







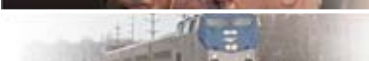









# FEDERAL BUDGET

Federal spending has risen dramatically over the last 10 years, culminating in a budget deficit of about \$1.5 trillion in the fiscal year that ended Oct. 31.

	Federal spending (in billions of dollars)	2000	2008	2010 (estimate)
	Social Security	\$409.4	\$617.0	\$721.5
	National defense	294.4	616.1	719.2
	Federal employee retirement, unemployment compensation, food stamps, other income security	253.7	431.3	685.9
	Medicare	197.1	390.8	457.2
	Health	154.5	280.6	372.3
	Interest on national debt	222.9	252.8	187.8*
	Education, training, social services	53.8	91.3	142.5
	Veterans' benefits and services	47.0	84.7	124.7
	Transportation	46.9	77.6	106.5
	Justice	28.5	47.1	55.0
	General government	13.0	20.3	29.3
	Community and regional development	10.6	24.0	28.5
	Agriculture	36.5	18.4	26.6
	Health reform, jobs bill, future disaster costs	—	—	18.8
	Commerce and housing credit	3.2	27.9	-25.3
	Offsetting receipts**	-42.6	-86.2	-79.7
	<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>\$1.73 trillion</b>	<b>\$2.89 trillion</b>	<b>\$3.57 trillion</b>
	<b>As percentage of gross domestic product</b>	<b>20.7%</b>	<b>24.7%</b>	<b>25.4%</b>

\* Lower figure is a result of lower interest rates.  
 \*\* Offsetting receipts is a government accounting term for certain user fees associated with meeting budget-cutting goals, as well as an agency's transfer to its employee retirement fund.

SOURCE: White House Office of Management and Budget

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