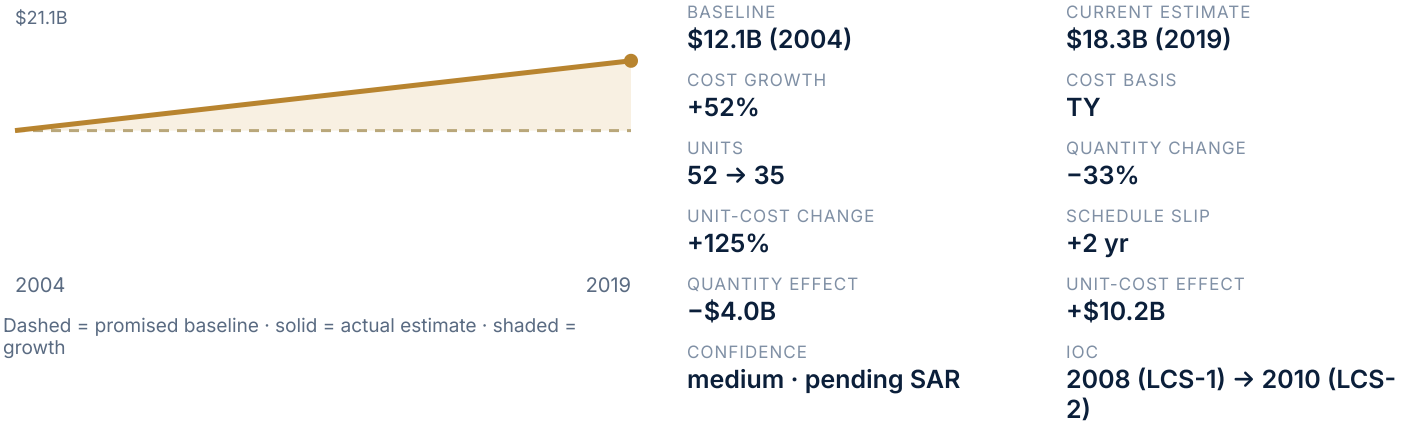


Littoral Combat Ship

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+52% \$12.1B (2004) → \$18.3B (2019)



ASSESSMENT

Truncated (planned 52 → 35 ships) while the seaframe unit cost roughly tripled — a ~\$220M (FY05\$) target versus a documented ~\$590–666M average actual (CRS/GAO). The plotted totals are seaframe-unit-cost × quantity, an indicative construct rather than one cited figure. Navy is decommissioning ~9 hulls early (a reported ~\$7B loss).

SOURCE

CRS [RL33741](#). Seaframe-only (excludes mission modules); planned buy 52 → 40 → 35 ships. Plotted totals are seaframe unit cost × quantity — an arithmetic construct, not one cited program figure, so still flagged.