

| Year | # American Workers | National Debt | Debt Owed by Worker (\$) | Federal Revenues | Federal Revenue as % of National Debt | Median income (current dollars) | Gross Domestic Product (GDP) | National Debt as % of GDP | Federal Revenue as % of GDP |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1961 | 70,459,000 | 288,970,938,610.05 | 4101 | 94,388,000,000 | 32.66% | n/a | 544,800,000,000.0 | 53% | 17% |
| 1965 | 74,455,000 | 317,273,898,983.64 | 4261 | 116,817,000,000 | 36.82% | n/a | 719,100,000,000.0 | 44% | 16% |
| 1969 | 80,734,000 | 353,720,253,841.41 | 4381 | 186,882,000,000 | 52.83% | n/a | 984,400,000,000.0 | 36% | 19% |
| 1973 | 89,429,000 | 458,141,605,312.09 | 5122 | 230,799,000,000 | 50.38% | n/a | 1,382,300,000,000.0 | 33% | 17% |
| 1977 | 99,008,000 | 698,840,000,000.00 | 7058 | 355,559,000,000 | 50.88% | 13,572 | 2,030,100,000,000.0 | 34% | 18% |
| 1981 | 108,670,000 | 997,855,000,000.00 | 9182 | 599,272,000,000 | 60.06% | 19,074 | 3,126,800,000,000.0 | 32% | 19% |
| 1985 | 115,461,000 | 1,823,103,000,000.00 | 15789 | 734,088,000,000 | 40.27% | 23,618 | 4217500000000.00 | 43% | 17% |
| 1989 | 123,869,000 | 2,857,430,960,187.32 | 23068 | 991,190,000,000 | 34.69% | 28,906 | 5,482,100,000,000.0 | 52% | 18% |
| 1993 | 129,200,000 | 4,411,488,883,139.38 | 34144 | 1,154,401,000,000 | 26.17% | 31,241 | 6,667,400,000,000.0 | 66% | 17% |
| 1997 | 136,297,000 | 5,413,146,011,397.34 | 39715 | 1,579,292,000,000 | 29.18% | 37,005 | 8,332,400,000,000.0 | 65% | 19% |
| 2001 | 143,734,000 | 5,807,463,412,200.06 | 40404 | 1,991,194,000,000 | 34.29% | 42,228 | 10,286,200,000,000.0 | 56% | 19% |
| 2005 | 149,320,000 | 7,932,709,661,723.50 | 53125 | 2,153,600,000,000 | 27.15% | 46,326 | 12,638,400,000,000.0 | 63% | 17% |
| 2009 | 154,142,000 | 11,909,829,003,511.70 | 77265 | 2,105,000,000,000 | 17.67% | 49,777 | 14,119,000,000,000.0 | 84% | 15% |
| 2011 | 153,000,000 | 15,476,000,000,000 | 101150 | 2,600,000,000,000 | 17% | | 15,240,000,000,000.0 | 102% | 17.06% |
| 2021 | 160,000,000 | 26,346,000,000,000 | 161631 | 4,923,000,000,000 | 19% | | 24,896,000,000,000.0 | 106% | 19.77% |
| Notes | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Until 1977 the fiscal year ended in June rather | | | | | | | | | |
| 2. For years 1977, 1981, 1985 Treasury data rounds the debt t | | | | | | | | | |
| 3. Projections for 2011 are based on federal projections for this year. Data for 2021 is unavailable, but the debt per worker figure is calculated from the President's budget forecast. | | | | | | | | | |
| 4. White House projections for 2021 include faster GDP growth than CBO expectations, by half a percentage point. Thus, we expect the debt ratios to be worse in 2021 than our chart shows. | | | | | | | | | |