

8 The Cost of World War I Worksheet

Directions: Use the Internet to determine the financial and human cost of World War I for your assigned country. You can use the links below or do your own research to find these numbers.

- <https://spartacus-educational.com/FWWcosts.htm>
- <https://www.dva.gov.au/media/media-backgrounders/overview-australias-involvement-first-world-war>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_I_casualties
- [World War I: Troop Statistics](#)
- https://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/article/colonial-military-participation-in-europe-africa/#toc_africans_in_other_european_armies
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z749xyc#zhj6xbk>
- <https://encyclopedia.1914-1918-online.net/article/non-european-soldiers/>

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COUNTRY	World War I expenditures (in US dollars) 1914-1918	Deaths from World War I (civilian and military)	Deaths as percent of population	Number of soldiers mobilized for the war effort	Number of colonial soldiers who participated in the war*
<i>France</i>	\$24 billion	40,000	16-18%	~8.4 million	~300,000-500,000 colonial soldiers, mainly from North Africa, with a total of over 2 million working as soldiers and laborer
<i>Belgium</i>	1,154,468,000	58,637	2%	267,000	~20,000 colonial soldiers or porters killed in African campaign
<i>Germany</i>	\$45 Million	8.8 Million	15% i wanna go home	11,000,000	More than 440,000
<i>Great Britain</i>	\$47 billion	More a Million	2.2%	7.5 Million	Over 2.5 million
<i>United States</i>	22,625,253,000 billion	117,466	0.1%	approximately 4.3 million	At least four million

India (under the British Raj)	601,279,000	64,449 to 73,905	0.021% to 0.023%	~1.3 million served as soldiers under the British Empire in overseas campaigns	N/A (in total about 136,000 Indian troops were killed or wounded in the war)
Japan	\$40,000,000	300 to 4,661	0%-0%		800,000
Russia	22,293,950,000 Rubles	2,311,000 to 2,754,369 People	1.64%	Russia mobilized approximately 12 million soldiers.	It ranges from 650,000 to over four million.
Australia (part of the Commonwealth of the British Empire)	1,423,208,000 billion	939,004	1.2%	416,809	8,904,467
South Africa (part of the Commonwealth of the British Empire)	\$42 million	19,000 casualties	12.03 deaths per 1,000 inhabitants	Over 250,000	Around 250,000
Austria-Hungary	20,622,960,000	1,200,000 to 1,494,200	3.5% to 4%q	`	The Austro-Hungarian empire was composed of a number of different ethnic groups that made up the empire including Slavs, Magyars, Germans, Poles, Ukrainians, Romanians, and Italians, among others