Sentinel ICBM (LGM-35A)

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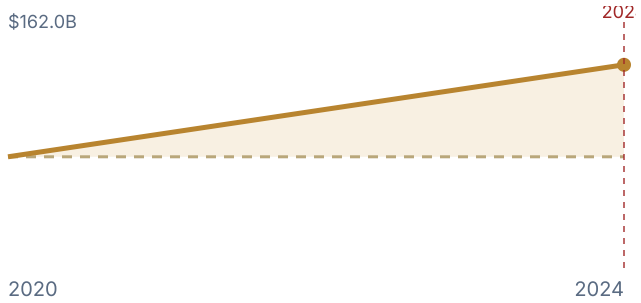

Dashed = promised baseline · solid = actual estimate · shaded = growth

BASELINE **$77.7B (2020)**	CURRENT ESTIMATE **$140.9B (2024)**
COST GROWTH **+81%**	COST BASIS **BY**
UNITS **634 → 634**	QUANTITY CHANGE **0%**
UNIT-COST CHANGE **+81%**	SCHEDULE SLIP **—**
QUANTITY EFFECT **+$0M**	UNIT-COST EFFECT **+$63.2B**
CONFIDENCE **high · reconciled**	IOC **2029 → Early 2030s (TBD)**

ASSESSMENT

+81% REAL growth (BY2020) — the marquee case; drove the 2024 Nunn-McCurdy critical breach. Unit cost $118M → $162M (2020$). (CAPE's Aug-2020 estimate was $95.8B; $77.7B reflects the APB implied by DoD's official "81% over Milestone B.")

DOCUMENTED EVENTS

2024 Nunn-McCurdy breach

SOURCE

DoD Sentinel Nunn-McCurdy review (Jul 8 2024); CRS IF11681. Base-year 2020 $. Still "at least $141B" per GAO ICBM snapshot (Feb 2026); restructured Milestone-B estimate due ~end 2026.