

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
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	1,526	1,524
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	5,076	5,567	6,246	6,634	7,208
Energy	3,597	943	5,586	9,015	8,446	17,445	8,970	8,280
Natural resources and environment	6,856	2,081	10,620	14,650	14,662	14,613	12,857	13,121
Agriculture	1,131	296	1,197	1,401	1,574	1,535	1,737	1,684
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	9,260	1,339	16,331	7,433	15,048	12,641	12,162	7,308
Total Education, training, employment and social services	18,096	4,656	26,839	18,463	27,655	25,301	24,582	19,005
Health	6,220	1,230	6,856	7,703	8,317	8,812	8,729	8,205
Medicare	775	222	836	914	985	1,078	1,207	1,221
Income security:								
Housing assistance	18,621	111	28,629	32,300	24,780	27,654	26,071	13,876
Other	2,169	529	2,518	2,755	3,363	5,680	6,537	6,822
Total Income security	20,790	641	31,147	35,055	28,143	33,335	32,608	20,698
Social security	1,086	279	1,181	1,292	1,365	1,451	1,635	1,905
Veterans benefits and services	4,931	1,216	5,612	6,249	6,756	7,043	7,583	8,479
Administration of justice	3,389	879	3,712	3,971	4,337	4,493	4,518	4,844
General government	6,363	2,363	6,071	6,614	4,834	5,347	5,649	5,885
Total discretionary budget authority	197,766	44,583	246,817	259,940	276,016	311,237	340,959	355,567

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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
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	1,627	1,957	2,223	2,107	2,324	2,521	2,835	3,167
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	8,815	9,148	9,272	12,522	10,843	12,836	14,526
Energy	6,928	6,029	6,527	4,299	3,211	4,726	4,726	5,585
Natural resources and environment	14,585	13,967	15,082	13,355	16,185	16,238	17,284	18,593
Agriculture	1,957	2,053	2,123	1,998	2,166	2,218	2,253	2,612
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	7,311
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	8,584	11,867	8,808	8,151	8,827	9,324	9,508	10,091
Total Education, training, employment and social services	20,921	24,958	23,973	22,587	25,541	26,718	27,861	30,028
Health	8,795	9,343	10,310	10,344	12,141	12,958	14,262	16,078
Medicare	1,369	1,553	1,656	1,719	1,724	2,206	2,276	2,361
Income security:								
Housing assistance	10,025	11,398	12,613	10,748	8,564	8,648	9,009	10,785
Other	7,865	8,033	7,655	7,790	7,722	7,629	7,652	8,158
Total Income security	17,889	19,431	20,268	18,538	16,286	16,276	16,662	18,943
Social security	2,120	2,080	2,110	2,193	2,147	2,257	2,121	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	5,468	6,152	6,781	6,828	8,657	9,180	10,055	12,555
General government	6,645	6,917	7,074	7,307	7,984	8,470	9,026	11,432
Total discretionary budget authority	388,278	423,645	456,592	437,903	445,764	453,251	471,081	496,704

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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
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	3,454	4,105	4,149	4,558	4,132	4,121	4,184	5,627
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	16,500	17,304	17,212	17,580	16,675	16,691	16,640	17,948
Energy	5,436	5,833	5,832	6,381	6,230	4,893	4,212	3,077
Natural resources and environment	19,615	21,288	21,395	22,430	20,421	20,639	22,379	23,405
Agriculture	2,979	4,408	4,178	4,303	3,844	4,075	4,092	4,214
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	5,892	11,384	9,655	15,394	12,090	11,707	13,114	10,366
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	12,658	14,266	13,477	13,284	14,660	15,382
Total Education, training, employment and social services	33,806	36,347	38,122	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	10,871	11,978	12,200	11,347	11,032	12,309
Total Income security	29,581	30,432	31,988	33,066	27,502	27,757	22,693	29,758
Social security	2,399	2,540	2,640	2,828	2,325	3,135	3,451	3,195
Veterans benefits and services	14,124	15,298	16,235	17,193	17,618	17,801	18,908	18,943
Administration of justice	12,906	14,499	14,852	15,454	18,650	21,056	23,395	25,385
General government	12,085	11,206	11,528	11,968	11,711	11,320	11,505	11,704
Total discretionary budget authority	546,099	531,392	522,970	512,589	501,420	500,957	511,215	529,633

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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	2002	2003	2004	2005 estimate	2006 estimate
National defense	288,310	300,767	331,713	360,816	455,001	485,670	421,285	438,846
International affairs	41,509	23,459	24,179	25,167	33,483	49,333	29,644	33,653
General science, space and technology:								
General science and basic research	6,329	6,658	7,574	8,016	8,561	9,045	9,005	9,001
Space and other technology	12,460	12,541	13,327	13,901	14,386	14,321	15,290	15,604
Total General science, space and technology	18,789	19,199	20,901	21,917	22,947	23,366	24,295	24,605
Energy	2,861	2,705	3,183	3,247	3,217	3,564	3,789	3,700
Natural resources and environment	23,800	24,633	29,054	29,614	30,139	31,134	31,303	28,033
Agriculture	4,368	4,587	5,014	5,634	6,180	5,841	5,725	5,294
Commerce and housing credit	774	5,112	1,420	619	-292	-6	1,058	266
Transportation:								
Ground transportation	2,340	2,011	4,928	4,810	2,958	2,894	3,074	1,531
Air transportation	9,046	9,207	10,922	14,106	17,790	14,890	14,527	12,791
Water and other transportation	3,760	3,953	3,813	4,483	5,836	5,771	5,661	7,065
Total Transportation	15,146	15,171	19,663	23,399	26,584	23,555	23,262	21,387
Community and regional development	11,122	12,202	14,342	22,721	16,402	17,432	22,674	12,555
Education, training, employment and social services:								
Education	30,476	31,071	42,134	51,514	55,270	57,925	58,938	58,421
Training, employment and social services	16,172	13,307	19,169	19,761	19,806	20,211	20,610	19,501
Total Education, training, employment and social services	46,648	44,378	61,303	71,275	75,076	78,136	79,548	77,922
Health	30,209	33,823	38,891	45,787	49,395	50,828	52,021	51,040
Medicare	2,803	2,998	3,323	3,805	3,795	5,350	4,000	5,061
Income security:								
Housing assistance	20,377	18,077	25,100	26,945	28,771	29,576	29,377	30,588
Other	12,376	13,491	14,638	15,760	15,496	15,652	16,691	16,684
Total Income security	32,753	31,568	39,738	42,705	44,267	45,228	46,068	47,272
Social security	3,144	3,195	3,430	3,504	3,797	4,133	4,425	4,733
Veterans benefits and services	19,261	20,904	22,459	24,043	26,614	29,231	30,877	31,399
Administration of justice	27,137	27,710	31,078	35,434	35,741	37,876	38,733	38,676
General government	13,206	11,939	14,141	15,111	17,110	16,918	15,854	16,264
Allowances							81,000	-400
Total discretionary budget authority	581,840	584,350	663,832	734,798	849,456	907,589	915,561	840,306

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.