

Table 1. The 25 largest exporters of major arms and their main recipients, 2016–20

Note: Percentages below 10 are rounded to 1 decimal place; percentages over 10 are rounded to whole numbers.

Exporter	Share of arms exports (%)		Per cent change from 2011–15 to 2016–20 ^a	Main recipients (share of exporter's total exports, %), 2016–20		
	2016–20	2011–15		1st	2nd	3rd
1 United States	37	32	15	Saudi Arabia (24)	Australia (9.4)	South Korea (6.7)
2 Russia	20	26	-22	India (23)	China (18)	Algeria (15)
3 France	8.2	5.6	44	India (21)	Egypt (20)	Qatar (18)
4 Germany	5.5	4.5	21	South Korea (24)	Algeria (10)	Egypt (8.7)
5 China	5.2	5.6	-7.8	Pakistan (38)	Bangladesh (17)	Algeria (8.2)
6 United Kingdom	3.3	4.6	-27	Saudi Arabia (32)	Oman (17)	USA (14)
7 Spain	3.2	3.5	-8.4	Australia (33)	Singapore (13)	Turkey (9.7)
8 Israel	3.0	1.9	59	India (43)	Azerbaijan (17)	Viet Nam (12)
9 South Korea	2.7	0.9	210	UK (14)	Philippines (12)	Thailand (11)
10 Italy	2.2	2.8	-22	Turkey (18)	Egypt (17)	Pakistan (7.2)
11 Netherlands	1.9	2.0	-6.1	Indonesia (17)	USA (15)	Mexico (10)
12 Ukraine	0.9	2.6	-68	China (36)	Russia (20)	Thailand (17)
13 Turkey	0.7	0.6	30	Oman (19)	Turkmenistan (19)	Malaysia (11)
14 Switzerland	0.7	1.1	-35	Australia (23)	China (13)	Denmark (8.0)
15 Sweden	0.7	1.5	-54	USA (25)	Pakistan (11)	Algeria (11)
16 Australia	0.5	0.3	81	Chile (31)	USA (27)	Canada (20)
17 Canada	0.5	0.9	-45	Saudi Arabia (49)	UAE (17)	Australia (5.0)
18 UAE	0.5	0.3	68	Egypt (34)	Jordan (21)	Algeria (14)
19 Belarus	0.3	0.5	-34	Viet Nam (26)	Serbia (16)	Sudan (13)
20 Brazil	0.3	0.1	147	Afghanistan (26)	France (21)	Chile (10)
21 Norway	0.3	0.6	-50	Oman (47)	USA (17)	Poland (13)
22 South Africa	0.3	0.3	-16	USA (24)	UAE (17)	India (13)
23 Czechia	0.3	0.2	56	Iraq (29)	USA (22)	Ukraine (14)
24 India	0.2	0.1	228	Myanmar (52)	Sri Lanka (24)	Mauritius (13)
25 Portugal	0.2	<0.05	1020	Romania (98)	Cabo Verde (1.1)	Colombia (1.1)

UAE = United Arab Emirates.

^a Figures show the change in volume of the total arms exports per exporter between the 2 periods.

Source: SIPRI Arms Transfers Database, Mar. 2021.