

Casualties in Principal Wars of the U.S.

Source: U.S. Dept. of Defense, U.S. Coast Guard

Data prior to World War I are based on incomplete records in many cases. Casualty data are confined to dead and wounded personnel and, therefore, exclude personnel captured or missing in action who were subsequently returned to military control. Dash (—) indicates information is not available. off. = officers.

WAR	Branch of service	Number serving	CASUALTIES			
			Battle deaths	Other deaths	Wounds not mortal ¹⁷	Total ¹³
Revolutionary War 1775-83	Total	—	4,435	—	5,188	10,623
	Army	184,000	4,044	—	5,004	10,048
	Navy	to	342	—	70	456
War of 1812 1812-15	Total	250,000	49	—	114	119
	Army	288,730 ⁸	2,260	—	4,505	6,765
	Navy	—	1,950	—	4,000	5,950
Mexican War 1846-48	Total	—	285	—	439	704
	Army	78,789 ⁸	45	—	66	111
	Navy	—	1,733	11,550	4,152	17,435
Civil War Union forces 1861-65	Total	—	1,721	11,550	4,102	17,373
	Army	—	1	—	3	4
	Marines	71 off.	11	—	47	58
Confederate forces (estimate) ¹ 1863-66	Total	2,213,363 ⁹	140,415	224,097	281,881	646,392
	Army	2,128,946	138,154	221,374	280,040	639,568
	Marines	84,415	2,112	2,411	1,710	6,233
Spanish-American War 1898	Total	600,000	74,524	59,297	131	591
	Army	1,500,000	—	—	—	—
	Marines	219 off.	1	—	—	1
World War I April 6, 1917 - Nov. 11, 1918	Total	307,420	385	2,081	1,862	4,108
	Army ²	280,564	369	2,081	1,594	4,024
	Navy	22,875	10	0	47	57
World War II Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1945 ³	Total	3,321	6	0	21	27
	Army ⁴	4,743,828	83,513	63,195	204,002	320,710
	Navy	4,057,101	50,510	55,888	193,683	300,041
Korean War ⁵ June 25, 1950 - July 27, 1953	Total	589,051	431	6,558	819	8,108
	Army	78,839	2,461	390	9,520	12,371
	Marines	8,835	111	81	—	192
Vietnam War ¹⁰ Aug. 4, 1964 - Jan. 27, 1973	Total	16,353,858	282,131	116,185	671,848	1,079,162
	Army ⁶	11,280,000	234,874	83,400	585,861	884,135
	Navy	4,183,468	36,850	25,864	37,779	100,392
Persian Gulf War 1991	Total	669,100	19,733	4,778	86,207	91,718
	Army	241,093	574	1,343	—	1,917
	Navy	5,784,143	33,867	3,249	103,284	140,200
Iraq War ¹⁴ Mar. 19, 2003 - Sept. 2, 2006	Total	2,834,000	27,709	2,452	77,586	107,757
	Army	1,177,000	493	160	1,578	2,226
	Navy	424,000	4,267	339	23,744	28,353
Afghanistan War 2001-2011	Total	1,285,000	1,198	298	368	1,864
	Army	44,143	—	—	—	—
	Navy	8,782,000	47,393	10,800	153,363	211,556
Iraq War 2003-2011	Total	4,368,000	30,629	7,272	96,802	135,003
	Army	1,842,000	1,631	551	4,178	6,740
	Navy	794,000	13,085	1,753	51,382	66,230
Iraq War 2003-2011	Total	1,740,000	1,741	842	921	3,514
	Army	8,000	7	2	50	59
	Navy	467,939 ¹¹	145	181	467	786
Iraq War 2003-2011	Total	246,882	98	105	—	203
	Army	98,852	6	14	—	20
	Navy	71,254	24	25	—	50
Iraq War 2003-2011	Total	50,751	20	6	—	26
	Army	400	—	—	—	—
	Navy	289,383 ¹²	2,099	842	19,948	22,589
Iraq War 2003-2011	Total	99,884 ¹⁵	1,406	388	12,883	27,340
	Army	61,018 ¹⁵	36	19	434	489
	Navy	66,166 ¹⁵	844	123	6,390	7,646
Iraq War 2003-2011	Total	42,515 ¹⁵	13	12	230	255
	Army	1,250 ¹⁵	1	—	—	1
	Navy	—	—	—	—	—

(1) Authoritative statistics for the Confederate forces are not available. An estimated 26,000-31,000 Confederate personnel died in the war. (2) Data are for Dec. 1, 1941, through Dec. 31, 1945, when hostilities were officially terminated by presidential proclamation. Few battle deaths or wounds not mortal were incurred after Japanese acceptance of Allied peace terms on Aug. 14, 1945. (3) Number serving Dec. 1, 1941-Aug. 31, 1945, wars: Total—14,903,213; Army—10,420,000; Navy—3,883,520; Marine Corps—629,693. (4) Active hostilities ceased on Aug. 13, 1950, but ratifications of the treaty of peace were not exchanged between the U.S. and Spain until April 11, 1959. (5) Includes Army Air Forces battle deaths and wounds not mortal, as well as casualties suffered by American forces in northern Russia to Aug. 25, 1919, and in Siberia to April 1, 1920. Other deaths covered the period April 1, 1917-Dec. 31, 1918. (6) Includes Army Air Forces. (7) Battle deaths and wounds not mortal include casualties incurred in Oct. 1941 due to hostile actions. (8) Marine Corps data for Iraq War, World War II, the Spanish-American War, and prior wars represent the number of individuals killed, whereas all other data in this column represent the total number (incidence) of wounds. (9) As reported by Commissioner of Pensions in his Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1903. (10) As a result of an ongoing Dept. of Defense review of available Korean War casualty records, updates to previously reported figures for battle deaths and other deaths are reflected in this table. (11) Number serving covers the period Aug. 4, 1964-Jan. 27, 1973 (date of ceasefire). Includes casualties incurred in Mayaguez incident. Wounds not mortal include 150,332 persons not requiring hospital care. (12) Estimated. (13) Actually the U.S. Revenue Cutter Service, predecessor to the U.S. Coast Guard. (14) Totals do not include categories for which no data are listed. (15) Including deaths from May 1, 2003, to end of major combat through Sept. 2, 2006. Military deaths through Apr. 30, 2006 only totaled 115 combat-related and 23 non-combat. As of Sept. 2, 2006, there were 2,641 total military deaths. (16) Number serving figures for the Iraq War are current as of Mar. 31, 2006, and do not include numbers of troops deployed since then. NOTE: As of Sept. 2, 2006, there have been 328 military deaths in Afghanistan, mostly in Afghanistan and the Persian Gulf area.