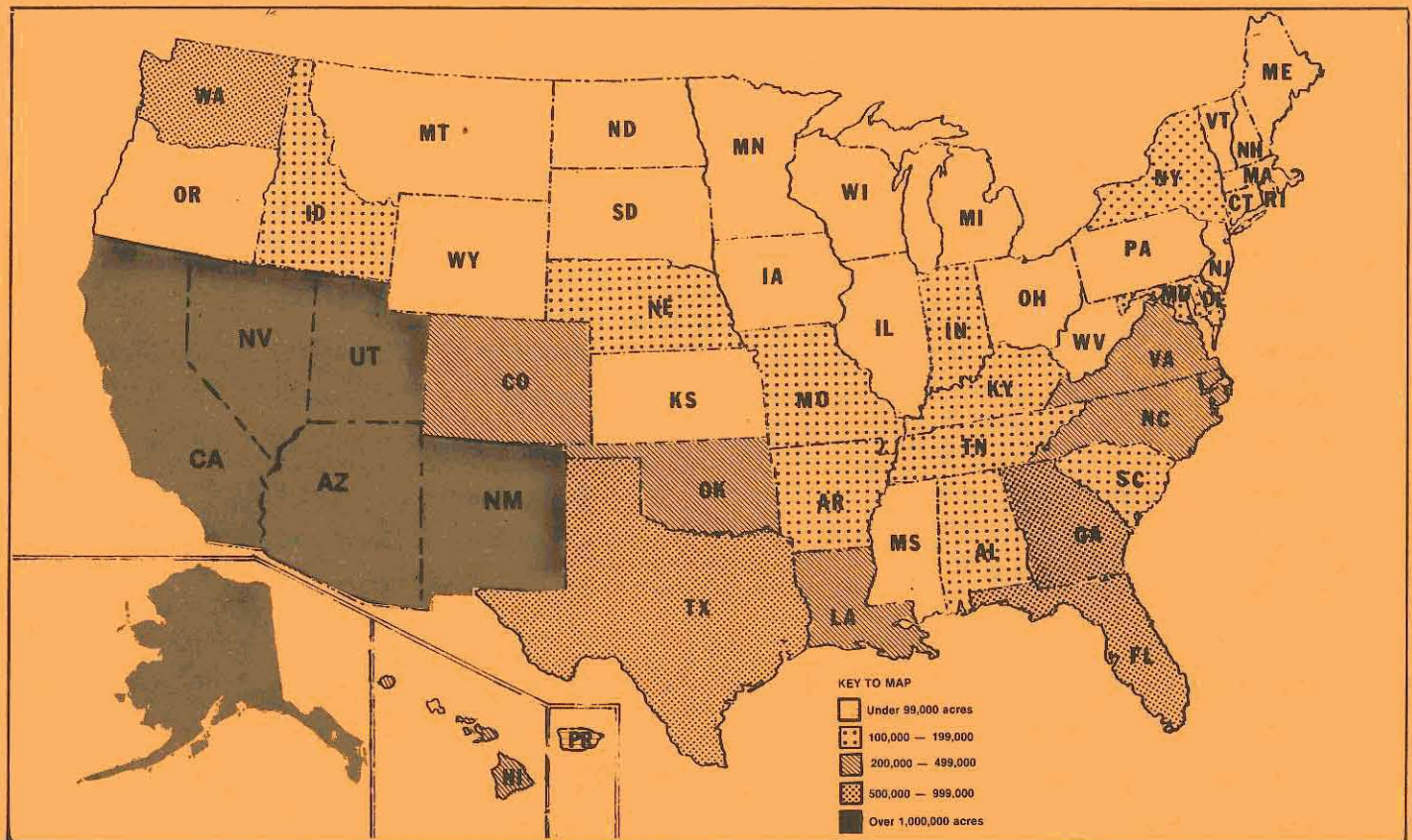


PENTAGON COUNTRY

— Land Under Military Control



The Department of Defense (DOD) operates over 4,000 military installations in the United States, ranging in size from one-half acre to 920,000 acres. The military controls 24,378,356 acres, more than the land area of the state of Indiana.

Nearly three-quarters of all DOD-occupied land is located in the six Western states of California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah and Alaska. Western states and Hawaii also lead the nation in terms of the percentage of their land which is controlled by the military.

Twenty-seven military bases are located in U.S. "possessions." For example, there are nine major U.S. bases in Puerto Rico alone, occupying 62,180 acres. The military maintains 309 bases in foreign countries, covering over two million additional acres.

While many believe military facilities bring economic benefits to surrounding communities, more and more people from Hawaii to Maine are voicing concerns about having the military in their back yards.

The MX Missile system, which the Air Force proposes to deploy in Nevada and possibly in Texas and New Mexico is generating strong resistance from many local residents. Governor

Scott Matheson of Utah predicts that "the influx of a very large number of people into a set of small relatively undeveloped, sparsely populated... rural communities will destroy the chosen way of life as it is now known in these communities forever."

In recent years, there has been concerted resistance to the U.S. military presence on Vieques, a small island off the coast of Puerto Rico. Vieques supported an agricultural community before the Navy claimed more than three-quarters of the land for military exercises, artillery practice and ammunition stockpiling. With little land left for agricultural or other economic development, the people of Vieques turned to fishing. Now the fishing industry faces destruction from continued U.S. shelling. The people of Vieques are responding with actions ranging from legal initiatives to direct blockading of the maneuvers of the Navy.

Land is one of the most essential of our natural resources. Without an adequate supply, it is difficult for any society to feed, clothe and house its people. When land is devoted to military purposes, it often becomes unavailable for constructive social use. Thus, it is not surprising that the military's control of land has become increasingly controversial as land has become both more scarce and more valuable.

Rank*	State	Total Acres	Under Military Control		Rank*	State	Total Acres	Under Military Control	
			Acres	Percent				Acres	Percent
20	ALABAMA	32,678,400	187,054	0.57	48	MONTANA	93,271,040	36,640	*
19	ALASKA	305,481,600	1,906,762	0.62	43	NEBRASKA	49,031,680	33,005	*
1	ARIZONA	72,688,000	3,891,172	5.35	3	NEVADA	70,264,320	3,319,869	4.72
29	ARKANSAS	33,599,360	101,752	0.30	38	NEW HAMPSHIRE	5,768,960	7,395	0.12
4	CALIFORNIA	100,296,728	4,088,999	4.08	11	NEW JERSEY	4,813,440	67,216	1.39
28	COLORADO	66,485,760	216,686	0.32	5	NEW MEXICO	77,766,400	2,948,124	3.79
45	CONNECTICUT	3,135,360	1,799	*	23	NEW YORK	30,680,960	157,799	0.51
25	DELAWARE	1,265,920	4,563	0.36	14	N. CAROLINA	31,402,880	326,429	1.03
7	FLORIDA	34,791,280	711,440	2.04	40	N. DAKOTA	44,452,480	52,730	0.11
10	GEORGIA	37,295,360	567,483	1.52	37	OHIO	26,222,080	38,037	0.14
2	HAWAII	4,105,600	219,232	5.33	24	OKLAHOMA	44,087,680	220,420	0.49
30	IDAHO	52,933,120	157,261	0.29	39	OREGON	61,598,720	75,355	0.12
36	ILLINOIS	35,795,200	52,379	0.14	35	PENNSYLVANIA	28,804,480	48,864	0.16
16	INDIANA	23,158,400	178,927	0.77	12	RHODE ISLAND	677,120	7,244	1.06
46	IOWA	35,860,480	20,045	*	21	S. CAROLINA	19,374,080	112,116	0.57
27	KANSAS	52,510,720	173,659	0.33	44	S. DAKOTA	48,881,920	28,056	*
18	KENTUCKY	25,512,320	162,164	0.63	22	TENNESSEE	26,727,680	151,107	0.56
15	LOUISIANA	28,867,840	270,729	0.93	26	TEXAS	168,217,600	587,677	0.34
41	MAINE	19,847,680	21,208	0.10	6	UTAH	52,696,960	1,821,754	3.45
8	MARYLAND	6,319,360	128,229	2.02	33	VERMONT	5,936,640	12,464	0.20
17	MASSACHUSETTS	5,034,880	36,135	0.71	13	VIRGINIA	25,496,320	266,291	1.04
42	MICHIGAN	36,492,160	30,078	*	9	WASHINGTON	42,693,760	656,942	1.53
50	MINNESOTA	51,205,760	4,518	*	49	W. VIRGINIA	15,410,560	2,860	*
34	MISSISSIPPI	30,222,720	55,611	0.18	32	WISCONSIN	35,011,200	75,555	0.21
31	MISSOURI	44,248,320	107,855	0.24	47	WYOMING	62,343,040	26,711	*

*Ranked by percentage of state area that is controlled by the Department of Defense.

**Below 0.01 percent

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