

5 YEARS IN IRAQ

The war by the numbers

March 19 marks the fifth anniversary of the first U.S. salvo in the Iraq war, now the second-longest conflict in American history. Hundreds of thousands of service members and vast quantities of materiel — weapons, ammunition, personnel support and many other items — have been sent to Iraq to support the war effort over those five years. Along the way, U.S. troops have tried to lay the foundation for a better life for the Iraqi people, rebuilding schools, hospitals and basic infrastructure in the face of persistent insurgent attacks. On these two pages, we present some statistical snapshots of five years of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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WAR COSTS

3,967

U.S. troops killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom as of March 13.
Source: Defense Department

308

Coalition forces killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom as of March 13; of those, 175 were British.
Source: icasualties.org

29,395

U.S. troops wounded in Operation Iraqi Freedom as of March 13.
Source: Defense Department

570

Attacks per week — including bombs, small arms, mortar, rocket and surface-to-air attacks — as of Nov. 30. That is down from a peak of 1,580 per week in mid-June 2007 (figures estimated).
Source: Defense Department

8,000

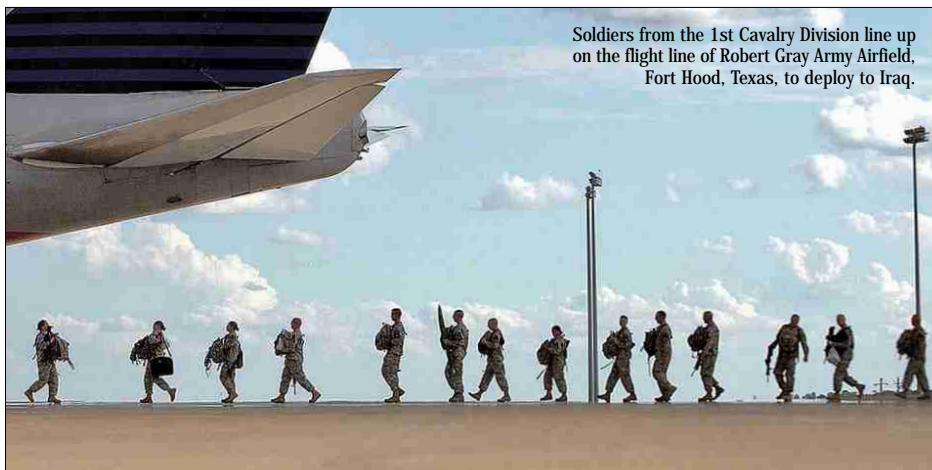
Iraqi police officers and military personnel allied with U.S. forces killed since the U.S. invasion in 2003 (approximate).
Source: icasualties.org

89,360

Iraqi civilians killed by military or paramilitary action or the breakdown in civil security since the U.S. invasion in 2003. Estimate comes from documented news reports and is well below the actual total. Other estimates range from 600,000 to more than 1 million.
Source: iraqbodycount.org

\$10 billion

Spent monthly by the U.S. on Operation Iraqi Freedom. That breaks down to \$2.3 billion per week, \$333 million per day, \$13.9 million per hour, \$232,000 per minute and \$3,867 per second.
Source: Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation



Soldiers from the 1st Cavalry Division line up on the flight line of Robert Gray Army Airfield, Fort Hood, Texas, to deploy to Iraq.

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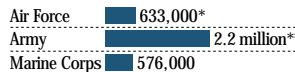
1,686,794

Personnel have deployed at least once to the Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom theaters of operations* through January 2008, with 24,852 service members deploying five or more times. There have been 2,967,848 total deployments.*

*Breakouts for OIF and OEF not available.
Source: Defense Department

3.4 million

Flight hours flown in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.



Note: Navy figures not available.
*Since October 2005; earlier data unavailable.
**Includes Operation Enduring Freedom; OIF/OEF breakouts not available.
Source: Military services



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Army Maj. Gen. James Simmons gives a medal certificate to Spc. David Carnahan during an award ceremony June 4 at Camp Anaconda, north of Baghdad.

158,532

Air Force sorties flown in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.*

*Since October 2005; earlier data not available.
Source: Air Force

53,329

Bombs, rockets and missiles expended by the Air Force in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Source: Air Force

250

Navy ship deployments to Central Command area of operations since the start of the Iraq war. The Navy's total fleet size is 280 ships.

Source: Navy



NAVY

399,848

Medals awarded for service in Operation Iraqi Freedom.*



Source: Military services

*Navy figures include only Silver Star, Navy Cross, Bronze Star
**Includes awards for Operation Enduring Freedom; OIF/OEF breakout unavailable.

***Breakout of Bronze Star for Valor unavailable.



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An Apache helicopter releases an anti-missile decoy flare as it flies over Baghdad.

MATERIEL SUPPORT

5.95 billion

Gallons of jet fuel, gasoline and diesel fuel used by U.S. forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom through Sept. 30, at a cost of \$9.6 billion. That equals 141.6 million barrels of oil. The price of a barrel has risen from \$36.96 in fiscal 2003, the first year of the war, to \$92.87 in fiscal 2007. Source: Defense Logistics Agency

86 million

Orders for spare and replacement parts for Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy land, air and maritime weapons platforms in Iraq. These include all ground vehicles (Humvees, MRAPs, tanks, Strykers, etc.); all fixed-wing and rotary aircraft; and ships. Total value of the orders was \$4.8 billion. Source: Defense Logistics Agency

471 million

Small-caliber ammunition rounds (5.56mm, 7.62mm, .50-caliber, pistol, shotgun) shipped to Army and Marine Corps forces in Southwest Asia since the invasion of Iraq. The Marine Corps total of 62 million rounds includes ammunition sent to Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. Sources: Army and Marine Corps



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31,758

Total Marine Corps "rolling stock end-items" committed to Operation Iraqi Freedom. That figure includes armor (wheeled and tracked), Humvees and combat logistic support vehicles, including trailers. Source: Marine Corps

1,345

Total Marine Corps "rolling stock end-items" destroyed in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Source: Marine Corps

Soldiers line up to order from a Burger King fast food shop at Camp Liberty in Baghdad. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Army 1st Lt. Mark Erwin and Staff Sgt. Raymond Mainor unload mail and care packages from a Humvee.

PERSONNEL SUPPORT

347 million

Pounds of mail moved into Iraq by the U.S. military since the start of the war. Source: U.S. Military Postal Agency

113 million

Meals, Ready-to-Eat shipped to Iraq since the start of the war. This includes 12.2 million kosher/halal MREs for individuals maintaining a strict religious diet. Source: Defense Personnel Support Center

2.1 million

Pairs of combat boots issued to soldiers supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Source: Army

914,652

Advanced Combat Helmets issued by the Army to soldiers supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Source: Army



542,317

Complete sets of Interceptor body armor issued to soldiers supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Source: Army

3.3 million

Cans of Red Bull and Monster energy drinks sold in Army and Air Force Exchange Service outlets in Iraq since February 2006. Source: AAFES

10.6 million

Burger King Whoppers and Pizza Hut pizzas sold at exchange service concession outlets in Iraq since the invasion. Source: AAFES

417 million

Military Exchange Global Prepaid phone card minutes used by troops to call home from phone centers in Iraq since 2004. Source: AAFES

IRAQ INFRASTRUCTURE

2.38 million

Barrels of oil produced per day in Iraq the last quarter of fiscal 2007. That is up from 1.35 million at the beginning of the war, and almost up to prewar levels of 2.58 million barrels per day. Source: Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction

18 percent

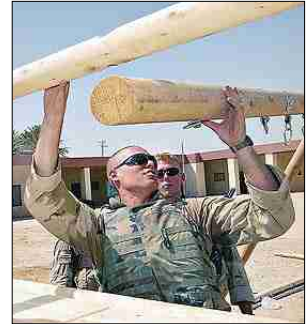
Unemployment rate in Iraq — down from an estimated 25 percent to 30 percent in 2004, the earliest year for which data are available. Source: CIA World Factbook

15.4

Average hours of daily electricity across Iraq in November 2007. In Baghdad, the lights were on just 12.7 hours a day — compared to 16 to 24 hours before the war — with wide disparities across different neighborhoods. Source: Defense Department

70 percent

Of the Iraqi population does not have access to clean water, up from 50 percent in 2003. Part of the reason is that the water system is linked to the nation's still-spotty power grid: Pumps bringing water from treatment facilities to homes require electricity. Sources: Council on Foreign Relations; Oxfam International



AIR FORCE

Army 1st Lt. Ryan Sunderman helps build a play set for a schoolyard in northern Baghdad.

91

Iraqi primary health care centers completed as of January, out of a planned 142. Of those 91, 74 have been transferred to the control of the Iraqi Ministry of Health and 39 are open to the public. A lack of trained medical staff, and a sectarian agenda within the Ministry of Health in terms of determining which centers open, have slowed the opening of more. Source: Special Inspector General for Iraq Reconstruction

6,200

Iraqi schools repaired since 2003 (estimated). About 60,000 teachers have been trained. Source: Council on Foreign Relations



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A teacher and her student watch as soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division visit their school April 25 in Baghdad.