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State security forces consist of the military (Army, Navy, and Air Force) and the National Police of Colombia (Policía Nacional de Colombia, PNC).⁷² The number of troops in the armed forces varies according to the source, with the CIA Factbook indicating that in 2025 the number was 260 000.⁷³ The Ministry of Defence indicated that in 2022, the Army had over 174 000 troops and in 2025, the number increased to over 181 000.⁷⁴ The National Police has about 180 000 personnel.⁷⁵

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Colombia, Ministerio de Defensa, Estructura, n.d., [url](#)

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US, CIA, The World Factbook: Colombia, 30 September 2025, [url](#)

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Colombia, PNC, Staff figures, n.d., [url](#)