

World War I Deaths by country and source

This chart highlights the variance between different sources reporting the death toll numbers for the belligerent nations during World War I. Different sources cite differing figures. The scale on the left of each chart gives the number of casualties, the colored dots represent different sources of information, while the dotted lines give percentage differences between some of the largest inconsistencies.



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Sources: White (2008), Encyclopaedia Britannica (1992), Brzezinski (1993), Compton's (1997), Davies (1998), Eckhardt/Sivard (1987), Ellis & Cox (2001), Encarta (1995), Gilbert (1997), Hammond (1996), Paschall, Small & Singer (1982), Tucker (1999), Uralnis (1971), Wallechinsky (1995)

Notes:

Eckhardt in some cases mixes civilian death tolls with military death tolls. Which cases? Nobody knows for sure. Uralnis is the only Russian Soviet author in my list of sources (Brzezinski was Polish). The majority of the sources listed here are British of various descent (Davies, Gilbert, Ellis & Cox, et.al.).