Most territories export few major weapons. In 2003, 5 territories made over US$15 billion from arms exports. They were the United States, the Russian Federation, France, Germany, and the United Kingdom, with 80% of this trade worldwide. 22 territories accounted for over 99% of arms export sales.

In 2003, a total of US$19 billion was earned from arms exports worldwide. The weapons shown in this map are major conventional weapons and systems including ships, aircraft, missiles, artillery, armoured vehicles, and guidance and radar systems. Small arms and ammunition are not included here.

Territory size shows the proportion of worldwide earnings from arms exports received there.

“Guns were everywhere – automatic and semi-automatic rifles, machine guns, pistols - and so were hand grenades, rocket-propelled grenades, and other life-destroying tools of warfare.”

Isaac Lappia, undated