

Danish Defence expenditures 2024

The total budget amounts to 36.2 billion DKK in 2024 according to the Danish Finance Act for 2024.

The appropriations include:

- The Danish Defence Agreement 2024-2033 of June 2023,
- Agreement of new fighter aircraft of June 2016.

In addition to the appropriations under the Ministry Defence, the General reserves of the Finance act contains funds regarding military support to Ukraine.

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

Table 1: Overview of the appropriations 2022-2023 (current prices) and 2024-2027 (based on 2024 prices)

Year (Million DKK)	Current prices		Based on 2024 prices			
	2022 (Accounting)	2023 (Accounting)	2024	2025	2026	2027
Total	31.252,3	47.185,2	36.162,8	35.515,4	38.051,3	41.264,4
12.11. Central management	536,5	611,5	3.175,8	3.541,4	6.954,9	11.589,4
Danish Ministry of Defence (DMD)	463,7	526,9	575,2	575,5	578,1	577,4
Central reserves and initiatives	72,8	84,6	1.956,7	1.693,6	2.405,2	3.147,3
Reserves regarding defence agreement 2024-2033 (acquisition and construction)			221,1	375,2	0,4	0,4
Reserves regarding defence agreement 2024-2033 (equipment management and other current costs)	-	-	692,6	1.047,7	4.106,1	7.864,3
Reserves for initiatives regarding National Compromise	-	-	-	-	-	-
Refunds from The European Peace Facility	-	-107,2	-269,8	-150,6	-134,9	-
12.12. Personnel	1.959,5	2.193,7	2.310,2	2.244,8	2.219,3	2.219,3
DMD Personnel Agency	318,2	362,6	326,4	324,7	325,0	325,0
DMD Personnel Agency, Functional operations	963,4	1.009,1	1.049,7	1.021,2	995,6	995,6
DMD Personnel Agency, Centrally Managed Units	62,2	68,8	83,3	78,0	72,0	72,0
DMD Personnel Agency, Compensations	615,7	753,3	697,3	672,5	680,7	680,7
Veteran Center	126,1	140,3	153,5	148,4	146,0	146,0
DMD Personal Agency, Compensation to formerly deployed soldiers etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.13. Equipment and IT	14.577,5	28.757,1	15.240,6	14.320,2	13.702,3	12.871,0
DMD Acquisition and Logistics Organisation	1.332,3	1.456,2	1.354,3	1.369,3	1.371,1	1.370,7
Equipment management	6.078,0	9.276,6	9.061,5	7.708,4	7.455,8	6.541,3
Capacity plan IT	821,6	987,0	711,2	717,3	718,4	717,9
Equipment acquisition	5.508,7	3.889,8	2.852,5	4.438,2	4.157,0	4.241,1
Subsidies regarding initiatives in Ukraine	836,9	13.147,5	1.261,1	87,0	-	-
12.14. Estates	2.672,6	3.248,0	3.242,4	2.882,9	2.670,2	2.000,0
DMD Estates and Infrastructure Organisation	593,4	819,5	760,5	773,1	319,7	323,7
Building maintenance and operations	1.229,1	1.326,7	1.456,3	1.457,8	1.276,9	1.193,5
National military construction	874,0	1.100,3	952,4	652,0	1.073,6	482,8
Revenues from sales of properties	-28,9	0,9	-	-	-	-
Clearing after former US military presence in Greenland	5,0	0,7	73,2	-	-	-
12.15. Accounting	115,8	128,3	122,2	122,2	122,2	122,2
DMD Accounting Agency	115,8	128,3	122,2	122,2	122,2	122,2
12.23. Defence Command Denmark	9.235,2	9.405,2	9.555,0	9.786,4	9.718,9	9.724,2
Defence Staff	771,9	847,5	939,0	1.024,5	938,2	888,6
Army	3.450,4	3.509,8	3.416,6	3.510,0	3.539,3	3.554,9
Navy	1.400,6	1.386,2	1.437,1	1.442,4	1.452,6	1.456,9
Air Force	1.778,1	1.745,8	1.731,5	1.753,3	1.751,1	1.783,4
Arctic Command	135,2	144,6	189,9	185,3	185,3	185,3
Special Operations Command	315,9	298,0	306,9	335,0	308,0	307,4

	Current prices		Based on 2024 prices			
Defence Maintenance Service	728,3	761,2	807,3	811,2	818,6	821,9
Royal Danish Defence College	493,3	542,7	540,4	537,4	537,4	537,4
Defence Sanitary Command	161,5	169,3	186,3	187,3	188,4	188,4
12.24. Home Guard	448,6	458,3	457,0	456,6	456,6	456,6
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12.25. Defence Intelligence Service	1.135,1	1.665,1	1.236,8	1.234,9	1.234,9	1.234,9
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12.28. Special expenses regarding EU	16,9	49,9	61,0	58,0	57,1	56,3
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12.29. Special expenses regarding NATO	279,7	353,4	435,0	541,2	588,1	663,7
Contribution to NATO's military operating costs	185,1	247,2	273,0	345,7	367,9	393,5
Contribution to internationally financed NATO investment programme	83,7	100,6	132,9	164,6	204,2	253,8
Risk premium regarding capital contribution to NATO Investment Fund	-	0,5	0,9	1,4	1,9	2,3
Internationally financed NATO investment programme	-	-	-	-	-	-
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12.41. Emergency Management	274,9	314,7	326,8	326,8	326,8	326,8
Emergency Management Agency	259,8	298,8	310,0	310,0	310,0	310,0
Civil Defence Union	15,1	15,9	16,8	16,8	16,8	16,8

**Central reserves and initiatives cover international operations, international cooperation and initiatives centrally managed by Department of the Ministry of Defence.*

Table 2: Appropriations for 2024 distributed on activity areas (percentage)

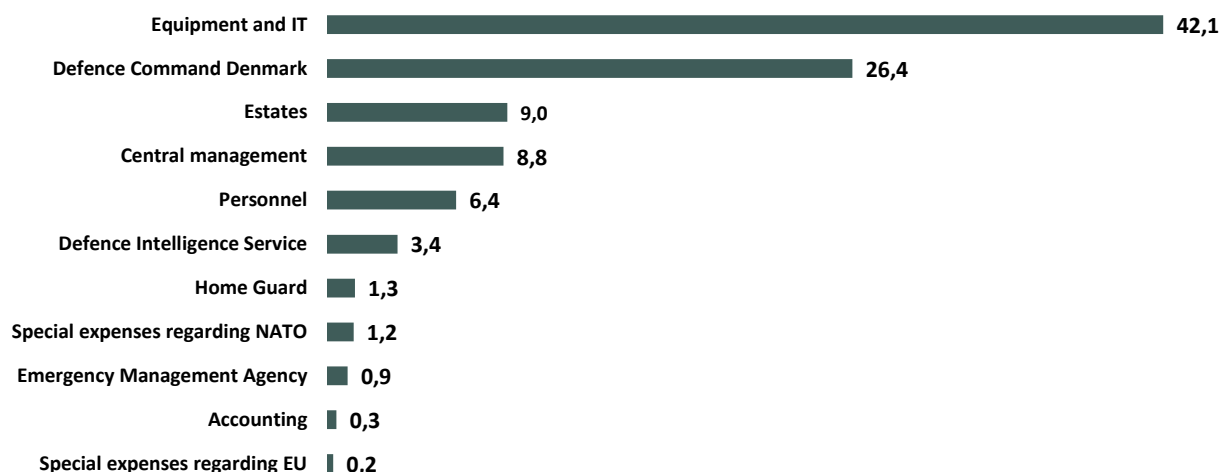
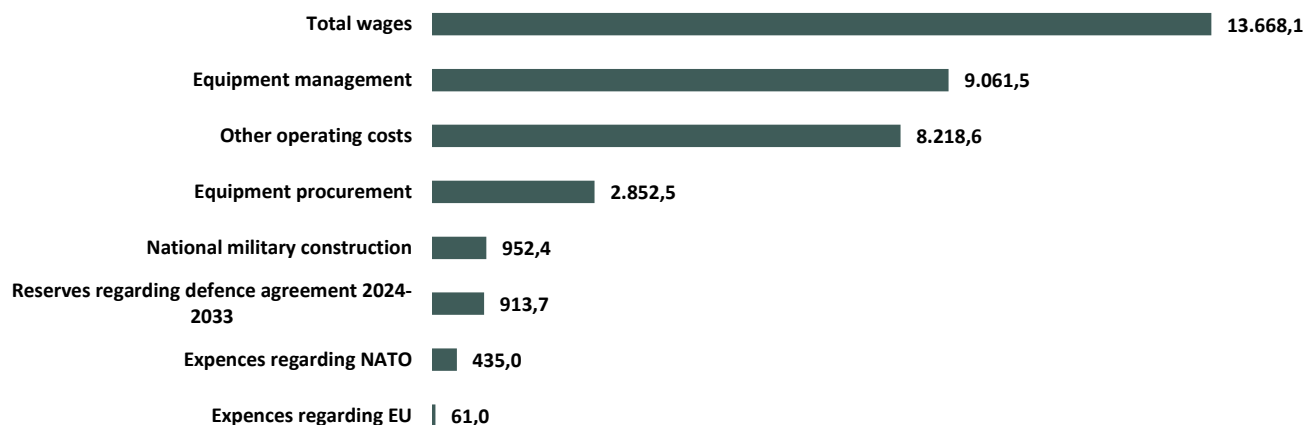


Table 3: Appropriations for 2024 distributed on budget areas (millions DKK)



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

Defence expenditures according to NATO's definition

NATO defines defence expenditures as payments made by a national government specifically to meet the needs of its armed forces, those of Allies or of the Alliance. The general definition is to some extent supplemented with further guidelines concerning expenditures, which can or cannot be included as defence expenditures. In certain areas, NATO's definition deviates from the Danish definition of the Defence budget. For instance, expenditures paid by Ministries other than the Ministry of Defence may qualify as defence expenditures according to NATO's definition. On the other hand, some expenditures incurred within the national defence budget are excluded from NATO's definition of defence expenditures. Subsequently, it is not decisive whether an expenditure is incurred within or outside the national defence budget. Thus, NATO's definition enables a comparison of defence expenditures across NATO member states, as it takes into account variations in the structures of defence budgets.

Consequently, the defence expenditures reported to NATO are based on the national defence budget adjusted for expenditures, which are not in accordance with NATO's definition, such as expenditures for civil defence and The Veteran Centre. Furthermore, other strictly civilian expenditures related to the environmental-protection vessels and The Coastal Rescue Service are also excluded from the calculation of defence expenditures reported to NATO.

Certain expenditures incurred by ministries other than the Ministry of Defence are included as defence expenditures, if, based on a concrete assessment, they are considered to comply with the criteria of the NATO definition, or if they are specifically mentioned as expenditures to be included. For example, health care for present employees and state pension to retirees are included. Pension for public servants, who have served under the Ministry of Defence, is included as a direct consequence of NATO's definition.

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

Based on the reported defence expenditures according to NATO's definition, NATO calculates the defence expenditures as a percentage of the country's Gross Domestic Product (see table 5 below).

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e
Million DKK	22,769	22,633	24,190	24,961	28,787	29,929	31,962	33,161	38,726	56,084	68,670

e) Based on estimates.

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

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e
Percentage	1.15	1.11	1.15	1.14	1.28	1.30	1.38	1.30	1.37	2.01	2.37

e) Based on estimates.

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