

Information about the Chechen-Russian Wars

Chechnya Pre War Population: Estimated around 1,000,000.

First Chechen war (December 1994—August 1996)

Civilians Inhabitants of Chechnya Killed

- **less than 20,000**—Source: Minister Anatoly Kulikov, former Russian interior minister (quoted in: <http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/ops/war/chechnya1.htm>)
- **between 80,000 and 100,000**—Source: Alekandr Lebed, former secretary of the National Security Council (quoted in: <http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/ops/war/chechnya1.htm>)
- **100,000**—Source: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria (<http://www.chechnya-mfa.info/>)

Russians Soldiers Killed

- **4,500**—Source: *The Second Chechen War: The Information Component*, by Emil Pain, Former Russian Ethno-national Relations Advisor (quoted in: <http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/ops/war/docs/secchech.htm>)
- **5,000**—Source: *Armed International and Regional Conflicts: Human Losses and Economic Damage. Social Consequences. Identity and Conflicts in Post-Soviet States*, by V. Mukomel and M. Olkot, et al. (quoted in: <http://www.fas.org/man/dod-101/ops/war/docs/secchech.htm>)
- **14,000**—Source: Union of Committees of Soldiers' Mothers of Russia (quoted in: <http://www.polit.ru>)

Second Chechen war (started on December 1999):

Civilians Inhabitants of Chechnya Killed

- **14,000**—Source: Russian Government (quoted in: *Novaya Gazeta* No. 85, 11/2002)
- **80,000**—Source: German Secret Service report to Chancellor Schroeder (quoted in: *Novaya Gazeta* No. 85, 11/2002)

Russian Soldiers Killed

- **14,500**—Source: *Towards Peace in Chechnya*, presentation by Ivan Rybkin, former speaker of the Russian State Duma and former secretary of the Russian Security Council, October 23, 2002, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace)
- **20,000**—Source: Union of Committees of Soldiers' Mothers of Russia (updated to 2002 this number includes the soldiers who are missing, quoted in: <http://www.ucsmr.ru/english/ucsmr/congress/resolution/resolution4.htm>)

Internally displaced people:

- **371,000** Chechens—Source: World Refugees Survey 2002 (http://www.refugees.org/world/articles/wrs03_europe4.cfm.htm#russian)
- **300,000** Chechens—Source: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria (<http://www.chechnya-mfa.info/>)