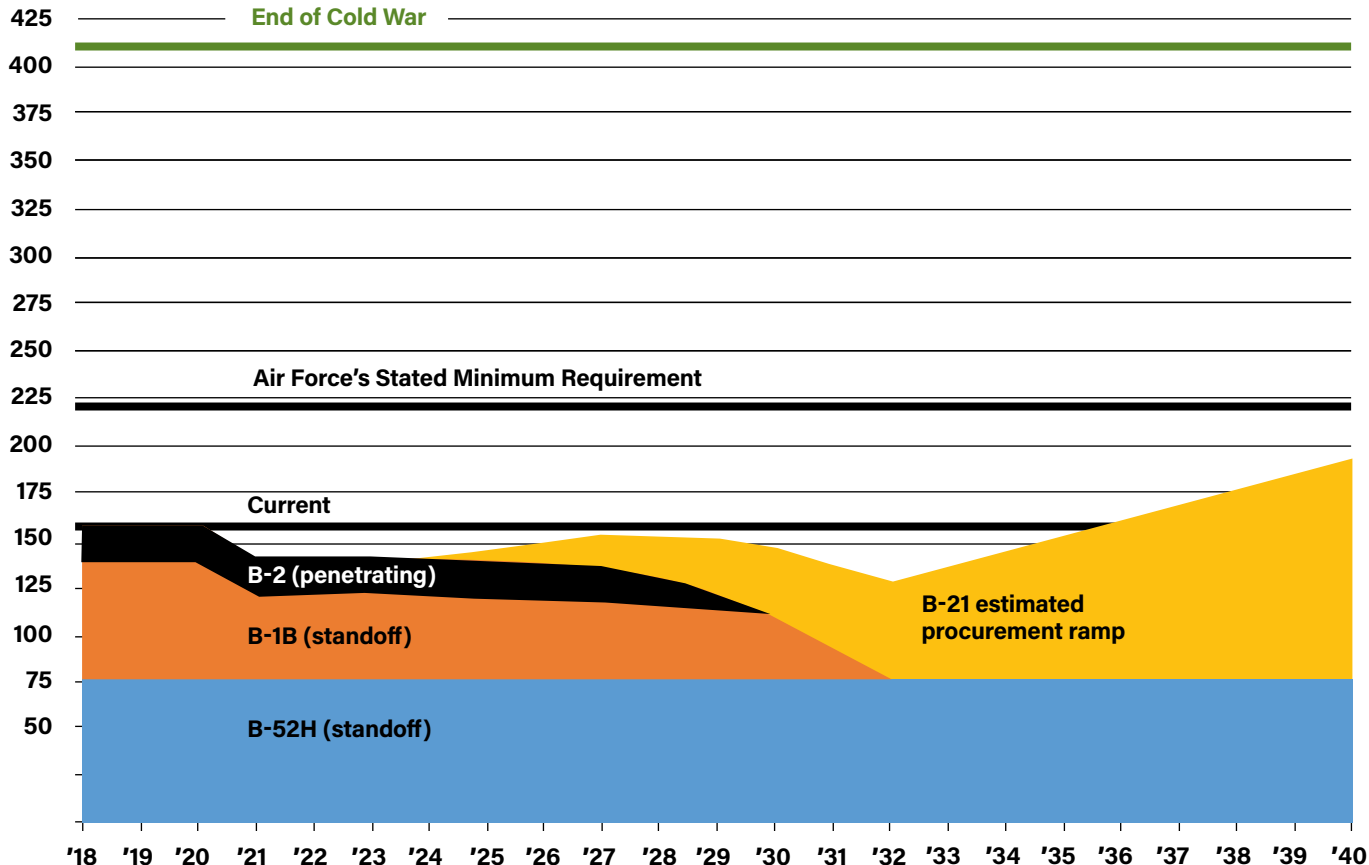


Tracking the Bomber Shortfall

The U.S. Air Force had more than 400 bombers at the end of the Cold War. The Air Force says it needs 225 bombers to meet the National Defense Strategy. Unless plans change, the Air Force will fall short of that requirement for the next 15 years—or longer.



Note: Projection based on current inventory information provided by USAF, data from the FY21 President's Budget, and an estimate of a notional B-21 procurement ramp.