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Summary

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Wars covered include the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Civil War, the Spanish-American War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam Conflict, and the Persian Gulf War. Military operations covered include the Iranian Hostage Rescue Mission, Lebanon Peacekeeping, Urgent Fury in Grenada, Just Cause in Panama, Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Restore Hope in Somalia, Uphold Democracy in Haiti, and the ongoing Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

For the more recent conflicts, starting with the Korean War, more detailed information on types of casualties, and, when available, demographics have been included. This report also cites sources of published lists of military personnel killed in principal wars and combat actions. This report will be updated as events warrant.

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A review of the composite data reveals the following.

- During the period between the Revolutionary War and the present, it was the Civil War that produced the most American fatalities, when Union statistics and Confederate estimates are taken into account.
- World War II was the first war in which there were more battle deaths than deaths from other causes such as accidents, disease, and infections.
- With a total of 382 in-theater deaths, 147 of which were battle deaths, the Persian Gulf War was the least costly in terms of fatalities (see **Table 1**).
- The ongoing Operation Iraqi Freedom to date has produced more than ten times the number of in-theater deaths than the Persian Gulf War (which lasted seven months).

The casualty statistics for wars long ended are updated periodically, sometimes yearly. This almost always reflects the identification of remains of persons previously listed as missing in action and those persons' reclassification as dead. Other reasons, much rarer, include the discovery of errors in casualty records for individuals or categories of people.

**Table 1. Principal Wars in Which the United States Participated:
U.S. Military Personnel Serving and Casualties**

War/ Conflict	Branch of Service	Number Serving	Casualties ^a			
			Total Deaths	Battle Deaths	Other Deaths	Wounds Not Mortal ^b
Revolutionary War^c	Total	—	4,435	4,435	—	6,188
1775-1783	Army	—	4,044	4,044	—	6,004
	Navy	—	342	342	—	114
	Marines	—	49	49	—	70
War of 1812^d	Total	286,730	2,260	2,260	—	4,505
1812-1815	Army	—	1,950	1,950	—	4,000
	Navy	—	265	265	—	439
	Marines	—	45	45	—	66
Mexican War^d	Total	78,718	13,283	1,733	11,550	4,152
1846-1848	Army	—	13,271	1,721	11,550	4,102
	Navy	—	1	1	—	3
	Marines	—	11	11	—	47
Civil War^d	Total	2,213,363	364,511	140,414	224,097	281,881
(Union Forces Only) ^e	Army	2,128,948	359,528	138,154	221,374	280,040
1861-1865	Navy ^f	84,415	4,523	2,112	2,411	1,710
	Marines	—	460	148	312	131
Spanish- American War	Total	306,760	2,446	385	2,061	1,662
	Army ^g	280,564	2,430	369	2,061	1,594
	Navy	22,875	10	10	—	47
	Marines	3,321	6	6	—	21
World War I	Total	4,734,991	116,516	53,402	63,114	204,002
1917-1918	Army ^h	4,057,101	106,378	50,510	55,868	193,663
	Navy	599,051	7,287	431	6,856	819
	Marines	78,839	2,851	2,461	390	9,520

			Casualties ^a			
War/ Conflict	Branch of Service	Number Serving	Total Deaths	Battle Deaths	Other Deaths	Wounds Not Mortal ^b
World War II	Total	16,112,566	405,399	291,557	113,842	671,846
1941-1946 ⁱ	Army ^j	11,260,000	318,274	234,874	83,400	565,861
	Navy ^k	4,183,466	62,614	36,950	25,664	37,778
	Marines	669,100	24,511	19,733	4,778	68,207
Korean War^l	Total	5,720,000	36,574	33,741	2,833	103,284
1950-1953	Army	2,834,000	29,856	27,731	2,125	77,596
	Navy	1,177,000	658	506	152	1,576
	Marines	424,000	4,508	4,266	242	23,744
	Air Force	1,285,000	1,552	1,238	314	368
Vietnam Conflict^m	Total	8,744,000	58,209	47,424	10,785	Hosp. Care Reqd.: 153,303 No Hospital Care: 150,341
1964-1973	Army	4,368,000	38,218	30,957	7,261	Hosp. Care Reqd.: 96,802 No Hospital Care: 104,723
	Navy	1,842,000	2,565	1,631	934	Hosp. Care Reqd.: 4,178 No Hospital Care: 5,898
	Marines	794,000	14,840	13,091	1,749	Hosp. Care Reqd.: 51,392 No Hospital Care: 37,202
	Air Force	1,740,000	2,586	1,745	841	Hosp. Care Reqd.: 931 No Hospital Care: 2,518
Persian Gulf Warⁿ	Total	2,225,000	382	147	235	467
1990-1991	Army	782,000	224	98	126	354
	Navy	669,000	55	5	50	12
	Marines	213,000	68	24	44	92
	Air Force	561,000	35	20	15	9

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/WCPRINCIPAL.pdf>].

- a. Data prior to World War I are based on incomplete records in many cases. Casualty data are confined to dead and wounded and, therefore, exclude personnel captured or missing in action who were subsequently returned to military control.
- b. Marine Corps data for World War II, the Spanish-American War, and prior wars represent the number of individuals wounded, whereas all other data in this column represent the total number (incidence) of wounds.
- c. Not known, but estimates range from 184,000 to 250,000.
- d. As reported by the Commissioner of Pensions in the annual report for the FY1903.
- e. Authoritative statistics for the Confederate forces are not available. Estimates of the number who served range from 600,000 to 1,500,000. The final report of the Provost Marshal General, 1863-1866, indicated 133,821 Confederate deaths (74,524 battle and 59,297 other) based upon incomplete returns. In addition, an estimated 26,000 to 31,000 Confederate personnel died in Union prisons.
- f. The Marine Corps number serving is included in the Navy total.
- g. Number serving covers the period April 21 to August 13, 1898, while dead and wounded data are for the period May 1 to August 31, 1898. Active hostilities ceased on August 13, 1898, but ratifications of the Treaty of Peace were not exchanged between the United States and Spain until April 11, 1899.
- h. Includes air service. Battle deaths and wounds not mortal include casualties suffered by American forces in northern Russia to August 25, 1919, and in Siberia to April 1, 1920. Other deaths cover the period April 1, 1917, to December 31, 1918.
- i. Data are for the period December 1, 1941, through December 31, 1946, when hostilities were officially terminated by presidential proclamation, but a few battle deaths or wounds not mortal were incurred after the Japanese acceptance of the Allied peace terms on August 14, 1945. Number serving from December 1, 1941, through August 31, 1945, were: Total 14,903,213; Army 10,420,000; Navy 3,883,520; and Marine Corps 599,693.
- j. Includes Army air forces.
- k. Battle deaths and wounds not mortal include casualties incurred in October 1941 due to hostile action.
- l. Worldwide military deaths during the Korean War totaled 54,246. In-theater casualty records are updated annually.
- m. Number serving covers the period August 5, 1964, (“Vietnam era” begins) through January 27, 1973 (date of cease-fire). Deaths include the period November 1, 1955, (commencement date for the Military Assistance Advisory Group) through May 15, 1975 (date last American servicemember left Southeast Asia, i.e. Vietnam). Wounds not mortal exclude 150,332 persons not requiring hospital care. Casualty records are updated annually, including current deaths that are directly attributed to combat in the Vietnam Conflict. Additional detail now on table shows number of WIA servicemembers not requiring hospital care.
- n. Coast Guard numbers are included with Navy. Report does not include one POW (Speicher). Casualty records are updated annually.

Table 2. Worldwide U.S. Active Duty Military Deaths — Selected Military Operations

Military Operation/Incident	Casualty Type	Army	Navy	Air Force	Marine Corps	Total
Iranian Hostage Rescue Mission April 25, 1980	Non-Hostile	0	0	5	3	8
Lebanon Peacekeeping August 25, 1982 - February 26, 1984 ^a	Hostile	3	19	0	234	256
	Non-Hostile	5	2	0	2	9
	Total	8	21	0	236	265
Urgent Fury, Grenada, 1983	Hostile	11	4	0	3	18
	Non-Hostile	1	0	0	0	1
	Total	12	4	0	3	19
Just Cause, Panama, 1989	Hostile	18	4	0	1	23
Persian Gulf War, 1990-1991						
— Desert Shield	Non-Hostile	21	36	9	18	84
— Desert Storm	Hostile	98	6	20	24	148
	Non-Hostile	105	14	6	26	151
	Subtotal	203	20	26	50	299
Desert Shield/Storm	Total	224	56	35	68	383
Restore Hope/Unosom, Somalia, 1992-1994	Hostile	27	0	0	2	29
	Non-Hostile	4	0	8	2	14
	Total	31	0	8	4	43
Uphold Democracy, Haiti, 1994-1996	Non-Hostile	3	0	0	1	4

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/table13.htm>].

a. Place of casualty, Lebanon.

**Table 3. Active Duty Military Deaths —
Race/Ethnicity Summary**
(as of March 15, 2003)

Race/ Ethnicity	Korean War		Vietnam Conflict		Persian Gulf War		Since 1980 (all)	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
American Indian or Alaska Native		104		226		3	12	151
Asian		241		139		1	15	332
Black or African American		3,075		7,241	3	63	472	5,998
Hispanic or Latino		306				1	24	366
Hispanic or Latino-One or More Races		575		349		14	18	322
More Than One Race or Unknown		2,853		204		3	37	590
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		148		229		2	2	120
White	2	29,272	8	49,802	12	280	1,250	24,699
Total	2	36,574	8	58,190	15	367	1,830	32,578
Percentages^a	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
American Indian or Alaska Native		0.3		0.4		0.8	0.7	0.5
Asian		0.7		0.2		0.3	0.8	1.0
Black or African American		8.4		12.4	20.0	17.2	25.8	18.4
Hispanic or Latino		0.8				0.3	1.3	1.1
Hispanic or Latino-One or More Races		1.6		0.6		3.8	1.0	1.0
More Than One Race or Unknown		7.8		0.4		0.8	2.0	1.8
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander		0.4		0.4		0.5	0.1	0.4
White	100.0	80.0	100.0	85.6	80.0	76.3	68.3	75.8
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/RACE-OMB-WC.pdf>].

Note: Prior to the Korean War, race often went untracked. In the few cases in which race was tracked or recorded, soldiers were given the a choice between some variation of “White” or “Black”; categories such as “Hispanic or Latino”, “Asian”, or “Native American” were not used.

- a. Percentages of total female or male deaths, divided by ethnicity. For instance, in the Persian Gulf War, 20% of female deaths were Black or African American and 80% of female deaths were White.

**Table 4. U.S. Active Duty Military Deaths, 1980 Through 2006,
Part I, Total Military Personnel**

Calendar Year	Active Duty ^a	Full-Time (est.) Guard-Reserve	Selected Reserve FTE ^b	Total Military FTE	Total Deaths
1980	2,050,758	22,000	86,872	2,159,630	2,392
1981	2,093,032	22,000	91,719	2,206,751	2,380
1982	2,112,609	41,000	97,458	2,251,067	2,319
1983	2,123,909	49,000	100,455	2,273,364	2,465
1984	2,138,339	55,000	104,583	2,297,922	1,999
1985	2,150,379	64,000	108,806	2,323,185	2,252
1986	2,177,845	69,000	113,010	2,359,855	1,984
1987	2,166,611	71,000	115,086	2,352,697	1,983
1988	2,121,659	72,000	115,836	2,309,495	1,819
1989	2,112,128	74,200	117,056	2,303,384	1,636
1990	2,046,806	74,250	137,268	2,258,324	1,507
1991	1,943,937	70,250	184,002	2,198,189	1,787
1992	1,773,996	67,850	111,491	1,953,337	1,293
1993	1,675,269	68,500	105,768	1,849,537	1,213
1994	1,581,649	65,000	99,833	1,746,482	1,075
1995	1,502,343	65,000	94,585	1,661,928	1,040
1996	1,456,266	65,000	92,409	1,613,310	974
1997	1,418,773	65,000	94,609	1,578,382	817
1998	1,381,034	65,000	92,536	1,538,570	827
1999	1,367,838	65,000	93,104	1,525,942	796
2000	1,372,352	65,000	93,078	1,530,430	758
2001	1,384,812	65,000	102,284	1,552,196	891
2002	1,411,200	66,000	149,942	1,627,142	999
2003	1,423,348	66,000	243,284	1,732,632	1,410
2004	1,411,287	66,000	234,629	1,711,916	1,873
2005	1,378,014	66,000	220,000	1,664,014	1,941
2006	1,412,362	66,000	168,000	1,646,362	1,875

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/Death_Rates1.pdf].

- a. Official Department of Defense end-strengths as of December 31 for military pay accounts. Excludes full time Guard and Reserve.
- b. Full time equivalent (FTE) is based on official Department of Defense fiscal year end selected reserve strength (10% of the figure is used to estimate days on active duty).

**Table 5. U.S. Active Duty Military Deaths, 1980 Through 2006,
Part II, Cause of Death**
(as of November 22, 2007)

Calendar Year	Total Deaths	Accident	Hostile Action	Homicide	Illness	Pending	Self Inflicted	Terrorist Attack	Undetermined
1980	2,392	1,556		174	419		231	1	11
1981	2,380	1,524		145	457		241		13
1982	2,319	1,495		108	446		254		16
1983	2,465	1,413	18	115	419		218	263	19
1984	1,999	1,293	1	84	374		225	6	16
1985	2,252	1,476		111	363		275	5	22
1986	1,984	1,199	2	103	384		269		27
1987	1,983	1,172	37	104	383		260	2	25
1988	1,819	1,080		90	321		285	17	26
1989	1,636	1,000	23	58	294		224		37
1990	1,507	880		74	277		232	1	43
1991	1,787	931	147	112	308		256		33
1992	1,293	676		109	252		238	1	17
1993	1,213	632		86	221		236	29	9
1994	1,075	544		83	206		232		10
1995	1,040	538		67	174		250	7	4
1996	974	527	1	52	173		188	19	14
1997	817	433		42	170		159		13
1998	827	445		26	168	10	161	3	14
1999	796	436		37	150	13	145		15
2000	758	398		34	138		151	17	20
2001	891	434	3	49	187	1	141	55	21
2002	999	542	18	53	194	4	162		26
2003	1,228	576	343	42	234	5	186		24
2004	1,874	605	739	45	272	4	201		7
2005	1,942	644	739	52	289	16	175		26
2006	1,858	530	761	42	247	85	192		18

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/Death_Rates.pdf].

Note: Distorted versions of Tables 4 and 5 have been circulating through the Internet. As the tables here and on the Department of Defense website show, total military deaths and hostile deaths increased from 2001 to 2005, and then decreased in 2006.

Table 6. Comparison of Death, Wounded and Amputation Statistics in American Conflicts

	Deaths ^a	Wounded ^a	Amputations ^{b,c}	Ratio Deaths/Wounded	Ratio Amputations/Wounded	Ratio Amputations/Deaths
Operation Iraqi Freedom	4,058	29,911	664	1:7.4	1:45.0	1:6.1
Operation Enduring Freedom	490	1,937	45	1:4.0	1:43.0	1:10.9
Persian Gulf War	382	467	N/A	1:1.2	N/A	N/A
Vietnam	58,209	153,303	5,283	1:2.6	1:29.0	1:11.0
Korea	36,578	103,284	1,477	1:2.8	1:69.9	1:24.8
World War II	405,399	671,846	7,489	1:1.7	1:89.7	1:54.1
World War I	116,516	204,002	2,610	1:1.8	1:78.2	1:44.6

Sources: For deaths and wounded, Department of Defense Military Casualties website, at [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/castop.htm>]; for amputations, PowerPoint presentation provided by Col. Michael Carino in the Office of the Surgeon General.

- a. Current as of April 30, 2008.
- b. Current as of December 12, 2007.
- c. Individual soldiers may have multiple amputations.

Table 7. Korean War — Casualty Summary
(as of June 15, 2004)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Air Force	Marines	Navy
Killed in Action	23,615	19,715	209	3,320	371
Died of Wounds	2,460	1,887	14	532	27
Missing in Action - Declared Dead	4,817	3,337	991	386	103
Captured - Declared Dead	2,849	2,792	24	29	4
Total Hostile Deaths	33,741	27,731	1,238	4,267	505
Missing - Presumed Dead	8	4	4		
Other Deaths	2,825	2,121	310	242	152
Total Non-Hostile Deaths	2,833	2,125	314	242	152
Total In-Theater Deaths	36,574	29,856	1,552	4,509	657
Total Non-Theater Deaths	17,672	7,277	5,532	1,019	3,844
Total Deaths	54,246	37,133	7,084	5,528	4,501
Killed in Action — No Remains	1,533	1,081	49	255	148
Died of Wounds — No Remains	22	22			
Missing in Action - Declared Dead — No Remains	4,578	3,302	809	373	94
Captured-Declared Dead — No Remains	1,901	1,860	13	25	3
Non-Hostile Missing- Presumed Dead — No Remains	8	4	4		
Non-Hostile Other Deaths — No Remains	84	5	37	6	36
Total — No Remains	8,126	6,274	912	659	281
Wounded - Not Mortal	103,284	77,596	368	23,744	1,576
Number Serving Worldwide^b	5,720,000	2,834,000	1,285,000	424,000	1,177,000
Number Serving In-Theater^b	1,789,000	1,153,000	241,000	130,000	265,000

Source: Washington Headquarters Services, Directorate for Information Operations and Reports, [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/korea.pdf>].

- a. Inclusive dates are June 25, 1950, to July 27, 1953. Casualty dates after the end date represent service members who were wounded during the period and subsequently died as a result of those wounds and those service members who were involved in an incident during the period and were later declared dead.
- b. Estimated figures.

Table 8. Vietnam Conflict — Casualty Summary
(as of June 15, 2004)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Air Force	Marines	Navy
Killed in Action	40,934	27,047	1,080	11,501	1,306
Died of Wounds	5,289	3,604	51	1,482	152
Missing in Action-Declared Dead	1,085	261	589	98	137
Captured-Declared Dead	116	45	25	10	36
Total Hostile Deaths	47,424	30,957	1,745	13,091	1,631
Missing - Presumed Dead	123	118	0	3	2
Other Deaths	10,662	7,143	841	1,746	932
Total Non-Hostile Deaths	10,785	7,261	841	1,749	934
Total In-Theater Deaths ^a	58,209	38,218	2,586	14,840	2,565
Killed in Action — No Remains	622	181	221	123	97
Missing in Action-Declared Dead — No Remains	737	216	366	75	80
Captured-Declared Dead — No Remains	53	32	7	4	10
Non-Hostile Missing-Presumed Dead — No Remains	97	92		3	2
Non-Hostile Other Deaths — No Remains	336	70	30	37	199
Total — No Remains	1,845	591	624	242	388
Wounded - Not Mortal	153,303	96,802	931	51,392	4,178
Number Serving Worldwide ^b	8,744,000	4,368,000	1,740,000	794,000	1,842,000
Number Serving Southeast Asia^b	3,403,000	2,276,000	385,000	513,000	229,000
Number Serving South Vietnam^b	2,594,000	1,736,000	293,000	391,000	174,000

Source: Washington Headquarters Services, Directorate for Information Operations and Reports, [[<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/vietnam.pdf>]].

a. Inclusive dates are November 1, 1955, to May 15, 1975. Casualty dates after the end date represent service members who were wounded during the period and subsequently died as a result of those wounds and those service members who were involved in an incident during the period and were later declared dead.

b. Estimated figures.

Table 9. Persian Gulf War — Casualty Summary
Desert Shield/Desert Storm
(as of June 15, 2004)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Air Force	Marines	Navy^{a,b}
Killed in Action	143	96	20	22	5
Died of Wounds	4	2		2	
Missing in Action-Declared Dead					
Captured-Declared Dead					
Total Hostile Deaths	147	98	20	24	5
Missing - Presumed Dead	12		2	8	2
Other Deaths	223	126	13	36	48
Total Non-Hostile Deaths	235	126	15	44	50
Total In-Theater Deaths^a	382	224	35	68	55
Total Non-Theater Deaths	1,590	608	299	171	512
Total Deaths	1,972	832	334	239	567
Killed in Action — No Remains	2				2
Missing in Action — No Remains					
Captured-Declared Dead — No Remains					
Non-Hostile Missing- Presumed Dead — No Remains	12		2	8	2
Non-Hostile Other Deaths — No Remains					
Total — No Remains	14		2	8	4
Wounded - Not Mortal	467	354	9	92	12
Serving Worldwide^b	2,225,000	782,000	561,000	213,000	669,000
Serving In-Theater — Active Duty	584,342	271,654	70,741	90,866	151,081
Serving In-Theater — Recalled	110,208	78,512	11,666	12,660	7,370

Source: [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/GWSUM.pdf>].

- a. Inclusive dates are August 7, 1990, to September 14, 1991. Any casualty date in the detailed records after the end date represents a service member who was wounded during the period and subsequently died as a result of those wounds or a service member who was in a missing status during a part of the war period and later declared dead.
- b. Estimated figures includes Coast Guard. Report does not include one POW (Speicher).

Tables 10-12 provide statistics on casualties during Operation Enduring Freedom, which began on October 7, 2001, and is ongoing. **Table 10** provides statistics on total casualties by type. **Table 11** provides statistics on the demographics of military deaths. **Table 12** provides statistics on the demographics of service members who have been wounded in action. These statistics may be revised as circumstances are investigated and records are processed through the U.S. military system. Daily casualty summaries are available at DOD's website at [<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/casualty.pdf>].

Table 10. Global War on Terrorism — Operation Enduring Freedom by Casualty Category Within Service
(from October 7, 2001, through April 5, 2008)

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Navy ^c	Marines	Air Force
Killed in Action	240	207	18	7	8
Died of Wounds ^a	52	44		5	3
Died While Missing In Action					
Died While Captured					
Total Hostile Deaths	292	251	18	12	11
Accident	147	102	7	22	16
Illness	16	12	3	1	
Homicide	1			1	
Self-Inflicted	21	15	3	2	1
Undetermined	6	4	1	1	
Pending ^b	4		1	2	1
Total Non-Hostile Deaths	195	133	15	29	18
Total Deaths	487	384	33	41	29
Total Wounded In Action	1,914	1,687	19	126	82
Total Medical Air Transported (Hostile and Non-Hostile)	7,751	5,977	317	441	1,016

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/WOTSUM.pdf>].

- a. Includes died of wounds where wounding occurred in theater and death occurred elsewhere.
- b. Pending means final category to be determined at a later date.
- c. Navy totals include Coast Guard.

**Table 11. Operation Enduring Freedom,
Demographics of Military Deaths**
(from October 7, 2001, through April 5, 2008)

Casualty Type	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Hostile	292	251	18	12	11
Nonhostile	195	133	15	29	18
Total	487	384	33	41	29
Male	474	377	31	40	26
Female	13	7	2	1	3
Total	487	384	33	41	29
Officer	73	57	6	6	4
E5-E9	227	180	17	12	18
E1-E4	187	147	10	23	7
Total	487	384	33	41	29
Age <22	71	53	3	15	
22-24	95	74	4	10	7
25-30	147	121	11	9	6
31-35	77	59	8	4	6
>35	97	77	7	3	10
Total	487	384	33	41	29
Active	396	299	32	37	28
Reserve	28	23	1	4	
National Guard	63	62			1
Total	487	384	33	41	29
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	3	2	1	1
Asian	6	5	1		
Black or African American	39	31	4	4	
Hispanic or Latino	38	31	2	2	3
Multiple races, pending, or unknown	2	2			
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	6	5			1
White	389	307	24	34	24
Total	487	384	33	41	29

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/OEFDEATHS.pdf].

Note: Casualty areas include in/around Afghanistan, Republic of the Philippines, Southwest Asia, and other locations.

**Table 12. Operation Enduring Freedom,
Military Wounded in Action**

(from October 7, 2001, through April 5, 2008)

Casualty Type	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Hostile	1,914	1,687	19	126	82
Nonhostile					
Total	1,914	1,687	19	126	82
Male	1,900	1,675	19	126	80
Female	14	12			2
Total	1,914	1,687	19	126	82
Officer	187	164		12	11
E5-E9	827	717	13	36	61
E1-E4	900	806	6	78	10
Total	1,914	1,687	19	126	82
Age <22	301	267	2	30	2
22-24	474	436	4	27	7
25-30	574	521	4	20	29
31-35	233	203	3	6	21
>35	247	218	3	3	23
Not Available	85	42	3	40	
Total	1,914	1,687	19	126	82
American Indian or Alaska Native	23	19	2	1	1
Asian	33	29	1	3	
Black or African American	114	104		5	5
Hispanic or Latino	115	105		7	3
Multiple races, pending, or unknown	73	50	3	17	3
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	3	5			
White	1,553	1,377	13	93	70
Total	1,914	1,687	19	126	82

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division, [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/OEFWIA.pdf>], accessed on May 2, 2008.

Note: Casualty areas include in/around Afghanistan, Republic of the Phillipines, Southwest Asia, and other locations.

Tables 13-16 provide statistics on casualties during Operation Iraqi Freedom, which began on March 19, 2003, and is ongoing. **Table 13** provides statistics on total casualties by type. **Tables 14 and 15** provide statistics on the demographics of military deaths, divided between the period of major combat operations (March 19, 2003, through April 30, 2003) and the ongoing presence of U.S. forces in Iraq after the end of major combat operations (May 1, 2003, through present). **Table 16** provides statistics on the demographics of service members who have been wounded in action. These statistics may be revised as circumstances are investigated and records are processed through the U.S. military system. Daily casualty summaries are available at DOD's website at [<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/casualty.pdf>].

Table 13. Operation Iraqi Freedom, By Casualty Category Within Service, March 19, 2003, Through April 5, 2008

Casualty Type	Total	Army	Navy ^c	Marines	Air Force
Killed in Action	2,543	1,805	62	649	27
Died of Wounds ^a	714	536	1	177	
Died While Missing In Action	7	7			
Died While Captured	3	3			
Total Hostile Deaths	3,267	2,351	63	826	27
Accident	482	339	12	118	13
Illness	73	58	8	4	3
Homicide	21	13	3	3	2
Self-Inflicted	147	120	4	23	
Undetermined	8	7	1		
Pending ^b	7	3	2	2	
Total Non-Hostile Deaths	738	540	30	150	18
Total Deaths	4,005	2,891	93	976	45
Total Wounded in Action	29,676	20,258	616	8,426	376
Total Medical Air Transported (Hostile and Non-Hostile)	41,009	33,585	1,226	4,673	1,525

Source: Defense Manpower Data Center, Statistical Information Analysis Division[<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/OIF-total.pdf>].

- a. Includes died of wounds where wounding occurred in theater and death occurred elsewhere.
- b. Pending means final category to be determined at a later date.
- c. Navy totals include Coast Guard.

**Table 14. Operation Iraqi Freedom — Military Deaths,
March 19, 2003, Through April 30, 2003**

(As of April 5, 2008)

Casualty Type	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Hostile	109	47	3	56	3
NonHostile	30	19	1	9	1
Total	139	66	4	65	4
Male	138	65	4	65	4
Female	1	1			
Total	139	66	4	65	4
Officer	28	11	3	11	3
E5-E9	36	19		16	1
E1-E4	75	36	1	38	
Total	139	66	4	65	4
Age <22	33	15		18	
22-24	30	14		16	
25-30	35	13	3	17	2
31-35	19	12		7	
>35	22	12	1	7	2
Total	139	66	4	65	4
Active	126	61	3	59	3
Reserve	9	2	1	6	
National Guard	4	3			1
Total	139	66	4	65	4
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	2			
Asian	2	1		1	
Black or African American	23	15	1	7	
Hispanic or Latino	23	9	1	13	
Multiple races, pending, or unknown	2	1		1	
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	2	1		1	
White	85	37	2	42	4
Total	139	66	4	65	4

Source: [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/OIF-Deaths-Before.pdf>].

Note: The President's statement concerning the end of major combat operations in Iraq can be found in the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*, May 1, 2003, p. 516.

**Table 15. Operation Iraqi Freedom — Military Deaths,
May 1, 2003, Through April 5, 2008**

Casualty Type	Totals	Army	Navy ^a	Marines	Air Force
Hostile	3,158	2,304	60	770	24
Nonhostile	708	521	29	141	17
Total	3,866	2,825	89	911	41
Male	3,774	2,750	80	905	39
Female	92	75	9	6	2
Total	3,866	2,825	89	911	41
Officer	346	273	6	59	8
E5-E9	1,270	1,059	44	145	22
E1-E4	2,250	1,493	39	707	11
Total	3,866	2,825	89	911	41
Age <22	898	552	9	333	4
22-24	1,059	727	16	310	6
25-30	1,066	828	29	194	15
31-35	394	332	15	41	6
>35	449	386	20	33	10
Total	3,866	2,825	89	911	41
Active	3,138	2,251	69	781	37
Reserve	284	131	20	130	3
National Guard	444	443			1
Total	3,866	2,825	89	911	41
American Indian or Alaska Native	38	23	1	14	
Asian	73	46	5	22	
Black or African American	359	312	8	33	6
Hispanic or Latino	406	266	10	126	4
Multiple Races, pending or unknown	42	35	1	4	2
Native Hawaiian or Pacific islander	43	37	1	5	
White	2,905	2,106	63	707	29
Total	3,866	2,825	89	911	41

Source: [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/OIF-Deaths-After.pdf>].

Note: After the end of major combat operations.

a. Navy totals include one Coast Guard death.

**Table 16. Operation Iraqi Freedom — Wounded In Action,
March 19, 2003, Through April 5, 2008**

Casualty Type	Totals	Army	Navy	Marines	Air Force
Hostile	29,676	20,258	616	8,426	376
Nonhostile					
Total	29,676	20,258	616	8,426	376
Male	29,107	19,755	611	8,390	351
Female	569	503	5	36	25
Total	29,676	20,258	616	8,426	376
Officer	1,744	1,278	34	404	28
E5-E9	9,576	7,594	232	1,540	210
E1-E4	18,356	11,386	350	6,482	138
Total	29,676	20,258	616	8,426	376
Age <22	6,653	3,764	94	2,761	34
22-24	8,222	5,553	151	2,428	90
25-30	7,549	5,784	145	1,500	120
31-35	2,926	2,409	76	395	46
>35	2,897	2,447	98	268	84
Not Available	1,429	301	52	1,074	2
Total	29,676	20,258	616	8,426	376
American Indian or Alaska Native	302	197	24	79	2
Asian	438	317	19	99	3
Black or African American	2,430	2,132	39	236	23
Hispanic or Latino	1,924	1,429	24	444	27
Multiple races, pending, or unknown	2,559	652	63	1,824	20
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	171	139	5	23	4
White	21,852	15,392	442	5,721	297
Total	29,676	20,258	616	8,426	376

Source: [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/oif-wounded-total.pdf>].

Additional Resources

Sources of Statistics

The Department of Defense Directorate of Information, Operations, and Reports (DIOR) provides detailed historical tables as well as annual statistics on active duty military deaths at [<http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/castop.htm>].

The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) has published statistics derived from its Southeast Asia Combat Area Casualties Current File. This includes tables on Vietnam casualty data by branch of service, race, religion, state, and other categories at [<http://www.archives.gov/research/vietnam-war/casualty-statistics.html>].

Sources of Published Lists of Names of War Dead

The Congressional Research Service also receives requests for lists of the names of war dead, often for use on memorials, tributes, or for other ceremonial purposes. This report cites the following sources of published lists of U.S. military personnel killed in major wars and other combat actions.

World War II

Army casualty lists for World War II are published in *World War II Honor List of the Dead and Missing* (U.S. War Department, 1946). The lists are also available online at [<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/army-casualties/index.html>].

Navy casualty lists are published in *State Summary of War Casualties* (U.S. Navy Department, 1946). The National Archives also publishes casualty lists online at [<http://www.archives.gov/research/arc/ww2/navy-casualties/index.html>].

Korean War and Vietnam War

The National Archives has made state-level casualty lists from the Korean War and the Vietnam War available at [<http://www.archives.gov/research/korean-war/casualty-lists/>].

Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF)

The DIOR website lists the names of individuals killed in OEF at [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/oef_list_of_names.pdf].

Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF)

The DIOR website lists the names of individuals killed in OIF at [http://siadapp.dmdc.osd.mil/personnel/CASUALTY/oif_list_of_names.pdf].

Wars Prior to World War II

Lists of casualties that are not available from a central source may be obtained on a state level from each state's Adjutant General's office. The Adjutant General of each state is the military commander of the state's national guard. The following is a list of these offices.

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