B-52H Fleet Structure and New START Treaty-related Armament Capability Changes, 2008-2024

2008-2013

Changes:

- 18 of 94 B-52H aircraft earmarked for retirement in 2008
- 60-0053 destroyed in an aviation incident on 21 July 2008
- 13 B-52H aircraft transferred to storage at Davis-Monthan AFB between 24 July 2008 and 21 January 2009
- 61-0025 becomes GITA at Sheppard AFB, 9 May 2008
- 61-0022 becomes GITA at Sheppard AFB, 9 September 2009
- Earliest confirmation of 61-0032 as GITA at Minot AFB, August 2012
- Earliest confirmation of 60-0016 as GITA at Barksdale AFB, 19 August 2013

2014

Change:

- 60-0049 grounded beyond repair after a fire on 28 January 2014

New Total:

- 75 active
- 13 in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB
- 4 GITA
- 1 grounded beyond repair at Barksdale AFB
- 9 destroyed

2015

Changes:

- 30 aircraft in the active fleet, and 12 in storage, earmarked for conversion to conventional-only capability
- 61-0007 is resurrected from storage on 13 Feb 2015 (to replace 60-0049) and pending restoration returns to service on 27 September 2016 as nuclear-capable.

New Total:

- 75 active (30 earmarked for conversion to conventional-only)
- 12 in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB (all earmarked for conversion to conventional-only)
- 1 pending restoration (to be retuned as nuclear-capable)
- 4 GITA
- 1 grounded beyond repair at Barksdale AFB
- 9 destroyed

2016

Changes:

- 60-0047 destroyed in an aviation incident on 19 May 2016
- 61-0007 completes restoration and is returned to service on 27 September 2016 as nuclear-capable

New Total:

- 75 active (29 earmarked for conversion to conventional-only)
- 12 in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB (all earmarked for conversion to conventional-only)
- 4 GITA
- 1 grounded beyond repair at Barksdale AFB
- 10 destroyed

2017

Changes:

- Conversions to conventional-only completed by no later than 1 March 2017
- 60-0049 (previously grounded beyond repair at Barksdale AFB) is transferred to storage on 28 July 2017, awaiting dismantling

New Total:

- 75 active (46 nuclear-capable, 29 conventional-only)
- 13 in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB (12 conventional-only, 1 awaiting dismantling)
- 4 GITA
- 10 destroyed

2018

Change:

- 60-0049 is dismantled and kept in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB

New Total:

- 75 active (46 nuclear-capable, 29 conventional-only)
- 13 in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB (12 conventional-only, 1 dismantled)
- 4 GITA
- 10 destroyed

2019

Change:

- 60-0034 is resurrected from storage on 14 May 2019 (to replace 60-0047) pending restoration, not to be returned to service until 10 March 2021 as conventional-only.

New Total:

- 75 active (46 nuclear-capable, 29 conventional-only)
- 12 in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB (11 conventional-only, 1 dismantled)
- 1 pending restoration (to be returned as conventional-only)
- 4 GITA
- 10 destroyed

2020

Change:

- None

Total:

- 75 active (46 nuclear-capable, 29 conventional-only)
- 12 in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB (11 conventional-only, 1 dismantled)
- 1 pending restoration (to be returned as conventional-only)
- 4 GITA
- 10 destroyed

2021

Changes:

- 60-0034 completes restoration and is returned to service on 10 March 2021 as conventional only.
- 61-0009 is taken out of storage and dismantled to serve as an integration model.

New Total:

- 76 active (46 nuclear-capable, 30 conventional-only)
- 11 in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB (10 conventional-only, 1 dismantled)
- 4 GITA

- 1 integration model
- 10 destroyed

2022 - 2024

Change:

- None

Total:

- 76 active (46 nuclear-capable, 30 conventional-only)
- 11 in storage at Davis-Monthan AFB (10 conventional-only, 1 dismantled)
- 4 GITA
- 1 integration model
- 10 destroyed