

Security Assistance Monitor Special Report – August 7, 2025: Arming Israel's Atrocities in Gaza

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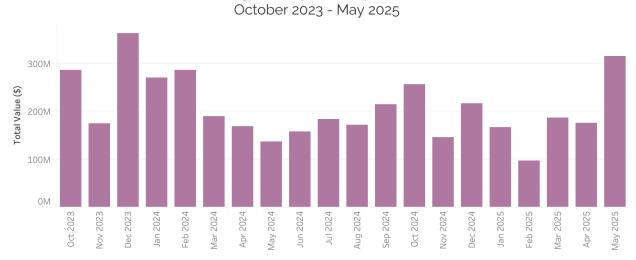
As Israel's largest supplier of weapons, the United States has provided and paid for much of the munitions and small arms used to commit war crimes and crimes against humanity in the Gaza Strip.

Export data shows over \$4 billion in arms transferred to Israel since October 2023

Between October 2023 and May 2025, the United States reported the export of nearly 4.2 billion dollars (\$4,169,960,00) worth of military goods to Israel.¹ This figure includes weapons and munitions paid for by Foreign Military Financing (FMF)—that is, by the United States, as well as sales directly to Israeli purchasers, including the Government of Israel. The United States provides Israel with \$3.3 billion annually in FMF, as well as \$500 million for missile defense.

This should be understood as only a partial snapshot of U.S. aid to Israel. The figure only captures weapons *exported* from the United States during this time frame, but does not include any that have been authorized and not yet delivered. As of April 2025, the State Department's Bureau of Political Military Affairs reported there were 751 active Foreign Military Sales cases with Israel, valued at 39.2 billion USD. More detailed information about what was sent is available in the appendix. It also likely does not include some weapons transferred through the Excess Defense Articles service, nor weapons withdrawn from the War Stockpiles Reserve-Israel. The weapons Israel purchases through offshore procurement, using U.S. taxpayer dollars to buy arms from Israeli companies are also not captured.

U.S. Military Weapon Exports to Israel

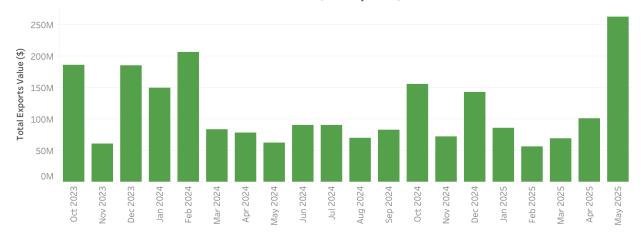


¹ This data was collected from the Automated Export System (AES), a system that electronically harmonizes and reports goods exported from U.S. ports. See https://www.cbp.gov/trade/aes/introduction.

The U.S has exported over \$2.3 billion of bombs, mines, and ammunition to Israel during its ongoing genocide in Palestine.

U.S. Bombs, Mines, and Ammunition Exports to Israel

October 2023 - May 2025



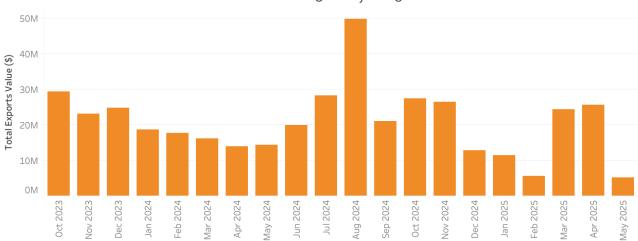
Critically, these exports include the very weapons repeatedly implicated in gross violations of international humanitarian law in Gaza. Since the Hamas-led attacks on October 7, 2023 in which approximately 1,200 Israelis were killed and 250 taken hostage according to Israeli government figures. Israel has used U.S. made bombs to target civilian infrastructure, schools, refugee camps, and hospitals, in attacks that human rights experts have called war crimes or crimes against humanity, including genocide.

Since October 2023, the U.S. has exported over \$416 million of firearms and related ammunition to Israel used to kill civilians at Gaza aid sites and seize land in the West Bank.

Shortly after Israel <u>broke</u> the ceasefire in March 2025 by imposing a total blockade on all aid into Gaza, it <u>resumed</u> the use of U.S-made bombs in its mass civilian casualty attacks in the territory. In the months since, Israeli forces—and possibly U.S. contractors—used U.S.-supplied firearms and ammunition to fire on crowds of starving Palestinian seeking aid near so-called Gaza Humanitarian Foundation (GHF) sites. The UN <u>reported</u> that over 850 civilians have been killed while seeking food at GHF aid sites.

U.S. Firearm Exports to Israel

October 2023 - May 2025



U.S. made guns have also been used in Israel's escalating atrocities and illegal seizure of Palestinian land in the West Bank. Since October 7, 2023, Armed Conflict Location & Event Data (ACLED) reports a sharp increase in the number of guns owned by settlers and used in attacks on Palestinians. Minister of National Security Itamar Ben-Gvir, leader of the far-right 'Jewish Power' party and a settler himself, has expedited the process required to get a firearm license and in March of 2024 celebrated authorizing 100,000 gun permits since October 2023.

Despite a manufacturing boom in the Israeli defense industry, as of 2023, 98% of firearms in Israel were of foreign origin, with the majority coming from the United States. Armed attacks by settlers and Israeli security forces, an increasingly meaningless distinction, have reached unprecedented levels in 2025.

Methodology and Appendix

To compile this data, the <u>Security Assistance Monitor</u> used the following Harmonized Tariff System (HTS) codes and their corresponding categories of munitions exported per month to calculate the overall quantity of weapons exported. For clarity, all categories are reported exactly as they appear in AES, including abbreviations and typos.

For the category "Bombs, Mines, and Ammunition," HTS code 930690 was used, which includes bombs, grenades, torpedoes, mines, missiles, munitions of war, and related ammunition and projectiles.

For the category "Firearm Exports," the following HTS codes were used:

930110 - Military Artillery Weapons (eg, Guns Howitzer Etc)

930190 - Military Weapons, oth Thn Revol, pist, &hd 9307, nesoi

930200 - Revolvers & Pistols, Designed To Fire Live Ammo

930400 - Arms Nesoi, Other Than Side Arms And Similar Arms

930510 - Pts & Accessories, of Pistols Or Revolvers

930520 - Parts And Accessories Of Shotguns/rifles Head 9303

930591 - Parts & Accessor. Of Military Weapons Of Head 9301

930599 - Parts and Acces. Of Artic. Of Hed 9303-9304, Nesoi

930621 - Shotgun Cartridges

930629 - Air Gun Pellets And Parts Of Shotgun Cartridges

930630 - Cartridges And Parts Thereof, Nesoi

This list includes all exports related to guns and ammunition, while excluding categories that are explicitly for sporting or hunting. Because not all categories specify intended use and many firearms can be used for a range of activities, the included exports likely include a small amount of guns used for recreation. The overall summed figure includes a small quantity of arms which may not have a contemporary combat function, like the HTS code 930700, "Swords, Cutlasses, Bayonets, & Similar Arms & Parts." It also includes fireworks and vision enhancing devices, which can have both military and non-military functions. Conversely, there are other exports, including vehicles, construction equipment, and chemical compounds, which can have both civilian and military purposes, which are not captured in this dataset. All HTS codes and their summed exports are available below. The Security Assistance Monitor encourages researchers to use SAM data, as well as the Automated Export System, to conduct their own analysis around the export of goods and services of interest, including those that may be dual-use.

U.S. Total Military Weapons Exports to Israel

October 2023 - May 2025

HTS Code	Commodity Name	Total Value Exported (\$)
284430	Uranium Depleted In U235 Etc; Thorium Etc.	77,006
360100	Propellant Powders	14,869,926
360200	Prepared Explosives Other Than Propellent Powders	2,150,356
360310	Safety Fuses	252,058
360320	Detonating Cords	1,593,605
360330	Percussion Caps	542,080
360340	Detonating Caps	318,903
360350	Igniters	1,267,367
360360	Electric Detonators	6,465,909
360410	Fireworks	1,185,250
360490	Pyrotechnic Articles, Nesoi	9,228,866
840110	Nuclear Reactors	53,192
840140	Parts Of Nuclear Reactors	8,433
841112	Turbojets Of A Thrust Exceeding 25 Kn	85,261,130
841122	Turbopropellers Of A Power Exceeding 1,100 Kw	646,393
841182	Gas Turbines Of A Power Exceeding 5,000 Kw	18,169,855
841210	Reaction Engines Other Than Turbojets	1,450,845
852583	Night Vision Tv,dig,video Cameras C85 Subh Note 3	1,587,545
852610	Radar Apparatus	10,885,441
871000	Tank & Ot Armored Fight Veh, Motorized; And Parts	374,132,364
880260	Spacecraft & Suborbital And Space Launch Vehicles	87,550
880400	Parachutes (including Dirigible Parachutes) Rotoch	2,774,212
880510	Aircraft Launching Gear And Prts;deck Arrestors,pt	7,652,959
880521	Air Combat Simulators And Parts Thereof	1,475,610
880621	Rc Unmanned Aircr Flight Max Takeoff Not Over 250g	248,916
880622	Rc Unmanned Aircraft Max Take-off Wt 250g - 7kg	3,735,140

880623	Rc Unmanned Aircraft Max Take-off Wt 7kg - 25kg	2,451,140
880624	Rc Unmanned Aircraft Max Take-off Wt 25kg - 150kg	369,660
880629	Rc Unmanned Aircraft Max Take-off Wt Gt 150 Kg	78,375
880691	Unmanned Aircraft Max Takeoff Not Over 250 G Nesoi	10,500
880692	Unmanned Aircraft Max Take-off Wt 250g - 7kg Nesoi	647,248
880693	Unmanned Aircraft Max Take-off Wt 7kg - 25kg Nesoi	58,175
880699	Unmanned Aircraft Max Take-off Wt Gt 150 Kg, Nesoi	90,245
880710	Propellers And Rotors And Parts Thereof	19,576,427
880720	Undercarriages And Parts Thereof	12,332,052
880730	Parts Of Planes Or Helicopters, Nesoi	734,789,978
880790	Parts Of Goods Of Heading 8801, 8802 Or 8806 Nesoi	3,959,078
900510	Binoculars	112,890,914
900580	Monoculars Telescopes Astronomical Ins And Mountng	3,737,518
901510	Rangefinders	2,771,761
930110	Military Artillery Weapons (eg, Guns Howitzer Etc)	2,891,298
930120	Rkt Launch.,flamthrow, & Sim. Projectors(military)	8,308,023
930190	Military Weapons, oth Thn Revol, pist, &hd 9307, nesoi	66,789,586
930200	Revolvers & Pistols, Designed To Fire Live Ammo	55,527,901
930400	Arms Nesoi, Other Than Side Arms And Similar Arms	1,311,001
930510	Pts & Accessories, of Pistols Or Revolvers	4,496,817
930520	Parts And Accessories Of Shotguns/rifles Head 9303	2,932,162
930591	Parts & Accessor. Of Military Weapons Of Head 9301	128,291,588
930599	Parts & Acces. Of Artic. Of Hed 9303-9304, Nesoi	257,870
930621	Shotgun Cartridges	1,974,591
930629	Air Gun Pellets And Parts Of Shotgun Cartridges	15,913
930630	Cartridges And Parts Thereof, Nesoi	152,011,972
930690	Bomb Mines Ot Ammntion Projetions Etc And Parts	2,304,802,715
930700	Swords, Cutlasses, Bayonets, & Siml Arms & Parts	461,985