

States with Peace

The Global Peace Index (GPI) is the world's leading measure of global peacefulness, covering 99.7% of the world's population. It is calculated using 23 qualitative and quantitative indicators from highly respected sources and measures the state of peace in three areas: Level of societal security, the extent of ongoing national and international conflicts, and the level of militarization.

Global peacefulness level worsened by 0.03 percent

The results of the Global Peace Index 2022 show that the average level of global peacefulness has worsened by 0.03 %. It is already the eleventh deterioration of peace in the last fourteen years. ^{1,2}

Most peaceful country remains Iceland

According to the index, Iceland remains the most peaceful country in 2022, a position it has held since 2008. New Zealand, Ireland, Denmark and Austria follow at the top of the index. ^{1,2}

Afghanistan is the least peaceful country

This is the fifth year in a row that Afghanistan has been the least peaceful country followed by Yemen, Syria, Russia and South Sudan.



The State of Global Peace

Countries and territories by peace level in 2022
Least Peaceful (Red) (Orange) (Yellow) (Green) (Blue) Most Peaceful (Grey) No data available



SAFETY & SECURITY



Between 2008 and 2022, the safety and security sector deteriorated by 3.6 percent. Of the eleven area indicators, eight deteriorated and three improved. The sharpest deterioration was in the indicator for violent demonstrations: In 126 countries, the impact of violent demonstrations increased between 2008 and 2022. ^{1,3,4}

TRENDS IN VIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS



In the last few years in particular, there has been a sharp increase in the number of protest movements and demonstrations worldwide. In most situations, protests and demonstrations are peaceful, but violence by protesters or security forces is increasingly common. ^{1,3}

MILITARISATION



Militarization was the only GPI area to show improvement from 2008-22. The average score in this area improved by 5.2 percent over this period, with 113 countries showing improvement and 48 showing deterioration. 5 of the 6 indicators in the militarization domain improved, with only the arms imports indicator showing a deterioration. ^{1,2}

REGIONAL TRENDS



Violent demonstrations have increased in frequency and severity in almost all regions of the world. Since 2008 sharp deteriorations in the violent demonstrations indicator have occurred for South America, South Asia, and Central America and the Caribbean. However, there have also been noticeable deteriorations in sub-Saharan Africa, Russia and Eurasia, Asia-Pacific, Europe and North America. ⁷

Most improved	Most deteriorated
Jordan +15	Eswatini -31
Greece +14	Iran -29
Angola +14	Yemen -26
Bolivia +14	Kyrgyzstan -21
Sri Lanka +13	Ukraine -17