Over the past decade, the U.S. spent more on interest on the national debt than it did on other national priorities.

**Federal Spending From FY2011 to FY2020 (Billions of Dollars)**

- **Net Interest Costs**: $2.7 Trillion
- **Veterans Benefits and Services**: $1.6 Trillion
- **Education**: $1.2 Trillion
- **Transportation**: $1.0 Trillion
- **Administration of Justice**: $0.6 Trillion
- **Natural Resources & Environment**: $0.4 Trillion


**Note:** Education includes education, training, employment, and social services.