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Statistics from the War

The table below contains statistics about the Civil War.¹

Number or Ratio	Description
750,000	Total number of deaths from the Civil War ²
504	Deaths per day during the Civil War
2.5	Approximate percentage of the American population that died during the Civil War
7,000,000	Number of Americans lost if 2.5% of the American population died in a war today
8,064	Number of American soldiers who died in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq (as of 3/13/13) ³
2,100,000	Number of Northerners mobilized to fight for the Union army
880,000	Number of Southerners mobilized to fight for the Confederacy
40+	Estimated percentage of Civil War dead who were never identified
66	Estimated percentage of dead African American Union soldiers who were never identified
2 out of 3	Number of Civil War deaths that occurred from disease rather than battle
68,162	Number of inquiries answered by the Missing Soldiers Office from 1865 to 1868
4,000,000	Number of enslaved persons in the United States in 1860
180,000	Number of African American soldiers that served in the Civil War

¹ Except where noted, figures adapted from "The Civil War by the Numbers," American Experience: [Death and the Civil War companion website](#) (accessed April 25, 2013).

² Guy Gugliotta, "[New Estimate Raises Civil War Death Toll](#)," *New York Times*, April 3, 2012.

³ Iraq and Afghanistan statistics from "[U.S. and Coalition Casualties](#)," *CNN*.

1 in 5	Average death rate for all Civil War soldiers
3:1	Ratio of Confederate deaths to Union deaths
9:1	Ratio of African American Civil War troops who died of disease to those that died on the battlefield, largely due to discriminatory medical care
100,000+	Number of Civil War Union corpses found in the South through a federal reinterment program from 1866 to 1869
303,356	Number of Union soldiers who were reinterred in 74 congressionally mandated national cemeteries by 1871
0	Number of Confederate soldiers buried in those national cemeteries