

DoD Fact Sheet

Consequences of Iraq and Afghanistan Wars

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Service Member Battlefield Casualties: 90,591

Chart #1, Department of Defense Deployments to War Zones

Deployed to War Zones	Service Members Still in Military	Percent in Military	Veterans Now Eligible for VA	Percent Veterans
1,893,284	791,313	42%	1,101,971	58%

Chart #2, Service Member Battlefield Casualties

Casualty Category	Iraq War	Afghanistan War	Both Wars
Deaths	4,338	863	5,201
Wounded in Action	31,527	4,198	35,725
Medically Evacuated Due to Injury or Disease	38,917	10,748	49,665
Total Casualties	74,782	15,809	90,591

Chart #3, Estimated TBI and PTSD Casualties

Category	Estimated Veterans	Estimated Percent
Traumatic Brain Injury	370,000	19.5% of 1.9 million
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder	350,000	18.5% of 1.9 million

Sources: Department of Defense: Afghanistan War (Operation Enduring Freedom, OEF), Casualties from Oct. 7, 2001, through Oct. 3, 2009; Iraq War (Operation Iraqi Freedom, OIF), Casualties from Mar. 19, 2003, through Oct. 3, 2009; RAND: "Invisible Wounds: Mental Health and Cognitive Care Needs of America's Returning Veterans," Apr. 17, 2008.
Note: As the number of service members deployed to the war zones rises, then the RAND estimates of TBI and PTSD casualties also rise.