

Changes in DOD's 2011 Portfolio of Major Defense Acquisition Programs over Time

Table 6 shows the change in research and development cost, procurement cost, total acquisition cost, and average delay in delivering initial operational capability for the Department of Defense's (DOD) 2011 portfolio of major defense acquisition programs. The table presents changes that have occurred on these programs in the last year, the last 5 years, and since their first full cost and schedule estimates.

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Fiscal year 2012 dollars in billions

	1 year comparison (2010 to 2011)	5 year comparison (2006 to 2011)	Since first full estimate (baseline to 2011)
Increase in total research and development cost	\$14 billion 4 percent	\$39 billion 14 percent	\$113 billion 54 percent
Increase in total procurement cost	\$61 billion 5 percent	\$192 billion 19 percent	\$321 billion 36 percent
Increase in total acquisition cost	\$74 billion 5 percent	\$233 billion 17 percent	\$447 billion 40 percent
Average delay in delivering initial capabilities	1 month 2 percent	9 months 11 percent	23 months 32 percent

Source: GAO analysis of DOD data.

Notes: Data were obtained from DOD's Selected Acquisition Reports. In a few cases data were obtained directly from program offices. Not all programs had comparable cost and schedule data and these programs were excluded from the analysis where appropriate. Portfolio performance data do not include costs of developing Missile Defense Agency elements. Total acquisition cost includes research and development, procurement, acquisition operation and maintenance, and system-specific military construction costs.