

**Fun
while it
lasts**

- Global military bases
- Welfare state entitlements
- Rebuilding cities threatened by rising seas
- Sprawling bureaucracy



**Growth
of U.S.
Public
Debt**

Date	Dollar Amount	President
9/7/2017	19,844,586,961,607.10	Trump
9/30/2016	19,573,444,713,936.70	
9/30/2015	18,150,617,666,484.30	
9/30/2014	17,824,071,380,733.80	
9/30/2013	16,738,183,526,697.30	
9/30/2012	16,066,241,407,385.80	
9/30/2011	14,790,340,328,557.10	
9/30/2010	13,561,623,030,891.70	
9/30/2009	11,909,829,003,511.70	Obama
9/30/2008	10,024,724,896,912.40	
9/30/2007	9,007,653,372,262.48	
9/30/2006	8,506,973,899,215.23	
9/30/2005	7,932,709,661,723.50	
9/30/2004	7,379,052,696,330.32	
9/30/2003	6,783,231,062,743.62	
9/30/2002	6,228,235,965,597.00	
9/30/2001	5,807,463,412,200.06	G W Bush
9/30/2000	5,674,178,209,886.86	



9/30/1999	5,656,270,901,615.43	
9/30/1998	5,526,193,008,897.62	
9/30/1997	5,413,146,011,397.34	
9/30/1996	5,224,810,939,135.73	
9/29/1995	4,973,982,900,709.39	
9/30/1994	4,692,749,910,013.32	
9/30/1993	4,411,488,883,139.38	Clinton
9/30/1992	4,064,620,655,521.66	
9/30/1991	3,665,303,351,697.03	
9/28/1990	3,233,313,451,777.25	
9/29/1989	2,857,430,960,187.32	G H W Bush
9/30/1988	2,602,337,712,041.16	
9/30/1987	2,350,276,890,953.00	
9/30/1986	2,125,302,616,658.42	
9/30/1985	* 1,823,103,000,000.00	
9/30/1984	* 1,572,266,000,000.00	
9/30/1983	* 1,377,210,000,000.00	
9/30/1982	* 1,142,034,000,000.00	
9/30/1981	* 997,855,000,000.00	Reagan
9/30/1980	* 907,701,000,000.00	
9/30/1979	* 826,519,000,000.00	
9/30/1978	* 771,544,000,000.00	
9/30/1977	* 698,840,000,000.00	Carter
6/30/1976	* 620,433,000,000.00	
6/30/1975	* 533,189,000,000.00	
6/30/1974	475,059,815,731.55	Ford
6/30/1973	458,141,605,312.09	
6/30/1972	427,260,460,940.50	
6/30/1971	398,129,744,455.54	
6/30/1970	370,918,706,949.93	
6/30/1969	353,720,253,841.41	Nixon
6/30/1968	347,578,406,425.88	
6/30/1967	326,220,937,794.54	
6/30/1966	319,907,087,795.48	
6/30/1965	317,273,898,983.64	
6/30/1964	311,712,899,257.30	
6/30/1963	305,859,632,996.41	LBJ
6/30/1962	298,200,822,720.87	
6/30/1961	288,970,938,610.05	JFK
6/30/1960	286,330,760,848.37	
6/30/1959	284,705,907,078.22	
6/30/1958	276,343,217,745.81	
6/30/1957	270,527,171,896.43	

6/30/1956	272,750,813,649.32	
6/30/1955	274,374,222,802.62	
6/30/1954	271,259,599,108.46	
6/30/1953	266,071,061,638.57	Eisenhower
6/30/1952	259,105,178,785.43	
6/29/1951	255,221,976,814.93	
6/30/1950	257,357,352,351.04	Truman



Source: <https://treasurydirect.gov/govt/reports/pd/histdebt/histdebt.htm> Debt to GDP ratios are at <https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/GFDEGDQ188S> Deficits in inflation adjusted dollars are at http://www.usgovernmentspending.com/spending_chart_1929. White House figures are at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/Historicals>. A WAPO assessment is at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget/Historicals>