

# WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2025 FISCAL YEAR

**TOTAL OUTLAYS**  
(FY 2025 FEDERAL FUNDS)  
**\$5,568 BILLION**

**MILITARY: 45% AT \$2,529 BILLION**

**\$1,337 BILLION**

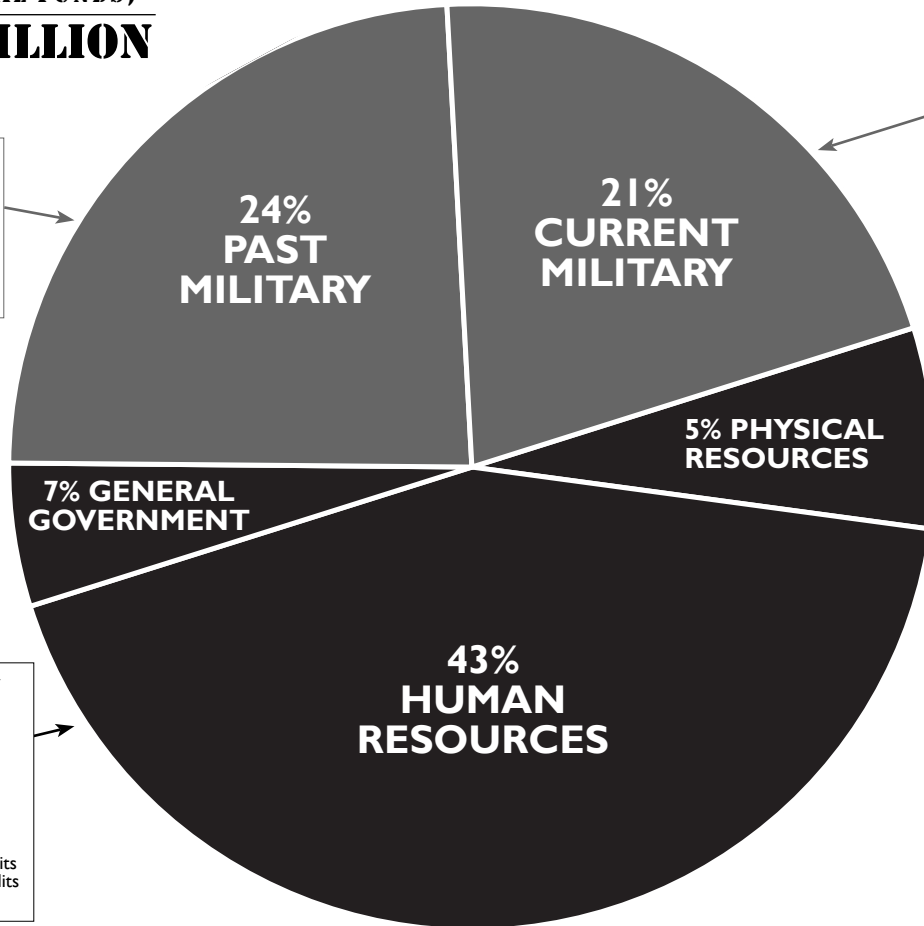
- Veterans' Benefits \$369 B
- Interest on national debt \$968 B (80% est. to be created by military)

**\$369 BILLION**

- Treasury, incl. 20% interest on debt (\$242 B)
- Govt. personnel
- Justice Dept.
- State Dept. (partial)
- Homeland Sec. (partial)
- Int. Sec. Asst. (partial)
- Judicial
- Legislative

**\$2,377 BILLION**

- Health & Human Ser.
- Soc. Sec. Admin.
- Education
- Food/Nutrition progs
- HUD
- Labor Dept.
- Earned Inc/Child Credits
- Health Insurance Credits
- Clean energy credits



**\$1,191 BILLION**

**Total DoD \$871 B:**

- Personnel \$203 B
- Op. & Maint. \$330 B
- Procurement \$167 B
- Research & Dev. \$139 B
- Construction \$17 B
- Family Housing \$2 B
- Supplements \$13 B

**Non-DoD Military\*:**

- Army Corp. (mil.) \$157 B
- DoE nuke weapons \$32 B
- NASA (50%) \$13 B
- Internl. Security Asst. \$16 B
- Homeland Sec. (mil.) \$67 B
- State Dept. (partial) \$9 B
- Justice/FBI military \$14 B
- Treas/Sec Serv/other \$12 B

\*based on coding and the military nature of activities, such as armed border control, DoD space flights

**\$294 BILLION**

- Agriculture
- Interior
- Transportation
- Homeland Sec. (partial)
- HUD (partial)
- Commerce
- Energy (non-military)
- NASA (50%)
- Environmental Protection
- Nat. Science Fdn.
- Army Corps Eng. (civil)
- FCC and other

**NON-MILITARY: 55% AT \$3,039 BILLION**

## HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

“Current military” includes Dept. of Defense (\$871 billion) and the military portion (\$320 billion) from other departments as noted in current military box above. “Past military” represents veterans’ benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.\* For further explanation, please go to warresisters.org.

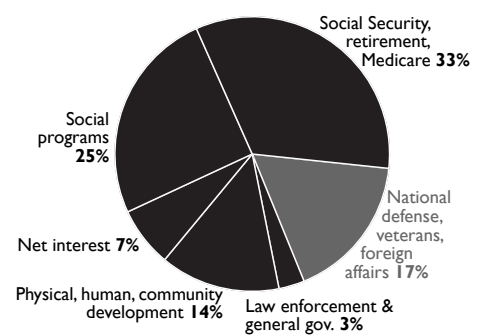
These figures are from the *Analytical Perspectives* book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2025*. The figures are Federal funds, which do not include Trust funds — such as Social Security — which are raised and spent separately from income taxes.

What you pay (or don’t pay) by April 15, 2024, goes to the Federal funds portion of the budget. The government practice of combining Trust and Federal funds began during the Vietnam War, thus making the human needs portion of the budget appear larger and the military portion smaller.

*\*Analysts differ on how much of the debt stems from the military; other groups estimate 50% to 60%. We use 80% because we believe if there had been no military spending, most of the national debt would have been eliminated.*

## Government Deception

The pie chart (right) is the government view of the budget. This is a distortion of how our income tax dollars are spent because it includes Trust Funds (e.g., Social Security), and most of the past military spending is not distinguished from nonmilitary spending. For a more accurate representation of how your Federal income tax dollar is really spent, see the large graph.



Source: 1040 Instructions 2023  
Federal Outlays for FY 2022

# DEAD WRONG

Few could miss the cynicism of President Biden proudly announcing token food drops into Gaza in March 2024, all the while providing Israel with thousands of **made-in-USA bombs** to drop on a strip of land the size of Las Vegas. Already 31,000 Palestinians had been killed and homes, hospitals, businesses, schools, roads, and farmland in Gaza left in ruins or bulldozed.

## U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

### U.S. Foreign Policy Kills

Roughly two-thirds of current conflicts worldwide involve one or more adversaries armed by the United States.

- 78 years & \$220 billion in military aid to Israel supported the occupation of Palestinians in the **WEST BANK** and **GAZA** by the most powerful military in the region.
- \$3.8 billion a year military aid to Israel will continue to 2029 under an agreement negotiated by **Obama**. Furthermore, **Biden** used loopholes in weapons sales guidelines to send Israel more than 100 shipments of bombs & military equipment.
- \$46 billion of U.S. military aid to **UKRAINE**, weapons from stockpiles and NATO, and no end in sight to Russia's attack as civilian deaths exceed 10,000 and destruction mounts.
- **Trump** used loopholes during his presidency to send billions of dollars of weapons to Saudi Arabia and UAE to carry on the war in Yemen with upward of 19,000 civilian deaths
- Arms industry political donations totaled \$19 million during Biden's first two years. Lockheed Martin, Boeing, Raytheon, and General Dynamics took 58% of the business.

In January 2024, the U.S. State Department bragged about a 55% increase in weapons sales through their Foreign Military Sales program.

### War Is Not the Answer Disarmament & Diplomacy Are

Sources: Quincy Institute/Responsible Statecraft; Council on Foreign Affairs; costsofwars.org; Washington Post 3/6/24; gualtiero boffi / Alamy Stock Photo

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Leaflet with this flyer year-round and on Tax Day, April 15, 2024, and throughout the Global Days of Action on Military Spending, April-May 2024, <https://demilitarize.org>.
- Write elected officials, letters-to-the-editor, and posts online. Send and share copies of this flyer. Explain your budget priorities for a better world.
- Divest from war! Refuse to pay all or part of your federal income tax. Though illegal, thousands of people openly participate in this form of protest. Whatever you choose to refuse—\$1, \$10, 45% or 100%—send a letter to elected officials and tell them why. Contact us for information or referral to a counselor near you. Contribute resisted tax money to groups that work for the common good.

- For more about refusing to pay for war, brochures, and other resources, contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, (800) 269-7464 or see [nwtrcc.org](http://nwtrcc.org).



### RESOURCES

- Additional copies of this leaflet are available for 17¢ each (20-199), 15¢ each (200 - 499), 13¢ each (500+) plus 20% postage. Order online at [warresisters.org/store](http://warresisters.org/store), or mail orders to the WRL address on this flyer.
- A new edition of *War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military*, will be published in 2024. Watch for info at [warresisters.org/store](http://warresisters.org/store).

- WRL celebrates 100 years of working to end war — and we won't stop. See [warresisters.org/100years](http://warresisters.org/100years).

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