

BY THE NUMBERS: THE IRAQ WAR & U.S. NATIONAL SECURITY

Cost of Violence in Iraq

Number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq as of May 1, 2003: **139** [DoD, 5/11/07]

Number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq: **3,382** [DoD, 5/11/07]

Number of U.S. troops wounded in action in Iraq: **25,245** [DoD, 5/11/07]

Number of wounded in action and unable to return to duty: **11,270** [DoD, 5/11/07]

Number of U.S. troops killed so far this month (May): **35** [icasualties.org, 5/11/07]

Number of U.S. troops killed last month (April): **104 – the sixth most deadly month since the war began** [icasualties.org, 5/11/07]

Percent of U.S. troops killed in April 2007 by Improvised Explosive Devices: **nearly 60** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Number of insurgents in Iraq in November 2003: **5,000** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Number of insurgents in Iraq in March 2007: **70,000 (Sunni only)** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Number of multi-fatality bombings in May 2004: **9** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Number of multi-family bombings in the April 2007: **53** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Estimated number of people killed by multiple fatality bombings since May 2003: **12,386** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Number of civilian casualties in Iraq since U.S.-led invasion: estimates range from **54,000 – 76,500** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Average number of daily attacks by insurgents in July 2003: **16** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Average number of daily attacks by insurgents between November 2006 and February 2007: **149** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Cost of the War to American Taxpayers

Amount appropriated for the Iraq War so far: **\$379 billion** [House Appropriations Committee]

Approximate amount U.S. currently spending in Iraq per month: **\$8 billion** [CRS, 9/22/06]

Amount in President Bush's request for new DOD spending for the wars in Iraq & Afghanistan: **\$235 billion** (including a FY 2007 supplemental of \$93 billion and a FY 2008 supplemental of \$142 billion) [Bush budget]

Strain on the Military

Number of U.S. troops currently in Iraq (approximate): **149,700** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Projected number of U.S. troops in Iraq when the "surge" is completed (by summer 2007): **160,000** [Palm Beach Post, 4/16/07]

Number of Army soldiers and Marines notified this week of potential deployment to Iraq this fall: **35,000 – unrelated to the “surge”** [MSNBC, 5/11/07]

Number of soldiers in the Army that have served more than one tour in Iraq: **170,000** [Christian Science Monitor, 1/9/07]

Percent of the Army’s available active duty combat brigades that have served at least a 12-month tour in Iraq or Afghanistan: **100** [Washington Post, 9/14/06]

Number of active duty or reserve brigades in the U.S. considered “combat ready”: **0** [Christian Science Monitor, 9/22/06]

Number of active duty military who have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001: **1.1 million** [DoD, 3/31/07]

Number of National Guard and Reservists who have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001: **421,981** [DoD, 3/31/07]

Number of National Guard and Reservists deployed more than once since 2001: **84,198** [DoD, 8/31/06]

Percent of troops currently deployed who are in the National Guard and Reserves: **22** [DoD, 3/31/07]

Number of months longer Army troops in Iraq will have to serve as a result of a blanket tour extension order issued by the Pentagon: **at least 3 months** [Pentagon News Briefing, 4/11/07]

Length of average mobilization for Reserve and National Guard members: **18 months** [Washington Post, 11/5/06]

Percent of National Guard or Reserve units so poorly equipped they are rated “not ready”: **88** [Washington Post, 3/2/07]

Amount of essential equipment the Army National Guard has on-hand here at home: **30%** [GAO Testimony, 9/21/06]

Amount Army needs to repair or replace equipment destroyed/deteriorated in Iraq: **\$66.1 billion** [CBS/AP, 9/25/06]

Amount of time Army needs to catch up on backlog of equipment repairs generated from Iraq war: **3 years** [ABC News, 2/10/07]

Reconstruction Problems and Lack of Accountability

Amount Iraqi government says is needed over the next 4 years to rebuild country’s infrastructure: **\$100 billion** [Reuters, 10/31/06]

Amount of Iraqi reconstruction funds unaccounted for by the Coalition Provisional Authority: **\$8.8 billion** [Boston Globe, 4/6/06]

Tons of cash shipped to Iraq in December 2003 and June 2004 under the authority of the U.S.-led Coalition Provisional Authority: **363** [Reuters, 2/12/07]

Amount of the \$11.8 million worth of U.S.-financed electrical generators at Baghdad airport that are no longer working: **\$8.6 million** [NYT, 4/29/07]

Number of hours per day of electricity in Baghdad prior to the war: **16-24** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Number of hours per day of electricity in Baghdad, May 2007: **5.6** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Oil production – barrels per day – prior to the war: **2.5 million** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Oil production – barrels per day – April 2007: **2.14 million** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Unemployment rate in Iraq (December 2006): estimates range from **25% to 40%** [Brookings Institution, 5/7/07]

Average rate of inflation in Iraq in 2006: **50%** [DoD, 3/07]

Amount the U.S. has allocated to private contractors for reconstruction and rebuilding efforts in Iraq since the beginning of the war. **\$50 billion** [60 Minutes, 2/12/06]

Amount of taxpayer dollars squandered by the government in reconstruction contracts according to U.S. auditors: **\$10 billion** [CNN, 2/15/07]

Amount of taxpayer money spent by Halliburton that the Defense Contract Audit Agency has deemed either excessive or insufficiently documented: **\$1.47 billion** [Boston Globe, 6/28/05]

White House office that helped facilitate a no-bid Iraq reconstruction contract worth \$7 billion to Halliburton: **Vice President Cheney** [GAO, June 2004]

Amount Halliburton has received in “cost plus” contracts for Iraq reconstruction: **\$25.7 billion** [House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Democratic Staff, 3/07]

Amount the “virtual pandemic” of corruption costs Iraq each year according to the Special Inspector General of Iraq Reconstruction: **more than \$5 billion** [Associated Press, 4/30/07]

Number of weapons bought by the U.S. intended for Iraqi troops that are now missing: **14,030** [SIGIR, 10/29/06]

Terrorism & Weapons of Mass Destruction

Days since 9/11 attacks that Osama bin Laden has remained free: **2,069** [5/11/07]

Estimated minimum number of nuclear weapons likely produced by North Korea during the Bush Administration: **7** [Reuters, 10/26/06]

Percent decrease in funding for the Cooperative Threat Reduction Program to contain loose nuclear material under the President’s Fiscal Year 2007 budget: **10.4** [Center for American Progress, 5/3/06]

Public Opinion

Percent of Americans who disapprove of the way President Bush is handling the situation in Iraq: **71%** [New York Times/CBS Poll, 4/27/07]

Percent of Americans who favor a bill that sets benchmarks that the Iraqi government must meet to show that progress is being made in Iraq: **61%** [CNN, 5/8/07]

Percent of Americans who disapprove of President Bush’s decision to veto the House and Senate passed Iraq Accountability Act last week: **54%** [CNN, 5/8/07]