

# Combined Forces Air Component Commander 2011-2016 Airpower Statistics

As of 31 May 2016

The number of weapons employed and missions executed are just two of the many metrics the Combined Forces Air Component Commander uses as a means of assessment. Coalition air operations continue to enable our partners on the ground to fight Da'esh, further degrade their combat capability and isolate and dismantle the terrorist group on the ground to a point they can no longer sustain themselves or operate as a cohesive organization. May's airpower summary reflects continued precision engagements against and pressure placed on the enemy.

In Operations Resolute Support and Freedom Sentinel, airpower continues to provide a strategic contribution to the overall campaign. Coalition airpower has helped enable the success of U.S. and Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan counter-insurgency operations as well and has provided round-the-clock armed coverage for ground forces. Additionally, aerial refueling and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance sorties have provided critical capabilities to the fight. Resolute Support has continued to train, advise and assist the Afghan government as they execute their responsibility for security in Afghanistan. One tangible example of increased capability is the Afghan Air Force (AAF) A-29. Since January, AAF A-29 pilots have flown sorties in support of operational and training missions.

In Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR), the air coalition continues to place pressure on Da'esh throughout the region. In total, Da'esh has lost about 45 percent of the populated territory it previously held in Iraq and 20 percent in Syria. Intra-theater mobility assets continue to work 24/7 to ensure critical assets are available throughout the region while offering a precision airdrop capability. The Coalition continues to shape the battlespace through deliberate strikes and the application of precision guided munitions, placing Da'esh's ability to meet their basic needs under pressure.

The Coalition's persistent air coverage in OIR continues to exploit Da'esh weaknesses and creates enemy decision-making confusion. The air Coalition is conducting the most precise air campaign in history, minimizing the impact to civilians on the ground and increasingly striking lucrative targets such as revenue streams, vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices, while allowing ground forces a tactical advantage.

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## OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

### Close Air Support/Escort/Interdiction

### Number of Weapons Released

Less Activity  More Activity

Sorties		Sorties with at least one weapon release		Number of Weapons Released												
Year	Sorties	Year	Sorties	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2014	6,591	2014	2,003								269	931	1,746	1,458	1,888	6,292
2015	21,113	2015	9,914	2,426	1,853	1,685	1,862	2,145	1,683	2,823	2,758	2,380	2,694	3,227	3,139	28,675
2016	8,866	2016	4,621	2,718	2,090	2,052	2,582	2,206								11,648

	2014	2015	2016
Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties	2,247	9,401	3,996
Airlift and Airdrop Sorties	1,992	10,050	3,800
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)*	14,555	78,500	29,100
Airlift Passengers*	9,900	47,200	20,100
Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)	1,417,900	0	10,021
Tanker Sorties	4,859	14,737	5,200
Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds)	282	912	317
Aircraft Refuelings	28,956	84,381	33,326

\* Iraq only



- Some figures may have changed due to data re-calculation and re-verification

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