

Human Costs of War: Direct War Death in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Pakistan October 2001 - April 2015¹

	Afghanistan	Pakistan	Iraq	Total
US Military ²	2,357 ³		4,489	6,846
US Contractors ⁴	3,401	88	3,481	6,970
National Military and Police ⁵	23,470 ⁶	6,212 ⁷	12,000 ⁸	41,682
Other Allied Troops ⁹	1,114		319	1,433
Civilians	26,000 ¹⁰	21,500 ¹¹	137,000 - 165,000 ¹²	184,500 - 212,500
Opposition Fighters	35,000 ¹³	29,000 ¹⁴	36,400 ¹⁵	100,400
Journalists and Media Workers ¹⁶	25	58	221	304
Humanitarian/NGO workers	331 ¹⁷	91 ¹⁸	62 ¹⁹	484
TOTAL (rounded to nearest 1,000)	92,000	57,000	194,000 - 222,000	343,000 - 371,000

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.

² iCasualties: <http://icasualties.org/OEF/index.aspx> and Department of Defense Casualty Report: <http://www.defense.gov/news/casualty.pdf> through 16 April 2015. Figures for Iraq include casualties in other locations in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

³ 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, <http://www.dol.gov/owcp/dlhwc/dbaallnation.htm>, through 31 December 2014. 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 Brookings Institution "Afghanistan Index" February 2015. And Neta C. Crawford, "War Related Death, Injury and Displacement in Afghanistan and Pakistan 2001-2014."

⁷ South Asia Terrorism Portal, <http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/countries/pakistan/database/casualties.htm>, through 29 September 2013.

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/spreadsheet/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 30 March 2015.

¹⁰ Rounded to nearest 1,000. For 2003-2008 Neta C. Crawford estimate costsofwar.org and for 2008-2014, and UNAMA reports, *Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict*, through February 2015. 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.

¹¹ Rounded to nearest 1,000. Based on Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies <http://www.san-pips.com/index.php?action=reports&id=tml3.satp.org/> and other databases, including Pakistan Body Count, <http://www.pakistanbodycount.org/>, South Asia Terrorism Portal, <http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/countries/pakistan/database/index.html> and The Bureau of Investigative Journalism, <http://www.thebureauinvestigates.com/2012/07/02/resources-and-graphs/>. 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.

¹³ Neither the US or NATO have released figures on the exact number of anti-government insurgents killed, but notes that for 2010, their estimates "suggest over 5,000 combatants and 'suspected' fighters were killed" in Afghanistan. Another report in early 2011 quoted an Afghan Interior Ministry spokesperson as saying 5225 Taliban were killed in 2010. "Over 10,000 Died in Afghan Violence in 2010," *Emirates 24/7*, <http://www.emirates247.com/news/world/over-10-000-died-in-afghan-violence-in-2010-2011-01-02-1.337030>. The Afghan Ministry of Interior was quoted in IRIN, Humanitarian News and Analysis, "Analysis:

Afghan Police — Civilians or Combatants," 7 April 2011, <http://www.irinnews.org/Report.aspx?ReportID=92405>. See Crawford, "War Related Death, Injury and Displacement in Afghanistan and Pakistan 2001-2014." COW April 2015.

¹⁴ <http://www.satp.org/satporgtp/countries/pakistan/database/casualties.htm> through 29 September 2013.

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.

¹⁷ Aid Worker Security Database, <https://aidworkersecurity.org/incidents/search?start=2001&end=2015&detail=1&country=AF>, from October 2001 through 30 March 2015. Accessed 30 March 2015. The dead include 289 nationals killed and 42 internationals killed

¹⁸ Aid Worker Security Database, <https://aidworkersecurity.org/incidents/search?start=2001&end=2012&detail=1&country=Pakistan>, from December 2001 through 30 March 2015. The dead include 72 national and 6 international humanitarian and aid workers.

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. 2014 including 45 national and 17 international humanitarian and aid workers.