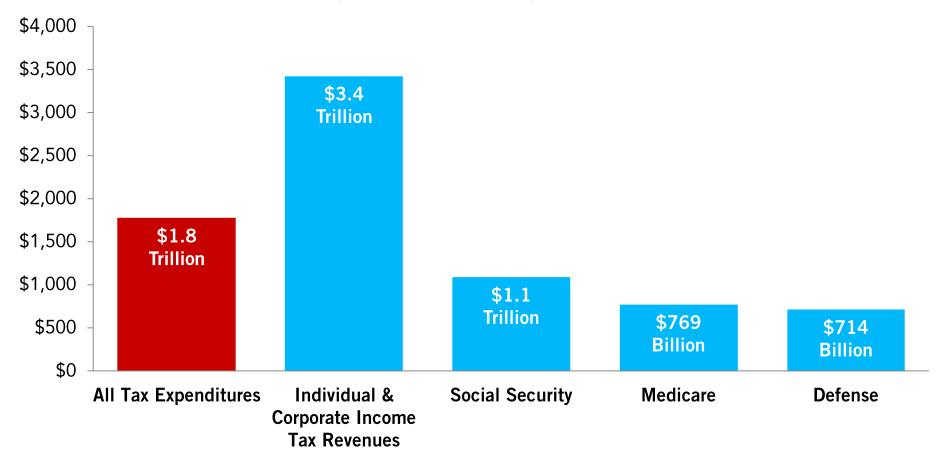


Total tax expenditures are large in comparison to annual income taxes collected and to the government's major programs

BUDGETARY COST IN 2020 (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)



SOURCES: Office of Management and Budget, Historical Tables, Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2022, May 2021; and The Joint Committee on Taxation, Estimates of Federal Tax Expenditures for Fiscal Years 2020–2024, November 2020.

NOTES: Tax expenditures are deductions, credits, exclusions, and preferential rates. The estimates for tax expenditures do not account for any interactive effects of combining various provisions. Medicare spending is net of premiums and payments from the states. Defense represents discretionary defense spending.

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