

Table 1: ICBM Development

Country	Start Missile Program	Start ICBM Program	First ICBM Test	First ICBM Deployed	Years to ICBM Total/ICBM [ii]	Tests Total/ICBM [iiii]
North Korea [iv]	1972/1976	1995	2006	-	> 40/ >15	31/4
USSR	1945	1951	1957	1964	12/7	500/100
US	1945	1951	1957- 1959	1959	15/8	600/100
China	1957	1965	1971	1981	14/6	>200/?
India	1983	? - 2007	2012	-	49/29/5+	>500/1

i. This chart is part of an ongoing research project analyzing the rocket and missile programs of various countries. The data shown here is preliminary and not final.

ii. Total years to an ICBM represents the number of years from the beginning of a missile program to the acquisition of an ICBM. ICBM represents the number of years to an ICBM in which an ICBM specific program was underway. In the case of India three years are recorded. The first represents the number of years from the beginning of a civilian rocket program; the second the number of years of a missile program, and third, the number of years of an ICBM program.

iii. Total tests is the total number of tests of all rockets and missiles from the beginning of a rocket program until an ICBM was achieved. ICBM tests is the total number of tests conducted under an ICBM specific program.

iv. North Korea tests numbers are difficult to come by. The numbers here represent missile tests conducted during design, develop, and production tests. North Korea may have conducted additional launches of their Scud based systems as part of military exercises that are not represented here.