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Iraq by the Numbers

December 31, 2011 will mark the end of the U.S. military mission in Iraq. The following document provides reference information relating to U.S. operations in Iraq. To commemorate the end of U.S. operations, on December 17, 2011, the Senate passed by voice vote S.Res. 349 honoring the service and sacrifice of members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families as the combat mission in Iraq draws to a close.

State-by-state information on U.S. military casualties in Iraq can be found [HERE](#). State-by-state information on post-9/11 veterans living in the U.S. from Census.gov can be found [HERE](#).

Initiation of U.S. combat operations	March 19, 2003
Length of US military mission	8 years, 9 months, 12 days
Date Saddam Hussein was captured	December 13, 2003 [ABC News, 12/14/03]
Date Iraqi Parliament ratified the Status of Forces agreement (SOFA) negotiated by President Bush requiring all U.S. troops to leave Iraq by Dec. 31, 2011	November 27, 2009 [The New York Times, 10/21/11]
Number of Americans who served in Iraq throughout the course of the war	More than 1.5 million [American Forces Press Service, 12/14/11]
Number of U.S. troops deployed in Iraq when President Obama took office	Approximately 150,000 [President Obama and Prime Minister Al-Maliki's press conference, 12/12/11]
Number of U.S. servicemembers who died while serving in Iraq	4,474 [DoD OIF figures; DoD ND figures, 12/5/11]
Number of U.S. servicemembers who were wounded in action while serving in Iraq	32,226 [DoD OIF figures; DoD ND figures, 12/5/11]
Number of Medal of Honor recipients for service in Iraq	4 [Information on recipients]
Total U.S. funding for Iraq operations	Approximately \$820 billion [CRS, 3/29/11]
Total estimated number of Iraqi civilian fatalities from 2003 – 10/31/2011	115,676 [Brookings Iraq Index, 11/30/11]
Size of Iraq's Security Forces	670,000 as of 3/11 [The Washington Post, 12/15/11]