Price tag for the Iraq war



Number of U.S. soldiers in Iraq: 138,000

Number of coalition soldiers: 23,000

Number of private military contractors: 20,000-25,000

Number of troops who have served two or more tours in Iraq: 341,000 (1/3 of total)

Number of U.S. soldiers in Iraq who are Guard members or Reservists: 4 out of 10

Average time of mobilization for National Guard: 460 days

Percentage of U.S. police departments missing officers due to Iraq deployments: 44%

Source: The Iraq Quagmire: The Mounting Costs of the Iraq War, a report by the Institute for Policy Studies and Foreign Policy In Focus, released Aug. 31. Full text of the study is at **www.ips-dc.org/iraq/quagmire**. —Photo by CNS