

United States military casualties of war

Military casualties suffered by the United States of America in war or deployments

Overview

War or conflict	Date	Deaths			Wounded	Total dead and wounded	Missing	Sources/notes
		combat	other	total				
American Revolutionary War	1775–1783	8,000	17,000	25,000	25,000	50,000		[a]
Northwest Indian War	1785–1795	1056+		1056+	825+	1881+		[1] [2] [3]
Quasi-War	1798–1800	20	494 ^[4]	514	42	556		[4] [5]
First Barbary War	1801–1805	35	39	74	64	138		[6] [7] [8] [9]
Other actions against pirates	1800–1900	36	158+ ^[10]	194+	100+	294+		[5] [11] [12] [b]
Chesapeake–Leopard Affair	1807	3	0	3	18	21		[5]
War of 1812	1812–1815	2,260	~17,000	~20,000	4,505	~25,000		[13]
Marquesas Expedition	1813–1814	4		4	3	7		[7]
Second Barbary War	1815	4	134 ^[14]	138	10	148		[15]
First Seminole War	1817–1818	47		47	36	83		[16]
First Sumatran Expedition	1832	2		2	11	13		[5]
Black Hawk War	1832	47	258 ^[17] [18]	305	85	390		[19]
Second Seminole War	1835–1842	328	1207	1535				[20]
Mexican–American War	1846–1848	1,733	11,550	13,283	4,152	17,435		[21]
Third Seminole War	1855–1858	26		26	27	53		[22]
Civil War: total	1861–1865	212,938		~625,000				[c]
Union		140,414	224,097	364,511	281,881	646,392		
Confederate		72,524		~260,000				
Dakota War of 1862 (Little Crow's War)	1862	70–113		70–113	150	220–263		[23] [24] [25] [26]

Shimonoseki Straits	1863	4–5 ^[5] [27]	0	4–5	6 ^[5]	10		[5] [27]
Snake Indian War	1864–1868	30		30	128	158		[28]
Indian Wars	1865–1898	919			1,025			[21]
Red Cloud's War	1866–1868	126		126	100	226		[29] [30] [31]
Korea (Shinmiyangyo)	1871	3		3	9	12		[32]
Modoc War	1872–1873	56		56	88	144		[33] [34]
Great Sioux War	1875–1877	314		314	211	525		[35] [36]
Nez Perce War	1877	134		134	157	291		[37] [38]
Bannock War	1878	12	0	12	22	34		[39] [40]
Ute War	1879	15	0	15	52	67		[39] [41]
Ghost Dance War	1890–1891	35		35	64	99		[42] [43]
Sugar Point Pillager Band of Chippewa Indians	1898	7	0	7	16	23	0	[44]
Spanish–American War	1898	385	2,061	2,446	1,622	4,068		[21]
Philippine–American War	1898–1913	1,020	3,176	4,196	2,930	7,126		[21]
Boxer Rebellion	1900–1901	68	63	131	204	335	0	[45]
Mexican Revolution	1914–1919	35+			70			
Occupation of Haiti	1915–1934	10	138	148	26+	184+		[5] [46]
World War I	1917–1918	53,402	63,114	116,516	204,002	320,518	3,350	[21] [d]
North Russia Campaign	1918–1920			424				[47]
American Expeditionary Force Siberia	1918–1920	160	168	328	52+	380+		[48]
China	1918; 1921; 1926–1927; 1930; 1937	5			78	83		[49]
US occupation of Nicaragua	1927–1933	48			68	116		[49]
World War II	1941–1945	291,557	113,842	405,399	670,846	1,076,245	30,314	[21] See Note DA below
China	1945–1947	13			43	56		[49]
Berlin Blockade	1948–1949		31					[50]

Korean War	1950–1953			53,686	92,134	128,650	4,759	Note: 4,759 MIA-See Note E below
U.S.S.R. Cold War	1947–1991	32			12	44		[49]
China Cold War	1950–1972	16				16		[49]
Vietnam War	1955–1975	47,424	10,785	58,209	153,303	211,454	2,489	[21] [51]
1958 Lebanon crisis	1958	1 ^[52]	5 ^{[52] [53]}	6	1+ ^[54]	7+		[55]
Bay of Pigs Invasion	1961	4		4		4		[56]
Dominican Republic	1965–1966	13			200	213		[49] [57]
Iran	1980	0	8	8	4	12	0	[58]
El Salvador Civil War	1980–1992	22	15	37	35			[59] [60] [61] [62]
Beirut deployment	1982–1984	256		266	169			[63]
Persian Gulf escorts	1987–1988	39	0	39	31			
Invasion of Grenada	1983	18	1	19	119			[63]
1986 Bombing of Libya	1986	2	0	2	0	2		[64]
Invasion of Panama	1989	23		40	324			[63]
Gulf War	1990–1991	113	148	258	849	1,231	0 ^[65]	[66]
Operation Provide Comfort	1991-1996	1	18	19	4	23		[67] [68]
Somalia	1992–1993	29	14	43	153			[63]
Haiti	1994–1995	1		4	3			[63]
Colombia	1994–present	0	8 ^{[69] [70]}	8				[71]
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1995–2004	1		12	6			[72]
Kosovo	1999–2006	1	19	20	2+	22+	0	[73]
War on Terror: total	2001–present	4,628	1,244	5,796	41,221	47,017	3	[74]
Afghanistan	2001–present	1,385	362	1,747	9,971	12,035	1	[75] [f][76]
Iraq War	2003–present	3,510	920	4,430	31,965	36,395	2	[75]
Grand Total	1775–present	848,163	437,421	1,343,812	1,529,230	2,489,335	38,159	

Wars ranked by total deaths

Rank	War	Years	Deaths	Deaths per Day	Deaths per Population
1	American Civil War	1861–1865	625,000	599	1.988% (1860)
2	World War II	1941–1945	405,399	416	0.307% (1940)
3	World War I	1917–1918	116,516	279	0.110% (1920)
4	Vietnam War	1955–1975	58,151	26	0.03% (1970)
5	Korean War	1950–1953	36,516	45	0.02% (1950)
6	American Revolutionary War	1775–1783	25,000	11	0.899% (1780)
7	War of 1812	1812–1815	20,000	31	0.345% (1810)
8	Mexican–American War	1846–1848	13,283	29	0.057% (1850)
9	War on Terror	2001–present	5,491	2	0.002% (2010)
10	Philippine–American War	1899–1913	4,196	1	0.006% (1900)

"Deaths per day" are the total number of US military deaths, divided by the number of days between the dates of the commencement and end of hostilities, or until 25 February 2010 in the case of the Iraq War. "Deaths per population" are the total number of US military deaths, divided by the US population of the year indicated.

War	Total American Fatalities ^[77]	US Population in First Year of War ^[78]	% of population lost
American Revolutionary War	22,674	2,500,000	0.907%
War of 1812	11,700	8,000,000	0.146%
Mexican–American War	13,271	21,406,000	0.062%
American Civil War (1860–1865)	618,000	31,443,000	1.966%
Spanish–American War	5,385	72,129,000	0.007%
Philippine–American War	4,196	72,129,000	0.006%
World War I (1917–1918)	117,465	103,268,000	0.114%
World War II (1941–1945)	418,500	133,402,000	0.314%
Korean War (1950–1953)	36,516	151,325,000	0.024%
Vietnam War	58,159	179,323,000	0.032%
Gulf War (1991)	382	252,643,000	<0.001%
War on Terror (2001–present)	5,491	294,043,000	<0.001%

Total American deaths by war

American Civil War	625,000
World War II	405,399
World War I	116,516
Vietnam	58,151
Korean War	53,686
American Revolutionary War	25,000
War of 1812	20,000
Mexican American War	13,283

War on terror*present	5,491
Philippine–American War	4,196

Wars ranked by combat deaths

Rank	War	Years	Deaths
1	World War II	1937–1945	291,557
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3	World War I	1917–1918	53,402
4	Vietnam War	1955–1975	47,355
5	Korean War	1950–1953	33,746
6	American Revolutionary War	1775–1783	8,000
7	War on Terror	2001–present	6,099
8	War of 1812	1812–1815	2,260
9	Mexican–American War	1846–1848	1,733
10	Northwest Indian War	1785–1795	1,221+

American combat deaths by war

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American Revolutionary War	8,000
War on terror*	4,295
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Mexican American War	1,733
Northwest Indian War	1,221+

Notes

a. Revolutionary War: All figures from the Revolutionary War are rounded estimates. Commonly cited casualty figures provided by the Department of Defense are 4,435 killed and 6,188 wounded, although the original government report that generated these numbers warned that the totals were incomplete and far too low.^[79] Nevertheless, the numbers are often repeated without this warning, such as on the United States Department of Veteran Affairs website.^[80] In 1974, historian Howard Peckham and a team of researchers came up with a total of 6,824 killed in action and 8,445 wounded. Because of incomplete records, Peckham estimated that this new total number of killed in action was still about 1,000 too low.^[81] Military historian John Shy subsequently estimated the total killed in action at 8,000, and argued that the number of wounded was probably far higher, about 25,000.^[82] The "other" deaths are primarily from disease, including prisoners who died on British prison ships.

b. Other Actions Against Pirates: Includes actions fought in the West Indies, the Greek Isles, off of Louisiana, China and Vietnam. Other deaths resulted from disease and accidents.

c. Civil War: All Union casualty figures, and Confederate killed in action, from *The Oxford Companion to American Military History*.^[21] Estimate of total Confederate dead from James M. McPherson, *Battle Cry of Freedom* (Oxford University Press, 1988), 854.

d. World War I figures include expeditions in North Russia and Siberia. See also World War I casualties

da. World War II Note: as of March 31, 1946 there were an estimated 286,959 dead of whom 246,492 were identified; of 40,467 who were unidentified 18,641 were located {10,986 reposed in military cemeteries and 7,655 in isolated graves} and 21,826 were reported not located. As of April 6, 1946 there were 539 American Military Cemeteries which contained 241,500 dead.^[83] Note the American Battle Monuments Commission database for the World War II reports that that in 18 ABMC Cemeteries total of 93,238 buried and 78,979 missing and that "The World War II database on this web site contains the names of those buried at our cemeteries, or listed as Missing in Action, buried or lost at sea. It does not contain the names of the 233,174 Americans returned to the United States for burial..." Similarly, the ABMC Records do not cover inter-War deaths such as the Port Chicago disaster in which 320 died.

e. Korean War: Note:^[21] gives Dead as 33,746 and Wounded as 103, 284 and MIA as 8,177. The POW/MIA ^[84] gives the figures listed here: for example: The total "Battle Dead" of 33,686 is broken down into 23,637 KIA; 2,484 DOW; 4,759 MIA; 2,806 {POWS}. 2,830 are given as non-battle deaths; wounded 103,284 is given as the Number of incidences of wounded-including individual personnel wounded multiple times ;likewise 17,730 are listed separately as having died elsewhere Worldwide during Korean War. The American Battle Monuments Commission database for the Korean War reports that "The Department of Defense reports that 54,246 American service men and women lost their lives during the Korean War. This includes all losses world wide. Since the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. honors all U.S. Military who lost their lives during the War, we have tried to obtain the names of those who died in other areas besides Korea during the period June 27, 1950 to July 27, 1954, one year after the Korean Armistice...". After their retreat in 1950, dead Marines and soldiers were buried at a temporary gravesite near Hungnam, North Korea. During "Operation Glory" which occurred from July to November 1954 the dead of each side were exchanged; remains of 4,167 US soldiers/Marines were exchanged for 13,528 North Korean/Chinese dead.^[85] After "Operation Glory" 416 Korean War "unknowns" were buried in the Punchbowl Cemetery. According to a DPMO white paper ^[86] 1,394 names were also transmitted during "Operation Glory" from the Chinese and North Koreans {of whom 858 names proved to be correct}; of the 4,167 returned remains were found to be 4,219 individuals of whom 2,944 were found to be Americans of whom all but 416 were identified by name. Of 239 Korean War unaccounted for: 186 not associated with Punchbowl unknowns {176 were identified and of the remaining 10 cases 4 were non-Americans of Asiatic descent; one was British; 3 were identified and 2 cases unconfirmed}; Of 10 Korean War "Punchbowl Unknowns" 6 were identified.

According to report of June 24, 2008 at ^[87]

- Number of remains total unaccounted for: 8,055
- Number of remains repatriated are: 489 of whom 100 are identified

Update on report of July 6, 2010 at ^[88]

- Number of remains total unaccounted for: 8,028 {6184 US Army; 910 USAF; 278 US NAVY; 656 USMC}
- Number of remains total identified are: 134 {117 US Army; 10 USAF; 1 US Navy; 6 USMC}

ea. Cold War – Korea and Vietnam and Middle East-additional US Casualites:

- North Korea {Cold War} 1959:1968-1969;1976;1984 killed 41; Wounded 5; 82 captured/released.^[89]
- USS Liberty incident 1967 killed 34; Wounded 173 by Israeli armed forces
- Vietnam War prior to 1964-US Casualties were Laos-2 killed in 1954; and Vietnam 1946–1954 2 killed see;^[90]

f. Iraq War. See also Casualties of the conflict in Iraq since 2003. Sources: .^[91]

g. Afghanistan. Casualties include those that occurred in Pakistan, Uzbekistan, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Guantanamo Bay (Cuba), Jordan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Philippines, Seychelles, Sudan, Tajikistan, Turkey, and Yemen.

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