

Where does tax money go?



Family model:

Married, two kids

This 2010 tax receipt is for a married couple with two children earning \$80,000 a year. This family also contributes 5% a year to a 401(k) or IRA. They take advantage of the Making Work Pay and child tax credits and do not itemize deductions.

How a family's U.S. tax dollars are being spent

Total taxes paid:

\$9,983

\$4,960

SOCIAL SECURITY TAX
49.7% OF TOTAL

\$1,160

MEDICARE TAX
11.6% OF TOTAL

\$1,015.97

NATIONAL DEFENSE
26.3% OF INCOME TAX

\$3,863

INCOME TAX
38.7% OF TOTAL

\$938.71

HEALTH CARE
24.3% OF INCOME TAX

\$846.00

JOB AND FAMILY SECURITY
21.9% OF INCOME TAX

\$285.86

NET INTEREST 7.4% OF INCOME TAX

\$185.42

EDUCATION AND JOB TRAINING 4.8% OF INCOME TAX

\$158.38

VETERANS BENEFITS 4.1% OF INCOME TAX

\$347.67

OTHER 9% OF INCOME TAX

Ongoing operations, equipment, supplies
\$405.62

Research, development, weapons, construction
\$339.94

Military personnel salaries, benefits
\$231.78

Atomic energy defense activities
\$27.04

Defense-related FBI activities, other
\$11.59

Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program
\$413.34

Medicare doctor and prescription drug pay
\$397.89

Health research, food safety
\$57.95

Disease control, public health
\$38.63

COBRA tax credit, other
\$34.77

Military, civilian employee retirement and disability
\$177.70

Unemployment insurance
\$169.97

Housing assistance, other
\$158.39

Food, nutrition aid
\$139.07

Earned income, child tax, other credits
\$135.21

Supplemental security insurance
\$69.53

School funding, financial aid, job training, employment services

Income and housing support, healthcare, education and training

NATURAL RESOURCES
2.1% OF INCOME TAX
\$81.12

Water, land management

International affairs, NASA, immigration, agriculture, natural disaster relief

Sources: Your 2010 Federal Taxpayer Receipt, Whitehouse.gov

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