

Table 8.9—BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS: 1976–2006

(in millions of dollars)

Category and Program	1976	TQ	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982
National defense	97,567	23,455	110,362	117,349	126,880	144,502	180,443	217,179
Nondefense:								
International affairs	8,410	1,557	9,514	11,033	13,303	12,874	17,555	14,222
General science, space and technology:								
General science and basic research	1,037	244	1,129	1,270	1,344	1,456	1,527	1,525
Space and other technology	3,227	850	3,498	3,807	4,223	4,790	5,108	5,683
Total General science, space and technology	4,264	1,094	4,627	5,077	5,568	6,247	6,634	7,208
Energy	3,597	943	5,586	9,015	8,446	17,446	8,970	8,281
Natural resources and environment	6,856	2,081	10,620	14,650	14,662	14,619	12,866	13,128
Agriculture	1,196	307	1,253	1,460	1,638	1,605	1,824	1,765
Commerce and housing credit	3,581	1,109	4,543	4,178	4,325	6,162	4,324	3,259
Transportation:								
Ground transportation	2,970	1,277	2,110	2,886	5,164	6,250	8,716	8,450
Air transportation	2,270	524	2,454	2,692	3,048	3,181	3,397	3,223
Water and other transportation	1,304	301	1,306	1,564	1,689	1,766	2,099	2,432
Total Transportation	6,545	2,102	5,869	7,141	9,900	11,197	14,212	14,105
Community and regional development	4,166	460	12,245	9,838	8,967	9,804	7,715	6,267
Education, training, employment and social services:								
Education	8,835	3,317	10,508	11,030	12,607	12,660	12,420	11,697
Training, employment and social services	8,748	1,215	15,784	6,793	14,325	11,882	11,387	6,570
Total Education, training, employment and social services	17,583	4,532	26,292	17,823	26,932	24,542	23,808	18,267
Health	6,220	1,230	6,856	7,703	8,317	8,812	8,729	8,205
Income security:								
Housing assistance	18,621	111	28,629	32,300	24,780	27,654	26,071	13,876
Other	732	153	978	1,187	1,676	3,743	4,469	4,392
Total Income security	19,353	265	29,607	33,487	26,456	31,397	30,539	18,268
Social security						—*	—*
Veterans benefits and services	4,931	1,216	5,612	6,249	6,756	7,043	7,583	8,479
Administration of justice	3,283	855	3,611	3,860	4,219	4,370	4,374	4,709
General government	6,405	2,374	6,115	6,664	4,887	5,400	5,705	5,937
Total nondefense	96,389	20,126	132,350	138,177	144,375	161,518	154,839	132,100
Total discretionary budget authority	193,956	43,582	242,712	255,526	271,255	306,019	335,282	349,280

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 8.9—BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS: 1976–2006—Continued

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Category and Program	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990
National defense	244,972	265,584	294,853	289,625	287,960	292,497	300,067	303,946
Nondefense:								
International affairs	16,017	25,170	24,057	20,279	18,800	18,079	18,537	20,027
General science, space and technology:								
General science and basic research	1,628	1,958	2,223	2,108	2,324	2,522	2,836	3,168
Space and other technology	6,517	6,858	6,925	7,165	10,198	8,322	10,001	11,359
Total General science, space and technology	8,145	8,816	9,148	9,273	12,523	10,844	12,837	14,527
Energy	6,928	6,030	6,528	4,299	3,211	4,726	4,727	5,585
Natural resources and environment	14,590	13,971	15,087	13,360	16,190	16,246	17,292	18,601
Agriculture	2,047	2,143	2,216	2,093	2,263	2,318	2,357	2,722
Commerce and housing credit	3,556	3,775	4,023	2,937	2,937	2,912	3,125	3,914
Transportation:								
Ground transportation	5,466	4,267	4,056	3,385	3,417	3,020	3,001	4,051
Air transportation	3,939	4,316	5,063	4,565	4,685	5,209	5,792	6,609
Water and other transportation	2,380	2,679	2,471	2,165	2,432	2,362	2,769	2,874
Total Transportation	11,785	11,262	11,591	10,115	10,534	10,590	11,563	13,533
Community and regional development	7,602	6,611	6,232	5,766	5,657	5,451	6,063	7,313
Education, training, employment and social services:								
Education	12,338	13,091	15,165	14,436	16,715	17,395	18,353	19,937
Training, employment and social services	7,784	10,468	7,845	7,216	7,860	8,321	8,463	10,091
Total Education, training, employment and social services	20,121	23,559	23,010	21,652	24,575	25,716	26,816	30,028
Health	8,795	9,343	10,310	10,344	12,141	12,958	14,262	16,078
Medicare								2,361
Income security:								
Housing assistance	10,025	11,398	12,613	10,748	8,564	8,648	9,009	10,785
Other	4,945	5,098	4,966	5,065	4,956	4,717	5,843	8,158
Total Income security	14,970	16,496	17,579	15,813	13,521	13,364	14,852	18,943
Social security								2,223
Veterans benefits and services	9,526	9,946	10,783	10,742	11,313	11,631	12,363	13,037
Administration of justice	5,322	6,001	6,618	6,662	8,491	9,018	9,882	12,356
General government	6,698	6,977	7,143	7,377	8,051	8,532	9,093	11,516
Total nondefense	136,104	150,099	154,326	140,710	150,206	152,384	163,768	192,766
Total discretionary budget authority	381,076	415,683	449,179	430,335	438,166	444,881	463,836	496,712

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Table 8.9—BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS: 1976–2006—Continued

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Category and Program	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
National defense	332,228	299,115	276,109	262,246	262,937	265,186	266,248	272,416
Nondefense:								
International affairs	21,321	20,927	33,257	20,854	20,166	18,122	18,150	18,991
General science, space and technology:								
General science and basic research	3,455	4,107	4,150	4,560	4,133	4,122	4,185	5,629
Space and other technology	13,046	13,199	13,063	13,022	12,543	12,570	12,456	12,321
Total General science, space and technology	16,501	17,305	17,214	17,582	16,676	16,692	16,641	17,950
Energy	5,437	5,834	5,832	6,381	6,230	4,893	4,212	3,077
Natural resources and environment	19,624	21,297	21,405	22,440	20,430	20,648	22,388	23,417
Agriculture	3,096	4,525	4,297	4,423	3,969	4,206	4,225	4,346
Commerce and housing credit	2,825	3,429	2,482	1,442	3,061	2,248	1,395	446
Transportation:								
Ground transportation	3,443	3,703	2,575	3,883	3,067	2,453	2,899	2,051
Air transportation	7,332	8,104	8,307	8,430	5,985	7,987	8,328	8,687
Water and other transportation	2,890	3,154	3,077	3,384	3,433	3,157	3,276	3,238
Total Transportation	13,665	14,962	13,959	15,697	12,485	13,597	14,503	13,976
Community and regional development	5,895	11,389	9,659	15,399	12,094	11,712	13,119	10,371
Education, training, employment and social services:								
Education	22,853	24,435	25,463	26,333	26,386	23,205	28,161	31,318
Training, employment and social services	10,953	11,912	12,728	14,266	13,477	13,284	14,660	15,382
Total Education, training, employment and social services	33,806	36,347	38,192	40,599	39,863	36,489	42,821	46,700
Health	18,169	19,560	20,697	22,193	22,814	23,303	25,086	26,386
Medicare	2,566	2,860	2,829	2,962	3,028	2,939	2,623	2,723
Income security:								
Housing assistance	19,596	19,696	21,117	21,088	15,302	16,410	11,661	17,449
Other	9,985	10,735	10,801	11,978	12,198	11,342	11,026	12,299
Total Income security	29,581	30,432	31,918	33,066	27,500	27,752	22,687	29,748
Social security	2,399	2,540	2,640	2,828	2,327	3,140	3,457	3,205
Veterans benefits and services	14,124	15,298	16,235	17,193	17,618	17,801	18,908	18,943
Administration of justice	12,690	14,270	14,613	15,156	18,325	20,682	22,913	24,840
General government	12,181	11,311	11,642	12,139	11,906	11,557	11,848	12,110
Total nondefense	213,880	232,287	246,870	250,352	238,492	235,781	244,976	257,229
Total discretionary budget authority	546,108	531,402	522,979	512,598	501,429	500,966	511,224	529,645

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Table 8.9—BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS: 1976–2006—Continued

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Category and Program	1999	2000	2001 estimate	2002 estimate	2003 estimate	2004 estimate	2005 estimate	2006 estimate
National defense	288,310	300,767	311,271	325,079	333,934	343,194	352,704	362,515
Nondefense:								
International affairs	41,509	23,459	22,651	23,867	24,388	24,918	25,468	26,031
General science, space and technology:								
General science and basic research	6,333	6,662	7,533	7,569	7,737	7,910	8,087	8,267
Space and other technology	12,460	12,541	13,328	13,622	14,155	14,531	14,823	15,221
Total General science, space and technology	18,793	19,203	20,861	21,191	21,892	22,441	22,910	23,488
Energy	2,863	2,706	3,095	2,773	2,869	3,100	3,199	3,299
Natural resources and environment	23,812	24,646	28,687	26,401	27,020	27,587	27,630	27,418
Agriculture	4,503	4,725	5,111	4,833	5,242	5,152	5,264	5,383
Commerce and housing credit	780	5,115	687	-286	-75	-389	-504	-470
Transportation:								
Ground transportation	2,340	2,011	4,903	2,140	2,200	2,248	2,297	2,348
Air transportation	9,046	9,207	10,295	10,551	11,365	11,620	11,845	12,107
Water and other transportation	3,761	3,954	3,714	4,145	4,225	4,322	4,416	4,515
Total Transportation	15,147	15,172	18,912	16,836	17,790	18,190	18,558	18,970
Community and regional development	11,127	12,210	10,965	10,350	10,693	10,864	11,095	11,332
Education, training, employment and social services:								
Education	30,476	31,071	41,959	46,438	47,463	48,948	50,073	51,191
Training, employment and social services	16,172	13,307	19,187	18,986	19,597	20,101	20,588	21,082
Total Education, training, employment and social services	46,648	44,378	61,146	65,424	67,060	69,049	70,661	72,273
Health	30,209	33,823	38,858	41,008	45,663	46,882	48,130	49,397
Medicare	2,803	2,998	3,352	3,466	3,549	3,631	3,714	3,800
Income security:								
Housing assistance	20,377	18,077	25,218	28,007	29,961	31,250	32,536	33,443
Other	12,364	13,476	14,265	14,798	15,096	15,433	15,777	16,128
Total Income security	32,741	31,553	39,483	42,805	45,057	46,683	48,313	49,571
Social security	3,156	3,210	3,447	3,520	3,597	3,680	3,759	3,845
Veterans benefits and services	19,261	20,904	22,463	23,469	23,996	24,533	25,085	25,651
Administration of justice	26,488	27,056	29,955	29,782	31,918	32,269	32,760	33,517
General government	13,702	12,438	13,965	14,773	15,047	15,374	15,685	16,044
Allowances				5,321	5,440	5,561	5,685	5,812
Total nondefense	293,542	283,596	323,638	335,533	351,146	359,525	367,412	375,361
Total discretionary budget authority	581,852	584,363	634,909	660,612	685,080	702,719	720,116	737,876

* \$500 thousand or less.

Note: Due to the effects of the Credit Reform Act of 1990 on the measurement and classification of Federal credit activities, the discretionary budget authority for these programs for years prior to 1992 is not strictly comparable to that for 1992 and beyond. Due to the effects of the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990 and subsequent comparable redefinitions on the measurement and classification as budget authority of the obligation limitations of certain special and trust funds, the discretionary budget authority for these programs for years prior to 1990 is not strictly comparable to that for 1990 and beyond.