

What is the "Defense" Budget?

(\$Billions, Total Budget Authority)

Category	2006	2007	2008 (Request)
"Peacetime" Department of Defense (Discretionary Only)	410.7	435.5	481.4
Mandatory Programs (Department of Defense)	59.3	1.7	1.8
Emergencies for "global war on terror"	123.8	163.4	141.7
Total Department of Defense	593.8	600.1	624.6
DOE/Defense	17.5	17.0	17.4
Miscellaneous Spending	5.9	5.2	5.2
National Defense Budget Function	617.2	622.4	647.2
Homeland Security (non-DOD)	32.4	33.0	36.4
Department of Veterans Affairs	71.0	74.5	84.4
International Affairs (State, AID, etc.)	32.8	34.1	38.3
Grand Total	694.6	761.5	802.9

United States federal spending for national security goes beyond just funding for the Department of Defense. Other related activities include the nuclear weapons activities of the Department of Energy, and other miscellaneous defense related activities in the National Defense "budget function." For national security spending, one might also include non-DOD

spending for homeland security, the various international activities of the Department of State and related agencies, and the costs of veteran's care in the Department of Veterans Affairs budget. The terms "defense spending" and "national security budget," can accurately include any or all of these activities.

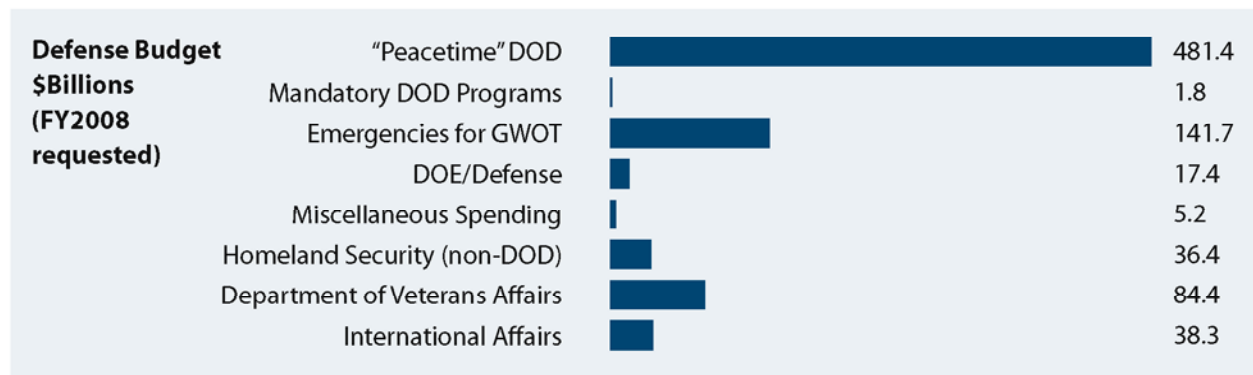


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