

Federal Debt Held by the Public as a Share of GDP (1797-2010)

Year	Percent
1797	16.5
1798	16.0
1799	15.8
1800	15.1
1801	13.3
1802	13.9
1803	14.1
1804	13.2
1805	10.9
1806	10.0
1807	9.5
1808	8.9
1809	7.4
1810	6.2
1811	5.7
1812	6.8
1813	8.2
1814	8.5
1815	10.2
1816	9.6
1817	7.8
1818	7.0
1819	7.4
1820	8.3
1821	9.1
1822	8.1
1823	8.3
1824	7.6
1825	6.5
1826	6.3
1827	5.7
1828	4.8
1829	3.9
1830	3.2
1831	1.8
1832	0.5
1833	0.3
1834	0.0
1835	0.0
1836	0.0
1837	0.2
1838	0.6
1839	0.2
1840	0.3
1841	0.8
1842	1.2
1843	1.5
1844	1.0
1845	0.7

1846	1.2
1847	1.7
1848	2.2
1849	2.5
1850	2.3
1851	2.4
1852	2.0
1853	1.4
1854	1.1
1855	0.9
1856	0.7
1857	0.9
1858	1.2
1859	1.5
1860	1.9
1861	7.2
1862	16.8
1863	23.8
1864	25.6
1865	31.0
1866	31.4
1867	31.4
1868	30.5
1869	30.0
1870	27.9
1871	25.7
1872	24.4
1873	23.2
1874	24.0
1875	23.7
1876	24.1
1877	23.9
1878	25.5
1879	23.0
1880	18.4
1881	16.8
1882	14.3
1883	13.5
1884	13.3
1885	13.2
1886	12.4
1887	11.2
1888	10.2
1889	8.6
1890	7.8
1891	7.0
1892	6.6
1893	6.8
1894	7.9
1895	7.9
1896	8.5
1897	8.0

1898	8.4
1899	7.5
1900	6.6
1901	5.7
1902	5.4
1903	5.0
1904	4.7
1905	4.3
1906	4.0
1907	4.0
1908	4.3
1909	3.8
1910	3.7
1911	3.6
1912	3.4
1913	3.2
1914	3.5
1915	3.3
1916	2.7
1917	13.3
1918	30.2
1919	33.4
1920	27.3
1921	31.6
1922	31.1
1923	25.2
1924	23.5
1925	21.6
1926	19.0
1927	18.0
1928	17.0
1929	14.9
1930	16.5
1931	22.3
1932	34.5
1933	39.1
1934	44.0
1935	42.9
1936	43.0
1937	40.1
1938	42.8
1939	43.0
1940	42.7
1941	43.3
1942	62.0
1943	77.1
1944	95.7
1945	112.7
1946	102.6
1947	90.4
1948	79.9
1949	81.4

1950	73.7
1951	63.7
1952	61.8
1953	60.2
1954	60.7
1955	55.5
1956	51.2
1957	48.1
1958	49.5
1959	47.0
1960	44.8
1961	44.6
1962	42.9
1963	41.4
1964	39.0
1965	36.5
1966	33.7
1967	33.4
1968	31.2
1969	28.5
1970	28
1971	28
1972	27
1973	26
1974	24
1975	25
1976	27
1977	28
1978	27
1979	26
1980	26
1981	26
1982	29
1983	33
1984	34
1985	36
1986	40
1987	41
1988	41
1989	41
1990	42
1991	45
1992	48
1993	49
1994	49
1995	49
1996	48
1997	46
1998	43
1999	39
2000	35
2001	32

2002	34
2003	36
2004	37
2005	37
2006	37
2007	36
2008	40
2009	53
2010	62

Source: Congressional Budget Office.

Notes: Data from 1797 through 1969 available through CBO, Long-Term Budget Outlook, June 2009 (see Additional Info).

Data from 1970 through 2009 available through CBO, Long-Term Budget Outlook, June 2010 (see Supplemental Material).

Data for 2010 available through CBO, Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2011 Through 2021.

Data through 1929 are shown as a percentage of GNP; data from 1930 to present are shown as a percentage of GDP.

For 1797-1969, year refers to calendar year. From 1970-2010, year refers to fiscal year.