

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

Cost of Violence in Iraq

Number of U.S. troops killed in Iraq: **3,186** [DoD, 3/9/07]

Number of U.S. troops wounded in action in Iraq: **23,924** [DoD, 3/9/07]

Number of wounded in action and unable to return to duty: **10,627** [DoD, 3/9/07]

Number of troops killed so far this month (March): **26** [icasualties.org, 3/9/07]

Number of troops killed in December 2006: **112 – the highest since November 2004** [icasualties.org, 3/9/07]

Percent of U.S. troops killed by Improvised Explosive Devices in December 2006: **72** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Number of U.S. military helicopters downed in Iraq between January 20, 2007 and February 22, 2007: **8** [DoD, 2/22/07]

Number of insurgents in Iraq in November 2003: **5,000** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Number of insurgents in Iraq in October 2006: **20,000–30,000 (including militias)** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Number of civilian casualties in Iraq since U.S.-led invasion: estimates range from **47,500 – 70,100** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Number of multi-fatality bombings in May 2004: **9** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Number of multi-family bombings in February 2007: **54** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Average number of daily attacks by insurgents in July 2003: **16** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Average number of daily attacks by insurgents in November 2006: **185** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

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): **141,000** [AP, 3/9/07]

Number of additional U.S. combat troops to be sent to Iraq, according to President Bush's escalation plan: **21,500**

Number of additional U.S. troops, including both combat and support troops, that may be actually needed under the President's escalation plan, according to the Congressional Budget Office: **as many as 48,000** [CBO, 2/1/07]

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 that have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001: **1,067,971** [DoD, 1/31/07]

Number of National Guard and Reservists that have been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan since 2001: **416,990** [DoD, 1/31/07]

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

Percent of troops currently deployed that are in the National Guard and Reserves: **24** [DoD, 1/31/07]

Percent of National Guard combat and special operations battalions mobilized since September 11th: **95** [Foreign Policy Leadership Council, 2/06]

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]

Number of Army National Guard companies providing security in Iraq in 2004: **20** [Washington Post, 11/5/06]

Number of Army National Guard companies gearing up to provide security in Iraq in 2007: **50** [Washington Post, 11/5/06]

Number of months after U.S. invasion of Iraq that all American soldiers received body armor: **18**

Number of advanced Humvee armor kits that the Army is short in Iraq and Afghanistan: **more than 4,000** [Washington Post, 2/12/07]

Number of veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq wars that are homeless: **500-1,000** [Newsweek, 2/24/07]

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]

Percent of Iraqi population with access to clean, potable water in June 2006: **25** [Council on Foreign Relations, 6/22/06]

Number of hours per day of electricity in Baghdad prior to the war: **16-24** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Number of hours per day of electricity in Baghdad, February 2007: **5.7** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Oil production – barrels per day – prior to the war: **2.5 million** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Oil production – barrels per day – March 2007: **2.13 million** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Unemployment rate in Iraq (December 2006): estimates range from **25% to 40%** [Brookings Institution, 3/8/07]

Number of planned 136 sanitation and water projects that are set to be completed: **49** [Council on Foreign Relations, 6/22/06]

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 no-bid, “cost plus” contracts for Iraq reconstruction: **more than \$17 billion** [House Government Reform Committee, Democratic Staff]

Amount the “virtual pandemic” of corruption costs Iraq each year according to the Special Inspector General of Iraq Reconstruction: **\$4 billion** [The Guardian, 12/2/06]

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: **2,006** [3/9/07]

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 are disapprove with the way President Bush is handling the situation in Iraq: **67%** [AP/IPSOS, 3/9/07]

Percent of Americans who support a plan to send more troops to Iraq: **13%** [Gallup/USA Today, 3/6/07]