

# DEMOCRATS AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

This data is compiled by offsetting a President's Administration by a year to account for the fact that the Federal budget for any given fiscal year is drafted and passed in the previous calendar year. For example, 1993's budget was drafted and passed in 1992, during the Bush administration, so that year is ascribed to President Bush, even though President Clinton was in office in 1993.

One exception has been made: 2009's ARRA was drafted and passed by the Obama administration, creating \$114 billion of Federal outlays for 2009. That amount has been subtracted from President Bush II's 2009 budget/deficit total and added to President Obama's.

## Since World War II . . .

- Almost twice as many jobs are created per year under Democratic Presidents than Republican Presidents (1.9 million jobs under Democratic Presidents versus 1 million jobs under Republican Presidents.)
- The **deficit** under Republican Presidents has been more than **twice as large** as the under Democratic Presidents. In dollars, Republican Presidents have contributed nearly **\$4 trillion more** to the national debt than Democratic Presidents.
- **GDP growth** has been **44% higher** under Democratic Presidents.
- **Business Investment Growth** has been **165% higher** under Democratic Presidents.
- **Unemployment** has been **18% higher** under Republican Presidents.
- Average increase in **weekly earnings** have been **72% higher** under Democratic Presidents
- Nine of the last ten recessions have occurred under Republican Presidents (<http://www.nber.org/cycles.html>)

## JOB GROWTH

Democratic Presidents have helped create **24.4 million more jobs** than Republican Presidents, and on year-to-year basis jobs have grown nearly **twice as fast** under Democratic Presidents as under Republican Presidents.

- Total jobs created under Democratic Presidents: 62,688,000
- Total jobs created under Republican Presidents: 38,256,000
- Average yearly growth in jobs under Democratic Presidents: 1,899,000
- Average yearly growth in jobs under Republican Presidents: 1,063,000

## GDP GROWTH

Real Gross Domestic Product growth under Democratic Presidents has been **44% higher** than during Republican Presidents.

- Average real GDP growth per year under Democratic Presidents: 3.75%
- Average real GDP growth per year under Republican Presidents: 2.6%

## BUSINESS INVESTMENT GROWTH

Real business investment growth under Democratic Presidents has been **193% higher** than under Republican Presidents.

- Average growth per year under Democratic Presidents: 7.24%
- Average growth per year under Republican Presidents: 2.47%

## FEDERAL BUDGET DEFICITS

Federal budget deficits under Republican Presidents collectively are **24% higher** than under Democratic Presidents (as a percentage of GDP, Republican Presidents have been **63% higher** than Democratic Presidents).

- Total Democratic Budget Deficits: \$6273.2 billion
- Total Republican Budget Deficits: \$7807.2 billion
- Democratic Presidents' annual deficits averaged 2.37% of GDP
- Republican Presidents' annual deficits averaged 3.88% of GDP

## UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment under Republican Presidents has been **18% higher** than under Democratic Presidents.

- Average unemployment per year during Democratic Presidents: 5.27%
- Average unemployment per year during Republican Presidents: 6.24%

## GROWTH IN SPENDING

Federal Spending has increased **nearly three times as fast** under Republican Presidents than under Democratic Presidents

- Democratic Presidents' annual spending increased by an average of \$25.3 billion per year
- Republican Presidents' annual spending increased by an average of \$70 billion per year

## **BALANCE OF TRADE**

Trade deficits under Republican Presidents have been **39% higher** than under Democratic Presidents.

- Total trade deficit under Democratic Administrations (in millions): \$4,198,231
- Total trade deficit under Republican Administrations (in millions): \$5,844,269

## **STOCK MARKET**

The Stock Market under Democratic Presidents has grown **200% faster** under Democratic Presidents than under Republican Presidents.

- Average yearly growth in Stock Market returns under Democratic Presidents: +1.92%
- Average yearly growth in Stock Market returns under Republican Presidents: +0.64%

<http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2012/03/23/business/among-the-best-presidents-or-the-worst-in-economic-terms.html>

For more detailed information and specific sources, click on the topic above.

Most Sources from: Statistical Abstract of the United States; 1992-2015 Economic Reports of the President, Congressional Budget Office, Bureau of Labor Statistics, all data since World War II.

\*Jere Glover has been collecting and publishing this data since 1980, 21st Century has been publishing the data on its website for 10 years.

# 1) DEFICIT (on-budget)

## FEDERAL BUDGET SURPLUSES AND DEFICITS AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP

- Democratic Presidents' annual deficits averaged 2.37% of GDP
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- Total Democratic Budget Deficits: \$6273.2 billion
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Year	+/- \$	% GDP	Administration	Year	+/- \$	% GDP	Administration
1962	-5.9	-1	Kennedy (D)	1990	-277.6	-4.7	Bush (R)
1963	-4.0	-0.7		1991	-321.4	-5.3	
1964	-6.5	-1		1992	-340.4	-5.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-16.4</b>	<b>-0.90</b>		1993	-300.4	-4.4	
1965	-1.6	-0.2	Johnson (D)	<b>Total</b>	<b>-1239.8</b>	<b>-4.93</b>	Clinton (D)
1966	-3.1	-0.4		1994	-258.8	-3.6	
1967	-12.6	-1.5		1995	-226.4	-3.0	
1968	-27.7	-3.1		1996	-174.0	-2.2	
1969	-0.5	-0.1		1997	-103.2	-1.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-45.5</b>	<b>-1.06</b>	1998	-29.9	-0.3	Bush II (R)	
1970	-8.7	-0.8	1999	1.9	0		
1971	-26.1	-2.3	2000	86.4	0.9		
1972	-26.1	-2.1	2001	-32.4	-0.3		
1973	-15.2	-1.1	<b>Total</b>	<b>-736.4</b>	<b>-1.21</b>		
1974	-7.2	-0.5	Nixon (R)	2002	-317.4	-2.9	Obama (D)
1975	-54.1	-3.4		2003	-538.4	-4.8	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-137.4</b>	<b>-1.7</b>		2004	-568.0	-4.7	
1976	-69.4	-3.9		2005	-493.6	-3.8	
1977	-49.9	-2.5		2006	-434.5	-3.2	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-119.3</b>	<b>-3.2</b>	2007	-342.2	-2.4	Ford (R)	
1978	-55.4	-2.4	2008	-641.8	-4.4		
1979	-39.6	-1.5	2009	-1435.7	-10.0		
1980	-73.1	-2.5	<b>Total</b>	<b>-4771.6</b>	<b>-4.53</b>		
1981	-73.9	-2.4	2009*	-114.0*			
<b>Total</b>	<b>-242</b>	<b>-2.23</b>	Carter (D)	2010	-1371.4	-9.3	Obama (D)
1982	-120.6	-3.6		2011	-1366.8	-8.9	
1983	-207.7	-5.9		2012	-1148.9	-7.2	
1984	-185.3	-4.7		2013	-719.0	-4.3	
1985	-221.5	-5.2		2014	-512.8	-3.0	
1986	-237.9	-5.2	Reagan (R)	<b>Total</b>	<b>-5232.9</b>	<b>-6.54</b>	
1987	-168.4	-3.5		2009*	-114.0*		
1988	-192.3	-3.7		2010	-1371.4	-9.3	
1989	-205.4	-3.7		2011	-1366.8	-8.9	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-1539.1</b>	<b>-4.44</b>		2012	-1148.9	-7.2	
<b>Democrats</b>	<b>-6273.2</b>	<b>-2.37</b>		<b>Republicans</b>	<b>-7807.2</b>	<b>-3.88</b>	

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<http://www.cbo.gov/publication/42682>

- Source: Congressional Budget Office: <https://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/114th-congress-2015-2016/reports/49892-Outlook2015.pdf>. The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2015-2025. Table G-1 Revenues, Outlays, Deficits, Surpluses, and Debt Held by the Public since 1965.

## DEFICIT (total)

### FEDERAL BUDGET SURPLUSES AND DEFICITS AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP

- Democratic Presidents' deficits averaged 1.81% of GDP
- Republican Presidents' deficits averaged 2.67% of GDP
- Total Democratic Budget Deficits: \$5227.3 billion
- Total Republican Budget Deficits: \$6152.3 billion

Year	+/- \$	% GDP	Administration	Year	+/- \$	% GDP	Administration
1946	-20.6	-9.7	Truman (D)	1982	-128.0	-3.9	Reagan (R)
1947	0.7	0.3		1983	-207.8	-5.9	
1948	8.4	3.2		1984	-185.4	-4.7	
1949	-1.8	-0.7		1985	-212.3	-5.0	
1950	-3.1	-1.1		1986	-221.2	-4.9	
1951	3.5	1.1		1987	-149.7	-3.1	
1952	-4.0	-1.2		1988	-155.2	-3.0	
1953	-9.4	-2.6		1989	-152.6	-2.7	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-26.3</b>	<b>-1.34</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>-1411.4</b>	<b>-4.15</b>	
1954	-3.1	-0.9	Eisenhower (R)	1990	-221.0	-3.7	Bush (R)
1955	-4.1	-1		1991	-269.2	-4.4	
1956	1.6	0.4		1992	-290.3	-4.5	
1957	1.5	0.3		1993	-255.1	-3.8	
1958	-2.8	-0.6		<b>Total</b>	<b>-1035.6</b>	<b>-4.1</b>	
1959	-12.4	-2.2		1994	-203.2	-2.8	Clinton (D)
1960	1.2	0.2		1995	-164.0	-2.2	
1961	-3.8	-0.7		1996	-107.4	-1.3	
<b>Total</b>	<b>-21.9</b>	<b>-0.56</b>	1997	-21.9	-0.3		
1962	-7.1	-1.3	1998	69.3	0.8		
1963	-4.8	-0.8	1999	125.6	1.3		
1964	-5.9	-0.9	2000	236.4	2.3		
<b>Total</b>	<b>-17.8</b>	<b>-1</b>	2001	128.2	1.2		
1965	-1.4	-0.2	<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>0.13</b>		
1966	-3.7	-0.5	2002	-157.8	-1.5	Bush II (R)	
1967	-8.6	-1.0	2003	-377.6	-3.3		
1968	-25.2	-2.8	2004	-412.7	-3.4		
1969	3.2	0.3	2005	-318.3	-2.5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>-35.7</b>	<b>-0.96</b>	2006	-248.2	-1.8		
1970	-2.8	-0.3	2007	-160.7	-1.1		
1971	-23.0	-2.1	2008	-458.6	-3.1		
1972	-23.4	-1.9	2009	-1298.7	-9.8		
1973	-14.9	-1.1	<b>Total</b>	<b>-3432.6</b>	<b>-3.25</b>		
1974	-6.1	-0.4	2009*	-114.0*		Obama (D)	
1975	-53.2	-3.3	2010	-1294.4	-8.7		
<b>Total</b>	<b>-123.4</b>	<b>-1.52</b>	2011	-1299.6	-8.5		
1976	-73.7	-4.1	2012	-1087.0	-6.8		
1977	-53.7	-2.6	2013	-679.5	-4.1		
<b>Total</b>	<b>-127.4</b>	<b>-3.35</b>	2014	-483.3	-2.8		
1978	-59.2	-2.6	<b>Total</b>	<b>-4957.8</b>	<b>-6.18</b>		
1979	-40.7	-1.6					
1980	-73.8	-2.6	1981	-79.0	-2.5		
<b>Total</b>	<b>-252.7</b>	<b>-2.33</b>					
<b>Democrats</b>	<b>-5227.3</b>	<b>-1.81</b>		<b>Republicans</b>	<b>-6152.3</b>	<b>-2.67</b>	

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- Source: 1945-1954: [Statistical Abstract of the United States \[SA\] 1954](#), t. 406; 1955-1958: [SA 1960](#), t. 470; 1959-1961: [SA 1965](#), t. 526; 1964-2015: Congressional Budget Office: <https://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/114th-congress-2015-2016/reports/49892-Outlook2015.pdf>. The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2015-2025. Table G-1 Revenues, Outlays, Deficits, Surpluses, and Debt Held by the Public since 1965.

## 2) ANNUAL GROWTH IN FEDERAL SPENDING

### YEARLY INCREASES IN FEDERAL OUTLAYS IN DOLLAR AMOUNTS AND PERCENTAGE GROWTH

- Democratic Presidents' annual spending increased by an average of \$25.3 billion per year
- Republican Presidents' annual spending increased by an average of \$70 billion per year
- Democratic Presidents' annual spending grew by an average of 6.43% per year
- Republican Presidents' annual spending grew by an average of 6.94% per year

Year	+/- \$	%Growth	Administration	Year	+/- \$	%Growth	Administration
1946				1982	67.5	10.0	
1947	-20.7	-37.5		1983	62.7	8.4	
1948	-4.7	-13.6		1984	43.5	5.4	
1949	9	30.2	Truman (D)	1985	94.5	11.1	Reagan (R)
1950	3.8	9.8		1986	44.0	4.6	
1951	2.9	6.8		1987	13.7	1.4	
1952	22.2	48.8		1988	60.4	6.0	
1953	8.4	12.4		1989	79.3	7.4	
<b>Average</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>8.1</b>		<b>Average</b>	<b>58.2</b>	<b>6.8</b>	
1954	-5.2	-6.8		1990	109.3	9.6	
1955	-2.5	-3.5		1991	71.2	5.7	Bush (R)
1956	2.2	3.2	Eisenhower (R)	1992	57.3	4.3	
1957	6.0	8.5		1993	27.9	2.0	
1958	5.8	7.6		<b>Average</b>	<b>66.9</b>	<b>5.4</b>	
1959	9.7	11.8		1994	52.4	3.7	Clinton (D)
1960	0.1	0.1		1995	53.9	3.7	
1961	5.5	6.0		1996	44.7	2.9	
<b>Average</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>3.4</b>	1997	40.7	2.6		
1962	9.1	9.3		1998	51.4	3.2	
1963	4.5	4.2	Kennedy (D)	1999	49.3	3.0	
1964	7.2	6.5		2000	87.2	5.1	
<b>Average</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>6.7</b>		2001	73.9	4.1	
1965	-0.3	-0.3		<b>Average</b>	<b>56.7</b>	<b>3.5</b>	
1966	16.3	13.8		2002	148.0	7.9	Bush II (R)
1967	23.0	17.1	Johnson (D)	2003	148.9	7.4	
1968	20.6	13.1		2004	132.3	6.1	
1969	5.5	3.1		2005	179.2	7.8	
<b>Average</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>9.4</b>		2006	183.2	7.4	
1970	12.1	6.6			2007	73.6	
1971	14.5	7.4		2008	253.8	9.1	
1972	20.5	9.8	Nixon (R)	2009	421.2	14.1	
1973	15.0	6.5		<b>Average</b>	<b>192.5</b>	<b>7.8</b>	
1974	23.7	9.6		2009*	114.0*		Obama (D)
1975	62.9	23.3		2010	-60.6	-1.7	
<b>Average</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>10.5</b>		2011	146.0	4.2	
1976	39.5	11.9		2012	-66.1	-1.8	
1977	37.4	10.1	Ford (R)	2013	-82.4	-2.3	
<b>Average</b>	<b>38.5</b>	<b>11.0</b>		2014	49.6	1.4	
1978	49.5	12.1		<b>Average</b>	<b>16.75</b>	<b>0.0</b>	
1979	45.3	9.9	Carter (D)	Democrats	+25.3	6.43%	
1980	86.9	17.2		Republicans	+70	6.94%	
1981	87.3	14.8					
<b>Average</b>	<b>67.3</b>	<b>13.5</b>					

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- Source: 1947-1963: <http://www.cbo.gov/showdoc.cfm?index=1821&sequence=0>; 1964-2015: Congressional Budget Office: <https://www.cbo.gov/sites/default/files/114th-congress-2015-2016/reports/49892-Outlook2015.pdf>. The Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2015-2025. Table G-1 Revenues, Outlays, Deficits, Surpluses, and Debt Held by the Public since 1965.

### 3) GDP GROWTH

- Average GDP growth per year under Democratic Presidents: 3.75%
- Average GDP growth per year under Republican Presidents: 2.6%

Year	% Growth	Administration	Year	%Growth	Administration
1946	----	Truman (D)	1982	-1.9	Reagan (R)
1947	0.69		1983	4.5	
1948	4.34		1984	7.2	
1949	-0.58		1985	4.1	
1950	8.75		1986	3.5	
1951	7.62		1987	3.2	
1952	3.98		1988	4.1	
1953	4.59		1989	3.6	
1954	0.68	Eisenhower (R)	1990	1.9	Bush (R)
1955	7.09		1991	-0.2	
1956	1.98		1992	3.4	
1957	2.00		1993	2.9	
1958	-0.97				Clinton (D)
1959	7.1		1994	4.1	
1960	2.5		1995	2.5	
1961	2.3		1996	3.7	
		1997	4.5		
1962	6.1	Kennedy (D)	1998	4.4	
1963	4.4		1999	4.8	
1964	5.8		2000	4.1	
				2001	1.1
1965	6.4	Johnson (D)	2002	1.8	Bush II(R)
1966	6.5		2003	2.5	
1967	2.5		2004	3.5	
1968	4.8		2005	3.1	
1969	3.1		2006	2.7	
1970	0.2	Nixon (R)	2007	1.8	Obama (D)
1971	3.4		2008	-0.3	
1972	5.3		2009	-2.8	
1973	5.8				
1974	-0.6		2010	2.5	
1975	-0.2		2011	1.6	
		2012	2.3		
1976	5.4	Ford (R)	2013	2.2	
1977	4.6		2014	2.4*	
1978	5.6	Carter (D)			
1979	3.1				
1980	-0.3				
1981	2.5				

\*advance estimate from Department of Commerce

President	Average %	President	Average %
Truman	4.2	Carter	2.73
Eisenhower	2.84	Reagan	3.54
Kennedy	5.4	Bush	2
Johnson	4.66	Clinton	3.65
Nixon	2.32	Bush II	1.53
Ford	5	Obama	2.2

Source:1949-1953: SA 1955, t. 335; 1954-1955: SA 1957, t. 360; 1955-1958: SA 1960, t. 398; 1959-2014: ERP 2015 Table B-4: [https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/cea\\_2015\\_erp.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/cea_2015_erp.pdf)

## 4) BUSINESS INVESTMENT GROWTH

Average growth per year under Democratic Presidents: 7.24%  
 Average growth per year under Republican Presidents: 2.47%

Year	% Growth	Administration	Year	%Growth	Administration
1970	-0.9 \	<b>Nixon (R)</b>	1994	7.9 \	<b>Clinton (D)</b>
1971	0.0		1995	9.7	
1972	8.7		1996	9.1	
1973	13.2		1997	10.8	
1974	0.8		1998	10.8	
1975	-9.0 /		1999	9.7	
1976	5.7 \	<b>Ford (R)</b>	2000	9.1	<b>Bush II (R)</b>
1977	10.8 /		2001	-2.4 /	
1978	13.8 \	<b>Carter (D)</b>	2002	-6.9 \	
1979	10.0		2003	1.9	
1980	0.0		2004	5.2	
1981	6.1 /		2005	7.0	
			2006	7.1	
1982	-3.6 \	<b>Reagan (R)</b>	2007	5.9	
1983	-0.4		2008	-0.7 /	
1984	16.7		2009	-15.6 /	
1985	6.6				
1986	-1.7		2010	2.5 \	
1987	0.1		2011	7.7	
1988	5.0		2012	9.0	
1989	5.7 /		2013	3.0	
		2014	6.2 /		
1990	1.1 \	<b>Bush (R)</b>			<b>Obama (D)</b>
1991	-3.9				
1992	2.9				
1993	7.5 /				

### Republicans

<u>President</u>	<u>Average %</u>
Nixon	2.13
Ford	8.25
Reagan	3.55
Bush	1.90
Bush II	0.48

### Democrats

<u>President</u>	<u>Average %</u>
Carter	7.47
Clinton	8.09
Obama	5.68

\*Growth in Non-residential Fixed Investment

Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis, Department of Commerce; Section 5: Saving and Investment. Table 5.3.1: *Percent Change From Preceding Period in Real Private Fixed Investment By Type.* [http://www.bea.gov/national/nipaweb/SS\\_Data/Section5all.xls.xls](http://www.bea.gov/national/nipaweb/SS_Data/Section5all.xls.xls)

## 5) UNEMPLOYMENT

Average unemployment per year during Democratic Presidents: 5.27%

Average unemployment per year during Republican Presidents: 6.24%

Year	Unemployment	Administration Average	Change over Administration	Year	Unemployment	Administration Average	Change over Administration
1946	3.9%	\		1982	9.7	\	
1947	3.9			1983	9.6		
1948	3.8	<b>Truman (D)</b>		1984	7.5		
1949	5.9	4%	-1	1985	7.2	<b>Reagan (R)</b>	
1950	5.3			1986	7.0	7.25	-2.3
1951	3.3			1987	6.2		
1952	3.0			1988	5.5		
1953	2.9	/		1989	5.3	/	
1954	5.5	\		1990	5.6	\	
1955	4.4			1991	6.8	<b>Bush (R)</b>	
1956	4.1			1992	7.5	6.7	+1.6
1957	4.3	<b>Eisenhower (R)</b>		1993	6.9	/	
1958	6.8	5.35	+2.8				
1959	5.5			1994	6.1	\	
1960	5.5			1995	5.6		
1961	6.7	/		1996	5.4	<b>Clinton (D)</b>	
				1997	4.9	4.93	-2.2
1962	5.5	\		1998	4.5		
1963	5.7	<b>Kennedy (D)</b>		1999	4.2		
1964	5.2	/ 5.47	-1.5	2000	4.0		
				2001	4.7	/	
1965	4.5	\		2002	5.8	\	
1966	3.8			2003	6.0	<b>Bush II (R)</b>	
1967	3.8	<b>Johnson (D)</b>		2004	5.5	5.84	+4.6
1968	3.6	3.84	-1.7	2005	5.1		
1969	3.5	/		2006	4.6		
				2007	4.6		
1970	4.9	\		2008	5.8		
1971	5.9			2009	9.3	/	
1972	5.6	<b>Nixon (R)</b>					
1973	4.9	5.9	+5	2010	9.6	\	
1974	5.6			2011	8.9	<b>Obama (D)</b>	
1975	8.5	/		2012	8.1	8.04	-3.4
				2013	7.4		
1976	7.7	\ <b>Ford (R)</b>		2015	6.2	/	
1977	7.1	/ 7.4	-1.4				
1978	6.1	\					
1979	5.8	<b>Carter (D)</b>					
1980	7.1	6.65	+0.5				
1981	7.6	/					

Source: 1959-2007: [ERP 2009 Table B-36](#); 2008-2014: [ERP 2015 Table B-12](#) Civilian Unemployment Rate:  
[https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/cea\\_2015\\_erp.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/cea_2015_erp.pdf)



## 6) Growth in Jobs

Since World War II, Democratic Presidents have created 17.5 million more jobs than Republican Presidents, and jobs have grown almost twice as fast under Democrats than under Republicans

- Total jobs created under Democratic Presidents: 62,688,000
- Total jobs created under Republican Presidents: 38,256,000
- Average yearly growth in jobs under Democratic Presidents: 1,899,000
- Average yearly growth in jobs under Republican Presidents: 1,063,000
- Average yearly percent growth in jobs under Democratic Presidents: 2.59%
- Average yearly percent growth in jobs under Republican Presidents: 1.36%

### Growth Rates in the Civilian Labor Force

	Total Jobs Created	Avg growth per year	Years	Average % Growth
Truman	10,452,000	1,233,000	8	3.1%
Eisenhower	5,169,000	646,000	8	1.2
Kennedy	4,549,000	1,516,000	3	2.76
Johnson	11,820,000	2,364,000	5	3.98
Nixon	6,777,000	1,130,000	6	1.58
Ford	6,391,000	3,195,000	2	4.10
Carter	6,476,000	1,619,000	4	1.92
Reagan	17,925,000	2,241,000	8	2.47
Bush	3,395,000	849,000	4	0.78
Clinton	18,516,000	2,315,000	8	2.06
Bush II	-1,401,000	-175,000	8	-0.13
Obama	10,875,000	2,175,000	5	1.68

\*in thousands

Source: <http://www.bls.gov/>; Series ID: CES0000000001

## 7) Growth in Pay

Since World War II, the growth rates of average weekly earnings have been 72% higher under Democratic Presidents than to Republican Presidents.

- Average yearly growth in weekly earnings under Democratic Presidents: 0.74%
- Average yearly growth in weekly earnings under Republican Presidents: 0.43%

Excluding the Truman and Eisenhower Administrations, the average annual growth in weekly earnings was +0.44 for Democratic Presidents and -0.25 for Republican Presidents.

### Democrats

	% change	yrs	Average
Truman	11.1	5	2.22
Kennedy	8.1	4	2.03
Johnson	4.2	4	1.05
Carter	-9.4	4	-2.35
Clinton	6.7	8	0.84
Obama	1.5	5	0.3

### Republicans

	% change	yrs	Average
Eisenhower	22.4	8	2.8
Nixon	0	6	0
Ford	-1.6	2	-0.8
Reagan	-4.0	8	-0.5
Bush	-4.7	4	-1.175
Bush II	3.4	8	0.425

Source: 1945-60 Economic Report of the President 1980; 1965-2007: [ERP 2009](#) Table B-47; 2008-2014: [ERP 2015](#) Table B-15 Hours and Earnings in Private nonagricultural Industries, 1970-2014:

[https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/cea\\_2015\\_erp.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/docs/cea_2015_erp.pdf)

## 8) BALANCE OF TRADE

- Total trade deficit under Democratic Administrations (in millions): \$4,198,231
- Total trade deficit under Republican Administrations (in millions): \$5,844,269

Year	Trade Balance (in \$ millions)	Administration	Year	Trade Balance (in \$ millions)	Administration
1962	3,370 \	<b>Kennedy (D)</b>	1990	-80,864 \	<b>Bush (R)</b>
1963	4,210		1991	-31,135	
1964	6,022 /		1992	-39,093	
		1993	-70,165 /		
1965	4,664 \	<b>Johnson (D)</b>	1994	-98,493 \	<b>Clinton (D)</b>
1966	2,939		1995	-96,384	
1967	2,904		1996	-104,065	
1968	250		1997	-108,273	
1969	91 /		1998	-166,140	
		1999	-258,617		
		2000	-372,517		
1970	2,254 \	<b>Nixon (R)</b>	2001	-361,511 /	
1971	-1,302				
1972	-5,443				
1973	1,900				
1974	-4,293				
1975	12,404 /				
1976	6,082 \	<b>Ford (R)</b>	2002	-418,955 \	<b>Bush II (R)</b>
1977	-27,246 /		2003	-493,890	
			2004	-609,883	
			2005	-714,245	
			2006	-761,716	
			2007	-705,375	
			2008	-708,726	
			2009	-383,774 /	
1978	-29,763 \	<b>Carter (D)</b>			
1979	-24,565				
1980	-19,407				
1981	-16,172 /				
1982	-24,156 \	<b>Reagan (R)</b>	2010	-494,658 \	<b>Obama (D)</b>
1983	-57,767		2011	-548,625	
1984	-109,072		2012	-536,773	
1985	-121,880		2013	-478,394	
1986	-138,538		2014	-508,324 /	
1987	-151,684				
1988	-114,566				
1989	-93,141 /				

Source: Us Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division: "US International Trade in Goods and Services, 1992-Present  
[https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/historical/exhibit\\_history.pdf](https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/historical/exhibit_history.pdf)

## Footnotes

Most data is from various Economic Reports of the President (EPR) or Statistical Abstracts of the U.S. (SA)

### Table #

1) Source: Congressional Budget Office

2) The total dollar growth for a given year is the difference between that year's total federal outlays, and the previous year's total federal outlays. The percentage growth is found by dividing that year's total dollar growth by the previous year's total federal outlays

3) This data is listed under the first column in Table B-4 ERP(Percent Changes in Real Gross Domestic Product, 1959-2008) under the heading "Gross Domestic Product".

4) For this data set, the percentage growth was found by taking the given year's total non-residential investment figure from Table B-19 ERP, subtracting it from the previous year's figure, and dividing the difference by the previous year's figure. For example, if x represents the total non-residential fixed investment for a given year, then  $(1991x - 1990x)/1990x = \%growth$  for 1991.

5) These figures were found by dividing the total number of unemployed citizens (found in table B-36 ERP) over the sum of the employed and unemployed:  $(unemployed)/(employed+unemployed)$  for a given year.

6) This table was derived from data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics website, under the title "Total nonfarm payroll employment, seasonally adjusted", and can be found through its Series ID, CES0000000001.

7) The statistics used for this table are under the heading "average weekly earnings, total private", and subheading "percent change from year earlier", and sub-subheading "1982 dollars" from table B-47 ERP.

8) Us Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Division: "US International Trade in Goods and Services, 1992-Present [https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/historical/exhibit\\_history.pdf](https://www.census.gov/foreign-trade/statistics/historical/exhibit_history.pdf)