

World War II – the human cost

More than 52 million people, both civilian and military, are estimated to have been killed worldwide during the Second World War



Country	Military fatalities	Civilian fatalities	Totals
Soviet Union	14,500,000	7,000,000	21,500,000
China	1,324,000	10,000,000	11,324,000
Poland	850,000	5,778,000	6,628,000
Germany	2,850,000	2,300,000	5,150,000
Japan	1,506,000	300,000	1,806,000
Yugoslavia	305,000	1,200,000	1,505,000
Romania	519,822	165,000	684,822
Austria	380,000	145,000	525,000
Hungary	200,000	290,000	490,000
United States	405,399	9,300	414,699
France	210,671	173,260	383,931
Italy	279,820	93,000	372,820
United Kingdom	271,311	60,595	331,906
Others (16 nations)	306,202	914,800	1,221,002
TOTALS	23,908,225	28,428,955	52,337,180

Sources: Harper Collins Atlas of the Second World War, Encyclopaedia Britannica, Times Atlas of the Second World War, American Battle Monuments Commission
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