

Dressed for survival

The cost of outfitting a U.S. soldier in Iraq is about \$17,500. Advanced armour, night-vision and thermal weapon sights make them more deadly while improving the chance of survival if wounded

Uniform, equipment costs (2006 adjusted)

World War II (1940s) \$170

Vietnam (1970s) \$1,112

Iraq (2006) \$17,472



Ratio of soldiers killed ● to wounded ●

World War II ●●●● 1:2.40

Vietnam ●●●●● 1:3.12

Iraq ●●●●●●●●●● 1:8.30

Source: Pentagon

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