

Table 31. Governmental expenditures, by level of government and function: Selected years, 1970-71 to 1999-2000

| Expenditure, by function | State and local governments ² | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
| | All governments ¹ | | | | | | Federal government | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 1970-71 | 1980-81 | 1990-91 | 1994-95 | 1970-71 | 1980-81 | 1990-91 | 1994-95 | 1970-71 | 1980-81 | 1990-91 | 1994-95 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | \$301,096 | \$827,877 | \$1,804,005 | \$2,059,334 | \$150,422 | \$422,301 | \$1,060,407 | \$1,146,827 | \$150,674 | \$407,449 | \$908,108 | \$1,146,188 | \$1,247,436 | \$1,314,496 | \$1,398,533 | \$1,502,768 | | |
| General expenditures | 80,910 | 174,564 | 366,112 | 327,231 | 80,910 | 174,564 | 366,112 | 327,231 | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | | |
| Selected federal programs | 8,683 | 20,466 | 43,102 | 49,482 | 8,683 | 20,466 | 43,102 | 49,482 | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | | |
| National defense and international relations | 3,334 | 5,523 | 13,514 | 13,316 | 3,334 | 5,523 | 13,316 | 13,316 | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | | |
| Postal service | 64,042 | 168,012 | 334,333 | 410,827 | 4,629 | 12,408 | 46,025 | 55,794 | 60,174 | 147,649 | 313,744 | 383,557 | 425,346 | 456,934 | 490,100 | 528,767 | | |
| Space research and technology | 20,446 | 74,643 | 167,681 | 250,356 | 2,220 | 22,395 | 119,135 | 177,874 | 18,226 | 54,121 | 130,402 | 199,973 | 204,640 | 215,190 | 233,350 | | | |
| Education and libraries | 14,835 | 47,378 | 102,817 | 132,463 | 3,630 | 11,277 | 28,207 | 36,392 | 11,205 | 36,101 | 81,110 | 105,946 | 110,332 | 114,024 | 119,361 | | | |
| Social services and income maintenance | 2,031 | 5,075 | 27,356 | 31,350 | 1,086 | 16,575 | 23,949 | 27,198 | 945 | 2,333 | 3,407 | 4,152 | 4,422 | 4,414 | 4,534 | | | |
| Hospitals and health | 23,722 | 46,578 | 84,048 | 99,064 | 4,062 | 7,724 | 23,250 | 29,871 | 19,819 | 39,231 | 75,410 | 88,938 | 96,165 | 101,826 | 110,163 | | | |
| Social insurance administration | 5,706 | 16,851 | 52,738 | 65,627 | 478 | 1,904 | 6,170 | 7,563 | 7,531 | 21,283 | 46,568 | 58,064 | 70,744 | 74,629 | 79,900 | | | |
| Transportation | 1,979 | 7,806 | 29,297 | 38,922 | 94 | 413 | 1,941 | 3,065 | 1,885 | 7,393 | 27,356 | 39,946 | 42,479 | 45,598 | 48,805 | | | |
| Police and fire protection | 13,740 | 43,599 | 74,667 | 75,133 | 10,658 | 38,896 | 48,415 | 44,752 | 5,191 | 13,239 | 28,505 | 33,140 | 37,333 | 39,857 | 41,649 | | | |
| Public safety | 4,467 | 13,894 | 33,346 | 36,721 | 1,913 | 6,808 | 30,199 | 40,351 | 2,554 | 7,086 | 16,648 | 21,509 | 23,230 | 24,897 | 26,590 | | | |
| Correction | 4,087 | 14,898 | 31,014 | 38,573 | † | † | † | † | 4,087 | 14,898 | 31,014 | 38,573 | 41,549 | 41,765 | 45,261 | | | |
| Environment and housing | 3,612 | 10,944 | 27,204 | 34,824 | 1,341 | 3,714 | 10,209 | 12,444 | 2,271 | 7,230 | 16,995 | 22,380 | 24,400 | 25,914 | 27,593 | | | |
| Natural resources, parks, recreation | 3,567 | 11,514 | 36,977 | 44,610 | 540 | 1,973 | 5,511 | 6,972 | 4,432 | 12,771 | 31,466 | 37,638 | 42,243 | 44,813 | 49,106 | | | |
| Housing and community development | 21,688 | 97,641 | 247,376 | 290,195 | 16,599 | 80,510 | 195,142 | 233,225 | 5,089 | 17,131 | 52,234 | 56,970 | 62,422 | 64,554 | 67,294 | | | |
| Sewerage and sanitation | 24,247 | 78,491 | 132,424 | 120,641 | 10,245 | 17,151 | 99,526 | 81,297 | 7,265 | 26,983 | 53,250 | 66,355 | 73,217 | 77,829 | 85,156 | | | |
| Governmental administration | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Financial administration | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General control ³ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest on general debt | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other and unallocable | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| General expenditures | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Selected federal programs | 26.9 | 21.1 | 20.3 | 15.9 | 53.8 | 41.3 | 34.5 | 28.5 | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | | |
| National defense and international relations | 2.9 | 2.5 | 2.4 | 2.4 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 4.1 | 4.3 | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | | |
| Postal service | 1.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 2.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | † | | |
| Space research and technology | 21.3 | 19.1 | 18.5 | 19.9 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 39.9 | 36.2 | 34.5 | 33.5 | 34.1 | 34.8 | 35.0 | 35.2 | | |
| Education and libraries | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Social services and income maintenance | 6.8 | 9.0 | 9.3 | 12.2 | 1.5 | 5.3 | 11.2 | 15.5 | 12.1 | 13.3 | 14.4 | 16.8 | 16.0 | 15.6 | 15.4 | 15.5 | | |
| Public welfare | 4.9 | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.4 | 2.4 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 3.2 | 7.4 | 8.9 | 8.9 | 9.2 | 8.8 | 8.7 | 8.5 | 8.5 | | |
| Hospitals and health | 0.7 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 0.7 | 3.9 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | | |
| Social insurance administration | 7.9 | 5.6 | 4.7 | 4.8 | 2.7 | 1.8 | 2.2 | 2.6 | 13.2 | 9.6 | 8.3 | 7.8 | 7.7 | 7.7 | 7.9 | 7.9 | | |
| Transportation | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public safety | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Police and fire protection | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 3.2 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 5.0 | 5.2 | 5.1 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.4 | 5.3 | 5.3 | | |
| Correction | 0.7 | 0.9 | 1.6 | 1.9 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.3 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | | |
| Environment and housing | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Natural resources, parks, recreation | 4.6 | 5.3 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 7.1 | 9.2 | 4.6 | 3.9 | 3.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.0 | | |
| Housing and community development | 1.5 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.6 | 2.8 | 3.5 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 1.9 | 1.8 | 1.8 | 1.8 | | |
| Sewerage and sanitation | 1.4 | 1.8 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.7 | 3.7 | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 3.0 | | |
| Governmental administration | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Financial administration | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.5 | 1.7 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 1.9 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | | |
| General control ³ | 1.2 | 1.4 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.4 | 3.4 | 3.5 | 3.5 | | |
| Interest on general debt | 7.2 | 11.8 | 13.7 | 14.1 | 11.0 | 19.1 | 18.4 | 20.3 | 3.4 | 4.2 | 5.8 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 4.6 | | |
| Other and unallocable | 8.1 | 9.5 | 7.3 | 5.9 | 6.8 | 4.1 | 9.4 | 7.1 | 4.8 | 6.6 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 5.9 | 6.1 | 6.1 | 6.2 | | |

In millions

Percentage distribution

† Not applicable.
 1 Excludes duplicative intergovernmental transactions.
 2 General expenditures include monies paid by states to the federal government, which are excluded from direct general expenditures.
 3 Includes judicial and legal expenditures and expenditures on general and public buildings and other governmental administration.
 NOTE: Some data have been revised from previously published figures. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.
 SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, previously unpublished tabulations. (This table was originally prepared in August 2003, with some data revised in June 2005.)