

3.A Social Welfare Expenditures

Table 3.A1.—Gross domestic product and social welfare expenditures under public programs, fiscal years 1965–1995 ¹

Item	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990 ²	1992 ²	1993 ²	1994 ²	1995
	Amount (in millions)									
Gross domestic product.....	\$701,000	\$1,023,100	\$1,590,800	\$2,718,900	\$4,108,000	\$5,682,900	\$6,149,300	\$6,476,600	\$6,837,100	\$7,186,900
Total social welfare expenditures ³	77,084	145,979	288,967	492,213	731,840	1,048,951	1,266,504	1,366,743	1,435,714	1,505,136
Social insurance.....	28,123	54,691	123,013	229,754	369,595	513,822	618,938	659,210	683,779	705,483
Public aid.....	6,283	16,488	41,447	72,703	98,362	146,811	207,953	221,000	238,025	253,530
Health and medical programs.....	6,155	10,030	16,535	26,762	38,643	61,684	70,143	74,706	80,130	85,507
Veterans' programs.....	6,031	9,078	17,019	21,466	27,042	30,916	35,642	36,378	37,895	39,072
Education.....	28,108	50,846	80,834	121,050	172,048	258,332	292,145	331,997	344,091	365,625
Housing.....	318	701	3,172	6,879	12,598	19,468	20,151	20,782	27,032	29,361
Other social welfare.....	2,066	4,145	6,947	13,599	13,552	17,918	21,532	22,670	24,762	26,558
All health and medical care ⁴	9,302	24,801	51,022	99,145	170,665	274,472	353,174	381,710	408,780	435,075
	As percent of gross domestic product									
Gross domestic product.....	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Total social welfare expenditures.....	11.0	14.3	18.2	18.1	17.8	18.5	20.6	21.1	21.0	20.9
Social insurance.....	4.0	5.3	7.7	8.5	9.0	9.0	10.1	10.2	10.0	9.8
Public aid.....	.9	1.6	2.6	2.7	2.4	2.6	3.4	3.4	3.5	3.5
Health and medical programs.....	.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	.9	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Veterans' programs.....	.9	.9	1.1	.8	.7	.5	.6	.6	.6	.5
Education.....	4.0	5.0	5.1	4.5	4.2	4.5	4.8	5.1	5.0	5.1
Housing.....	(5)	.1	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4
Other social welfare.....	.3	.4	.4	.5	.3	.3	.4	.4	.4	.4
All health and medical care.....	1.3	2.4	3.2	3.6	4.2	4.8	5.7	5.9	6.0	6.1

¹ Through 1976, fiscal year ended June 30 for federal government, most states, and some localities. Beginning in 1977, federal fiscal year ended Sept. 30.

² Revised data.

³ Represents program and administrative expenditures from federal, state and local public revenues and trust funds under public law. Includes workers' compensation and temporary disability insurance payments made through private carriers and self-insurers. Includes capital outlay and some expenditures abroad.

⁴ Combines "health and medical programs" with medical services provided in connection with social insurance, public aid, veterans', and "other social welfare" categories.

⁵ Less than 0.05 percent.

Source: Gross domestic product data from Department of Commerce, *Survey of Current Business*. GDP figures revised in 1996 to reflect changes in the source data. Social welfare expenditures data taken or estimated from *Federal Budgets*, *Census of Governments*, and reports of administering agencies. See table 3.A3 for components of individual categories.

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Table 3.A3.—Social welfare expenditures under public programs, fiscal years 1965–1995 ¹

[In millions]

Item	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990 ²	1992 ²	1993 ²	1994 ²	1995
Total	\$77,058.0	\$145,979.2	\$288,966.0	\$492,212.7	\$731,840.1	\$1,048,950.8	\$1,266,502.8	\$1,366,743.1	\$1,435,714.3	\$1,505,136.4
Social insurance	28,122.8	54,691.2	123,013.1	229,754.4	369,595.2	513,821.8	618,938.1	659,209.9	683,778.7	705,483.3
OASDI ³	16,997.5	36,835.4	78,429.9	152,110.4	257,535.1	355,264.5	416,564.0	449,276.8	477,339.7	496,355.8
Health Insurance (Medicare) ⁴ .....	...	7,149.0	14,781.4	34,991.5	71,384.3	109,709.0	132,246.3	148,093.5	161,392.7	164,713.3
Railroad Retirement ³	1,128.1	1,609.9	3,085.1	4,768.7	6,275.6	7,229.9	7,737.1	7,920.6	8,025.2	8,106.2
Public employee retirement ⁵	4,528.5	8,658.7	20,118.6	39,490.2	63,044.0	90,391.2	103,698.7	112,559.5	119,253.1	128,001.8
Unemployment insurance and employment service ⁶	3,002.6	3,819.5	13,835.9	18,326.4	18,343.8	19,973.7	41,166.0	40,720.8	31,251.1	26,302.0
Railroad unemployment insurance	76.7	38.5	41.6	155.4	138.4	64.6	67.4	60.3	53.5	48.4
Railroad temporary disability insurance	46.5	61.1	32.9	68.7	50.6	40.3	27.5	25.9	29.3	30.0
State temporary disability insurance ⁷	483.5	717.7	990.0	1,377.4	1,944.1	3,224.2	4,009.4	3,316.0	3,200.8	3,189.1
Workers' compensation ⁸	1,859.4	2,950.4	6,479.1	13,457.2	22,263.6	37,633.4	45,668.0	45,330.0	44,626.0	43,450.0
Public aid	6,283.5	16,487.8	41,446.6	72,703.1	98,361.8	146,811.1	207,953.0	220,999.8	238,025.3	253,530.0
Public assistance ⁹	5,874.9	14,433.5	27,409.4	45,064.3	66,170.2	105,093.8	152,018.2	160,625.0	171,755.1	187,219.0
Supplemental Security Income ¹⁰ .....	...	...	6,091.6	8,226.5	11,840.0	17,230.4	23,423.2	26,506.2	30,085.5	30,138.0
Food Stamps	35.6	577.0	4,693.9	9,083.3	12,512.7	16,254.5	23,232.9	24,496.7	25,273.6	25,319.0
Other ¹¹	373.0	1,477.3	3,251.7	10,329.0	7,838.9	8,232.4	9,278.7	9,371.9	10,911.1	10,854.0
Health and medical programs ¹²	6,129.0	10,030.0	16,535.0	26,762.0	38,643.0	61,684.0	70,143.0	74,706.0	80,130.0	85,507.0
Hospital and medical care ¹³	3,391.0	5,407.0	8,729.0	12,286.0	16,373.0	25,971.0	28,697.0	30,617.0	31,562.0	31,904.0
Maternal and child health program ¹⁴	239.0	450.0	567.0	870.0	1,222.0	1,865.0	2,106.0	2,185.0	2,272.0	2,348.0
Medical research	1,227.0	1,684.0	2,648.0	4,924.0	6,903.0	10,848.0	12,599.0	12,779.0	13,988.0	14,982.0
School health (education agencies)	140.0	247.0	352.0	575.0	790.0	1,113.0	1,230.0	1,309.0	1,384.0	1,667.0
Other public health activities	614.0	1,312.0	2,727.0	6,484.0	11,223.0	19,354.0	22,976.0	24,772.0	27,685.0	30,808.0
Medical facilities construction	518.0	930.0	1,512.0	1,623.0	2,132.0	2,533.0	2,535.0	3,044.0	3,239.0	3,798.0
Veterans' programs	6,031.1	9,078.1	17,018.9	21,465.5	27,042.3	30,916.2	35,642.0	36,378.3	37,894.8	39,072.0
Pensions and compensation ¹⁵	4,141.4	5,393.8	7,578.5	11,306.0	14,333.0	15,792.6	16,539.3	17,205.2	17,481.0	18,070.4
Health and medical programs	1,228.7	1,784.1	3,516.8	6,203.9	9,493.2	12,004.1	15,442.0	15,410.5	16,231.4	16,654.4
Education	40.9	1,018.5	4,433.8	2,400.7	1,170.8	522.8	772.0	937.7	1,098.3	1,118.2
Life insurance ¹⁶	434.3	502.3	556.1	664.5	795.5	1,037.8	1,113.7	904.7	971.5	946.3
Welfare and other	185.8	379.4	933.7	890.4	1,249.8	1,558.9	1,775.0	1,920.2	2,112.6	2,282.7
Education	28,107.8	50,845.5	80,834.1	121,049.6	172,047.5	258,331.6	292,144.6	331,996.8	344,091.0	365,625.3
Housing	318.1	701.2	3,171.7	6,879.0	12,598.5	19,468.5	20,150.6	20,782.3	27,032.0	29,361.1
Other social welfare	2,065.7	4,145.4	6,946.6	13,599.1	13,551.8	17,917.6	21,531.5	22,670.0	24,762.5	26,557.7
Vocational rehabilitation ¹⁷	210.5	703.8	1,036.4	1,251.1	1,536.7	2,126.6	2,446.8	2,379.1	2,560.1	2,630.3
Institutional care ¹⁸	789.5	201.8	296.1	482.4	379.6	629.4	684.4	721.5	783.1	874.0
Child nutrition programs ¹⁹	617.4	896.0	2,517.6	4,852.3	5,308.5	7,165.4	8,775.8	9,392.4	10,099.1	10,653.4
Child welfare ²⁰	354.3	585.4	597.0	800.0	200.0	252.6	273.9	294.6	294.6	292.0
Special OEO and ACTION programs ²¹ ..	51.7	752.8	638.3	2,302.7	503.8	169.4	193.8	208.3	204.4	222.0
Social welfare, not elsewhere classified ²²	42.3	1,005.6	1,861.2	3,910.6	5,623.2	7,574.2	9,156.8	9,674.1	10,821.2	11,886.0

¹ Expenditures from federal, state, and local revenues and trust funds under public law; includes capital outlays and administrative expenditures unless otherwise noted. Includes some payments abroad. Through 1976, fiscal year ended June 30 for federal government, most states, and some localities; for federal government, beginning in 1977, fiscal year ends Sept. 30.

² Revised data.

³ Excludes financial interchange between OASDI and Railroad Retirement.

⁴ Hospital Insurance and Supplementary Medical Insurance. Included in total shown directly above.

⁵ Excludes refunds of employee contributions; includes payments to retired military personnel and survivors. Administrative expenses for federal noncontributory retirement not available.

⁶ Includes unemployment compensation under state programs, programs for federal military and civilian employees and trade adjustment and cash training allowances, and payments under extended, emergency, disaster, and special unemployment insurance programs.

⁷ Cash and medical benefits in five areas; includes private plans where applicable and state costs of administering state plans and supervising private plans. Administrative expenses of private plans and all data for Hawaii not available.

⁸ Cash and medical benefits paid under federal and state laws by private insurance carriers, state funds, and self-insurers. Beginning in 1959–60, includes Alaska and Hawaii. Administrative costs of private carriers and self-insurers not available. Beginning in 1969–70, includes federal "black lung" benefit program.

⁹ Categorical cash and medical payments under the Social Security Act, and general assistance from state and local funds. Beginning in 1968–69, includes work-incentive activities.

¹⁰ Income-maintenance payments began in Jan. 1974.

¹¹ Work relief, other emergency aid, surplus food for the needy, repatriate and refugee assistance, and work-experience training programs. Beginning 1974 includes WIC program. Beginning in 1981, includes Low-Income Home Energy Assistance.

¹² Excludes state and local expenditures for domiciliary care in institutions other than mental and tuberculosis, and services in connection with OASDI, state temporary disability insurance, workers' compensation, public assistance, vocational rehabilitation, and veterans' programs which are included in expenditures for these programs.

¹³ Civilian and Department of Defense programs (including medical care provided to military dependents).

¹⁴ Includes services for disabled children.

¹⁵ Includes burial awards. Beginning in 1964–65, includes special allowances for survivors of veterans who did not qualify under OASDI. Beginning in 1973–74, subsistence payments to disabled veterans undergoing training shifted from the pensions and compensation to the education subgroup.

¹⁶ Excludes the service persons' group life insurance program.

¹⁷ Beginning in 1973–74, excludes administrative expenses.

¹⁸ Federal expenditures represent primarily surplus food for institutions.

¹⁹ Surplus food for schools and programs under National School Lunch and Child Nutrition Acts.

²⁰ Represents primarily child welfare services under the Social Security Act. Beginning in 1968–69, excludes administrative expenses.

²¹ Includes domestic programs consolidated in 1971–72 under ACTION and special Office of Economic Opportunity programs. Beginning 1988, represents ACTION funds only.

²² Federal expenditures include administrative and related expenses of the Secretary of Health and Human Services; Indian welfare and guidance, aging and juvenile delinquency, and certain manpower and human development activities. State and local expenditures include amounts for antipoverty and manpower programs, day care, child placement and adoption services, foster care, legal assistance, care of transients, and other unspecified welfare services; before 1969–70, these amounts were included with institutional care.

Source: Data taken or estimated from *Federal Budgets, Census of Governments*, and reports of administrative agencies.

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Table 3.A4.—Private social welfare expenditures, by category and as a percent of gross domestic product (GDP), 1980–1994

[In millions]

Category	1980	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994
Private social welfare expenditures	\$251,938	\$549,423	\$606,377	\$676,424	\$729,989	\$774,096	\$840,192	\$887,555	\$924,994
Health ¹	142,463	292,965	333,128	369,844	413,145	440,978	477,024	505,086	528,600
Personal health care.....	130,026	273,030	307,110	336,005	373,691	399,617	431,456	452,346	469,900
Income maintenance.....	53,519	143,359	148,533	166,885	164,397	170,307	186,655	194,119	204,736
Private pension payments	37,560	120,442	124,546	140,911	137,739	142,924	158,487	165,097	174,452
Life insurance	5,075	8,166	8,418	9,063	9,278	9,472	9,866	10,276	11,229
Short-term sickness and disability benefits ..	8,630	11,822	12,789	13,616	13,680	13,787	14,566	15,389	15,901
Long-term disability	1,282	2,293	2,295	2,892	2,926	3,172	3,143	2,900	2,895
Supplemental unemployment	972	636	485	403	774	952	593	457	259
Education ²	33,180	65,498	72,137	80,383	87,864	93,813	100,491	107,451	105,361
Welfare and other services.....	22,776	47,601	52,579	59,312	64,583	68,998	76,022	80,899	86,297
Social welfare expenditures as a percent of GDP:									
Total ³	27.4	29.1	29.2	29.6	31.3	32.9	34.3	34.8	34.5
Public ⁴	18.6	18.7	18.5	18.5	18.5	19.8	20.6	21.1	21.8
Private ⁵	9.3	11.7	12.0	12.4	12.8	13.2	13.6	13.7	13.5

¹ Includes program administration and net cost of health insurance, research, and construction of medical facilities.

² Includes construction.

³ Represents sum of public and private expenditures as a percent of GDP, after adjustment for elimination of overlap. The overlap occurs when payments received under public or private income-maintenance programs are used to purchase medical care, educational services, or residential care.

⁴ Represents fiscal year expenditures as a percent of federal fiscal year GDP.

⁵ Represents calendar year expenditures as a percent of calendar year GDP.

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