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Iraq and Afghanistan War Costs to Date

Budget Authority in Billions of U.S. Dollars

	FY01 & FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY06	FY07	FY08	FY09 (to date)	Total (to date)
Iraq	0	53.0	75.9	85.5	101.7	133.6	158.0	53.4	661.1
Afghanistan	20.8	14.7	14.5	20.0	19.0	36.9	36.5	15.1	177.5
Enhanced Base Security	13.0	8.0	3.7	2.1	0.8	0.4	0.5	0	28.5
Subtotal	33.8	81.2	94.1	107.6	121.5	170.9	195.0	68.5	872.6

Source and Notes: Analysis of Congressional Research Service data. Budget authority totals include war-related funding for DOD, the State Department, and the Department of Veterans Affairs. Enhanced Base Security signifies upgrades at U.S. military bases and other homeland security projects after September 11. FY03 subtotal of \$81.2 billion includes \$5.5 billion in funding that CRS cannot allocate. FY08 funding includes \$16.8 billion for Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicles in the first FY08 continuing resolution and FY08 DOD Appropriations Bill.

War Costs in Perspective

With \$872.6 billion, the cost of the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan so far, the United States could fund...

- ...a year's worth of **health care for 117 million Americans** (\$7,439/person)
- ...one year of public **elementary school for 116 million children** (\$7,500/child)
- ...four years of public university **tuition for 35 million students** (\$6,185/student)
- ...**145 billion mosquito nets** to help stop malaria in the developing world (\$6/net)
- ...**4.6 billion laptops** to promote literacy in the developing world (\$188/laptop)

If you had an expense account that let you spend \$1 million dollars per day...

- ...it would take **2,391 years** to spend \$872.6 billion, the cost of Iraq and Afghanistan so far.

The cost of Iraq and Afghanistan laid out end-to-end in \$100 bills...

- ...would extend **846,157.6 miles** – or just short of **34 times around** the Earth's circumference.

The conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost each American family of four \$11,458.

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