

# The Iraq Quagmire

Hot facts from the study by the Institute for Policy Studies and Foreign Policy In Focus

U.S. military killed in Iraq: **2,238**  
Number of U.S. troops wounded in combat since the war began: **16,548**  
Iraqi police and military deaths: **4,056**  
Iraqi civilians killed: **Estimates range from 28,224 - 100,000**

Number of resistance fighters in Iraq:  
November 2003 estimate: **5,000 fighters**  
October 2005 estimate: **15,000 - 20,000 fighters**  
Number of attacks by Iraqi resistance:  
2004: **27,000**  
2005: **34,100**

What the Iraq war has created, according to the U.S. National Intelligence Council: **“a training and recruitment ground (for terrorists), and an opportunity for terrorists to enhance their technical skills.”**  
Effect on al Qaeda of the Iraq War, according to International Institute for Strategic Studies: **“Accelerated recruitment”**

Number of U.S. soldiers in Iraq: **138,000**  
Number of “Coalition of the Willing” soldiers in Iraq: **23,000**  
Number of Private Military Contractors in Iraq: **50,000 - 100,000**

Number of troops who have served two or more tours in Iraq: **341,000** (1/3rd of total)

Number of U.S. soldiers in Iraq who are Guard members or Reservists: **4 out of 10**  
Average time of mobilization for National Guard: **460 days**  
Status of Army National Guard Recruitment: **20 percent short of yearly goal**  
Percentage of reserve troops who earn lower salaries while on deployment: **30-40%**

<b>Defense CEO &amp; Private Contractor Pay vs. Military Pay</b>	
Army Private:	\$24,278
Private Military Contractor:	\$100,000
General with 20+ Years Experience:	\$168,509
Defense Contractor CEO:	\$11,586,000

# The Iraq Quagmire: The Mounting Costs of the Iraq War

A Study by the Institute for Policy Studies and Foreign Policy In Focus. By Phyllis Bennis, Erik Leaver and the IPS Iraq Task Force; a comprehensive accounting of the costs of the war on the United States, Iraq, and the World. Report released August 31, 2005. This factsheet revised January 30, 2006.

The bill so far: **\$251 billion**  
The estimated long-term bill: **\$1.3 trillion**

What \$251 billion could have paid for in the U.S. for one year:

Affordable housing units: **2.3 million** or  
Scholarships for university students: **48.7 million** or  
Head Start slots for a year: **33 million**

What \$251 billion could have paid for around the globe for three years:

Full funding for global anti-hunger efforts for **and**  
Full funding of world-wide AIDS programs for **and**  
Full funding for every child in the world for basic immunizations

Estimated cost of war to date to every U.S. citizen: **\$894**

Average monthly cost of the Vietnam War, adjusted for inflation: **\$5.1 billion**  
Average monthly cost of the Iraq War: **\$5.6 billion**  
Amount that military contractor Halliburton has been awarded in contracts: **\$10.8 billion**  
Amount of “questionable” and “unsupported” Halliburton expenditures found by Senate investigators: **\$1.4 billion**  
Increase in Halliburton stock value since March 2003: **375%**

## Cost of War (\$bn)

Spent to date:	251
Future spending on operations:	271
VA Costs:	57
Cost for brain injuries:	35
Veterans disability:	122
Demobilization costs:	8
Increased defense:	139
Interest on debt:	386
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,269</b>

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