

U.S. National debt paydowns

year	debt	change/prior year
1929	17 billion	up
1930	16 billion	down 1 billion
1931	17 billion	up 1 billion
1931-1946	271 billion	up every year - stood at 271 billion at the end of 1946 - debt increased 254 billion 1931-1946
1947	257 billion	down 14 billion
1948	252 billion	down 5 billion
1949	253 billion	up 1 billion
1950	257 billion	up 4 billion
1951	255 billion	down 2 billion
1955	274 billion	up 19 billion for the 1951-1955 period
1956	273 billion	down 1 billion
1957	271 billion	down 2 billion
2017	20000 billion (20 trillion)	debt increased every year from 1957 onward - total increases equal approx. 20,000 billion dollars
2021	27000 billion (27 trillion)	increased partially (not all) because of the pandemic

Total reductions in the national debt since 1929 have been 22 billion dollars (approximately .00005%), with small reductions occurring in just six fiscal years over the 90 year total time period. Increases in the national debt have totaled approximately 27 trillion dollars (100 times more than was owed in 1957, or about 10000%) over the same 90 year time period. These figures do not include the "off-the-books" 16 trillion dollars printed up by the Treasury for the Federal Reserve Banks to give to other "central" banks and commercial banks at zero interest to restore the soundness of banks all over the world that mismanaged their businesses during the runup to the beginning of the "great recession" that started (officially) in 2008. The debt and monetary inflation combined total 40+ trillion dollars spent by our government in the past ten years would be enough to pay off completely every home mortgage in America. Instead, citizens are paying approximately 3-5% more in taxes each year in order to allow the government to "service" the growing debt. while the debt itself continues to grow in trillion \$ + increments annually.