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Every year the President submits a series of volumes to Congress containing the President's proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. The President's submission is required on or after the first Monday in January, but no later than the first Monday in February (31 U.S.C. §1105(a)). At times, the President's submission has been delayed beyond the statutory deadline. This year the President released the budget submission on March 28, 2022.

This report provides brief descriptions of the FY2023 budget volumes and related documents, together with internet addresses, Government Publishing Office (GPO) stock numbers, and prices for obtaining print copies of these publications. It also explains how to find the locations of government depository libraries, which can provide both printed copies for reference use and internet access to the online versions. This report will be updated as events warrant.

Please note that neither the Congressional Research Service (CRS) nor the Library of Congress (LOC) distributes print copies of the budget documents.

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Introduction

The President's budget for FY2023 consists of a multivolume set of materials issued by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The materials contain information on new budget proposals, summary tables, detailed financial information on individual programs and accounts, economic analysis, historical data, explanations of the budget processes, and supporting documents. Every year the President submits these materials to Congress at the start of the budget cycle for the next fiscal year. The President's submission is required on or after the first Monday in January, but no later than the first Monday in February (31 U.S.C. §1105(a)). At times the President's submission has been delayed beyond the statutory deadline. This year the President released the budget submission on March 28, 2022.[1]

Other budget-related documents include the annual Economic Report of the President, issued by the Council of Economic Advisers, and the Budget and Economic Outlook, an annual publication issued by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). Details on these publications are included in this report.

The President's Budget Documents, FY2023

Both OMB and the Government Publishing Office (GPO) provide internet access to the main and supporting budget documents, spreadsheet files, the public budget database, and budget amendments and supplementals proposed by the President; see http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/budget and https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/BUDGET, respectively. OMB provides additional summary table information on agency budgets and key issues in the form of fact sheets.

Information on purchasing print copies of these documents appears below, along with a brief description of the contents of each document.

The Budget of the U.S. Government, FY2023

The annual budget volume contains information, charts, and graphs pertaining to the President's new budget proposals and overviews of government activities by topic (e.g., "Confronting Urgent Crises and Delivering Historic Progress" and "Building a Better America") within the FY2023 Budget volume. Summary Tables (pp. 117-143) contain projections of budget baselines, receipts, and outlays; deficits; debt; discretionary spending; and economic projections from FY2022 to FY2032.

Budget of the United States Government, FY2023

(GPO stock number 041-001-00745-8, 158 pages, $24)

Analytical Perspectives, Budget of the United States Government, FY2023

The volume includes economic, accounting, and crosscutting analyses of government programs and activities designed to highlight specific subject areas. It also includes information on federal

[1] For additional information on the origin of the requirements for and timing of the presidential budget submission, including data on instances in which the submission has been delayed beyond the statutory deadline, see CRS Report RS20752, *Submission of the President's Budget in Transition Years*, by Taylor N. Riccard.

receipts and collections, analysis of federal spending, detailed information on federal borrowing and debt, baseline or current service estimates, and other technical presentations. Chapter 14, "Aid to State and Local Governments," contains a series of tables (pp. 205-223) that provide selected grant and other federal assistance data by state.

The FY2023 Analytical Perspectives volume contains supplemental materials including tables showing the budget by agency and account and by function, subfunction, and program.[2] The supplemental materials also include data on direct and guaranteed loan transactions of the federal government. The supplemental material is available in the printed document or on the OMB website at https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/analytical-perspectives/ or the GPO website at https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/BUDGET.

(GPO stock number 041-001-00747-4, 332 pages, $33)

Appendix, Budget of the United States Government, FY2023

Designed primarily for use by the House and Senate appropriations committees, the Appendix contains more detailed financial information on individual programs and appropriations accounts than any of the other budget documents submitted by the President. In many presidential budget submissions, the volume often provides the following information for agencies:

- proposed text of the appropriation language,
- budget schedules for each account,
- new legislative proposals,
- explanations of the work to be performed and the funds needed, and
- proposed general provisions applicable to the appropriations of entire agencies or groups of agencies.

Typically, elements within this information are distinguished by varying font, so that, for example, proposed appropriations (italics) and prior year funding (brackets and no italics) can be compared at a glance:

> For expenses necessary for the administration of the Department of Justice, **[**$119,000,000**]** *including the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles, $143,264,000, of which $4,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2023, and of which* not to exceed $4,000,000 for security and construction of Department of Justice facilities shall remain available until expended. *(Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2021.)*[3]

Since the full-year 2022 appropriations had not been enacted at the time the budget was prepared, only proposed appropriations (italics) appear in the FY2023 Budget Appendix. For example:

> *For expenses necessary for the administration of the Department of Justice, $196,531,000, of which $6,000,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2024, and of which not to exceed $4,000,000 for security and construction of Department of Justice facilities shall remain available until expended.*[4]

[2] The President's FY2023 budget includes a "Glossary of Budget Terms" within the Analytical Perspectives. See Chapter 8: Budget Concepts, pp. 110-113.

[3] Department of Justice, General Administration, from page 727 of the *FY2022 Budget Appendix*.

[4] Department of Justice, General Administration, from page 715 of the *FY2023 Budget Appendix*.

Historical Tables, Budget of the United States Government, FY2023

The detailed tables cover budget deficit/surplus, outlays, receipts, discretionary and mandatory spending, federal debt, federal employment, payments for individuals, spending by function and agency, and grants to states and local governments. The tables provide some data from 1940 (or earlier) and estimates through FY2027. Historical data are adjusted by OMB to be consistent with data in the FY2023 budget and to provide comparability over time.[5] This year the Historical Tables are available online in spreadsheet and PDF instead of print. The Historical Tables are available at https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/historical-tables/, or at https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/budget/2023.

(GPO stock number 041-001-00746-6, 1,400 pages, $62)

Economic Report of the President, 2022

This year's annual Economic Report of the President was prepared by the Council of Economic Advisers and submitted by the President to Congress on April 14, 2022. It presented the Biden Administration's economic policies and contained the annual report of the Council of Economic Advisers. It also presented an overview of the nation's economic progress using text and extensive data appendices. Statistics include national income and expenditures, government finance, population, employment, wages, productivity, prices, debt measures, corporate finance, and international statistics. A set of the Economic Report of the President for each year from 1996 to the present is available from the GPO website at https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/ERP/.

(GPO ordering information is not currently available.)

Mid-Session Review

OMB issues revised estimates of budget receipts, outlays, and budget authority in the Mid-Session Review (MSR). The annual document is typically released in the summer following the President's budget submission. The FY2023 MSR is expected to be released later this year.

Agency Budget Justifications

After the President's budget documents are released, Congress begins to hold hearings on agency budget requests. Agencies must submit their budget justifications to the appropriations subcommittees holding the hearings. Budget justifications generally contain more detailed descriptions of an agency's proposals and programs than are provided in the President's budget documents. As mandated by OMB in Section 22.6 of the 2006 edition of Circular A-11 and subsequent editions, executive agencies are required to post their congressional budget justification materials on the internet within two weeks of transmittal to Congress.[6]

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[5] In the Introduction to the Historical Tables, OMB noted, "Because of the numerous changes in the way budget data have been presented over time, there are inevitable difficulties in trying to produce comparable data to cover many years. The general rule is to provide data in as meaningful and comparable a fashion as possible. To the extent feasible, the data are presented on a basis consistent with current budget concepts. When a structural change is made, insofar as possible the data are adjusted for all years." See Office of Management and Budget, "Introduction to the Historical Tables," in *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2023*, p. 1, https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/BUDGET-2023-TAB/pdf/BUDGET-2023-TAB-1.pdf.

[6] Each summer, OMB issues instructions to all federal executive departments and agencies on submitting budget data and materials for inclusion in the President's budget documents. These instructions are in a document entitled Circular

Typically, Administration budget requests appear along with actual numbers for the previous fiscal year. The content and structure of these submissions may vary and some materials may not correspond exactly with the data and information provided to Congress in other fiscal years.[7] A short overview on the agency budget justification request can be found in CRS Report RS20268, *Agency Justification of the President's Budget*, by Michelle D. Christensen.[8]

Additional Comparative Budget Data by Agency and Account

Supporting Documents

OMB produces a number of additional documents that further examine certain budgetary categories, including the Federal Credit Supplement, which provides summary information on certain federal loan and loan guarantee programs through a series of detailed tables; Object Class Analysis, a report on the federal government's obligations as broken out by object classifications; and Balances of Budget Authority, which provides data on unobligated balances carried forward to the start of the next fiscal year. All three documents are available online at https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/supplemental-materials/.

Public Budget Database, FY2023

OMB also maintains a publicly accessible database in Excel and comma delimited format called the Public Budget Database. The database provides account-level data on budget authority for the years FY1976 to FY2027,[9] and budget outlays and budget receipts for FY1962 to FY2026. It is available via the OMB FY2023 Supplemental Materials website at https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/supplemental-materials/ and on the GPO FY2023 budget website at https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/BUDGET/. A user's guide to the Public Budget Database is also available in PDF format on these sites.

Congressional Budget Office

Analysis of the President's FY2023 Budget

The CBO FY2023 Analysis of the President's Budget is expected to be released later this year.

No. A-11: Preparation, Submission, and Execution of the Budget. Circular A-11 is available on the White House website at https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars/. See Section 22.6.

[7] Additional data may also be available directly from the agencies themselves via listed congressional liaison or governmental affairs contacts in CRS Report 98-446, *Congressional Liaison Offices of Selected Federal Agencies*, by Audrey Celeste Crane-Hirsch. A listing of agencies included within each of the 12 regular appropriations bills is available in CRS Report R40858, *Locate an Agency or Program Within Appropriations Bills*, by Justin Murray.

[8] CRS Report R43470, *Selected Agency Budget Justifications for FY2023*, by Justin Murray provides access to a selected listing of FY2023 agency budget justification materials for 15 executive departments and 9 selected independent agencies.

[9] Budget authority data includes actual budget authority through FY2021 and estimates for FY2022 through FY2027.

Budget and Economic Outlook: FY2023-FY2033

CBO's baseline budget projections typically span 11 fiscal years in its reports. The Budget and Economic (B&E) Outlook includes separate chapters on the economic outlook, outlays, and receipts. The CBO Budget and Economic Outlook FY2022-FY2033 is expected to be released later this year. CBO issues an annual summer update of the Budget and Economic Outlook with adjusted projections. Prior year B&E Outlook reports and other budget and economic information, including CBO's monthly budget review, are available at http://www.cbo.gov/topics/budget.

(GPO ordering information is not currently available.)

GPO Ordering Information

Printed copies of budget documents are available for purchase from GPO by the following methods:

- online at the GPO website, at http://bookstore.gpo.gov/catalog/budget-economy/federal-budgets-year;
- by telephone, (866) 512-1800 or (202) 512-1800;
- by fax, (202) 512-2104; or
- by mail (check or money order) using the GPO order form at https://bookstore.gpo.gov/sites/default/files/uploads/15-091_publication_and_subscription_order_form.pdf, addressed to U.S. Government Publishing Office, P.O. Box 979050, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000.

Depository Libraries

Budget documents are often available for reference use at large public or university libraries, or any library participating in the Federal Library Depository Program. Addresses of the depository libraries can be obtained through a local library; from GPO's Customer Services department, (866) 512-1800 or (202) 512-1800; or online from the GPO website at https://ask.gpo.gov/s/FDLD.

Websites on Budget Legislation

Congressional Staff

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) has developed (for Members of Congress and their staffs) web pages covering the budget and appropriations process.

- **Appropriations and Budget Analysis.** For CRS products on appropriations status, jurisdictions, processes, current appropriations bills, and other budget-related resources, Members and congressional staff can access the CRS website http://www.crs.gov/iap/appropriations. The CRS Appropriations Status Table, a table which tracks the progress of major actions related to appropriations bills, is available at http://www.crs.gov/AppropriationsStatusTable/Index.
- **CRS Products on the Federal Budget Process.** Explanations of budget concepts, terminology, congressional and executive budget process,

- congressional budget timetable, budget resolutions and reconciliation, the authorization and appropriations process, entitlements and discretionary spending, the Budget Enforcement Act, sequestration, and surpluses/deficits are available from the CRS website.

Public Use

The public may access Congress.gov, the Library of Congress's legislative website. The site includes a link to an Appropriations Status Table for the current year and several previous fiscal years. Each table includes links to bills, committee and conference reports, and votes for the 12 regular, and any supplemental, appropriations bills for that fiscal year. The Congress.gov public version of the Appropriations Status Table is available directly at https://crsreports.congress.gov/AppropriationsStatusTable.

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