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As directed by section 1090 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2017 (Public Law 114-328), the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service and the Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, shall post on the public Internet website of the Department of Defense the costs to each United States taxpayer of each of the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria.

Fiscal Year ^{/1}	Number of Taxpayers ^{/2}	Afghanistan ^{/3} (Dollars in Millions)	Iraq and Syria ^{/4} (Dollars in Millions)	Total ^{/5} (Dollars in Millions)	Cost per Taxpayer Afghanistan (Dollars per Taxpayer)	Cost per Taxpayer Iraq and Syria (Dollars per Taxpayer)	Total (Dollars per Taxpayer)
FY 2022	215,188,000	\$ 14,157	\$ 6,829	\$ 20,986	\$ 66	\$ 32	\$ 98
FY 2021	224,944,400	\$ 34,071	\$ 7,380	\$ 41,451	\$ 151	\$ 33	\$ 184
FY 2020	210,581,700	\$ 39,676	\$ 8,892	\$ 48,568	\$ 188	\$ 42	\$ 231
FY 2019	208,819,400	\$ 38,502	\$ 11,770	\$ 50,272	\$ 184	\$ 56	\$ 241
FY 2018	207,470,200	\$ 36,015	\$ 8,270	\$ 44,285	\$ 174	\$ 40	\$ 213
FY 2017	204,949,600	\$ 40,620	\$ 8,365	\$ 48,985	\$ 198	\$ 41	\$ 239
FY 2016	204,965,000	\$ 37,847	\$ 3,848	\$ 41,695	\$ 185	\$ 19	\$ 204
FY 2015	202,861,600	\$ 46,663	\$ 6,697	\$ 53,360	\$ 230	\$ 33	\$ 263
FY 2014	201,147,400	\$ 59,514	\$ 1,185	\$ 60,699	\$ 296	\$ 6	\$ 302
FY 2013	199,718,000	\$ 77,676	\$ 3,287	\$ 80,963	\$ 389	\$ 16	\$ 405
FY 2012	199,592,300	\$ 97,533	\$ 15,711	\$ 113,244	\$ 489	\$ 79	\$ 568
FY 2011	197,206,900	\$ 96,588	\$ 45,216	\$ 141,805	\$ 490	\$ 229	\$ 719
FY 2010	194,865,400	\$ 77,003	\$ 72,498	\$ 149,501	\$ 395	\$ 372	\$ 767
FY 2009	197,772,200	\$ 47,260	\$ 89,956	\$ 137,215	\$ 239	\$ 455	\$ 694
FY 2008	210,443,000	\$ 31,953	\$ 130,335	\$ 162,288	\$ 152	\$ 619	\$ 771
FY 2007	192,142,600	\$ 20,146	\$ 119,076	\$ 139,222	\$ 105	\$ 620	\$ 725
FY 2006	186,209,600	\$ 14,189	\$ 83,426	\$ 97,615	\$ 76	\$ 448	\$ 524
FY 2005	185,751,200	\$ 11,579	\$ 71,978	\$ 83,557	\$ 62	\$ 387	\$ 449
FY 2004	183,969,400	\$ 10,259	\$ 57,151	\$ 67,410	\$ 56	\$ 311	\$ 367
FY 2003	182,535,000	\$ 12,337	\$ 42,415	\$ 54,752	\$ 68	\$ 232	\$ 300
FY 2002	182,181,900	\$ 19,948	\$ -	\$ 19,948	\$ 109	\$ -	\$ 109
FY 2001	180,102,500	\$ 461	\$ -	\$ 461	\$ 3	\$ -	\$ 3
Cumulative Estimated Cost of Wars by Number of U.S. Taxpayers		\$ 863,998	\$ 794,285	\$ 1,658,283	\$ 4,305	\$ 4,070	\$ 8,376

Numbers may not add due to rounding

^{1/} Reflects the "war-related" estimated costs from FY 2001 to FY 2022. These amounts exclude non-Department of Defense classified programs.

^{2/} Each return filed by a single individual, including returns with filing status Single, Married Filing Separately, and Head of Household, is counted as one taxpayer and each return with Married Filing Jointly status is counted as two taxpayers. Source: Statistics of Income, Internal Revenue Service, May 2023.

^{3/} In FY 2022, estimated costs for Afghanistan are related to contract close-out costs and Operation ENDURING SENTINEL support, including the U.S. "over-the-horizon" counterterrorism activities under OES.

^{4/} Estimated costs for Iraq and Syria are reported as part of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE (OIR). Prior to 2014, costs are for activities in Iraq alone.

^{5/} Reflects estimated obligations by the fiscal year incurred from 2001-2022. Source: Estimate of Cost of War Report, Department of Defense, September 2022.