

# THE COSTS OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

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## CASUALTIES

### 116,201 U.S. Military Battlefield Casualties

#### Department of Defense U.S. Service Member Battlefield Casualties

Casualty Category	Afghanistan <sup>I</sup>	Iraq <sup>II</sup>		Categorical Total
	Enduring Freedom	Iraqi Freedom	New Dawn	
KIA	2,164	4,422	67	6,653 <sup>III</sup>
WIA	18,213	31,926	301	50,440 <sup>IV</sup>
Injury/Illness	16,196	40,373	2,539	59,108 <sup>V</sup>
Operational Total	<b>36,573</b>	<b>76,721</b>	<b>2,907</b>	<b>116,201<sup>VI</sup></b>

- Total US military suicides 2001-2012: **2,705<sup>VII</sup>**

#### Department of Labor U.S. Civilian Contractor Battlefield Casualties

Casualty Category	Afghanistan	Iraq	Categorical Total
	Enduring Freedom	Iraqi Freedom & New Dawn	
KIA	1,385	1,704	3,089 <sup>VIII</sup>
WIA	21,022	54,019	75,041 <sup>IX</sup>
Operational Total	<b>22,407</b>	<b>55,723</b>	<b>78,130<sup>X</sup></b>

## COSTS

### \$1.415 Trillion U.S. Tax Dollars Spent<sup>XI</sup>

#### Funding of Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan FY2001-FY2012<sup>XII XIII</sup>

(Estimates in billions of dollars)

Operation	FY01 FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	Total
Afghanistan	20.8	14.7	14.5	20.0	19.0	39.2	43.5	59.5	93.8	118.6	104.9	548.5
Iraq	0.0	53.0	75.9	85.5	101.6	131.2	142.1	95.5	71.3	49.3	10.1	815.5
Total	<b>20.8</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>105.5</b>	<b>120.6</b>	<b>170.4</b>	<b>185.6</b>	<b>155.0</b>	<b>165.1</b>	<b>167.9</b>	<b>115.0</b>	<b>1,364.0<sup>XIV</sup></b>

- Total projected direct and indirect costs, Afghanistan: **\$1 trillion+**<sup>XV</sup>
- Total projected direct and indirect costs, Iraq: **\$4-6 trillion+**<sup>XVI</sup>

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<sup>I</sup> Operation Enduring Freedom includes casualties that occurred in Afghanistan, Guantanamo Bay (Cuba), Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Uzbekistan, and Yemen. (United States of America Department of Defense)

<sup>II</sup> Operations Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn include casualties that occurred in Iraq, the Arabian Sea, Bahrain, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Persian Gulf, Qatar, Red Sea Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates. (United States of America Department of Defense)

<sup>III</sup> United States of America. Department of Defense Casualty Analysis System. *OIF/OND/OEF U.S. Casualty Status*, January 20, 2013. <http://www.defense.gov/news/casualty.pdf>.

<sup>IV</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>V</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>VI</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>VII</sup> United States of America. Department of Defense Casualty Analysis System, *U.S. Active Duty Military Deaths by Year and Manner*, January 20, 2013. [https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report\\_by\\_year\\_manner.xhtml](https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/report_by_year_manner.xhtml).

<sup>VIII</sup> United States of America: Department of Labor - Office of Workers Compensation Programs (OWCP). "Defense Base Act Summary by Nation." (DEA) December 31, 2012. <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/dbaallnation.htm>.

<sup>IX</sup> *Ibid.* (NLT, LTO, LT4)

<sup>X</sup> *Ibid.* (NLT, LTO, LT4, DEA)

<sup>XI</sup> Belasco, Amy. "The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11." (RL33110) Congressional Research Service, March 29, 2001.

<sup>XII</sup> *The Cost of War*. National Priorities Project. January 20, 2013. <http://www.costofwar.com/>.

<sup>XIII</sup> Stiglitz, Joseph, and Linda Bilmes. United States of America. House Committee on Veteran's Affairs. *The True Cost of the War*. September 30, 2010. <http://democrats.veterans.house.gov/hearings/hearing.aspx?NewsID=632>.

<sup>XIV</sup> Dagget, Stephen, and Pat Towell. Congressional Research Service. *FY2013 Defense Budget Request: Overview and Context*. April 20, 2012. [www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R42489.pdf](http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/R42489.pdf).

<sup>XV</sup> Obama estimates \$113 billion in direct costs/per year at current U.S. troop levels of 100,000. If those troop levels are halved by 2013, then the direct costs will remain over \$50 billion/per year. An additional three years would therefore cost at least \$200 billion more. Using the Stiglitz/Bilmes methodology for measuring indirect—accrual—costs, such as veterans' health care and benefits, interest payments, etc—would add hundreds of billions in long-term costs, making Afghanistan another \$1 trillion dollar war.

<sup>XVI</sup> A. "The Three Trillion Dollar War." Stiglitz, Joseph and Linda Bilmes. *The Times* 23 Feb. 2008: Times Online. October 10, 2010 [http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest\\_contributors/article3419840.ece](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest_contributors/article3419840.ece).

B. *The True Cost of the War*. September 30, 2010

C. Stiglitz, Joseph, and Linda Bilmes. "Human and Economic toll of Iraq War on 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary," March 25, 2011 <http://threetrilliondollarwar.org/2011/03/19/human-and-economic-toll-of-iraq-war-on-8th-anniversary/>.

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