

# 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: **1,882**

Number of U.S. troops wounded in combat since the war began: **14,120**

Iraqi police and military deaths: **2,945**

Iraqi civilians killed: **Estimates range from 23,589 - 100,000**

Number of resistance fighters in Iraq:

November 2003 estimate: **5,000 fighters**

August 2005 estimate: **16,000 - 40,000 fighters and 200,000 Iraqi sympathizers**

Average number of attacks by Iraqi resistance per day:

July 2004: **47**

July 2005: **70**

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: **20,000 - 25,000**

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: **23 percent short of yearly goal**

What General James Helmly, the Army Reserve’s commander, told the Pentagon in December 2004: his men were **“degenerating into a broken force”**

Percentage of reserve troops who earn lower salaries while on deployment: **30-40%**

Percentage of U.S. police departments missing officers due to Iraq deployments: **44%**

### Army National Guard Deaths Per Month

<b>Invasion/Occupation:</b>	<b>4</b>
March 20, 2003 - June 28, 2004	
<b>Transition:</b>	<b>10.7</b>
June 29, 2004 - Jan. 30, 2005	
<b>Post-election:</b>	<b>13.3</b>
Jan. 31, 2005 - Aug. 2005	

# 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 August 31, 2005.

The bill so far: **\$204.4 billion**

What \$204.4 billion could have paid for in the U.S. for one year:

Affordable housing units: **1.8 million** or

Scholarships for university students: **40 million** or

Head Start slots for a year: **27 million**

What \$204.4 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**

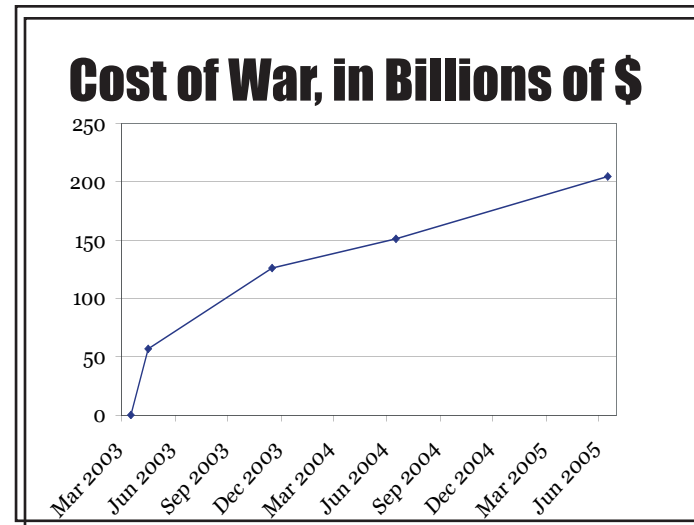
Full funding for every child in the world for basic immunizations

Estimated cost of war to date to every U.S. citizen: **\$727**

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 billion**



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