

Table 31.—Governmental expenditures, by level of government and function: 1970–71 to 1998–99

Expenditure, by function	All governments ¹				Federal government				State and local governments ²							
	1970–71	1980–81	1990–91	1994–95	1970–71	1980–81	1990–91	1994–95	1970–71	1980–81	1990–91	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
In millions																
General expenditures	\$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	\$1,189,356	\$1,247,436	\$1,314,496	\$1,398,533
Selected federal programs																
National defense and international relations ..	80,910	174,564	366,112	327,231	80,910	174,564	366,112	327,231	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Postal service	8,683	20,466	43,102	49,482	8,683	20,466	43,102	49,482	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Space research and technology	3,334	5,523	13,514	13,316	3,334	5,523	13,514	13,316	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Education and libraries	64,042	158,012	334,333	410,827	4,629	12,408	46,025	55,794	60,174	147,649	313,744	383,557	404,579	425,346	456,934	490,100
Social services and income maintenance																
Public welfare	20,446	74,643	167,681	250,356	2,220	22,395	119,135	177,874	18,226	54,121	130,402	193,110	193,480	199,973	204,640	215,190
Hospitals and health	14,835	47,378	102,817	132,463	3,630	11,277	28,207	36,392	11,205	36,101	81,110	105,946	110,813	110,332	114,024	119,361
Social insurance administration	2,031	5,075	27,356	31,350	1,086	16,575	23,949	27,198	945	2,333	3,407	4,152	4,156	4,252	4,422	4,414
Transportation	23,722	46,578	84,048	99,064	4,062	7,724	23,250	29,871	19,819	39,231	75,410	88,938	91,639	96,165	101,826	110,163
Public safety																
Police and fire protection	5,706	16,851	52,738	65,627	478	1,904	6,170	7,563	7,531	21,283	46,568	58,064	62,392	67,026	70,744	74,629
Correction	1,979	7,806	29,297	38,922	94	413	1,941	3,065	1,885	7,393	27,356	35,857	37,510	39,946	42,479	45,598
Environment and housing																
Natural resources, parks, recreation	13,740	43,599	74,667	75,133	10,658	38,896	48,415	44,752	5,191	13,239	28,505	33,140	34,955	37,333	39,857	41,649
Housing and community development	4,467	13,894	33,346	36,721	1,913	6,808	30,199	40,351	2,554	7,086	16,648	21,509	22,666	23,230	24,697	25,234
Sewerage and sanitation	4,087	14,898	31,014	38,573	†	†	†	†	4,087	14,898	31,014	38,573	39,365	41,549	41,765	43,047
Governmental administration																
Financial administration	3,612	10,944	27,204	34,824	1,341	3,714	10,209	12,444	2,271	7,230	16,995	22,380	22,633	24,400	25,914	27,593
General control ³	3,567	11,514	36,977	44,610	540	1,973	5,511	6,972	4,432	12,771	31,466	37,638	39,512	42,243	44,813	49,106
Interest on general debt	21,688	97,641	247,376	290,195	16,599	80,510	195,142	233,225	5,089	17,131	52,234	56,970	58,912	62,422	64,554	67,294
Other and unallocable	24,247	78,491	132,424	120,641	10,245	17,151	99,526	81,297	7,265	26,983	53,250	66,355	66,744	73,217	77,829	85,156
Percentage distribution																
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																
National defense and international relations ..	26.9	21.1	20.3	15.9	53.8	41.3	34.5	28.5	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Postal service	2.9	2.5	2.4	2.4	5.8	4.8	4.1	4.3	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Space research and technology	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.6	2.2	1.3	1.3	1.2	†	†	†	†	†	†	†	†
Education and libraries	21.3	19.1	18.5	19.9	3.1	2.9	4.3	4.9	39.9	36.2	34.5	33.5	34.0	34.1	34.8	35.0
Social services and income maintenance																
Public welfare	6.8	9.0	9.3	12.2	1.5	5.3	11.2	15.5	12.1	13.3	14.4	16.8	16.3	16.0	15.6	15.4
Hospitals and health	4.9	5.7	5.7	6.4	2.4	2.7	2.7	3.2	7.4	8.9	8.9	9.2	9.3	8.8	8.7	8.5
Social insurance administration	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
Transportation	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	7.7	7.9
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	5.1	5.2	5.4	5.4	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	3.3
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	2.9	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	1.7	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	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	3.4	3.3	3.3	3.2	3.1
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	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0
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	3.3	3.4	3.4	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	5.0	5.0	4.9	4.8
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	5.6	5.9	5.9	6.1

† 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, unpublished data. (This table was prepared January 2002.)