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States	Population (in millions)	Men Fit for Military Duty ^a	Armed Forces			Military Deaths			Civilian Deaths		Comments on Civilian Deaths
			deployed	total	in % of men fit for duty	total	in % of deployed soldiers	in % of men fit for duty	total	in % of population	
<i>Central Powers</i>											
Bulgaria	4.7	1,100,000	600,000	600,000 ?	55%	88,000	15%	8%	300,000	6%	
Germany	67.8	16,300,000	13,200,000	13,200,000	81%	2,037,000 ?	15%	12%	700,000 ?	1%	esp. from hunger
Austria-Hungary	52.6	11,600,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	78%	1,460,000	16%	13%	400,000 ?	1%	esp. in Poland
Turkey	17.0	5,400,000	1,600,000	3,000,000	30%	325,000 ^c	20%	6%	2,000,000	12%	esp. Armenians
Total Central Powers	142.1	34,400,000	24,400,000	25,800,000	71%	3,550,000	15%	10%	3,400,000	2%	
<i>Entente</i>											
Belgium	7.6	1,900,000	292,000	292,000	15%	38,000	13%	2%	50,000	1%	
France	39.0	10,000,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	81%	1,327,000	16%	13%	600,000	2%	
French colonies	52.7	13,200,000	449,000	449,000	3%	78,000	17%	1%	–		
Greece	4.9	700,000	230,000	355,000	33%	25,000	11%	4%			
Great Britain & Ireland	46.1	11,500,000	6,100,000	6,100,000	53%	750,000	12%	7%	600,000	1%	
British colonies	342.2	88,300,000	2,800,000	2,800,000	3%	180,000	6%	0%	–		
Italy	36.0	7,800,000	4,300,000	5,600,000	55%	460,000	11%	6%	700,000 ?	2%	
Japan	53.0	13,000,000	30,000	800,000	0%	1,000	3%	0%	–		
Montenegro	0.2	50,000	50,000	50,000	100%	13,000	26%	26%	?		
Portugal	6.1	1,300,000	100,000	>100,000	8%	7,000	7%	1%	–		
Romania	7.6	1,900,000	750,000	750,000	39%	250,000	33%	13%	300,000 ?	4%	esp. from hunger
Russia	164.0 ^b	40,100,000	15,800,000	15,800,000 ?	39%	1,800,000 ?	11%	4%	?		
Serbia	3.1	1,200,000	750,000	750,000 ?	63%	250,000 ?	33%	21%	300,000 ?	10%	
United States	98.8	25,500,000	2,100,000	4,750,000	8%	117,000 ^d	6%	0%	–		
Total Entente	861.3	216,450,000	41,851,000	46,596,000	19%	5,296,000	13%	2%	2,550,000	0%	
Total Entente without colonies	466.4	114,950,000	38,602,000	43,347,000	34%	5,038,000	13%	4%	2,550,000	1%	
Total	1,003.4	251,450,000	66,251,000	72,396,000	26%	8,846,000	13%	4%	5,950,000	1%	
Total without colonies	661.2	163,150,000	63,451,000	69,596,000	39%	8,666,000	14%	5%	5,950,000	1%	

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a = estimated number of men aged 15 to 49 (i.e. under the age of 50) who were 18 at the outbreak of the war or attained that age during the war.

b = without Finland.

c = According to Uralis, the number of fatalities resulting from illness was so high that the actual total losses should be set at 800,000 dead.

d = roughly half of these having been caused by influenza.

? = uncertain or unavailable data, although fatalities must have occurred in significant numbers.