

## DEPLOYED MILITARY PERSONNEL

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There are 1.3 million active duty soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines currently serving in the US military, and the Department of Defense (DOD) employs 742,000 civilian personnel. In total, there are approximately 450,000 personnel stationed overseas.<sup>1,2</sup> Specific numbers were identified for deployed personnel in several of the geographical Combatant Command areas of responsibility:

PACOM: 69,300  
CENTCOM: 41,990  
EUCOM: 34,520  
AFRICOM: 9,150

These values just represent major deployments, and they do not count those stationed overseas on US bases or their families. There were no values provided for personnel deployed to the SOUTHCOM area of responsibility. **Error! Bookmark not defined.** September 2017 data from DOD indicate that 290,000 personnel are stationed overseas, including reserve personnel and civilians. These are the 10 countries with the largest DOD populations:<sup>3,\*</sup>

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| 1  | Japan                | 51,452         |
| 2  | Germany              | 47,055         |
| 3  | Korea, South         | 27,123         |
| 4  | Kuwait               | 16,712         |
| 5  | Afghanistan          | 16,500         |
| 6  | Italy                | 14,257         |
| 7  | Bahrain              | 9,826          |
| 8  | United Kingdom       | 9,661          |
| 9  | Puerto Rico          | 9,537          |
| 10 | Iraq                 | 9,123          |
| 11 | Guam                 | 8,587          |
| 12 | Qatar                | 6,671          |
| 13 | Djibouti             | 4,715          |
| 14 | Spain                | 4,427          |
| 15 | United Arab Emirates | 4,240          |
|    | Unknown              | 29,092         |
|    | <b>TOTAL</b>         | <b>290,984</b> |

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\*The data were initially obtained from the DOD Workplace Reports & Publications website ([https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwp/dwp\\_reports.jsp](https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/dwp/dwp_reports.jsp)), but the site was unavailable at the time the references were finalized due to issues with the current security certificate. Similar data were identified in the reference cited in the text.

This list includes all countries where DOD personnel are stationed. In total, there are 384 personnel stationed in South America, including 13 in Venezuela.

Based on the figures provided above, it appears that the Combatant Command values represent personnel on temporary deployments rather than those assigned to a permanent duty station. For example, the personnel stationed in Japan and South Korea alone exceed the PACOM value, and Germany exceeds the EUCOM value. Based on this assessment, we can assume that these populations are independent of one another.

We were unable to identify estimates of the number of family members living overseas.

We estimate that approximately 290,000 DOD personnel are permanently stationed overseas, in addition to another 150,000 temporarily deployed personnel. This amounts to a total of approximately **450,000 DOD personnel** stationed overseas.

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