

USAF Wing Force Structure

1939-1949

Calendar Year	1939						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	2	3	5	5	0	0	5
Bomber	2	6	8	8	0	0	8
Airlift	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flying Trng	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Flight Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Space & Missile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Composite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	4	10	14	14	0	0	14

See: <http://www.afhra.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-070913-065.pdf>

From the end of World War I through World War II, the combat group (predecessor of present day operations wing) was the measure of force strength for the Army Air Service; its successor from 1926, the Army Air Corps; and, in World War II, the Army Air Forces. Through the 1920s, the total offensive capability of the Air Service rested in one pursuit (fighter air-to-air), one bombardment, and one attack (fighter air-to-ground) group. At the beginning of World War II, plans called for 54 combat groups. At peak strength during the war, the Army Air Forces had almost 400 flying groups. These included liaison, composite, air commando, air transport, combat cargo, troop carrier, fighter, reconnaissance, bombardment, and pilot training groups.

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Calendar Year	1940						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	5	5	10	10	0	0	10
Bomber	7	6	13	13	0	0	13
Airlift	0	6	6	6	0	0	6
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recon	0	0	0	0	0	*0	0
Flying Trng	0	3	3	3	0	0	3
Flight Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Space & Missile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Composite	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	13	20	33	33	0	0	33

* 13 ANG Observation squadrons were mobilized

Calendar Year	1941						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	7	17	24	24	0	0	24
Bomber	8	20	28	28	0	0	28
Airlift	0	12	12	12	0	0	12
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recon	0	12	12	12	0	*0	12
Flying Trng	0	17	17	17	0	0	17
Flight Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Space & Missile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Composite	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	16	78	94	94	0	0	94

* 15 ANG squadrons were mobilized

Calendar Year	1942						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	28	24	52	52	0	0	52
Bomber	32	56	88	88	0	0	88
Airlift	6	10	16	16	0	0	16
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recon	5	13	18	18	0	0	18
Flying Trng	0	14	14	14	0	0	14
Flight Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Space & Missile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Composite	2	0	2	2	0	0	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	*0	0
TOTALS	73	117	190	190	0	0	190

* 23 various ANG squadrons were mobilized

Calendar Year	1943						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	55	37	92	92	0	0	92
Bomber	73	68	141	141	0	0	141
Airlift	25	12	37	37	0	0	37
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Recon	16	5	21	21	0	0	21
Flying Trng	2	99	101	101	0	0	101
Flight Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Space & Missile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Composite	2	0	2	2	0	0	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	*0	0
TOTALS	174	221	395	395	0	0	395

* 24 various ANG squadrons were mobilized

Calendar Year	1944						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	68	9	77	77	0	0	77
Bomber	113	23	136	136	0	0	136
Airlift	32	2	34	34	0	0	34
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	3	0	3	3	0	0	3
Recon	13	7	20	20	0	0	20
Flying Trng	4	29	33	33	0	0	33
Flight Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rescue	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Space & Missile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Composite	1	2	3	3	0	0	3
Other	0	0	0	0	0	*0	0
TOTALS	235	72	307	307	0	0	307

* 20 various ANG squadrons were mobilized

Calendar Year	1945						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	25	2	27	27	0	0	27
Bomber	34	17	51	51	0	0	51
Airlift	14	4	18	18	0	0	18
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Recon	5	3	8	8	0	0	8
Flying Trng	1	13	14	14	0	0	14
Flight Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rescue	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Space & Missile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Composite	1	2	3	3	0	0	3
Other	0	0	0	0	0	*0	0
TOTALS	81	42	123	123	0	0	123

* One ANG squadron was mobilized

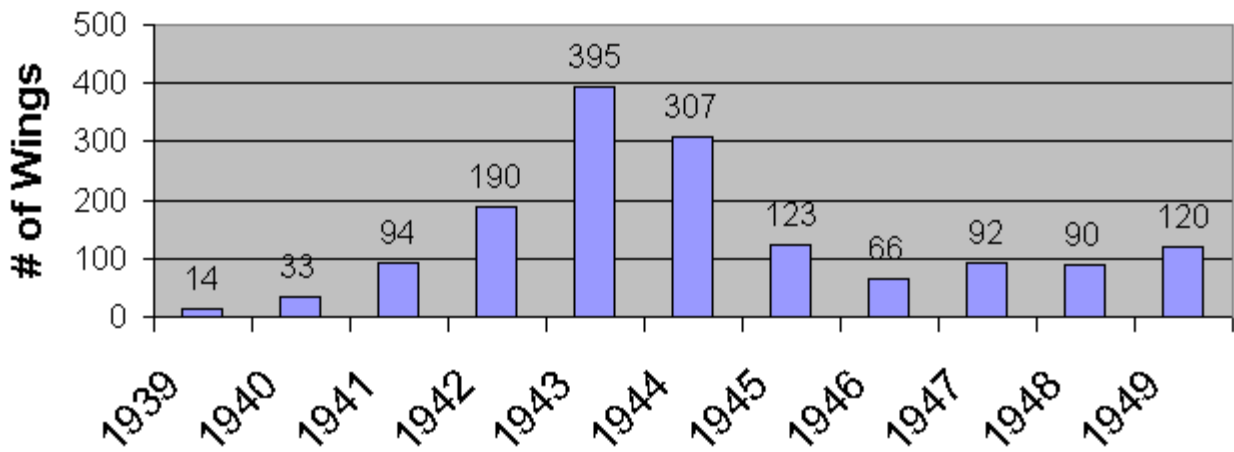
Calendar Year	1946						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	17	6	23	23	0	0	23
Bomber	11	10	21	21	0	0	21
Airlift	6	4	10	10	0	0	10
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recon	1	2	3	3	0	0	3
Flying Trng	0	7	7	7	0	0	7
Flight Test	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Space & Missile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Composite	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	35	31	66	66	0	0	66

Calendar Year	1947						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	11	13	24	24	0	0	24
Bomber	7	15	22	22	0	0	22
Airlift	5	14	19	19	0	0	19
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recon	2	13	15	15	0	0	15
Flying Trng	0	10	10	10	0	0	10
Flight Test	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Rescue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Space & Missile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Composite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
TOTALS	25	67	92	92	0	0	92

Calendar Year	1948						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	13	13	26	26	0	0	26
Bomber	3	16	19	19	0	0	19
Airlift	10	10	20	20	0	0	20
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recon	3	8	11	11	0	0	11
Flying Trng	0	9	9	9	0	0	9
Flight Test	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Rescue	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Space & Missile	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Composite	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	31	59	90	90	0	0	90

Calendar Year	1949						
Type	Overseas	CONUS	TOTAL	Active	Reserve	Mob. ANG	TOTAL
Fighter	9	14	23	20	3	0	23
Bomber	2	26	28	16	12	0	28
Airlift	6	33	39	15	24	0	39
Air Refueling	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ops	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recon	1	6	7	6	1	0	7
Flying Trng	0	11	11	8	3	0	11
Flight Test	0	2	2	2	0	0	2
Rescue	1	1	2	2	0	0	2
Space & Missile	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
Composite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	4	3	7	7	0	0	7
TOTALS	23	97	120	77	43	0	120

TOTAL WINGS 1939-1949



Fighter Groups 1939 – 1945

Yr	O/S	CONUS	Total
1939	2	3	5
1940	5	5	10
1941	7	17	24
1942	28	24	52
1943	55	37	92
1944	68	9	77
1945	25	2	27