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\$5,000 per Maryland household

Here's **Progressive Maryland's** estimate and narrative on the cost of the Iraq war to Marylanders.

Report (pdf)

Maryland has paid \$10.1 billion for the war through the end of 2007 – an average of nearly \$5,000 per household. To put that in perspective, the special legislative session in Annapolis that was so controversial last fall sought to increase state revenues by a total of \$2 billion annually to finance investments in education, health care, transportation, and the Chesapeake Bay.

"Five years of war in Iraq are five years too many," said Progressive Maryland's Federal Issues Director, Matthew Weinstein. "With an economic recession making it harder than ever for millions of American families to make ends meet, the human and economic costs of the war in Iraq are unaffordable and unconscionable. Congress must reverse the administration's upside-down priorities, end the war, and invest in America's future."

The war has already cost U.S. taxpayers more than \$500 billion. Joseph E. Stiglitz, a Columbia University economics professor and Nobel Laureate, has estimated that the total cost of the war will ultimately exceed \$3 trillion.

Nearly 4,000 U.S. troops have been killed in Iraq, 30,000 more have been wounded, and hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have lost their lives.

"Maryland's working families support an economic agenda that invests in quality, affordable health care for all; stronger public schools; and clean energy to end our dependence on oil," Weinstein said. "In order to invest in America's future, we need to end the war in Iraq."

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