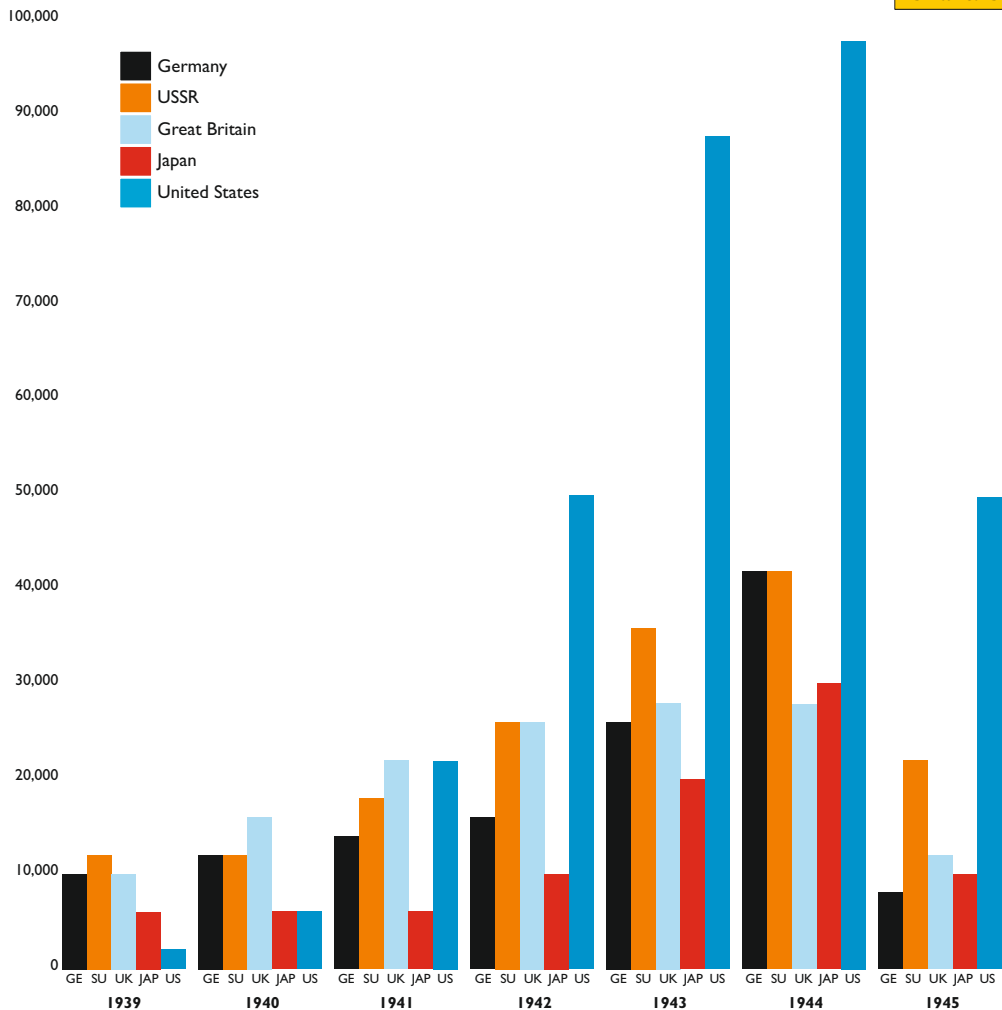


Aircraft Production by Country in World War II: 1939-1945

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Within three years of the start of the war in Europe, the United States, which had been the laggard in term of military aircraft production, was producing double the output of airplanes as its next nearest rival. Two year later the United States production of aircraft was 50% more than Germany and Japan combined. It was an achievement enabled by the mass manufacturing techniques developed by Henry Ford and Aldred Sloane of General Motors.