

## **President Trump has now signed more spending in two years than President Obama ever did**

Much has been made about how much Congress has been spending recently, and rightfully so.

The CARES Act, for example, is the signature piece of legislation in response to the pandemic – and it will spend more than [\\$1.3 trillion](#). That's on top of the first two rounds of coronavirus relief, which spent nearly [\\$100 billion](#) and [\\$500 billion](#) respectively.

These bills have made the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress—and President Trump—the biggest spenders in recent memory. Spending Tracker now estimates that Congress and [President Trump](#) have kicked off more than \$2.3 trillion in new spending since the start of 2019.

It's not just due to coronavirus, though of course that's a big part of it. Other spending has piled up, too, including further increases to the [Pentagon](#), various [supplemental appropriations](#), and the now all-but-forgotten [Bipartisan Budget Act](#), which enabled nearly \$300 billion in additional spending on top of mandated and perpetually ignored discretionary budget caps.

In President Obama's first two years in office, at the height of the financial crisis, Congress also passed a flurry of big-spending legislation. Some, like the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, was targeted specifically at the immediate crisis, and echoed legislation passed at the end of the Bush Administration, such as the Troubled Asset Relief Program (or TARP).

However, like the current Congress, the 111<sup>th</sup> also spent on a number of programs unrelated to the economic downturn, including the [Affordable Care Act](#), the “[doc fix](#),” and increases to the [Pentagon budget](#) of their own.

This spending was enough to launch a national revolt, kicking off protests around the country about the size of government and debt and helping a new wave of self-proclaimed fiscal conservatives sweep into office in 2010.

And yet, all of that spending has now been dwarfed by President Trump in the last two years of his term in office. Whereas [President Obama](#) signed into law nearly \$2.2 trillion in new spending in his first two years in office, Trump's \$2.3 trillion is the most in the Spending Tracker database – and we're not even done with this session of Congress, which is still [likely to bring](#) another NDAA, appropriations bills, and of course, another COVID-19 relief package.

President Trump didn't enact all this spending by himself. The House and Senate, of course, have to pass the bills first. Looking at their records reveals wide variation.

While the CARES Act was passed by unanimous consent in the House, previous aid was not. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act received 40 no votes from Republican Congressmen, and 8 in the Senate. The subsequent Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act only had 5 votes against in the House and was passed by unanimous consent in the Senate.

Amazingly, 76 members of the [House](#) have all voted for every piece of legislation that spending money signed into law by President Trump. And perhaps most amazingly, 69 of those 76 are Democrats! (Michael McCaul of Texas earns the dubious distinction of having voted for every piece of big spending legislation, as well as voting against another bill that would have *saved* money).

\$2,329,451,010,000	Susan Wild	House — Pennsylvania	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Dutch Ruppertsberger	House — Maryland	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Lucy McBath	House — Georgia	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Abby Finkenauer	House — Iowa	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Elissa Slotkin	House — Michigan	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Rodney Davis	House — Illinois	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Tom Cole	House — Oklahoma	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Elaine Luria	House — Virginia	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Kathy Castor	House — Florida	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Xochitl Torres Small	House — New Mexico	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Greg Stanton	House — Arizona	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	John Larson	House — Connecticut	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Ed Case	House — Hawaii	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Cindy Axne	House — Iowa	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Jerry McNerney	House — California	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Tom O'Halleran	House — Arizona	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Raul Ruiz	House — California	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Max Rose	House — New York	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Adam Schiff	House — California	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Josh Gottheimer	House — New Jersey	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Robin Kelly	House — Illinois	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Rick Larsen	House — Washington	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	John Yarmuth	House — Kentucky	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Bill Keating	House — Massachusetts	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Charlie Crist	House — Florida	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Will Hurd	House — Texas	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Steny Hoyer	House — Maryland	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Lisa Blunt Rochester	House — Delaware	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Haley Stevens	House — Michigan	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Lizzie Fletcher	House — Texas	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Susie Lee	House — Nevada	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Conor Lamb	House — Pennsylvania	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Terri Sewell	House — Alabama	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Bill Foster	House — Illinois	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Jim Langevin	House — Rhode Island	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Val Demings	House — Florida	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Kendra Horn	House — Oklahoma	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Sean Maloney	House — New York	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Jim Himes	House — Connecticut	D

\$2,329,451,010,000	Joe Courtney	House — Connecticut	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Chris Smith	House — New Jersey	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Chris Pappas	House — New Hampshire	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Jennifer Wexton	House — Virginia	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Antonio Delgado	House — New York	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Denny Heck	House — Washington	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Sean Casten	House — Illinois	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Madeleine Dean	House — Pennsylvania	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Richard Neal	House — Massachusetts	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Jeff Van Drew	House — New Jersey	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Kim Schrier	House — Washington	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	John Sarbanes	House — Maryland	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Derek Kilmer	House — Washington	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Lauren Underwood	House — Illinois	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Chrissy Houlahan	House — Pennsylvania	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	David Trone	House — Maryland	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Salud Carbajal	House — California	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Angie Craig	House — Minnesota	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Andy Kim	House — New Jersey	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Stephen Lynch	House — Massachusetts	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Joe Morelle	House — New York	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Harley Rouda	House — California	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Suzan DelBene	House — Washington	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	John Garamendi	House — California	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Raja Krishnamoorthi	House — Illinois	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Elise Stefanik	House — New York	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Ann Kuster	House — New Hampshire	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Mike Thompson	House — California	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Dean Phillips	House — Minnesota	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Tom Malinowski	House — New Jersey	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Mikie Sherrill	House — New Jersey	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Brian Fitzpatrick	House — Pennsylvania	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Mike Levin	House — California	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Donna Shalala	House — Florida	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Susan Davis	House — California	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Cheri Bustos	House — Illinois	D
\$2,329,607,010,000	Michael McCaul	House — Texas	R

In the [Senate](#), the story is similar. 39 of the 100 Senators have voted for all the spending President Trump has signed into law, 23 of whom are Democrats and 16 Republicans. The idea that there are dramatic differences between the two parties on these issues, is actually quite wrong—at least according to the data.

\$2,329,451,010,000	Richard Blumenthal	Senate — Connecticut	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Kyrsten Sinema	Senate — Arizona	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Jeanne Shaheen	Senate — New Hampshire	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Ben Cardin	Senate — Maryland	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Dan Sullivan	Senate — Alaska	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Chuck Grassley	Senate — Iowa	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Tina Smith	Senate — Minnesota	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Doug Jones	Senate — Alabama	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Pat Roberts	Senate — Kansas	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Rob Portman	Senate — Ohio	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Maria Cantwell	Senate — Washington	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Catherine Cortez Masto	Senate — Nevada	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Cindy Hyde-Smith	Senate — Mississippi	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Tammy Baldwin	Senate — Wisconsin	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Jacky Rosen	Senate — Nevada	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Tim Kaine	Senate — Virginia	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Gary Peters	Senate — Michigan	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Sherrod Brown	Senate — Ohio	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Patrick Leahy	Senate — Vermont	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Maggie Hassan	Senate — New Hampshire	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Susan Collins	Senate — Maine	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Chris Coons	Senate — Delaware	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Patty Murray	Senate — Washington	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Mitch McConnell	Senate — Kentucky	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Roger Wicker	Senate — Mississippi	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Richard Shelby	Senate — Alabama	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Dianne Feinstein	Senate — California	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Chris Murphy	Senate — Connecticut	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Todd Young	Senate — Indiana	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Mark Warner	Senate — Virginia	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Angus King	Senate — Maine	I
\$2,329,451,010,000	Bob Casey	Senate — Pennsylvania	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	Lisa Murkowski	Senate — Alaska	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Tammy Duckworth	Senate — Illinois	D
\$2,329,451,010,000	John Boozman	Senate — Arkansas	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Roy Blunt	Senate — Missouri	R

\$2,329,451,010,000	Kevin Cramer	Senate — North Dakota	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Lindsey Graham	Senate — South Carolina	R
\$2,329,451,010,000	Martin Heinrich	Senate — New Mexico	D

Indeed, for all of the partisan strife that exists in Washington, there is still striking agreement on a number of priorities – and on the agreement to spend a lot of money. To some degree, it makes sense: for legislation to pass, it ultimately requires some level of bipartisan support in each chamber, as well as support from the President. That story, though, often gets forgotten until you look at the data—a feat made far easier by a simple scroll through the Spending Tracker rankings.