

THE FACTS ABOUT ★ U.S. ★ DEFENSE SPENDING

National defense is a vital priority and a fundamental responsibility of the federal government. It is also a significant part of the federal budget.

Defense spending accounts for

13%

of all federal spending in 2023

AND IS THE SINGLE LARGEST CATEGORY OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

Training, Employment, and Social Services
General Government

Defense



Veterans' Benefits and Services

Transportation

Health

Education

International Affairs

Administration of Justice

Housing Assistance

Natural Resources and Environment

Community and Regional Development

General Science, Space, and Technology

THE U.S. SPENDS MORE ON DEFENSE THAN THE NEXT 9 COUNTRIES COMBINED

2023 DEFENSE SPENDING (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

\$916 BILLION

United States

\$883 BILLION

China

Russia

India

Saudi Arabia

United Kingdom

Germany

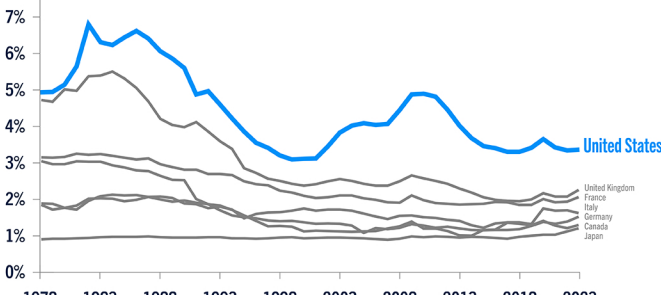
Ukraine

France

Japan

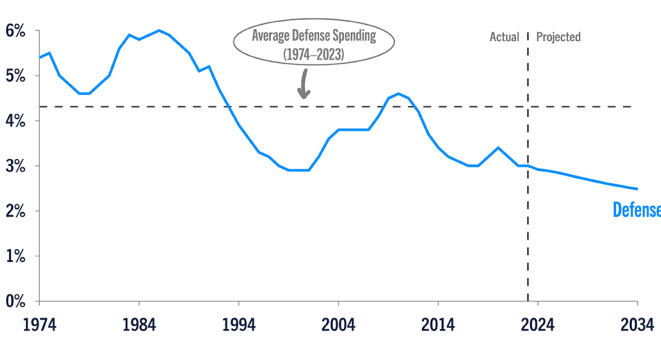
The U.S. has historically devoted a larger share of its economy to defense than many of its key allies.

Defense Spending (% of GDP)



Nonetheless, total defense spending is currently below its historical average as a share of GDP and is projected to decline further.

Defense Discretionary Spending (% of GDP)



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Putting our debt on a sustainable course over the long term will lead to higher levels of economic growth, continued availability of resources to invest in our future, and a sustained leadership role for the United States in the world.

– The Coalition for Fiscal and National Security
Chairman, Admiral Mike Mullen

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