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The Defense Budget at a Glance

In March, President Clinton presented his proposed defense budget for Fiscal Year 1997. The document requests \$242.6 billion in budget authority and \$247.5 in outlays for the direct program (DoD activities only). The budget request for the total national defense program (DoD activities and defense activities in the Department of Energy and other federal agencies) is \$254.4 billion in budget authority and \$258.7 billion in outlays.

Fiscal 1997 marks the twelfth straight year of real decline for the defense budget.

Funding levels can be expressed in several ways. Totals are most frequently stated in **budget authority**, which is the value of new obligations the government is authorized to incur. These include some obligations to be met in later years. Figures can also be expressed in **outlays** (actual expenditures, some of which are covered by amounts authorized in previous years).

Another difference concerns the value of money. When funding is in **current** or **then-year** dollars, no adjustment for inflation has taken place. This is the actual amount of dollars that has been or is to be spent, budgeted, or forecast. When funding is expressed in **constant dollars**, or **real dollars**, the effect of inflation has been factored out to make direct comparisons between budget years possible. A specific year, often the present one, is chosen as a baseline for constant dollars.

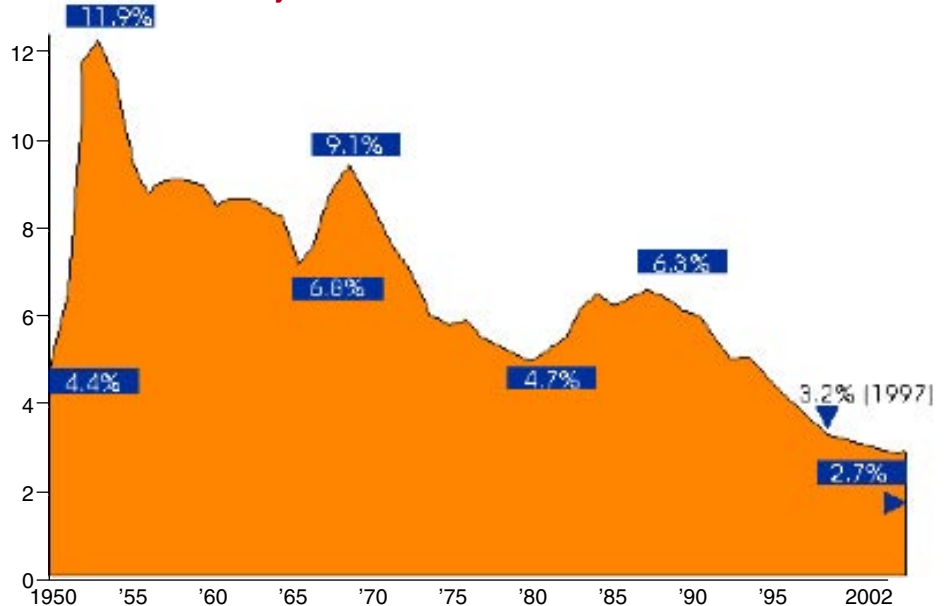
The following charts address only the Defense Department program. In some instances, numbers on the charts in this section may not sum to totals shown because of rounding. Years indicated are fiscal years.

Cutting the Pie: Who Gets What

(Budget authority in current \$ billions)

	1995	1996	1997	Change 1996-97
Military personnel	71.6	69.6	69.8	+0.2
Operations & maintenance	93.8	93.6	89.2	-4.4
Procurement	43.6	42.3	38.9	-3.4
Research, development, test, & evaluation (RDT&E).....	34.5	34.9	34.7	-0.2
Military construction.....	5.4	6.9	5.3	-1.6
Family housing.....	3.4	4.3	3.9	-0.4
Other	3.4	0.2	0.8	+0.6
Total	255.7	251.8	242.6	-9.2

Defense Outlays as a Share of Gross Domestic Product



Source: US Department of Defense.

Budget Top Line

(\$ billions)

	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Budget authority (current \$)	251.8	242.6	248.1	254.3	261.7	269.6	276.6
Budget authority (constant FY 1997 \$)	258.2	242.6	242.1	242.2	243.4	244.9	245.3
Outlays (current \$)	254.3	247.5	243.9	246.5	253.9	256.6	264.9
Outlays (constant FY 1997 \$)	260.7	247.5	238.0	234.7	236.1	232.9	234.9

Service Shares

(Budget authority)

	1996	1997	
Current \$ billions			
Air Force	73.9	72.0	Fiscal 1997 figures are those contained in the Clinton Administration's budget request.
Army	61.7	59.8	
Navy	75.8	74.0	
Defense agencies, DoD-wide	40.4	36.9	
Total	251.8	242.6	
Percentages			
Air Force	29.3	29.7	
Army	24.5	24.6	
Navy	30.1	30.5	
Defense agencies, DoD-wide	16.0	15.2	

Manpower

(End strength in thousands)

	Change 1988-94	1995	1996	1997	1998/ Goal	Change 95-98/ Goal
Total active duty	-527	1,519	1,482	1,457	1,418	-101
Air Force	-150	400	388	381	375	-25
Army	-232	509	495	495	475	-34
Marine Corps	-23	175	174	174	174	-1
Navy	-122	435	425	407	394	-41
Selected reserves	-133	946	931	901	893	-53
Civilians	-87	865	841	807	728	-137

Force Structure Changes

	Cold War Base 1990	Base Force	1997	Bottom-Up Review Plan
Air Force				
Active fighter wings	24	15.3	13	13
ANG/AFRES fighter wings	12	11.3	7	7
Army				
Active divisions	18	12	10	10
Army National Guard/ Army Reserve brigades	57	34	42 ^a	42 ^a
Navy				
Battle force ships (including carriers)	546	430	357	346
Aircraft carriers				
Active	15	13	11	11
Reserve	1	—	1	1
Carrier air wings				
Active	13	11	10	10
Reserve	2	2	1	1
Marine Corps (three active, one Reserve)	4	4	4	4

^aIncludes fifteen enhanced brigades (equivalent to 5+ divisions)

Operational Training Rates

	1985	1996	1997	1998
Air Force				
Flying hours per crew per month, fighter/attack aircraft	19.1	19.7	19.3	N/A
Army				
Flying hours per crew per month	13.1	14.5	14.5	14.5
Annual tank miles	850	800	800	800
Navy				
Flying hours per crew per month	25	24	24	N/A
Ship steaming days per quarter				
Deployed fleet	53.6	57.5	55.0	N/A
Nondeployed fleet	27.4	29	27	N/A

Total Funding of Major Programs

(Current \$ millions, including RDT&E and procurement funding)

	1997
Air Force	
C-17 transport	2,321.0
F-15E fighter	339.4
F-22 fighter	2,007.4
F-16 fighter	253.4
B-2 bomber	683.9
E-8 Joint STARS aircraft	786.4
Milstar satellite	727.3
Joint Primary Aircraft Training System	133.6
Joint Strike Fighter	581.8
Army	
AH-64D helicopter	397.9
RAH-66 helicopter (RDT&E only)	288.6
Navy	
DDG-51 destroyer	3,505.4
F/A-18E/F fighter	2,587.3
Trident II ballistic missile	336.7
E-2C early warning aircraft	212.4

Procurement of Major Air Force Systems

(Current \$ millions)

	1996	1997
Aircraft Procurement		
B-1B bomber	55	17
B-2 bomber	747	105
C-17 transport	2,492	2,143
C-130J transport	88	63
E-8 Joint STARS aircraft	458	529
F-22 fighter	0	0
Joint Primary Aircraft Training System	29	67
Missile Procurement		
Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile	178	117
Sensor-Fuzed Weapon	165	131
Other Procurement		
Airborne Warning and Control System	224	288
Space Boosters (Titan)	427	490
Global Positioning System	154	199
Defense Support Program	65	71
Medium Launch Vehicle	178	176
RDT&E		
Airborne Laser	19	57
Milstar	583	727
B-2 bomber	589	528
Spacebased Infrared satellite	362	293
Titan	126	105
Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle	37	44
F-22 fighter	2,165	2,003
Joint Advanced Strike Technology	82	264