Budget FY2001:
A Chronology with Internet Access

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Summary

This is a select chronology of, and a finding guide for information on, congressional and presidential actions and documents related to major budget events in calendar year 2000, covering the FY2001 budget (October 1, 2000—September 30, 2001). Brief information is provided which identifies the President’s budget actions, congressional budget resolutions, appropriations measures (regular, continuing, supplementals, and rescissions), budget reconciliation, House and Senate votes, publications, testimony, charts, and tables.

Congressional users of the Internet version, accessible via the CRS appropriations page at: [http://www.loc.gov/crs/products/apppage.html], can click on the highlighted (underlined) section and be connected to the full-text CRS products, documents, publications, testimony, and data tables cited. Internet addresses are provided in the printed copy of this report, so that the reader can consult cited information.

Examples of Internet connections to full-text material found in this report include CRS products, when they become available, on the budget process, reconciliation, and each of the 13 appropriation bills, pie charts such as “The Federal Dollar—Where the Money Comes From and Where it Goes,” Congressional Budget Office (CBO) publications including the Economic and Budget Outlook: Fiscal Years 2001-2010, and General Accounting Office (GAO) reports such as Federal Debt: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions.

Other Internet links provide data tables and charts on the budget and debt, selected congressional testimony, and bills, reports, and public laws for FY1997-FY2001 appropriations legislation.

If Internet access is not available, addresses and phone numbers are listed for congressional committees and executive branch agencies mentioned in this report, and the sources of other publications are given. This chronology will be updated as needed.
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Status

Congressional Offices: Use the Legislative Information Service (LIS) for access to legislation and CRS analysis. [http://www.congress.gov/]

Appropriations Status: An overview and summary of the status of all appropriations bills, providing bill and public law numbers, dates of passage, votes, and hypertext links to full texts of the bills, public laws, and related reports. [http://www.loc.gov/crs/products/appover.html]

CRS Appropriations/Budget Products: There is a CRS report on each of the 13 appropriations bills for FY2001. [http://www.loc.gov/crs/products/apppage.html]

The federal budget cycle for fiscal year 2001 began in July 1999 when the Office of Management and Budget issued Circular No. A11 to the heads of all executive departments and establishments, giving instructions on preparing FY2001 budget requests. After review, analysis, and negotiation of these budget requests, the President’s budget is prepared and submitted to Congress. (See CRS Report 98-721, Introduction to the Federal Budget Process, for information on the congressional budget process timetable). Federal agency Internet sites are provided on p. 11 of this report.

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**Note:** The President does not sign congressional budget resolutions.

01/25-26/00, 02/1-4, 8-11/00 — Senate Budget Committee series of hearings surrounding the fiscal year 2001 budget.

01/26/00 — **CBO releases** *The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2001-2010*. Total federal revenues exceeded spending by $124 billion in fiscal year 1999, producing a surplus in the total budget for the second consecutive year. CBO estimates that without legislative changes, that surplus will rise to $176 billion in 2000. If current policies remain in place, the surplus will continue to increase after 2000; however, the size of that increase depends on the amount of discretionary spending assumed. [http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdoc.cfm?index=1820&type=1]

02/3/00 — **OMB issues a letter to the chairmen and ranking members of both House and Senate Committees on Appropriations and on the Budget, as well as the Director of the CBO and the Comptroller General of the United States, on the significant presentation and technical changes in the FY2001 Budget.** Included in the FY2001 Budget is a *Report on the Government-wide Rescissions in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, P.L. 106-113*. This report is published as chapter 21 of the *Analytical Perspectives* volume.

02/4/00 — **CBO releases corrected tables 1-6 of** *The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Year 2001-2010*. [http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=1820&sequence=0&from=1]


02/4/00 — **CBO releases** *Sequestration Preview Report for FY2001*. This is the first of three sequestration reports that are mandated by law. [http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdoc.cfm?index=1827&type=1]

02/7/00 — **President’s FY2001 Budget released.** For a description of and access to the budget documents, supporting documents, and spreadsheet files, go to: [http://w3.access.gpo.gov/usbudget/fy2001/maindown.html]; to search across budget documents: [http://w3.access.gpo.gov/usbudget/fy2001/fy2001_src.html]

Printed copies of budget documents are sold by the U.S. Government Printing Office. Prepaid orders are accepted by phone (202-512-1800) or fax (202-512-2250) with the following credit cards: Discover/NOVUS, MasterCard, or VISA. Prepaid written orders are also accepted at: Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. These are the 2001 documents:

- **Analytical Perspectives, FY2001** S/N 041-001-00535-8, $54
- **Budget of the U.S. Government—Appendix FY2001** S/N 041-001-00534-0, $72
- **Budget of the U.S. Government, FY2001** S/N 041-001-00533-1, $38
- **Budget System and Concepts, FY2001** S/N 041-001-00538-2, $3.25
- **Budget on CD-ROM, Fiscal Year 2001** S/N 041-001-00539-1, $17
- **Citizen’s Guide to the Federal Budget, FY2001** S/N 041-001-00537-4, $3.75
Historical Tables, FY2001           S/N 041-001-00536-6, $28
Budget Information for States, FY2001 available in May 2000
Economic Report of the President, 2000           S/N 040-000-00728-8, $25

02/7/00 — Senate Budget Committee Analysis of President Clinton’s FY2001 Budget.

02/8/00 — Senate Finance Committee hearings on President Clinton’s fiscal year 2001 budget and tax proposals.

02/8/00 — House Budget Committee hearings on fiscal year 2001 budget review.

02/9/00 — House Ways and Means Committee hearings on tax and budget proposals.

02/10/00 — The Economic Report of the President, 2000 released. This report “traces the dramatic changes that have occurred in the U.S. economy over the last century with discussions of macroeconomics.”  [http://w3.access.gpo.gov/eop/]

  [http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=1836&sequence=0&from=7]

02/16-17/00 — House Budget Committee hearings on the President’s fiscal year 2001 Budget.

03/3/00 — Senate Finance Committee releases letter to the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee on the Finance Committee’s fiscal year 2001 views and estimates. Submission of this document is pursuant to Section 310(d) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. [http://www.senate.gov/~finance/106-328.htm]

03/9/00 — CBO releases An Analysis of the President’s Budgetary Proposals for Fiscal Year 2001: A Preliminary Report.
  [http://www.cbo.gov/byclasscat.cfm?class=0&cat=1]

03/10/00 — CBO releases the Monthly Budget Review, March 2000.
  [http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=1882&sequence=0&from=7]

03/10/00 — CBO releases Budget Options, March 2000, intended to help inform policymakers about options for the federal budget. The report has two main components. First, it discusses major proposals to increase spending and/or cut taxes that have been prompted by the emergence of large budget surpluses. Second, it presents some 250 specific policy options which could be used to offset the cost of new initiatives, maintain budgetary discipline, reorder priorities, or accomplish other goals.  [http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=1845&sequence=0&from=7]

03/13/00 — House Budget Committee, Democratic Caucus, releases Preliminary Analysis of the GOP Budget Agreement, Briefing Paper.
  [http://www.house.gov/budget_democrats/papers.htm]


03/24/00 — CBO letter to Honorable John R. Kasich, House Budget Committee Chairman, regarding CBO’s analysis of the President’s budget for FY2001. [http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=1923&sequence=0&from=7]

03/28/00 — Senate Budget Committee releases the Chairman’s Mark. The Chairman’s Mark for the FY2001 Concurrent Budget Resolution represents a fiscal blueprint for the next 5 years. [http://www.senate.gov/~budget/republican/analysis/2000/mark/markcontents.htm]

03/30/00 — CBO releases An Analysis of the President’s Budgetary Proposals for Fiscal Year 2001. [http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdoc.cfm?index=1908&type=1]

04/01/00 — GAO releases Compendium of Budget Accounts, Fiscal Year 2001. [http://www.gao.gov/]

04/10/00 — CBO releases the Monthly Budget Review, April 2000. [http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=1931&sequence=0&from=7]


05/01/00 — House Budget Committee releases Compilation of Laws and Rules Relating to the Congressional Budget Process as Amended Through March 23, 2000. [http://www.access.gpo.gov/congress/house/house04cp106.html]

05/04/00 — House Budget Committee, Democratic Caucus, releases The Republican Budget Resolution: Conference Agreement, Detailed Summary, Briefing Paper. [http://www.house.gov/budget_democrats/papers.htm]


05/31/00 — GAO releases Budget Issues: Budget Enforcement Compliance Report. [http://www.gao.gov/]

06/25/00 — CBO releases *The Standardized Budget: Revised Historical Estimates.* This report “presents revised historical estimates of CBO’s measures of fiscal policy—the standardized budget.” Revisions are based on adjustments for special factors that were not addressed in previously published calculations.

[http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdoc.cfm?index=2124&type=1]

06/26/00 — OMB releases *Mid-Session Review.* This update of the President’s FY2001 Budget contains revised estimates of the budget surplus, receipts, outlays, budget authority for fiscal years 2000 through 2010, and other summary information required by statute.

[http://w3.access.gpo.gov/usbudget/]

06/28/00 — House Budget Committee, Democratic Caucus, releases *President Clinton’s Revised Budget for Fiscal Year 2001, Briefing Paper.*

[http://www.house.gov/budget_democrats/papers.htm]

07/11/00 – CBO releases the *Monthly Budget Review, July 2000.*

[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2220&sequence=0&from=1]

07/13/00 – President signs the Military Construction Appropriations Act, 2001, P.L. 106-246.

[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

07/18/00 – CBO releases *The Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update, July 2000.* As a result of the continuous growth of the U.S. economy, the Congressional Budget Office projects that the total budget surplus in fiscal year 2000 will reach $232 billion in the absence of legislation that would affect spending or tax receipts this year.

[http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdoc.cfm?index=2241&type=1]

07/26/00 – GAO releases *July 2000 Update of Long-Term Fiscal Simulations.* Since 1992, GAO has provided the Congress with a long-term perspective on alternative fiscal policy paths. This perspective provides a framework for broad fiscal policy as well as for budget decisions on individual programs.

[http://www.gao.gov/]

07/28/00 – CBO releases *An Analysis of the President’s Mid-Session Review of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2001.*

[http://www.cbo.gov/ftpdoc.cfm?index=2301&type=1]


[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

08/10/00 – CBO releases the *Monthly Budget Review, August 2000.*

[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2327&sequence=0&from=1]

08/15/00 – CBO releases *Sequestration Update Report for Fiscal Year 2001.*

[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2334&sequence=0&from=1]

08/15/00 – CBO releases *Standardized Budget: Details of the Projections, August 2000.*

[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2350&from=4&sequence=0]
09/06/00 – CBO releases *An Analysis of the President’s Mid-Session Review of the Budget for Fiscal Year 2001, Corrected September 6, 2000.*
[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2301&from=4&sequence=0]

09/13/00 – CBO releases *Monthly Budget Review, September 2000.*
[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2400&sequence=0&from=1]

09/27/00 – Remarks by the President on New Budget Surplus and Debt Estimates.

09/27/00 – White House Fact Sheet on the Largest Surplus in History.

[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

10/01/00 – CBO releases *Long-Term Budget Outlook, October 2000.*
[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2517&sequence=0&from=1]

10/06/00 – President signs 2nd Continuing Appropriations for FY2001 Act, P.L. 106-282.
[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

10/07/00 – President vetoes Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001, H.R. 4733.

10/11/00 – House votes to override the President’s veto of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act, 2001.
[http://143.231.123.93/cgi-bin/vote.exe?year=2000&rollnumber=523]

[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2552&sequence=0&from=7]

[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

10/20/00 – President signs 4th Continuing Appropriations for FY2001 Act, P.L. 106-344.
[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

10/23/00 – President signs the Department of Transportation and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, P.L. 106-346.
[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]


[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2685&sequence=0&from=7]

11/15/00 – President signs 16th Continuing Appropriations for FY2001 Act, P.L. 106-520
[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]


12/05/00 – President signs 17th Continuing Appropriations for FY2001 Act, P.L. 106-537.
[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

12/07/00 – President signs 18th Continuing Appropriations for FY2001 Act, P.L. 106-539.
[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=2697&sequence=0&from=7]

[http://www.congress.gov/billsumm/106browse.html]

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12/21/00 – President signs Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, P.L. 106-553.

12/21/00 – President signs Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001, P.L. 106-554. Provides for FY2001 appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. Legislative Branch and Treasury-Postal Service appropriations were included in this Act during conference.

**Where Can I Find … on the Internet?**

Links to other useful sources on the Internet not previously cited in this report.

**Appropriations**

House and Senate Appropriations Committees Home Pages

Appropriations 7-Day-After Reports on appropriations legislation within seven days of enactment.
[http://www.whitehouse.gov/OMB/legislative/7day/index.html]

Discretionary Appropriations (CBO). Estimates of discretionary appropriations budget authority and outlays. Located at the bottom of the CBO Home Page under “Data Highlights.”
[http://www.cbo.gov/]

Unauthorized Appropriations and Expiring Authorizations (CBO). “The purpose of the report is to help the Congress adopt authorizing legislation that should be in place before it considers the 13 regular appropriation bills for fiscal year 2001, which begins October 1, 2000.”
[http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=1812&sequence=0&from=1]

Congressional Offices: Use Legislative Information Service (LIS) for access to legislation and CRS analysis.
[http://www.congress.gov/]

Public: Use THOMAS.
[http://thomas.loc.gov/]

Library of Congress (LOC) Home Page
[http://www.loc.gov/]

Budget, Financial Statements, and Debt

Budget

Budget and Supporting Documents
[http://w3.access.gpo.gov/usbudget/fy2001/buddocs.html#support]

Budget Time Line

Congressional Budget Office (CBO)
[http://www.cbo.gov/]

Congressional Committees

House and Senate Budget Committees Home Pages

Senate Budget Committee Majority Home Page, Budget Bulletins
[http://www.senate.gov/~budget/republican/index.html]

House Ways and Means Committee Home Page
[http://www.house.gov/ways_means/]
Senate Finance Committee Home Page  [http://www.senate.gov/~finance/]

Monthly Budget Review

Financial Statements

Financial Management Service (U.S. Treasury)

Financial Statements of the U.S. Government

General Accounting Office (GAO) [http://www.gao.gov/]

Office of Management and Budget (OMB) [http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/]

Debt


The gross federal debt as of 12/26/2000 was $5,661,579,846,114.32.
The debt as of 9/30/00, the end of FY2000, was $5,674,178,209,886.86.
The debt as of 9/30/99, the end of FY1999, was $5,656,270,901,615.43.

Debt Per Capita
To find the debt per capita, divide the debt by the population, using these two sites:
[http://www.publicdebt.treas.gov/opd/opdpenny.htm]
[http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/popclock]

The National Debt: Who Bears Its Burden? CRS Report RS30520 includes a statistical overview for 1980-2004 showing federal outlays and receipts, deficits or surpluses, and the debt and interest on the debt in billions of dollars and as a percent of GDP.

Changes in Federal Debt, 1996-1999, CRS Report RS20645, provides statistics on both components (debt held by the public and debt held by government accounts) of total federal debt from fiscal years 1996 through 1999.

What If the National Debt Were Eliminated? Some Economic Consequences, CRS Report RL30614.

Cost Estimates of Legislation (CBO)

“CBO prepares cost estimates and mandates statements for all bills ordered reported by a full committee of the Congress ... Unless listed separately, intergovernmental and private-sector mandates statements for each bill are included in the cost estimate.”

Glossaries of Appropriations and Budget Terms

Pie Charts, Graphs, and Tables

The Federal Dollar—Where It Comes From and Where It Goes
Includes charts and tables covering budget, deficit, debt, and economic data


Statements of Administration Policy (SAPs)

Statements and veto indicators on appropriations and non-appropriations legislation scheduled for House or Senate floor action. Covers the 105th and 106th Congresses and can be searched by bill number, by appropriations legislation, or by Appropriation subcommittees.

White House

Executive Agency Budget Sites

Budgets of the cabinet departments and agencies can be found at the sites listed below. Agency performance plans required by the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (P.L. 103-62), if not included at these sites, may be found at:

Agriculture

Commerce

Defense
Locating Agencies, Departments, and Programs in Appropriation Bills

“I’m looking for a particular program, but I don’t know which appropriation bill it’s in.” Indexes for finding specific entities in the 13 appropriation bills can be consulted at: [http://www.loc.gov/crs/products/appprogs.html]

Addresses and Phone Numbers


Budget Committee, Senate, (202) 224-0642, 621 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510-6100
Bureau of the Census, Publications: (301) 457-4100, Federal Center, Suitland, MD 20233

Bureau of the Public Debt, (202) 695-3502, 999 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20239-0001

Congressional Budget Office (CBO), Publications: (202) 226-2809, 410 Ford House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515

Federal Reserve, Publications: (202) 452-3245, 20th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20551

General Accounting Office (GAO), Publications: Congressional offices: (202) 512-4400
Public: (202) 512-6000, P.O. Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015

Government Printing Office (GPO), Publications: Congressional offices: (202) 512-1808
Public: (202) 512-1800, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954

Joint Committee on Taxation, (202) 225-3621, 1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515-6453

Office of Management and Budget (OMB), (202) 395-3000, Old Executive Office Building, 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503

Treasury Department, Publications: (202) 622-2970, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20220

White House, Publications: (202) 395-7332, 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20505

Selected CRS Products

CRS Budget Fact Sheets. These fact sheets summarize more than 40 different topics related to the budget and appropriations process. Congressional staff may access them at the CRS Web site: [http://lcweb.loc.gov/crs/legproc/newformat/CRSFactSheets/FactSheetNavigationNF.html]

CRS Info Packs. Info Packs provide background information and overviews on budget-related topics. The following Info Packs may be ordered from the CRS Products Page by clicking on the title.
CRS IP538B, Budget for Fiscal Year 2001
CRS IP532B, Budget for Fiscal Year 2000
CRS IP012B, Budget Process
CRS Issue Briefs.


CRS Reports.


CRS Report RS20182, Suspension of Budget Enforcement Procedures During Hostilities Abroad, by Robert Keith.

CRS Report RL30614, What If the National Debt Were Eliminated? Some Economic Consequences, by Marc LaBonte.