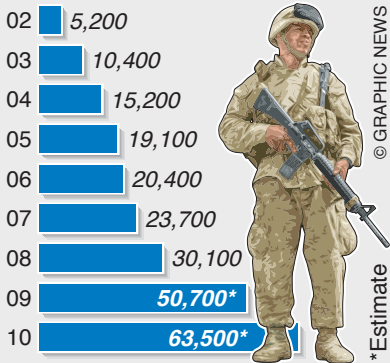


# U.S. forces in Afghanistan

The top commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan, General Stanley McChrystal, has said that the ongoing war against insurgents there will end in failure, without additional forces

Average monthly U.S. troops in Afghanistan: 2002-2010



**Current U.S. troops: 62,000**  
Due to reach 68,000 by December

Source: Congressional Research Service