

# Share of Total Government Spending (Federal, State and Local) By Functional Category

## 1970-2006, Selected Years

Example: The 26.9% figure for "National Defense" in 1970 means that in 1970, national defense was responsible for 26.9% percent of all government spending at all levels.

	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006
Total Government Spending (billions)	\$294.80	\$508.20	\$842.80	\$1,366.10	\$1,872.60	\$2,397.60	\$2,886.50	\$3,892.20	\$4,130.30
Executive & Legislative (Gen. Public Services)	2.1%	2.4%	2.1%	2.0%	1.8%	1.6%	1.9%	2.3%	2.1%
Tax Collection & Financial Management	1.7%	1.6%	1.3%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%	1.2%	1.1%
Interest Payments	7.8%	7.9%	10.6%	15.3%	15.8%	14.8%	12.6%	8.9%	9.0%
Other General Public Services	1.5%	2.1%	2.3%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%	2.3%	2.0%	2.0%
National Defense	26.9%	18.3%	17.1%	18.6%	16.5%	12.4%	11.1%	13.3%	13.2%
Public Order and Safety	3.7%	4.1%	4.2%	4.3%	4.9%	5.5%	6.3%	6.4%	6.5%
Transportation	4.3%	4.4%	4.1%	3.4%	3.1%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%	3.2%
Space	1.2%	0.8%	0.6%	0.5%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
General economic and labor affairs	1.4%	1.3%	1.5%	1.0%	1.1%	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%
Agriculture	2.1%	0.9%	1.0%	1.4%	0.9%	0.7%	1.3%	1.0%	0.8%
Energy	0.3%	0.5%	0.6%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Natural Resources	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Other General economic & labor affairs	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Housing and community services	0.6%	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%	1.3%	1.0%	1.1%	1.0%
Health	8.3%	9.9%	11.0%	11.2%	13.0%	16.7%	17.4%	19.5%	20.3%
Recreation and culture	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Education	17.1%	17.9%	16.3%	14.4%	15.0%	15.0%	16.4%	16.0%	15.8%
Disability (Income Security)	3.4%	3.8%	3.9%	3.0%	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%	3.6%	3.5%
Retirement (Income Security like Soc. Sec.)	10.4%	12.1%	12.9%	12.6%	12.2%	12.4%	12.4%	11.3%	11.5%

Welfare and social services (Income Security)	4.4%	5.8%	5.6%	4.7%	4.8%	5.3%	4.8%	4.8%	4.6%
Unemployment (Income Security)	1.4%	3.5%	2.2%	1.2%	1.0%	0.9%	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
Other Income Security	0.1%	0.5%	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.8%	1.1%	1.7%	1.7%

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, NIPA Table 3.16

<http://www.bea.gov/national/nipaweb/TableView.asp?SelectedTable=315&FirstYear=1970&LastYear=2006&Freq=Year>