

Costs of Civil War

“Mr. BRADY has done something to bring home to us the terrible reality and earnestness of war. If he has not brought bodies and laid them in our dooryards and along the streets, he has done something very like it.”

--*New York Times*, October 20, 1862



Alexander Gardner, “Confederate Soldiers as they fell near the Burnside Bridge” (September, 1862)

CASUALTY ESTIMATES, 1861-1865

	UNION	CONFEDERATE	TOTALS
Combat Deaths	110,070	94,000 (est.)	204,000 (est.)
a) Killed in action	67,088	N.A.	
b) Mortally wounded	43,012	N.A.	
Deaths from Disease	249,458	164,000 (est.)	414,000 (est.)
a) Deaths from Dysentery	44,558	N.A.	
b) Deaths from Typhus	40,656	N.A.	
c) Deaths from Pneumonia	19,971	N.A.	
Imprisoned by Enemy	194,743	214,865	
a) Died during confinement	30,218	25,976	
Desertion	200,000 (est.)	104,000 (est.)	
a) Caught and returned	80,000 (est.)	21,000 (est.)	
b) Executed	147	N.A.	
Wounded Survivors	275,175	194,026 (est.)	470,000 (est.)
Civilian war-related deaths	N.A.	N.A.	
Total Combatant Deaths			618,000 (est.)*
Total Troop Strength	2,100,000(est.)	850,000 (est.)	3 million (est.)

Source: Adapted from Thomas Livermore, *Numbers & Losses in the Civil War in America* (1900)

* Latest estimate based on demographic analysis from David Hacker is approx. 750,000 dead