**The Total Cost of Life**

The single most important thing to keep in mind when attempting to document numbers of victims of the Holocaust is that no one master list of those who perished exists anywhere in the world.

What follow are the current best estimates of civilians and disarmed soldiers killed by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

These estimates are calculated from wartime reports generated by those who implemented Nazi population policy, and postwar demographic studies on population loss during World War II.

**Number of Deaths**

* Jews: up to 6 million
* Soviet civilians: around 7 million (including 1.3 Soviet Jewish civilians, who are included in the 6 million figure for Jews)
* Soviet prisoners of war: around 3 million (including about 50,000 Jewish soldiers)
* Non-Jewish Polish civilians: around 1.8 million (including between 50,000 and 100,000 members of the Polish elites)
* Serb civilians (on the territory of Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina): 312,000
* People with disabilities living in institutions: up to 250,000
* Roma (Gypsies): 196,000–220,000
* Jehovah's Witnesses: Around 1,900
* Repeat criminal offenders and so-called asocials: at least 70,000
* German political opponents and resistance activists in Axis-occupied territory: undetermined
* Homosexuals: hundreds, possibly thousands (possibly also counted in part under the 70,000 repeat criminal offenders and so-called asocials noted above)

**Jewish Loss by Location of Death**

With regard to the number of Jews who died in the Holocaust, best estimates for the breakdown of Jewish loss according to location of death follow:

* Auschwitz complex (including Birkenau, Monowitz, and subcamps): approximately 1 million
* Treblinka 2: approximately 925,000
* Belzec: 434,508
* Sobibor: at least 167,000
* Chelmno: 156,000–172,000
* Shooting operations at various locations in central and southern German-occupied Poland (the so-called Government General): at least 200,000
* Shooting operations in German-annexed western Poland (District Wartheland): at least 20,000
* Deaths in other facilities that the Germans designated as concentration camps: at least 150,000
* Shooting operations and gas wagons at hundreds of locations in the German-occupied Soviet Union: at least 1.3 million
* Shooting operations in the Soviet Union (German, Austrian, Czech Jews deported to the Soviet Union): approximately 55,000
* Shooting operations and gas wagons in Serbia: at least 15,088
* Shot or tortured to death in Croatia under the Ustaša regime: 23,000–25,000
* Deaths in ghettos: at least 800,000
* Other\*: at least 500,000

\*"Other" includes, for example, persons killed in shooting operations in Poland in 1939–1940; as partisans in Yugoslavia, Greece, Italy, France or Belgium; in labor battalions in Hungary; during antisemitic actions in Germany and Austria before the war; by the Iron Guard in Romania, 1940–1941; and on evacuation marches from concentration camps and labor camps in the last six months of World War II. It also includes people caught in hiding and killed in Poland, Serbia, and elsewhere in German-occupied Europe.