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"Interest expense & US national debt by president, year, as % of GDP, per capita & % of per capita income"

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US National Debt & Interest Expense by Presidential Term, Percentage of GDP

Year		National Debt, Total				Gross Domestic Product	Interest Expense
Ending	President	Current \$ <sup>(1)</sup>	% Change Growth Rate, YoY	During Presidenc y	Avg. Annual	Current \$ <sup>(2)</sup>	Debt as % of Total <sup>(6)</sup>
12/31/1976	FORD	\$653,544,000,000				\$1,825,300,000,000	35.8%
12/31/1977	CARTER	\$718,943,000,000	10.0%			\$2,030,900,000,000	35.4%
* 12/31/1978	CARTER	\$789,207,000,000	9.8%			\$2,294,700,000,000	34.4%
12/31/1979	CARTER	\$845,116,000,000	7.1%			\$2,563,300,000,000	33.0%
12/31/1980	CARTER	\$930,210,000,000	10.1%	42.3%	9.2%	\$2,789,500,000,000	33.3%
12/31/1981	REAGAN	\$1,028,729,000,000	10.6%			\$3,128,400,000,000	32.9%
12/31/1982	REAGAN	\$1,197,073,000,000	16.4%			\$3,255,000,000,000	36.8%
12/31/1983	REAGAN	\$1,410,702,000,000	17.8%			\$3,536,700,000,000	39.9%
12/31/1984	REAGAN	\$1,662,966,000,000	17.9%			\$3,933,200,000,000	42.3%
12/31/1985	REAGAN	\$1,945,912,000,000	17.0%			\$4,220,300,000,000	46.1%
12/31/1986	REAGAN	\$2,214,835,000,000	13.8%			\$4,462,800,000,000	49.6%
12/31/1987	REAGAN	\$2,431,715,000,000	9.8%			\$4,739,500,000,000	51.3%
12/31/1988	REAGAN	\$2,684,392,000,000	10.4%	188.6%	14.2%	\$5,103,800,000,000	52.6%
12/31/1989	BUSH	\$2,952,994,000,000	10.0%			\$5,484,400,000,000	53.8%
12/31/1990	BUSH	\$3,364,820,000,000	13.9%			\$5,803,100,000,000	58.0%
12/31/1991	BUSH	\$3,801,800,000,000	13.0%			\$5,995,900,000,000	63.4%
12/31/1992	BUSH	\$4,177,009,000,000	9.9%	55.6%	11.7%	\$6,337,700,000,000	65.9%
12/31/1993	CLINTON	\$4,535,687,054,406	8.6%			\$6,657,400,000,000	68.1%
12/31/1994	CLINTON	\$4,800,149,946,143	5.8%			\$7,072,200,000,000	67.9%
12/31/1995	CLINTON	\$4,988,664,979,014	3.9%			\$7,397,700,000,000	67.4%
12/31/1996	CLINTON	\$5,323,171,750,783	6.7%			\$7,816,900,000,000	68.1%
12/31/1997	CLINTON	\$5,502,388,012,375	3.4%			\$8,304,300,000,000	66.3%
12/31/1998	CLINTON	\$5,614,217,021,195	2.0%			\$8,747,000,000,000	64.2%
12/31/1999	CLINTON	\$5,776,091,314,225	2.9%			\$9,268,400,000,000	62.3%
12/31/2000	CLINTON	\$5,662,216,013,697	-2.0%	35.6%	3.9%	\$9,817,000,000,000	57.7%
12/31/2001	BUSH	\$5,943,438,563,436	5.0%			\$10,286,200,000,000	57.8%

\$214,145,02  
\$240,863,23  
\$264,852,54  
\$286,021,92  
\$292,361,07  
\$292,502,21  
\$296,277,76  
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\$363,823,72  
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\$361,997,73  
\$359,507,63