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List of wars by death toll

This **list of wars by death toll** includes death toll estimates of all deaths that are either directly or indirectly caused by war. These numbers usually include the deaths of military personnel which are the direct results of battle or other military wartime actions, as well as the wartime/war-related deaths of soldiers, which are the results of war-induced epidemics, famines, atrocities, genocide, etc.

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<u>Conquests of Cyrus the Great</u>	100,000+	100,000	549 BC–530 BC	Persian Empire vs. various states	Middle East	Number given is the sum of all deaths in battle recorded by writers during this time period, does not take into account civilian deaths, the actual number may be much greater.
<u>Greco–Persian Wars</u>	73,800+	73,800	499 BC–449 BC	Greece vs. Persian Empire	Greece	
<u>Samnite Wars</u>	33,500+	33,500	343 BC–290 BC	Roman Republic vs. Samnites	Italy	Number given is the sum of all deaths in battle recorded by Roman writers during this time period, does not take into account civilian deaths, the actual number may be much greater.
<u>Wars of Alexander the Great</u>	142,000+	142,000	336 BC–323 BC	Macedonian Empire vs. various states	Middle East / North Africa / Central Asia / India	Number given is the sum of all deaths in battle during these wars recorded by Greek writers, does not take into account civilian deaths, the actual number may be much greater.
<u>Punic Wars</u>	1,250,000–1,850,000	1,520,691	264 BC–146 BC	Roman Republic vs. Carthaginian Empire	Western Europe / North Africa	
<u>First Punic War</u>	400,000+	400,000	264 BC–241 BC	Roman Republic vs. Carthaginian Empire	Southern Europe / North Africa	– Part of the <u>Punic Wars</u>
<u>Second Punic War</u>	770,000+	770,000	218 BC–201 BC	Roman Republic vs. Carthaginian Empire	Western Europe / North Africa	[1] – Part of the <u>Punic Wars</u>
<u>Third Punic War</u>	150,000–250,000	193,649	149 BC–146 BC	Roman Republic vs. Carthaginian Empire	Tunisia	– Part of the <u>Punic Wars</u>
<u>Kalinga War</u>	150,000–200,000	173,205	262 BC–261 BC	Maurya Empire vs. State of Kalinga	India	
<u>Qin's Wars of Unification</u>	700,000+	700,000	230 BC–221 BC	Qin state vs. Han, Zhou, Yan, Wei, Chu, Qi States	China	– Part of <u>Warring States Period</u>
<u>Cimbrian War</u>	410,000–650,000	516,236	113 BC–101 BC	Roman Empire vs. Cimbri and Teutones	Western Europe	– Part of the <u>Germanic Wars</u>
<u>Gallic Wars</u>	1,000,000+	1,000,000	58 BC–50 BC	Roman Republic vs. Gallic tribes	France	

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<u>Iceni Revolt</u>	150,000+ ^[2]	150,000	60–61	Roman Empire vs. Celtic tribes	England	Year is uncertain – Part of the <u>Roman Conquest of Britain</u>
<u>Jewish–Roman Wars</u>	350,000–2,000,000	836,660	66–136	Roman Empire vs. Jews	Middle East/North Africa	
<u>First Jewish–Roman War</u>	270,000–1,358,400	605,614	66–73	Roman Empire vs. Jews	Middle East	– Part of <u>Jewish–Roman Wars</u>
<u>Kitos War</u>	440,000+	440,000	115–117	Roman Empire vs. Jews	Southern Europe / North Africa	– Also known as the <u>Second Jewish–Roman War</u> – Part of <u>Jewish–Roman Wars</u>
<u>Bar Kokhba Revolt</u>	580,000+	580,000	132–136	Roman Empire vs. Jews	Middle East	– Also known as the <u>Third Jewish–Roman War</u> – Part of <u>Jewish–Roman Wars</u>
<u>Gothic War (269)</u>	320,000+	320,000	269	Roman Empire vs. Goths	Europe	Claudius II defeated the <u>Goths</u> , of whom 320,000 were slain. This number is from the <i>Historia Augusta</i> . – Part of the <u>Germanic Wars</u>
<u>Probus's German War</u>	400,000+	400,000	277	Roman Empire vs. Germans	Europe	Emperor Probus informed the Senate that he had killed 400,000 Germans. From the <i>Historia Augusta</i> . – Part of the <u>Germanic Wars</u>
<u>Gothic War (376–382)</u>	40,000+	40,000	376–382	Roman Empire vs. Goths	Eastern Europe	– Part of the <u>Germanic Wars</u>
<u>Three Kingdoms War</u>	36,000,000–40,000,000	37,947,332	184–280	Wei vs. Shu Vs. Wu	China	^[3] ^[4] – Academically, the period of the <u>Three Kingdoms</u> refers to the period between the foundation of the state of <u>Wei</u> in 220 and the conquest of the state of <u>Wu</u> by the <u>Jin dynasty</u> in 280. The earlier, "unofficial" part of the period, from 184 to 220, was marked by chaotic infighting between warlords in various parts of China. See: <u>End of the Han Dynasty</u>
<u>Yellow Turban Rebellion</u>	3,000,000–7,000,000	4,582,576	184–205	Peasants vs. Eastern Han China	China	– Part of <u>Three Kingdoms War</u>

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<u>Wars of the Sixteen Kingdoms</u>	150,000+	150,000	304–439	Northern Chinese States	Northern China	Number given is the sum of all deaths in battle recorded in this time period in battles between armies of the Sixteen Kingdoms, does not take into account civilian deaths, the actual number may be much greater.
<u>Hunnic Invasions</u>	165,000+	165,000	395–453	Roman Empire vs. Hunnic tribes	Europe	Number given is the sum of all deaths in battle recorded by Roman writers during this time period, does not take into account civilian deaths, the actual number may be much greater.

Note 1: The geometric mean is the middle of the quoted range, taken by multiplying together the endpoints and then taking the square root.

Medieval wars

Note: the identity of a single "war" cannot be reliably given in some cases, and some "wars" can be taken to last over more than a human lifetime, e.g. "Reconquista" (711–1492, 781 years) "Muslim conquests in India" (12th to 16th c., 500 years) "Crusades" (ten or more campaigns during the period 1095–1291, 196 years), "Mongol conquests" (1206–1368, 162 years), "early Muslim conquests" (622–750, 128 years), "Hundred Years' War" (1337–1453, 115 years).

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<u>Moorish Wars</u>	5,000,000+	5,000,000	534–548	Moors vs. Byzantine Empire	North Africa	
<u>Arab–Byzantine Wars</u>	130,000+	130,000	629–1050	Byzantine Empire and allies vs. Islamic Empire and Allies	Middle East / North Africa / Southern Europe	Number given is the sum of all deaths in battle recorded by writers during this time period, does not take into account civilian deaths, the actual number may be much greater.
<u>Reconquista</u>	7,000,000+	7,000,000	711–1492	Spanish and Portuguese states vs. Muslim states	Iberian Peninsula	[5]
<u>An Lushan Rebellion</u>	13,000,000–36,000,000	21,633,308	755–763	Tang Dynasty China and Islamic Empire vs. Yan state	China / Vietnam	[6] – Also known as the An–Shi Rebellion
<u>Goryeo–Khitan Wars</u>	90,000+	90,000	993–1019	Liao Empire vs. Goryeo Kingdom	Korea	[7]
<u>Crusades</u>	1,000,000–3,000,000	1,732,051	1095–1291	Originally Byzantine Empire vs. Seljuq Empire, but evolved into Christians vs. Muslims.	Europe / Middle East ("Holy Land")	[8]
<u>Albigensian Crusade</u>	200,000–1,000,000	447,214	1208–1229	Papal States and France vs. Cathartic States	France	[9][10] – Also known as the Cathar Crusade – Part of the <u>Crusades</u>
<u>Mongol conquests</u>	30,000,000–40,000,000	34,641,016	1206–1368	Mongol Empire vs. Several Eurasian states	Eurasia	[11][12][13] – Excludes the (up to) 200,000,000 deaths from the <u>Black Death</u> migration that arguably may have been associated with the Mongol expansion
<u>Wars of Scottish Independence</u>	60,000–150,000	94,868	1296–1357	Scotland vs. England	Scotland / England	
<u>Hundred Years' War</u>	2,300,000–3,300,000	2,754,995	1337–1453	House of Valois vs. House of Plantagenet	Western Europe	[14]
<u>Conquests of Timur</u>	8,000,000–20,000,000	12,649,111	1370–1405	Timurid Empire vs. several middle eastern states	Eurasia	[15][16]
<u>Conquests of Mehmed II 'the Conqueror'</u>	873,000+	873,000	1451–1481	Ottoman Empire vs. Various south European states	Eastern Europe	[17] May be over or underestimated

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<u>Wars of the Roses</u>	35,000–50,000	41,833	1455–1487	House of Lancaster, House of Tudor, and allies vs. House of York and allies	England / Wales	[18][19]

Modern

Modern wars with greater than 25,000 deaths by death toll

War	Death range	Geometric mean	Date	Comabatants	Location	Notes
<u>Italian Wars</u>	300,000–400,000	346,410	1494–1559	Holy Roman Empire, Spain, and some Italian States vs. France, Ottoman Empire, and some Italian states	Southern Europe	^[20] – Also known as the Great Wars of Italy
<u>Spanish conquest of the Aztec Empire</u>	24,300,000+	24,300,000	1519–1632	Spanish Colonial Empire vs. Aztec Empire	Mexico	^[20] – Part of the European colonization of the Americas, includes the <u>cocoliztli plagues</u>
<u>Spanish conquest of Yucatán</u>	1,460,000+	1,460,000	1519–1595	Spanish Colonial Empire vs. Mayan States	North America	^[20] – Part of the European colonisation of the Americas, includes deaths due to European disease
<u>Spanish conquest of the Inca Empire</u>	8,400,000+	8,400,000	1533–1572	Spanish Colonial Empire vs. Inca Empire	Peru	^[20] – Part of the European colonization of the Americas, includes deaths due to European diseases
<u>Campaigns of Suleiman the Magnificent</u>	200,000+	200,000	1521–1566	Ottoman Empire vs. several Balkan, African, and Arabian States	Eastern Europe / Middle East / North Africa	^[21]
<u>German Peasants' War</u>	100,000+	100,000	1524–1525	German Peasants vs. Swabian League	Germany	^[22] – Also known as the Great Peasants War
<u>French Wars of Religion</u>	2,000,000–4,000,000	2,828,427	1562–1598	Protestants vs. France vs. Catholics	France	^[23] – Also known as the Huguenot Wars
<u>Eighty Years' War</u>	600,000–700,000	648,074	1568–1648	Dutch Republic, England, Scotland, and France vs. Spanish Empire	Worldwide	^[20] – Also known as the Dutch War of Independence
<u>Anglo-Spanish War (1585–1604)</u>	138,285+	138,285	1585–1604	Spanish Empire and allies vs. Kingdom of England and allies	Europe / Americas	English 88,285 ^[24] Scots/Irish 50,000
<u>Japanese invasions of Korea</u>	1,000,000+	1,000,000	1592–1598	Kingdom of Great Joseon and Ming China vs. Japan	Korea	^[25]

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<u>Transition from Ming to Qing</u>	25,000,000+	25,000,000	1616–1683	Qing China vs. Ming China vs. Shun dynasty China (Li Zicheng) vs. Xi dynasty China (Zhang Xianzhong vs. Kingdom of Shu (She-An Rebellion) vs. Evenk-Daur federation (Bombogor)	China	^[26] – Also known as the Ming–Qing transition
<u>Thirty Years' War</u>	3,000,000–11,500,000	5,873,670	1618–1648	Pro-Habsburg states vs. Anti-Habsburg states	Europe	^[27]
<u>Franco-Spanish War (1635–59)</u>	200,000+	200,000	1635–1659	France and Allies vs. Spain and Allies	Western Europe	^[21] ^[28]
<u>Wars of the Three Kingdoms</u>	876,000+	876,000	1639–1651	Royalists vs. Covenanters vs. Union of the Irish vs. Scottish Protestants vs. Parliamentarians	British Isles	^[29] ^[30] ^[31] – Also known as the British Civil Wars
<u>English Civil War</u>	356,000–735,000	511,527	1642–1651	Royalists vs. Parliamentarians	England	^[32] – Part of the <u>Wars of the Three Kingdoms</u>
<u>Mughal–Maratha Wars</u>	5,000,000+	5,600,000	1658-1707	Maratha empire vs. Mughal Empire	India-Bangladesh	^[33] ^[34]
<u>Franco-Dutch War</u>	220,000+	220,000	1672–1678	France and allies vs. Dutch Republic and allies	Western Europe	^[21] – Also known as the Dutch War
<u>Great Turkish War</u>	120,000+	120,000	1683–1699	Ottoman Empire vs. European Holy League	Eastern Europe	^[21] – Also known as the War of the Holy League
<u>Great Northern War</u>	350,000+	350,000	1700–1721	Russia and allies vs. Swedish Empire	Eastern Europe	Sweden, the Swedish Baltic provinces, and Finland, together, with a population of only 2.5 million, lost some 350,000 dead during the war from all causes. ^[35]
<u>War of the Spanish Succession</u>	400,000–1,251,000	707,390	1701–1714	Grand Alliance vs. Bourbon Alliance	Europe / Americas	^[21]
<u>Maratha expeditions in Bengal</u>	400,000+	400,000	1741–1751	Maratha Empire vs. Nawab of bengal	India	^[36] ^[37]
<u>Seven Years' War</u>	868,000–1,400,000	1,102,361	1756–1763	Great Britain and allies vs. France and Allies	Worldwide	^[38] ^[39]
<u>Sino-Burmese War (1765–69)</u>	70,000+	70,000	1765–1769	Burma vs. Qing China	Southeast Asia	– Also known as the Qing invasions of Burma

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<u>American Revolutionary War</u>	37,324+	37,324	1775–1783	United States and allies vs. British Empire and German Mercenaries	Worldwide	37,324 battle dead, all sides, all theaters. ^{[21][40][41][42][43]} – Also known as the American War of Independence
<u>French campaign in Egypt and Syria</u>	65,000+	65,000	1798–1801	France vs. Ottoman Empire and Great Britain	Middle East / North Africa	^[21]
<u>Saint-Domingue expedition</u>	135,000+	135,000	1802–1803	France vs. Haiti and UK	Haiti	^[28]
<u>Napoleonic Wars</u>	3,500,000–7,000,000	4,949,747	1803–1815	Coalition powers vs. French empire and allies	Worldwide	See: <u>Napoleonic Wars casualties</u>
<u>French invasion of Russia</u>	540,000+	540,000	1812	French Empire vs. Russia	Russia	^[21] – Part of the <u>Napoleonic Wars</u>
<u>Spanish American Wars of Independence</u>	600,000+	600,000	1808–1833	Spain and Portugal vs. American Independentists	Americas	^[44]
<u>Venezuelan War of Independence</u>	228,000+	228,000	1810–1823	Spain vs. Venezuelan states	Venezuela	– Part of <u>Spanish American Wars of Independence</u>
<u>Mfecane</u>	1,500,000–2,000,000	1,732,051	1815–1840	Ethnic communities in south Africa	Southern Africa	^[45]
<u>Carlist Wars</u>	200,000+	200,000	1820–1876	Carlist Insurgents vs. Spain	Spain	^[44]
<u>French conquest of Algeria</u>	300,000+	300,000	1829–1847	France vs. Ottoman Empire	Algeria	Including 15,000 French ^[46]
<u>Taiping Rebellion</u>	20,000,000-100,000,000	44,721,359	1850–1864	Qing China vs. Taiping Heavenly Kindom	China	^{[47][48][49]} – Also known as the Taiping Civil War
<u>Crimean War</u>	356,000–410,000	382,047	1853–1856	Ottoman Empire and allies vs. Russia	Crimean Peninsula	
<u>Panthay Rebellion</u>	890,000–1,000,000	943,398	1856–1873	Qing China vs. Hui	China	– Also known as the Du Wenxiu Rebellion
<u>Indian Rebellion of 1857</u>	800,000–10,000,000	2,828,427	1857–1858	Sepoy Mutineers vs. British East India Company	India	^[50] – Also known as the Sepoy Mutiny or the India First War of Independence
<u>American Civil War</u>	650,000–1,000,000	806,226	1861–1865	United States vs. Confederate States	USA	^{[51][52][53]}
<u>Dungan Revolt</u>	8,000,000–12,000,000	9,797,959	1862–1877	Qing China vs. Hui vs. Kashgaria	China	– Also known as the Tongzhi Hui Revolt

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<u>French intervention in Mexico</u>	49,287+	49,287	1862–1867	Mexican Republicans vs. France and Mexican Empire	Mexico	[28]
<u>Paraguayan War</u>	300,000–1,200,000	600,000	1864–1870	Triple alliance vs. Paraguay	South America	[54] – Also known as the War of the Triple Alliance
<u>Ten Years' War</u>	241,000+	241,000	1868–1878	Spain vs. Cuba	Cuba	[28] – Also known as the Great War
<u>Conquest of the Desert</u>	30,000–35,000	32,404	1870s–1884	Argentina vs. Mapuche people	Patagonia	
<u>Aceh War</u>	97,000–107,000	101,877	1873–1914	Kingdom of the Netherlands vs. Aceh Sultanate	Indonesia	[55] – Also known as the Infidel War
<u>First Sino–Japanese War</u>	48,311+	48,311	1894–1895	Qing China vs. Japan	East Asia	
<u>Cuban War of Independence</u>	362,000+	362,000	1895–1898	USA and Cuba vs. Spain	Cuba	[28]
<u>Thousand Days' War</u>	120,000+	120,000	1899–1902	Colombian Conservatives vs. Colombian Liberals	Colombia	[56]
<u>South African War (Second Boer War)</u>	73,000–90,000	81,056	1899–1902	United Kingdom and allies vs. South African Republic and Orange Free State	South Africa	[57]
<u>Philippine–American War</u>	234,000+	234,000	1899–1912	Philippines vs. USA	Philippines	[58] – Also known as the Philippine War
<u>Mexican Revolution</u>	500,000–2,000,000	1,000,000	1910–1920	Revolutionary Forces vs. Anti-Revolutionary Forces	Mexico	[59]
<u>Balkan Wars</u>	140,000+	140,000	1912–1913	see <u>Balkan wars</u>	Balkan Peninsula	[21]
<u>World War I</u>	8,545,800–65,000,000	23,568,559	1914–1918	Allied Powers vs. Central Powers	Worldwide	[21] – Also known as the Great War
<u>Russian Civil War</u>	5,000,000–9,000,000	6,708,204	1917–1922	Red army and allies vs. White army and allies	Russia	[60]
<u>Iraqi–Kurdish conflict</u>	138,800–320,100	210,784	1918–2003	Kurdistan/Iraqi Kudistan and allies vs. Iraq and allies	Iraq	[61][62]
<u>Kurdish rebellions in Turkey</u>	100,000+	100,000	1921–present	Turkey vs. Kurdish people	Middle East	
<u>Second Italo–Senussi War</u>	40,000+	40,000	1923–1932	Italy vs. Senussi Order	Libya	
<u>Chinese Civil War</u>	8,000,000–11,692,000	9,671,401	1927–1949	ROC vs. PRC	China	[63]

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<u>Second Italo-Ethiopian War</u>	278,350+	278,350	1935–1936	Ethiopian Empire vs. Italy	Ethiopia	According to Italian government statistics, the Italians suffered 1,148 KIA/125 DOW, and 31 MIA. ^[64] According to the Ethiopian government, at least 275,000 Ethiopians died in the brief war. ^{[64][65]} – Also known as the Second Italo–Abyssinian War
<u>Spanish Civil War</u>	500,000–1,000,000	707,107	1936–1939	Nationalists vs. Republicans	Spain	[28]
<u>Second Sino-Japanese War</u>	20,000,000–25,000,000	22,360,680	1937–1945	Republic of China and allies vs. Japan	China	[66] – Part of <u>World War II</u>
<u>World War II</u>	56,125,162–85,000,000	69,069,811	1939–1945	Allied powers vs. Axis Powers	Worldwide	[21] - Largest and deadliest war in human history
<u>Winter War</u>	153,736–194,837	173,071	1939–1940	Finland vs. Soviet Union	Finland	– Part of <u>World War II</u>
<u>Greco-Italian War</u>	27,080+	27,080	1940–1941	Greece vs. Italy	Southeast Europe	– Part of <u>World War II</u>
<u>Continuation War</u>	387,333+	387,333	1941–1944	Finland and Germany vs. Soviet Union	Northern Europe	– Part of <u>World War II</u>
<u>Soviet–Japanese War</u>	33,420–95,768	56,574	1945	Soviet Union and Mongolia vs. Japan	Manchuria	– Part of <u>World War II</u>
<u>First Indochina War</u>	400,000+	400,000	1946–1954	France vs. Việt Minh, Lao Assara, and Khmer Issarak	Southeast Asia	– Also known as the Indochina War
<u>Greek Civil War</u>	158,000+	158,000	1946–1949	Greek Government army vs. DSE	Greece	[67][68][69][70]
<u>Malagasy Uprising</u>	11,342–89,000	35,000	1947–1948	France vs. Malagasy Insurgents	<u>Madagascar</u>	[71][72]
<u>Kashmir Conflict</u>	80,000–110,000	93,808	1947–present	India vs. Pakistan	North India / Pakistan	
<u>La Violencia</u>	192,700–194,700	193,697	1948–1958	Columbia vs. Colombian Liberal Party	Colombia	
<u>Internal conflict in Myanmar</u>	130,000–250,000	180,278	1948–present	Myanmar vs. Burmese Insurgent Groups	Myanmar	[73]
<u>Arab–Israeli conflict</u>	116,074+	116,074	1948–present	Arab League vs. Israel and USA	Middle East	[74]
<u>Indian annexation of Hyderabad</u>	29,212–242,212	84,116	1948	Dominion of India vs. Hyderabad	India	– Also known as Operatio Polo
<u>Korean War</u>	1,200,000+	1,200,000	1950–1953	South Korea and allies vs. North Korea and allies	Korea	[75]

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<u>Algerian War</u>	350,000-1,500,000	724,569	1954–1962	Algeria vs. France	Algeria	[76] – Also known as the Algerian War of Independence
<u>Ethnic conflict in Nagaland</u>	34,000+	34,000	1954–present	India and Myanmar vs. Naga People	Northeast India	[77]
<u>Vietnam War</u>	800,000–3,800,000	1,743,560	1955–1975	South Vietnam and allies vs. North Vietnam and allies	Vietnam	[78][79][80] – Also known as the Second Indochina Wa
<u>First Sudanese Civil War</u>	500,000+	500,000	1955–1972	Sudan vs. South Sudanese Rebels	Sudan	
<u>Congo Crisis</u>	100,000+	100,000	1960–1965	DRC, USA, and Belgium vs. Simba and Kwilu Rebels	Congo	[81]
<u>Angolan War of Independence</u>	82,991–102,991	92,452	1961–1974	Angola vs. Portugal and South Africa	Angola	
<u>North Yemen Civil War</u>	100,000–200,000	141,421	1962–1970	Kingdom of Yemen and Saudi Arabia vs. Yemen Arab Republic and United Arab Republic	Yemen	[82]
<u>West Papua conflict</u>	150,000-400,000	244,949	1963–present	Indonesia and allies vs. Free Paupa	New Guinea	mal
<u>Mozambican War of Independence</u>	63,500–88,500	74,965	1964–1974	FRELIMO vs. Portugal	Mozambique	[83]
<u>Insurgency in Northeast India</u>	25,000+	25,000	1964–present	India and allies vs. Insurgent Groups	Northeast India	[73]
<u>Colombian conflict</u>	220,000+	220,000	1964–present	Colombia and allies vs. Far Left Paramilitaries and Far Right Guerrillas	Colombia	[84]
<u>Nigerian Civil War</u>	1,000,000-3,000,000	1,732,051	1967–1970	Nigeria vs. Biafra	Nigeria	– Also known as the Biafran War
<u>Moro Conflict</u>	120,000+	120,000	1969–2019	Philippines vs. Jihadist Groups vs. Bangsamoro	Philippines	[85]
<u>CPP-NPA-NDF rebellion</u>	30,000–43,000	35,917	1969–present	Philippines vs. Communist Party of the Philippines	Philippines	[86]
<u>Bangladesh Liberation War</u>	3,000,000+	3,000,000	1971	Bangladesh vs. Pakistan	Bangladesh	[87] – Also known as the Bangladesh War of Independence

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<u>Ethiopian Civil War</u>	500,000–1,500,000	866,025	1974–1991	Derg, PEDR, and Cuba vs. Anti-Communist rebel groups	Ethiopia	
<u>Angolan Civil War</u>	504,158+	504,158	1975–2002	MPLA vs. UNITA	Angola	
<u>Lebanese Civil War</u>	120,000–150,000	134,164	1975–1990	various groups	Lebanon	
<u>Insurgency in Laos</u>	100,000+	100,000	1975–2007	Laos and Vietnam vs. "Secret army" and Hmong people	Laos	[88]
<u>War in Afghanistan</u>	1,240,000–2,000,000	1,574,802	1978–present	see <u>War in Afghanistan</u>	Afghanistan	[89]
<u>Kurdish–Turkish conflict</u>	45,000+	45,000	1978–present	Turkey vs. KCK	Middle East	[90] – Part of the <u>Kurdish rebellions in Turkey</u>
<u>Soviet–Afghan War</u>	600,000–2,000,000	1,095,445	1979–1989	Soviet Union and Afghanistan vs. Insurgent groups	Afghanistan	[91][92][93] – Part of <u>War in Afghanistan</u>
<u>Iran–Iraq War</u>	289,220–1,100,000	564,041	1980–1988	Iran and allies vs. Iraq and allies	Middle East	
<u>Internal conflict in Peru</u>	70,000+	70,000	1980–present	Peru vs. PCP-SL and MRTA	Peru	[94]
<u>Ugandan Bush War</u>	100,000–500,000	223,607	1981–1986	ULNF and Tanzania vs. National Resistance Army	Uganda	[95][96] – Also known as th Luwero War
<u>Second Sudanese Civil War</u>	1,000,000–2,000,000	1,414,214	1983–2005	Sudan vs. South Sudanese rebels	Sudan	
<u>Sri Lankan Civil War</u>	80,000–100,000	89,443	1983–2009	Sri Lanka vs. Tamil Tigers	Sri Lanka	[97]
<u>Somali Civil War</u>	300,000–500,000	387,298	1986–present	Varying Somali governments vs. insurgent groups	Somalia	[98][99]
<u>Lord's Resistance Army insurgency</u>	100,000–500,000	223,607	1987–present	Lord's Resistance Army vs. Central African states	Central Africa	[100]
<u>Nagorno-Karabakh War</u>	38,000+	38,000	1988–1994	Artsakh and Armenia vs. Azerbaijan and allies	Caucasus region	– Also known as the Artsakh Liberation War
<u>Gulf War</u>	25,456–40,456	32,091	1990–1991	Iraq vs. Coalition Forces	Iraq	– Also known as the First Iraq War
<u>Algerian Civil War</u>	44,000–200,000	93,808	1991–2002	Algeria vs. FIS loyalists vs. GIA	Algeria	[101]

War	Death range	Geometric mean	Date	Comabatants	Location	Notes
<u>Bosnian War</u>	97,214–104,732	100,903	1991–1995	Bosnia and Herzegovinian governments and allies vs. Republika Srpska and allies	Bosnia	
<u>1991 Iraqi coup d'état attempt</u>	85,000–235,000	141,333	1991	Iraq vs various rebels	Iraq	[102][103][104] – Also known as the Sha'aban Intifada
<u>Sierra Leone Civil War</u>	50,000-300,000	122,474	1991-2002	see <u>Sierra Leone Civil War</u>	Sierra Leone	
<u>Burundian Civil War</u>	300,000+	300,000	1993–2005	Burundi vs. Hutu rebels vs. Tutsi rebels	Burundi	[105]
<u>Rwandan genocide</u>	800,000	800,000	April – July 1994	Hutu people vs. Tutsi Rebels	Rwanda	[106]
<u>First Congo War</u>	250,000–800,000	447,214	1996–1997	Zaire and allies vs. AFDL and allies	Congo	
<u>Second Congo War</u>	2,500,000–5,400,000	3,674,235	1998–2003	See <u>Second Congo War</u>	Central Africa	[107][108][109][75] – Also known as the Great War c Africa
<u>Ituri conflict</u>	60,000+	60,000	1999–2003	Lendu Tribe vs. Hemu Tribe and allies	Congo	[110] – Part of the <u>Second Congo War</u>
<u>War on Terror</u>	272,000–1,260,000	585,423	2001–present	Anti-Terrorist Forces vs. Terrorist groups	Worldwide	[111][112][113][114] – Also known as the Global War on Terrorism
<u>War in Afghanistan (2001–present)</u>	47,246–61,603	53,949	2001–present	see <u>War in Afghanistan (2001–present)</u>	Afghanistan	[112] – Part of the <u>War on Terror and War in Afghanistan</u>
<u>Iraq War</u>	176,913–1,120,000	445,132	2003–2011	See <u>Iraq War</u>	Iraq	[113][114][112] – Also known as the Second Gulf War – Part of the <u>War on Terr</u> See: <u>Casualties of the Ira War</u>
<u>War in Darfur</u>	178,258–461,520	286,827	2003–present	SRF and allies vs. Sudan and allies vs. UNAMID	Sudan	[115]
<u>Kivu Conflict</u>	100,000+	100,000	2004–present	see <u>Kivu Conflict</u>	Congo	– Part of the <u>Second Congo War</u>
<u>War in North-West Pakistan</u>	45,852–78,946	60,165	2004–present	Pakistan, USA, and UK vs. Terrorist groups	Pakistan	[112] – Also known as the War in Waziristan – Part of the <u>War on Terr</u> and <u>War in Afghanista (2001–present)</u>

War	Death range	Geometric mean	Date	Combatants	Location	Notes
<u>Houthi insurgency in Yemen</u>	25,000+	25,000	2004–present	See <u>Houthi insurgency in Yemen</u>	Yemen	^[116] – Also known as the Sa'dah War
<u>Mexican Drug War</u>	106,800+	106,800	2006–present	Mexico vs. Drug cartels	Mexico	^[117] ^[118] – Also known as the Mexican War on Drug
<u>Boko Haram insurgency</u>	51,567+	51,567	2009–present	Multinational Joint Task Force vs. Boko Haram	Nigeria	2,400,000 <u>internally displaced</u>
<u>Syrian Civil War</u>	570,000+	570,000	2011–present	Syrian Arab Republic vs. Republic of Syria vs. ISIL vs. Syrian Democratic Forces	Syria	See: <u>Casualties of the Syrian civil war</u>
<u>Iraqi Civil War (2014–2017)</u>	195,000-200,000+	197,500	2014–2017	Iraq and allies vs. ISIL	Iraq	

Modern wars with fewer than 25,000 deaths by death toll

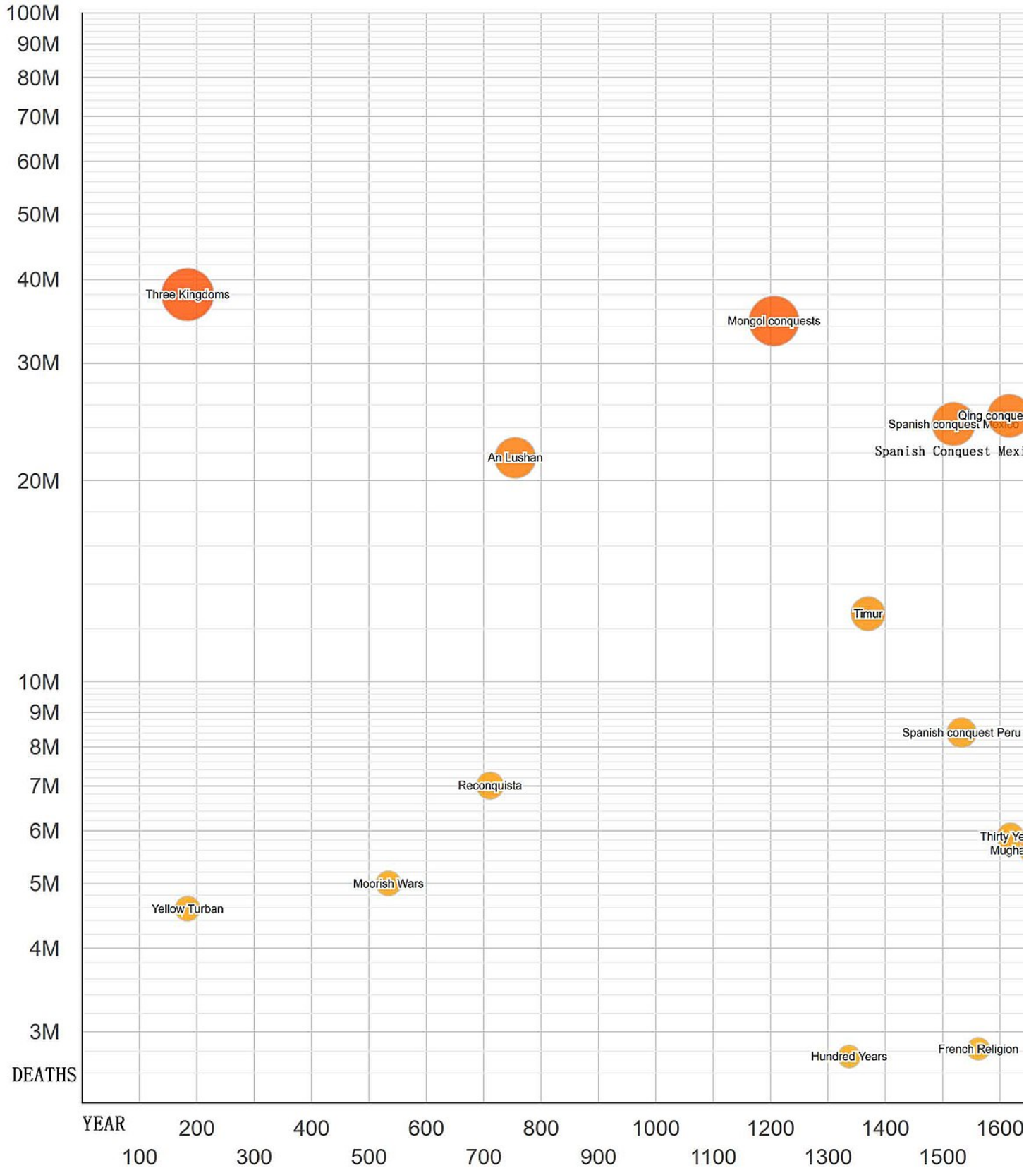
- 22,000+ – Dominican Restoration War – One estimate placed total Spanish deaths from all causes at 18,000. The fatal losses among the Dominican insurgents were estimated at 4,000.^[28]
- 21,000+ – Six-Day War^[119]
- 20,000+ – Yaqui Wars^[21]
- 20,000+ – War of the Quadruple Alliance^[28]
- 20,000+ – Ragamuffin War^[120]
- 20,000+ – Italo-Turkish War^[21]
- 19,619+ – Rhodesian Bush War
- 19,000+ – Mexican–American War^[21]
- 18,069–20,069 – First Opium War^[121]
- 17,294+ – 1940–44 insurgency in Chechnya
- 17,200+ – First Anglo-Afghan War^[122]
- 16,765–17,065 – Balochistan conflict^[123]^[124]^[125]
- 16,000+ – War of the Pacific
- 16,000+ – Nepalese Civil War
- 16,000+ – Spanish–American War^[21]
- 15,200–15,300 – Peasants' War (1798) – Part of the French Revolutionary Wars
- 15,000+ – Nigerian Sharia conflict^[126]^[127]^[128]
- 14,460–14,922 – South African Border War
- 14,077–22,077 – Mau Mau Uprising
- 13,929+ – Republic of the Congo Civil War (1997-99)^[99]
- 13,812+ – Naxalite-Maoist insurgency^[129]^[130]
- 13,583–15,970 - Croatian War of Independence
- 13,100–34,000 – Kurdish separatism in Iran^[119]
- 13,073-26,373 - 1948 Arab–Israeli War (1948-1949)^[131]
- 11,500–12,843 – Indo-Pakistani War of 1971 – Part of the Bangladesh Liberation War
- 10,000+ - Assam separatist movements (1979–present)
- 10,000+ – Malayan Emergency^[132]
- 10,000+ – War in Donbass^[133] – Part of the Russian military intervention in Ukraine (2014–present)
- 10,000+ – Rwandan Civil War
- 10,000+ – First Italo-Ethiopian War^[21]

- 10,000+ – Second Melillan campaign^[21]
- 10,000+ – Hispano-Moroccan War (1859–60)^[21]
- 10,000+ – Spanish conquest of Tripoli^[134]
- 9,400+ – Libyan Civil War (2011) (2011)^[135]
- 8,136+ – Iraqi insurgency (post-U.S. withdrawal) (2011–2014)^[136]
- 7,500–21,741 – War of 1812 (1812–1815)^{[21][137]}
- 7,400–16,200 – Yemeni Civil War (2015–present) (2015–present)
- 7,050+ - Portuguese conquest of Goa (1510)^[138]
- 7,104+ – Indo-Pakistani War of 1947 (1947–1949)^[139]
- 7,000+ – Chadian Civil War (2005–10) (2005–2010)^[140]
- 6,800–13,459 – Indo-Pakistani War of 1965 (1965)
- 6,543+ – South Thailand insurgency (2004–present)^[141]
- 6,295+ – Central African Republic conflict (2012–present)
- 5,641+ – Sudanese nomadic conflicts (2009–present)^{[142][143]}
- 5,100+ – Gaza–Israel conflict (2006–present) – Part of the Arab–Israeli conflict
- 5,000+ – Casamance conflict (1982–2014)^[144]
- 5,000+ – Chilean Civil War of 1891 (1891)^[145]
- 5,000+ - Cuban Revolution (1959)^[146]
- 4,715+ – Libyan Civil War (2014–present) (2014–present)
- 4,000–10,000 – Conflict in the Niger Delta (2004–present)^[147]
- 3,699+ – Al-Qaeda insurgency in Yemen (1992–present)^[99]
- 3,552+ – First Schleswig War (1848–1852)
- 3,529+ – The Northern Ireland Troubles (1966–1998)^[148]
- 3,366+ – Insurgency in the North Caucasus (2009–2017)^[149]
- 3,270+ – Second Schleswig War (1864)
- 3,222–3,722 – Hungarian Revolution of 1956 (1956)
- 3,144+ – Allied Democratic Forces insurgency (1996–present)
- 3,114+ – 1947–48 Civil War in Mandatory Palestine (1947–1948) – Part of the 1948 Palestine war
- 3,007+ – War of the Golden Stool (1900)
- 3,000–6,000 – Negro Rebellion (1912)^{[150][151]}
- 3,000-5,000 - Croatian-Slovene Peasant Revolt (1573) ^[152]
- 3,000+ – Second Ivorian Civil War (2010–2011)^[153]
- 3,000+ – Banana Wars (1914–1933)^[47]
- 2,944+ – Insurgency in the Maghreb (2004–present)
- 2,800+ – Northern Mali conflict (2012–present)
- 2,781+ – Iranian Revolution (1978–1979)^[154]
- 2,751+ – Third Anglo-Afghan War (1919)^[155]
- 2,557+ – Sudan internal conflict (2011–present) (2011–present)^{[156][157][158]}
- 2,394+ – Sinai insurgency (2011–present)^[159]
- 2,300+ – Conflict in the Niger Delta (2003–present) ^{[160][161]}
- 2,221–2,406 – 2014 Israel–Gaza conflict (2014) – Part of the Gaza–Israel conflict
- 2,150+ – Persian Expedition of 1796 (1796)
- 2,096+ – Aden Emergency (1963-1967)
- 2,054+ – South Yemen insurgency (2009–2015)
- 2,000+ – Costa Rican Civil War (1948)
- 2,000+ – Six-Day War (2000) (2000)^[162]
- 2,000+ – 2010 South Kyrgyzstan ethnic clashes (2010)^{[163][164][165]}
- 2,000 - Iran crisis of 1946 (1946)^[166]
- 1,810+ – Anglo-Iraqi War (1941) – Part of World War II
- 1,774+ – Lapland War (1944-1945) – Part of World War II
- 1,643–2,237 – War of Transnistria (1992)^{[167][168][169][170]}
- 1,449+ – M23 rebellion (2012-2013) – Part of the Kivu Conflict

- 1,300+ – Allied Democratic Forces insurgency (1996–present)^[171]
- 1,295+ – Siachen conflict (1984–present)
- 1,229+ – Basque conflict (1959–2011)^[172]
- 1,227–5,600 – Kargil War (1999)^{[173][174][175][176]}
- 1,119+ – Post-coup unrest in Egypt (2013–2014) (2013–2014)^[177]
- 1,043+ – Burundian unrest (2015–present)
- 1,000–1,500 – Cabinda conflict (1994–present)^[178]
- 1,000+ – Djiboutian Civil War (1991–1994)
- 1,000+ – 1991–92 South Ossetia War (1991–1992)^[179]
- 1,000+ – Xinjiang conflict (1960–present)
- 1,000+ – Chincha Islands War (1864–1866)^[21]
- 907 – Falklands War (1982)^[180]
- 898 – Barbary Wars (1801–1815)
- 846 – 2011 Egyptian revolution (2011)^[181]
- 820 – Syrian Civil War spillover in Lebanon (2011–2017) – Part of the Syrian Civil War
- 808 – Sino-Russian border conflicts (1652-1689)
- 803-1303 - Conflict in Najran, Jizan and Asir (2015-present) – Part of the Yemeni Civil War (2015-present)
- 789–1,874 – 2001–02 India–Pakistan standoff (2001–2002)
- 771 – Insurgency in Egypt (2013–present) (2013–present)
- 740 – Indonesia–Malaysia confrontation (1963–1966)^{[182][183]}
- 722 – Kamwina Nsapu rebellion (2016–present)
- 700–800 – Anglo-Aro War (1901-1902)
- 659–2,496 – Russia–Georgia war (2008)^{[184][185][186][187][188]}
- 643–1,500 – Sudanese conflict in South Kordofan and Blue Nile (2011–present)^{[158][157]}
- 547 – Cyprus Emergency (1955–1959)
- 542 – East Prigorodny Conflict (1992)
- 422 – Franco-Thai War (1940–1941)
- 339 – Turkey–ISIL conflict (2015–present)
- 327 – RENAMO insurgency (2013–present)
- 275–569 – Second Afar insurgency (1995–present) Part of the Eritrean–Ethiopian border conflict
- 236 – Batwa-Luba clashes (2013–present)
- 233 – Anglophone Crisis (2017–present)^[a]
- 213-523+ Jebel Akhdar War (1954-1959)^[194]
- 206–345 – Arab separatism in Khuzestan (1922–present)
- 200 – 1935 Yazidi revolt (1935)
- 174–194 – United States occupation of Veracruz (1914)^[195]
- 159 – ISIL insurgency in Tunisia (2015–present)
- 158 – Dissident Irish Republican campaign (1998–present)
- 126 – 2016 Kasese clashes (2016)^{[196][197]}
- 115 – The Pool War (2016–present)
- 108 – Islamist insurgency in Mozambique (2017–present)^[b]
- 102–227 – India–Pakistan military confrontation (2016–present) (2016–present)
- 95 – 2013 Guinea clashes (2013)^[209]
- 84–134 – Lahad Datu standoff (2013)^{[210][211]}
- 82 – Quasi-War (1798-1800)
- 82 – North-West Rebellion (1885) ^[212]
- 71 – Paraguayan People's Army insurgency (2005–present)
- 63 – Ten-Day War (1991)
- 46 – Annexation of Dadra and Nagar Haveli (1954)
- 39-111 – India–Pakistan border skirmishes (2014–2015) (2014-2015)
- 37 – 2013 India–Pakistan border skirmishes (2013)
- 36 – DHKP/C insurgency in Turkey (1990–present)
- 36 – 2016 Niger Delta conflict (2016–Present) ^[213] – Part of the Conflict in the Niger Delta

- 12–61 – 2017 Afghanistan–Pakistan border skirmish (2017) – Part of the Afghanistan–Pakistan skirmishes
- 11–30 – 2008 Kufra conflict (2008)
- 8 – 2011 India–Pakistan border skirmish (2011)

Charts and graphs



Bubble chart of wars by deaths over 2 million.

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- Timeline of wars
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- List of genocides by death toll
- List of countries by refugee population

Notes

- See ^{[189][190][191][192][193]}
- See ^{[198][199][200][201][202][203][204][205][206][207][208]}

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151. Six-Day War (2000) 2,000
152. Somali Civil War (1986–present) 387,298
153. South African Border War 14,922
154. South African War (Second Boer War) (1899-1902) 81,056
155. South Kyrgyzstan (2010) 2010
156. South Ossetia (1991-1992) 1,000
157. South Thailand insurgency (2004-present) 6543
158. South Yemen (2009-2015) 2,054
159. Soviet–Afghan War (1979–1989) 1,095,445
160. Soviet–Japanese War (1945) 56,574
161. Spanish Civil War (1936–1939) 707,107
162. Sri Lankan Civil War (1983–2009) 89,443
163. Sudan (2011-present) 1,500
164. Sudan (2011-present) 2,557
165. Sudanese nomadic conflicts (2009-present) 5,641
166. Syria-Lebanon (2011-2017) 820

167. Syrian Civil War (2011–present) 570,000
168. Ten-Day War (1991) 63
169. Third Anglo-Afghan War (2,751)
170. Transnistria (1992) 2,237
171. Tunisia-ISIL (2015-present) 159
172. Turkey-ISIL (2015-present) 339
173. Ugandan Bush War (1981–1986) 223,607
174. Veracruz occupation (1914) 194
175. Vietnam War (1955–1975) 1,743,560
176. War in Afghanistan (1978–present) 1,574,802
177. War in Afghanistan (2001–present) (2001–present) 53,949
178. War in Darfur (2003–present) 286,827
179. War in Donbass (2014-present) 10,000
180. War in North-West Pakistan (2004–present) 60,165
181. War on Terror (2001–present) 585,423
182. West Papua conflict (1963–present) 244,949
183. Winter War (1939–1940) 173,071
184. World War I (1914–1918) 23,568,559
185. World War II (1939–1945) 69,069,811
186. Xinjiang (1960-present) 1,000
187. Yazidi revolt (1935) 1,935
188. Yemen (2015-present) 1,303
189. Yemeni Civil War (2015-present) 16,200