



The Budget and Economic Outlook: 2026 to 2036

By the Numbers

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The Budget Outlook, by Fiscal Year

	Percentage of GDP					Billions of dollars			
	Average, 1976–2025	Actual, 2025	2026	2027	2036	Actual, 2025	2026	2027	2036
Revenues	17.3	17.2	17.5	17.7	17.8	5,235	5,596	5,885	8,301
Individual income taxes	8.0	8.7	8.6	8.8	9.1	2,656	2,751	2,947	4,249
Payroll taxes	6.0	5.8	5.7	5.7	5.7	1,748	1,826	1,897	2,666
Corporate income taxes	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.2	452	404	419	576
Customs duties	0.2	0.6	1.3	1.3	0.9	195	418	421	402
Other	1.2	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.9	183	197	201	408
Outlays	21.2	23.1	23.3	23.3	24.4	7,010	7,449	7,772	11,416
Mandatory	11.2	13.7	14.2	14.4	15.0	4,168	4,529	4,783	7,028
Social Security	4.5	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.9	1,575	1,666	1,769	2,747
Major health care programs	3.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.7	1,819	1,908	1,985	3,115
Medicare	2.2	3.3	3.3	3.4	4.2	988	1,063	1,140	1,970
Medicaid, CHIP, and marketplace subsidies	1.4	2.7	2.6	2.5	2.5	832	845	845	1,145
Other mandatory	3.2	2.5	3.0	3.1	2.5	773	955	1,029	1,166
Discretionary	7.8	6.2	5.9	5.6	4.8	1,872	1,880	1,882	2,244
Defense	4.1	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.4	893	885	901	1,100
Nondefense	3.7	3.2	3.1	2.9	2.4	980	996	981	1,144
Net interest	2.1	3.2	3.3	3.3	4.6	970	1,039	1,108	2,144
Total deficit (-)	-3.8	-5.8	-5.8	-5.7	-6.7	-1,775	-1,853	-1,887	-3,115
Primary deficit (-)	-1.7	-2.7	-2.6	-2.3	-2.1	-805	-814	-779	-971
Debt held by the public	51.2	99.4	100.6	102.1	120.2	30,172	32,095	34,005	56,152

See *Chapter 1 of the report*. Primary deficits exclude net outlays for interest. CHIP = Children’s Health Insurance Program.

The Economic Outlook, by Calendar Year

	Estimated, 2025	2026	2027	2028	Annual average	
					2029–2030	2031–2036
Change from fourth quarter to fourth quarter (percent)						
Real (inflation-adjusted) GDP	1.9	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Inflation						
PCE price index	2.8	2.7	2.3	2.1	2.0	2.0
Consumer price index	3.0	2.8	2.4	2.3	2.3	2.3
Payroll employment (average monthly change, in thousands)	70	105	31	42	43	45
Annual average (percent)						
Unemployment rate	4.3	4.6	4.5	4.5	4.3	4.2
Interest rates						
Effective federal funds rate	4.2	3.5	3.4	3.4	3.4	3.4
3-month Treasury bills	4.1	3.3	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.1
10-year Treasury notes	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.4
Tax bases (percentage of GDP)						
Wages and salaries	42.3	42.0	42.0	42.1	42.1	42.1
Domestic corporate profits	11.3	11.1	10.8	10.4	10.0	10.0

See *Chapter 2 and Appendix D of the report*. Payroll employment and interest rates show actual values for 2025. PCE = personal consumption expenditures.