

New Online Tool Maps Out 867 US Military Bases Worldwide

Description

The United States of America, unlike any other nation, maintains a massive network of foreign military installations around the world.

How was this created and how is it continued? Some of these physical installations are on land occupied as spoils of war. Most are maintained through collaborations with governments, many of them brutal and oppressive governments benefiting from the bases' presence. In many cases, human beings were displaced to make room for these military installations, often depriving people of farmland, adding huge amounts of pollution to local water systems and the air, and existing as an unwelcome presence.

Across the political spectrum and even within the US military there is **growing recognition that many overseas bases should have been closed decades ago**, but bureaucratic inertia and misguided political interests have kept them open. Estimates of the yearly cost to the US of its foreign military bases **range from \$100 – 250 billion**. Thanks to davidvine.net for the variety of information included in this tool.

View [a video](#) overview the new interactive tool:

To explore this database, click on map markers or use the dashboard to make selections:

[World Beyond Bases](#) make your selection.