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Over 33,000 Killed in Syria in 2017; More Civilians Killed by US

With 2017 coming to an end, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights has offered a new collection of figures on the deaths in the course of the year, with [33,425 people killed over the course of this single year of a conflict that's dragged on since 2014](#).

With so many different factions in Syria the split is a bit complicated, including some 7,494 fighters from ISIS or al-Qaeda's Nusra Front, 2,923 Syrian troops, 4,435 from pro-government militias, 212 Hezbollah, 1,243 other foreign Shi'ites, and 6,452 people that were either rebels or part of the US-backed Kurdish YPG's forces.



The biggest single segment though was civilians, with 10,507 Syrian civilians killed, and 2,109 of them children under 18. Here too, there is a split based on who killed them, with the single largest segment, 2,423 civilians, killed by the US-led coalition. 1,884 were killed in Russian strikes, 1,718 in Syrian strikes, and 1,788 were killed by ISIS forces.

The US-led coalition figure is particularly noteworthy, as over the course of the entire war, in both Iraq and Syria, the coalition on [Thursday claimed only 817 civilians killed overall](#)

[by them](#). Syrian Observatory's figures were nearly three times this, despite covering only half the war-zone and about a fifth of the war's duration.

Of course, 33,000+ dead would be a lot of deaths in the course of a war, but it's important to remember this is not an overall accounting of the Syrian War, let alone the ISIS war in both Iraq and Syria, but merely a single year of what's been happening for years in Syria.