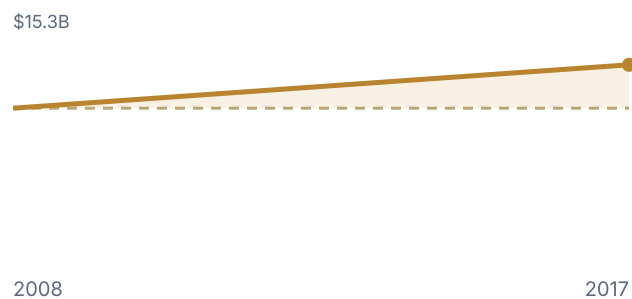


Gerald R. Ford-class Carrier

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+27% \$10.5B (2008) → \$13.3B (2017)



Dashed = promised baseline · solid = actual estimate · shaded = growth

BASELINE
\$10.5B (2008)
COST GROWTH
+27%
UNITS
—
UNIT-COST CHANGE
—
CONFIDENCE
high · reconciled

CURRENT ESTIMATE
\$13.3B (2017)
COST BASIS
TY
QUANTITY CHANGE
—
SCHEDULE SLIP
+2 yr
IOC
2015 (planned) → 2017 (delivered)

ASSESSMENT

LEAD-SHIP cost, not total program: ~\$10.5B cap → \$13.3B TY at delivery (+27%). Overrun driven by building immature tech into the first-of-class (EMALS, Advanced Arresting Gear, weapons elevators, dual-band radar). Baseline cap was later raised; anchor range \$10.5–12.9B.

SOURCE

CRS [RS20643](#) (final procurement cost \$13,316.5M then-year, at delivery) + [GAO-17-575](#). FY2007 NDAA cost cap \$10.5B for the lead ship. LEAD-SHIP procurement cost, not total-program acquisition.