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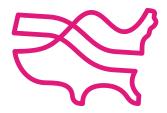
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About this report:

In this report, America in Facts 2025: A Data-Driven Report for Congress, we leverage nonpartisan government data to inform critical policy debates of particular interest to the 119th Congress, including taxes, federal finances, and immigration and border security, among others. While excellent nonpartisan, unbiased government data is available to illuminate some of these debates, in other instances, there is only limited or deficient data.

We envision this report serving as a catalyst for informed policy discussions among members of Congress and their teams.

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Questions about how the federal government raises and spends money are front and center in 2025. With debates intensifying over the future of major programs like Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and interest payments consuming a growing share of the budget, this chapter offers a factual baseline to understand how the federal government raises and allocates money. It highlights recent trends in taxes, spending, deficits, and debt and provides essential context for evaluating fiscal policy choices.

Revenue

- In FY 2024, the federal government collected \$4.9 trillion in revenue. Nearly half (49%) came from individual income taxes, 35% from payroll taxes, and 11% from corporate income taxes.
- Federal revenue increased 2.4 times since FY 1980, after adjusting for inflation, while the population grew 1.5 times.

Spending

- Total federal spending in FY 2024 was \$6.8 trillion, including transfers to state and local governments. Social Security, transfers to state and local governments, and defense and support for veterans made up more than half of all spending.
- Federal spending rose by 7% in FY 2024 after two years of decline and remained 24% above FY 2019 levels.
- Spending has increased 2.9 times since FY 1980 when adjusted for inflation, outpacing population growth.

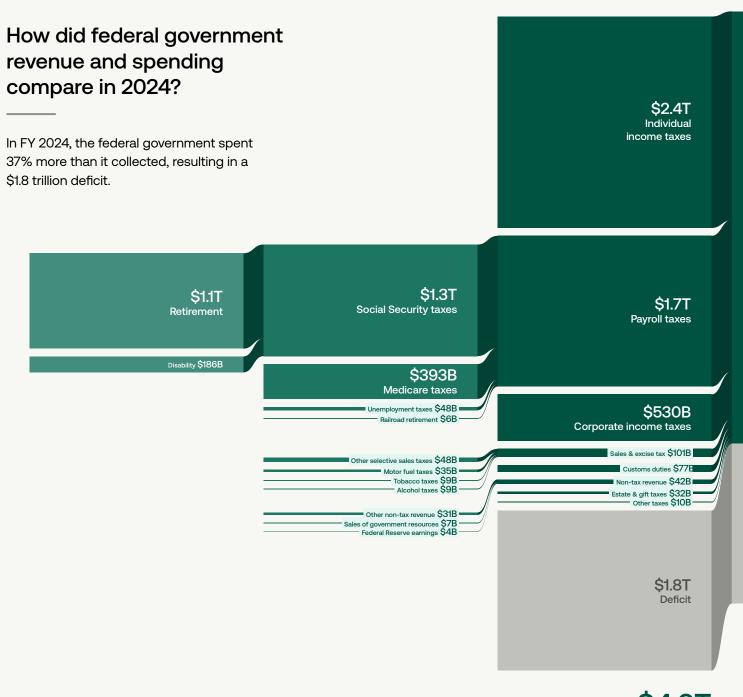
Spending by category

- Mandatory spending accounted for 60% of the budget in FY 2024, up from 45% in FY 1980.
- Of the \$4.1 trillion in mandatory spending, Social Security was the largest program at \$1.5 trillion (35%), followed by Medicare (21%) and Medicaid/CHIP (16%).
- Discretionary spending was \$1.8 trillion, with national defense making up 47%, followed by aid to individuals (9%) and support for veterans (7%).
- Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid made up 44% of all federal spending in FY 2024. While Social Security and Medicare costs rose, spending on Medicaid and CHIP declined compared to the previous fiscal year.
- Debt interest payments totaled \$879.9 billion 13% of all federal spending and the highest share since FY 1999.

Debt and deficit

- The federal government ran a deficit of \$1.8 trillion in FY 2024, spending more than it collected.
- The deficit rose in FY 2024 compared to FY 2023, though it remained below the \$3 trillion highs of FY 2020 and 2021.
- The total federal debt reached \$36.2 trillion by the end of 2024 with 80% held by the public, including individuals, businesses, banks, and foreign investors. Debt held by the public was 97% of GDP.





\$4.9T Federal revenue FY 2024

Denotes negative spending/deficit

Federal government finances (FY 2024)

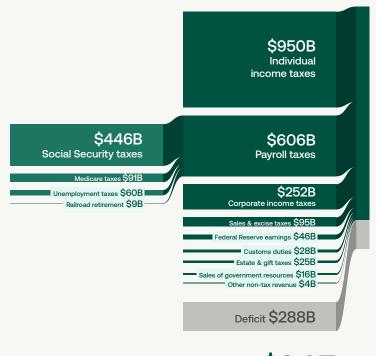
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How has federal government revenue changed over time?

Federal government revenue increased 2.4 times between FY 1980 and FY 2024, while the population increased 1.5 times.



\$2.0T Federal revenue FY 1980



Federal government revenue (FY 1980 vs. FY 2024)

Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget, Census Bureau, and Bureau of Economic Analysis Note: Adjusted for inflation (FY 2024 dollars). Charts are shown to scale for comparison. Numbers may not add due to rounding.



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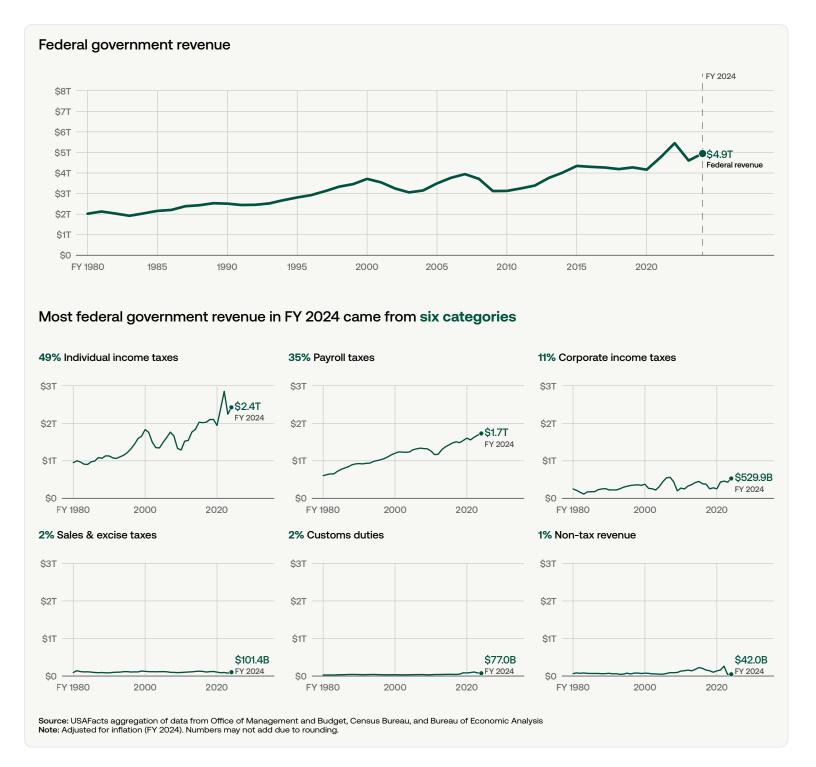
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What are the federal government's primary revenue sources?

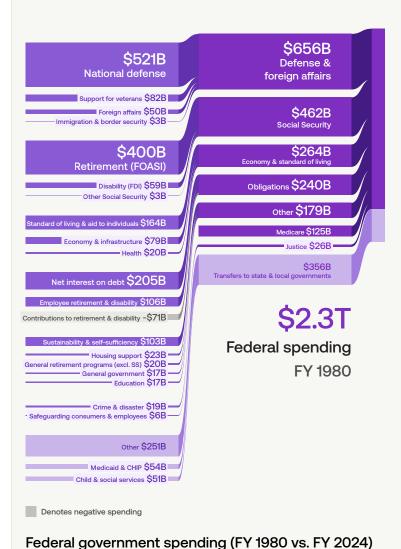
In FY 2024, the federal government collected \$4.9 trillion in revenue. Nearly half (49%) came from individual income taxes, while 35% came from payroll taxes that fund Social Security and Medicare. Other revenue sources include corporate income taxes, sales and excise taxes, customs duties, and estate and gift taxes.





How has federal spending changed over time?

Federal government spending increased 2.9 times between FY 1980 and FY 2024, when adjusted for inflation, while the population increased 1.5 times.



\$1.3T \$1.5T Retirement (FOASI) **Social Security** \$156B Disability (FDI) \$54B Other Social Security \$1.3T Defense & \$874B foreign affairs National defense \$72B Foreign affairs \$976B \$25B Immigration & border security **Obligations** \$880B Net interest on debt \$874B Medicare \$214B Employee retirement & disability -\$119B Contributions to retirement & disability \$692B **Economy &** standard of living \$454B Standard of living & aid to individuals \$239B Other \$98B Justice \$87B Health \$91B Sustainability & self-sufficiency S1.1T =\$25B General government = Transfers to state & \$23B General retirement programs (excl. SS) local governments -\$33B Housing support \$88B Crime & disaster -\$11B Safeguarding consumers & employees \$6.8T \$638B Federal spending Medicaid & CHIP FY 2024 \$126B Other aid to individuals \$100B Elementary & secondary education \$95B Transportation \$55B Other \$49B Housing assistance \$38B Child & social services \$33B Disaster relief \$12B Community & regional development Source: USAFacts aggregation of data from Office of Management and Budget, Census Bureau, and Bureau of Economic Analysis Note: Adjusted for inflation (FY 2024 dollars). Charts are shown to scale for comparison. Numbers may not add due to rounding.



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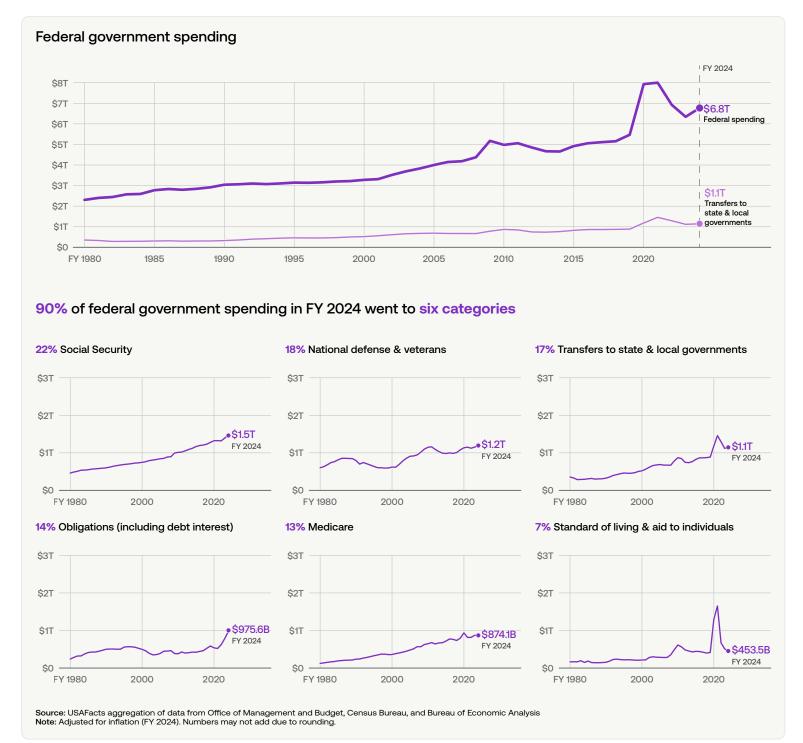
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What does the federal government spend the most money on?

The federal government spent \$6.8 trillion in FY 2024, including transfers to states. Social Security (22%), defense and veterans (18%), and transfers to state and local governments (17%) accounted for more than half of spending. Federal spending increased by 7% in FY 2024, following two years of decreased spending. Federal spending remained 24% above that of FY 2019.





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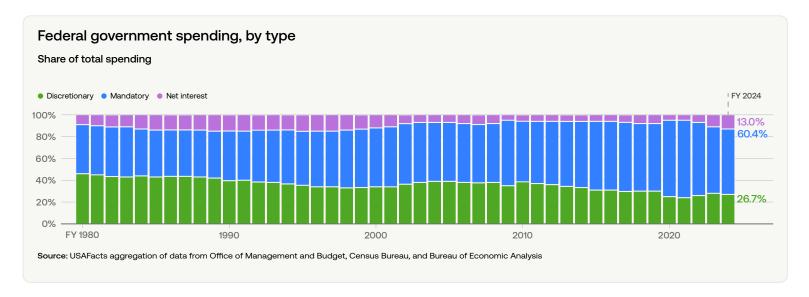
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What are the components of federal government spending?

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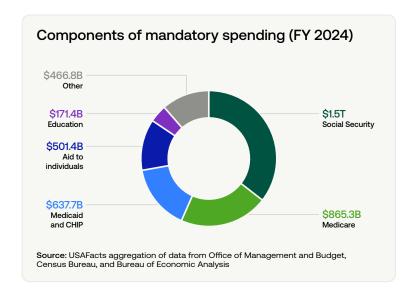
There are three types of federal government spending: mandatory, discretionary, and interest. Mandatory spending must be funded as the law requires, unless Congress changes the rules or laws regarding the programs themselves. This type of spending made up 60% of the budget in FY 2024, up from 45% in FY 1980. Discretionary spending is determined each year through the appropriations process and can change depending on national priorities. In FY 2024, it made up 27% of the budget. The government also pays interest on the national debt, which is the cost of borrowing from previous years. These payments aren't tied to any specific program and must be paid regardless of what Congress decides each year.

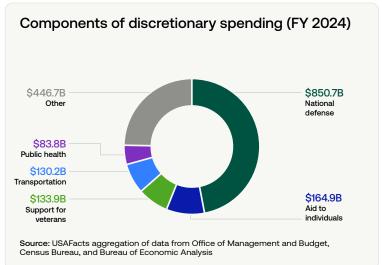
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What programs make up mandatory and discretionary spending?

Of the \$4.1 trillion in mandatory spending spent in FY 2024, the largest program was Social Security at \$1.5 trillion, making up 35% of the total. It was followed by Medicare (21%) and Medicaid and CHIP (16%). Of the \$1.8 trillion in discretionary spending in FY 2024, the largest category was national defense at \$850.7 billion, making up 47% of the total.







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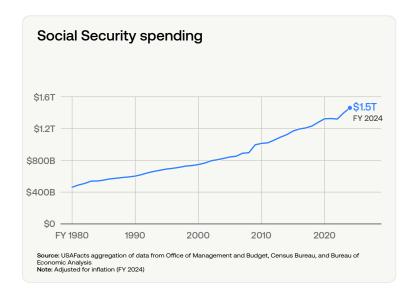
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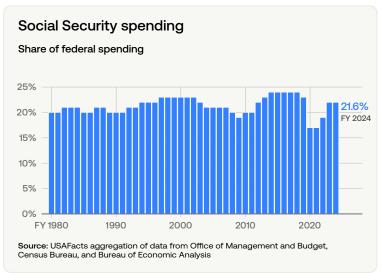
How much is spent on Social Security?

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Social Security is a federal program that provides income to retired workers, eligible family members of deceased workers (survivors), and people with qualifying disabilities. The law requires the government to pay benefits to all who qualify; most Social Security-related spending is mandatory. In FY 2024, Social Security spending totaled \$1.5 trillion, or 22% of federal spending, making it the largest government program. Spending rose 5% from the previous year, higher than the FY 1980–2023 average growth rate of 3%.

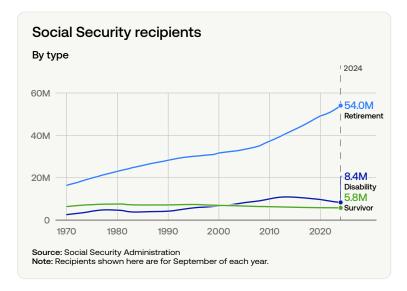
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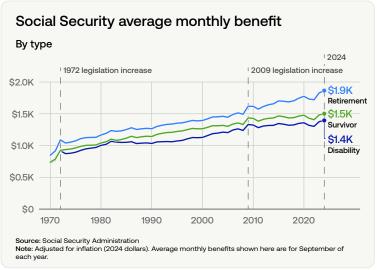




How many people collect Social Security benefits? How much do they receive?

In September 2024, there were 68.2 million Social Security recipients. Most of these, 54.0 million, received retirement benefits; 8.4 million received disability benefits and 5.8 million received survivor benefits. The number of retirement recipients increased by 3% from a year prior, while the number of disability and survivor recipients decreased. Retirement recipients received an average monthly benefit of \$1,864, disability recipients received \$1,395, and survivors received \$1,501.







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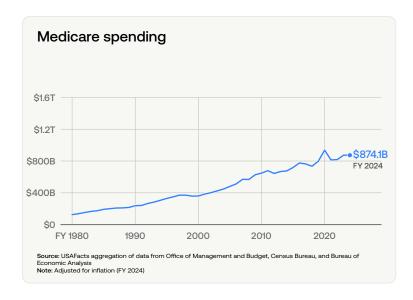
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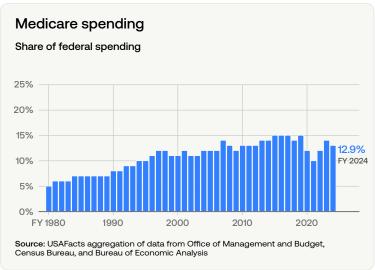
What is Medicare? How much does the government spend on it?

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Medicare is a federal program that provides health insurance to people age 65 and older and certain younger individuals with disabilities or serious health conditions. Its funding comes from payroll taxes and premiums, and a majority of its spending is mandatory. In FY 2024, Medicare spending totaled \$874.1 billion, or 13% of federal spending. Spending increased by less than 1% from the previous year, below the FY 1980–2023 average rate of 5% growth. Its share of the total budget declined from FY 2023.

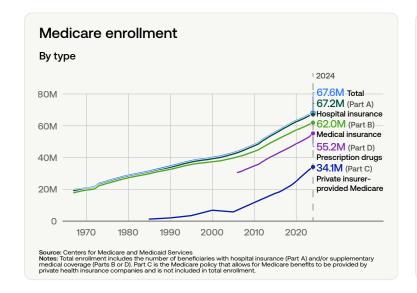
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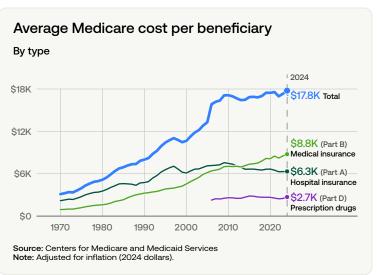




How many people are enrolled in Medicare? How much does it cost per person?

67.6 million people were enrolled in Medicare in 2024, 1.5% more than in 2023. The average cost of Medicare per beneficiary was \$17,786, a new high (after adjusting for inflation). Nearly half of this cost was for Part B, which supports medical and preventative care.







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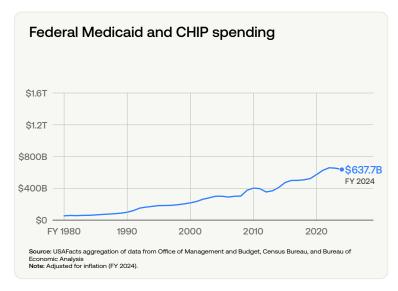
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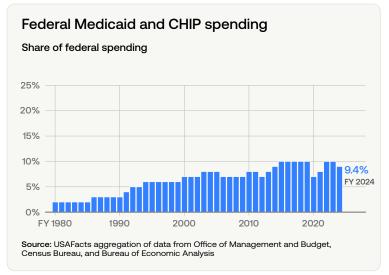
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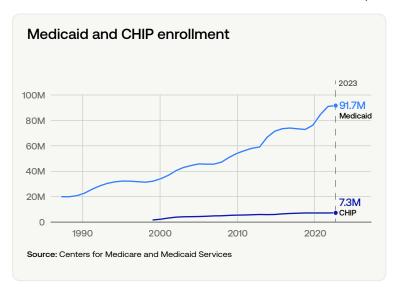
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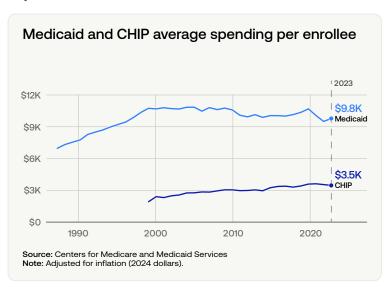
What are Medicaid and CHIP? How much does the federal government contribute to them? Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) are joint federal and state programs that provide health coverage to low-income individuals and families, including children, pregnant women, people with disabilities, and some older adults. The federal government covers at least 50% of each state's Medicaid costs, making these programs a large part of federal mandatory spending. In FY 2024, federal Medicaid and CHIP spending totaled \$637.7 billion, or 9% of federal spending. Spending decreased 2% from the previous year, below the FY 1980–2023 average rate of 6% growth. Its share of the total budget also declined from FY 2023 by about 1 percentage point.





How many people are enrolled in Medicaid and CHIP? How much does the program cost per person? There were 91.7 million Medicaid enrollees in 2023, costing an average of \$9,782 per person. The number of recipients increased nearly 1% and average per-enrollee costs increased by 3% from 2022, after adjusting for inflation. Total CHIP enrollees increased 1% to 7.3 million in 2023, and the average per-enrollee cost was \$3,469, down 2% from the previous year.







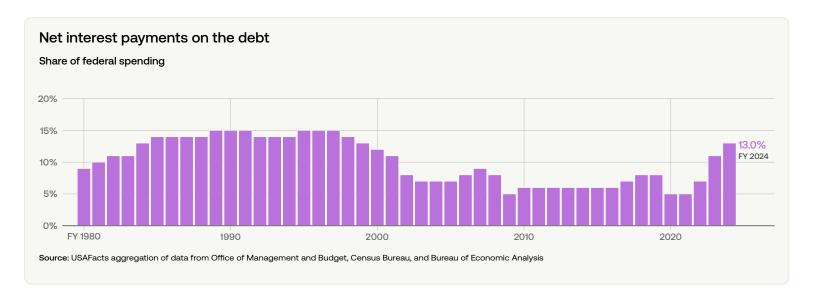
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How much does the US pay in interest on its debt?

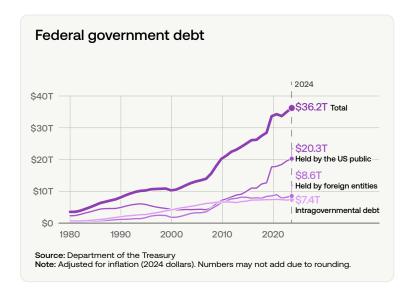
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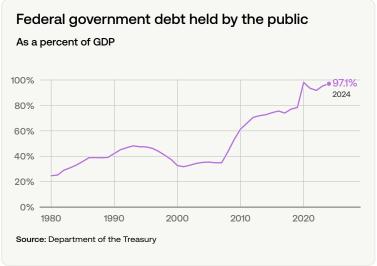
The government pays interest on its debts the same way individuals pay interest on credit card bills, mortgages, and car payments. Interest payments aren't fixed and change based on the size of the debt and interest rates. In FY 2024, the US spent \$879.9 billion in debt interest. It was equivalent to 13% of total government spending, the highest share since 1999.



How much debt does the federal government have?

The total debt owed by the federal government reached \$36.2 trillion by the end of 2024. About 80% of the debt was owned by the public (individuals, businesses, banks, the Federal Reserve, and foreign entities). Debt held by the public was equivalent to \$84,852 per person in the US, or 97% of GDP. Public debt as a percentage of GDP reached a peak in 2020, when it was 98% of GDP.

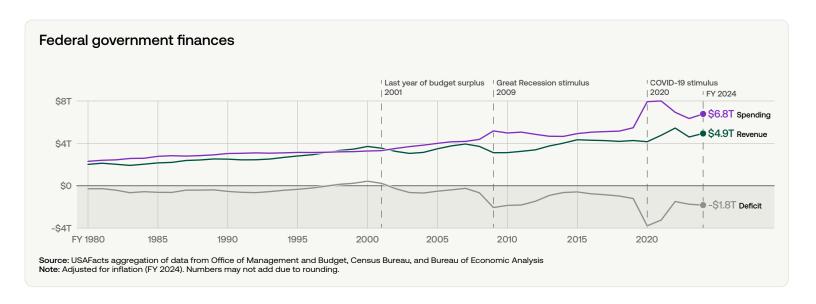






How has the federal government deficit changed over time?

Spending in FY 2024 increased by \$427.8 billion (adjusted for inflation) compared to FY 2023, while revenue increased by \$342.6 billion. As a result, the budget deficit increased to \$1.8 trillion from \$1.75 trillion in FY 2023. The deficit was lower than FY 2020 and FY 2021 highs (both exceeding \$3.0 trillion).





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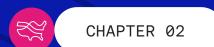
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USAFacts adjusts government finance data for inflation so comparisons can be made over time. To learn more about the financial analysis methodology, visit <u>usafacts.org/methodology</u>.

- The data in this section is in fiscal years. The federal fiscal year is from October to September. For example, the 2024 fiscal year covers the period of October 2023 through September 2024.
- The Office of Management and Budget's annual budget tables are often released months after the start of the fiscal year. This lag can make it difficult to analyze the most recent federal revenue and spending trends. This year, the delay was particularly pronounced with tables released in late June 2025, months later than is typical.
- USAFacts relies upon the Public Budget Database to provide detailed analysis of the US federal budget. This data is typically released early spring each year. As of mid-August 2025, the FY 2024 database is not published.





Federal income taxes



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Federal individual income taxes facts

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) was passed in 2017 and was first effective during the 2018 tax season. It made sweeping changes to the individual provisions of the federal tax code, particularly the standard deduction and itemized deductions. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA) of 2025 made some of those changes permanent, tweaked others, and introduced new tax code provisions.

It's not just policy changes that affect federal income tax collection; the number of filers and their incomes play a role. This chapter, which describes taxpayers and their behavior over the last decade, serves as a benchmark to evaluate the effects of the TCJA and the OBBBA.

Federal income tax collection trends

- The IRS collected \$2.1 trillion in individual income taxes in 2022, 33.3% more than in 2017 (not inflation adjusted).
- From 2017 to 2022, the number of tax returns increased 5.5%, and average adjusted gross income (AGI) rose 27.7%.
- In 2022, the average effective income tax rate was 14.1%, up from 13.0% in 2018 and down from 14.4% in 2017.
- Returns with income over \$100,000 paid 86.8% of all federal individual income taxes in 2022, up from 81.1% in 2017.

Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

- The EITC provided \$60.1 billion in credits across 24.1 million tax returns in 2022.
- Over 95% of EITC dollars went to filers with children.

Child Tax Credit (CTC)

- The TCJA doubled the maximum CTC, raised the refundable portion of the credit, and made it available to higher-income families. The OBBBA increased the maximum CTC again and indexed it for inflation.
- The number of returns claiming the non-refundable portion increased 78% the first year the TCJA was effective.
- In 2022, families with AGI over \$100,000 received, as a group, \$42.0 billion in CTC credits. That was over eight times more than in 2017.

Standard deduction vs. itemized deductions

- Both the TCJA and OBBBA increased the standard deduction and limited some popular deductions.
- The share of returns that itemized fell to 9.5% in 2022, down from 30.6% in 2017.

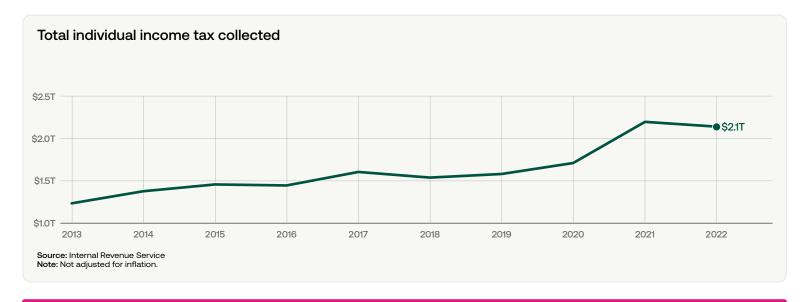
Itemized deductions

- From 2017 to 2022, the average state and local tax (SALT) deduction fell from \$13,457 to \$8,303. The average deduction fell 96% among the highest-income tax returns.
- The share of returns claiming the charitable deduction dropped from 24.8% in 2017 to 7.5% in 2022, mirroring the reduction in itemized returns.
- The average charitable contributions deduction rose as the pool of taxpayers claiming it became more concentrated among higher-income filers.
- In 2022, 11.6 million returns claimed the mortgage interest deduction for a total of \$147.0 billion.
- High-income households claim the largest mortgage interest deductions, though their average deduction decreased from 2017 to 2022.
- In 2022, 25.7 million returns claimed the qualified business income (QBI) deduction, totaling \$216.1 billion. The QBI deduction was established by the TCJA.
- Nearly three-quarters of returns with income over \$1 million claimed the QBI deduction, averaging nearly \$160,000 per return.



How much does the IRS collect from individual income taxes?

The IRS collected \$2.1 trillion in individual income taxes in 2022. This was down from \$2.2 trillion the year before. Compared to 2017, the year before the implementation of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), total individual income taxes collected increased 33.3%.

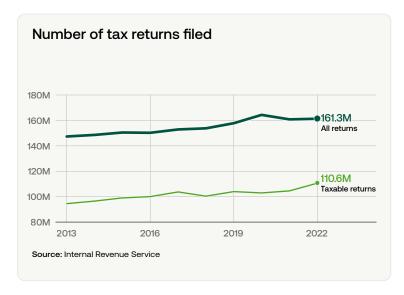


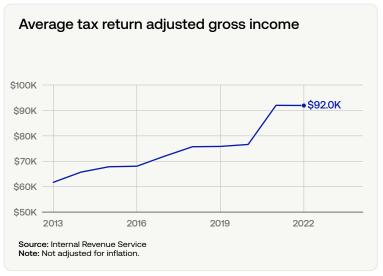
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Adjusted gross income (AGI) is a tax filer's total income from all sources — wages, tips, interest, dividends, capital gains, business income, and retirement income — minus certain adjustments. These adjustments include contributions to a retirement account or a health savings account. In other words, AGI is income before deductions or credits, but after subtracting a few specific expenses the IRS allows.

How has the pool of federal taxpayers changed over time?

What the federal government collects from individual income taxes depends on the number of tax filers and their incomes. Increases in either may raise income tax revenue while declines may have the opposite effect. The number of tax returns filed increased from 160.8 million in 2021 to 161.3 million in 2022. Average adjusted gross income (AGI) declined 0.1%. Compared to 2017, the number of tax returns filed in 2022 increased 5.5%, and average AGI increased 27.7%.





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What are federal income tax rates?

The United States has a progressive federal income tax system, meaning tax rates increase as income rises. The TCJA reduced tax rates for most income levels and adjusted the income ranges subject to each tax rate. For example, it changed the highest federal marginal income tax rate — the rate applied to the last dollar of income for the highest earners — from 39.6% on income over \$418,400 for single filers to 37% on income over \$500,000. (This increased to \$539,900 by 2022 due to inflation adjustments applied by the IRS.) These changes were set to expire at the end of 2025, but were made permanent by the OBBBA.

Realized capital gains, which are the profits from selling assets such as stocks, bonds, or real estate, are also taxed. Profits from selling assets held less than one year are taxed at the same rate as regular income. If they're held longer than one year, though, they are taxed at lower rates than other income. While the TCJA did not change the capital gains tax rate, the income brackets to which each rate is applied shifted to align with the regular tax rate schedule.

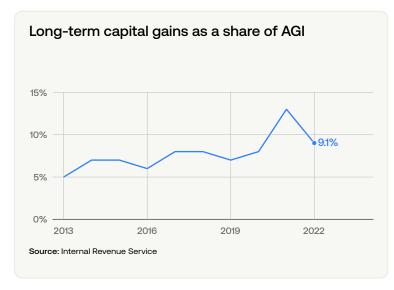
	Regular and capital gains tax rates, 2017 and 2018, by select filing statuses							
	Pre-TCJA (2017)			TCJA (2018)				
	Select filing statuses		Tax rates		Select filing statuses		Tax rates	
	Single	Married filing jointly	Regular tax rate	Capital gains tax rate	Single	Married filing jointly	Regular tax rate	Capital gains tax rate
	\$0-\$9,325	\$0-\$18,650	10%	0%	\$0-\$9,525	\$0-\$19,050	10%	0%
	\$9,326- \$37,950	\$18,651– \$75,900	15%		\$9,526- \$38,700	\$19,051- \$77,400	12%	
	\$37,951- \$91,900	\$75,901– \$153,100	25%		\$38,701– \$82,500	\$77,401- \$165,000	22%	
	\$91,901– \$191,650	\$153,101- \$233,350	28%	15%	\$82,501– \$157,500	\$165,001– \$315,000	24%	- 15%
2	\$191,651- \$416,700	\$233,351- \$416,700	33%	1070	\$157,501- \$200,000	\$315,001- \$400,000	32%	
	\$416,701– \$418,400	\$416,701- \$470,700	35%		\$200,001- \$500,000	\$400,001- \$600,000	35%	
	Over \$418,400	Over \$470,700	39.6%	20%	Over \$500,000	Over \$600,000	37%	20%

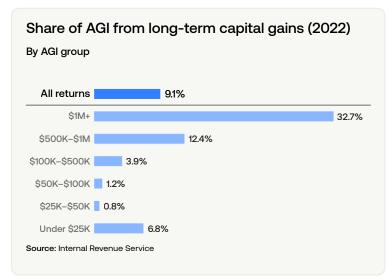
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What share of taxpayer income is taxed at capital gains rates?

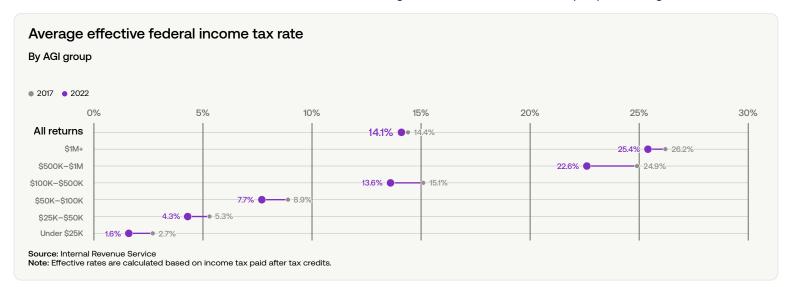
In 2022, 9.1% of tax filers' adjusted gross income (AGI) was taxed at the long-term capital gains rates. Over the last decade, this percentage averaged 7.8%, reaching as low as 5.3% and as high as 13.0%. A larger share of high-income tax filers' AGI comes from realized long-term capital gains: 32.7% in 2022 for people with an AGI over \$1 million. Filers with AGI under \$25,000 may include retirees who rely on investment income and have little wage or salary income, or high-wealth individuals who had low income due to business losses or other factors, but still realized capital gains.





How much do people pay in federal individual income taxes?

A filer's effective tax rate, or the percentage of their income paid in taxes, is typically lower than their tax bracket. That's for two reasons: 1) because marginal tax rates apply to the last dollars earned rather than all income, and 2) because lower tax rates are applied to some income, such as capital gains and dividends. In 2022, the average effective federal income tax rate was 14.1%, up from 13.0% in 2018, but below the 2017 pre-TCJA level of 14.4%. Effective tax rates ranged from 1.6% for filers earning under \$25,000 to 25.4% for people earning over \$1 million.

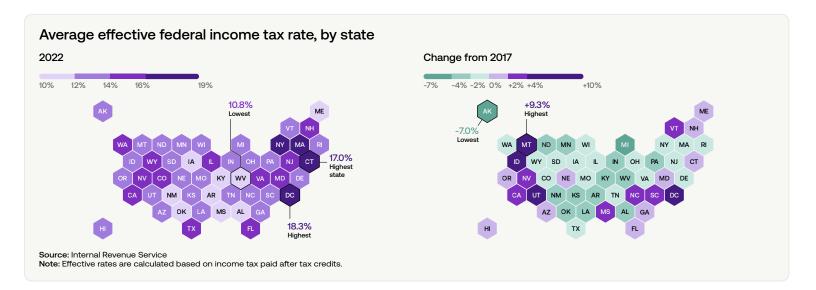






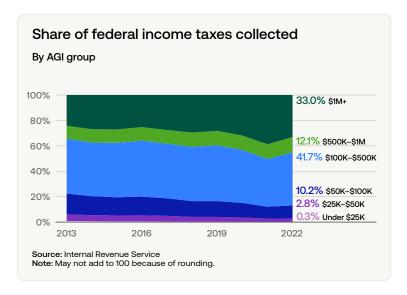
How do effective federal income tax rates vary by state?

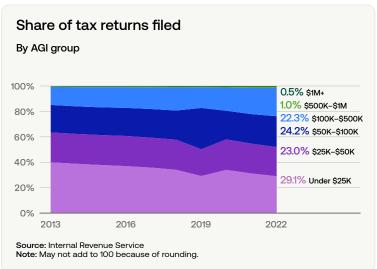
Taxpayers had the highest effective federal income tax rate in higher-income states like Connecticut (17.0%), New York (16.7%), and Massachusetts (16.6%). The lowest effective tax rates were in lower-income states like West Virginia (10.8%) and Mississippi (10.9%). Since 2017, the effective tax rate has increased in 18 states and fallen in 31.



What is the distribution of taxes paid by income level?

The portion of total income taxes paid by higher-income tax filers has grown since 2017, mirroring rising incomes. Between 2017 and 2022, the share of tax returns with AGIs over \$100,000 increased by 5.7 percentage points, up from 18.1% to 23.8%. The share of income taxes paid by the group also increased 5.7 percentage points from 81.1% to 86.8%.







What is the standard tax deduction?

The standard deduction reduces a taxpayer's taxable income by a fixed amount. When taxpayers file their federal individual income tax return, they choose between the standard deduction or a series of itemized deductions. The TCJA nearly doubled the standard deduction to \$12,000 for individuals and to \$24,000 for joint filers. The OBBBA further increased the standard deduction and made those new levels permanent.

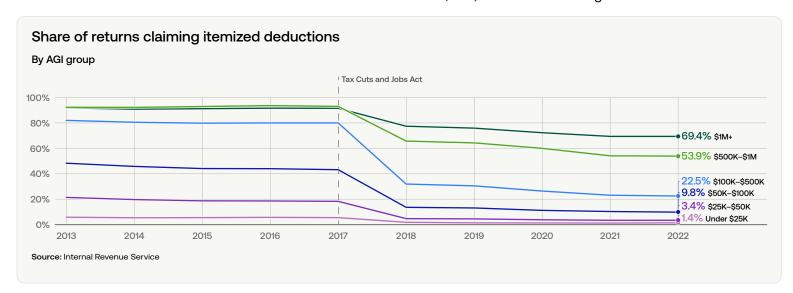
Standard deduction, by filing status				
Filing status	Pre-TCJA (2017)	TCJA (2018)	OBBBA (2025)	
Individual	\$6,350	\$12,000	\$15,750	
Joint	\$12,700	\$24,000	\$31,500	
Head of household	\$9,350	\$18,000	\$23,625	

Source: Internal Revenue Service

Note: Without OBBBA, the standard deduction would have been \$15,000 for individuals, \$30,000 for joint filers, and \$22,500 for heads of household in 2025.

How many people itemize their taxes?

Itemizing means listing specific deductible expenses incurred throughout the year to reduce taxable income. Typically, tax filers choose to itemize only when their itemized deductions exceed the standard deduction. It is most common among high-income taxpayers. Following the implementation of the TCJA, the portion of itemized returns fell from 30.6% in 2017 to 11.4% in 2018. Itemizing declined by nearly 50 percentage points among returns with an AGI of \$100,000 to \$500,000. While itemizing fell among the highest-income taxpayers as well, more than 50% of returns with an AGI over \$500,000 continued doing so in 2022.





What are the most common income tax deductions?

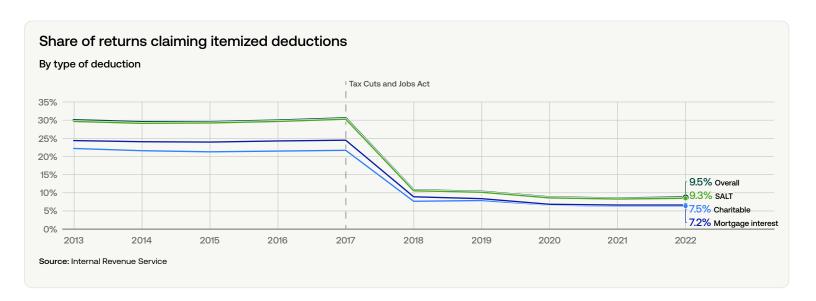
The state and local tax (SALT), home mortgage interest, and charitable contribution deductions are the three most frequently claimed by taxpayers who itemize. SALT was claimed on the most returns (15.1 million), while the charitable contributions deduction had the highest dollar value (\$222.4 billion) in 2022.

Number of returns and amount claimed, by itemized deduction (2022)				
Type of itemized deduction	Total returns	Total amount claimed		
SALT	15.1 million	\$125.2 billion		
Mortgage interest	11.6 million	\$147.0 billion		
Charitable contributions	12.2 million	\$222.4 billion		

Source: Internal Revenue Service

Are more or fewer filers claiming popular deductions since TCJA?

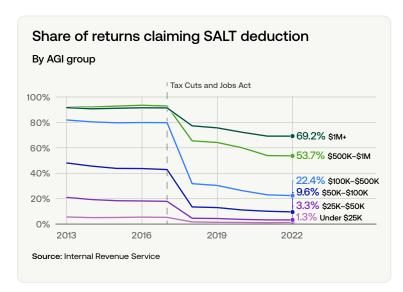
Mirroring the decline in itemization, the share of tax returns claiming SALT, mortgage interest, and charitable contributions deductions has declined since 2017. In 2022, 9.3% of returns claimed SALT, 7.5% claimed the charitable contribution deduction, and 7.2% claimed the mortgage interest deduction. More than 20% of returns claimed these deductions before the TCJA.





How has the use of the SALT deduction changed since the TCJA?

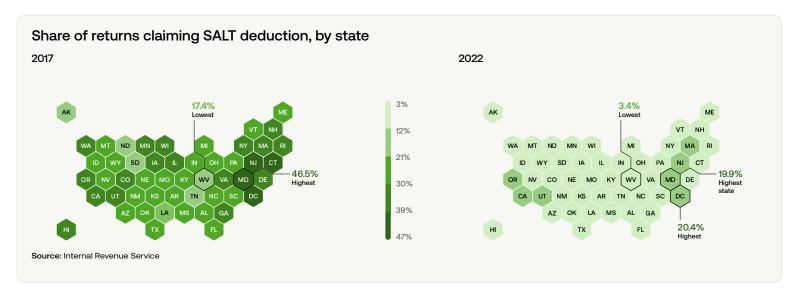
During the 2018–2025 tax seasons, the SALT deduction allowed taxpayers who itemize to deduct up to \$10,000 in state and local property taxes and either income or sales taxes paid. The OBBBA increased this cap to \$40,000 until 2030, at which point it will revert to \$10,000 unless further legislative action is taken. Prior to the TCJA, there was no cap on how much could be deducted. The cap doesn't apply to state and local taxes associated with a trade or business (there is no upper limit). In 2022, 15.1 million returns claimed SALT deductions — nearly all the returns that itemized. The average SALT deduction fell from \$13,457 in 2017 to \$8,303 in 2022. High-income filers with AGI over \$1 million were most affected by the change with their average deduction per return falling 96.0% from \$282,402 to \$11,233.





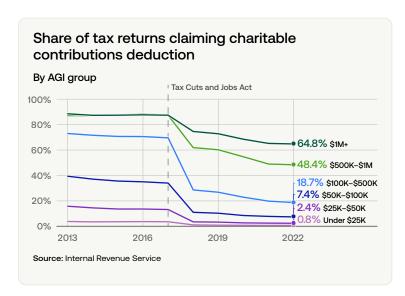
How have SALT deductions changed by state?

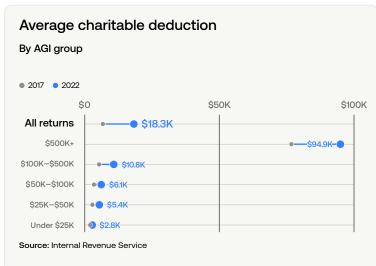
From 2017 to 2022, the share of taxpayers claiming the SALT deduction declined in every state. In Wisconsin, West Virginia, and Ohio, the share of returns claiming SALT fell by more than 80%. It declined least, but by still more than 50%, in California, Maryland, and Hawaii.





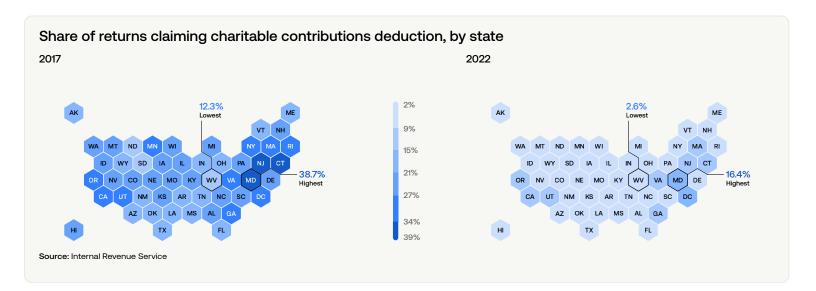
Has use of the charitable contributions deduction changed since the TCJA? The charitable contributions deduction allows itemizers to deduct qualified donations to nonprofit organizations from their taxable income. In 2022, 12.2 million returns claimed the deduction, totaling \$222.4 billion — the largest itemized deduction by dollar amount. While the share of returns claiming the charitable contributions deduction fell from 24.8% in 2017 to 7.5% in 2022, the average deduction increased across all income groups. High-income taxpayers are more likely to claim this deduction due partly to their greater likelihood of itemizing. The drop in claims after TCJA follows the broader decline in itemizing.





How have charitable deductions changed at the state level?

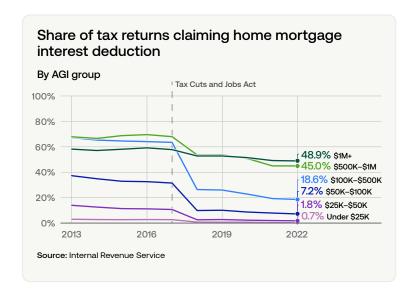
From 2017 to 2022, the share of taxpayers claiming the charitable contributions deduction fell in every state. In some states, including Connecticut, New Jersey, and Minnesota, the share of returns claiming the deduction fell by more than 22 percentage points.

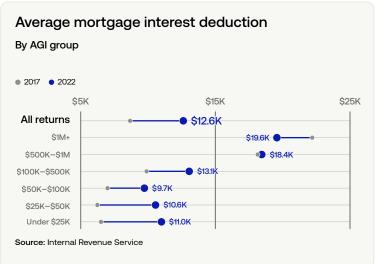




How has the use of the mortgage interest deduction changed since the TCJA? The mortgage interest deduction lets itemizers deduct a limited amount of interest paid on home loans from their taxable income. The TCJA reduced the amount of mortgage debt eligible for the deduction for new loans from \$1 million to \$750,000 and the OBBBA made this change permanent. In 2022, 11.6 million returns claimed the deduction, totaling \$147.0 billion.

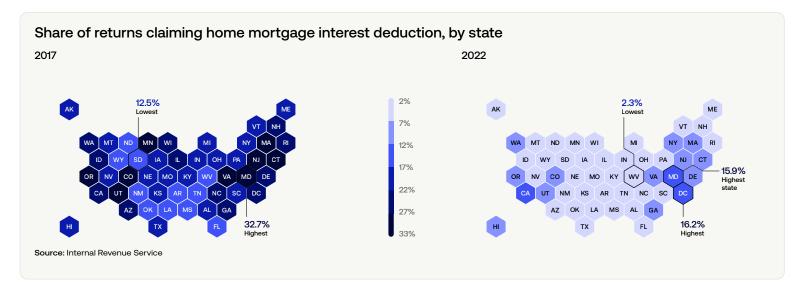
As with other itemized deductions, the share of returns claiming this fell after the TCJA. Higher-income households still take the largest deductions, although the average deduction taken decreased from 2017 to 2022 for filers with an AGI of \$1 million or more.





How has use of the mortgage interest deduction changed across states?

The share of returns claiming the mortgage interest deduction fell by more than 80% between 2017 and 2022 in Wisconsin, lowa, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Nebraska, and Vermont.

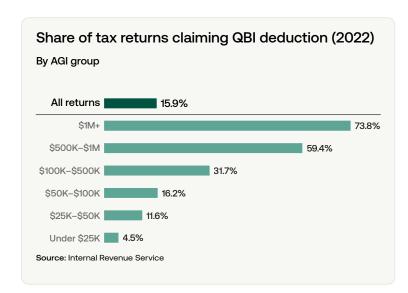


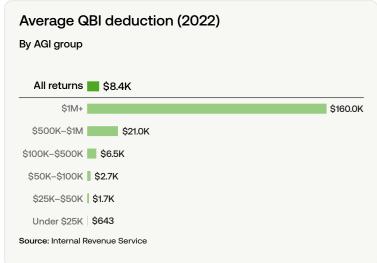


What is the Qualified Business Income (QBI) deduction?

The TCJA established the QBI deduction. This deduction lets owners of pass-through businesses, such as sole proprietorships and LLCs, deduct up to 20% of their qualified business income (with some limitations and restrictions). It is not an itemized deduction and can be used by filers claiming the standard deduction.

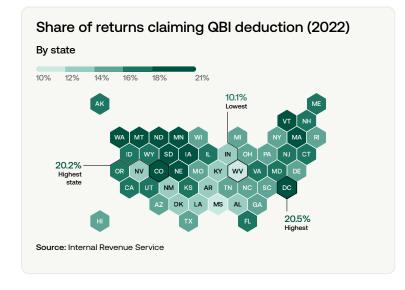
In 2022, 25.7 million returns claimed QBI deductions totaling \$216.1 billion. The average deduction was \$8,423. High-income filers were most likely to claim it: 73.8% of returns with earnings over \$1 million used it, reducing their taxable income by an average of \$159,978 per return. By contrast, filers with AGIs under \$50,000 claimed an average deduction of less than \$1,500 per return. The deduction provision was scheduled to expire at the end of 2025, but was made permanent by the OBBBA.

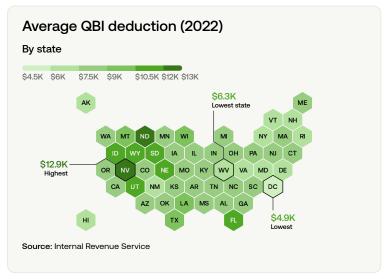




How do QBI claims vary by state?

In 2022, the share of returns claiming the QBI deduction ranged from about 10% in West Virginia to more than 20% in Colorado, South Dakota, and Washington, DC. The highest average deduction was taken in Nevada at nearly \$13,000.

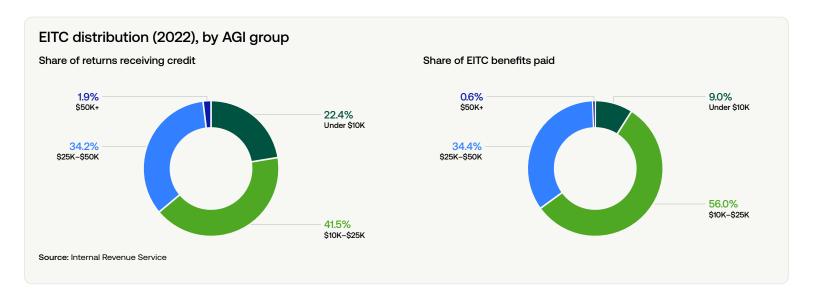


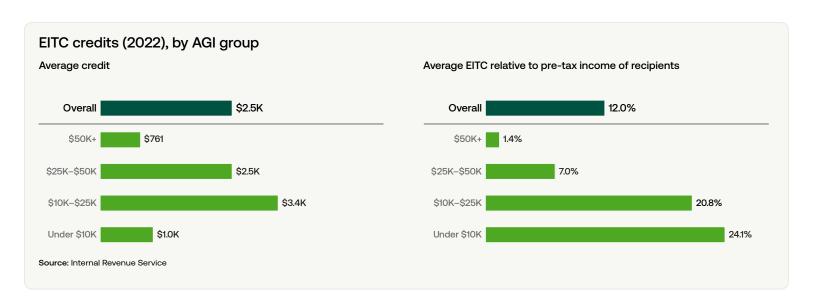




What is the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)?

The EITC is a fully refundable tax credit for low- and moderate-income workers, particularly those with children. In 2022, 24.1 million returns claimed the EITC and received \$60.1 billion in benefits. The average credit was about \$2,500. Sixty-five percent of total benefits went to tax filers with an AGI under \$25,000, and provided a benefit equal to more than 20% of their pre-tax incomes.





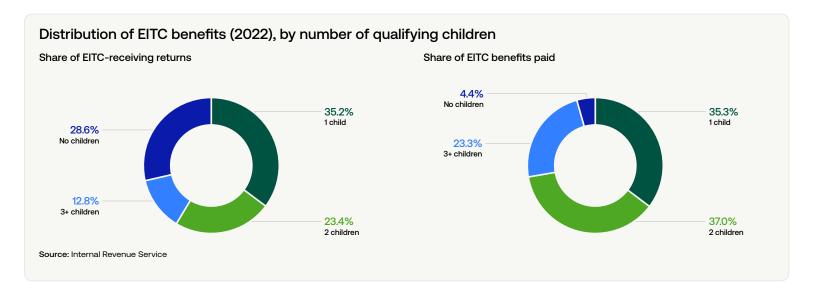
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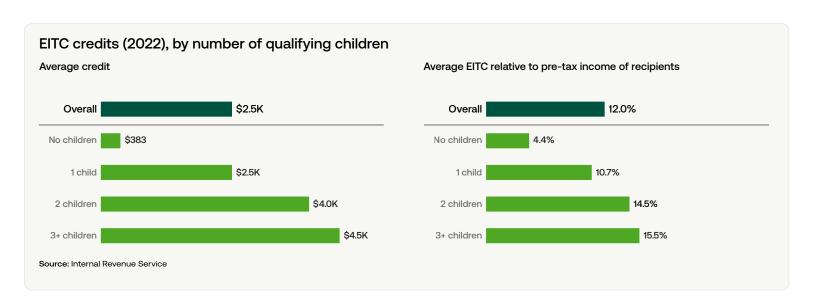
Tax credits are taken off the taxes filers owe. Some tax credits are refundable. This means that even if a tax filer is eligible for a credit that exceeds the total tax they owe, they can still get the full value (fully refundable) or partial value (partially refundable) of the credit as cash. The largest tax credits are the Earned Income Tax Credit, which is fully refundable, and the Child Tax Credit, which is partially refundable.



How does EITC vary by the number of children in a household?

The maximum EITC amount increases with the number of qualifying children. In 2022, over 95% of EITC dollars went to taxpayers with children. Families with one child received 35.3% of all EITC dollars, families with two children received 37.0%, and families with three or more children received 23.3%. In contrast, childless adults received 4.4% of total EITC dollars, although they accounted for 28.6% of EITC recipients.







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What is the **Child Tax Credit** (CTC)?

The CTC is a partially refundable, per-child tax credit available to most US families. The refundable and non-refundable portions of the CTC are administered separately, and eligible families can claim both.

The TCJA doubled the maximum credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per child, lowered the minimum earnings families needed to be eligible, and expanded eligibility for higherincome families. It also increased the refundable portion of the credit, called the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC), from \$1,000 to \$1,400 (indexed to inflation). This means that if a tax filer is eligible for a credit that exceeds how much they owe in income taxes, they can receive up to the cap amount back as cash.

These changes to the CTC would have expired at the end of 2025, but were made permanent by the OBBBA. The legislation also increased the maximum nonrefundable per child credit further to \$2,200.

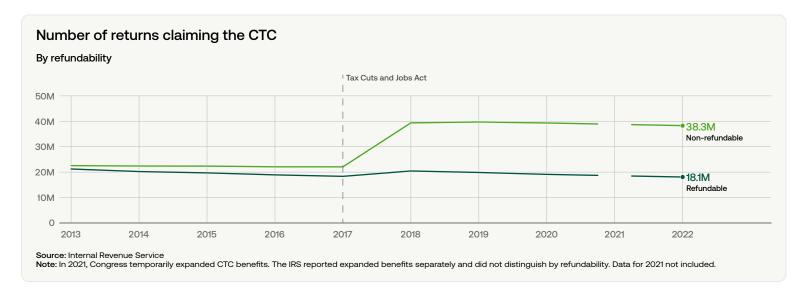
Child Tax Credit provisions				
Category	Pre-TCJA (2017)	TCJA (2018)	OBBBA (2025)	
Maximum credit per child (under age 17)	\$1,000 per child	\$2,000 per child	\$2,200 per child (indexed)	
Maximum Additional CTC (ACTC)	Refundable up to \$1,000 per child; 15% of income over \$3,000	Refundable up to \$1,400 (indexed); 15% of income over \$2,500		
Refundability formula for ACTC	15% of earnings above \$3,000, not to exceed the ACTC maximum of \$1,000 per child	15% of earnings above \$2,500, not to exceed the ACTC maximum of \$1,400 per child		
Earned income threshold for credit to begin	\$3,000	\$2,500		
Income threshold for credit to begin phasing out	\$75,000 (head of houshold and single) / \$110,000 (married filing jointly)	\$200,000 (head of household and single) / \$400,000 (married filing jointly)	Made TCJA changes to CTC permanent	
Phaseout rate	Credit is reduced by \$50 for every \$1,000 above phaseout threshold		•	
Credit for other dependents (non-children)	None	\$500 non-refundable credit per non-child dependent		
Refundable vs. non- refundable nature	Up to \$1,000 could be refunded	Refundable up to \$1,400; \$600 non-refundable		
Indexing for inflation	No indexing	Refundable portion adjusted upward with inflation each year	Both refundable and non-refundable credits adjusted annually for inflation	

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How many tax returns claim the CTC?

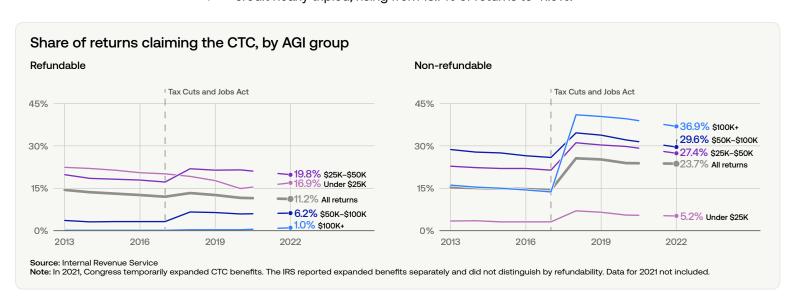
With expanded CTC eligibility, claims of the non-refundable credit jumped 78.4% between 2017 and 2018 and benefited the filers of 38.3 million returns in 2022. The number of returns claiming the refundable ACTC increased from 18.3 million in 2017 to 20.5 million in 2018. It fell to 18.1 million in 2022.



How do claims of the CTC differ by income?

In 2017, 12.0% of tax returns claimed the refundable ACTC, while 14.4% claimed the non-refundable CTC. In 2018, those shares increased to 13.3% and 25.6%, respectively.

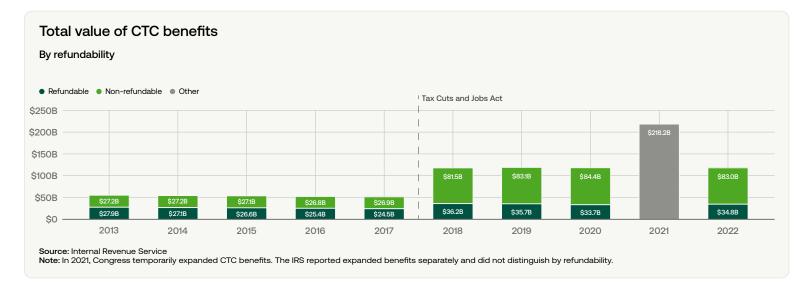
Lower-income households are the most likely to claim the ACTC because they often owe little or no federal income tax. In 2022, 18.2% of returns with an AGI under \$50,000 claimed the ACTC; 19.0% did so in 2017. Before the TCJA, the non-refundable CTC was primarily claimed by filers earning \$50,000–\$100,000. After the law expanded eligibility to higher income tax filers, it became most common among those with an AGI over \$100,000. Between 2017 and 2018 the share of these filers claiming the non-refundable credit nearly tripled, rising from 13.7% of returns to 41.0%.

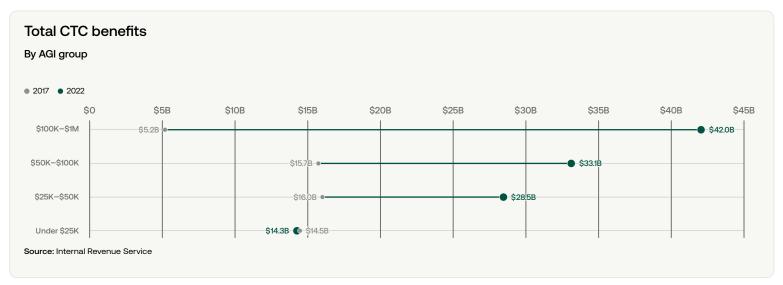




How have total CTC benefits changed since 2017?

Total CTC benefits rose from \$51.4 billion in 2017 to \$117.7 billion in 2018. The value of the refundable portion increased from \$24.5 billion in 2017 to \$36.2 billion. Non-refundable CTC benefits rose from \$26.9 billion to \$81.5 billion. Aside from increases in the credit in 2021 due to its temporary expansion in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the aggregate value of the claims has remained steady since. Between 2017 and 2022, total benefits going to families with AGI over \$100,000 had a more than eightfold increase, from \$5.2 billion to \$42.0 billion.





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How much do families receive

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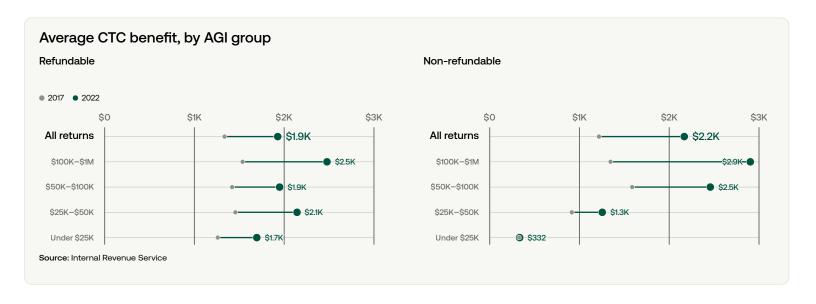
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Average non-refundable CTC benefits grew more than refundable ones after the TCJA, since the credit doubled while the refundable portion increased 40%. Across all returns, the average non-refundable benefit rose from \$1,218 in 2017 to \$2,070 in 2018 to \$2,168 by 2022. The average refundable portion increased from \$1,336 to \$1,772 in 2018 and reached \$1,928 by 2022.

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Refundable and non-refundable benefits increased the most for middle- and higher-income filers. For example, returns with an AGI of more than \$100,000 saw their average refundable CTC rise by \$434 between 2017 and 2018 and by another \$507 by 2022. Meanwhile, this group's average benefit from the non-refundable CTC portion more than doubled between 2017 and 2018.

Returns with lower income had more modest increases in average benefits. Among those with AGI under \$25,000, average refundable benefits increased \$435 between 2017 and 2022. Non-refundable benefits were almost unchanged.





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Internal Revenue Service	Statistics of Income	Individuals, Individual Income Tax Returns Tables and Complete Report (Publication 1304)	Oct. 2024	2022
News		Historic table 2 (SOI bulletin)	Jan. 2025	2022
		SOI Tax Stats - Historical Table 23	Historic table, no longer being updated	2018
	News releases	Press release titled "IRS provides tax inflation adjustments" each year.	Annually in the fall for the following tax season	2024

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Most of the data described in this chapter is compiled and published by the IRS's Statistics of Income (SOI) program. While these data provide valuable insight, the USAFacts team encountered some limitations in the data:

- Tabulated topline data typically lags two to three years, with the most recent individual tax data being from 2022.
- Tax data is not easily findable on the IRS's website. Users must have a strong working knowledge of existing tables and the US tax system to answer simple questions.
- Tables are only available in .csv or Excel files where there is a separate file for each table and each year. This makes the data difficult to work with.



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Standard of living facts

Several temporary income support provisions enacted during the COVID-19 pandemic have ended or reverted to previous levels. Congress also recently made changes to federal standard of living programs, such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. This chapter presents government data on key indicators of household well-being — such as poverty rates, income, and food security — to understand the current standard of living in the US and the potential effects of policy changes.

Gross domestic product (GDP) per person

- In 2024, real gross domestic product (rGDP, or GDP adjusted for inflation) per person in the US was up 1.7% from 2023.
- The change in rGDP per person from 2023 to 2024 varied by state, decreasing most in North Dakota (-1.7%) and increasing most in West Virginia (+3.6%).

Wages, income, taxes, and transfers

- In 2022, the average middle-class family (40th-60th percentile
 of the income distribution) made about \$67,790 in market
 income, paid \$24,487 in taxes, and received \$26,918 in
 government assistance.
- Between 2000 and 2022, average tax payments increased (adjusted for inflation) for all families except the bottom 20% of earners; government assistance increased by more than 50% in every group, in part due to temporary COVID-19 programs.
- The nation's median annual wage, or the typical amount paid to individuals in exchange for their work or services, was \$49,440 in 2024, down 0.3% from 2023 after adjusting for inflation.

Poverty

- The poverty rate was 11.1% in 2023, while the child poverty rate was 15.3%. Both remained above 2019 levels.
- In 2023, three states had poverty rates of at least 16%: Louisiana, New Mexico, and Mississippi.

Housing

 In 2023, nearly 52% of renters and about 23% of homeowners spent 30% or more of their income on housing, qualifying as housing burdened under Department of Housing and Urban Development guidelines.

- The US had 15.1 subsidized housing units per 1,000 people in 2024. This included both occupied and unoccupied units and was at the lowest level since at least 2004.
- In 2024, the average wait time for subsidized housing rose to 27 months, two months longer than in 2023.

Food insecurity

- In 2023, 13.5% of US households experienced food insecurity, meaning they were uncertain about having enough food or did not have enough food at some point in the year.
- In FY 2024, an average of 41.7 million people received SNAP benefits monthly — 17% more than in FY 2019 but below the FY 2013 peak.
- 6.7 million people received nutrition benefits through WIC, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children, in FY 2024; 21.4 million children per month received free or reduced lunch during the 2022–2023 school year.

Other government income support programs

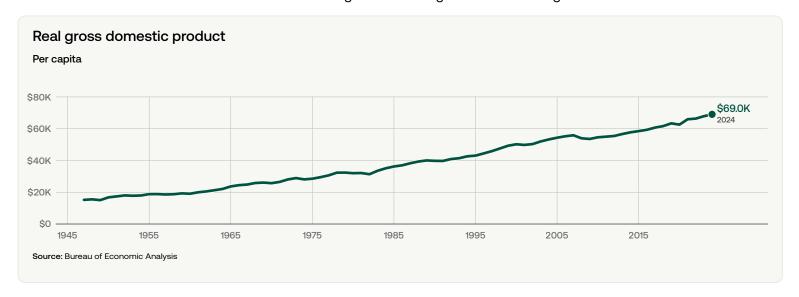
- In 2023, 30% of US households received Social Security benefits, including retirement benefits, permanent disability insurance payments, and railroad retirement income.
- Five percent of households received Supplemental Security Income (SSI), while 2.4% received cash assistance through general welfare programs like Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).
- An average of 1.8 million people received unemployment insurance benefits each week of 2024.

The federal government also tries to boost incomes of qualifying individuals and families through some tax credits. Check out the *Federal Individual Income Taxes* section of this report to learn more.



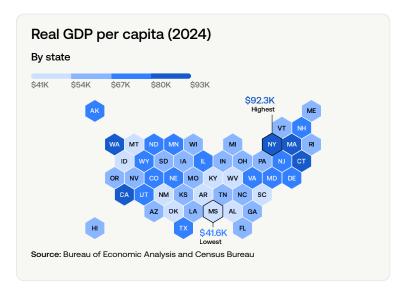
How has gross domestic product (GDP) per person changed over time? GDP per person is one way to measure a country's standard of living. It reflects the nation's average economic output per person by adjusting for differences in population size. This provides an idea of the amount of resources available, on average, for each person. Tracking this measure over time can indicate whether those resources are growing or dwindling.

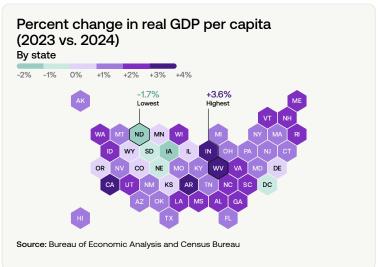
Real gross domestic product (GDP adjusted for inflation or rGDP) per person was \$69,006 in 2024, an all-time high. It increased 1.7% from 2023, higher than the 1.4% average annual change from 2000 through 2023.



How does GDP vary by state?

In 2024, rGDP per person exceeded \$85,000 in four states: New York, Massachusetts, Washington, and California. It was less than \$49,000 in four states: Mississippi, West Virginia, Arkansas, and Alabama. From 2023 to 2024, the change in rGDP per person ranged from -1.7% in North Dakota to +3.6% in West Virginia.



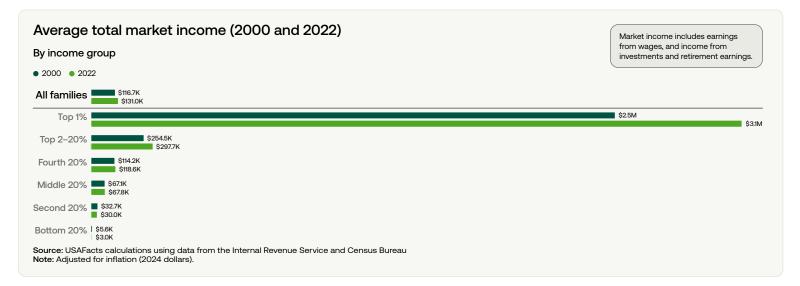






How has family income changed over time?

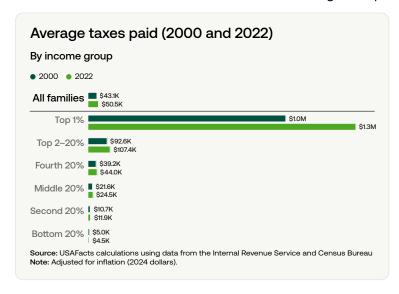
In 2022, the average middle-class family (middle 20% of income earners) had \$67,790 in market income. This is up 1.1% since 2000 (after adjusting for inflation). Meanwhile, the characteristics of these families shifted: the average age of the primary householder rose from 47 to 50, household size shrank slightly, and average weekly work hours declined from 43 to 40.

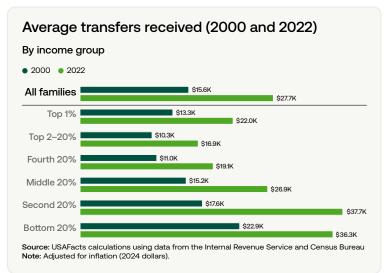


How much do families pay in taxes? How much do they receive from the government?

In 2022, the average middle-class family paid \$24,487 in taxes and received \$26,918 in government assistance. Taxes includes both direct (like income and sales taxes) and indirect taxes (like the employer share of the Federal Insurance Contributions Act). Transfers includes cash benefits such as Social Security, and noncash support such as Medicaid and SNAP.

Families in all but the bottom 20% paid more in taxes in 2022 than in 2000 (after adjusting for inflation), while government assistance rose over 50% across all income levels. This is partly due to COVID-19 programs that have since expired, including the expanded Child Tax Credit and emergency food aid.

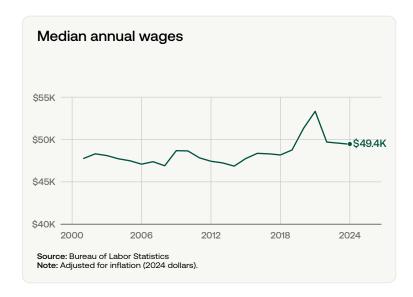


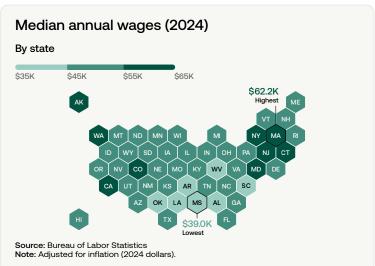




How much do US workers earn?

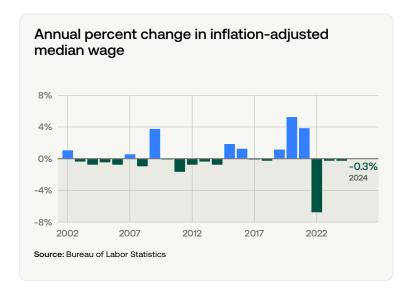
The nation's median annual wage was \$49,440 in 2024. Median wages reflect the typical amount of money an individual receives in exchange for their work. Massachusetts, Washington, and Alaska had the highest median wages, each over \$59,000. Six states had median wages under \$44,000: Mississippi, Arkansas, West Virginia, Louisiana, Alabama, and Oklahoma.





Are wages keeping up with inflation?

After adjusting for inflation, median wages decreased from 2023 to 2024 by 0.3%. Wage growth lagged behind the annual inflation rate for three consecutive years. This includes 2022, when median wages fell 6.8% compared with 2021.





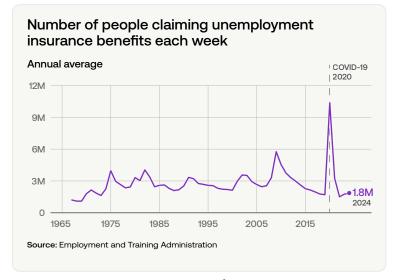


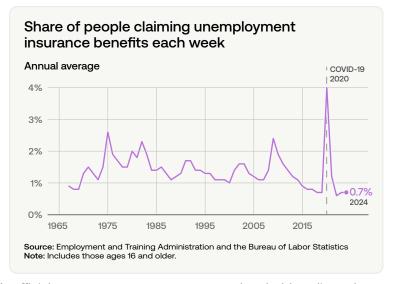
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How many people receive unemployment insurance benefits?

Unemployment insurance temporarily replaces a limited amount of earnings for eligible workers who lose their jobs through no fault of their own. States run their own unemployment insurance programs with some federal oversight and funding. An average of 1.8 million people claimed unemployment insurance benefits each week of 2024 — equal to 0.7% of people ages 16 and older. The share of the population claiming these benefits has remained at or near record lows since 2022.

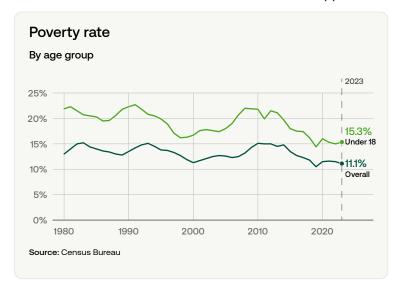


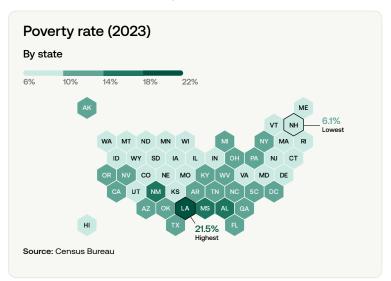


What is the US poverty rate?

The federal government's official poverty measure sets poverty thresholds, adjusted by family size; anyone whose household income falls below the threshold is counted as in poverty. The share of people in poverty (the poverty rate) was 11.1% in 2023. This was lower than any other time in the last 45 years, aside from 2019. The poverty rate among children (those under 18) was 15.3% in 2023 and has only been lower in two other years, 2019 and 2022.

In 2023, three states had overall poverty rates of at least 16%: Louisiana, New Mexico, and Mississippi. It was lowest, below 7%, in New Hampshire, Utah, and Vermont.

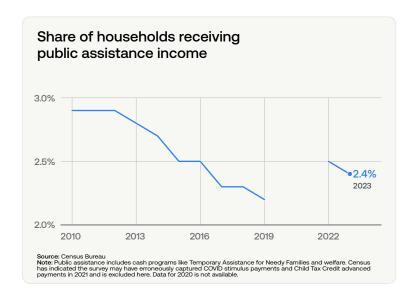


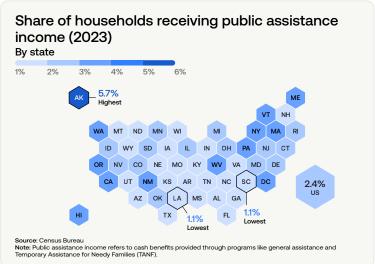




What share of households receive government public assistance income?

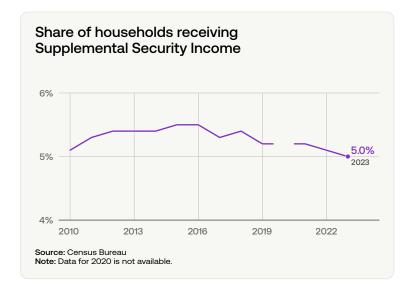
In 2023, 3.1 million or 2.4% of US households received cash benefits provided through Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and general assistance programs administered by state and local governments. These programs are often called "welfare." The share of households receiving these cash benefits in 2023 ranged from 1.1% in Louisiana and South Carolina to 5.7% in Alaska.

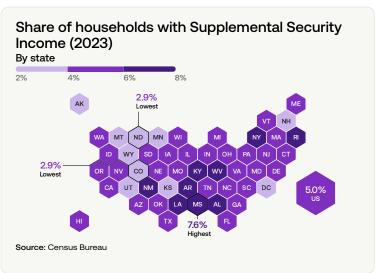




What share of households receive Supplemental Security Income?

The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program provides cash assistance to people with disabilities and older adults with both low income and low wealth. One in 20 households received SSI each year from 2010 through 2023. In 2023, the share reached as high as 7.6% in Mississippi and as low as 2.9% in Colorado and North Dakota.







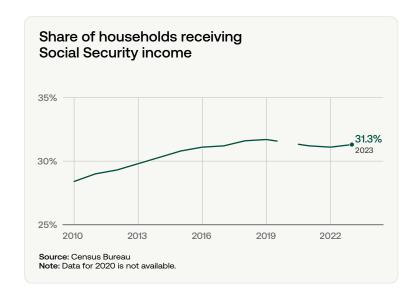
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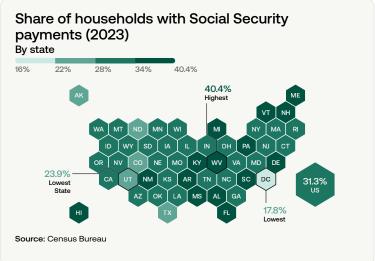
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What share of households receive Social Security retirement or disability benefits?

Social Security is an insurance program that primarily provides monthly cash benefits to retired workers age 62 and older, or the eligible family members of deceased workers. It also has a component called Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI), which provides benefits to people with a disability and qualifying work history.

In 2024, 12% of Social Security recipients received disability benefits, 9% received survivor benefits, and 79% received retirement benefits. The share of households receiving Social Security benefits increased from 28.4% in 2010 to 31.3% in 2023. Meanwhile, the share of the population age 62 and older grew from 16.4% to 21.6%. In 2023, the proportion of households receiving Social Security benefits ranged from 23.9% in Utah to 40.4% in West Virginia.

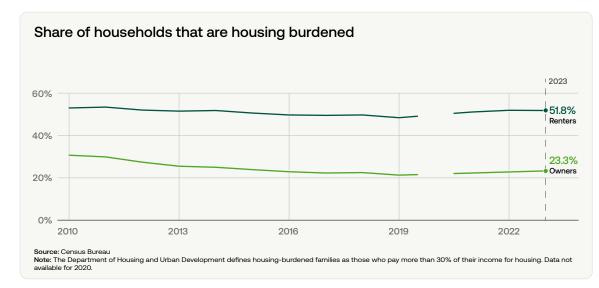






What share of people are housing burdened?

Among homeowners in 2023, median monthly income was \$7,993, median housing costs were \$1,320, and 23.3% were housing burdened. Among renters, median monthly household income was \$4,310, median housing costs were \$1,406, and 51.8% were housing burdened. This was down since 2010, but up from 48.4% in 2019. Housing burden among homeowners is down from 2010 but up two percentage points from 2019.



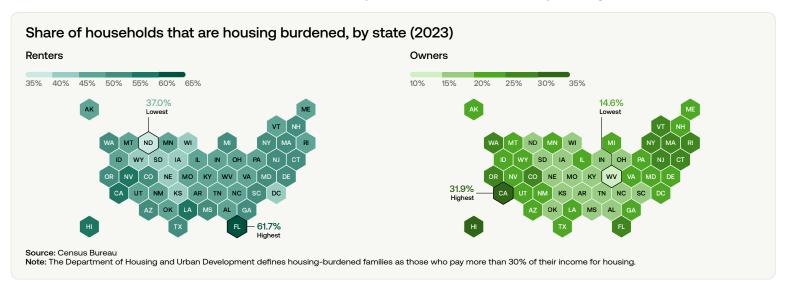


The Department of
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households should spend
less than 30% of their
income on housing to
have enough money for
other needs. Households
that spend more than this
are considered housing
burdened.

Where are people most and least housing burdened?

In 2023, housing-burdened households were more likely to rent than own. This was the trend in every state without exception. Florida had the highest share of renters spending more than 30% of their income on housing at 61.7%. There, median monthly household income was \$4,480 and median renting costs were \$1,719.

Meanwhile, the share of housing-burdened homeowners ranged from 31.9% in California (\$10,231 homeowner household median monthly income; \$2,137 median monthly housing costs) to 14.6% in West Virginia (\$5,572 homeowner household median monthly income; \$621 median monthly housing costs).



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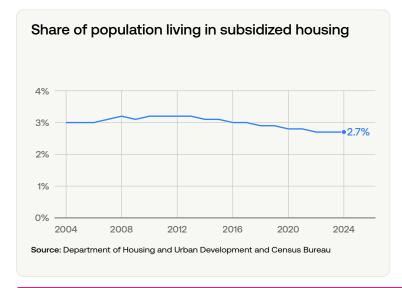
What share of people live in subsidized housing?

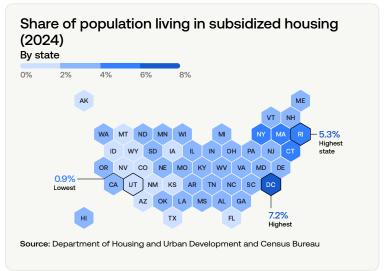
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In 2024, 2.7% of the US population, equal to 9 million people, lived in subsidized housing. The percentage has roughly been the same since 2022. The highest share in recent history was 3.2% in 2013, or 10.1 million people.

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The share varies by state. In Utah, 0.9% of residents lived in subsidized housing in 2024 compared to a high of 5.3% in Rhode Island.



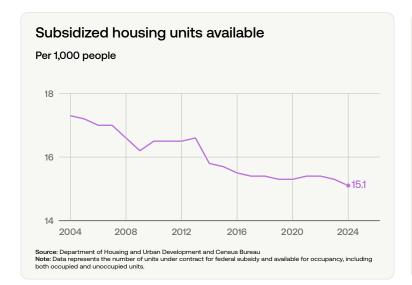


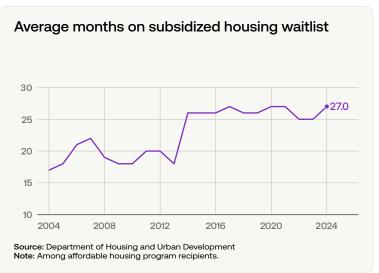
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Subsidized housing is housing provided below market rates to low-income families and individuals. This assistance can include reduced rents in publicly owned buildings or programs that provide vouchers to help cover rent in privately owned housing.

How many subsidized housing units are available?

There were 15.1 subsidized housing units available per 1,000 people in 2024, the fewest since at least 2004. While there were nearly 82,000 (or 1.6%) more subsidized units in 2024 than 2004, this increase lagged behind the 16.2% population growth in the US. On average, people who received subsidized housing in 2024 had waited 27 months. Average wait times were two months longer than in 2023.

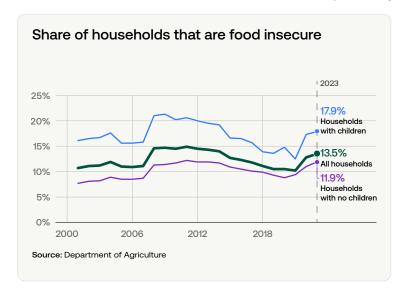


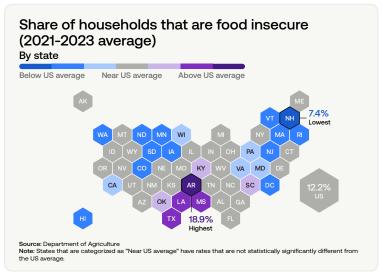




What share of households are food insecure?

In 2023, 13.5% of households were food insecure, meaning they were uncertain about having enough food or did not have enough food at some point in the year. This was 1.4 percentage points lower than the peak of 14.9% in 2011, but 0.7 points higher than in 2022. Food insecurity rates for households with children rose 0.6 percentage points compared to 2022. Seven Southern states had food insecurity rates significantly higher than the national average.

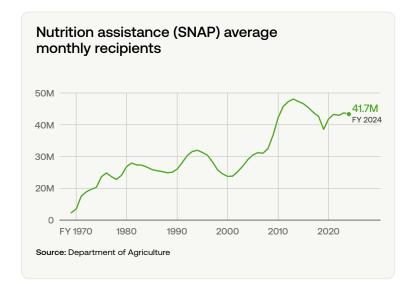


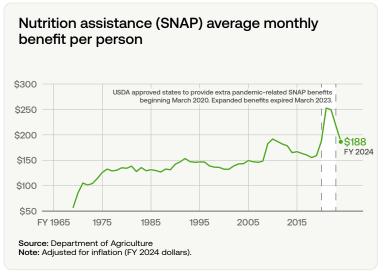


How many people receive SNAP assistance? How much do they receive?

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federally funded program that provides food benefits to low-income families and individuals who meet certain work requirements. An average of more than 41.7 million people received benefits each month in fiscal year (FY) 2024, 17% more than in FY 2019, but less than the peak of 47.6 million in FY 2013.

The average monthly benefit was \$187.54 per person, 18% higher than in FY 2019 but 14% lower than in FY 2023. Congress expanded SNAP benefits during the pandemic to combat food insecurity. These emergency allotments ended in March 2023.







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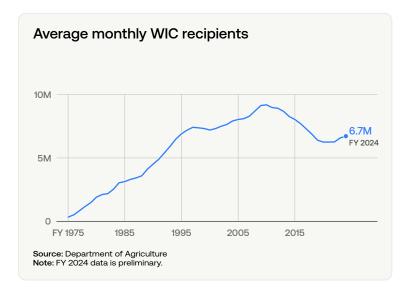
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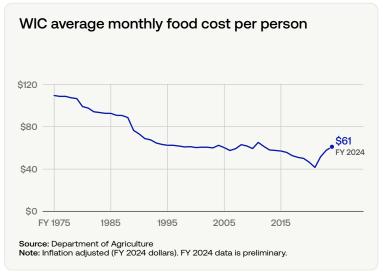
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How many people receive nutrition assistance through WIC?

The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides nutrition benefits to qualifying low-income currently or recently pregnant women, and young children. In FY 2024, it served 6.7 million people at an average of \$61 per person per month in food benefits. Program participation peaked at 9.2 million in FY 2010, declined to 6.2 million in FY 2021, and has increased for the last three years.

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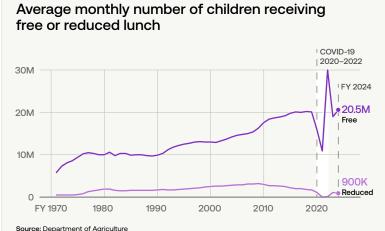




How many children use the free and reduced school lunch program?

Children from families earning below 130% of the federal poverty guidelines qualify for free school meals, while those between 130% and 185% qualify for reduced prices through the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Schools in high-poverty areas may also serve all students regardless of eligibility. About 25.5 million students (53%) were eligible in the 2022–2023 school year.

The NSLP served free or reduced lunch to an average of 21.4 million children monthly in FY 2024. While the program also offers full-priced meals in the schools in which it operates, three of four meals it served were free or reduced.



Share of school lunches served at free or reduced price COVID-19 2020-2022 100% 80% 72.5% FY 2024 60% 40% 20% FY 1970 2000 2020 1980 1990 2010

Source: Department of Agriculture

Note: In school year 2020-2021, many schools served meals through the Summer Food Service Program due to the COVID-19 waiver and are not captured here. FY 2021-2022 data includes meals served through the Seamless Summer Option. 2024 data is preliminary.



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Chapter sources and data timeliness

Publishing agency	Program	Publication name	Release date	Most recent period in data
US Census Bureau	Current Population Survey	Annual Social and Economic Supplement, Historical poverty tables	Sep. 2024	2023
	Population Estimates Program	State population totals and components of change	Dec. 2024	2024
	American Community Survey	1-year estimates	Sep. 2024	2023
Bureau of Economic Analysis	National Income and Product Accounts	Gross domestic product	Updates quarterly for most recently completed quarter	
Bureau of Labor Statistics	Occupational Employment and Wage Statistics	OEWS tables	April 2025	2024
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Assisted Housing: National and Local	Picture of Subsidized Housing	Feb. 2025	2024
Department of Agriculture	Food Security in the US	National annual summary tables	Sep. 2024	2023
	Child nutrition programs	National annual summary tables	June 2025	FY 2024
	WIC	National level annual summary	June 2025	FY 2024
	SNAP	National level annual summary	June 2025	FY 2024
Internal Revenue Service	Statistics of Income	Public Use File	2023	2015
Employment and Training Administration	Unemployment Insurance	Weekly claims data	Updates weekly with data for about one month ago	

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- There are many ways to define middle class. USAFacts
 defines it as those in the middle fifth of the family market
 income distribution or the 40th–60th percentile. Families
 are defined in this analysis as tax filing units and can consist
 of one or more individuals.
- USAFacts combines IRS, Census, and other government sources for a closer look at how certain economic and demographic characteristics differ among family types and across the income spectrum. Charts in this section showing market income, taxes paid, and transfers received by income
- quintile rely upon this combined data. USAFacts uses a procedure similar to that used by the Congressional Budget Office and others, as explained in our methodology that can be found at: https://usafacts.org/methodology/.
- Our data on income quintiles makes use of the IRS's SOI public use microdata. The latest file, which provides detailed microdata on individual income tax returns, is from 2015.
- USAFacts notes when data is adjusted for inflation. Inflation adjustments use the Consumer Price Index for urban consumers (CPI-U), unless otherwise noted.



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Economy facts

This chapter provides a foundation for understanding labor market, inflation, economic growth, and trade trends. As Congress weighs policies that influence the country's economy, the data here offers context for assessing the current outlook and the potential effects of legislation.

Inflation and interest rates

- Inflation was less than 4% year-over-year from mid-2023 through mid-2025 after peaking at 9.0% in June 2022.
- Housing has been the largest contributor to CPI increases due to both rising prices and its weight of 44% in household budgets.
- The Federal Reserve lowered the federal funds rate three times in 2024 after raising it 11 times from 2022–2023.
- When the Fed raises or lowers rates, it affects expectations in financial markets. This can change long-term interest rates like mortgage rates, which often move with the 10year Treasury yield.

Jobs and labor market

- Employers added about 2.0 million jobs in 2024, higher than the 2000 to 2023 average annual increase of 1.1 million.
- The national unemployment rate was 4.0% in 2024. It ranged from 1.8% in South Dakota to 5.6% in Nevada.
- The labor force participation rate held steady at 62.6%, still below pre-pandemic highs but recovering from 2020 lows.
- Job openings declined to 4.7% in 2024 from a peak of 6.8% in 2022, while layoff rates remained at 1.1%.

Economic growth

- GDP reached \$29.2 trillion in 2024.
- Real GDP, which is GDP adjusted for inflation, rose 2.8% in 2024, surpassing the 2000 to 2023 average growth rate of 2.2%.
- State-level growth varied, with Utah and South Carolina exceeding 4% growth while Iowa and North Dakota shrank by less than 1%.

International trade

- Imports totaled \$4.1 trillion in 2024, led by capital goods (e.g., semiconductors) and services like international travel.
- Exports reached \$3.2 trillion. Top categories included petroleum products and professional consulting services.
- The US had a \$903.5 billion trade deficit in 2024, with a \$1.2 trillion goods deficit and \$311.9 billion services surplus.
- Mexico became the nation's top trading partner in 2024, followed by Canada and China. These countries made up 36% of imports and 32% of exports.
- In FY 2024, the US collected \$77.0 billion in customs duties revenue, including revenue from tariffs and other import fees.
 It accounted for less than 2% of federal revenue.

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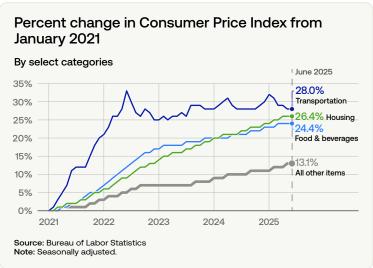
How quickly are prices increasing? What's increasing the most?

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The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a common measure of price inflation. The 12-month percent change in CPI began rising in early 2021, peaking at 9.0% in June 2022. Year-over-year inflation has since cooled. It's been below 4.0% since June 2023 and 3.0% or less since June 2024. Compared to January 2021, transportation prices in June 2025 increased more than any other CPI category, about 28%. This was followed by housing (26%) and food and beverages (24%).

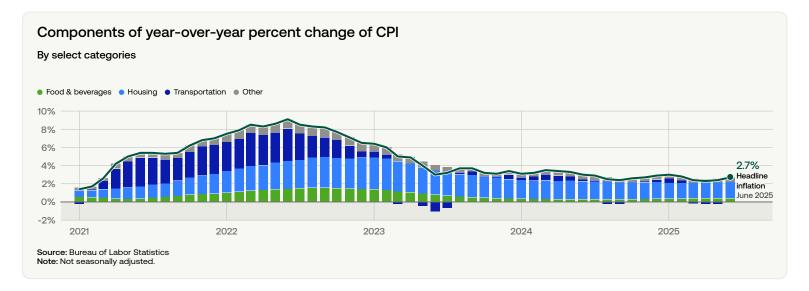
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What contributes the most to increases in the CPI?

Housing has been the largest driver of CPI increases since mid-2022, surpassing transportation, which includes prices of motor vehicles and gasoline. Note that the items that contribute the most to inflation aren't always the ones with the biggest price jumps. The CPI is weighted based on how much people spend on each category. For example, transportation prices increased more sharply than housing from January 2021 to June 2025. Since transportation makes up a smaller part of household spending, it is given less weight in the CPI, therefore contributing less to the increase in the index.





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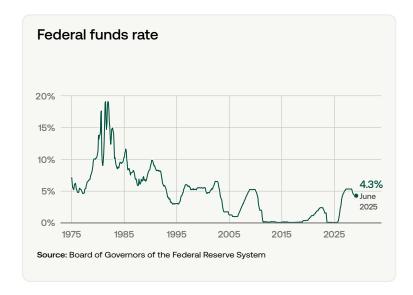
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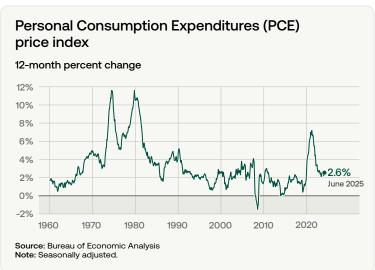
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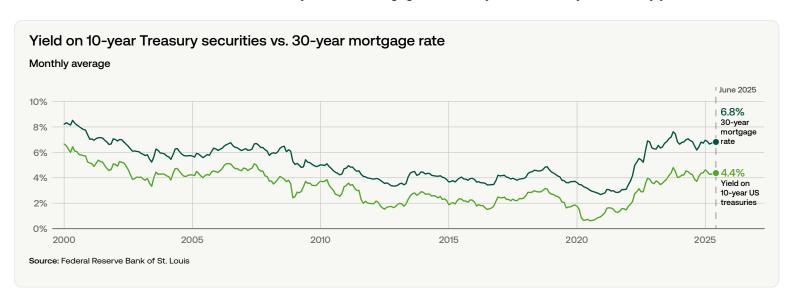
How does the Federal Reserve aim to influence inflation?

The Federal Reserve (Fed) increases the federal funds rate to bring down inflation. It increased the target rate seven times in 2022 and four times in 2023. The Fed then lowered the target rate three times in 2024 to 4.25%–4.5%. The PCE price index measures the prices of goods and services consumers purchase and is the Fed's preferred inflation measure. Inflation inched toward the Fed's target rate of 2% year-over-year in 2023 through the beginning of 2025.





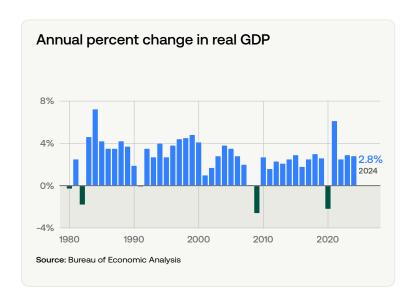
How does the Federal Reserve affect interest rates faced by consumers? When the Federal Reserve raises the federal funds rate, it increases the rate banks use when lending to each other. Banks typically pass these increased borrowing costs to consumers by raising the interest rates on credit cards, business loans, and other products. Long-term rates are especially influenced by the 10-year Treasury yield, which reflects, among other things, investors' expectations about future Fed decisions. Expectations shift as the Fed raises or lowers its rate, moving many long-term interest rates as well. For example, the 30-year fixed mortgage rate closely tracks the 10-year Treasury yield.

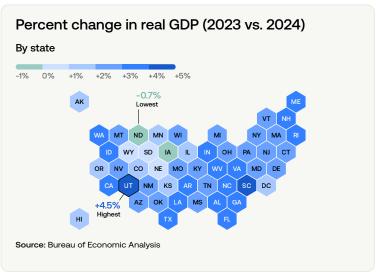




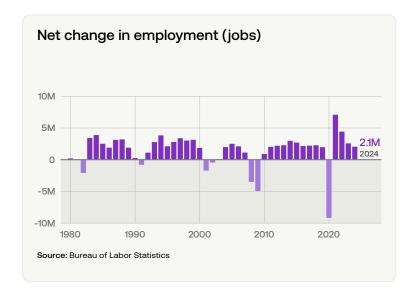
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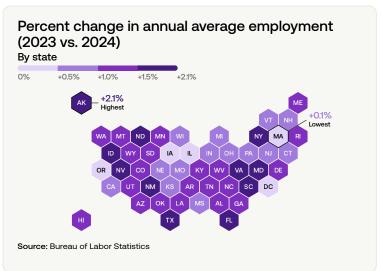
In 2024, US GDP reached \$29.2 trillion. Real GDP (rGDP), which accounts for inflation, increased 2.8%, which was above the 2000 to 2023 average annual rate of 2.2%. From 2023 to 2024, rGDP decreased in two states, lowa and North Dakota. It increased by less than 1.0% in South Dakota, Nebraska, and Wyoming. It increased by more than 4.0% in Utah and South Carolina.





How many more people are employed compared to 2023? US employers added about 2.1 million jobs in 2024. From 2000 to 2023, employment increased by 1.1 million each year, on average. Change in 2024 was higher than this average, but lower than the annual increases from the past three years. From 2023 to 2024, Alaska had the highest employment increase at 2.1%, and Massachusetts and lowa had the lowest, less than 0.2% each.



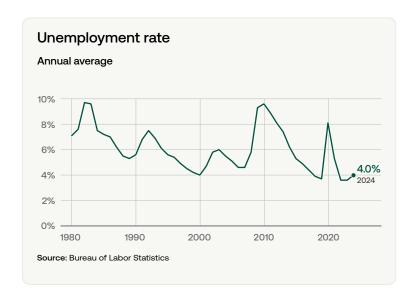


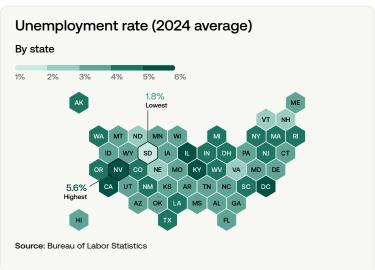




What is the unemployment rate and how does it vary by state?

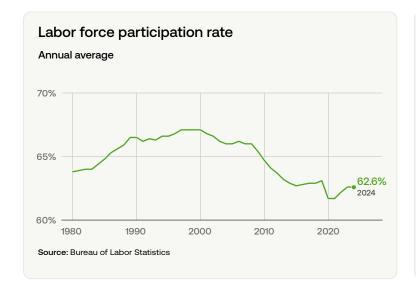
The average unemployment rate was 4.0% in 2024, 0.4 percentage points above the 2022 and 2023 rates. State rates ranged from a low of 1.8% in South Dakota to a high of 5.6% in Nevada.





What is the labor force participation rate and how does it vary by state?

The labor force participation rate is the share of the population age 16 and older that is either employed or looking for work. It peaked between 1997 and 2000. It hit a low of 61.7% during the pandemic and reached 62.6% in 2023, remaining unchanged in 2024. The rate was higher than 68% in six states and lower than 58% in five states.

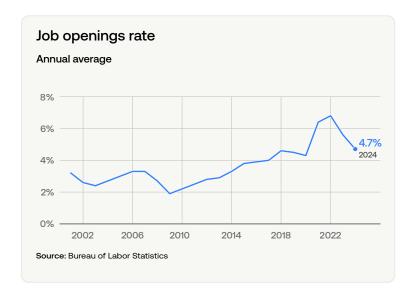


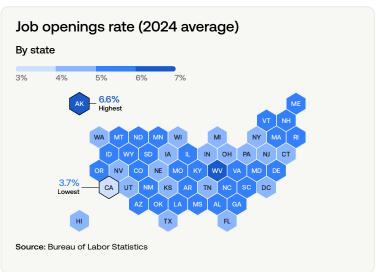




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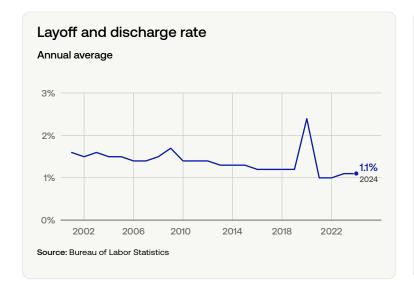
The average job openings rate in 2024 was 4.7% of all jobs, both filled and unfilled, equal to 7.78 million job openings. This is down 2.1 percentage points from the 2022 peak of 6.8%, but higher than any other year prior to 2021. The job openings rate ranged from 3.7% in California to 6.6% in Alaska.

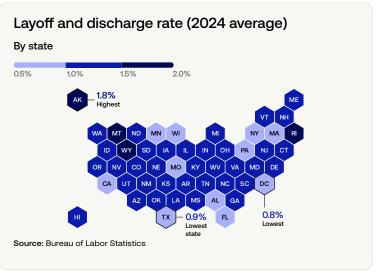




How many people are laid off?

The average layoff and discharge rate in 2024 was 1.1%, the same as in 2023. The rate was lower than in any other year prior to 2020. Four states had rates higher than 1.5%: Alaska, Rhode Island, Montana, and Wyoming. Washington, DC, had the lowest rate at 0.8%. The 2024 data does not reflect the reductions in the federal workforce that began in January 2025.

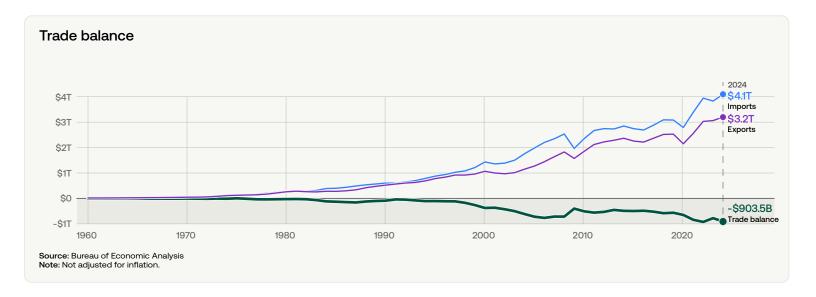






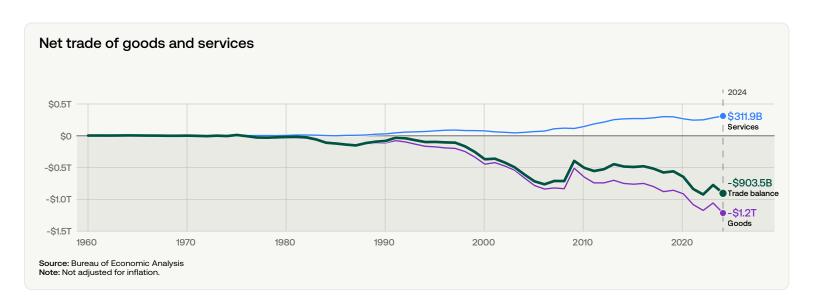
What does US international trade look like?

US sales abroad are exports, and US purchases from abroad are imports. When a nation imports more than it exports, it's called a trade deficit. The US has had a trade deficit from 1976 to 2024. In 2024, the US imported \$4.1 trillion and exported \$3.2 trillion, leading to a \$903.5 billion trade deficit.



How much does the US trade in goods and services?

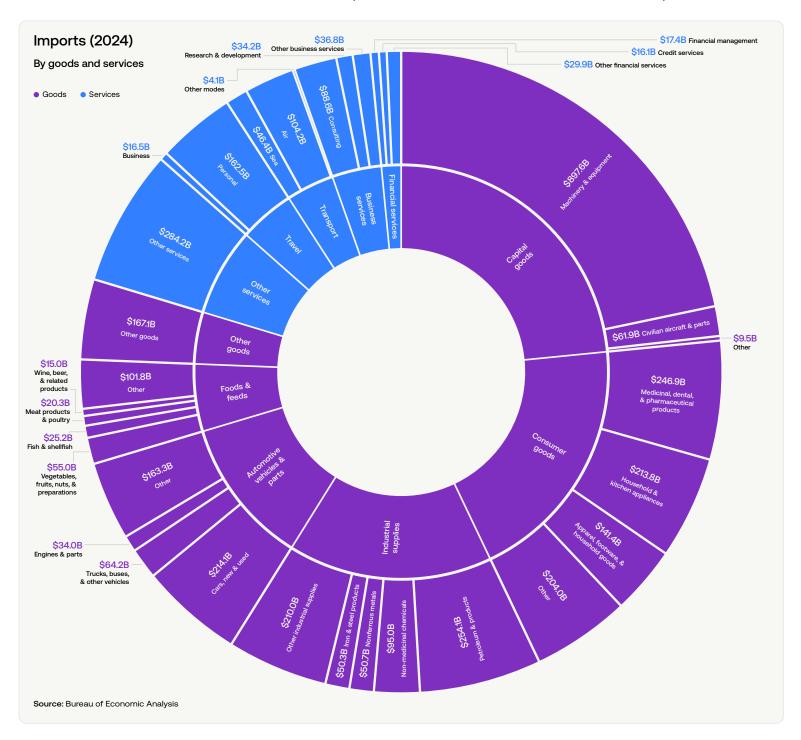
Trade can also be divided into goods and services. Net trade in services has been positive since 1971, meaning the US exported more services than it imported each year. On the other hand, the nation imports more goods than it exports, leading to a negative net goods trade. The US goods deficit has exceeded \$1 trillion in the last four years, not adjusted for inflation. In 2024, the US had a \$311.9 billion services surplus and a \$1.2 trillion goods deficit.





What does the US import?

In 2024, \$3.3 trillion (80%) of imports to the US were goods. The other \$840.9 billion (20%) were services. The largest categories of imports were capital goods (goods used to produce other goods, as opposed to goods purchased by consumers), mainly comprised of machinery and equipment, like semiconductors and scientific equipment. It was followed by consumer goods, composed of medical products, household appliances, and other goods for personal use. Travel was the predominant imported service, including what US residents spent abroad for accommodation, food, and other expenses.

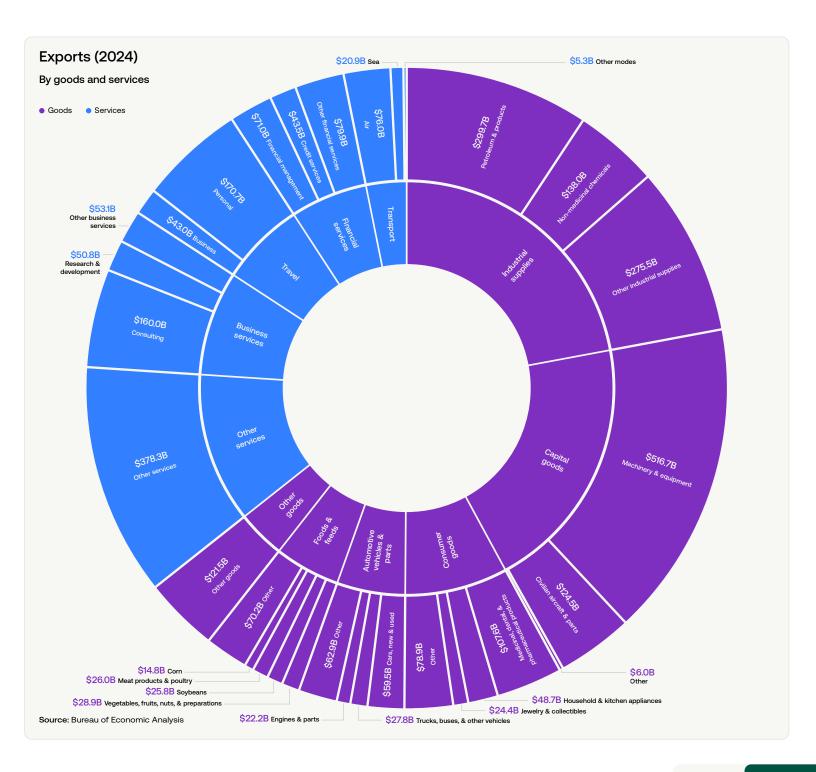






What does the US export?

In 2024, \$2.1 trillion (64%) of exports from the US were goods, while the other \$1.2 trillion (36%) were services. The largest categories of exports were industrial supplies, mainly comprised of petroleum products and non-medicinal chemicals. It was followed by capital goods, including machinery and civilian aircraft. The largest service exported was business services, primarily professional and management consulting.



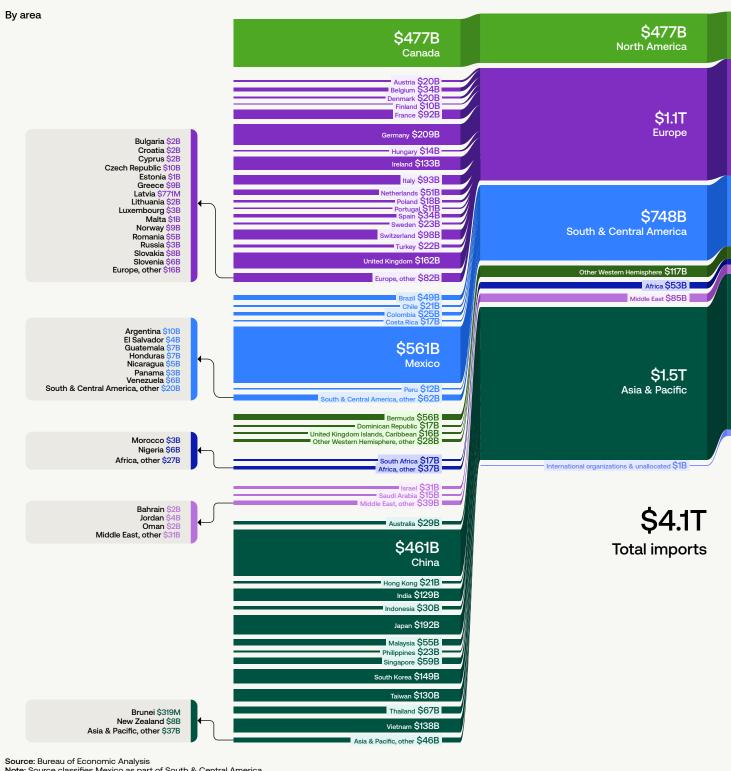
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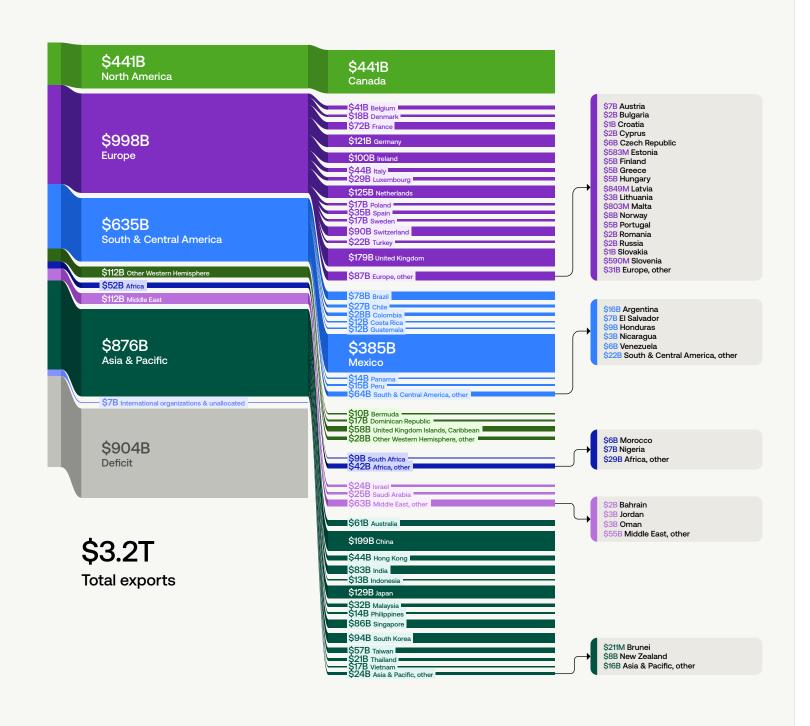
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In 2024, the US imported the most from the Asia and Pacific region and Europe, at values over \$1 trillion each. The countries the US imported most from were Mexico, Canada, China, Germany, and Japan, each valued at over \$190 billion. Combined, these five countries accounted for 46% of imports to the US.

Imports and exports (2024)



In 2024, the US exported the most to Europe and the Asia and Pacific region, \$998.0 billion and \$875.5 billion, respectively. The countries receiving the most US exports were Canada, Mexico, China, the United Kingdom, and Japan, each valued over \$129 billion. Combined, these five countries accounted for 41% of exports.



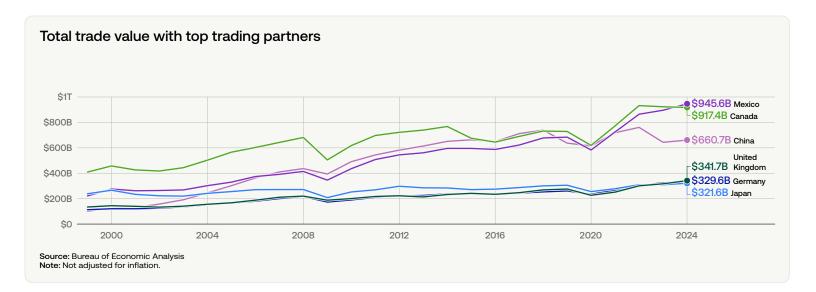
Note: Source classifies Mexico as part of South & Central America.

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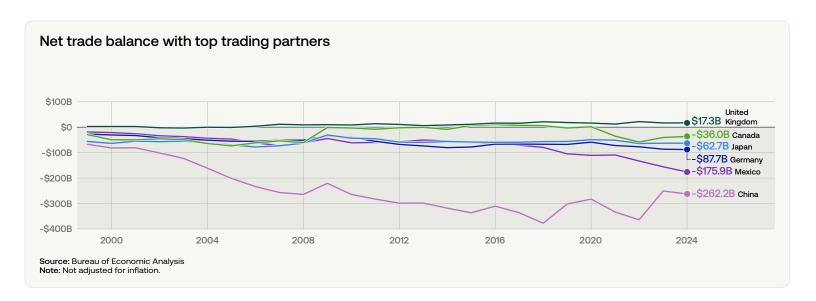


Who are the US' top trading partners?
How have they changed over time?

When adding the value of imports and exports, Mexico, Canada, and China have been the US' top trading partners since 2004. In 2024, Mexico became the nation's top trading partner for the first time since data became available in 1999. China went from being the sixth top trading partner in 1999 to the first throughout 2016 to 2018. As of 2024, it was third after Mexico and Canada.



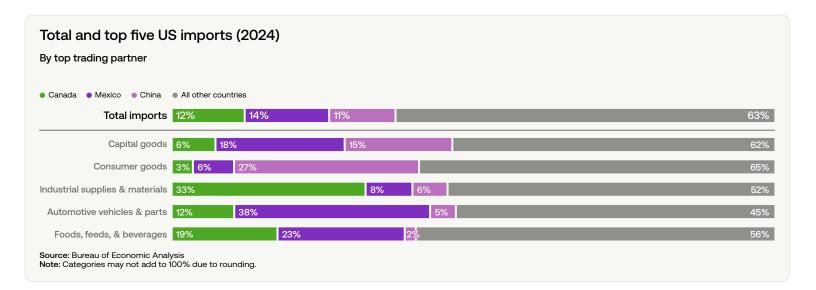
Does the US import more from or export more to its top trading partners? The US had a trade deficit with five of its six top trading partners in 2024. The largest deficit was with China at \$262.2 billion, followed by Mexico at \$175.9 billion. From 2023 to 2024, the US trade deficit grew most with Mexico (up 13%) and fell most with Canada (down 11%).





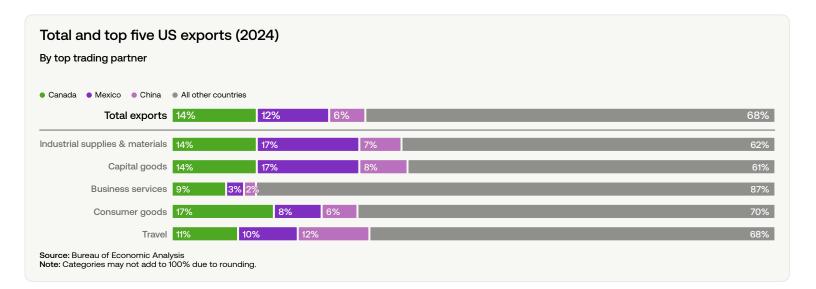
Where does the US get the most imports from?

In 2024, Mexico accounted for nearly 14% of all imports to the US, the most of any nation. Canada was second, followed by China. Together, these countries accounted for 36% of total US imports. Capital goods were the top US import category; Mexico accounted for 18% of these goods and China another 15%.



Which countries receive the most US exports?

In 2024, Canada received nearly 14% of all US exports, the most of any nation. Mexico was the second largest destination, followed by China. Together, these countries accounted for about one-third of total US exports. The leading US export category was industrial supplies; Mexico purchased 17% of these goods. Canada bought another 14%.





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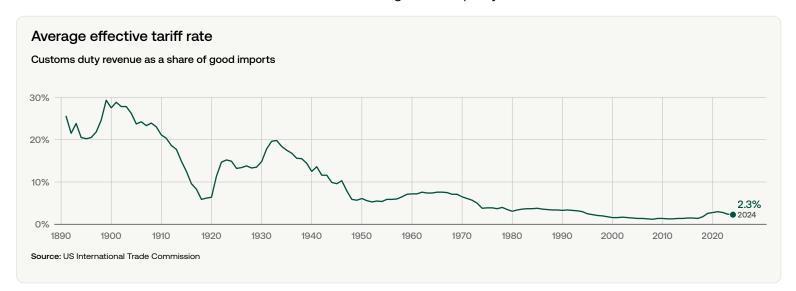
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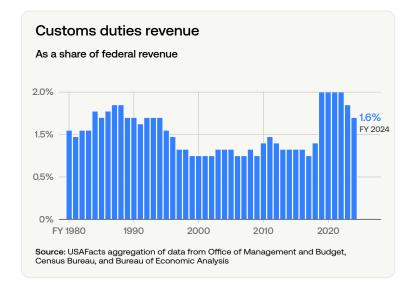
The average effective tariff rate shows how much the US collects in customs duties as a percentage of the total value of imported goods. Customs duties include tariffs on goods and other import fees. It estimates how much tariffs cost, on average, across all goods brought into the country. Imports may have different tariff rates (or none at all) depending on a range of factors, including country of origin, product type, trade agreements, value, and quantity.

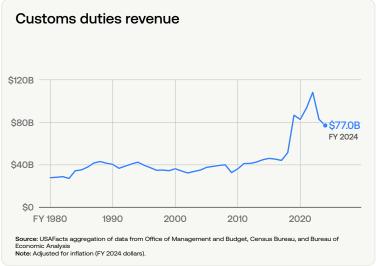
From 1891 to 1933, the average effective tariff rate was about 19%. The rate mostly decreased over the next several decades, until it increased from 2018 to 2021. In 2024, the rate decreased to 2.3% from 2.4% in 2023. The data does not yet reflect recent changes in tariff policy.



How much tariff revenue does the US collect?

In FY 2024, the federal government collected \$77.0 billion in customs duties (1.6% of total federal revenue). This was down 29% from the peak of \$108.2 billion in FY 2022. Since 1980, customs duties have not exceeded 2% of revenue.







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Chapter sources and data timeliness

Economic activity is among the most consistently and rigorously measured areas of American life and several federal agencies produce timely, detailed economic data. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, for example, releases monthly reports on inflation, employment, and job openings — core economic indicators. However, there are still gaps in the data. One notable limitation is that the federal government does not separately report revenue collected from tariffs. Instead, it combines tariff revenue with other customs-related collections under the broader category of "customs duties," making it difficult to assess the fiscal impact of specific trade policies.

Publishing agency	Program	Publication name	Data updates	
Bureau of Labor Statistics	Consumer Price Index	CPI news release	Updates monthly for most recently completed month	
	Current Employment Statistics	Employment Situation Summary		
	Local Area Unemployment Statistics	-		
	Current Population Survey			
	Job Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS)	JOLTS news release	Updates monthly for data from two months prior	
Bureau of Economic Analysis	National Income and Product Accounts	Gross domestic product	Updates quarterly for most recently completed quarter	
	Regional Economic Accounts	Gross domestic product by state		
	International Transactions Accounts	US international trade in goods and services		
Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis	FRED Economic Data	Market yield on US Treasury securities at 10-year constant maturity	Updates daily for most recently completed business day	
		30-year fixed rate mortgage average in the United States	Updates weekly for most recently completed Thursday	
		Personal consumption expenditures: Chain-type price index	Updates monthly for most recently completed month	
Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System	Federal Reserve Board Data	Federal funds effective rate	Updates monthly for most recently completed month	
US International Trade Commission	DataWeb	US Ad Valorem Equivalent (AVE) duties & preference programs	Annually for the most recently completed year	
Office of Management and Budget	President's Budget	Historical tables	Annually for the most recently completed fiscal year	





CHAPTER 05

Immigration & border security



Immigration facts

This chapter provides the numbers to understand the foreign-born people who come to the US and the different pathways they follow. It brings together the best public data available from the agencies charged with administering and reporting on different parts of the complex immigration system.

Incoming authorized immigrants

- About 2.9 million authorized immigrants entered the US in FY 2023, up 15% from FY 2022 and a record high since at least FY 1997.
- Work is the most common reason for authorized immigration to the US (42% of immigrants in FY 2023). Of all authorized work-related entries, 36% were from Mexico.
- More than half of all authorized immigrants come either to join family (27% of all authorized immigration in FY 2023) or for education (27%). More than half of these come from Asian countries.
- Refugee admissions reached 100,000 in FY 2024, the highest level since at least FY 2001. This was 25,000 below the annual refugee cap set by the Biden administration.

Unauthorized immigration and courts

- Though asylum is a recognized process, asylum seekers are typically counted as unauthorized immigrants until their claims are approved. There were about 945,000 new asylum applications in FY 2023. About 17% of asylum decisions were approvals in FY 2023.
- The number of pending immigration court cases has increased every year since at least FY 2009, reaching a record 3.9 million in FY 2024.
- Border enforcement actions occur when people are deemed inadmissible at ports of entry or are apprehended after illegal crossings. There were 2.9 million of these actions in FY 2024, down from FY 2023's record high of 3.2 million.
- The US removed about 330,000 people in FY 2024, an 86% increase from FY 2023 but still 24% below the FY 2013 peak of 432,000.

Immigrants in the US

- About 48 million foreign-born individuals lived in the US in 2023, comprising 14.3% of the population. More than half were naturalized citizens.
- An estimated 23% of the foreign-born population were unauthorized immigrants in 2023.

Immigrants in the workforce

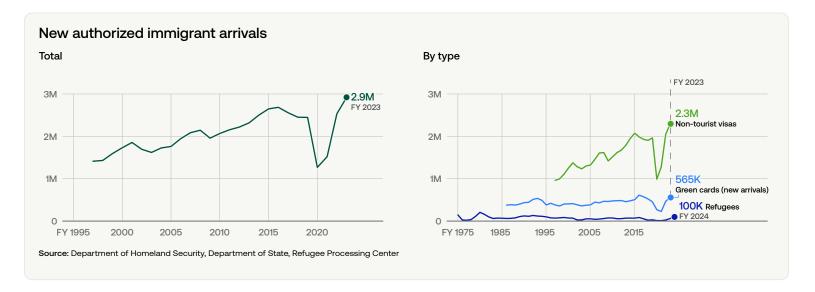
- The share of the US labor force that was foreign-born reached its highest level since at least 2007, at 19.2% of all workers in 2024.
- Foreign-born workers were most common in the construction industry, making up 29% of those employed.
- Work visas granted fell to 1.1 million in FY 2024 from their 25-year peak in FY 2023. Around 29% were for temporary agricultural (H-2A) workers. There were also 220,000 H-1B visas (20% of all work visas) for workers in specialty occupations, a decline of 17% from the record-high numbers of FY 2023.





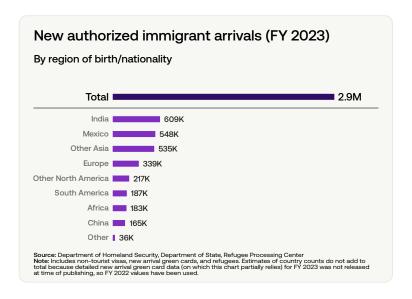
How many authorized immigrants come to the US each year?

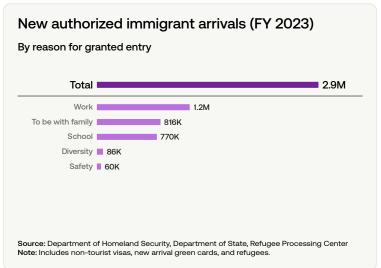
About 2.9 million new authorized immigrants entered the US in FY 2023. Since FY 1997, about 76% of all new authorized immigrants have entered on non-tourist visas.



Where do authorized immigrants come from?

People from Mexico and India accounted for 41% of all authorized arrivals, outnumbering all immigrants from Africa, Europe, and South America combined. A plurality of new authorized immigrants in FY 2023 came to the US for work.





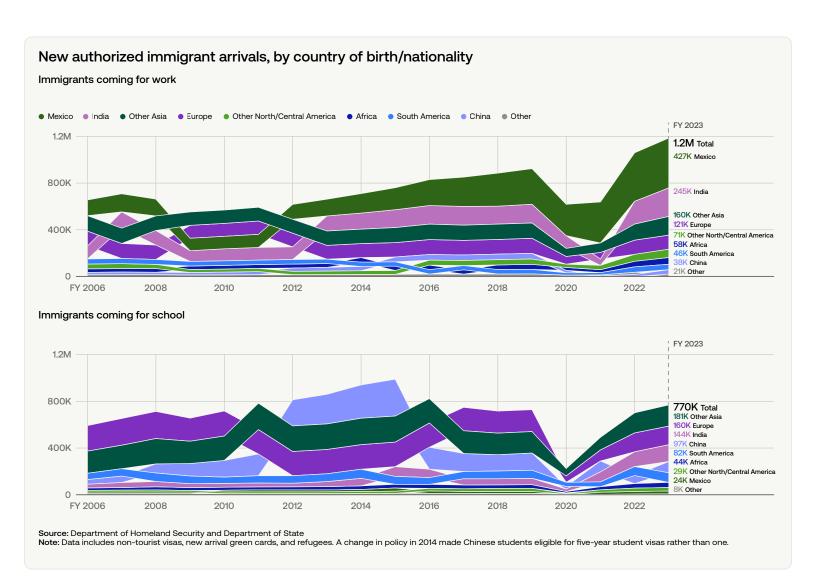
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Authorized immigration includes people coming to the US on temporary visas that offer no path to citizenship and allow time-limited entry for work, school, or to visit family. It also includes people sponsored for visas by a relative or employer, refugees, and winners of the diversity visa lottery. Tourists, while authorized to enter the US, are not immigrants and are excluded from this analysis.



Where do authorized immigrant workers and students come from? In FY 2023, 1.2 million people, or 42% of all authorized immigrants, came to the US for work. A plurality of these were of Mexican nationality (36%). The number of workers arriving from Mexico quadrupled between FY 2010 (when they were at a low) and FY 2023, compared to the 64% growth in workers coming from all other countries over the same period.

About 27% of all authorized immigrants, or 770,000 people, came to the US to study in FY 2023. The US issued 10% more education visas in FY 2023 than the prior year. Most were issued to people from Asia, who made up 55% of people entering the US to study. Thirty-one percent of education visas were issued to people from just two countries: India (19% of all education visas, up 14% from FY 2022) and China (13%, up 40%).





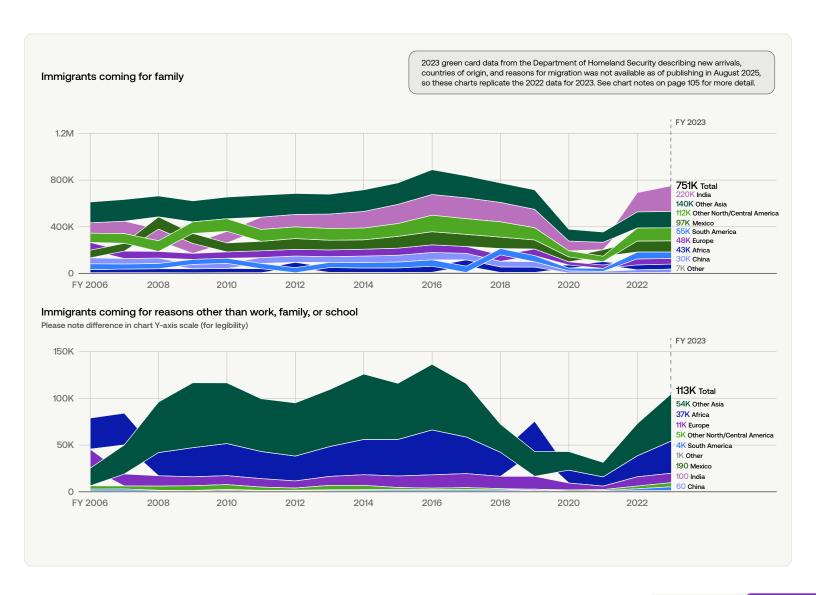


How has authorized family immigration changed over time?

Why else do immigrants come to the United States via authorized channels, and where do they come from?

In FY 2023, 751,000 people (about 27% of all authorized immigrants) came to the US to be with family, up 8% from FY 2022. Indians accounted for 29% of these immigrants; the 220,000 authorized Indian immigrants were the most of any nationality and up 33% from FY 2022. People from Asian countries besides India and China (19% of all family visas), Mexico (13%), and elsewhere in North and Central America (15%) also came to be with family. Immigrants from Europe and South America fell by 7% and 6%, respectively.

Four percent of all authorized immigrants, or 113,000 people, came to the US for reasons other than work, family, or school in FY 2023. Nearly half came from Asian countries besides China and India and 24% were refugees from this region. African immigrants accounted for a third of this group; 66% came as refugees and 34% entered with diversity visas.

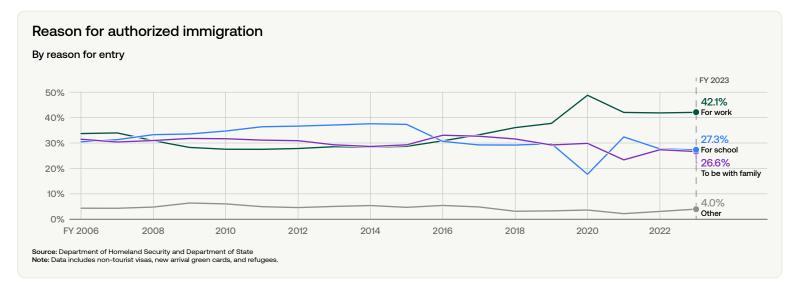






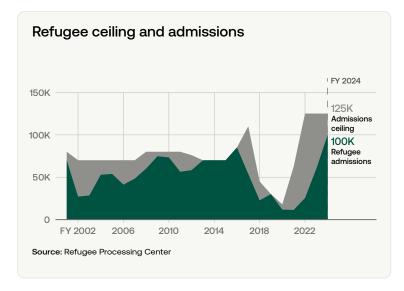
How have reasons for authorized immigration changed over time?

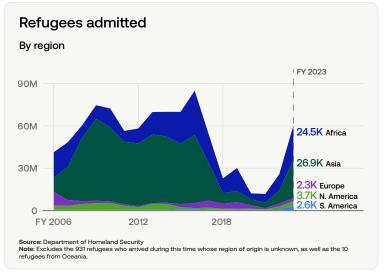
Employment has been the largest driver of authorized immigration to the US since FY 2017, accounting for 42% of admissions in FY 2023. This hasn't always been the case: from FY 2008 to FY 2015, work was the third most common reason for admission, trailing both entries granted for education and to be with family. A 2014 policy change made Chinese students eligible for five-year (rather than one-year) student visas, which explains at least part of the decline in new student visas issued between 2015 and 2016.



How many refugees come to the US each year?

About 100,000 refugees were admitted in FY 2024, the most since at least FY 2001. Refugees are people who have left their homes due to persecution or fear of it to seek safety elsewhere; they must apply and be accepted for admission to the US before arrival. In FY 2023, 45% of refugees came from Asia and 41% from Africa. Each year, the president caps the number of refugees who can enter the US. In October 2024, President Biden officially set the refugee ceiling for FY 2025 at 125,000. However, in January 2025, President Trump issued an executive order temporarily suspending all refugee resettlement.

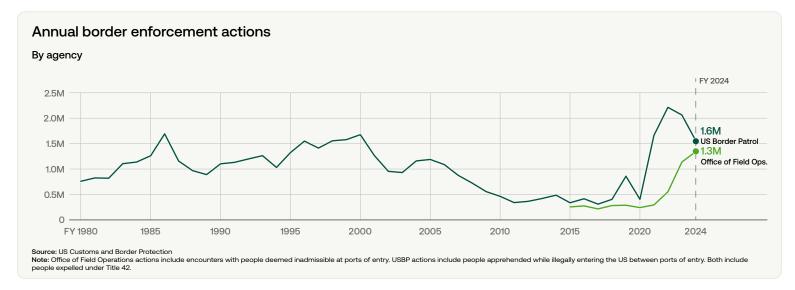


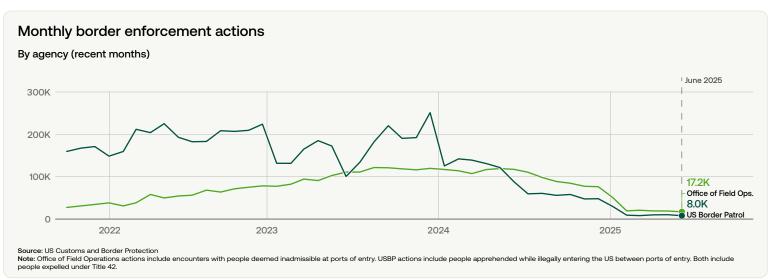




How many people are encountered by US Customs and Border Protection (CBP)?

Border enforcement actions fell to 2.9 million in FY 2024, down from a record high 3.2 million in FY 2023. In June 2025, there were about 25,000 enforcement actions, down 88% from June 2024. Total enforcement actions are the sum of individuals deemed inadmissible at ports of entry by the Office of Field Operations (OFO) and people who are apprehended after crossing the border between legal ports of entry by US Border Patrol (USBP). Between 2020 and 2023, enforcement also included people expelled during the pandemic under Title 42 of the US code.



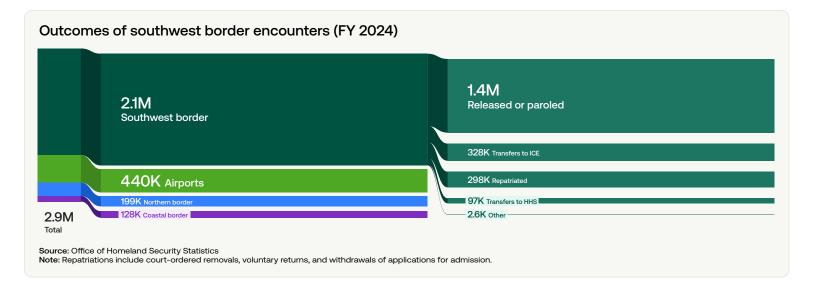


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Unauthorized immigrants include: 1) Foreign-born people who are here in violation of our laws, like people who have crossed into the US undetected or have overstayed their temporary visas; 2) Noncitizens, referred to as *aliens* in US immigration law, lawfully released into the US while waiting for their asylum cases to be heard; 3) Noncitizens who are not otherwise eligible for admission but are paroled into the country for urgent humanitarian reasons or for the public benefit; and 4) People granted temporary relief from removal under programs like Temporary Protected Status (TPS) or Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).



What happens to unauthorized immigrants encountered by CBP along the southwest border? In FY 2024, 2.1 million enforcement actions — 74% of the total — happened along the southwest land border. Of the 1.5 million people encountered by USBP and the 600,000 deemed inadmissible by OFO at border posts, 66% were released or paroled into the US and 14% were removed. The remaining 20% were transferred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or the Department of Health and Human Services for further processing. Enforcement actions away from the southwest border took place at airports (15%), the northern land border (7%), and coastal borders (4%).



Why are unauthorized immigrants sometimes permitted to enter the US?

People who would otherwise not be legally permitted to enter the US may sometimes be allowed into the country on a temporary basis and are counted amongst the unauthorized immigrant population. For example, people presenting at ports of entry or encountered at the border who may be eligible for asylum can be released into the country while waiting for their cases to be heard in immigration court.

People may also be let into the US through the parole process. Parolees are permitted to enter for urgent humanitarian reasons (e.g., medical treatment or family reunification); when their presence is a significant public benefit (e.g., testifying in criminal trial proceedings); through special programs offered to certain populations (e.g., the Central American Minors program); or when they're from specially designated countries in turmoil like Ukraine (through the U4U program) or Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela (through the CHNV program). Parole is granted at the discretion of immigration authorities, typically for a set period, and does not confer legal status (although parolees can pursue legal status through other channels). In January 2025, President Trump issued an executive order requiring a review of existing parole programs and policies.

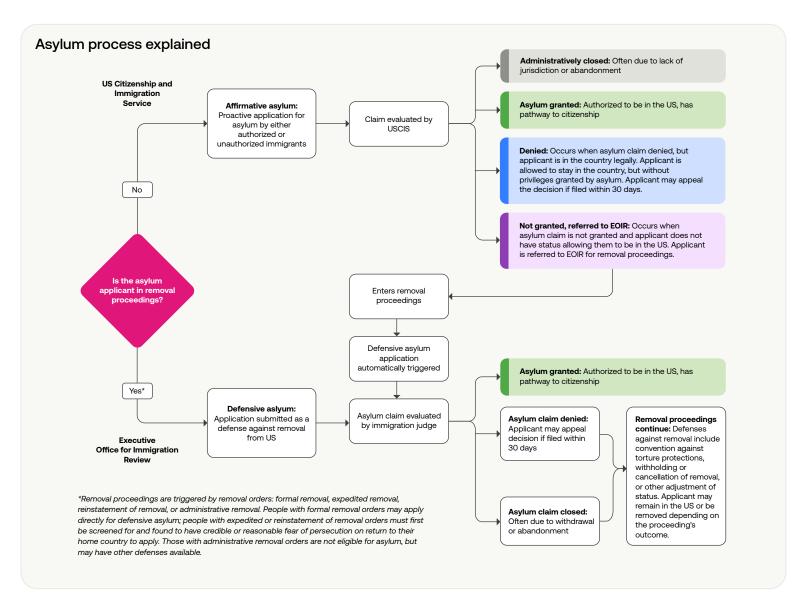




What is the asylum process?

Asylees are people who are unwilling or unable to return to their country of origin, either due to persecution or fear of it. Unlike refugees who must obtain permission to enter the US before arrival, asylum seekers must already be present in the country or seeking admission at a port of entry and must request asylum within one year of arriving.

There are two kinds of asylum applications: affirmative and defensive.xi Affirmative asylum claims are filed proactively by both authorized and unauthorized immigrants who are not in removal proceedings and are handled by US Citizenship and Immigration Services asylum officers. Defensive asylum may be claimed by people in removal proceedings as a defense against deportation. A defensive asylum filer may remain in the US as an unauthorized immigrant while waiting for their case to be resolved in immigration court and can receive a temporary work permit once their application has been pending for 180 days.

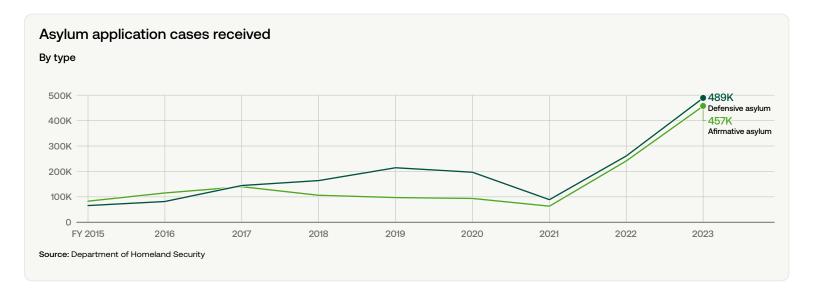






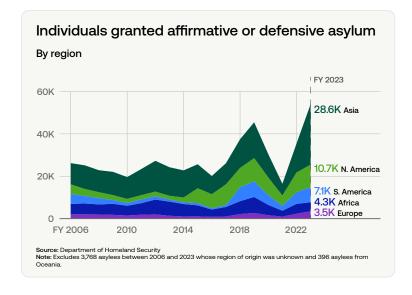
How many asylum applications does the US receive?

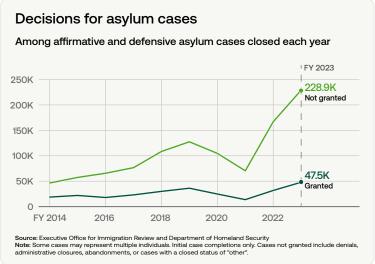
FY 2023 asylum applications totaled about 945,000, up 88% from FY 2022 and more than six times higher than in FY 2015, the earliest year of available data from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).



How many people are granted asylum?

About 54,000 people were granted asylum in FY 2023, the most of any year since at least FY 2006, and a 52% increase from FY 2022. About 53% of asylees were from Asia, and 20% were from North America. Among countries, the increase in Afghan asylees in the aftermath of the US withdrawal is notable: from 110 asylees in FY 2021 to 1,240 in FY 2022 to 14,470 in FY 2023, the most of any single country and nearly triple the number from China, the second most common country for asylees. Of all asylum applications that were decided in FY 2023, 17% were granted, down from the high of 28% in FY 2014.



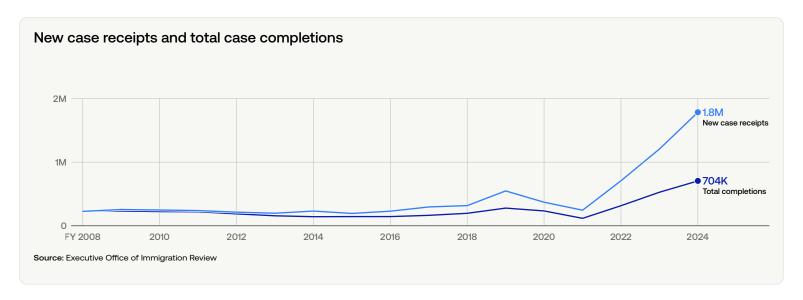






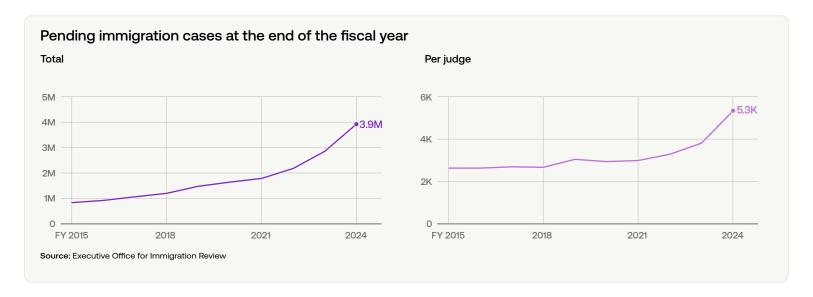
How many immigration cases are received and completed?

Starting in FY 2009 and for each year since, immigration courts have received more new cases than they completed. The largest gap was recorded in FY 2024, when 1.1 million more cases were received than completed.



Are immigration courts keeping up with their caseloads?

In FY 2024, the backlog of pending immigration court cases grew to 3.9 million, up 40% from the prior year. The number of pending cases per judge reached a record high of 5,331 in FY 2024, more than double the number in FY 2015 (the earliest available data).



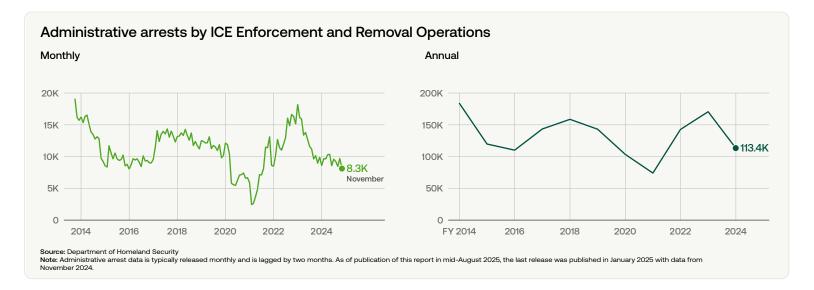
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Immigration courts handle cases of people charged with violating federal immigration law. Their proceedings are civil rather than criminal. The system is administered by the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR). Judges determine whether an immigrant may remain or must leave the US, with cases ranging from asylum protections to credible fear reviews to adjustments of or loss of immigration status to detention and bond decisions.^{xii}



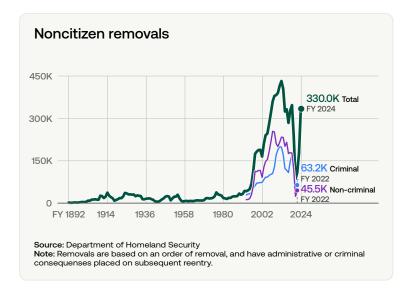
How many people does Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) arrest?

The Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) division of ICE is charged with enforcing immigration law in the US interior. In FY 2024, ERO administratively arrested about 113,000 people for violating immigration law, down 34% from FY 2023. Administrative arrests are based on civil violations of immigration law and are independent of the arrestee's criminal history.



How many immigrants are removed or returned from the US?

Removal (also called "deportation") proceedings occur when a noncitizen, referred to as an *alien* in US immigration law, violates US immigration law and receives a removal order from an immigration judge. About 330,000 people were removed from the US in FY 2024, up 86% from FY 2023 but 24% below the 2013 peak. Returns count people who leave the US voluntarily and do not carry the same legal penalties as removals. Returns increased by less than 1% in FY 2024 to 448,000 after a post-1950 record increase of 70% in 2023, but they remain 73% below the 2000 peak of 1.7 million.



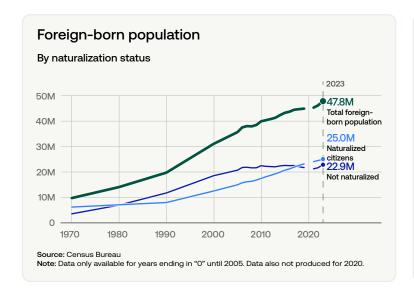


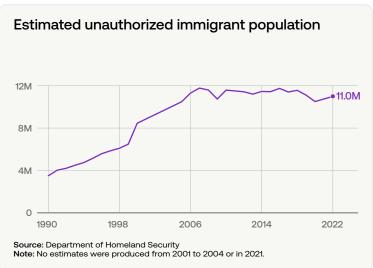




How many immigrants live in the US?

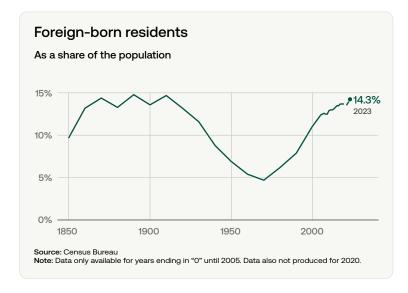
In 2023, about 48 million people living in the US had been born in another country. Of these, more than half were naturalized citizens. Numbers on unauthorized immigrants — a subset of the non-naturalized population — are less recent: the Department of Homeland Security estimated 11.0 million unauthorized immigrants lived in the US in 2022.

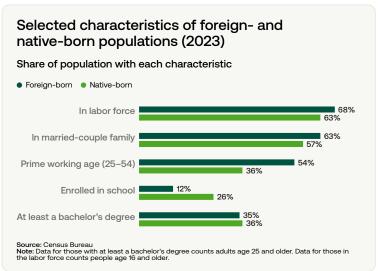




How does the immigrant population compare to the native-born population?

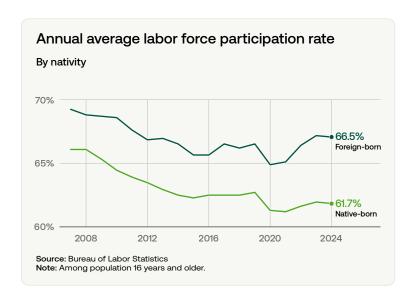
Immigrants made up 14.3% of the population in 2023. Immigrants were more likely than the native-born population to be of prime working age (25–54), 54.2% to 36.4%, and were less likely to be in school, 11.7% to 25.9%.

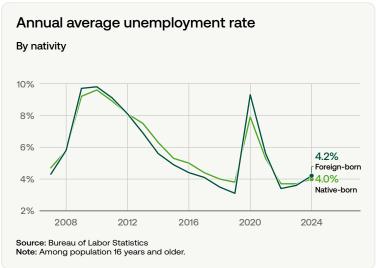






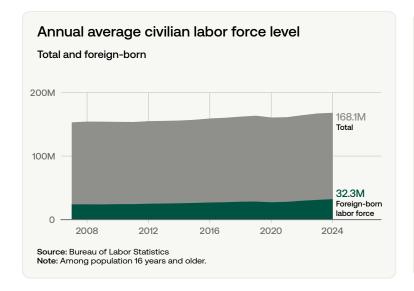
How does workforce participation compare between native-born and foreign-born people? In 2024, the labor force participation rate (the share of people who are employed or looking for work) averaged 66.5% for foreign-born people and 61.7% for native-born people. Unemployment rates have historically been similar — 2024 averages were 4.0% for native-born people and 4.2% for foreign-born people. From January through July 2025, the average unemployment rate for native-born people was 4.3% and 4.1% among foreign-born people.

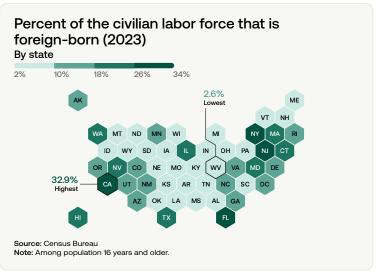




How many foreign-born workers are there?

The US had about 32 million foreign-born workers in 2024, making up 19.2% of the total labor force, both highs since at least 2007. The share of the labor force that's foreign-born varies across states, from a low of 2.6% in West Virginia to 32.9% in California in 2023.



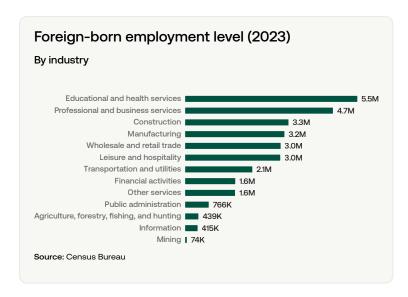


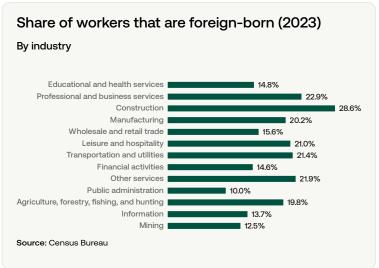




What industries rely the most on foreignborn workers?

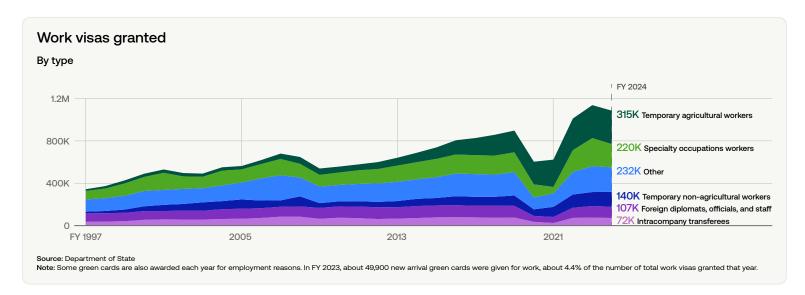
Educational and health services employed the most foreign-born workers in 2023 — 5.5 million people, accounting for 14.8% of all workers in the sector. The industries with the biggest shares of foreign-born workers were construction (28.6% of the total), professional and business services (22.9%), and "other services," which spans 11 activities that don't fit in other sectors, including dry cleaning, ministry, grantmaking, and equipment repair (21.9%).^{xiii} Foreign-born people were least represented in public administration (10.0%).





How many work visas does the US give and for what types of occupations?

The 1.1 million work visas awarded in FY 2024 (a 5% drop from FY 2023) were the second most since at least FY 1997. Around 29% of FY 2024 work visas were given to temporary agricultural (H-2A) workers, up by about 5,000 people over FY 2023. H-2B visas, which are for temporary non-agricultural workers, rose 6%, and were the only other major class of work visa that grew in FY 2024. H-1B visas for people in specialty occupations made up about 20% (220,000) of issued work visas, down 17% from a record high in FY 2023.





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Bureau of Consular Affairs (under Department of State)	Nonimmigrant visa statistics	Nonimmigrant worldwide issuance and refusal data by visa category	Not listed	FY 2024
		Nonimmigrant visa issuances by visa class and nationality	Not listed	FY 2024
Bureau of Labor Statistics	Current Population Survey	Employment Situation Summary	Updates monthly for most recently completed month	
Census Bureau	American Community Survey	1-year estimates	Sep. 2024	2023
		Public Use Microdata Sample	Oct. 2024	2023
	Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement	Foreign-born detailed tables	March 2024	2023
Citizenship and Immigration Services (within Department of Homeland Security)	Immigration and citizenship data	All USCIS application and petition form types, quarterly release	June 2025	FY 2025, Q2
Customs and Border Patrol (within Department of Homeland Security)	CBP enforcement statistics	Office of Field Operations inadmissibles	Not listed	July 2025
	Stats and summaries	Nationwide encounters	Not listed	July 2025
Executive Office for Immigration Review (within Department of Justice)	Adjudication statistics	Asylum decisions	July 2025	FY 2025, Q3
		Pending cases, new cases, and total completions	July 2025	FY 2025, Q3
		Immigration judge hiring	July 2025	FY 2025, Q3
Customs and Border Patrol (within Department of Homeland Security)		Annual Report	Dec. 2024	FY 2024
Office of Homeland Security Statistics (within Department of Homeland Security)	Immigration enforcement	Immigration enforcement and legal processes monthly tables	Jan. 2025	Nov. 2024
	Lawful permanent residents (LPRs)	LPR Yearbook tables expanded: Adjustments of status and new arrivals	Aug. 2023	FY 2022
	Refugees and asylees	Annual Flow Report	Oct. 2024	FY 2023
		Asylum workload by top twenty-five nationalities	Nov. 2023	FY 2022
	Illegal aliens	Estimates of the illegal alien population residing in the United States	April 2024	FY 2022



Office of Homeland Security Statistics (within Department of Homeland Security)	Yearbook of Immigration Statistics	Tables 1–12: Lawful permanent residents	Sep. 2024	FY 2023
		Tables 13–15: Refugees	Nov. 2024	FY 2023
		Tables 16–19: Asylees	Oct. 2024	FY 2023
		Tables 33–42: Enforcement actions	Nov. 2023	FY 2022
Refugee Processing Center (within Department of State)	Admissions and arrivals	Cumulative summary of refugee admissions	Jan. 2025	2024

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Data in this chapter comes from nine different agencies, highlighting the diffuse nature of immigration data. The Office of Homeland Security Statistics (OHSS) synthesizes data from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) — which itself brings together data from the Office of Field Operations (OFO) and Border Patrol (USBP) — the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR), the Department of State, and US Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). OHSS products are dependent on timely and accurate releases from the agencies that generate the source data, and they must reckon with methodological, structural, and semantic differences. In assembling this year's chapter, we noticed some specific challenges and themes:

- Some OHSS products are delayed. The Yearbook of Immigration Statistics for 2023 is partially released, notably lacking the
 enforcement actions tables. The asylum workload statistics that allow for disaggregated analysis are similarly delayed, as is data
 sorting new arrival green cards by country of origin and immigration reason. It's unclear whether the delays are happening at OHSS
 or the reporting agencies.
- ICE has not released arrests data since January 2025 (although its dashboard indicates it should update quarterly), which
 presumably contributes to the delay in the release of the OHSS Immigration Enforcement and Legal Processes Monthly Tables.
 These were last released in January 2025, and prior to then had been a consistent monthly release.
- Data sources don't always define or describe populations the same way. Data on where refugees and visa recipients come from provides information by "country of nationality," and data on new arrival green card holders is given by "country of birth." To compile the data, we assume that it is equivalent, even though some people receiving green cards may have been born in one country and be a citizen of another.
- Some immigration processes and outcomes are governed by multiple agencies, like asylum (managed by EOIR and USCIS) or noncitizen removals (conducted by ICE and USBP). Understanding them requires looking at fragmented data published with different structures, documentation, and reporting timelines. OHSS often streamlines it, but waiting for OHSS to collect and clean agency data adds more wait time, bringing the source data further out of date.
- Sources across the immigration landscape vary in terms of how many years of data they present. For a given time series, additional
 data may exist but be difficult to find or not comparable across time, or not exist at all. In general, explanations that clarify how much
 historical data is available are not offered.



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Population facts

The United States population grew faster in 2024 than during the previous 15 years. Birth rates remain near historic lows and Americans continue to age, while migration accounts for most population growth. This snapshot of who lives in the US today shows how the country's population is changing and offers context for policymakers weighing decisions on spending, immigration, government programs, and more.

Population growth

- In 2024, 340.1 million people lived in the US.
- The population grew by 3.3 million compared to 2023, a growth rate of 1.0%.
- Net migration has recently been driving population growth and was responsible for more than half the growth since 2021. In 2024, it accounted for 84% of new additions to the US population.
- Between 2023 and 2024, the population grew fastest in Florida, Texas, Utah, and Washington, DC.

Deaths and births

- The death rate decreased for the third consecutive year in 2024, dropping to 917.3 deaths per 100,000 people.
- The birth rate decreased in 2023 before bumping up slightly in 2024 — from 1,074 births per 100,000 people to 1,080 — according to preliminary data.
- The 2023 birth rate was the lowest since at least 1980, and the 2024 rate was the second-lowest.

Changing demographics

- The US population is aging. As of 2024, 18.0% of people are aged 65 or older, up from 11.3% in 1980.
- The composition of households continues to shift. The
 percentage of households led by adults with children
 decreased in 2024, continuing a decades-long trend. The
 share of people living alone has increased.
- The population is also becoming more diverse. In 2024, white, non-Hispanic people were 57% of the US population — down from 76% in 1990 and 69% in 2000. Between 2000 and 2022, the size of the multi-racial population grew faster than any other demographic, from 3.5 million people to 8.4 million people, a 145% increase.

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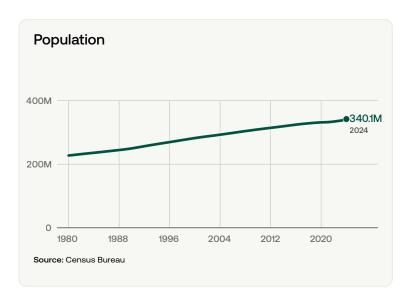
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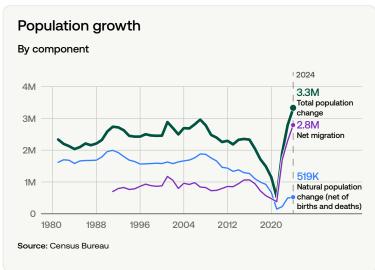
What is the US population? Is the population growing?

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The US population hit 340.1 million people in 2024. Population growth slowed beginning in 2016 before reaching a low in 2021, when the population grew by 522,000 people, or 0.2%. In 2024, the population grew by 3.3 million people, for a growth rate of 1.0%. Net migration — the difference between the number of people moving into and out of the country — is now the most significant contributor to population growth. It exceeded natural population growth (the effect of births and deaths) over the last four years and was responsible for 84% of the population growth from 2023 to 2024.

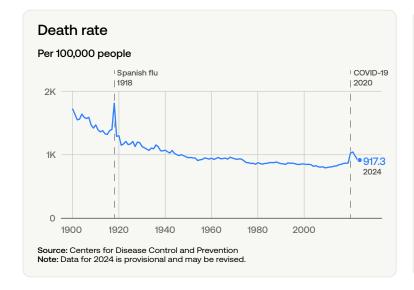
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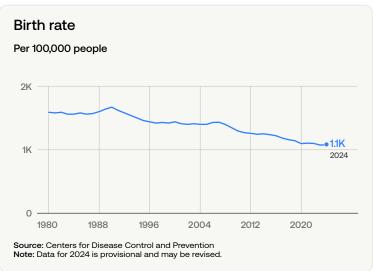




How have death and birth rates changed over time?

According to preliminary data, the death rate fell for the third consecutive year in 2024, to 917.3 deaths per 100,000 people; it remains above pre-pandemic levels. The birth rate increased to 1,080 per 100,000 people in 2024, slightly higher than 2023's record low of 1,074 births per 100,000 people.

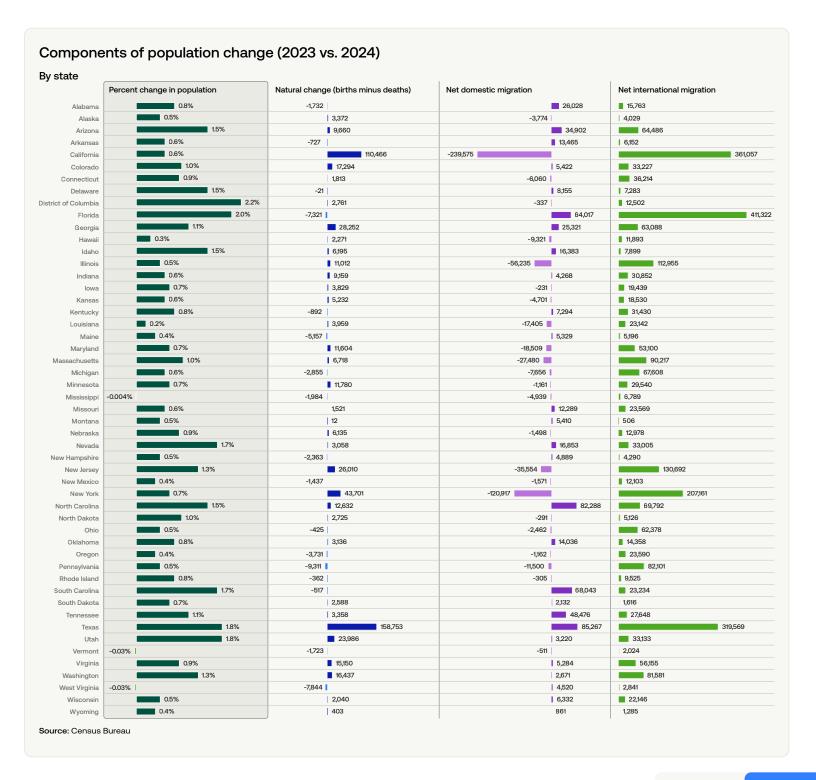






How have state populations changed in the last year?

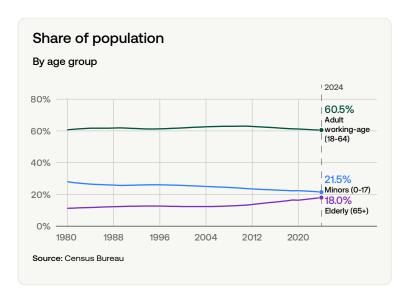
From 2023 to 2024, the populations of 13 states and Washington, DC, grew by more than 1%. The growth rate was highest in Washington, DC (2.2%), Florida (2.0%), Texas (1.8%), and Utah (1.8%), while the population declined in Mississippi, Vermont, and West Virginia.

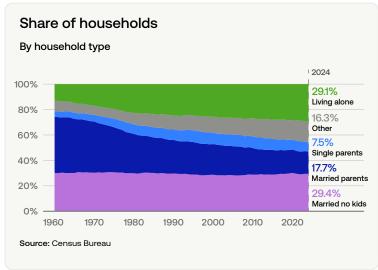




How has the age of the population and types of households in the US changed?

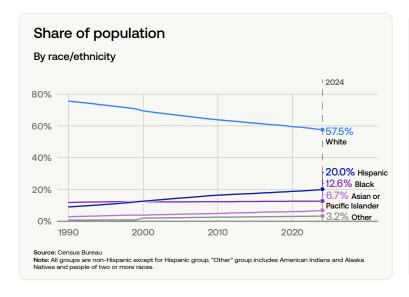
The proportion of people aged 65 and older in the population is rising while the proportion of people under 18 is falling. The share of the population 65 and older has risen nearly 7 percentage points since 1980, reaching 18.0% in 2024. At the same time, the percentage of children in the population decreased by 6.5 points, to 21.5%. The composition of US households also shifted: Married-parent households fell from 30.9% of households in 1980 to 17.7% in 2024, while the percentage of people living alone increased.

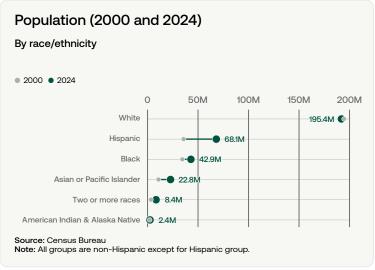




How is the population's racial and ethnic makeup changing?

In 2024, white non-Hispanic people were 57% of the population, down from 76% in 1990 and 69% in 2000. Hispanic people made up 20% of the population and Black people 13%. Between 2000 and 2024, the multiracial population increased faster than any other racial or ethnic group (up 145%), followed by Asian or Pacific Islanders (110%) and Hispanics (91%).







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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	CDC Wonder	Multiple causes of death data	Typically released in January or February for two years prior	2023 (final) and 2024 (provisional)
		Natality information		
Census Bureau	Population Estimates Program	National population totals and components of change	Dec. 2024	2024
		National population by characteristics	June 2025	2024
		State population totals and components of change	Dec. 2024	2024
	Current Population Survey, Annual Social Economic Supplement	Historical households tables	Nov. 2024	2024
		Historical families tables	Nov. 2024	2024

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- USAFacts relies on Census population estimates as of July 1 of each year whenever possible. These are known as "intercensal" or "postcensal" estimates and may differ from the decennial counts.
- The Census Bureau releases population estimates by different geographies and demographic characteristics at various points each year. Age and sex data typically come out each April, while race and ethnicity data is released in June.
- At the time of publishing, the CDC's 2024 death and birth data were provisional and remain subject to revision.

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Chart sources and notes

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1. Chart sources and notes are structured as follows:

Chart title: Source(s)

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- 2. For all population-adjusted data where the source does not provide adjustments, we use intercensal/postcensal estimates from the US Census Bureau, unless otherwise noted. Source details can be found in the citations for the "Population" chart below.
- 3. Fiscal years (FY) are equivalent to the federal fiscal year, unless otherwise noted. The federal fiscal year begins on October 1 of the previous year and ends on September 30 of the following year. For example, FY 2024 began on October 1, 2023, and ended on September 30, 2024.
- 4. USAFacts compiles data for government revenue, spending, and debt, as well as on family and individual income and taxes from various government sources, including the Office of Management and Budget, the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, and the Federal Reserve. The full citations are not included below; to see detailed descriptions and notes about our methodology for compiling this data, please visit: https://usafacts.org/methodology.

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When describing new authorized immigrant arrivals, terms are defined as follows:

- 1. New arrival green card data only includes green cards granted to new immigrants to the US. It excludes green cards granted through an adjustment of status to immigrants who are already in the US on a visa.
- Non-tourist visa data excludes temporary visitors for business or pleasure (including with Border Crossing Cards), transit aliens, and transit crew (airline, cruise ship, etc.).
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Note(s): Disaggregated 2023 new arrival green card data from OHSS describing new arrivals by country of origin was not available as of report publication, so this chart uses the 2022 data for 2023. This approach is imperfect: totals change each year (466,000 new arrivals in 2022 vs. 558,000 in 2023), but the reasons for migration and countries of origin appear more stable over time.

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