

Table 8.9—BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS: 1976–2008

(in millions of dollars)

Category and Program	1976	TQ	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
National defense	97,567	23,455	110,362	117,349	126,880	144,502	180,443	217,179	244,972
Nondefense:									
International affairs	8,410	1,557	9,514	11,033	13,303	12,874	17,555	14,222	16,017
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	1,628
Space and other technology	3,227	850	3,498	3,807	4,223	4,790	5,108	5,683	6,517
Total General science, space and technology	4,264	1,094	4,627	5,077	5,568	6,247	6,634	7,208	8,145
Energy	3,597	943	5,586	9,015	8,446	17,446	8,970	8,281	6,928
Natural resources and environment	6,856	2,081	10,620	14,650	14,662	14,613	12,857	13,121	14,585
Agriculture	1,196	307	1,253	1,460	1,638	1,605	1,824	1,765	2,047
Commerce and housing credit	3,581	1,109	4,543	4,178	4,325	6,162	4,324	3,259	3,556
Transportation:									
Ground transportation	2,970	1,277	2,110	2,886	5,164	6,250	8,716	8,450	5,466
Air transportation	2,270	524	2,454	2,692	3,048	3,181	3,397	3,223	3,939
Water and other transportation	1,304	301	1,306	1,564	1,689	1,766	2,099	2,432	2,380
Total Transportation	6,545	2,102	5,869	7,141	9,900	11,197	14,212	14,105	11,785
Community and regional development	4,166	460	12,245	9,838	8,967	9,804	7,715	6,267	7,602
Education, training, employment and social services:									
Education	8,835	3,317	10,508	11,030	12,607	12,660	12,420	11,697	12,338
Training, employment and social services	9,260	1,339	16,331	7,433	15,048	12,641	12,162	7,308	8,584
Total Education, training, employment and social services	18,096	4,656	26,839	18,463	27,655	25,301	24,582	19,005	20,921
Health	6,220	1,230	6,856	7,703	8,317	8,812	8,729	8,205	8,795
Medicare	775	222	836	914	985	1,078	1,207	1,221	1,369
Income security:									
Housing assistance	18,621	111	28,629	32,300	24,780	27,654	26,071	13,876	10,025
Other	2,169	529	2,518	2,755	3,363	5,680	6,537	6,822	7,865
Total Income security	20,790	641	31,147	35,055	28,143	33,335	32,608	20,698	17,889
Social security	1,086	279	1,181	1,292	1,365	1,451	1,635	1,905	2,120
Veterans benefits and services	4,931	1,216	5,612	6,249	6,756	7,043	7,583	8,479	9,526
Administration of justice	3,283	855	3,611	3,860	4,219	4,370	4,374	4,709	5,322
General government	6,405	2,374	6,115	6,664	4,887	5,400	5,705	5,937	6,698
Total nondefense	100,199	21,127	136,454	142,591	149,136	166,736	160,515	138,388	143,306
Total discretionary budget authority	197,766	44,583	246,817	259,940	276,016	311,237	340,959	355,567	388,278

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Table 8.9—BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS: 1976–2008—Continued

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Category and Program	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
National defense	265,584	294,853	289,625	287,960	292,497	300,067	303,946	332,228	299,115
Nondefense:									
International affairs	25,170	24,057	20,279	18,800	18,079	18,537	20,027	21,321	20,927
General science, space and technology:									
General science and basic research	1,958	2,223	2,108	2,324	2,522	2,836	3,168	3,455	4,107
Space and other technology	6,858	6,925	7,165	10,198	8,322	10,001	11,359	13,046	13,199
Total General science, space and technology	8,816	9,148	9,273	12,523	10,844	12,837	14,527	16,501	17,305
Energy	6,030	6,528	4,299	3,211	4,726	4,727	5,585	5,437	5,834
Natural resources and environment	13,967	15,082	13,355	16,185	16,238	17,284	18,593	19,615	21,288
Agriculture	2,143	2,216	2,093	2,263	2,318	2,357	2,722	3,096	4,525
Commerce and housing credit	3,775	4,023	2,937	2,937	2,912	3,125	3,914	2,825	3,429
Transportation:									
Ground transportation	4,267	4,056	3,385	3,417	3,020	3,001	4,051	3,443	3,703
Air transportation	4,316	5,063	4,565	4,685	5,209	5,792	6,609	7,332	8,104
Water and other transportation	2,679	2,471	2,165	2,432	2,362	2,769	2,874	2,890	3,154
Total Transportation	11,262	11,591	10,115	10,534	10,590	11,563	13,533	13,665	14,962
Community and regional development	6,611	6,232	5,766	5,657	5,451	6,063	7,313	5,895	11,389
Education, training, employment and social services:									
Education	13,091	15,165	14,436	16,715	17,395	18,353	19,937	22,853	24,435
Training, employment and social services	11,867	8,808	8,151	8,827	9,324	9,508	10,091	10,953	11,912
Total Education, training, employment and social services	24,958	23,973	22,587	25,541	26,718	27,861	30,028	33,806	36,347
Health	9,343	10,310	10,344	12,141	12,958	14,262	16,078	18,169	19,560
Medicare	1,553	1,656	1,719	1,724	2,206	2,276	2,361	2,566	2,860
Income security:									
Housing assistance	11,398	12,613	10,748	8,564	8,648	9,009	10,785	19,596	19,696
Other	8,033	7,655	7,790	7,722	7,629	7,652	8,158	9,985	10,735
Total Income security	19,431	20,268	18,538	16,286	16,276	16,662	18,943	29,581	30,432
Social security	2,080	2,110	2,193	2,147	2,257	2,121	2,223	2,399	2,540
Veterans benefits and services	9,946	10,783	10,742	11,313	11,631	12,363	13,037	14,124	15,298
Administration of justice	6,001	6,618	6,662	8,491	9,018	9,882	12,356	12,690	14,270
General government	6,977	7,143	7,377	8,051	8,532	9,093	11,516	12,181	11,311
Total nondefense	158,061	161,739	148,278	157,804	160,754	171,013	192,758	213,872	232,277
Total discretionary budget authority	423,645	456,592	437,903	445,764	453,251	471,081	496,704	546,099	531,392

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Table 8.9—BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS: 1976–2008—Continued

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Category and Program	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
National defense	276,109	262,246	262,937	265,186	266,248	272,416	288,310	300,767
Nondefense:								
International affairs	33,257	20,854	20,166	18,122	18,150	18,991	41,509	23,459
General science, space and technology:								
General science and basic research	4,150	4,560	4,133	4,122	4,185	5,629	6,333	6,662
Space and other technology	13,063	13,022	12,543	12,570	12,456	12,321	12,460	12,541
Total General science, space and technology	17,214	17,582	16,676	16,692	16,641	17,950	18,793	19,203
Energy	5,832	6,381	6,230	4,893	4,212	3,077	2,863	2,706
Natural resources and environment	21,395	22,430	20,421	20,639	22,379	23,405	23,800	24,633
Agriculture	4,297	4,423	3,969	4,206	4,225	4,346	4,503	4,725
Commerce and housing credit	2,482	1,442	3,061	2,248	1,395	446	780	5,115
Transportation:								
Ground transportation	2,575	3,883	3,067	2,453	2,899	2,051	2,340	2,011
Air transportation	8,307	8,430	5,985	7,987	8,328	8,687	9,046	9,207
Water and other transportation	3,077	3,384	3,433	3,157	3,276	3,238	3,761	3,954
Total Transportation	13,959	15,697	12,485	13,597	14,503	13,976	15,147	15,172
Community and regional development	9,659	15,399	12,094	11,712	13,119	10,371	11,127	12,210
Education, training, employment and social services:								
Education	25,463	26,333	26,386	23,205	28,161	31,318	30,476	31,071
Training, employment and social services	12,658	14,266	13,477	13,284	14,660	15,382	16,172	13,307
Total Education, training, employment and social services	38,122	40,599	39,863	36,489	42,821	46,700	46,648	44,378
Health	20,697	22,193	22,814	23,303	25,086	26,386	30,209	33,823
Medicare	2,829	2,962	3,028	2,939	2,623	2,723	2,803	2,998
Income security:								
Housing assistance	21,117	21,088	15,302	16,410	11,661	17,449	20,377	18,077
Other	10,871	11,978	12,200	11,347	11,032	12,309	12,376	13,491
Total Income security	31,988	33,066	27,502	27,757	22,693	29,758	32,753	31,568
Social security	2,640	2,828	2,325	3,135	3,451	3,195	3,144	3,195
Veterans benefits and services	16,235	17,193	17,618	17,801	18,908	18,943	19,261	20,904
Administration of justice	14,613	15,201	18,381	20,746	23,008	24,965	26,667	27,245
General government	11,642	12,094	11,850	11,493	11,753	11,985	13,523	12,249
Total nondefense	246,861	250,342	238,483	235,772	244,967	257,217	293,530	283,583
Total discretionary budget authority	522,970	512,589	501,420	500,957	511,215	529,633	581,840	584,350

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Table 8.9—BUDGET AUTHORITY FOR DISCRETIONARY PROGRAMS: 1976–2008—Continued

(in millions of dollars)

Category and Program	2001	2002	2003 estimate	2004 estimate	2005 estimate	2006 estimate	2007 estimate	2008 estimate
National defense	331,713	360,816	382,225	399,181	419,623	439,740	459,999	480,433
Nondefense:								
International affairs	24,179	25,167	25,675	28,580	29,962	31,511	32,790	33,787
General science, space and technology:								
General science and basic research	7,579	8,021	8,239	8,997	9,189	9,364	9,554	9,800
Space and other technology	13,327	13,901	14,014	14,476	15,110	15,717	16,363	16,889
Total General science, space and technology	20,906	21,922	22,253	23,473	24,299	25,081	25,917	26,689
Energy	3,184	3,248	3,339	3,564	3,984	3,920	3,897	4,855
Natural resources and environment	29,054	29,614	27,571	27,993	28,478	29,065	29,696	30,451
Agriculture	5,161	5,688	5,151	5,372	5,595	5,708	5,833	5,982
Commerce and housing credit	1,425	625	-890	-979	-620	-476	723	936
Transportation:								
Ground transportation	4,928	4,810	2,302	2,528	2,574	2,627	2,684	2,752
Air transportation	10,922	14,114	13,995	13,941	14,119	14,398	14,687	15,019
Water and other transportation	3,815	4,513	5,210	5,809	5,914	5,993	6,123	6,277
Total Transportation	19,665	23,437	21,507	22,278	22,607	23,018	23,494	24,048
Community and regional development	14,352	22,761	15,073	13,893	14,181	14,482	14,804	15,266
Education, training, employment and social services:								
Education	42,134	51,514	52,338	55,394	56,415	57,588	58,875	60,382
Training, employment and social services	19,169	19,761	19,956	19,847	20,221	20,634	21,092	21,626
Total Education, training, employment and social services	61,303	71,275	72,294	75,241	76,636	78,222	79,967	82,008
Health	38,891	45,790	48,532	49,620	50,658	51,786	52,930	54,274
Medicare	3,323	3,805	3,658	3,733	3,807	3,886	3,977	4,085
Income security:								
Housing assistance	25,100	26,945	29,363	30,119	30,687	31,313	32,008	32,818
Other	14,638	15,759	15,586	16,075	16,369	16,699	16,202	15,644
Total Income security	39,738	42,704	44,949	46,194	47,056	48,012	48,210	48,462
Social security	3,430	3,523	3,858	4,282	4,363	4,450	4,549	4,665
Veterans benefits and services	22,459	24,043	25,457	28,163	28,627	29,069	29,542	30,122
Administration of justice	30,558	34,676	32,443	34,148	36,342	37,162	38,041	39,065
General government	14,491	15,602	16,329	17,771	18,188	17,960	18,353	18,820
Allowances			-400	-288	-293	-299	-306	-314
Total nondefense	332,119	373,880	366,799	383,038	393,870	402,557	412,417	423,201
Total discretionary budget authority	663,832	734,696	749,024	782,219	813,493	842,297	872,416	903,634

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.