

U.S. Costs to Date for the War in Afghanistan, in \$ Billions FY2001-FY2022

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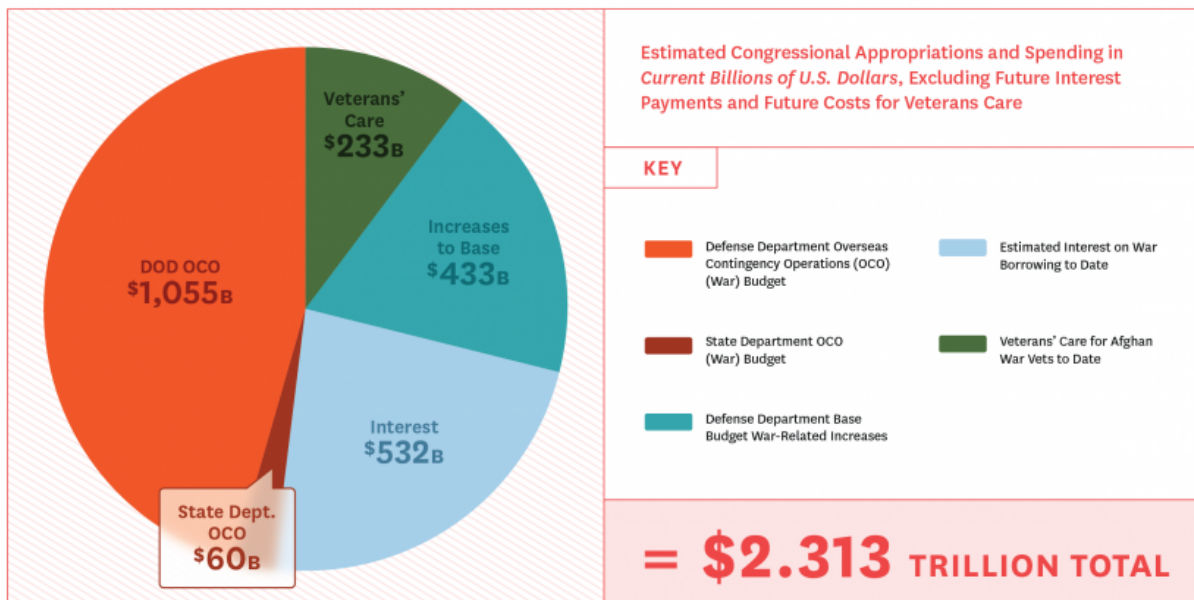
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Since invading Afghanistan in 2001, the United States has spent \$2.313 trillion on the war, which includes operations in both Afghanistan and Pakistan. Note that this total does not include funds that the United States government is obligated to spend on lifetime care for American veterans of this war, nor does it include future interest payments on money borrowed to fund the war. This \$2.313 trillion spent on Afghanistan is a portion of the total estimated cost of the post-9/11 wars.

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UNITED STATES COSTS TO DATE OF THE WAR IN AFGHANISTAN, 2001-2022	
Estimated Congressional Appropriations and Spending in Current Billions of U.S. Dollars, Excluding Future Interest Payments and Future Costs for Veterans Care	
	Total FY2001-FY2022*
Defense Department Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) (War) Budget	\$1,055
State Department OCO (War) Budget	60
Defense Department Base Budget War-Related Increases	433
Veterans Care for Afghan War Vets to Date	233
Estimated Interest on War Borrowing	532
TOTAL in Billions of Current Dollars	\$2,313
	*Rounded to nearest billion. Amounts for FY22 are budget requests.

ESTIMATED DIRECT WAR DEATHS IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN (OCTOBER 2001-APRIL 2021)²			
	Afghanistan	Pakistan	Total
US Military ³	2,442 ⁴	— ⁵	2,442
US DOD Civilian ⁶	6		6
US Contractors ⁷	3,846	90	3,936
National Military and Police ⁸	66,000-69,000 ⁹	9,314 ¹⁰	75,314-78,314
Other Allied Troops ¹¹	1,144	—	1,144
Civilians	47,245 ¹²	24,099 ¹³	71,344
Opposition Fighters	51,191 ¹⁴	33,000 ¹⁵	84,191
Journalists and Media Workers ¹⁶	72	64	136
Humanitarian Aid Workers ¹⁷	444	105	549
TOTAL	171,336-174,336	66,714	238,050-241,050
TOTAL ROUNDED	171,000-174,000	67,000	238,000-241,000

The Costs of War Project also estimates that 241,000 people have died as a direct result of this war. These figures do not include deaths caused by disease, loss of access to food, water, infrastructure, and/or other indirect consequences of the war.

The figures for Afghanistan are part of the larger costs of the U.S. post-9/11 wars, which extend to Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Somalia and elsewhere. The numbers are approximations based on the reporting of several data sources.

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