



MORE TROOPS, MORE DOLLARS THE COST TO IOWA

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With President Bush's move to add more troops to the Iraq War, the price tag to the American people continues to climb. Already, taxpayers have spent nearly \$380 billion to wage this war, and the Bush Administration will request another \$120 - \$150 billion for war operations next month, much of which will be spent in Iraq.(1)

The rising cost to Iowa in dollars and lives

- > The cost to taxpayers in Iowa of the running total of \$378 billion will be \$2.9 billion. (2)
- > Of the 3,024 U.S. soldiers that have been killed in the Iraq War, 37 are from Iowa. (3)
- > Of the nearly 23,000 U.S. soldiers that have been wounded in the conflict, 264 are from Iowa. (4)
- > Adding another 21,500 troops will cost American taxpayers another \$5.6 billion per year.

Cost to Cities in Iowa

Davenport - \$90.8 million
Clinton - \$23.5 million
Bettendorf - \$42 million
Dubuque - \$51,148 million
Iowa City - \$52,457 million

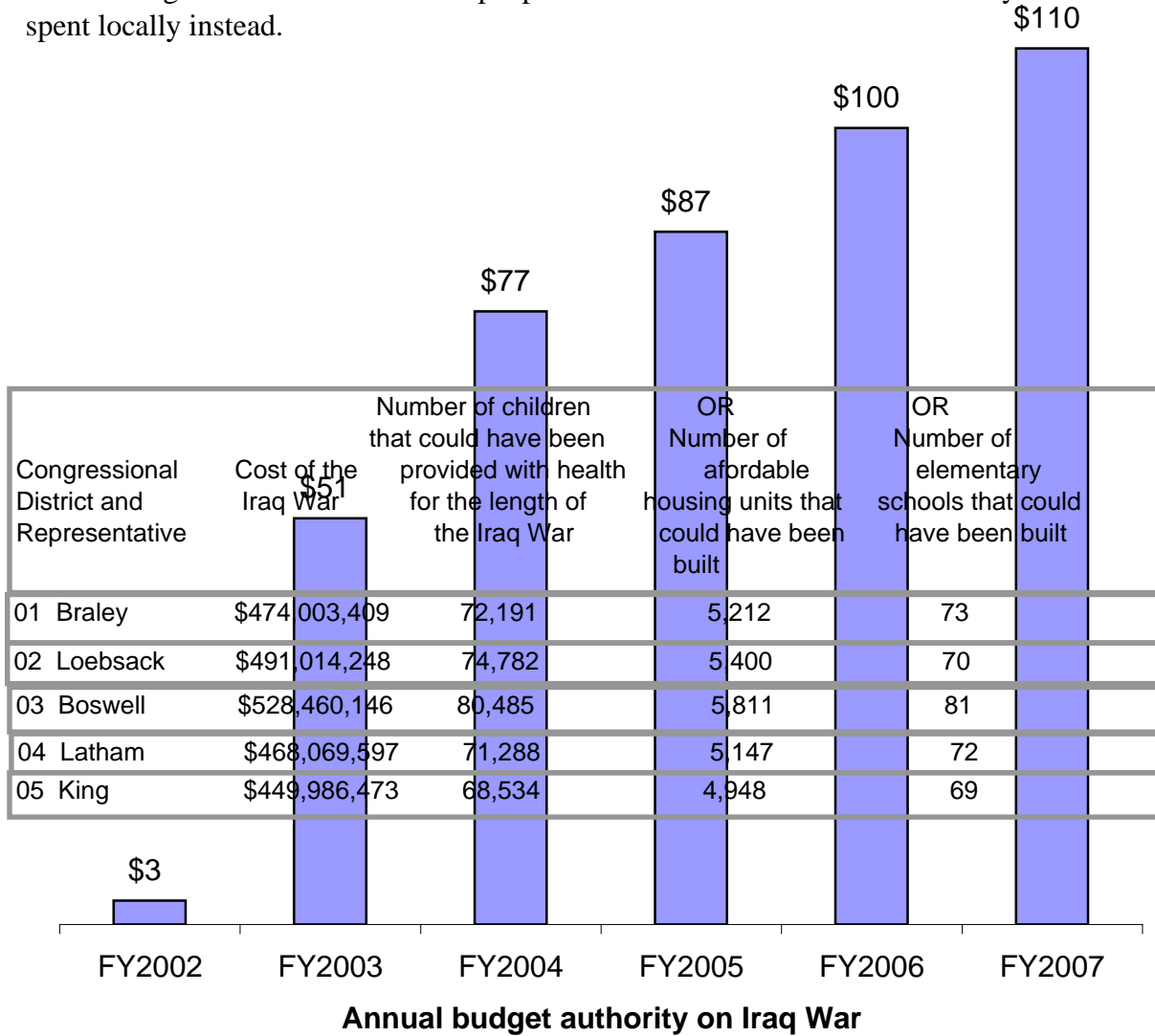
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- > The war is essentially financed through deficit spending, so interest payments over time could amount to another \$100 billion or more. (5)
- > Health care costs and disability benefits for the wounded soldiers may also exceed \$100 billion. (6)
- > Before the war began, administration officials projected that the conflict would cost only \$50 billion.

Notes: 1 NPP's estimate of the cost of the Iraq War includes only incremental budgetary costs, not interest costs or future costs. The number is based on the analysis of legislation appropriating funding for the Iraq War and Congressional Research Service reports. The funding through fiscal year 2006 was estimated to be \$318.5 billion. Based on the breakdown in fiscal year 2006, we estimate that about 85% of the \$70 billion allocation for FY2007 will be used for the Iraq War. State breakdowns are based on the share of taxes paid by each state into the federal funds budget according to IRS data. 3As of Jan. 16, 2007 Iraq Coalition Casualties. 4Dept. of Defense Directorate of Information Operations and Reports. 5 See L. Bilmes and J. Stiglitz, 'The economic costs of the Iraq War,' which cites a range up to \$386 billion depending on the number of years and future war spending. 6See Bilmes and Stiglitz. 7Local costs are based on state breakdowns, and relative population and income levels.

The Cost to Your Congressional District

The following table lists the cost of the Iraq War for each congressional district in the state of Iowa. Alongside the cost is what the people of Iowa could have had if the money had been spent locally instead.



Notes: The amount for each congressional district is based on the state total, and the population and income level of the congressional district. For more information and more examples of 'trade-offs,' go to <http://nationalpriorities.org/database>.

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