



# C-130J Recapitalization

Fiscal Year 2027 Requirements for the Air National Guard



C-130J Super Hercules aircraft assigned to the 115th Airlift Squadron performs a heritage flight with a group of AT-6 "Texan" aircraft with the Condor Squadron near the famous Hollywood sign landmark, Los Angeles, California, Aug. 4, 2024.

## Problem

The Air National Guard C-130H Hercules fleet requires continued funding for modernization and C-130J recapitalization to ensure its aircraft can successfully engage in overseas contingency operations and respond to homeland emergencies well into the future.

## Recommendation

The National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) urges Congress to support:

- 24 C-130J Aircraft for the Air National Guard
- Prohibiting the reduction of C-130J Aircraft Assigned to the Air National Guard



A U.S. Air Force C-130 Hercules aircraft, operated by the 152nd Airlift Wing, Nevada National Guard, lands at Wunstorf Air Base, Germany, during exercise Air Defender 2023 (AD23) June 20, 2023.

**C-130H  
MODELS  
ARE  
OVER  
30 YEARS OLD**

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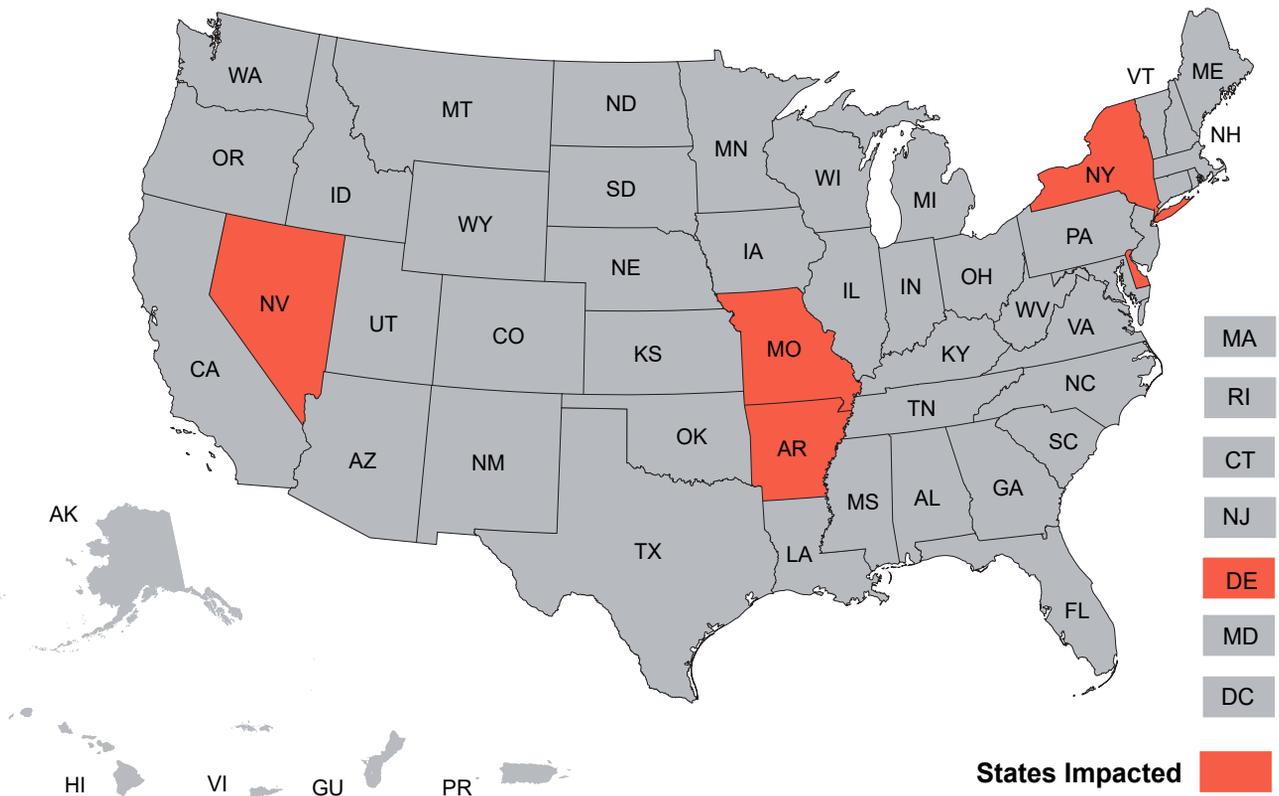




## Background

The Air National Guard C-130 fleet is comprised of both the C-130H Hercules, which is over 30 years old, and the newer C-130J Super Hercules aircraft. Because the Air Force plans to continue utilizing the C-130 fleet well beyond 2040, it is critical to modernize the Air National Guard C-130H fleet with modern technology while continuing to recapitalize its aging fleet with new C-130J aircraft. Funding critical modernization efforts will ensure the safety, reliability, and effectiveness of the Air National Guard C-130 fleet, both at home and abroad.

Thanks to Congress, the procurement of C-130J aircraft for the Air National Guard has been included in defense appropriations each year since Fiscal Year 2017.



To date, only five Air National Guard units remain flying the C-130H model – Nevada, Missouri, Delaware, Arkansas, and the New York Air National Guard. Continued support by Congress to recapitalize these remaining five states with C-130J models remains a top priority for NGAUS.

