea King* HAS-2, 5 *Sea King* HU-4; 17 *Lynx* HAS-2 hel.)

ROYAL MARINES: (7,899).

1 cdo bde with 3 cdo gps, 2 cdo sqns (army), 1 log regt, 1 lt hel sqn, spt units.

1 Special Boat, 2 Raiding sqns.

*Milan* ATGW; *Blowpipe* SAM; 12 *Gazelle* AH-1, 6 *Scout* AH-1 hel.

(On order: 4 *Lynx* hel.)

RESERVES (Navy and Marines): 25,000 Regular and 9,000 Volunteer, 9 MCM vessels.

\* 5 resident inf bns, 4 units in inf role.

**Air Force:** 92,701 (incl 6,085 women); some 700 combat ac.

17 strike/attack sqns: 6 with some 48 *Vulcan* B-2 (to be disbanded from 1981); 5 with some 60 *Buccaneer* S-2A/B; 6 with 72 *Jaguar* GR-1.

3 close support sqns with 48 *Harrier* GR-3/T-4 V/STOL.

9 interceptor sqns: 2 with 24 *Lightning* F-6/F-3 (24 more ac in reserve); 7 with 88 *Phantom* (4 with FGR-2, 3 with FG-1).

5 recce sqns: 1 with 8 *Vulcan* SR-2, 2 with 24 *Jaguar* GR-1, 2 with 22 *Canberra* PR-7/-9.

1 AEW sqn with 6 *Shackleton* AEW-2 (5 in reserve).

4 MR sqns with 28 *Nimrod* MR-1/-1A, MR-2.

2 tanker sqns with 16 *Victor* K-2.

1 strategic tpt sqn with 11 VC-10C1.

4 tac tpt sqns with 45 C-130H (6 C-130HC3) (+11 active reserve).

3 comms sqns with 6 HS-125 CC1/2, 4 *Andover*, 6 *Pembroke*, 13 *Devon* ac, 2 *Whirlwind*, 1 *Gazelle* hel.

Queen's Flt with 3 *Andover* ac, 2 *Wessex* hel.

4 ECM/target facilities/calibration sqns. with 45 *Canberra*, 3 *Nimrod* R-1, 5 *Andover* E-3/C-1.

11 OCU: 1 NATO with 23 Br, 16 FGR *Tornado* GR-1; 10 others with, 9 *Vulcan* B-2; 14 *Buccaneer* Mk 2; 24 *Phantom* FGR-2; 26 *Jaguar* GR-1/T-2; 27 *Harrier* GR-3/T-4 V/STOL; 3 *Nimrod* MR; 7 *Canberra* B-2/T-4; 5 C-130; 3 *Victor* K-2 ac; 4 *Wessex* HC-2, 5 *Puma* HC-1, 2 *Sea King* HAR-3, 6 CH-47 *Chinook* hel.

2 tac weapons units with 60 *Hunter* F-6/GA-9/T-7, 46 *Hawk* T-1, 2 *Jet Provost*.

6 hel sqns: 4 tac tpt (2 with 40 *Wessex*, 2 with 26 *Puma* HC-1); 2 SAR with 10 *Whirlwind*, 8 *Wessex*; 14 *Sea King*.

Trg units with 83 *Hawk* T-1, 151 *Jet Provost*, 11 *Jetstream* T-1, 113 *Bulldog* T-1, 60 *Chipmunk* T-10, 19 *Dominie* T-1, 1 *Husky* T-1 ac, 5 *Whirlwind*, 5 *Wessex* Mk 5, 25 *Gazelle* HT-3 hel.

AAM: *Sidewinder*, *Sparrow*, *Red Top*, *Firestreak*.

ASM: *Martel*.

8 SAM sqns: 2 with *Bloodhound* 2, 6 (RAF Regt) with *Rapier*.

(On order: 24 *Harrier* GR-3, 123 *Tornado* (out of 220 GR-1 FGA, 165 F-2 AD planned), 11 *Nimrod* AEW-3, 46 *Hawk*, 9 VC-10 tankers, 27 CH-47D *Chinook*, 7 *Puma* hel, AIM-9L *Side-winder*, *Sky Flash* AAM, *Sea Eagle* ASM.)

**ROYAL AIR FORCE REGIMENT:**

4 wing HQ.

6 SAM sqns (*Rapier*) and 5 fd sqns.

(On order: *Scorpion* 1t tks, *Spartan* APC.)

**DEPLOYMENT:**

The Royal Air Force includes an operational home command (Strike Command), responsible for the UK Air Defence Region and the Near

and Far East, and 1 overseas command (RAF Germany).

**RESERVES:** 28,000 Regular; about 400 Volunteer; 3 AD sqns.

**Forces Abroad:**

*Antarctica:* Navy: 1 ice patrol ship.

*Belize:* Army: 1 inf bn, 1 armd recce tp, 1 arty bty, 1 lt AD tp, 1 engr sqn (part), 1 hel ft. RAF: 1 ft; 4 *Harrier* GR-3 FGA, 4 *Puma* hel, 1 *Rapier* AD det RAF Regt. Navy: 1 destroyer/-frigate (guard ship), 1 spt ship.

*Brunei:* 1 Gurkha inf bn.

*Canada:* Army training team.

*Cyprus:* Army: 1 inf bn less 2 coys, 1 armd recce sqn, 1 hel ft and log support with UNFICYP (817); 1 inf bn plus 2 inf coys, 1 armd recce, 1 engr spt sqns, 1 hel ft in garrison at Sovereign Base Areas. RAF: 4,500: 1 *Whirlwind* sqn (incl 1 ft (4 ac) with UNFICYP), periodic dets of other ac, 1 fd sqn RAF Regt.

*Falkland Islands:* 1 Marine det.

*Germany:* British Army of the Rhine (BAOR): 55,000: 1 corps HQ, 4 armd divs, 1 arty div, 5th Field Force; Berlin Inf Bde: 3,100. RAF: 10,800: 2 *Phantom* FGR-2, 2 *Buccaneer*, 5 *Jaguar* (1 recce), 2 *Harrier*, 1 *Wessex* (tpt), 1 *Bloodhound*, 4 *Rapier* sqns, 1 fd sqn RAF Regt.

*Gibraltar:* Army: 1 inf bn, 1 engr team, 1 arty surveillance tp. Navy: 1 destroyer, 1 spt ship.

*Hong Kong:* Army: 7,100: Gurkha Field Force with 1 British, 3 Gurkha inf bns (to be 4), 1 Gurkha engr regt, 1 hel sqn, spt units. Navy: 5 *Ton* patrol craft, 2 SRN-6 hovercraft, 1 Marine Raiding sqn. RAF: 1 *Wessex* sqn.

*Indian Ocean* (intermittent): 4 destroyers/frigates, 2 spt ships. *Diego Garcia*, 1 naval det.

**Para-Military Forces:** Royal Ulster Constabulary: 6,950, some 3,000 reserves.

## CANADA

Population: 24,375,000.

Military service: voluntary.

Total armed forces: 79,497 (10,480 women).\*

Estimated GDP 1980: \$US 242.1 bn.

Defence expenditure 1981-82: \$Can 5.91 bn

(\$US 4.99 bn); NATO definition not available.

\$US 1 = \$Can 1.18 (1981), \$Can 1.19 (1980).

**Army (Land Forces):** 13,000.\*

*Mobile Command* (about 19,000 land and air).†

2 bde gps each comprising:

1 armd regt, 3 inf bns, 1 arty regt (2 close spt, 1 AD bty), 1 engr regt, spt units.

\* The Canadian Armed Forces were unified in 1968. Of the total strength, some 46,000 are not identified by service.