Compensation and medical care make up about 40 percent of the defense budget

Fiscal Year 2020: $714 Billion

- Active Duty Compensation: 18%
- Procurement: 20%
- Operation & Maintenance: 23%
- Research, Development, Test & Evaluation: 14%
- Civilian Pay: 11%
- Other: 6%
- Guard & Reserve Compensation: 3%
- Defense Health Program: 5%
- Other: 6%


NOTES: Data are for defense discretionary outlays. The Defense Health Program and civilian pay are normally shown as part of operation and maintenance; however, those two categories are shown separately in this chart to provide a full picture of compensation in the defense budget. Other includes atomic energy defense activities, expenses for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and revolving and management funds.