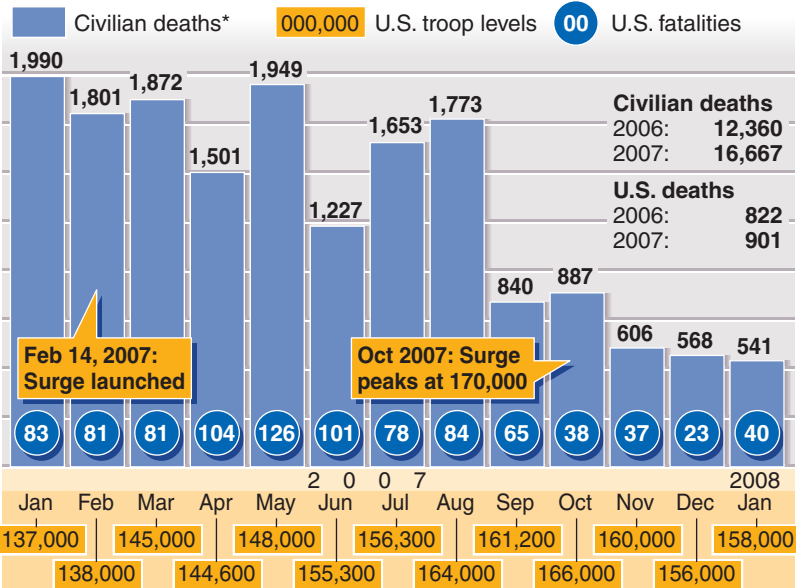


Year of the U.S. troop surge in Iraq

The first eight months of the surge year saw enough casualties to make 2007 the deadliest for both American troops and Iraqi civilians. However, the sharply lower figures of the year's closing months show the 30,000 extra soldiers have helped increase security in many parts of the country



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