The downsizing trend that prevailed from 2015 to 2021 reversed in 2022, if only minimally. In September 2022, around 135,000 persons were deployed in international peace operations, compared to around 134,000 a year earlier. The numbers of military (118,500 to 119,800) and police (8,300 to 8,700) personnel did increase, while the number of civilian staff has decreased (7,200 to 6,500). This is mainly due to the end of the OSCE Special Monitoring Mission (SMM) in Ukraine, which also reduced the total number of OSCE personnel to less than a quarter compared to the previous year (1,170 to 250). However, the number of staff in missions of African (sub-)regional organisations increased (40,800 to 44,300).

The development of German contributions was uneven. There was an increase in Bundeswehr personnel in UN and EU missions. The number of civilian personnel in UN missions also rose slightly, but in OSCE missions it fell sharply - again due to the closure of the SMM. The total number of German civilian experts seconded to peace operations at the end of 2022 was 80, plus 87 in headquarters of various organisations and in humanitarian missions, among others.

Three other facts remain unchanged: (i) the UN is still by far the largest actor, (ii) the majority of personnel continue to be concentrated in a small number of large missions, and (iii) Sub-Saharan Africa remains the region with the most extensive deployments. Of the seven missions with over 10,000 personnel, six operate in this region. (ATMIS/AU/Somalia; MINUSMA/UN/Mali; MNJTF/Lake Chad, MONUSCO/UN/Democratic Republic of the Congo; UNMISS/UN/South Sudan). The seventh is the UN operation in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

### Personnel Strength by Organization

- **UN Peacekeeping Operations**: 76,490
- **AU and African Sub-regional Operations**: 44,260
- **EU Operations**: 4,292
- **NATO Operations**: 4,270
- **UN Special Political Missions**: 2,559
- **OSCE Field Operations**: 2,818

### Development of Personnel Numbers in Peace Operations

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*e.g. Kosovo Specialist Chambers  •  as of 31.12.2022
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Peace Operations by African (Sub-)Regional Organizations

Timeline: Foundation of African (Sub-)Regional Organizations