

Total US National Security Spending, 2024-2025  
(\$billions; Then-Year\$, Budget Authority)  
(Sources: OMB [Table 25-1](#) the DHS data at [26-1\\_fy2025.pdf \(whitehouse.gov\)](#))

<i>National Security Program</i>	<i>2024 as Requested</i>	<i>2025 as Requested</i>	<i>Comments</i>
DOD Budget (Discretionary Appropriations)	945.1	895.2	<p>As of 3/12/2024 Congress has failed to enact 2024 DOD appropriations; when that is done, the 2024 column will be corrected.</p> <p>The OMB scoring of the 2024 column includes a guesstimate of \$58.3 billion for the requested emergency supplemental for Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan and more. When the approved amount is available, it will be included.</p> <p>Also included for 2024 is a \$25.3 billion “plug” titled “Allowance for Discretionary Programs (Defense).” <b>Explanation to come.</b></p> <p>It has already been explained that there will be another supplemental for 2025; that amount may not be available for months.</p> <p>This category includes spending for the US intelligence community, including DIA, CIA, NSA and several others, but not including any intelligence functions in the State Department, Coast Guard or DHS, which are included in other budget functions below.</p>
DOD Budget (Mandatory)	22.9	25.8	DOD and the press often do not count this “mandatory” spending, mostly for concurrent receipt retirement costs, in budget presentations; this exclusion results in an understatement of DOD expenses.
<b>DOD Budget (Total)</b>	<b>968.0</b>	<b>921.0</b>	“Total” spending is discretionary and mandatory combined. This total constitutes budget subfunction 051 in its entirety and should be considered what is to be spent for the Department of Defense. Vastly different numbers are commonly misreported in the press based on incomplete data in DOD press releases.
DOE/Nuclear (Total)	35.3	36.9	Both discretionary and mandatory funds are included for nuclear weapons activities. Hence the “Total” nomenclature.
“Defense-related activities” (Total)	12.1	12.0	This spending is for international FBI activities, the Selective Service, the National Defense Stockpile and other miscellaneous defense activities.
<b>National Defense Budget Function (050) (Total)</b>	<b>1,015.4</b>	<b>969.9</b>	This is the Total 050 “National Defense” budget function. It is sometimes confused as Pentagon-only spending. This spending generally equates with the money authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) from the House and Senate Armed Services Committees.

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<b>Non-National Defense costs for National Security are shown below.</b>			Some may object to the inclusion of all funds for these Departments. Feel free to subtract any funds from these totals for any programs deemed not related to national security. The adjusted result will likely affect the grand sum at the bottom of this table at the third or fourth decimal.
Veterans Affairs (Total)	345.7	364.8	These function 700 costs have increased significantly over the past decade because of the additional veterans' costs from the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Current expenses greatly exceed the estimates made for these costs a decade ago.
International Affairs (Total)	97.5	89.8	
Homeland Security (Total)	112.3	88.3	Displayed data are from <a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/26-1_fy2025.pdf">https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/26-1_fy2025.pdf</a> and are not shown in OMB Table 25-1.
National Security share of Interest on the Debt	262.8	253.9	Total Net Federal Outlays are estimated at \$6.9 trillion in 2024 and \$7.3 trillion in 2025. Total gross interest for Treasury debt is \$1.143 trillion in 2024 and \$1.209 trillion estimated for 2025. The calculable share of national security spending relative to total federal spending is 23% for 2024 and 21% 2025.
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1833.7</b>	<b>1766.7</b>	