

Russia to Draft 130K Young Men in Fall Military Call-Up

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Conscripts board a train as they depart for service with the Russian Armed Forces. **Peter Kovalev / TASS**

Russia's military will enlist 130,000 young men for compulsory service this fall, according to a decree [signed](#) by President Vladimir Putin on Friday.

Combined with the 147,000 men drafted during the spring draft, Russia's Defense Ministry will field 277,000 conscripts in 2023.

From Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, Russia's military will be allowed to call up men aged 18-27 for their 12-month training period.

Putin last month [raised](#) the upper age limit for military conscription to 30 starting in January 2024.

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Another law recently signed by Putin bans draftees from leaving the country, fueling speculation the Kremlin may be eyeing a second wave of mobilization.

The deputy head of the Russian General Staff's mobilization department, Rear Admiral Vladimir Tsimlyansky, [said](#) earlier Friday that no conscripts would be sent to fight in Ukraine.

A "partial" mobilization in September 2022 saw the recruitment of some 300,000 reservists for the war in Ukraine and sparked mass raids and a historic exodus of Russians abroad.

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, with Putin's backing, is seeking to increase Russia's combat personnel from 1.15 million to 1.5 million.

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