

CRS Report for Congress

Received through the CRS Web

Iraq: Summary of U.S. Casualties

Hannah Fischer
Information Research Specialist
Knowledge Services Group

Summary

The following casualty table was compiled by the Department of Defense, as tallied from DOD press releases. **Table 1** provides statistics on fatalities during Operation Iraqi Freedom, which began on March 19, 2003, and is ongoing, as well as on the number of fatalities since May 1, 2003, plus statistics on those wounded, but not killed, since March 19, 2003. Statistics may be revised as circumstances are investigated and as all records are processed through the U.S. military's casualty system. This report will be updated semiweekly, but more frequent updates are available at DOD's website at [<http://www.defenselink.mil/news/>]; click on "OIF/OEF Casualty Update."

A detailed casualty summary that includes data on deaths by cause, as well as statistics on soldiers wounded in action, is available at the following DOD website: [<http://web1.whs.osd.mil/mmid/casualty/OIF-Total.pdf>].

Table 1. Operation Iraqi Freedom, U.S. Fatalities and Wounded as of May 19, 2005, 10 a.m. EDT

Fatalities	March 19, 2003, to the Present	May 1, 2003, to the Present	Wounded	March 19, 2003, to the Present
Hostile	1,244	1,131	In action ^a	12,516
Non-hostile	379	349	Not Returned to Duty	6,263
Total	1,623	1,480		

Source: DOD press releases.

Note: The President's statement about combat operations in Iraq having ended can be found in the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents*, May 1, 2003, p. 516.

a. Includes the "Not Returned to Duty" figure.