

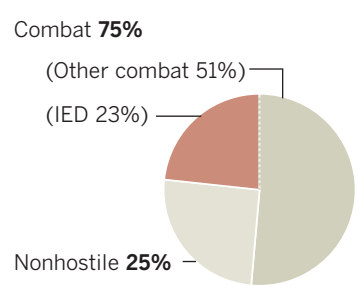
A mounting toll

An analysis of the first 2,000 U.S. military deaths in the Iraq theater shows three distinct periods: a rapid climb during the invasion, a slowing down and leveling off of the fatality rate during the first year of occupation and then an upturn after the killing of four contractors in the insurgent-dominated city of Fallouja at the end of March 2004.

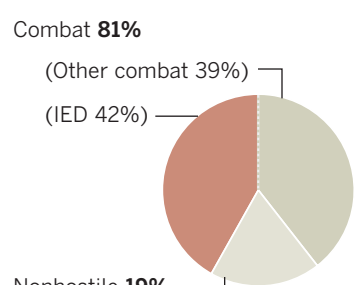
Fatalities by cause

Roadside bombs, or improvised explosive devices (IEDs), have surpassed all other causes of death.

First 1,000 deaths



Second 1,000 deaths

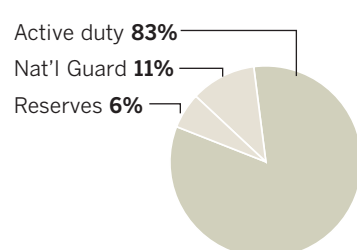


Other combat includes: grenades, mortar rounds, rockets, small-arms fire, suicide bombings, accidents during combat and "friendly fire."
Percentages may not add up to 100 due to rounding.

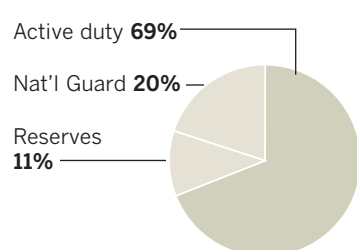
Fatalities by service

National Guard and reserve units are increasingly bearing the war's cost in lives.

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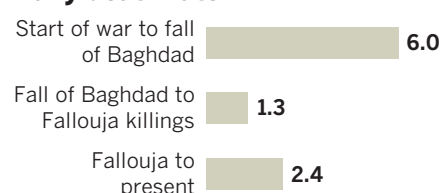


Second 1,000 deaths

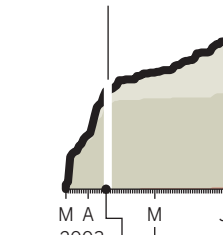


Note: Percentages are based on the latest reported information, which is not complete for all 2,000 dead.

Daily death rate



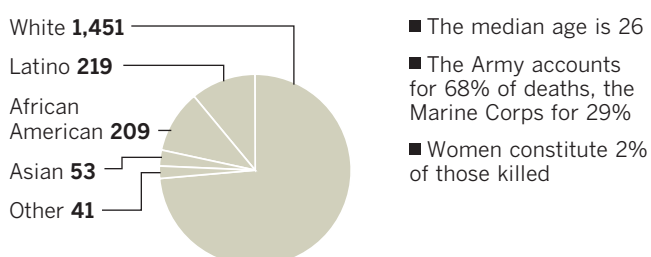
INVASION TO FALL OF BAGHDAD



April 9, 2003: Fall of Baghdad
May 1, 2003: President Bush declares end of major conflict
Dec. 13, 2003: Saddam Hussein captured
Mar. 31, 2004: Four contractors killed in Fallouja and their bodies desecrated
June 28, 2004: Hand-over of power to Iraqis
Jan. 30, 2005: Iraqi elections
Oct. 15, 2005: Constitution approved

Profile of the fallen

The ethnicity of those killed closely parallels the U.S. population as a whole:



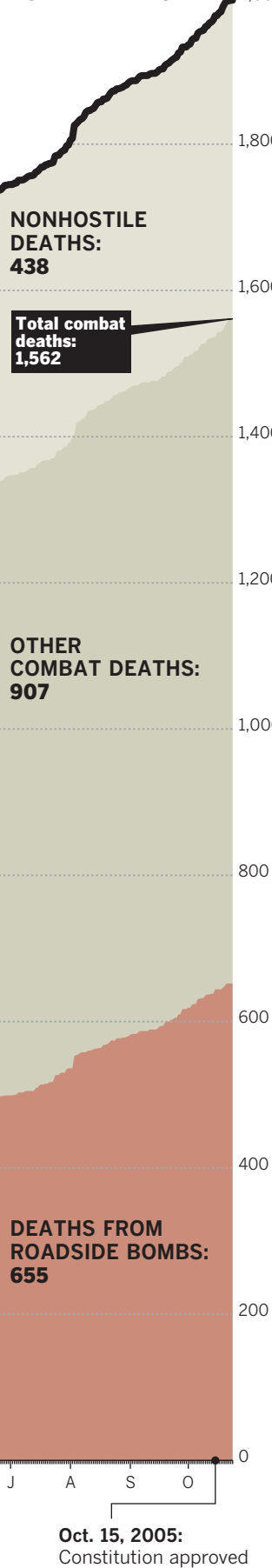
Note: Information reflects deaths as of Oct. 15, 2005

U.S. fatalities in other wars

Civil War (Union)*	1861-65	364,511
World War I	1917-18	116,516
World War II	1941-45	405,399
Korean War	1950-53	36,574
Vietnam	1964-73	58,209
Persian Gulf War	1990-91	382

*Confederate data are uncertain; reports indicate 133,821 Confederate deaths.

TOTAL DEATHS



Troops came from towns and cities across U.S.

The median population of cities with war dead is 16,428.

