

Danish Defence expenditure 2021

The total budget amounts to 26.4 billion DKK in 2021 according to the Danish Finance Act for 2021.

The appropriations are primarily based on

- The Danish Defence Agreement 2018-2023 of January 28, 2018,
- Supplemental Agreement for the Danish Defence 2018-2023 of January 29, 2019
- Agreement of new fighter aircraft of June 9, 2016.

The appropriations are distributed among main accounts, activity areas and budget areas (see table 1-3 below).

Table 1: Overview of the appropriations 2019-2020 (current prices) and 2021-2024 (based on 2021 prices)

Year (Million DKK)	Current prices		Based on 2021 prices			
	2019 (Accounting)	2020 (Accounting)	2021	2022	2023	2024
Total	23.516,0	25.225,0	26.383,2	26.928,3	29.463,2	26.256,6
12.11. Central management	414,7	503,0	1.561,6	1.891,9	2.321,6	2.134,5
Ministry of Defence	374,4	423,2	411,6	406,1	405,9	399,4
Central reserves and initiatives 1)	40,3	79,8	1.150,0	1.485,8	1.915,7	1.735,1
Reserves and budget regulation 2)	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.12. Personnel	1.935,4	1.944,8	1.941,6	1.932,6	1.917,0	1.899,3
Danish Defence Personnel Agency	393,1	398,9	402,0	402,9	408,2	402,9
Danish Defence Personnel Agency, Functional operations	966,0	939,7	965,3	950,6	913,8	886,5
Danish Defence Personnel Agency, Centrally Managed Units	90,8	58,4	61,4	61,4	61,4	61,4
Danish Defence Personnel Agency, Compensations	485,5	547,8	512,9	517,7	533,6	548,5
12.13. Equipment and IT	8.975,8	10.467,1	10.230,6	10.405,0	12.309,4	9.557,0
Danish Defence Acquisition and Logistics Organisation	1.092,1	1.195,6	1.152,7	1.161,3	1.166,5	1.151,8
Equipment management	3.675,3	4.228,7	3.842,5	4.151,3	4.398,2	4.656,8
Capacity plan IT	537,8	643,3	433,0	486,2	495,9	498,6
Equipment acquisition	3.670,6	4.399,5	4.802,4	4.606,2	6.248,8	3.249,8
12.14. Estates	1.683,3	1.791,9	2.365,3	2.356,2	2.330,5	1.986,4
Danish Defence Estates and Infrastructure Organisation	277,2	275,1	253,8	250,6	253,3	247,8
Building maintenance and operations	1.300,3	1.180,8	1.310,5	1.311,3	1.346,3	1.356,6
National military construction	322,8	323,4	750,0	756,7	700,3	382,0
Revenues from sales of properties	-226,3	-0,1	-	-	-	-
Clearing after former US military presence in Greenland	9,3	12,7	51,0	37,6	30,6	-
12.15. Accounting	99,4	104,7	96,9	97,4	98,1	98,4
Danish Defence Accounting Agency	99,4	104,7	96,9	97,4	98,1	98,4
12.23. Defence Command Denmark	8.465,4	8.332,7	8.144,4	8.173,6	8.375,1	8.474,7
Defence Staff	574,6	570,6	811,5	776,5	798,8	804,2
Army	3.232,1	3.152,0	2.967,0	3.086,9	3.299,6	3.390,3
Navy	1.350,0	1.265,0	1.214,5	1.219,6	1.225,2	1.232,7
Air Force	1.953,1	1.687,0	1.566,6	1.521,4	1.483,0	1.475,7
Arctic Command	132,5	133,3	118,8	115,7	115,6	115,6
Special Operations Command	253,3	246,4	255,1	255,4	254,2	255,0
Defence Maintenance Service	370,2	689,0	689,9	674,5	669,8	669,8
Royal Danish Defence College	460,1	451,7	367,1	368,8	372,9	374,8
Defence Sanitary Command	139,5	137,7	153,9	154,8	156,0	156,6

	Current prices		Based on 2021 prices			
12.24. Home Guard	467,3	454,0	416,1	412,8	412,8	412,8
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12.25. Defence Intelligence Service	957,7	1.012,6	1.045,6	1.084,8	1.129,9	1.124,7
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12.29. Special expenses relating to NATO	228,2	283,5	276,5	269,6	264,4	264,4
12.41. Emergency Management	288,8	330,7	304,6	304,4	304,4	304,4
Emergency Management Agency	274,1	315,8	289,7	289,5	289,5	289,5
Civil Defence Union	14,7	14,9	14,9	14,9	14,9	14,9

- 1) Central reserves and initiatives primarily cover international cooperation and initiatives, centrally managed by Department of Ministry of Defence.
- 2) Reserves and budgetregulation covers the share of the state's overall reduction of the use of consultants related to the Ministry of Defence.

Table 2: The appropriations for 2021 distributed on activity areas (percentage)

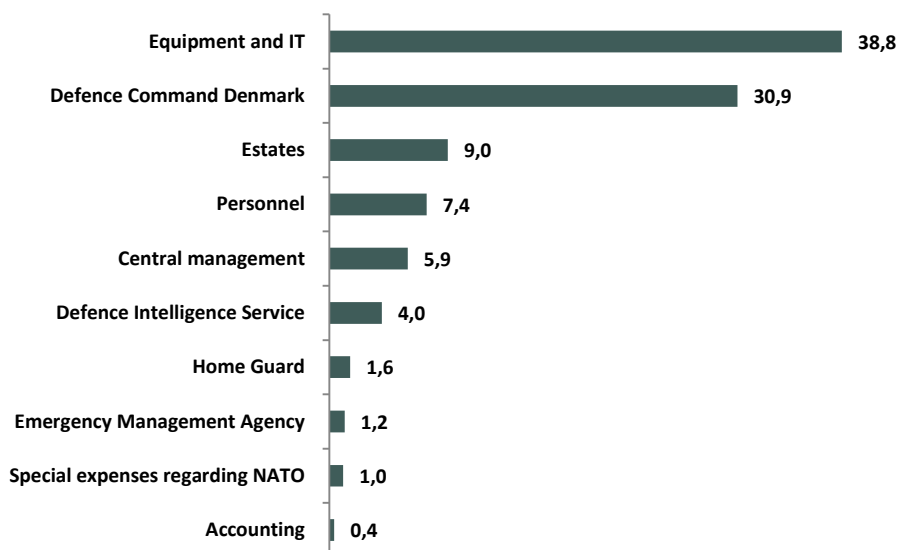
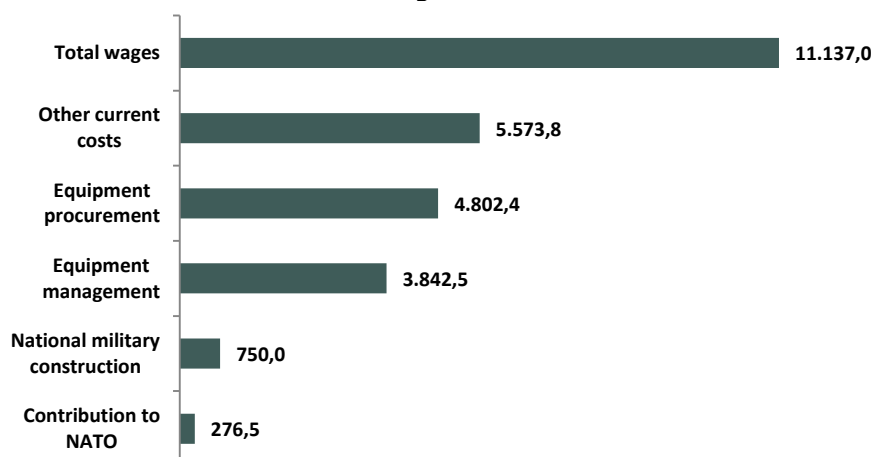


Table 3: The appropriations for 2021 distributed on budget areas



For further information of the Danish Defence budget refer to the Agency for Public Finance and Management - Ministry of Finance www.oes.dk/english

NATO definition of the Defence expenditures

NATO calculates the Defence expenditures of each member state according to NATO's own definition. This calculation, which is a part of the Defence Planning Capability Survey, creates the basis for comparison of the Defence expenditures across NATO member states. The NATO definition differs in certain aspects from the Danish definition of the Defence budget. In the NATO definition the following expenditures are fully or partly included:

- Pensions for public servants under the Ministry of Defence
- Pension costs according to law on civilian workers
- State pension to retirees
- Healthcare for present employees
- Qualifying civilian education acquired by newly recruited military personnel
- VAT
- National Survey and Cadastre
- Danish Meteorological Institute
- Denmark's financial share of defence related initiatives of the EU
- Denmark's assessed contributions to UN peacekeeping operations

Conversely, expenditures for civil defence and certain other strictly civilian expenditures are deducted.

The calculation of the Danish defence expenditures, according to the NATO definition, results in a somewhat higher estimate on the defense expenditures than the national definition (see table 4 below).

A part of the NATO Defence Planning Capability Survey is a calculation of the Defence expenditures as a percentage of the Gross Domestic Product in the member states (see table 5 below).

Table 4: Danish Defence expenditures according to NATO's definition (current prices)

Million DKK	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019e
	23,682	22,769	22,633	24,190	24,961	28,787	30,389

Table 5: Danish Defence expenditures according to NATO's definition as a percentage of GDP (based on 2015 prices)

Percentage	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019e
	1.23	1.15	1.11	1.15	1.15	1.30	1,32

e) Based on estimates for 2019.

More information can be found on the [NATO webpage](#).