



# Putin Orders Russian Military Increase to Nearly 2.4 Million Personnel

Russian President Vladimir Putin [signed a decree today](#) "On establishing the staffing levels of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation." The decree takes effect December 1, and increases the Russian military staffing level to a total of 2,389,130 personnel, including 1,500,000 military personal.



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Vladimir Putin



## УКАЗ

ПРЕЗИДЕНТА РОССИЙСКОЙ ФЕДЕРАЦИИ

### Об установлении штатной численности Вооруженных Сил Российской Федерации

В соответствии со статьей 4 Федерального закона от 31 мая 1996 г. № 61-ФЗ "Об обороне" постановляю:

1. Установить штатную численность Вооруженных Сил Российской Федерации в количестве 2 389 130 единиц, в том числе 1 500 000 военнослужащих.
2. Правительству Российской Федерации предусмотреть выделение Министерству обороны Российской Федерации бюджетных ассигнований из федерального бюджета, необходимых для реализации пункта 1 настоящего Указа.
3. Признать утратившим силу Указ Президента Российской Федерации от 1 декабря 2023 г. № 915 "Об установлении штатной численности Вооруженных Сил Российской Федерации" (Собрание законодательства Российской Федерации, 2023, № 49, ст. 8727).
4. Настоящий Указ вступает в силу с 1 декабря 2024 г.



Президент  
Российской Федерации В. Путин

Москва, Кремль  
16 сентября 2024 года  
№ 792



## DECREE

PRESIDENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

On establishing the staffing levels of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation

In accordance with Article 4 of the Federal Law of May 31, 1996 No. 61-FZ "On Defense", I decree:

1. To establish the regular strength of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation at 2,389,130 units, including 1,500,000 military personnel.
2. The Government of the Russian Federation shall with budgetary provide the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation allocations from the federal budget necessary for the implementation of paragraph 1 of this Decree.
3. To declare invalid the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation of December 1, 2023 No. 915 "On establishing the staffing levels of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation" (Collected Legislation of the Russian Federation, 2023, No. 49, Art. 8727).
4. This Decree shall enter into force on December 1, 2024.



President

Russian Federation V. Putin

Moscow, Kremlin  
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The latest expansion of the Russian military comes after [recent Ukrainian requests to the United States and other Western allies](#) for permission to use long-range missiles in strikes inside of Russia. Putin's decision to increase the Russian military by 180,000 personnel is his third expansion since the start of the Russia-Ukraine war in February 2022.



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