



Federal Government's Financial Condition Worsened by \$8 Trillion in 2019

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Financial State of the Union

A new analysis of the latest available audited financial reports found the U.S. Government's overall financial condition worsened by \$8.16 trillion in 2019. While most people focus on the budget deficit of \$984 billion, the overall decline in net position presents a better picture of the government's financial decline. Our measure of the government's negative net position includes reported federal assets and liabilities, as well as promised, but not funded, Social Security and Medicare benefits.

Our elected officials have made repeated financial decisions that have left the federal government with a debt burden of \$113.27 trillion, including unfunded Social Security and Medicare promises. That equates to a \$737,000 burden for every federal taxpayer. Because the federal government would need a vast amount of money from taxpayers, it has received an "F" grade from Truth in Accounting.

The Treasury Department only includes \$173.70 billion of Social Security and Medicare liabilities on the federal balance sheet because, according to government documents, recipients do not have the right to benefits beyond the benefits currently due and laws to reduce or stop benefits can be passed at anytime. Our analysis includes \$52.72 trillion in unfunded Medicare benefits and \$37.60 trillion in unfunded Social Security benefits.

Fast Facts

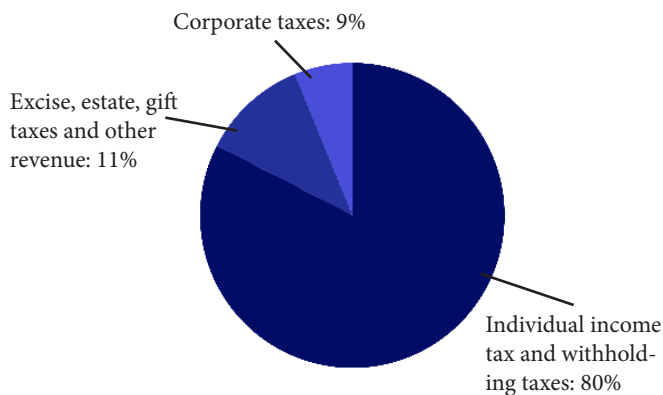
- The federal government has \$3.99 trillion in assets compared to \$117.26 trillion worth of bills.
- The outcome is a \$113.27 trillion shortfall, which breaks down to a burden of \$737,000 per federal taxpayer.
- This means that each taxpayer would have to pay \$737,000 to get the United States Government out of debt.



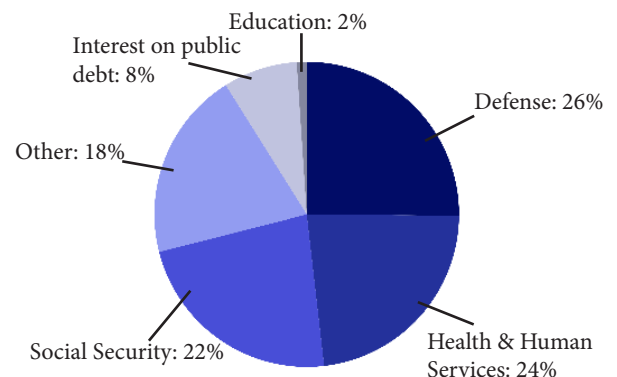
United States Government Financial Breakdown

What the Federal Government Owns	
Assets	\$3.99 trillion
What the Federal Government Owes	
Medicare benefits	\$52.72 trillion
Social Security promises	\$37.60 trillion
Publicly held debt	\$16.86 trillion
Military & civilian retirement benefits	\$8.44 trillion
Other liabilities	\$1.64 trillion
Total debt	-\$117.26 trillion
Where the Federal Government Stands	
Net Position	-\$113.27 trillion

What Came In?



What Went Out?



The Outcome	
Total revenue	\$3.62 trillion
Total expenses	\$5.07 trillion
Reported net operating cost (revenue less expense)	-\$1.45 trillion
Other changes in Net Position, including increases in Social Security and Medicare liabilities	-\$6.71 trillion
Decline in Net Position	-\$8.16 trillion