

Historical Average Interest Rates

	1970-79										1980-89										1990-99										2000-09				2010-12																	
	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012								
Debt subject to statutory limit (millions of dollars)	356,107	372,600	398,650	427,751	458,264	475,181	534,207	621,556	699,963	772,691	827,615	908,723	998,818	1,142,913	1,377,953	1,572,975	1,823,775	2,110,975	2,336,014	2,586,869	2,829,770	3,161,223	3,569,300	3,972,578	4,315,571	4,605,338	4,884,605	5,137,195	5,327,624	5,439,447	5,567,694	5,591,625	5,732,802	6,161,431	6,737,642	7,333,350	7,871,040	8,420,278	8,921,343	9,959,850	11,853,142	13,510,840	14,746,553	16,333,900								
Debt subject to limit, 2-year rolling average (millions of dollars)		364,354	385,625	413,201	443,008	466,723	504,694	577,882	660,760	736,327	800,153	868,169	953,771	1,070,866	1,260,433	1,475,464	1,698,375	1,967,375	2,223,495	2,461,442	2,708,320	2,995,497	3,365,262	3,770,939	4,144,075	4,460,455	4,744,972	5,010,900	5,232,410	5,383,536	5,503,571	5,579,660	5,662,214	5,947,117	6,449,537	7,035,496	7,602,195	8,145,659	8,670,811	9,440,597	10,906,496	12,681,991	14,128,697	15,540,227								
Decade totals											5,352,724										16,687,708										44,611,613									75,439,779				42,350,914								
Net interest paid (millions of dollars)		14,380	14,841	15,478	17,349	21,449	23,244	26,727	29,901	35,458	42,633	52,533	68,766	85,032	89,808	111,102	129,478	136,017	138,611	151,803	168,981	184,347	194,448	199,344	198,713	202,932	232,134	241,053	243,984	241,118	229,755	222,949	206,167	170,949	153,073	160,245	183,986	226,603	237,109	252,757	186,902	196,194	229,968	224,784								
Decade totals											241,460										1,132,131										2,167,828									2,000,740				650,946								
Average interest rate											4.5%																																									
1970-1999 average interest rate																																																				

Sources

Debt subject to limit: Office of Management and Budget, Historical Tables, Table 7.2

Net interest paid: Office of Management and Budget, Historical Tables, Table 6.1