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TOTAL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEBT PASSES \$2- $\frac{1}{2}$ TRILLION

Net public and private debt totaled \$2,525.8 billion at the end of 1973, according to the Bureau of Economic Analysis, an agency of the Social and Economic Statistics Administration of the U. S. Department of Commerce.

Debt Growth

Net public and private debt increased \$256 billion last year or 11.3 percent, compared with \$224 billion or 11 percent in 1972. Corporate debt increased 13.6 percent, public debt 6.4 percent, and individual indebtedness grew 11.6 percent.

Corporations added \$133 billion to their debt, compared with \$109 billion in 1972. The increase was in short-term instruments: liabilities due in less than one year increased \$90 billion last year, compared with \$60 billion. The increase in long-term debt was \$43 billion, compared with \$49 billion.



The outstanding liabilities of Federal financial agencies rose \$18.4 billion, compared with \$1.5 billion. Debt formation by the Federal Government amounted to \$7.9 billion, compared with \$15.3 billion. State and local governments added \$9.5 billion to their debt in 1973, compared with \$12.6 billion in 1972.

Individuals added \$57.7 billion to their indebtedness in 1973, compared with \$53.8 billion in 1972.

The liabilities associated with nonfarm business -- multi-family residential and commercial mortgages, commercial and "financial" debt -- rose \$20 billion in 1973, as compared with \$28 billion in 1972. Debts secured by mortgages on one-to-four family residential properties rose about \$35 billion in both years. The increase in farm debt was \$9.5 billion, compared with \$5 billion. Consumer debt increased \$23 billion, compared with \$19 billion.

Debt Distribution

Fifty-five percent of the \$2½ trillion total debt outstanding was owed by business. Governments -- Federal, State and local -- owed 23 percent, and individuals -- 22 percent.

Business debt outstanding at the end of last year amounted to \$1,377.3 billion; financial and nonfinancial corporations owed \$1,111.1 billion (44 percent of all outstanding debt) and farm and nonfarm unincorporated enterprises owed \$266 billion (11 percent). The Federal Government's debt was \$349 billion (14 percent) and Federal financial agencies such as the Federal National Mortgage Association owed \$60 billion (3 percent). State and local indebtedness amounted to \$184.5 billion (7 percent) and individuals owed \$555.1 billion -- \$374.6 billion in residential mortgage debt (15 percent) and \$180.5 billion (7 percent) in consumer credit.

More detailed statistics on public and private debt, summarized in the accompanying table, will appear in the June issue of Survey of Current Business, the monthly magazine of the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

The Survey is available from the District Offices of the Department of Commerce, or from the Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, at an annual subscription price of \$34.45 including weekly supplements; single copy \$2.25.

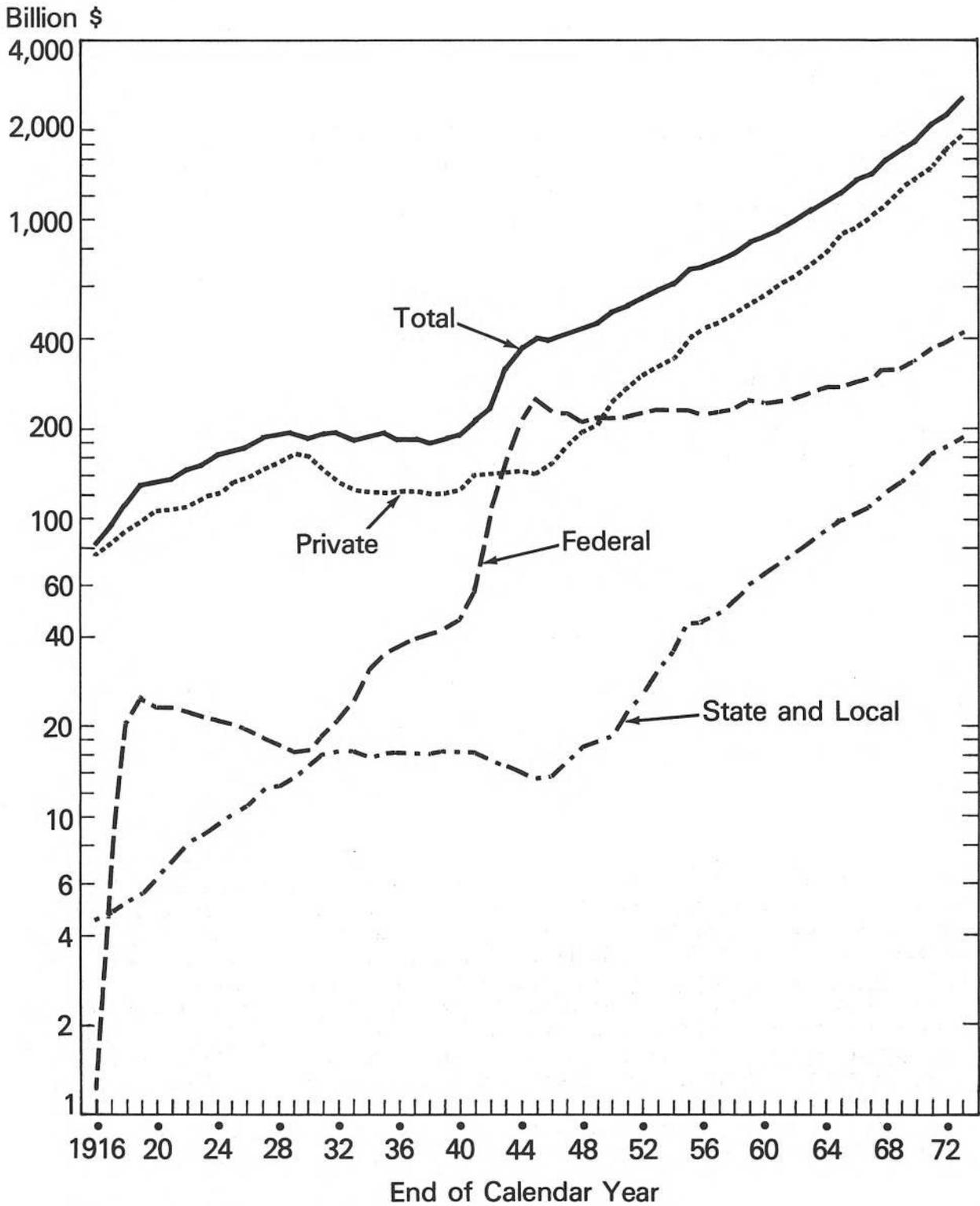
Public and Private Debt, End of Calendar Year, 1968-73
(Billions of dollars)

	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973
Net Debt						
Total net public and private debt	1,582.5	1,736.0	1,868.9	2,045.8	2,270.2	2,525.8
Total net public debt	437.1	453.2	484.9	528.2	557.6	593.4
Federal Government	291.9	289.3	301.1	325.9	341.2	349.1
Federal financial agencies	21.4	30.6	38.8	39.9	41.4	59.8
State and local governments	123.9	133.3	145.0	162.4	175.0	184.5
Total net private debt	1,145.4	1,282.9	1,384.0	1,517.6	1,712.7	1,932.4
Corporations	631.5	734.2	797.7	869.3	978.3	1,111.1
Individuals and unincorporated enterprises	513.9	548.7	586.3	648.3	734.4	821.3
Residential mortgages (1-4 family nonfarm)	246.5	261.5	278.9	305.2	339.8	374.6
Consumer	110.8	121.1	127.2	138.4	157.6	180.5
Business and farm	156.6	166.0	180.2	204.7	237.0	266.2
Gross Debt						
Total gross public and private debt	1,794.4	1,981.3	2,135.0	2,334.6	2,591.5	2,885.6
Federal Government	373.1	382.0	401.6	435.2	461.1	481.5
Federal financial agencies	21.4	30.6	38.8	39.9	41.4	59.8
State and local governments	128.4	137.9	149.3	166.3	178.6	187.4
Corporations	757.6	882.1	959.0	1,045.0	1,176.1	1,335.6
Individuals and unincorporated enterprises	513.9	548.7	586.3	648.3	734.4	821.3

Note: Federal Government net debt is the outstanding debt held by the public as defined in the Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 1975; Federal financial agency debt is the debts of the Federal Home Loan Banks, and Federal Land Banks in all years, and the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks and Banks for Cooperatives. State and local governments net debt is that owed to all economic entities except State and local governments. Corporate net debt is that owed to all entities other than affiliated corporations; and individual and unincorporated enterprise net debt is the summation of all forms of legal indebtedness of this group, except that among individuals and unincorporated nonfinancial firms.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, based on Securities and Exchange Commission and other financial data.

Net Public and Private Debt



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