National Government Spending, Revenues, and Resulting Surpluses or Deficits 1792-1902, in Billions of Constant (2002) Dollars

Source of current-dollar budget data: Historical Statistics of the United States (1975), series Y 335-338 (yearly data not available for 1789-1791), and Budget 2004 Historical Tables, Table 1.1
National Government Spending, Revenues, and Resulting Surpluses or Deficits 1902-2002, in Billions of Constant (2002) Dollars

Source of current-dollar budget data: Budget 2004 Historical Tables, Table 1.1
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National Government Spending in Billions of 2002 Dollars and as Percent of GDP, 1792 to 2002

Source of current-dollar budget data: Historical Statistics of the United States (1975), series Y 335-338 (yearly data not available for 1789-1791), and Budget 2004 Historical Tables, Table 1.1; GDP data prior to 1930 is estimated, from Economic History net, http://www.eh.net/hmit/gdp/gdp_answer.php

Source of current-dollar data: *Historical Statistics of the United States* (1975) and *Budget 2004 Historical Tables*
Inflation-adjusted Change in National Government Budget Outlays by Presidential Term 1952 to estimated 2004, in Percent

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Note: The early-2003 estimate for President George W. Bush probably is too low.

Source of current-dollar data: Budget of the United States 2004 Historical Tables, Table 1.1;
Inflation-adjustment with CPI-U-X1, which applies the post-1982 CPI to the entire period.
Change in US National Debt by Presidential Term, 1945 to estimated 2004, Presidents Truman to George W. Bush, in Percent

"Gross debt" includes debt held by the public and also by such government units as Social Security trust funds; "debt held by the public" excludes debt held by those government units; economists generally argue the latter is the more important measure.

Note: The early-2003 estimates for 2003 and 2004 appear overly optimistic, so larger increases in the national debt may occur than indicated.

Source of current-dollar data: Budget of the United States 2004 Historical Tables, Table 7.1; inflation adjustment with CPI-U-X1, which applies the post-1982 CPI to the entire period.
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
The mandatory-discretionary budget classification was introduced beginning with the 1962 budget year. Discretionary spending is controlled through the appropriations process by Congress and presidents. Net interest is a category of mandatory spending but is shown separately here.
Yearly Inflation-adjusted Change in Discretionary Outlays, 1962 to estimated 2004, in Percent

The constant-dollar data used here are from Budget 2004 Historical Tables, Table 8.2. The discretionary-mandatory classification was introduced in 1962, so the first year for which change can be shown is the 1963 fiscal year, change from 1962. Discretionary outlays are those controlled through the appropriations process.
The constant-dollar data used here are from *Budget 2004 Historical Tables*, Table 8.2. Interest officially is part of mandatory spending but is broken out separately here.
### Summary of National Government Budget Data

#### Inflation-adjusted change in Mandatory, Discretionary, and Interest Outlays by Presidential Term, 1964 to estimated 2004, in Percent

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- The discretionary-mandatory classification was introduced in 1962, so the first complete presidential term to which it applies is that of Lyndon Johnson.
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**Because of defense changes since early 2003, estimates for discretionary outlays 2003 and later years will be higher than then estimated (defense is the largest discretionary component); net interest outlays also will be higher.**
Composition of National Government Discretionary Spending Largest Categories 1962 to est. 2008, in Percent of Total Discretionary Outlays

Numbers in parentheses in legend show rank among discretionary spending items as of 2002 budget year. Items are arranged in descending order, so the second largest item, education, is next to defense.

Source of data: Budget 2004 Historical Tables, Table 8.7
Composition of National Government Mandatory Spending 1962 to estimated 2008, as Percent of Mandatory Spending

Numbers in parentheses in legend show rank among mandatory spending items as of 2002 budget year. Items are arranged in descending order, so the second largest item, Medicare, is next to Social Security.
Composition of National Government Budget Outlays for "Big Five" (Defense, Medicaid, Interest on Debt, Social Security, and Medicare) and for Everything Else, 1962 to estimated 2008

Source of data: Budget 2004 Historical Tables, Table 3.2
Inflation-adjusted Change in National Government Outlays Per Person for Selected Categories, by Presidential Term, Johnson to George W. Bush, in Percent
(Spending divided by total US population, not spending per recipient)

The largest non-means-tested social categories are Social Security and Medicare; the largest means-tested category is Medicaid.

Inflation adjustment with CPI-U-X, which applies the post-1982 CPI to the entire period.