

**Strategic Objective: Rebalance the Joint Force for a broad spectrum of conflict.**

**OVERVIEW:**

The national security challenges are not only numerous and geographically disparate, but many are unconventional. Reflecting this diverse range of challenges, the DoD will implement strategies to facilitate a focused shift in the types of conflict for which the military forces are prepared to execute. After years of protracted, expensive military engagements throughout the Middle East, the Joint Force is currently out of balance. The DoD will set the personnel and readiness conditions to find the most efficient Active and Reserve force mix that ensures acceptable risk in military capabilities and capacity. This is provided through policies that promote a seamlessly integrated Total Force supporting national security at home and abroad. The ideal Total Force will be an efficient mix of a viable operational Active Component and a Reserve Component that can provide strategic hedge, predictable operational support as well as surge during times of extended need. Both the Active and Reserve Components need access to installations and training lands to maintain their readiness in order for these components to be available when needed.

Turmoil around the world continues, ranging from the threat presented by the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) in Iraq to the potential of an Ebola pandemic. Despite the continued high operations tempo, the DoD remains committed to ensuring deployed forces around the globe are trained, equipped, and ready to perform their assigned missions. Finding proper balance between maintaining readiness, force structure sizing, modernization, and future threats remains an important component of the Department's mission and the highest priority of the Department's leadership. In order to ensure appropriate congressional oversight and reporting, the DoD will continue measuring and reporting Readiness via the Quarterly Readiness Report to Congress (QRRC), a comprehensive analytical product which is classified to safeguard sensitive matters.

## Performance Indicator

DoD STRATEGIC GOAL #2: Sustain a Ready Force to Meet Mission Needs			
Performance Goals	Performance Measure Indicators	Prior Year Results	FY15 Results
SO 2.1: Rebalance the Joint Force for a broad spectrum of conflict.			

### FY 2015 Progress Update:

The fundamental purpose of our Armed Forces is to fight and win our Nation's conflicts. Therefore, it is critical the DoD continually assesses warfighting readiness and capabilities.

The Chairman's Readiness System (CRS) provides a common framework for conducting commanders' readiness assessments, blending unit-level readiness indicators with combatant command (COCOM), Service, and Combat Support Agency (CSA) (collectively known as the C/S/As) subjective assessments of their ability to execute the National Military Strategy (NMS).

Specifically, the CRS provides the C/S/As a readiness reporting system measuring their ability to integrate and synchronize combat and support units into an effective joint force ready to accomplish assigned missions.

*The Readiness of the Department's Joint Forces and its ability to respond to a broad spectrum of conflict are collected, managed, assessed, and reported through the CRS. Readiness assessment results are provided on an as needed basis.*