Summary of Social Security and Medicare Data


The five largest budget categories in recent years, in descending order, are: (1) Social Security, (2) Defense, (3) Net Interest, (4) Medicare, and (5) Medicaid, though the order has varied among 3, 4, and 5.

Note: Highest value shown is $700 billion

Source of current-dollar data: Budget 2004 Historical Tables, Table 11.3
Social Security and Medicare: Yearly Inflation-adjusted Change and Percent of Outlays, 1940 to estimated 2004

Source of current-dollar data: Budget 2004 Historical Tables, Table 11.3
Inflation-adjusted Change in Social Security and Medicare by Presidential Term, 1940 to estimated 2004, in Percent

Source of current-dollar data: Budget 2004 Historical Tables, Table 11.3

1967 is the first year for Medicare outlays