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**COMPREHENSIVE**
We offer a complete view of government impact and finances, from the federal level to the county where you live. We’re always collecting and adding metrics from the nation’s more than 90,000 government entities.

**UNDERSTANDABLE**
We gather metrics from government sources and standardize them so they’re easy to grasp. That means detailed reports and clear, vibrant visualizations illustrating the data.

**FACTUAL AND UNBIASED**
We rely only on figures from government agencies and present them without bias. You can use the data to judge the country’s direction for yourself. We don’t answer to a board or political group. We have no agenda other than improving debates — and, by extension, American democracy — with government facts that every American deserves to see.

**CONTEXTUAL**
USAFacts uses government data from many different sources, allowing you to see the big picture all in one place. Each metric is presented with historical context so you can make your own comparisons. Our visualizations are simple to navigate so that you can measure changes over time.

**PEOPLE-CENTRIC**
We include detail on different races and ethnicities and use a statistical matching process with government surveys whenever possible to provide details for various incomes and family structures.

Please visit USAFacts.org for more details on sources and methodology.

There are over 90,000 governments in the US, including states, territories, counties, cities, towns, school districts, and other special districts, each with a different authority and purpose.

We work to simplify them into a single view.

About our data

We have compiled federal, state and local data from over 70 government sources and 120 databases.

**SOME OF OUR MOST-USED SOURCES:**
- Bureau of Economic Analysis
- Bureau of the Fiscal Service
- Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Federal Reserve
- Internal Revenue Service
- Office of Management and Budget
- United States Census Bureau

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- Agency for International Development
- Consumer Product Safety Commission
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- Department of the Treasury
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
- Federal Election Commission
- Federal Trade Commission
- Government Accountability Office
- Government Accountability Office
- Government Accountability Office
- Government Accountability Office
- Government Accountability Office
- National Archives and Records Administration
- National Labor Relations Board
- National Science Foundation
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Securities and Exchange Commission
- Small Business Administration
- Social Security Administration
- United States Congress – Joint Committee on Taxation
- United States Courts
- United States Postal Service

2021 ANNUAL REPORT
USAFACTS ORGANIZES ITS VIEW ON GOVERNMENT BASED ON THE FRAMEWORK SET OUT IN THE US CONSTITUTION, ORGANIZED INTO FOUR MISSIONS:

PREAMBLE TO THE US CONSTITUTION
We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union,

Establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility,

- Crime and disasters: physical safety of Americans
- Consumer and employee safeguards: protection from financial crime, wrongdoing, or malfeasance by businesses
- Child safety and miscellaneous social services: protection of children from dangerous family situations

Provide for the common defense,

- National defense and support for veterans: military forces and services to support our veterans
- Foreign affairs and foreign aid: economic, military, and other support to countries around the world
- Immigration and border security: immigration policy and protection of our nation’s borders

Promote the general welfare,

- Economy and infrastructure: economic stimulation, including policies, and investments in infrastructure and research & development
- Standard of living and aid to the disadvantaged: income, taxes, transfers to citizens, and what people can purchase
- Health: public health and the healthcare industry which is affected by government regulation and payments
- Government-run businesses: operation of the post office, hospitals, and airports, among others

Secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity,

- Education: investment in children, our workforce, and human capital
- Wealth and savings: financial security, savings policy, mandating investment in Social Security and Medicare, and debt
- Sustainability and self-sufficiency: regulation, policies, and taxes on industry to help protect the planet and ensure energy and food supply
- The American Dream: promoting equality and a chance to move up economically, and participation in democracy

Do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.
Population
In 2020, 329 million people lived in the United States.

That's a 45% increase since 1980.

Each decade, the federal government is constitutionally obligated to conduct a census and count every person in the US. The 2020 census data, not yet released as of the publication of this report, will affect the information below and statistics elsewhere in this report, be used to apportion congressional seats, and impact national issues like household income and employment.

The population grew by 1.6 million from 2018 to 2019, with 38% of growth from immigration.

This 0.5% annual growth rate is the lowest since 1918. 2020 population growth data from the US Census Bureau is forthcoming.

In 2020, 329 million people lived in the United States.
According to preliminary data, the 2020 death rate was the highest since 1943.

Ten people per 1,000 died in 2020, lower than the peak of 13.9 per 1,000 during the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic but higher than the average since 2000 of 8.3 per 1,000.

Since 1980, people 65 and older have increased from 11% to 16% of the total population.
More people are living alone.

Eleven percent of the population now lives alone, up from 8% in 1980.

The absolute number of non-Hispanic white people has decreased every year since 2017.

Source: Census Bureau

Note: All population groups are non-Hispanic other than the Hispanic group.
Government Finances
1980 combined government revenue: $2.4 trillion.

Combined revenue represents federal, state, and local revenue (in 2018 dollars). Revenue was $769.7B unadjusted for inflation.

Tax revenue
- $2.3T (94%)
  - Individual income taxes
    - $893.2B (37%)
  - Payroll taxes
    - $485.5B (20%)
    - Social Security
      - Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI)
        - $357.1B
    - Medicare
      - $73.2B
  - Sales & excise taxes
    - $325.4B (14%)
    - General sales taxes
      - $160.2B
    - Motor fuel
      - $51.3B
    - Alcohol and Tobacco
      - $25.7B
      - $19.7B
  - Corporate income taxes
    - $243.2B (10%)
  - Property taxes
    - $213.8B (9%)
  - Other taxes
    - $107.7B (4%)
    - Licenses
      - $28.3B
    - Estate and gift
      - $26.3B
    - Other
      - $17.6B
    - Severance taxes
      - $13.0B
    - Customs and duties
      - $22.4B
  - Railroad retirement
    - $7.3B
  - Unemployment insurance
    - $47.9B
  - Other
    - $13.0B

Non-tax revenue
- $133.8B (6%)
  - Earnings (losses) on investments
    - $43.8B
  - Federal Reserve earnings
    - $36.7B
  - Other non-tax revenue
    - $29.1B
  - Sales of government resources
    - (sales of assets, rents and royalties)
    - $24.2B

Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).

Note: Percentages have been rounded. Charts are inflation-adjusted to fiscal year 2018 dollars and are shown to scale for comparison. State and local government data are not as current as federal data due to varying collection times, so combined totals are only available through 2018, the most recent year of data.
2018 combined government revenue: $5.7 trillion.

Combined revenue represents federal, state, and local revenue.

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1980 combined government spending: $2.6 trillion.

COMBINED SPENDING REPRESENTS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL SPENDING (IN 2018 DOLLARS). SPENDING WAS $833.3B UNADJUSTED FOR INFLATION.

Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).

Note: Percentages have been rounded. Charts are in fiscal year 2018 dollars and are shown to scale for comparison. Visual does not include $0.8B in programs where offsetting collections exceeded spending for banking and finance. State and local government data are not as current as federal data due to varying collection times, so combined totals are only available through 2018, the most recent year of data.
2018 combined government spending: $6.3 trillion.

COMBINED SPENDING REPRESENTS FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL SPENDING.

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Note: Percentages have been rounded. Charts are in fiscal year 2018 dollars and are shown to scale for comparison. Visual does not include $43.5B in programs where offsetting collections exceeded spending for general commerce, banking and finance, housing support and US Post Office. State and local government data are not as current as federal data due to varying collection times, so combined totals are only available through 2018, the most recent year of data.
GOVERNMENT FINANCES

Federal, state, and local governments spent a combined total of $6.3 trillion in 2018. While state and local data is not available beyond 2018, it is important to look at combined spending to get a complete picture of government finances.

The federal government made $2.6 trillion in funds available to respond to COVID-19 and spent $1.6 trillion of that in fiscal year 2020.

Federal spending grew 45% in fiscal year 2020. This is more than double the 2009 increase during the Great Recession. Federal spending in 2020 was equivalent to 31% of GDP, higher than the 20% annual average since 1980.

Over $1 trillion of the funds were spent on small business loans, unemployment compensation, and stimulus checks. In comparison, 2009’s American Recovery and Reinvestment Act cost an estimated $831 billion.

Source: Department of the Treasury

Note: Debt owed to the public is debt sold in credit markets in forms including bills, notes, and treasury bonds. Private US citizens, citizens of other nations, and foreign governments can all hold this debt.
In 2018, federal, state, and local governments brought in $5.7 trillion in revenue.

While full data is not yet available beyond 2018, preliminary data shows that state and local tax revenue in 2020 was 1% lower than in 2019. Federal revenue decreased 3% in fiscal year 2020.

Note: Numbers may not add up due to rounding and the discrepancy between grants from the federal government to state and local governments as reported by the federal government versus as reported by state and local governments. Data is in inflation-adjusted 2018 fiscal year dollars.

Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).

96% OF ALL GOVERNMENT REVENUE IN 2018 CAME FROM SIX AREAS:
ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION

- **37%** Individual income taxes
  - 2001 and 2003: Tax cut legislation passed
  - 2008: Incomes were reduced during the recession
  - $2.1T

- **21%** Payroll taxes
  - $1.2T

- **12%** Non-tax revenue
  - Federal, state, and local governments lost money on investments during the recession
  - $697.8B

- **10%** Property taxes
  - $547.0B

- **12%** Sales and excise taxes
  - $706.4B

- **5%** Corporate income taxes
  - $260.8B

Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).
In 2018, federal, state, and local governments spent $6.3 trillion.

The federal government spent more than that in 2020 due to increased stimulus spending. State and local governments account for an average of 46% of government spending, a quarter of which is with funds transferred from the federal government.

Most federal spending happens in two ways: direct spending on federal programs (such as for the military) and indirect spending through transfers to state and local governments in the form of grants (such as for infrastructure) that those governments then spend. State and local governments raise money both through federal grants and revenue raised through state and local revenue sources.

Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau, and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA).

Note: Data is in inflation-adjusted 2018 fiscal year dollars.
## Government Employment 2018: 23.7 Million
Federal*, State, and Local

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Employees (Federal, state, and local)</th>
<th>Percent change since 1980</th>
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<tr>
<td>Education: elementary and secondary</td>
<td>7,801,719</td>
<td>+60.3%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education: higher education</td>
<td>3,315,414</td>
<td>+77.5%</td>
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<td>Hospitals</td>
<td>1,348,478</td>
<td>+16.9%</td>
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<td>Active duty military</td>
<td>1,338,487</td>
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<td>Police protection</td>
<td>1,182,472</td>
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<td>Corrections</td>
<td>752,367</td>
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<td>National defense and international relations</td>
<td>743,813</td>
<td>-23.8%</td>
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<td>All other and unallocable</td>
<td>670,042</td>
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<td>Health</td>
<td>650,042</td>
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<td>Postal service</td>
<td>578,493</td>
<td>-12.9%</td>
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<td>General: Financial administration</td>
<td>556,335</td>
<td>+30.5%</td>
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<td>Public welfare</td>
<td>552,670</td>
<td>+40.1%</td>
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<td>Highways</td>
<td>509,995</td>
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<td>Judicial and legal</td>
<td>501,010</td>
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<td>Parks and recreation</td>
<td>452,795</td>
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<td>Fire protection</td>
<td>437,282</td>
<td>+41.8%</td>
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<td>General: Other government administration</td>
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<td>Natural resources</td>
<td>360,699</td>
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<td>Transit</td>
<td>263,542</td>
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<td>Libraries</td>
<td>189,564</td>
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<td>Water supply</td>
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<td>Sewerage</td>
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<td>Housing and community development</td>
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<td>Solid waste management</td>
<td>116,522</td>
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<td>Air transportation</td>
<td>97,851</td>
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<td>Education: other</td>
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<td>Electric power</td>
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<td>Social insurance administration (State &amp; local)</td>
<td>67,388</td>
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<td>Social insurance administration (Federal)*</td>
<td>62,708</td>
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<td>Water transport and terminals</td>
<td>18,498</td>
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<td>Space research and technology</td>
<td>17,736</td>
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<td>State liquor stores</td>
<td>12,211</td>
<td>-24.3%</td>
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<td>Gas supply</td>
<td>11,783</td>
<td>+23.3%</td>
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Notes:
1) Employment as of March of each year
2) Active duty military are as of September of each year, reserves are not included
3) Civilian military employees are included in "national defense" and "international relations"
4) Percent change calculated from 1982 due to lack of data availability in 1980

*Federal employment data is from 2014 due to a lag in reporting, whereas state and local government employment data goes to 2018. In 2014, federal employees made up about 17% of total government employment.
Economy & Infrastructure

TOTAL SPENDING 2018
$273B (4.2% OF COMBINED SPENDING)
Economy & Infrastructure

**Economy & Infrastructure Adjusted for Inflation**

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<th>Federal</th>
<th>Transfers</th>
<th>State and Local (excluding transfers)</th>
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<td>1980</td>
<td>$100B</td>
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<td>2020</td>
<td>$600B</td>
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2018 Total Spending: $273B

% of Total Spending:
- 1980: 6.8%
- 2018: 4.2%

**Federal Government**

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<td>Sell Treasury securities</td>
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<td>Negotiate trade agreements</td>
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<td>Establish and enforce customs duties and tariffs</td>
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<td>Facilitate foreign investment and export of US goods and services</td>
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**State & Local Government**

| Key Actors |
| State departments of revenue |
| State legislatures |

| Responsibilities |
| Set tax rates and collect taxes (largely income, sales) |

| Facilitate foreign investment and export of US goods and services |

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<td><strong>RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT</strong></td>
<td>• National Science Foundation</td>
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<td>• Corporations (e.g. Amtrak)</td>
<td>• Provide services in regulated areas</td>
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<td><strong>INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT</strong></td>
<td>• Transportation Department</td>
<td>• Fund and manage federal public infrastructure projects (largely airports, highways, and railroads)</td>
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GDP decreased 3.5% in 2020, the greatest decrease since 1946.

GDP has grown 2.1% on average over the past 20 years, but it fell from $21.7 trillion in 2019 to $20.9 trillion in 2020.

Despite the pandemic, the S&P 500 stock index reached an all-time high at the end of 2020.
Monthly unemployment reached a high of 14.8% in April 2020 after reaching a 50-year low of 3.5% in February.

The average monthly unemployment for 2020 was 8.1%, lower than the 8.9% rate in 2011. Unemployment was highest among Black and Hispanic Americans. The rate for Hispanic Americans peaked at 18.9% in April.

The average labor force participation rate in 2020 was 61.7%, the lowest it has been since 1976.

The labor force participation rate is the percentage of the working-age population that is either employed or searching for work (i.e., in the labor force).
Nearly 25 million Americans were on unemployment insurance in May, the highest point during the pandemic.

Typically, 1–2 million people are on unemployment at any given time. California, Hawaii, Nevada and Washington, DC had the highest rates of unemployment insurance; Idaho, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming had the lowest. Four million Americans had been out of work for more than six months as of January 2021.
The economy lost 9.4 million jobs in 2020, a 6.2% decrease from 2019. That’s larger than the 3.7% drop from 2008 to 2009 during the Great Recession.

The leisure and hospitality sector lost the most jobs: 3.7 million (down 22%). The government sector lost 1.3 million (down 6%) and the education and health services sector lost 1.2 million (down 5%).

At the end of 2020, 74% of businesses reported experiencing negative effects from COVID-19 and 73% of businesses received a Paycheck Protection Program loan.

Accommodation and food services, arts and entertainment and health care felt the greatest negative effects.
Prior to the pandemic, median wages increased 1.2% from 2018 to 2019.

They’re up 2.2% since 2004. Holding company wages increased 21% since 2004, while transportation wages decreased 11% and retail wages increased 0.1%.

MEDIAN ANNUAL WAGES BY SECTOR, 2004 AND 2019
ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION

In 2019, the average median wage was $39,810. In 2004, it was $38,937 (adjusting for inflation).

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Note: Holding companies refers to NAICS sector 55, or management of companies and enterprises. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, this sector comprises (1) establishments that hold the securities of (or other equity interests in) companies and enterprises for the purpose of owning a controlling interest or influencing management decisions or (2) establishments (except government establishments) that administer, oversee, and manage establishments of the company or enterprise and that normally undertake the strategic or organizational planning and decision making role of the company or enterprise.
The US imported $679 billion more in goods and services than it exported in 2020, an 18% increase in the trade deficit from 2019.

The US trade deficit with China in the third quarter of 2020 was $75 billion, a 1% decrease from the same time in 2019.
In 2020, the federal government spent $146 billion on infrastructure, with over half in the form of transfers to state and local governments. Nearly 40% of 2020 federal transportation spending was air transportation stimulus spending in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Public transit ridership was down 47% from 2019 to 2020.

Air travel from March to the end of 2020 was down 72% from the same period in 2019.
Car travel in the first 11 months of 2020 was down 14% compared to the same time in 2019.

November 2020 car travel increased 54% from the April 2020 low. It was 10% below normal.

Urban roads and interstates are improving.

However, 45% of minor urban roads and 26% of mid-size urban roads remain in unsatisfactory condition.

Note: Mid-size roads refers to minor arterials, and minor roads refers to major collectors.
Bridges are improving. The proportion of bridges rated as poor decreased from 9.4% in 2012 to 7.5% in 2019.

Train infrastructure is degrading. Two-thirds of train tunnels and nearly one-third of train control systems and elevated structures rated as poor or substandard as of last count.

Source: Bureau of Transportation Statistics
Health

TOTAL SPENDING 2018
$169B (2.6% OF COMBINED SPENDING)
# Health

## Health Adjusted for Inflation

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## 2018 Total Spending

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<td>State &amp; Local</td>
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## Health Adjusted for Inflation

- **Federal**: $169B
- **Transfers**: $125B
- **State and Local (excluding transfers)**: $44B

## Key Actors and Responsibilities

### Federal Government

- **Public Health**
  - Surgeon General
  - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
  - Department of Health and Human Services
  - Food and Drug Administration
  - Agriculture Department
  - Promote good health and educate the public
  - Research and investigate disease
  - Oversee food and drug safety and other health-related services
  - Provide grants to states

### State & Local Government

- State and county public health agencies
  - Promote good health and educate the public
  - Provide and/or coordinate some health services such as disease testing and immunization

### Research and Development

- National Institutes of Health
  - Fund and directly conduct scientific research
- Public universities
  - Conduct health research

Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
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| **HOSPITALS AND EMERGENCY CARE** | • Department of Veterans Affairs  
  • Military hospitals | • Provide health services and hospital care to veterans and service members | • Public hospitals  
  • First responders (911, public ambulance services, and fire departments)  
  • Poison control | • Provide general and emergency medical services |
| **HEALTH INSURANCE** | • Department of Health and Human Services  
  • Congress  
  • Department of Veterans Affairs | • Operate federal health insurance exchanges  
  • Regulate health insurance market  
  • Provide insurance (Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, TriCare, Indian Health Service)  
  • Impose tax penalties on those who don’t have health coverage (in some states) | • State health exchanges (in some states)  
  • State departments of revenue (in some states) | • Operate state health insurance exchanges (in some states)  
  • Impose tax penalties on those who don’t have health coverage (in some states) |
As of March 30, 30.2 million Americans, or 9% of the population, had tested positive for COVID-19.

COVID-19: NEW CASES PER DAY
7-DAY AVERAGE

As of March 30, over half a million Americans had died from COVID-19. That’s 0.2% of the population.

COVID-19: NEW DEATHS PER DAY
7-DAY AVERAGE

Cases spiked in the Northeast in the spring, the South in the summer, and the Midwest and West toward the end of 2020. States determined their own mitigation strategies for most of 2020.
Preliminary data shows that 3.4 million people died in 2020, 20% more than in 2019, with the top three causes — heart disease, cancer, and COVID-19 — accounting for nearly half of deaths.

Deaths in 2020 were higher than average for all age groups except for people younger than 25.

The limited available data on race and ethnicity shows that death rates from COVID-19 for Black and Hispanic people are higher than rates for white and Asian people of every age.

More than 0.6% of Black and Hispanic people aged 65-74 died from COVID-19, over twice as high as the 0.3% death rate for white people in this age group.
As of March 31, over 54 million Americans had been fully vaccinated for COVID-19. That's equivalent to 16.4% of the total population. For comparison, 49.2% of people ages six months and older got a flu vaccine during the 2018-2019 flu season.

PERCENT OF POPULATION FULLY VACCINATED FOR COVID-19 AS OF MARCH 31, 2021

Source: USAFacts aggregation of state and local public health data

See our dashboard for the most up-to-date COVID-19 data
According to preliminary estimates, life expectancy fell by one year to 77.8 years from 2019 to 2020 due to COVID-19. 

Life expectancy fell by 2.7 years for Black people from 74.7 years to 72.0 years and by 1.9 years for Hispanic people from 81.8 years to 79.9 years.

Americans are smoking less, but an increasing proportion are obese, have diabetes, hypertension, or depression.
Personal healthcare spending reached $3.2 trillion in 2019, or $9,770 per capita.

Most was spent on hospitals (37%), physicians (24%) and prescription drugs (12%). The remainder was spent on other health needs like dental services and nursing care. Data for 2020 is not yet available.

State and local governments are primarily responsible for public health, spending $96 billion on it in 2018 — excluding federal grants.

The federal government spent $60 billion that year through grants to states and its own programs. Over half of federal funding went to the National Institutes of Health, which supports medical research, and 14% went to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
The percentage of uninsured Americans decreased to 8% in 2019, near the 2017 low of 7.9%.

The percent of Americans receiving Medicaid has decreased annually since 2015. Insurance coverage varies by race and ethnicity: 16.7% of Hispanic Americans were uninsured in 2019, as were 9.6% of Black Americans.

Average insurance spending is different across programs.

Medicare and Medicaid spend more per enrollee than private insurance while covering populations that are older and more impoverished, respectively. Per-enrollee spending for Medicare and Medicaid has remained relatively flat, however, while private insurance spending is increasing, adjusting for inflation.
Standard of Living

TOTAL SPENDING 2018
$1.1T (16.2% OF COMBINED SPENDING)
Standard of Living

**2018 TOTAL SPENDING**

$1.1T

% OF TOTAL SPENDING

1980 10.6%

2018 16.2%

**INCOME AND TAXES**

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<td>Labor Department</td>
<td>Set and enforce federal minimum wage</td>
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<td>Congress</td>
<td>Set and collect income taxes</td>
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<td>IRS</td>
<td>Set and administer tax credits such as EITC and child tax credit</td>
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**CASH ASSISTANCE**

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<td>Department of Health and Human Services</td>
<td>Give block grants to fund Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Social Security Administration</td>
<td>Partially fund supplemental security income (SSI) and disability insurance</td>
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<td>Labor Department</td>
<td>Partially fund unemployment insurance</td>
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<td>Office of Refugee Resettlement</td>
<td>Fund refugee assistance</td>
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## Standard of Living

### Federal Government

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| • Department of Health and Human Services  
  • Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services  
  • Agriculture Department  
  • Education Department  
  • Department of Housing and Urban Development | • Fund childcare assistance  
  • Provide health insurance (Medicaid and CHIP)  
  • Provide nutrition programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); school lunch; women, infants, and children support  
  • Provide Pell Grants  
  • Fund and administer some housing assistance |

### State & Local Government

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| • State departments of families/social services  
  • State departments of health services  
  • Local public housing agencies  
  • State labor departments | • Administer childcare assistance  
  • Administer and partially fund health insurance (Medicaid and CHIP)  
  • Administer nutrition programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP); school lunch; women, infants, and children support  
  • Administer housing assistance |
In December 2020, 38% of all households — 90 million nationwide — reported difficulty paying for usual expenses. Half of households lost employment income during the pandemic.

Nine and a half percent of US adults faced housing insecurity in December. As many as 18% of adults in Louisiana were not current on rent or mortgage payments or were uncertain they could make the next month’s payments on time. The rate was lowest in Utah, at 4%.
**STANDARD OF LIVING**

**Before the pandemic, the middle 20% of income earners earned an average of $51,666 in market income, paid $15,748 in taxes, and received $19,031 in government transfers.**

That's less market income than in 2000 when adjusted for inflation, partly due to people leaving the labor force due to retirement or other reasons. However, middle-class earners received $6,853 more in government transfers and paid $1,561 less in taxes in 2018 than in 2000.

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### Average Total Market Income by Income Group, 2000 and 2018

*Adjusted for Inflation*

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<th>Income Group</th>
<th>Market Income</th>
<th>Government Transfers</th>
<th>Taxes</th>
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<tr>
<td>All Families</td>
<td>$93,393 $33,165</td>
<td>$19,031 $15,748</td>
<td>$201,813 $2,014,813</td>
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<td>Top 1%</td>
<td>$203,710 $232,971</td>
<td>$26,168 $22,432</td>
<td>$2,217,109</td>
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<td>Top 2-20%</td>
<td>$53,763 $51,866</td>
<td>$6,853 $1,561</td>
<td>$201,813</td>
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<td>Fourth 20%</td>
<td>$3,816 $51,866</td>
<td>$9,800 $14,037</td>
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<td>Middle 20%</td>
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<td>$2,320 $3,519</td>
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Source: USAFacts calculations using data from the Internal Revenue Service and the US Census Bureau

Note: Market income includes wages, investments, and retirement. Transfers include cash transfers like unemployment insurance and noncash like Medicaid. Taxes include both direct taxes, such as income and sales taxes, and indirect taxes, like the FICA and unemployment insurance payroll taxes.

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### Average Taxes Paid by Income Group, 2000 and 2018

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<td>All Families</td>
<td>$34,518 $33,165</td>
<td>$12,477 $19,422</td>
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<td>Top 1%</td>
<td>$74,141 $70,850</td>
<td>$10,661 $14,589</td>
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<td>Top 2-20%</td>
<td>$31,374 $25,635</td>
<td>$8,254 $11,552</td>
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Occupations with median earnings below the national median lost 8% of their jobs in 2020. Occupations above the median wage lost 3%.

Nearly half (46%) of personal-care workers lost their jobs, as did 24% of food-preparation workers. Two exceptions were transportation and healthcare support. While healthcare support roles have a lower median wage than other occupations, employment in them grew 32% in 2020 compared to the 5% yearly growth rate of the past 15 years.
Prior to the pandemic, the poverty rate decreased from 15% in 2010 to 10.5% in 2019, the lowest it had been since 1980.

The rate fell from 27.4% in 2010 to 18.8% in 2019 for Black people and 26.5% to 15.7% for Hispanic people.
TOTAL SPENDING 2018
$951B (14.6% OF COMBINED SPENDING)

Education
## Education

### 2018 TOTAL SPENDING

**$951B**

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<td>1980</td>
<td>15.1%</td>
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### Education Adjusted for Inflation

![Chart showing education spending from 1980 to 2020](chart.png)

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT VS. STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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<td>Partially fund preschools</td>
<td>State education departments</td>
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<tr>
<td>Department of Health and Human Services</td>
<td>Fund Head Start programs</td>
<td>School districts</td>
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<td>Partially fund K-12 schools</td>
<td>State education departments</td>
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<td>Partially fund institutes of higher education</td>
<td>State education departments</td>
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### Key Actors

- **Education Department**
- **Department of Health and Human Services**
- **State education departments**
- **School districts**

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## EDUCATION

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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<td>• Education Department&lt;br&gt;• IRS&lt;br&gt;• Department of Veterans Affairs</td>
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<td>• Establish policies and distribute aid (to states and individuals) including:</td>
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<td>• Title I funding for low-income K-12 schools&lt;br&gt;   Pell Grants, federal work-study, and student loans&lt;br&gt;   Education tax benefits&lt;br&gt;   Veterans education benefits</td>
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<td>RESEARCHES AND REGULATES SCHOOLS</td>
<td>• Education Department&lt;br&gt;• Congress</td>
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<td>• Enforce Title IX and other anti-discrimination policies&lt;br&gt;</td>
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<td>• Set rules for data collection and analysis&lt;br&gt;</td>
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<td>• Create education policy</td>
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<td>MANDATES AND INCENTIVIZES BEHAVIOR</td>
<td>• State education departments&lt;br&gt;</td>
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<td>• State departments of education</td>
<td>• Distribute funding dollars (e.g. Title I) according to school needs</td>
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<td>• State post-secondary education systems</td>
<td>• Provide student aid (e.g. for tuition)</td>
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In December, over half of households with K-12 students reported their kids spent less time learning compared to before the pandemic.

K-12 TIME SPENT LEARNING COMPARED TO BEFORE THE PANDEMIC AVERAGE FROM AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2020

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<td>Less time learning</td>
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<td>As much time learning</td>
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Source: US Census Bureau

Note: Data represents the population with children enrolled in public or private school. Those who did not respond were omitted from the denominator.

About 59 million adults lived with someone who planned to attend college in fall 2020, with over a third of them reporting that the student ultimately canceled their plans.

Changes to plans for higher education due to the pandemic average from August to December 2020

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<td>Classes in different format</td>
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<td>Canceled plans to take classes</td>
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<td>35.3%</td>
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<td>Plans have not changed</td>
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<td>25.7%</td>
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<td>Taking fewer classes</td>
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<td>12.0%</td>
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Source: US Census Bureau

Note: Data represents households where at least one adult was planning on taking classes in fall 2020 at a post–high school institution. Those who did not respond were omitted from the denominator.

Two-thirds of Black and Hispanic children reported always having internet available for their studies during the pandemic, whereas over three-quarters of white and Asian children did.

INTERNET ALWAYS AVAILABLE FOR EDUCATIONAL ACCESS DURING THE PANDEMIC, BY RACE AVERAGE FROM AUGUST TO DECEMBER 2020

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<th>60%</th>
<th>65%</th>
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<th>75%</th>
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Source: US Census Bureau

Note: Data represents the population with children enrolled in public or private school. Those who did not respond were omitted from the denominator.
Since 2000, spending per public school student increased 24% to $12,794.

**SPENDING PER STUDENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION**

![Graph showing spending per student](image)

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

**STUDENT-TO-TEACHER RATIO**

![Graph showing student-to-teacher ratio](image)

Source: National Center for Education Statistics

Two-thirds of eighth-graders are not proficient in math and reading.

**READING: PERCENT OF 8TH-GRADE STUDENTS AT OR ABOVE PROFICIENCY, 1992 AND 2019 BY RACE**

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Source: National Center for Education Statistics

Note: Represents students scoring at proficient or above. Proficiency represents solid academic performance on the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) exam. Includes public and private schools.

Nearly four out of five Black and Hispanic eighth-graders are not proficient in math or reading. Due to COVID-19, the national 2021 assessment is delayed until 2022.
Student loan debt reached $1.7 trillion in 2020.

The government suspended student loan payments until October 2021 due to the pandemic.

College tuition averaged $24,623 in 2016, nearly double the 1993 cost. The average net price for those receiving federal aid was $9,030 for students at 2-year institutions and $18,770 at 4-year institutions.

Governments and institutions gave students an average of $11,810 in grant aid in 2016, also almost twice the 1993 average.

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**AVERAGE UNDERGRADUATE TUITION ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION**

- 1990: $17,829
- 2000: $22,437
- 2010: $24,623
- 2019: $25,894

**EDUCATION**

Source: Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics

Note: Aid awarded by type represents the average amount of aid awarded for the full-time, full-year undergraduates to whom each aid type was awarded. Federal aid refers to Title IV aid, which includes Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOGs), federal work-study, federal student loans, and other federal grant programs. Even if a student was awarded zero Title IV aid in the form of grants and only received aid in the form of work-study or loans, the student would be included in the net price calculations. 56% of undergraduates in 2016 received some form of federal aid.
Eighty-five percent of students graduate from high school, and 70% of graduates go on to college.

Sixty-two percent of students at four-year colleges graduate within six years, while 33% of students at two-year colleges graduate within three years. Less than half of Black students enrolled in four-year colleges graduate within six years.
Wages for people with a bachelor’s degree have increased 5% since 2000.

People with a bachelor’s degree earn roughly 67% more than workers with only a high school diploma.

**MEDIAN WEEKLY EARNINGS BY LEVEL OF EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT, 2000 AND 2020**

**ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION**

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<th>Level of Educational Attainment</th>
<th>2000 Median Weekly Earnings</th>
<th>2020 Median Weekly Earnings</th>
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<td>National median weekly earnings</td>
<td>$915</td>
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<td>Advanced degree</td>
<td>$1,539</td>
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<td>Bachelor’s degree</td>
<td>$1,243</td>
<td>$1,305</td>
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<td>$896</td>
<td>$903</td>
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<td>High school graduate</td>
<td>$759</td>
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<td>Less than a high school degree</td>
<td>$544</td>
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Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

More than a third of the overall adult population has a bachelor’s degree or higher, but only 25% of Black Americans and 18% of Hispanic Americans do.

**EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THE POPULATION 25 AND OLDER BY RACE, 2018**

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<td>White</td>
<td>9.8%</td>
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<td>12.1%</td>
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Source: National Center for Education Statistics
Wealth & Savings

TOTAL SPENDING 2018
$2.4T (36.9% OF COMBINED SPENDING)
# Wealth & Savings

## 2018 Total Spending

- **$2.4T**

## % of Total Spending

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## Wealth & Savings Adjusted for Inflation

![Graph showing wealth and savings](image)

## Federal Government

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<td>Social Security Administration</td>
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<td>Provide health insurance in the form of Medicare</td>
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## State & Local Government

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<td>IRS</td>
<td>Provide tax breaks to homeowners (e.g., mortgage interest deduction, real estate tax deduction)</td>
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<td></td>
<td>IRS</td>
<td>Provide tax-free defined contribution plans such as IRA and 401(k) plans</td>
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Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)

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<td>• Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</td>
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<td>• Labor Department</td>
<td>• Ensure benefits meet legal standards</td>
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<td>• Congress</td>
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<td>• Department of Treasury</td>
<td>• Pay interest on government securities</td>
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WEALTH & SAVINGS

The wealth of the middle 20% of income earners has grown 66% since 1990.

However, because middle class wealth has grown slower than overall wealth, middle class families went from owning 12% of wealth in 1990 to 7% in 2020.

Not including Social Security, 71% of workers had access to retirement benefits in 2018.

Access to pensions with a defined benefit declined from 31% in 2008 to 26% in 2018. Over this same period, access to defined contribution plans like 401(k)s rose from 52% to 60%. Seventy million people participated in 401(k) plans in 2018.
Fifty-four million people received Social Security retirement benefits in 2019.

There were about 50% more Social Security recipients per capita in 2019 than there were in 1970. Nearly 10 million people were on disability insurance, some of whom may have also received Social Security retirement benefits.

The average Social Security retirement benefit is $1,446 per month.

This is more than double what it was in 1970, accounting for inflation.
Sixty-one million people were enrolled in Medicare in 2019.

That's about 90% more Medicare enrollees per capita than there were in 1970.

Average Medicare costs per beneficiary are over four times higher than they were in 1970, accounting for inflation.

The average Medicare cost per beneficiary was $14,151 in 2019. The majority of expenses go toward Part A and Part B, which support costs for hospitals, and medical and preventative care services, respectively.
Energy & Environment

TOTAL SPENDING 2018
$114B (1.7% OF COMBINED SPENDING)
Energy & Environment

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

**Key Actors**
- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- NASA

**Responsibilities**
- Develop and enforce regulations around pollution, emissions and resources
- Collect data on and research environmental issues

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**STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Key Actors**
- State departments of environment

**Responsibilities**
- Develop and enforce environmental regulations

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### ENERGENTAL PROTECTION AND RESEARCH

- Environmental Protection Agency
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- NASA

### LAND AND RESOURCE REGULATION

- Interior Department
- Bureau of Land Management
- National Park Service
- National Forest Service
- Fish and Wildlife Service

- Lease, own and repurpose land
- Operate and regulate national parks and forests
- Regulate fishing and hunting
- Monitor endangered species

### AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY OVERSIGHT

- Agriculture Department

- Provide subsidies and insurance to farmers

### ENERGY AND MINERAL PRODUCTION AND REGULATION

- Energy Department
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- Bureau of Mines
- Bureau of Land Management

- Fund and conduct research
- Ensure nuclear safety
- Lease land for energy production (e.g., oil and gas, renewable)

Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
**ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT**

2020 was the second-warmest year on record.

Global temperatures in 2020 were 1.76 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than the twentieth-century average and 0.04 degrees lower than 2016, the warmest year on record.

**GLOBAL TEMPERATURE DIFFERENCE FROM 20TH CENTURY AVERAGE**

DEGREES FAHRENHEIT

Last year, there were 22 natural disasters that cost more than $1 billion each, six more than any year recorded.

The 2010s averaged twelve $1 billion disasters per year and the 2000s averaged six $1 billion disasters per year.

**APPROXIMATE LOCATION, RELATIVE COST, AND TYPE OF BILLION DOLLAR DISASTERS IN 2020**

A COMBINED TOTAL OF $95B IN DAMAGES

Source: National Centers for Environmental Information – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
The US emits fewer greenhouse gases per person than in 1990, but greenhouse gas emissions per capita increased in 2018 for the first time since 2014.

Carbon dioxide emissions were 11% lower in the first 10 months of 2020 compared to the same months in 2019, partly due to pandemic travel restrictions.

In 2017, transportation overtook electricity generation as the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the US.

In 2018, the US made up 15% of the world’s carbon dioxide emissions and emitted more metric tons of carbon dioxide (5.3 billion metric tons) than any country in the world other than China (10.8 billion metric tons). The US has produced roughly 20% of the world’s total carbon dioxide emissions since 1980.
US energy production is accelerating, increasing by 5.8% between 2018 and 2019.

Fossil fuel production was up 38% in 2019 compared to 1980, largely due to a 77% increase in natural gas production (and despite a 23% decrease in coal production). Nuclear energy production increased 209% in the same period and renewable production increased 112%. Combined, renewable and nuclear energy comprised 20% of energy production in 2019.

In 2019, renewable energy consumption surpassed coal energy consumption for the first time in over 130 years.

Fossil fuels (petroleum, natural gas, and coal) account for 80% of US energy consumption.
Energy consumption per person in 2019 was 13% lower than in 2000. However, it has increased from 2017.

In 2019, the US became a net exporter of energy for the first time since 1952. Imported energy fell 34% from the high in 2006, while exports increased 440% over the same period.
Crime & Disasters

TOTAL SPENDING 2018
$373B (5.7% OF COMBINED SPENDING)
Crime & Disasters

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Justice System

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<td>Justice Department</td>
<td>Investigate and prosecute criminals for federal crimes</td>
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<td>Federal courts</td>
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<td>Bureau of Prisons</td>
<td>Evaluate constitutionality of laws</td>
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<td>Supreme Court</td>
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<td>Run court systems</td>
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Disaster Protection and Mitigation

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<td>Manage and coordinate disaster prevention and response</td>
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<td>Small Business Administration</td>
<td>Provide aid to those affected by disasters</td>
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Local fire departments

Respond to and prevent local disasters

Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
Over 6.4 million Americans were in prison, jail, or under probation or parole when counted in 2018, though an estimated 10.7 million people were admitted to jail throughout the year. Nearly 90% of prisoners were in state prisons. The total number of prisoners in 2019 was down 11% from the 2009 peak due to shrinking state and federal prison populations.

The total prison population decreased 11% between the 2009 peak and 2019, with decreases in federal, California, and New York state prison populations accounting for 45% of the decline. In the same period, federal prison population declined 16% and California’s and New York’s both decreased 23%.
Fifty-seven percent of the decline in prison population between 2009 and 2018 was due to fewer prisoners whose most serious offense was a drug crime.

The proportion of the sentenced state prison population that was Black or Hispanic decreased from 58% to 55%, while the Black and Hispanic proportion of the nation’s population increased from 28% to 31%.
A smaller percentage of Black and Hispanic people are incarcerated than in 2000.

**INCARCERATION RATE BY RACE, 2000 AND 2019**

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<td>Black</td>
<td>1.14%</td>
<td>1.87%</td>
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<td>Hispanic</td>
<td>0.54%</td>
<td>0.85%</td>
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Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics

Arrests have decreased every year since 2006.

**ARRESTS BY TOP THREE OFFENSES**

- Drug abuse violations continued to outnumber arrests for assault and DUIs as of 2019.

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation
Reported property and violent crime rates were down 50% in 2019 compared to their 1991 peaks.

Violent crime rates reached a 20-year low in 2014 and remained near that in 2019. However, preliminary 2020 data from 64% of police departments shows murders trending roughly 20% above 2019 levels. Property crimes are trending roughly 8% below 2019 levels.

The number of police officers per capita fell 9% between its 2008 peak and 2019.

Police account for 6% of all full-time employees for state and local governments.

We received many questions in 2020 about the availability of police use-of-force data. That data is limited and delayed, with 27% of departments reporting use of-force data to the FBI in 2019. This represented 42% of officers nationwide.
Firearm deaths increased 18% from 2014 to 2018, accounting for 1.4% of all deaths in that time.

There were nearly 40,000 firearm deaths in 2018, more of which were suicides than homicides.
CRIME & DISASTERS

The number and cost of natural disasters costing over $1 billion dollars (inflation-adjusted) has increased over time.

ANNUAL COST OF BILLION-DOLLAR DISASTERS
ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION

2020 was the second-worst year for wildfires on recent record, with over 10 million acres burned.

WILDFIRES: ACRES BURNED

Source: National Interagency Fire Center
Note: 2004 fires and acres do not include state lands for North Carolina.

WILDFIRES: TOTAL FIRES

Source: National Interagency Fire Center
Note: Prior to 1983, the federal wildland fire agencies did not track official wildfire data using current reporting processes.

Wildfires burned an average of 7 million acres per year in the 2010s, more than twice the annual average in the 1990s.
Immigration & Border Security

TOTAL SPENDING 2018
$17B (0.3% OF COMBINED SPENDING)
Immigration & Border Security

**2018 TOTAL SPENDING**

$17B

% OF TOTAL SPENDING

- 1980: 0.1%
- 2018: 0.3%

### Key Actors & Responsibilities

**Protection of Borders and Ports of Entry**
- Customs and Border Control
- Transportation Security Administration
- Coast Guard

**Responsibilities**
- Ensure security of ports and borders including detection of unauthorized individuals and items

**Immigration Regulation**
- State Department
- Department of Homeland Security
- Citizenship and Immigration Services
- Congress

**Responsibilities**
- Oversee immigration document issuance including visas, green cards, asylum and citizenship
- Set immigration policy

**Immigration Enforcement**
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement

**Responsibilities**
- Enforce immigration and customs laws, including by removing unauthorized immigrants

**State & Local Government**
- State and local law enforcement agencies
  - Participate in voluntary actions to collaborate with federal immigration enforcement officers

Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
Most people who come to the US on visas or green cards are temporary workers, students or coming to be with their families (excluding tourism and unauthorized arrivals).

NEW ARRIVALS, 2019
BY REASON AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

5.1% of immigrants arriving for work reasons in 2019 were from China

More than half of immigrants coming to be with their families or to attend school are from Asia. One-third of people who came for work in 2019 were from Mexico, more than any other country.

Source: Department of Homeland Security and Department of State

Note: Data for safety and diversity may sometimes be an underestimate as some countries’ data is suppressed. Data includes non-tourist visas, new arrival green cards, refugees and asylees.
The US gave out more non-tourist visas and accepted more refugees and asylees in 2019 than 2018.

This was the first increase in non-tourist visas since 2015. While the number of refugees admitted was 65% below what it was in 2016, the number of asylees admitted was 130% higher.

ARRIVALS BY TYPE (EXCLUDING TOURISTS)

Source: Department of Homeland Security, Department of State

Note: Non-tourist visa data excludes temporary visitors for business or pleasure (including with Border Crossing Cards), transit aliens, and transit crew (airline, cruise ship, etc.).

REFUGEE AND ASYLUM CLAIMS

Source: Department of Homeland Security

Note: DHS continues to revise estimates for past years with each new Yearbook of Immigration Statistics. Because of the nature of the reporting, total, affirmative and defensive asylum claims granted statistics are historically revised through 1990.
In 2015, the federal government estimated there were 12 million unauthorized immigrants in the country.

In the same year, the total foreign-born population was 43 million.

Border apprehensions fell by more than half from 2019 to 2020.

US Border Patrol apprehended 400,000 people in 2020 — half of the amount in 2019 but roughly the same as 2018.
Immigration officials removed 359,885 people from the US in 2019. This is fewer than the 2013 peak of 433,000 but more than any year before 2008.

The US is again increasingly a nation of immigrants. Fourteen percent of people in the country are foreign-born, up from a low of 5% in 1970 and near the high of 15% in the early 1900s.
Defence, Veterans & Foreign Aid

TOTAL SPENDING 2018
$836B (13.6% OF COMBINED SPENDING)
Defense, Veterans, & Foreign Aid

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STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

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Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA)
Defense spending increased in 2019 but was 11% lower than its 2010 peak.

The military is the largest it has been since 2012 but is still smaller than it was in 1980.

The largest portion (about 40%) compensates military and civilian personnel.

The military is 35% smaller than it was during its recent peak in 1987.
The US has fewer troops abroad, particularly in the Middle East and Afghanistan. There are 168,766 active-duty and reserve troops deployed in foreign nations, down 21% from 2016 and 58% from 2008, primarily due to troop withdrawals.

One-fifth of available National Guard members, 84,000, were on duty on June 2. That’s half the number of active-duty troops abroad. The data is limited, but on June 2, more than 37,400 troops were part of the pandemic response and more than 41,500 were responding to civil unrest. This broke the recent record of 51,000 activated guard members who responded to Hurricane Katrina.
Veterans are more likely to be employed and have a disability, and less likely to be in poverty than the overall population.

There are more than 17 million veterans in the US, making up more than 5.3% of the population.
Adjusting for inflation, foreign aid has declined each year since 2015, and makes up less than 1% of the federal budget.

More than a quarter of that aid is military assistance.

### Foreign Aid Obligations, by Top Category

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Source: US Agency for International Development

Note: Data represents obligations, not disbursements.

### Foreign Aid by Top Countries, 2010 and 2019

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Six out of these eight countries are in the Middle East.

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Federal Government Actions
In 2020:
Congress passed **149** bills into law.
President Donald Trump signed **127** executive orders and presidential memoranda.
Agencies implemented **57** significant rule changes.

What did these **333** federal government actions do in 2020?

The executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the federal government act together to shape policy and its implementation. To give a glimpse into what federal government does, this section summarizes a subset of that work completed in 2020 by the executive and legislative branches. Specifically, it shows bills that became public law, executive orders and presidential memoranda, and rulemaking by executive agencies classified as significant by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

### 333 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTIONS BY CATEGORY

- **Defense**: 82 actions
- **Economy and jobs**: 33 actions
- **Health**: 24 actions
- **Crime and justice**: 20 actions
- **Standard of living**: 18 actions
- **Land, energy, and environment**: 46 actions
- **Infrastructure**: 9 actions
- **Budget**: 16 actions
- **Education**: 2 actions
- **Population**: 1 action
- **Immigration**: 6 actions

The CARES Act, a $2 trillion coronavirus relief package passed in March 2020, had 369 House co-sponsors — more than any other bill. The only other bills to receive more than 300 sponsors were ceremonial or historical, like legislation to mint honorary coins for Purple Heart recipients and expand educational programming at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum.

Source: Federal Register and Library of Congress

Note: Executive orders and presidential memoranda reflect all directives of these types that the administration chose to publish in the Federal Register and exclude one order that President Trump issued, revoked and replaced in the same month. Significant rule changes exclude 22 rules that were corrections or amendments to, or notifications about, other significant rules passed in the same year. It does count one rule finalizing certain firearms and munition deregulation, though it was later blocked by court order.
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**Defense**: Included nine actions related to China, including a bill passing sanctions for human rights abuses against the Uyghur minority, as well as two executive orders about TikTok and one about WeChat.

**Other**: Included mostly ceremonial actions, like naming post offices in honor of various people. Another 22 concerned matters of general governance, including an executive order making it easier to hire and fire certain career employees.

**Land, energy, and environment**: Included a presidential memorandum encouraging support of fracking and others granting permits for oil and natural gas pipelines operating on federal lands. Eight actions affected pollution, like a rule reducing fuel emissions standards.

**Economy and jobs**: Included an executive order requesting broad business deregulation in response to the economic impact of COVID-19, as well as a bill ratifying the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement to replace the North American Free Trade Agreement. Other orders affected business support programs like the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

**Health**: Included nine executive orders and memoranda specifically fighting the COVID-19 pandemic — increasing production of masks and ventilators, reducing mask and disinfectant hoarding, and implementing a federal vaccine distribution plan.

**Crime and justice**: Included ten actions on prisons and sentencing like a bill that prohibited voter system interference under existing computer fraud and abuse legislation. Four actions affected policing, with bills training police to detect elder abuse, expanding death and disability benefits for officers, and establishing data collection on officer suicides. Amidst protests for racial justice in June, President Trump also signed one executive order requesting the prohibition of chokeholds, the creation of a database on excessive use of force and its consequences, and the usage of social service workers as primary responders for those with mental illnesses.
### Federal Government Actions

#### Standard of Living
- Benefits for elderly, disabled, or low-income: 8
- Civil rights and accessibility: 6
- Other aid: 2
- Child welfare: 1
- Housing and homelessness: 1

**Standard of Living:** Included actions that affected civil rights and accessibility, such as a bill establishing a commission to study the conditions facing Black men and boys, as well as an executive order requesting that social media moderation permitted under section 230(c) of the Communications Decency Act not impair free speech.

#### Budget
- General and stimulus: 6
- Taxes and revenue: 5
- Continuing resolution extension: 3

**Budget:** Included the five stimulus bills passed in Congress, which began with $8.3 billion in emergency funding granted in March, followed by expanded sick leave and unemployment benefits in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the CARES Act later that month; a second round of PPP funding for small businesses in April; and the $900 billion package signed into law in December.

#### Infrastructure

**Infrastructure:** Included executive orders promoting infrastructure investment in low-income communities and a classical style in federal architecture, memoranda and rules relating to railroads, and a bill about broadband service availability.

#### Immigration
- Arrivals and removals: 4
- Citizenship: 2

**Immigration:** Included four actions that were about arrivals and removals, reducing the cap on refugee admissions for 2021 and imposing more stringent enforcement of H-1B work visa regulations.

#### Education
- Curriculum: 1
- School funding: 1

**Education:** Included a bill addressing school funding and an executive order promoting positive representations of American history over critical ones, especially regarding slavery and the civil rights movement.

#### Population

**Population:** Consisted of a presidential memorandum requesting that unauthorized immigrants not be counted in the 2020 census for reapportioning representation in Congress.