

THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION BY THE NUMBERS

WHAT A DIFFERENCE TWO YEARS MAKES

ECONOMIC WOES

“The heady days of the nineties, the boom days of the nineties, it was like we were on a binge where there was no--the horizon was forever going up. And we binged, and now we're suffering a hangover.”

-- President Bush, 7/22/02

Jobs

2,365,000	Number of jobs lost in the private sector since Bush took office [Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1/10/03]
135,000	Average number of jobs created monthly under every President since Truman [House Appropriations Committee Minority Staff, 1/03]
-73,000	Average number of jobs created monthly under Bush [House Appropriations Committee Minority Staff, 1/03]
2,703,000	Number of people who have become unemployed since Bush took office [Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1/10/03]
43%	Percent increase in the unemployment rate since Bush took office [Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1/10/03]
4.2%	Unemployment rate when Bush took office in January 2001 [Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1/10/03]
6%	Unemployment rate in December 2002 [Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1/10/03]
8,590,000	Total number of unemployed Americans [Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1/10/03]
648,000	Number of Americans experiencing long-term unemployment (27 weeks or more) when Bush took office in January 2001 [Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1/10/03]
1,856,000	Number of Americans suffering long-term unemployment in December 2002 [Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1/10/03]
186%	Percent increase in long-term unemployment under Bush [Bureau of Labor Statistics, 1/10/03]

Stock Market

\$2.8 trillion	Total amount lost by investors in U.S. stocks in 2002 [Wall Street Journal, 1/2/02]
16.8%	Percent Dow Jones Industrial Average fell in 2002 [Wall Street Journal, 1/2/02]
23.4%	Percent S&P 500 fell in 2002 [Wall Street Journal, 1/2/02]
31.5%	Percent Nasdaq Composite Index fell in 2002 [Wall Street Journal, 1/2/02]
0.8%	Percentage of U.S. funds in the black in 2002 [Wall Street Journal, 1/2/02]
567	Number of stocks deleted from the Nasdaq Stock Market in 2002 [Wall Street Journal, 1/2/02]
330	Number of publicly traded companies that restated their earnings in 2002 (new record) [Wall Street Journal, 1/21/03]
270	Previous record of publicly traded companies that had to restate their earnings (set in 2001) [Wall Street Journal, 1/21/03]
22%	Percent increase in publicly traded companies that restated their earnings in 2002 over 2001 [Wall Street Journal, 1/21/03]
74	Number of publicly traded companies with annual revenue greater than \$1 billion that restated their earnings in 2002 [Wall Street Journal, 1/21/03]
33	Number of publicly traded companies with annual revenue greater than \$1 billion that restated their earnings in 2000 [Huron Consulting, “An Analysis of Restatement Matters: Rules, Errors, Ethics, For the Five Years Ended December 31, 2002,” 1/21/03]

78	Number of days after SEC Chairman Harvey Pitt “resigned” that he was still voting to weaken accounting reform standards [New York Times , 1/22/03, editorial, 1/23/03; Associated Press , 11/5/02]
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BALLOONING DEFICITS

\$5.6 trillion	Projected 10-year surplus when Bush took office in 2001 [CBO, Budget and Economic Outlook: Fiscal Years 2002-2011, 01/01]
\$336 billion	Projected 10-year surplus at the time of Bush’s 2003 State of the Union address (not including making Bush’s tax cut permanent) [CBO, Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update, 08/02, http://www.cbo.gov]
94%	Percent of projected surplus that has evaporated under Bush [CBPP Fact Sheet, 9/3/02, http://www.cbpp.org/9-3-02bud.htm]
\$2 trillion	Amount Bush budgets will raid from Social Security trust fund over the next 10 years [CBO, Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update, 08/02, http://www.cbo.gov]
\$200--300 billion	FY2003 budget deficit (as predicted by Mitch Daniels) [Wall Street Journal , 1/16/03]
\$159 billion	FY2002 federal budget deficit [CBO, Monthly Budget Review, November 2002]
1997	Last time the federal government ran a budget deficit [CBO, Monthly Budget Review, November 2002]

BUSH’S ECONOMIC PLAN BY THE NUMBERS

\$925 billion	Ten-year cost of Bush’s proposed tax cuts including additional interest costs [CBPP, “Total Cost Of Bush ‘Growth Package’ Exceeds \$900 Billion,” 1/9/03]
47.7%	Percent of tax cut to the top one percent of wage earners [New York Times , 12/22/02]
9.5%	Percent of tax cut to the bottom 80 percent of wage earners [New York Times , 12/22/02]
\$102 billion	Amount of Bush proposal that would take effect in the first year [White House Fact Sheet, 1/7/03]
90% plus	Amount of dividend tax cut that would take place after 2003 [CBPP Fact Sheet, http://www.cbpp.org/1-6-03tax.htm]
\$4--5 billion	Amount Bush proposal would take from states [CBPP Fact Sheet, 1/10/03, http://www.cbpp.org/1-8-03sfp.htm]
1 million	Number of taxpayers the Alternative Minimum Tax affected in 1999 [Brookings Institute, Tax Policy Center, The AMT: Out of Control, 9/18/02, http://www.taxpolicycenter.org ; New York Times , 1/10/03]
36 million	Number of taxpayers the Alternative Minimum Tax will affect in 2010 because of Bush’s tax cuts and his failure to address the AMT [Brookings Institute, Tax Policy Center, The AMT: Out of Control, 9/18/02, http://www.taxpolicycenter.org ; New York Times , 1/10/03]

LOWER INCOME, RISING COSTS

Lower Income

2.2%	Percent decrease in real median household income in 2001 [U.S. Census Bureau, “Money Income in the United States: 2001,” 9/02]
1991	Last decrease in real median household income [U.S. Census Bureau, “Money Income in the United States: 2001,” 9/02]

Rising Costs

12.7%	Percent increase in average cost of monthly premiums for employer-sponsored health care [Kaiser Family Foundation, Employer Health Benefits 2002 Annual Survey, 09/02, http://www.kff.org]
2	Consecutive years with double-digit percentage increases in average monthly premiums [Kaiser Family Foundation, Employer Health Benefits 2002 Annual Survey, 09/02, http://www.kff.org]
17%	Percentage of monthly premiums paid by employees in 2002 [Associated Press , 1/18/03]
2.4%	Rate of inflation in 2002 [Bureau of Labor Statistics, stats.bls.gov]
19%	Predicted percentage of monthly premiums paid by employees in 2003 [Associated Press , 1/18/03]

7.8%	Percent increase in cost of 50 prescription drugs most frequently used by American seniors from January 2001 to January 2002 [Families USA, Bitter Pill: The Rising Prices of Prescription Drug for Older Americans, June 2002, http://www.familiesusa.org]
2.7%	Rate of inflation from January 2001 to January 2002 [Families USA, Bitter Pill: The Rising Prices of Prescription Drug for Older Americans, June 2002, http://www.familiesusa.org]
\$1.11	Average price of gas per gallon in the U.S. on 1/14/02 [Energy Information Administration, "This week in Gasoline," 1/13/03]
\$1.45	Average price of gas per gallon in the U.S. as of 1/13/03 [Energy Information Administration, "This week in Gasoline," 1/13/03]
31%	Percent increase in the average price of gas per gallon from January 2002 to January 2003 [Energy Information Administration, "This week in Gasoline," 1/13/03]
\$1.16	Average price of home heating oil per gallon in the U.S. as of 1/28/02 [Energy Information Administration, "Residential Heating Oil Prices by PADD and State," 1/03]
\$1.43	Average price of home heating oil per gallon in the U.S. as of 1/13/03 [Energy Information Administration, "U.S. Heating Oil and Propane Prices," 1/13/03]
27%	Percent increase in average price of home heating oil per gallon in the U.S. from January 2002 to January 2003 [Energy Information Administration, "U.S. Heating Oil and Propane Prices," 1/13/03]
\$300 million	Amount Bush cut the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for FY2003 [NEADA Fact Sheet, 12/13/02, http://www.neada.org]
532,000	Number of families who will not receive assistance through LIHEAP because of Bush's cuts [NEADA Fact Sheet, 12/13/02, http://www.neada.org]
9.6%	Percent increase in college tuition for the 2002-2003 school year [Washington Post, 10/22/02; USA Today, 10/22/02]
10	Percent increase in college tuition for 2002-2003 was the largest such increase in 10 years [Washington Post, 10/22/02]

BUSH'S "LEADERSHIP"

352	Number of days between Senate Democrats passing campaign finance reform and Bush reluctantly signing measure into law [S.27, Senate Roll Call Vote #64, 4/2/01; H.R. 2356, Senate Roll Call Vote # 54, 3/20/02, http://www.senate.gov ; Bush Statement on Senate Passage of Campaign Finance Reform Legislation, 3/20/02]
239	Number of days between Democrats proposing a Homeland Security Department and Bush embracing the idea [S.1534; Congressional Record pg. S10646, 10/11/01; Remarks by the President in Address to the Nation, 6/6/02]
122	Number of days between Democrats proposing an independent commission to investigate September 11th terrorist attacks and the Bush administration accepting the proposal [New York Times, 5/22/02; New York Times, 9/21/02]
120	Number of days between Democrats proposing an extension of unemployment benefits after September 11th and Bush following along [Daschle Media Availability, 3/6/02; HR3090, Committee vote: Economic Stimulus Bill - Substitute Amendment, 11/8/01; Washington Post, 3/7/02; New York Times, 3/9/02]
59	Number of days between Democrats proposing strong aviation security bill and Bush accepting Democratic proposals [S.1447, Aviation Security Act; Record Vote Number 295, 10/11/01; Washington Post, 10/12/01; New York Times, 11/16/02]
41	Number of days between Democrats proposing accounting reform and Bush embracing the idea [Senator Sarbanes Press Release, 6/19/02, http://www.senate.gov/~sarbanes/pages/press/061902acctcommpass.html ; Remarks by the President at Signing of H.R. 3763, the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, 7/30/02; New York Times, 7/31/02]
6	Number of times Bush mentioned Osama bin Laden by name in 2002 [Public Papers of the President]

BUSH'S 2003 BUDGET WILL HURT	
490	Number of food safety inspectors cut [Office of the Senate Democratic Leader, 1/16/03]
1,175	Number of FBI agents cut [Office of the Senate Democratic Leader, 1/16/03]
1,600	Number of Customs Inspectors cut [Office of the Senate Democratic Leader, 1/16/03]
2,722	Number of children who will not receive early childhood education [Office of the Senate Democratic Leader, 1/16/03]
8,000	Number of homeless children who will be cut off from education programs [House Appropriations Committee Democratic Staff, 1/17/03]
33,000	Number of children who will be cut off from subsidized child care [House Appropriations Committee Democratic Staff, 1/17/03]
36,000	Number of seniors who will be cut off from meal programs [House Appropriations Committee Democratic Staff, 1/17/03]
50,000	Number of children who will be cut off from after-school programs [House Appropriations Committee Democratic Staff, 1/17/03]
79,000	Number of families that will not receive housing assistance [Office of the Senate Democratic Leader, 1/16/03]
230,000	Number of veterans forced to go without medical services [Office of the Senate Democratic Leader, 1/16/03]
224,689	Number of low-income women, infants and children left without nutritional support and health care services [Office of the Senate Democratic Leader, 1/16/03]
1 million	Number of American workers who will be cut off from unemployment insurance [House Appropriations Committee Democratic Staff, 1/17/03]

BUSH: CAMPAIGNER-IN-CHIEF	
Bush	
80	Number of Bush fundraisers since taking office
Over \$242 million	Total amount raised at Bush's fundraisers
\$10,538,260	Average amount Bush raised per month since taking office
77,000	Number of tons of nuclear waste to be stored in Nevada's Yucca Mountain [Washington Post, 1/11/02]
0	Number of visits President Bush has made to Nevada
28,400	Number of jobs lost in Oregon since Bush took office [Bureau of Labor Statistics, stats.bls.gov]
1	Number of visits Bush has made to Oregon
88,700	Number of jobs lost in Washington State since Bush took office [Bureau of Labor Statistics, stats.bls.gov]
0	Number of visits Bush has made to Washington State
Administration Officials	
More than 290	Number of fundraisers and campaign appearances made by Vice President Cheney, Bush appointees, and political operatives during the 2002 election cycle
More than 330	Number of administrations appointees deployed to GOP campaigns in 2002 [Washington Post, 10/24/02]