

Human Costs of War: Direct War Death in Afghanistan and Pakistan (Oct. 2001 – July 2016) and Iraq (Oct. 2001 – April 2015)¹

	Afghanistan	Pakistan	Iraq	Total
US Military ²	2,371 ³		4,489	6,860
US Contractors ⁴	3,540	90	3,481	7,071
National Military and Police ⁵	30,470 ⁶	8,214 ⁷	12,000 ⁸	50,684
Other Allied Troops ⁹	1,136		319	1,455
Civilians	31,419 ¹⁰	22,100 ¹¹	137,000 - 165,000 ¹²	190,519 – 218,519
Opposition Fighters	42,100 ¹³	31,000 ¹⁴	36,400 ¹⁵	109,500
Journalists and Media Workers ¹⁶	24	53	221	298
Humanitarian/NGO workers	382 ¹⁷	92 ¹⁸	62 ¹⁹	536
TOTAL	111,442	61,549	194,000 - 222,000	366, 991 – 394, 991
TOTAL (rounded to nearest 1,000)				367, 000 – 395,000

¹ Direct deaths are caused by violence. Indirect deaths, not included here, are those caused by loss of access to food, water, and/or infrastructure; war-related disease; etc.

² iCasualties: <http://icasualties.org/OEF/index.aspx> and Department of Defense Casualty Report: <http://www.defense.gov/news/casualty.pdf> through 26 July 2016. Figures for Iraq include casualties in other locations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

³ Defense Casualty Analysis System. (2016). *Overseas Contingency Operations (OEF, OIF, OND, OIR & OFS Combined)*. Retrieved from https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/casualties_gwt_combined.xhtml; U.S. Department of Defense. (2016). *Casualty*. Retrieved from <http://www.defense.gov/casualty.pdf>. Includes US soldiers killed in Pakistan, e.g. CBS/AP, "Three U.S. Troops Killed in Pakistan Blast," 4 February 2010, http://www.cbsnews.com/2100-202_162-6168848.html and other locations in Operation Enduring Freedom.

⁴ United States Department of Labor. (2016). *Defense Base Act Case Summary by Nation*, retrieved from <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/dbaallnation.htm>, (data through June 2015). An additional estimate of contractor deaths is provided by Catherine Lutz, Co-Director of Costs of War, who estimates the number of additional contractor deaths by comparing the percentage of foreign contractors working for the US military in the warzone with the much lower percentage of foreign contractors among the reported dead. Neither set of figures include other reported deaths likely connected to the campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan, including contractor deaths in Kuwait (n=72), Jordan (n=26), Qatar (n=12), and elsewhere. The figures are reported quarterly on the Department of Labor website.

⁵ Includes National Military Forces and National and Local Police Forces.

⁶ Livingston, I.S., & O'Hanlon, M. (2016). *Afghanistan Index*, Figure 1.17, p. 12. Brookings. Retrieved from <http://www.brookings.edu/~media/Programs/foreign-policy/afghanistan-index/index20160330.pdf?la=en>; Neta C. Crawford, "War Related Death, Injury and Displacement in Afghanistan and Pakistan 2001- 2014." Afghan military, police and other security forces have grown in number. Afghan forces thus bear an increasing share of the combat, and are now more exposed to militant attacks.

⁷ Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS). (2008-2015). *Pakistan Security Reports*. Retrieved from <http://pakpips.com/securityreport.php>. This data is mostly consistent with: South Asia Terrorism Portal. (2016). *Fatalities in Terrorist Violence in Pakistan 2003-2016*. Retrieved from <http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/countries/pakistan/database/casualties.htm>.

⁸ Rounded to the nearest 1,000. See the Brookings Institution, Iraq Index, July 2013. Figures from August 2011 to the present are Iraqi government figures, as cited by Agence France- Presse (<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/ccc?key=0Aia6y6NymliRdEZESktBSWVqNWM1dkZOSGNIVmtFZEE#gid=4>). The government numbers are assessed by Iraq Body Count to be a significant undercount. Moreover, this is an amorphous category— some local militias work with Iraqi police and military.

⁹ iCasualties: <http://icasualties.org/OEF/index.aspx> (Afghanistan); <http://icasualties.org/Iraq/index.aspx> (Iraq), through 26 July 2016.

¹⁰ For 2003- 2008, Neta C. Crawford estimate on costsofwar.org; for 2008- 2016, the Human Rights arm of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) reports, *Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict*. These civilian death numbers include the recorded direct, violent deaths. Additional direct violent deaths may not have been recorded and indirect deaths due to displacement or destruction of infrastructure have not been included.

¹¹ Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS). (2008-2015). *Pakistan Security Reports*. Retrieved from <http://pakpips.com/securityreport.php>. This data is mostly consistent with: South Asia Terrorism Portal. (2016). *Fatalities in Terrorist Violence in Pakistan 2003-2016*. Retrieved from <http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/countries/pakistan/database/casualties.htm>. These counts of the dead and wounded are complicated not only by the difficulty of access to war zones for investigators, but also because some actors have incentives to either exaggerate the numbers or to minimize them or to identify civilians as militants. The death numbers include only the recorded direct, violent deaths. Other direct violent deaths may not have been recorded, and indirect deaths due to displacement or destruction of infrastructure have not been included.

¹² Estimate rounded to the nearest 1,000 based on Iraq Body Count, <http://www.iraqbodycount.org/> accessed 30 March 2015. Includes IBC counts of recorded civilian deaths and their projection that 10,000 deaths would likely be added to their database from WikiLeaks data. These civilian death

numbers include the recorded direct, violent deaths. Other direct violent deaths may not have been recorded and indirect deaths due to displacement or destruction of infrastructure have not been included.

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Neither the US or NATO have released figures on the exact number of anti-government insurgents killed, so this is an estimate calculated from 185 Afghanistan Ministry of Defense press releases from 1 January 2015 to 31 December 2015. Retrieved from <http://mod.gov.af/en/blog/>. See also Crawford, "War Related Death, Injury and Displacement in Afghanistan and Pakistan 2001-2014." Costsofwar.org (April 2015).

¹⁴ Pak Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS). (2008-2015). *Pakistan Security Reports*. Retrieved from <http://pakpips.com/securityreport.php>. This data is mostly consistent with: South Asia Terrorism Portal (SATP). (2016). *Fatalities in Terrorist Violence in Pakistan 2003-2016*. Retrieved from <http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/countries/pakistan/database/casualties.htm>. SATP estimates nearly 33,000 militants killed; PIPS estimates about 29,000 militants killed.

¹⁵ Through 2013: see Iraq Body Count,

<https://www.iraqbodycount.org/analysis/reference/announcements/5/> and Wikipedia

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Casualties_of_the_Iraq_War.

¹⁶ Committee to Protect Journalists, Confirmed and Unconfirmed Journalist and Media Worker Deaths for war years through 20 April 2014, motive confirmed (the deaths of a total of 47 other journalists and media workers remain under investigation): www.cpj.org; Committee to Protect Journalists. (2016). *58 Journalists Killed in Pakistan since 1992/Motive Confirmed*. Retrieved from <http://cpj.org/killed/asia/pakistan/>.

¹⁷ The Aid Worker Security Database. (2016). *Security Incident Data*. Retrieved from <https://aidworkersecurity.org/incidents/search?start=2001&end=2016&detail=1&country=AF>.

¹⁸ The Aid Worker Security Database. (2016). *Security Incident Data*. Retrieved from <https://aidworkersecurity.org/incidents/search?start=2001&end=2016&detail=0&country=PK>.

¹⁹ Aid Worker Security Database,

<https://aidworkersecurity.org/incidents/search?start=2003&end=2015&detail=1&country=IQ>, from April 2003 through 30 March 2015. Their data is through 2013. Of these deaths, 45 were national staff, and 17 were international staff.