GLOBAL PEACE INDEX 2023

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Measuring peace in a complex world
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The Institute for Economics and Peace is an independent, not-for-profit think tank dedicated to building a greater understanding of the key drivers of peace, as well as identifying the economic benefits that increased peacefulness can deliver.
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- Research used extensively by organisations, including the OECD, Commonwealth Secretariat, World Bank and the United Nations
- IEP’s research and insight is included in 1,000s of university courses around the world
- Over 500,000 downloads of IEP reports in the last 12 months
KEY FINDINGS

Key indicators
GPI highlights
Results & trends
The Global Peace Index Indicators

6 measures of ongoing domestic and international conflict

Including: intensity of organised internal conflicts, relations with neighbouring countries and number of deaths from conflict

10 measures of societal safety and security

Including: number of refugees and IDPs, impact of terrorism, homicide and incarceration rates

7 measures of militarisation

Including: military expenditure, number of armed service personnel, ease of access to small weapons

17th edition, covers 99.7% world’s population
2023 GLOBAL PEACE INDEX
A SNAPSHOT OF THE GLOBAL STATE OF PEACE

THE STATE OF PEACE

IMPROVEMENTS 84 countries recorded improvements in peacefulness
DETERIORATIONS 79 countries recorded a deterioration in peacefulness

OVERALL AVERAGE CHANGE (%) +0.42
The average level of global peacefulness deteriorated by 0.42 per cent in the 2023 Global Peace Index

Institute for Economics & Peace
The average level of global country peacefulness has deteriorated by 0.42%. This is the 13th deterioration in the last 15 years.

**2023 key highlights**

- 79 countries deteriorated
- 84 countries became more peaceful

**Improvements were driven by changes in:**
- Terrorism Impact
- Political Terror Scale
- Military expenditure (% of GDP)

**Deteriorations primarily driven by changes in:**
- External Conflicts Fought
- Political Instability
- Deaths from Internal Conflict
2023 key highlights

- Iceland remains as the most peaceful country in the world
- Libya and Burundi had the largest improvements
- Middle East and North Africa (MENA) improved significantly for the last three consecutive years
- Europe remains the most peaceful region, and recorded a deterioration in the past year
Afghanistan remains the world’s least peaceful nation. However, it recorded one of the largest increases in peacefulness.

Conflict deaths increased by 96%.

Russia and Eurasia recorded the steepest regional deterioration.

Six of the nine GPI regions recorded deteriorations.
## 10 most peaceful countries

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10 least peaceful countries

- Afghanistan
  Rank change: ◼
- Yemen
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- Syria
  Rank change: ◼
- South Sudan
  Rank change: ◼
- Congo, DRC
  Rank change: ◼
- Russia
  Rank change: 2 
- Ukraine
  Rank change: 14 
- Somalia
  Rank change: 2 
- Sudan
  Rank change: ◼
- Iraq
  Rank change: 3 

[163  158  162  157  161  156  160  155  159  154]
5 most improved countries

- **LIBYA**
  - Rank: 137
  - Rose 14 places

- **COTE D’IVOIRE**
  - Rank: 90
  - Rose 18 places

- **BURUNDI**
  - Rank: 128
  - Rose 6 places

- **OMAN**
  - Rank: 48
  - Rose 18 places

- **AFGHANISTAN**
  - Rank: 163
  - No Change in Rank
5 most deteriorated countries

- **Mali**
  - Rank: 153
  - Fell 4 places

- **Ukraine**
  - Rank: 157
  - Fell 14 places

- **Israel**
  - Rank: 143
  - Fell 8 places

- **Russia**
  - Rank: 158
  - Fell 2 places

- **Haiti**
  - Rank: 129
  - Fell 17 places
TRENDS IN PEACE

15 year trends
Improvements & deteriorations
Conflict & militarisation trends
Peacefulness has declined year on year for 13 of the last 15 years.

97 countries deteriorated while 66 improved.
Peace over the last 15 years

- Militarisation was the only domain to improve since 2008. Ongoing conflict deteriorated substantially since the mid 2010s.

Source: IEP
The Violent Demonstrations and External Conflicts fought indicators both deteriorated by more than 50 per cent since 2008.

Source: IEP
Coastal West Africa

Change in GPI score, 2008-2023
- Almost every coastal West African country recorded an improvement in overall GPI score

Deaths from terrorism, 2022
- Not a single death from terrorism was recorded from Morocco to Ghana in 2022, despite high levels of terrorism in the Sahel

Source: IEP
Source: Terrorism Tracker, IEP Calculations
ECONOMIC VALUE OF PEACE

Economic impacts
Impact breakdown
Ten year trends
Economic impact of violence, 2022

- Which is equivalent to 12.9% of total world GDP
  OR $2,200 per person

- If the world decreased violence by 10%, $1.75 trillion could be directed to other economic activities
Breakdown of the economic impact of violence

- Military and internal security expenditure combined account for almost 75 per cent of the economic impact of violence.

10 most affected countries average GDP loss 34%

10 most affected countries average GDP loss 2.9%

Source: IEP
UKRAINE

Conflict deaths
Economic impact
Eastern Europe
Most recent estimates suggest 83,000 people were killed in the conflict in 2022. WPP projections suggest that 65% of Ukrainian men ages 19-24 fled the country or were killed.
The economic impact of violence to Ukraine

Increased by $449 billion

Which is equivalent to 63% of total GDP

That’s an increase of 479% compared to the prior year
## Population leaving Ukraine

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CONFLICT TRENDS & HOTSPOTS

Battle deaths
Country focus
Drone usage
Violence increased significantly in Ethiopia, Mali, Myanmar, and Ukraine in 2022. Drops significantly in Afghanistan and Yemen.

Conflict was increasing even prior to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Total conflict-related deaths rose by 45 per cent between 2020 and 2021, and 96% between 2021 and 2022.

More conflict deaths in Ethiopia at 100,000 than Ukraine at 83,000 in 2022.

Internationalised conflicts have increased 9 fold since 2004 to 27.
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