



## SUMMARY OF VIETNAM CASUALTY STATISTICS

Original Source: Combat Area Casualty File of 11/93, National Archives

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- All US Forces KIA in Vietnam - 58,169
- US Army Soldiers KIA in Vietnam - 38,190
- US Army Infantrymen KIA in Vietnam - 20,460
- US Army Helicopter Crewmen KIA in Vietnam - 3,007
- US Army Scouts KIA in Vietnam - 1,127
- US Army Tankers KIA in Vietnam - 725
- US Marines Killed In Action in Vietnam - 14,836
- The highest loss-rate for any MOS - 11E (Armor Crewman) 27% KIA

## CASUALTIES BY STATE

There are number of data bases that can provide information concerning Vietnam casualties by state. They include:

- <http://www.vietnamwall.org>
- <http://www.viethero.com/Search/Searchlink.html#State>
- <http://grunt.space.swri.edu/statewall.htm>

## CASUALTY PROFILES

(USE SOURCE CODE FOR TABLES IF POSSIBLE)

### Entire War

Force	KIA	WIA	MIA	CIA
US Forces	47,378 <sup>1</sup>	304,704 <sup>2</sup>	2,338 <sup>3</sup>	766 <sup>4</sup>
ARVN	223,748	1,169,763	unknown	unknown
NVA/VC	1,100,000	600,000	unknown	26,000 <sup>5</sup>

Note 1: there were an additional 10,824 non-hostile deaths for a total of 58,202

Note 2: of the 304,704 WIA, 153,329 required hospitalization

Note 3: this number decreases as remains are recovered and identified

Note 4: 114 died in captivity

Note 5: Does not include 101,511 Hoi Chanh

Legend: KIA = Killed In Action WIA = Wounded In Action

MIA = Missing In Action CIA = Captured In Action



## 1968 Tet Offensive

Force	KIA	WIA	MIA	CIA
US Forces	1,536	7,764	11	unknown
ARVN	2,788	8,299	587	unknown
NVA/VC	45,000	unknown	unknown	6,991

## Casualties By Year 1961-1965

Force	KIA	WIA	MIA	CIA
US Forces	1,864	7,337	18	unknown
ARVN	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown
NVA/VC	unknown	unknown	unknown	unknown

## 1966

Force	KIA	WIA	MIA	CIA
US Forces	5,008 <sup>1</sup>	29,992	61	unknown
ARVN	11,953	71,584	unknown	unknown
NVA/VC	71,473	unknown	unknown	3,247

Note 1: there were an additional 1,045 non-hostile deaths for a total of 6,053

## 1967

Force	KIA	WIA	MIA	CIA
US Forces	9,378 <sup>1</sup>	56,013	113	unknown
ARVN	12,716	76,299	529	unknown
NVA/VC	133,484	unknown	unknown	6,065

Note 1: there were an additional 1,680 non-hostile deaths for a total of 11,058

## 1968

Force	KIA	WIA	MIA	CIA
US Forces	14,594 <sup>1</sup>	87,388	176	unknown
ARVN	28,800	172,512	587	unknown
NVA/VC	208,254	unknown	unknown	9,462

Note 1: there were an additional 1,919 non-hostile deaths for a total of 16,511



## 1969

Force	KIA	WIA	MIA	CIA
US Forces	9,414 <sup>1</sup>	55,390	112	unknown
ARVN	22,000	131,780	683	unknown
NVA/VC	132,051	unknown	unknown	5,905

Note 1: there were an additional 2,113 non-hostile deaths for a total of 11,527

## 1970

Force	KIA	WIA	MIA	CIA
US Forces	4,221 <sup>1</sup>	24,835	101	unknown
ARVN	23,000	137,770	727	unknown
NVA/VC	86,591	unknown	unknown	3,934

Note 1: there were an additional 1,844 non-hostile deaths for a total of 6,065

## 1971

Force	KIA	WIA	MIA	CIA
US Forces	1,380 <sup>1</sup>	18,109	16	unknown
ARVN	19,901	123,545	727	unknown
NVA/VC	19,320	unknown	unknown	2,304

Note 1: there were an additional 968 non-hostile deaths for a total of 2,348

## 1972

Force	KIA	WIA	MIA	CIA
US Forces	300 <sup>1</sup>	3,936	11	unknown
ARVN	25,787	139,731	727	unknown
NVA/VC	4,261	unknown	unknown	1,349

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Note 1: there were an additional 261 non-hostile deaths for a total of 561



### Troop Levels As of 1 January 1968

Force	Total Strength	Support	Combat Arms
US Forces	409,111	346,260	62,850
ARVN	Not Avail	Not Avail	Not Avail
NVA/VC	420,000	unknown	unknown

### As of 1 January 1969

Force	Total Strength	Support	Combat Arms
US Forces	440,029	372,429	67,600
ARVN	Not Avail	Not Avail	Not Avail
NVA/VC	332,000	unknown	unknown

The figures for relative strengths assume the following: On January 1, 1969 there were 110 battalions in Vietnam (98 Infantry, 3 tank, and 9 artillery). An Infantry battalion had 656 infantrymen (4 companies per battalion with 164 men per company). An armor battalion had 204 tankers (3 companies per battalion with 68 tankers per company). An artillery battalion had approximately 300 men. Therefore, the number of actual "trigger pullers" added up to 67,600. Note that this was "authorized strength". Most battalions were not even close to their TO&E strength during the war, with many infantry companies operating with 80 men. This was true despite the fact that the parent divisions reported being at, or slightly over, authorized strength. There were a large number of REMFs in Vietnam.

### U.S. Army KIA by Unit

Source: National Archives and Records Administration

Unit	Nickname	KIA	Comment
1st Cavalry Division	First Team	5,464	-
25th Infantry Division	Tropic Lighting	4,561	-
101st Airborne Division	Screaming Eagles	4,022	-
1st Infantry Division	Big Red One	3,151	-
Various Individual Units	-	2,872	See Note 1 below
9th Infantry Division	Old Reliables	2,629	-
4th Infantry Division	Ivy Division	2,541	-
173rd Airborne Brigade (Separate)	Sky Soldier	1,758	-
1st Aviation Brigade	-	1,706	-
196th Light Infantry Brigade	-	1,188	-
11th Light Infantry Brigade	-	1,109	-
Military Assistance Command Vietnam	MACV	1,017	Advisors to ARVN
198th Light Infantry Brigade	-	987	-
United States Army Vietnam	USARV	847	Headquarters
5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)	Green Berets	834	-
23rd Infantry Division	Americal	809	non-brigade units



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199th Light Infantry Brigade	Redcatchers	757	-
11th Armored Cavalry Regiment	Blackhorse	729	-
1st Logistical Command	-	598	-
5th Infantry Division (Mechanized)	Red Diamond	530	1st Brigade only
I Field Force Vietnam	FFV	353	-
82d Airborne Division	All American	228	3rd Brigade only
1st Signal Brigade	-	193	-
II Field Force Vietnam	IFFV	80	-
Engineer Command	-	64	-
Unit unknown	-	6	-

Note 1: This group is comprised of the following individual units with no further breakdown

17th Field Hospital (An Khe)  
22nd Surgical Hospital (Phu Bai)  
71st Evacuation Hospital (Pleiku)  
91st Evacuation Hospital (Tuy Hoa)  
95th Field Hospital (Qui Nhon)  
3rd Field Hospital (III Corps)  
7th Surgical Hospital (III Corps)  
45th Surgical Hospital (III Corps)  
93rd Evacuation Hospital (III Corps)  
80th Engineer Group  
121st Assault Helicopter Company  
18th Military Police Brigade  
89th Military Police Brigade  
8th Transportation Group  
48th Transportation Group  
11th Aviation Group  
12th Aviation Group  
23rd Artillery Group  
108th Artillery Group  
35th Engineer Group  
45th Engineer Group  
34th General Support Group  
506th Field Depot



## U.S. Army KIA by Province

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Code	Province	KIA	Comment
99	Province unknown	6,276	Military Region unknown
02	Thua Thien	2,893	I Corps - Hue, etc.
23	Binh Duong	2,742	III Corps
22	Tay Ninh	2,648	III Corps
05	Quang Ngai	2,342	I Corps - Border w/II Corps
07	Binh Dinh	2,211	II Corps - Bong Son, An Loai Valley, etc.
04	Quang Tin	2,068	I Corps - Tam Ky, etc.
01	Quang Tri	1,683	I Corps - south of DMZ
06	Kontum	1,641	II Corps - Dak To, Ben Het, etc.
42	Hua Nghia	1,424	III Corps - Khiem Cuong, etc.
25	Bien Hoa	1,147	III Corps
24	Gia Dinh	1,064	Capital Special Zone - Saigon
08	Pleiku	1,015	II Corps - Hwy 14, Ia Drang, etc.
27	Long An	1,002	III Corps
03	Quang Nam	971	I Corps - Da Nang, etc.
21	Binh Long	909	III Corps
30	Dinh Tuong	794	IV Corps - My Tho, etc.
14	Phuoc Long	679	III Corps - Phuoc Binh, etc.
19	Long Khanh	558	III Corps - Xuan Loc, etc.
**	Unknown Code	467	NARA error
33	Kien Hoa	416	IV Corps - Truc Giang, etc.
17	Binh Thuan	300	II Corps - Phan Thiet, etc.
09	Phu Yen	282	II Corps - Tuy Hoa, etc.
11	Khanh Hoa	275	II Corps - Nha Trang, etc.
26	Phuoc Tuy	204	III Corps - Vung Tau, Phuoc Le, etc.
18	Binh Thuy	176	III Corps - Ham Tan, etc.
13	Quang Duc	171	II Corps - Gia Nghia, etc.
10	Darlac	163	II Corps - Ban Me Thout, etc.
35	Phong Dinh	146	IV Corps - Can Tho, etc.
15	Lam Dong	143	II Corps - Bao Loc, etc.
32	Vinh Long	142	IV Corps
28	Kien Tuong	140	IV Corps - Moc Hoa, etc.
16	Ninh Thuan	97	II Corps - Phan Rang, etc.
36	Kien Giang	77	IV Corps - Rach Gia, etc.
12	Tuyen Duc	76	II Corps - Da Lat, etc.
29	Kien Phong	65	IV Corps - Cao Lanh, etc.
47	Unknown code	60	Possibly Saigon Area
38	Ba Xuyen	56	IV Corps - Khanh Hung, etc.
34	Vinh Binh	49	IV Corps - Phu Vinh, etc.
43	Go Cong	40	IV Corps - Go Cong, etc.
93	Province unknown	34	Military region 3 - III Corps
39	An Xuyen	33	IV Corps - Quon Long, etc.
37	Chuong Thien	30	IV Corps - Vi Thanh, etc.



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92	Province unknown	25	Military region 2 - II Corps
46	Sa Dec	25	IV Corps - Sa Dec, etc.
41	Phu Bon	24	II Corps - Hau Bon, Song Ba River, etc.
99	Province unknown	22	Military region 1 - I Corps
31	An Giang	17	IV Corps - Long Xuyen, etc.
81	Offshore	19	Military Region 1 - I Corps
89	Offshore unknown	19	Province & Military Region unknown
44	Bac Lieu	14	IV Corps - Bac Lieu, etc.
82	Offshore	11	Military Region 2 - II Corps
NZ	Unknown Code	10	NARA error
94	Province unknown	9	Military region 4 - IV Corps
83	Offshore	2	Military Region 3 -III Corps
84	Offshore	2	Military Region 4 - IV Corps
20	No code provided	1	NARA error, possibly Cam Ranh Bay
40	Con Son Island	1	IV Corps
45	Chua Doc	1	IV Corps - Chau Phu, etc.
48	Unknown code	1	NARA error
49	Phu Quoc Island	1	IV Corps
50	DMZ	0	Demilitarized Zone

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