

# US National Debt DA 5.1

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**US Deficit in 1991 was \$270 billion, an all time record.  
Now where is the press coverage and handwringing?**

**WARNING: Watching the National Debt increase every  
second can increase blood pressure and stress.**

It has been two years since the release of version 2 of the US National Debt DA. Quite a lot has happened in the interim, including the October 1990 budget deal. This deal would supposedly reduce the deficit in 1991 to \$63 billion and in 1992 to \$25 billion and, eventually, balance the budget. Now, based on recent O.M.B. statistics, instead of decreasing, the deficit has increased to about \$270 billion for 1991 and \$390-\$430 billion for 1992 and **\$1,000 billion** over a 4 year period. This will increase the US National Debt to well over \$4 trillion by 1994. Washington has done it again, selling the country a bill of goods.

This update reflects the present situation for deficit forecast. As developments warrant, I will update this program further.

Choose the "About USDebt 5.1..." menu item to see more information about the program. From that window you can use the Configure button to specify what combination of items you want displayed:

1. US National Debt
2. Your share of the debt
3. The World Population
4. The US Population
5. The Time

All five or any combination can be displayed at once. Your configuration is remembered between launches. [You can also change the value that US Debt uses to increase the world population and national debt per second. -- Sorry, next version.] The "Set Default" button will return the DA to the pre-programmed values as described below.

**Federal Deficits by year (in BILLIONS of dollars):**

1992: \$390-430 Billion (depending upon forecast)

1991: \$270 billion (Total Federal outlays \$1.323 trillion, up 5.7%)  
1990: \$221 billion

1989: \$152 billion  
1988: \$154 billion  
1987: \$150 billion  
1986: \$225 billion  
1985: \$210 billion  
1984: \$180 billion

From the Wall Street Journal and the New York Times.

If you have comments, bug reports, or suggestions please send them to me:

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**expect a delayed reply)**

Click on the US Monogram on the "About USDebt 5.1..." screen for advice from Lincoln.

Please feel free to upload this software to other BBS's and information services, as long as the documentation is kept with the program. Also, user groups may include this program with any disks they distribute.

### **Technical Notes**

- Used desk accessory format to retain backwards compatibility for users who have not upgraded to System 7.0 or later.
- 32 Bit clean to allow running with System 7's virtual memory.

### **SOME V5.1 Differences**

- This is an entirely new program so there are many internal differences.
- Since I received my MS at UCSD in December 1989, the UCSD e-mail address given in versions 1 and 2, is no longer valid.
- The Rising Sun BBS is no longer on-line due to the death of one of the three Sysops (was on-line April 1984 - January 1990), thus the phone number for the Rising Sun mentioned in versions 1 and 2 should not be used.

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