

20.3 Gross general expenditure of the federal government, years ended Mar. 31, 1972 and 1973 (million dollars)

Function	1972	1973
General government	1,110	1,388
Protection of persons and property ¹	2,213	2,299
Transportation and communications ²	1,207	1,370
Health	1,603	1,789
Hospital care	847	963
Other	756	826
Social welfare	5,418	6,727
Universal pension plans	144	207
Old age security	2,205	2,524
Veterans' benefits	422	477
Unemployment insurance	1,205	2,171
Family and youth allowances	616	610
Assistance to disabled, handicapped, unemployed and other needy persons	630	638
Other	196	100
Education	864	847
Natural resources	277	334
Agriculture, trade and industry, and tourism	897	1,015
Environment	23	100
Recreation and culture	164	215
Labour, employment and immigration	289	489
Housing	70	99
Foreign affairs and international assistance	312	385
Supervision and development of regions and localities	142	140
Research establishments	331	278
General purpose transfers to other levels of government	1,546	1,640
Transfers to own enterprises	272	294
Debt charges	1,423	1,502
Other	57	1
Total, gross general expenditure	18,218	20,912

¹Includes National Defence.²Includes Post Office.