

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 2025

AND IS THE SINGLE LARGEST CATEGORY OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

Defense
\$893 Billion



THE U.S. SPENDS MORE ON DEFENSE THAN THE NEXT 6 COUNTRIES COMBINED

2025 DEFENSE SPENDING (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

\$954 BILLION



United States

\$905 BILLION



China

Russia

Germany

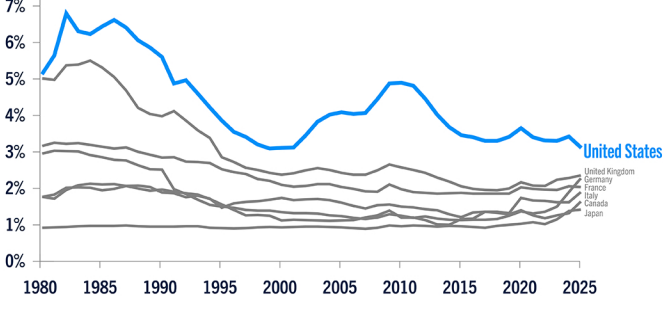
India

United Kingdom

Ukraine

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

Defense Spending (% of GDP)



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United States

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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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