

# US Arms Makers Sold \$42 Billion in Weapons Overseas in 2017

Sales Up Nearly \$10 Billion From Previous Year

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*Continuing to brag that the US is the “global provider of choice” for arms, Defense Security Cooperation Agency (DSCA) Director Lt. Gen. Charles Hooper has issued a statement reporting that the [US sold in the realm of \\$42 billion in weapons to the rest of the world in 2017](#).*

That’s a \$10 billion increase over sales the previous years, with the overwhelming majority of the sales taking place in the Middle East, but the Indo-Pacific region also seeing a substantial increase.

Hooper said the US advantage was not just in the arms themselves, but in the provision of training and maintenance capabilities for customers, who he labeled “partners.” He added that he expects the positive sales trend to continue.

This is likely to be the case, of course, because even though the world is awash in weapons the regions with the most sales are also areas of particular US foreign policy interest, and by extension regions full of costly wars, for which US arms makers are only too willing to sell more equipment.

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