

THE FACTS ABOUT ★ U.S. ★ DEFENSE SPENDING

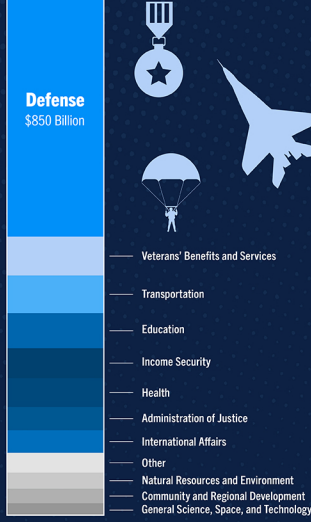
National defense is a vital priority and a fundamental responsibility of the federal government. **It is also a significant part of the federal budget.**

Defense spending accounts for

13%

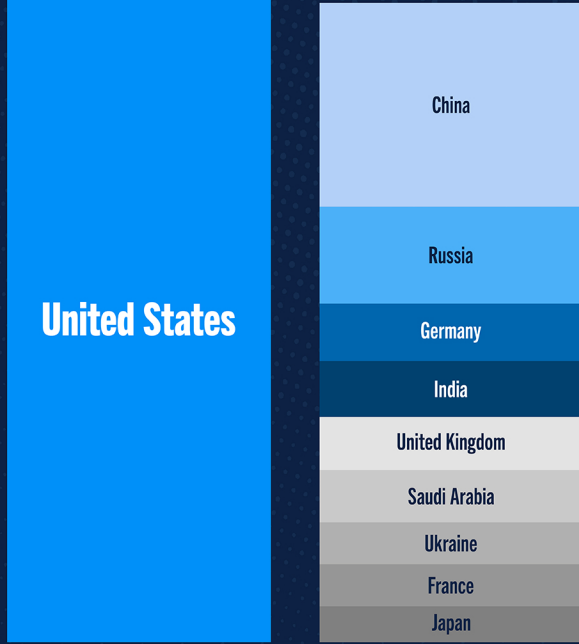
of **all**
federal
spending
in 2024

AND IS THE
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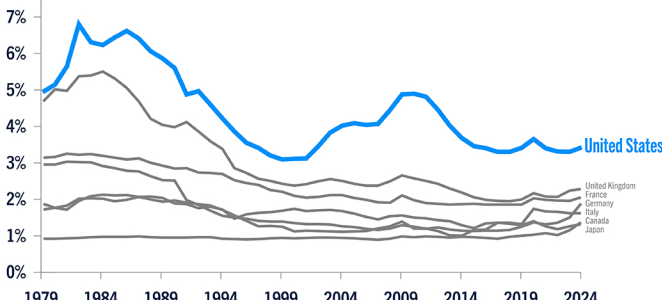
THE U.S. SPENDS MORE ON DEFENSE THAN THE NEXT 9 COUNTRIES COMBINED

2024 DEFENSE SPENDING (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)



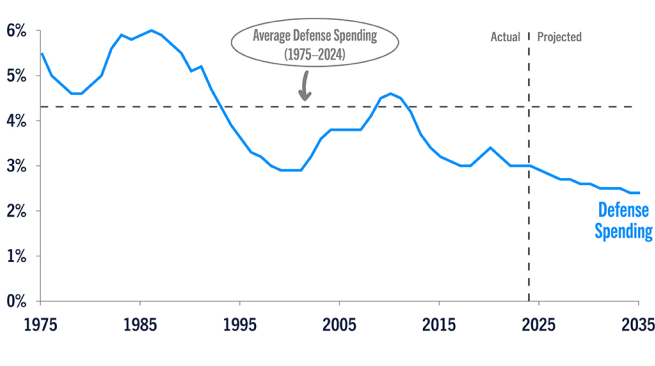
The U.S. has historically **devoted a larger share of its economy to defense** than many of its key allies.

Defense Spending (% of GDP)



Nonetheless, total defense spending is currently **below its historical average as a share of GDP** and **is projected to decline further.**

Defense Discretionary Spending (% of GDP)



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**AMERICA'S FISCAL AND NATIONAL
SECURITY ARE CLOSELY LINKED**
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Putting our debt on a sustainable course over the long term will lead to higher levels of economic growth, continued availability of resources to invest in our future, and a sustained leadership role for the United States in the world.

– The Coalition for Fiscal and National Security
Chairman, Admiral Mike Mullen

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