

Combined Forces Air Component Commander 2011-2016 Airpower Statistics

As of 30 April 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. The military campaign to defeat Da'esh and other trans-regional terrorist elements requires the support of indigenous ground forces enabled by Coalition air operations. As this month's air summary reflects, the air Coalition has continued to aggressively place pressure on the enemy.

In Operations Resolute Support and Operation Freedom Sentinel, Coalition airpower provides a vital contribution to the overall campaign. The number of air strikes where weapons were employed in Afghanistan experienced a slight uptick from March. Coalition Airmen continue to actively engage in the vital advise, train, and assist mission while remaining engaged in counterterrorism efforts. With the harvest over, there is anticipation that fighting in Afghanistan will increase moving forward. Coalition air is prepared to offer precision-capability and effects.

In Operation Inherent Resolve, the air coalition is consistently focused on ways to accelerate the fight and place increased pressure on Da'esh throughout the battlespace. Progress can be seen as Da'esh has lost about 40 percent of the populated territory it previously held. The air Coalition continues to place emphasis on the deep fight, striking Da'esh before they have the ability to attack ground forces. The numbers weapons employed increased in comparison to the two preceding months. The Coalition air strikes are focused on dismantling and fragmenting Da'esh by enabling indigenous ground forces and by targeting key functions such as Da'esh headquarters/command and control, communications, finance, leadership, and logistics.

Recognizing that accuracy and precision are critically important in this fight, ninety-nine percent of the munitions delivered are precision-guided. The Coalition is placing weapons in exact spots, with an exact purpose.

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OPERATION INHERENT RESOLVE

Close Air Support/Escort/Interdiction

Number of Weapons Released



Sorties		Sorties with at least one weapon release		Number of Weapons Released													Total
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	7,943	2016	3,705	2,718	2,090	2,052	2,575									9,435	

	2014	2015	2016
Intel, Surveillance and Recon Sorties	2,247	9,401	3,028
Airlift and Airdrop Sorties	1,992	10,050	3,000
Airlift Cargo (Short Tons)*	14,555	78,500	22,700
Airlift Passengers*	9,900	47,200	14,700
Supplies Airdropped (Pounds)	1,417,900	0	0
Tanker Sorties	4,859	14,737	4,124
Fuel Offloaded (Millions of Pounds)	282	912	255
Aircraft Refuelings	28,956	84,381	27,179

* Iraq only



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