

Table 5-9 Legislative Branch Appropriations and the Consumer Price Index, 1946 - 2016

Year	Appropriation (dollars)	Increase (percent)	Consumer price index ^a	Increase (percent)
1946	54,065,614	n.a	19.5	8.3
1947	61,825,020	14.4	22.3	14.4
1948	62,119,714	0.5	24.1	8.1
1949	62,057,678	-0.1	23.8	-1.2
1950	64,313,460	3.6	24.1	1.3
1951	71,888,244	11.8	26.0	7.9
1952	75,673,896	5.3	26.5	1.9
1953	77,670,076	2.6	26.7	0.8
1954	70,925,361	-8.7	26.9	0.7
1955	86,304,923	21.7	26.8	-0.4
1956	94,827,986	9.9	27.2	1.5
1957	120,775,798	27.4	28.1	3.3
1958	107,785,560	-10.8	28.9	2.8
1959	136,153,580	26.3	29.1	0.7
1960	131,055,385	-3.7	29.6	1.7
1961	140,930,781	7.5	29.9	1.0
1962	136,686,715	-3.0	30.2	1.0
1963	150,426,185	10.1	30.6	1.3
1964	168,467,869	12.0	31.0	1.3
1965	221,904,318	31.7	31.5	1.6
1966	197,965,307	-10.8	32.4	2.9
1967	221,715,643	12.0	33.4	3.1
1968	282,003,322	27.2	34.8	4.2
1969	311,542,399	10.5	36.7	5.5
1970	361,024,327	15.9	38.8	5.7
1971	443,104,319	22.7	40.5	4.4
1972	564,107,992	27.3	41.8	3.2
1973	645,127,365	14.4	44.4	6.2
1974	662,180,668	2.6	49.3	11.0
1975	785,618,833	18.6	53.8	9.1
1976 ^b	947,185,778	20.6	56.9	5.8
1977	963,921,185	1.8	60.6	6.5
1978	1,009,225,350	4.7	65.2	7.6
1979	1,124,766,400	11.4	72.6	11.3
1980	1,199,061,463	6.6	82.4	13.5
1981	1,285,943,826	7.2	90.9	10.3

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1982	1,365,272,433	6.2	96.5	6.2
1983	1,467,318,263	7.5	99.6	3.2
1984	1,644,160,600	12.0	103.9	4.3
1985	1,599,977,138	-2.7	107.6	3.6
1986	1,783,255,000	11.4	109.6	1.9
1987	1,635,190,214	-8.3	113.6	3.6
1988	1,745,201,500	6.7	118.3	4.1
1989	1,804,624,000	3.4	124.0	4.8
1990	1,968,441,000	9.1	130.7	5.4
1991	2,161,367,000	9.8	136.2	4.2
1992	2,303,844,000	6.6	140.3	3.0
1993	2,302,924,000	-0.1	144.5	3.0
1994	2,269,558,000	-1.4	148.2	2.6
1995	2,390,600,000	5.3	152.4	2.8
1996	2,125,000,000	-11.1	156.9	3.0
1997	2,165,400,000	1.9	160.5	2.3
1998	2,288,000,000	5.7	163.0	1.6
1999	2,581,000,000	12.8	166.6	2.2
2000	2,486,000,000	-3.7	172.2	3.4
2001	2,730,000,000	9.8	177.1	2.8
2002	3,227,000,000	18.2	179.9	1.6
2003	3,461,000,000	7.3	184.0	2.3
2004	3,570,000,000	3.2	189.0	2.7
2005	3,639,892,000	2.0	195.3	3.4
2006	3,765,398,000	3.4	201.6	3.2
2007	3,852,184,000	2.3	207.3	2.8
2008	3,970,415,000	3.1	215.3	3.9
2009	4,402,000,000	10.9	214.5	-0.4
2010	4,656,000,000	5.8	218.1	1.6
2011	4,540,000,000	-2.5	224.9	3.2
2012	4,307,000,000	-5.1	229.6	2.1
2013	4,061,000,000	-5.7	233.0	1.5
2014	4,258,000,000	4.9	236.7	1.6
2015	4,300,000,000	1.0	237.0	0.1
2016	4,363,000,000	1.5		
1946-2016	-	7969.82	-	1053.5

Note: Appropriations include supplementals, except for 1986. Appropriations are for fiscal years, but the consumer price index is the year average for calendar years.

a. The CPI base is 1982-84 = 100.

b. From fiscal year 1946 through fiscal year 1976, the fiscal year began on July 1. Beginning with fiscal year 1977, the start of the fiscal year was shifted to October 1. During the transition quarter of July 1 - September 30, 1976, the amount appropriated for legislative branch operations was \$207,391,365. We have not included that amount.

Previous Update Sources: Paul E. Dwyer, Congressional Research Service Report for Congress, RL30512: Appropriations for FY2001: Legislative Branch; Legislative Branch Appropriations Bills, various years; U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Most Recent Update Source: Congressional Research Service, "Legislative Branch Appropriations," various years.