## Spending Tracker Websites (includes popular U.S. National Debt Clocks)

Valuable insights into government spending—covering research, analysis, advocacy, and transparency—are essential for addressing fraud & waste. This <u>comprehensive</u> & <u>nonpartisan</u> list highlights websites tracking U.S. Federal spending across key areas of <u>bipartisan</u> concern, such as military / defense budgets, healthcare middlemen, taxpayer-funded "student loan" middleman, subsidies (e.g., oil, Pharma, agriculture), tax loopholes, and foreign aid. Critical areas to preserve include infrastructure (roads, bridges, satellites, GPS, Internet, utilities), food stamps, and emergency services, like 911. <u>Note:</u> Federal lawmakers earn over \$200,000 annually but face heavy workloads—balancing the budget requires living within our means, not just political games.

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## **TO BE FAIR – In alphabetical order:**

\*\*(CAGW) Citizens Against Government Waste\*: Provides research, analysis, and advocacy on government spending and transparency issues. CAGW is well-known for its "Pig Book" exposing pork-barrel spending.

URL: <a href="https://www.CAGW.org">https://www.CAGW.org</a>

\*\*(CBO) Congressional Budget Office\*: Provides nonpartisan budget analysis and cost estimates for legislation.
URL: https://www.CBO.gov

\*\*(CMS) The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services\*: Provides data on healthcare spending, including the National Health Expenditure Accounts (NHEA). Official U.S. Government website: <a href="https://www.CMS.gov/data-research/statistics-trends-and-reports/national-health-expenditure-data">https://www.CMS.gov/data-research/statistics-trends-and-reports/national-health-expenditure-data</a>

\*Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget\*: The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget (CRFB) offers a federal budget tracker that provides up-to-date information on federal spending and revenue. Federal Budget Tracker (Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget). URL: <a href="https://www.CRFB.org/budget-tracker">https://www.CRFB.org/budget-tracker</a>
TRACKER: <a href="https://www.CRFB.org/budget-tracker">https://www.CRFB.org/budget-tracker</a>

\*\*Congressman Henry Cuellar's DEBT CLOCK\*: [U.S. Representative (D-TX; 28th District) since 2005] DEMOCRAT MEMBER OF CONGRESS, serving his eleventh term in the U.S. House of Representatives. URL: https://Cuellar.House.gov/debt.html

\*\*Contract With America: Part II®\*: A platform advocating for fiscal responsibility and transparency in government spending. Unlike Newt Gingrich's original "Contract With America," Part II doesn't support either political party or advocate any party or candidate in election campaigns, but rather advocates issues in a bipartisan / nonpartisan fashion, so long as they meet the "60%" Gingrich popularity standard: power grid security, fiscal responsibility, affordable healthcare, affordable college, etc. The "#pork" section highlights specific examples of wasteful or unnecessary expenditures—and calls upon readers to hold lawmakers accountable to reign in wasteful spending, providing various means of advocacy (phone calls, social media, etc.). This platform is a registered trademark of Gordon Wayne Watts, who nearly won the *Terri Schiavo* case—the 3RD-largest pro-life case since *Roe*, not an "abortion" case, but rather dealing with denial of medical care for a handicapped individual, a case which drew support from both Liberals (supportive of the handicapped community) and Conservatives (who were "pro-life"). URL: https://ContractWithAmerica2.com/#pork

MIRROR-A: https://GordonWatts.com/n.index.html#pork

MIRROR-B: <a href="https://GordonWayneWatts.com/n.index.html#pork">https://GordonWayneWatts.com/n.index.html#pork</a>
Archive Today library: <a href="https://Archive.vn/contractwithamerica2.com">https://Archive.vn/contractwithamerica2.com</a>

Wayback Machine library: <a href="https://Web.Archive.org/web/\*/https://ContractWithAmerica2.com">https://Web.Archive.org/web/\*/https://ContractWithAmerica2.com</a>

\*\*(CRFB) The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget\*: A nonpartisan, non-profit organization committed to educating the public on issues with significant fiscal policy impact—with bipartisan leadership

comprising some of the nation's leading budget experts, including many past heads of the House and Senate Budget Committees, the Congressional Budget Office, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Government Accountability Office. URL: <a href="https://www.CRFB.org/debtfixer">https://www.CRFB.org/debtfixer</a> MAIN: <a href="https://www.CRFB.org">https://www.CRFB.org</a>

\*\*(CSIS) The Center for Strategic and International Studies\*: CSIS offers detailed analysis and data on defense spending, including trackers on defense budgets & procurement under its tracker: <a href="https://www.CSIS.org/programs/international-security-program/defense-budget-analysis">https://www.CSIS.org/programs/international-security-program/defense-budget-analysis</a>

\*Data Republican\*: A personal website by AI software engineer & data expert, Jennica Pounds aka "DataRepublican (small r)" (The "small r" denotes her unbiased allegiance is not to the Republican Party, but rather to the Republic, in her advocacy to convey an unbiased approach for transparency in exposing & analyzing wasteful government spending by both political parties—and improve efficiency.) An online resource for the public which she's developed to expose connections between government grants, NGOs, & spending. She is a deaf, non-verbal activist who uses AI to scrape the Internet to provide detailed data on government spending with an online search portal. Pounds, whose identity was outed & doxxed recently, has been publicly supported by Elon Musk and other prominent figures regarding her research into USAID spending concerns, and she has well-over 600k followers on X / Twitter. URL: <a href="https://DataRepublican.com">https://DataRepublican.com</a>

AWARD SEARCH: <a href="https://DataRepublican.com/award\_search">https://DataRepublican.com/award\_search</a>

Official Twitter / X: <a href="https://X.com/DataRepublican">https://X.com/DataRepublican</a>

**Official Substack:** <a href="https://DataRepublican.SubStack.com">https://DataRepublican.SubStack.com</a> (Editor's Note: Her Substack account does not seem to be very active as of the time of publication.)

\*\*(DoD) The Department of Defense\*: Provides data on defense spending, including the DoD's Budget and Financial Management Webpage. URL: <a href="https://comptroller.Defense.gov/Budget-Materials/">https://comptroller.Defense.gov/Budget-Materials/</a>

\*\*(DOGE) Department of Government Efficiency\*: A government website that tracks spending and provides data on efficiency efforts across federal agencies. URL: <a href="https://Doge.gov/savings">https://Doge.gov/savings</a>

\*\*DOGE Live Tracker\*: A website that provides real-time data on government spending, including the national debt, budget, and contract spending. URL: <a href="https://Doge-Tracker.com">https://Doge-Tracker.com</a>

\*\*(EdWeek) The Education Week Research Center\*: Offers a range of data and analysis on education spending, including trackers on school finance and education policy. School Finance Trackers: Note: Specific trackers are often embedded in articles or reports, such as school finance data, accessible through this hub.

URL: <a href="https://www.EdWeek.org/research-center">https://www.EdWeek.org/research-center</a>

\*\*(EPA) The Environmental Protection Agency\*: Provides data on environmental spending, including the EPA's Budget and Spending Webpage: URL: https://www.EPA.gov/planandbudget

\*\*(FOX) National Debt Tracker\*: FOX BUSINESS

URL: <a href="https://www.FoxBusiness.com/economy/us-national-debt-tracker">https://www.FoxBusiness.com/economy/us-national-debt-tracker</a>

\*\*(GAO) Government Accountability Office\*: The GAO website provides reports and testimonies on various aspects of government spending, including waste, fraud, and abuse; audits federal spending and identifies waste (e.g., "High-Risk List"). URL: <a href="https://www.GAO.gov">https://www.GAO.gov</a>

\*\*ITSUPTOUS U.S. Debt Clock\*: Displays real-time data on the national debt, including debt clocks for each state, as well as information on student loan debt and other economic indicators.

URL: https://www.itsuptous.org/blog/best-resources-real-time-us-debt-clocks

\*\*(KFF) The Kaiser Family Foundation\*: Offers a range of healthcare-related data and analysis, including trackers on healthcare spending, Medicaid, and the Affordable Care Act. KFF's "National Health Spending Explorer" is a primary tool for tracking healthcare spending.

**URL:** <a href="https://www.KFF.org/interactive/national-health-spending-explorer">https://www.KFF.org/interactive/national-health-spending-explorer</a>

\*\*(NCES) The National Center for Education Statistics\*: Provides data on education spending, including the National Education Budget Database: Note: The NCES Digest of Education Statistics includes detailed education spending data; there's no standalone "National Education Budget Database" page, but this is the closest equivalent. URL: https://NCES.ed.gov/programs/digest/

\*\*(NOAA) The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration\*: NOAA's budget page offers data on environmental spending related to oceans, coasts, and climate. URL: <a href="https://www.NOAA.gov/budget-finance-performance">https://www.NOAA.gov/budget-finance-performance</a>

\*(NTU) National Taxpayers Union\*: Advocates for taxpayer rights and tracks spending policies.

URL: <a href="https://www.NTU.org">https://www.NTU.org</a>

\*\*Open The Books\*: A robust, non-partisan, non-profit organization that provides detailed information on government spending, including salaries, pensions, contracts, and data on pharmaceutical companies and their interactions with government agencies-- and with detailed datasets. Includes a standout feature, their "Federal Funding Transparency Map." URL: <a href="https://www.OpenTheBooks.com">https://www.OpenTheBooks.com</a>

\*\*OpenSecrets\*: An excellent resource for tracking money in politics, including Big Pharma subsidies, providing detailed information on campaign contributions, lobbying expenditures, and other financial data related to the pharmaceutical industry. URL: <a href="https://www.OpenSecrets.org">https://www.OpenSecrets.org</a>

Featured URL: <a href="https://www.OpenSecrets.org/industries/indus?ind=H04">https://www.OpenSecrets.org/industries/indus?ind=H04</a>

\*Peter G. Peterson Foundation\*: "National Debt Clock" A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that is dedicated to increasing public awareness of the nature and urgency of key fiscal challenges threatening America's future, and to accelerating action on them. They work to bring Americans together to find and implement sensible, long-term solutions that transcend age, party lines, and ideological divides in order to achieve real results. Offers a comprehensive look at the national debt, including its causes, consequences, and potential solutions. Hosted by the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, this site features a real-time debt clock alongside educational content about the national debt's causes and implications. It uses Treasury data and Congressional Budget Office projections to estimate debt growth. Notable Feature: Links to physical debt clocks installed in various U.S. cities for public awareness. URL: <a href="https://www.PGPF.org/national-debt-clock">https://www.PGPF.org/national-debt-clock</a>

See Also: https://www.PGPF.org/what-we-are-doing/projects/find-our-debt-clocks

\*\*ProPublica\*: An independent newsroom that produces investigative journalism on topics including healthcare and the pharmaceutical industry. URL: <a href="https://www.ProPublica.org">https://www.ProPublica.org</a>

\*\*Public Citizen\*: A credible, non-profit advocacy group that works to promote transparency and accountability in government, including critique of Big Pharma subsidies and healthcare policy. URL: <a href="https://www.Citizen.org">https://www.Citizen.org</a>

\*\*Read Sludge\*: A news website that provides in-depth reporting on money in politics, including the influence of Big Pharma on lawmakers. URL: <a href="https://ReadSludge.com">https://ReadSludge.com</a>

See also: https://ReadSludge.com/2025/01/31/on-the-bernie-rfk-pharma-money-spat

\*Sunlight Foundation\*: Focuses on transparency. URL: https://SunlightFoundation.com

\*\*(TCS) Taxpayers for Common Sense\*: A respected watchdog group, known for analyzing earmarks and defense spending. URL: <a href="https://www.Taxpayer.net">https://www.Taxpayer.net</a>

\*The Intercept\*: A news organization that provides investigative reporting on a range of topics and often critiques government spending, including the pharmaceutical industry and its influence on politics.

**URL:** https://TheIntercept.com

\*\*The Register\*: Provides news and commentary on a wide range of topics, with the "#crash" section referring to commentary and analysis on economic and financial crises, particularly related to government spending and policy decisions—and the resultant threats for an economic crash of the dollar, offering valuable insights and perspectives on excess spending. *The Register*, hosted on 2 identical "redundancy" mirrors, is the personal website of Gordon Wayne Watts, who nearly won the *Terri Schiavo* case—the 3RD-largest pro-life case since *Roe*, not an "abortion" case, but rather dealing with denial of medical care for a handicapped individual, a case which drew support from both Liberals (supportive of the handicapped community) and Conservatives (who were "pro-life")--and thus credible; with a "Conservative-leaning" personal bias — but noting its appeal to fiscal responsibility across ideologies.

MIRROR-A: https://GordonWatts.com/#crash

MIRROR-B: https://GordonWayneWatts.com/#crash

Archive Today library-A: https://Archive.ph/gordonwatts.com

Archive Today library-B: <a href="https://Archive.ph/gordonwaynewatts.com">https://Archive.ph/gordonwaynewatts.com</a>

Wayback Machine library-A: https://Web.Archive.org/web/\*/https://GordonWatts.com

Wayback Machine library-B: <a href="https://Web.Archive.org/web/\*/https://GordonWayneWatts.com">https://Web.Archive.org/web/\*/https://GordonWayneWatts.com</a>

\*\*U.S. National Debt Clock\*: Provides real-time updates on the US national debt, including the total debt, debt per person, and debt as a percentage of GDP. It features a combination of text, images, and graphs to present the information in an accessible and visually appealing manner. This is a website that provides information on the US national debt, including debt clocks, budget items, unfunded debt, interest, and personal debt. It offers a detailed breakdown of the debt and its components, as well as the impact of the debt on individuals and the economy. The site aims to educate users about the financial situation of the United States and the implications of the national debt. URL: https://www.UsDebtClock.org See also: https://UsDebtClock.org.usitestat.com

\*\*US National Debt\*: Provides a simple, easy-to-read debt clock, along with information on the history of the national debt and its implications for the US economy. URL: <a href="https://UsNationalDebtClocks.com">https://UsNationalDebtClocks.com</a>

\*U.S. TREASURY\*: Debt to the Penny: Official Governemt data — Operated by the U.S. Treasury Department, this isn't a "clock" in the flashy sense but provides the official, daily updated national debt figure. It's the authoritative source for exact debt numbers, updated each business day, and serves as a foundation for many clock estimates. Notable Feature: Offers precise, government-backed data rather than real-time estimates.

Main URL: https://www.TreasuryDirect.gov (navigate to "Debt to the Penny")

"Debt to the Penny" URL: <a href="https://FiscalData.Treasury.gov/datasets/debt-to-the-penny/">https://FiscalData.Treasury.gov/datasets/debt-to-the-penny/</a>

**See also:** https://FiscalData.Treasury.gov/americas-finance-guide/national-debt/

\*\*USAspending\*: A government website that provides data on federal spending, including contracts, grants, and loans. Broad Scope – Tracks over \$4 trillion in annual federal spending. URL: <a href="https://www.UsaSpending.gov">https://www.UsaSpending.gov</a>

\*USDebtClock.org\*: Description: This is one of the most well-known online U.S. National Debt Clocks, providing a real-time display of the U.S. national debt, debt per citizen, and other economic metrics like unfunded liabilities and savings attributed to initiatives like DOGE (Department of Government Efficiency). It's widely referenced on social media and has mobile apps available. Notable Feature: Includes a "DOGE Clock" for tracking estimated government savings, though its methodology lacks detailed public sourcing.

URL: https://www.USDebtClock.org

\*\*Worldometer\*: A website run by an international team of developers, researchers, and volunteers with the goal of making world statistics available in a thought-provoking and time relevant format to a wide audience around the world. URL: <a href="https://www.WorldoMeters.info/us-debt-clock/">https://www.WorldoMeters.info/us-debt-clock/</a>

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\*\* 'UNABRIDGED' Intro\*\*: — Here are some websites that can help you track wasteful government spending - whether you're Conservative or Liberal (i.e., addressing "key areas" of concern by \*\*BOTH\*\* or \*\*ALL\*\* sides of the political spectrum – to be nonpartisan, unbiased, fair, & comprehensively effective) [[E.g., National Defense; Military Spending; Subsidies for oil / fossil; Subsidies for Big Pharma; Agriculture subsidies; Health Insurance "middleman" versus less-expensive "direct fund" or "one payer" or "socialised" healthcare; taxpayer-funded "Student Loan" middleman versus less-expensive "direct fund" model used in, say, Public Ed (you don't see 5TH graders with student loans, do you?); Tax loopholes; Healthcare fraud / waste; Streamlining spending in key areas; USAID and other Foreign Aid; Misc. fraud/waste, such as exorbitant salaries at various federal or federally-funded agencies ("million dollar" salaries for university presidents, coaches, excess staff, research projects, expensive buildings, architecture, expensive parties, vacations, bonuses, "golden parachute" retirement packages for already-rich employees), etc.]] NOTE: A few areas we might \*\*not\*\* want to cut: Nuclear Workers, Air Traffic Controllers, SNAP / Food Stamps, Police, Fire, EMS / 911, Fragile Internet, Telecommunications, & Power GRID; 911; GPS; Satellites, Roads, Bridges, Water, Power, Utilities, & other critical infrastructure. Editor's Note: Federal lawmakers are over-paid (>\$200,000.oo+ / per /year, each), but understaffed and "over-worked," i.e., work long hours, thus may need "a little help" with workload issues. IF they are serious about balancing budget & not just making money off the backs of taxpayers, arguing, & playing political games: We must live within our budget, why not federal lawmakers (Members of Congress, e.g., House & Senate)?

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