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National Government Outlays, Receipts, and Resulting Surpluses or Deficits as Percent of Economy, 1930 to 2002

Read this as follows: In budget year 2000, outlays were 20.8 percent of the economy, receipts were 18.4 percent, and the resulting surplus was 2.4 percent of the economy (this precision will not be evident from the chart with the scale used).

Source of data: Budget of the United States 2004 Historical Tables, Table 1.1