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The New Budget at a Glance

In February, President Clinton presented his proposed defense budget for Fiscal Year 1996. The document requests \$246.0 billion in budget authority and \$250.0 billion 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 \$257.8 billion in budget authority and \$270.7 billion in outlays.

Fiscal 1996 marks the eleventh 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 that 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 that were 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.

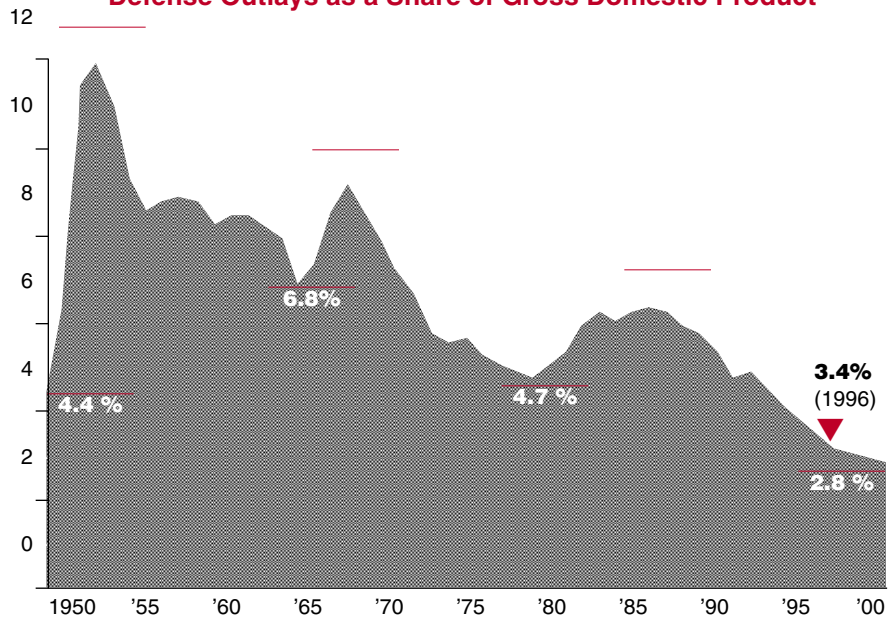
The following charts address only the Defense Department program. In some instances, numbers on the charts in this section may not sum to totals shown because of rounding. Years indicated are Fiscal Years.

Budget Topline

(\$ billions)

	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001
Budget authority (current \$)	252.6	246.0	242.8	249.7	256.3	266.2	276.6
Budget authority (constant FY 1996 \$)	259.7	246.0	235.9	235.7	235.1	237.8	240.6
Outlays (current \$)	260.2	250.0	246.1	244.2	249.6	257.9	261.6
Outlays (constant FY 1996 \$)	267.5	250.0	239.0	230.5	229.0	230.4	227.7

Defense Outlays as a Share of Gross Domestic Product



Source: US Department of Defense.

Cutting the Pie: Who Gets What

(Budget authority in current \$ billions)

	1994	1995	1996	Change 1995-96
Military personnel	71.4	70.4	68.7	-1.7
Operations & maintenance	88.3	92.1	91.9	-0.2
Procurement	44.1	44.6	39.4	-5.2
Research, development, test, & evaluation (RDT&E)	34.6	35.4	34.3	-1.1
Military construction	6.0	5.5	6.6	+1.1
Family housing	3.5	3.4	4.1	+0.7
Other	3.4	-0.6	1.0	+1.6
Total	251.4	250.8	246.0	-4.8
FY 1995 supplemental		+2.6		
Proposed rescissions		-0.7		
Total		252.6		

Service Shares

(Budget authority)

	1995	1996
Current \$ billions		
Air Force	73.5	72.6
Army	61.6	59.3
Navy	77.7	75.6
Defense agencies, DoD-wide	38.0	38.5
Total	250.8	246.0
Proposed rescissions	-0.7	
FY 1995 supplemental	+2.6	
Total	252.4	

	Percentages	
Air Force	29.1	29.5
Army	24.4	24.1
Navy	30.7	30.7
Defense agencies, DoD-wide	15.1	15.7

Fiscal 1996 figures are those contained in the Clinton Administration's budget request.

Total Funding of Major Programs

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

	1996
Air Force	
C-17 transport	2,612.7
Strategic airlift	183.8
F-22	2,150.8
B-2 bomber	987.2
E-8 Joint STARS aircraft	732.9
Milstar satellite	693.2
Joint Primary Aircraft Training System	102.0
Joint Advanced Strike Technology	151.2
Army	
AH-64 helicopter	378.4
RAH-66 helicopter (RDT&E only)	199.1
Navy	
DDG-51 destroyer	2,425.5
F/A-18C/D/E/F fighter	1,769.0
Trident II ballistic missile	541.7
E-2C early warning aircraft	269.6

Manpower

(End strength in thousands)

	Change 1987-93	1994	1995	1996	1997	Change 1994-97
Total active-duty	-446	1,611	1,523	1,485	1,464	-147
Air Force	-162	426	400	388	385	-41
Army	-206	540	510	495	495	-45
Marine Corps	-18	174	174	174	174	0
Navy	-61	471	439	428	409	-62
Selected reserves	-56	1,025	965	927	901	-124
Civilians	-169	923	867	829	799	-124

Force Structure Changes

	Cold War Base 1990	Base Force	1996	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
ANG/AFRES brigades	57	34	47*	42*
Navy				
Battle force ships (including carriers)	546	430	365	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 divisions (three active, one Reserve)	4	4	4	4

*Includes fifteen enhanced readiness brigades (equivalent to 5+ divisions)

Operational Training Rates

	1985	1995	1996	1997
Air Force				
Flying hours per crew per month, fighter/attack aircraft	19.1	19.7	19.7	19.7
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	24
Ship steaming days per quarter				
Deployed fleet	53.6	50.5	50.5	50.5
Nondeployed fleet	27.4	29	29	29

Procurement of Major Air Force Systems

(Current \$ millions)

	1995	1996	1997
Aircraft procurement			
B-1B bomber.....	\$ 138	\$ 56	\$ 77
B-2 bomber	337	280	217
C-17 transport.....	2,342	2,402	72
C-130J transport.....	0	89	93
E-8 Joint STARS aircraft	655	492	506
F-22 fighter	0	0	53
Joint Primary Aircraft Training System	93	55	109
Strategic airlift.....	0	184	2,568
Missile procurement			
Advanced cruise missile	0	2	2
AGM-130 powered GBU-15	69	69	3
Advanced Medium-Range Air-to-Air Missile	287	191	178
Sensor-Fuzed Weapon	113	166	158
Other procurement			
Airborne Warning and Control System.....	137	230	270
Space boosters (Titan)	379	465	510
Global Positioning System	189	175	215
Defense Support Program	361	103	87
Medium launch vehicle	135	190	216
RDT&E			
Milstar	598	650	745
B-2 bomber	384	624	446
Spacebased Infrared satellite	216	283	325
Titan.....	151	141	149
Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle	30	39	57
F-22 fighter	2,325	2,139	1,957
Joint Advanced Strike Technology	85	151	200