

Table 7.3—STATUTORY LIMITS ON FEDERAL DEBT: 1940–CURRENT

Date and Act	History of Legislation	Dollar Amount of Limit
June 25, 1940 54 Stat. 526	Amended sec. 21, adding new authority for issuance of \$4 billion National Defense Series obligations outstanding	49,000,000,000
February 19, 1941 55 Stat. 7	Amended sec. 21, eliminating authority for \$4 billion of National Defense Series obligations and increasing limitation to	65,000,000,000
March 28, 1942 56 Stat. 189	Amended sec. 21, increasing limitation to	125,000,000,000
April 11, 1943 57 Stat. 63	Amended sec. 21, increasing limitation to	210,000,000,000
June 9, 1944 58 Stat. 272	Amended sec. 21, increasing limitation to	260,000,000,000
April 3, 1945 59 Stat. 47	Amended sec. 21, including obligations guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States and increasing limitation to	300,000,000,000
June 26, 1946 60 Stat. 316	Amended sec. 21, defining face amount of savings bonds to be current redemption value and decreasing limitation to	275,000,000,000
August 28, 1954 68 Stat. 895	Increasing sec. 21 limitation by \$6 billion during period beginning August 28, 1954, and ending June 30, 1955	281,000,000,000
June 30, 1955 69 Stat. 241	Amended act of August 28, 1954, extending increase in limitation until June 30, 1956	281,000,000,000
July 9, 1956 70 Stat. 519	Increased sec. 21 limitation by \$3 billion during period beginning July 1, 1956, and ending June 30, 1957	278,000,000,000
February 26, 1958 72 Stat. 27	Increased sec. 21 limitation by \$5 billion during period beginning February 26, 1958, and ending June 30, 1959	280,000,000,000
September 2, 1958 72 Stat. 1758	Amended sec. 21, increasing limitation to \$283 billion, which with temporary increase of February 26, 1958 made limitation	288,000,000,000
June 30, 1959 73 Stat. 156	Amended sec. 21, increasing limitation to \$285 billion and increased sec. 21 limitation by \$10 billion during period beginning July 1, 1959, and ending June 30, 1960	295,000,000,000
June 30, 1960 74 Stat. 290	Increased sec. 21 limitation by \$8 billion during period beginning July 1, 1960, and ending June 30, 1961	293,000,000,000
June 30, 1961 75 Stat. 148	Increased sec. 21 limitation by \$13 billion during period beginning July 1, 1961, and ending June 30, 1962	298,000,000,000
March 13, 1962 76 Stat. 23	Increased sec. 21 limitation by \$2 billion (in addition to temporary increase of \$13 billion in act of June 30, 1961) during period beginning March 13, 1962, and ending June 30, 1962	300,000,000,000
July 1, 1962 76 Stat. 124	Increased sec. 21 limitation during the periods: (1) beginning July 1, 1962, and ending March 31, 1963, to	308,000,000,000
May 29, 1963 77 Stat. 90	(2) beginning April 1, 1963, and ending June 24, 1963, to	305,000,000,000
August 27, 1963 77 Stat. 131	(3) beginning June 25, 1963, and ending June 30, 1963, to	300,000,000,000
November 26, 1963 77 Stat. 342	Increased sec. 21 limitation during the periods: (1) beginning May 29, 1963, and ending June 30, 1963, to	307,000,000,000
June 29, 1964 78 Stat. 225	(2) beginning July 1, 1963, and ending August 31, 1963, to	309,000,000,000
June 24, 1965 79 Stat. 172	Increased sec. 21 limitation during the period beginning September 1, 1963, and ending November 30, 1963, to	309,000,000,000
June 24, 1966 80 Stat. 221	Increased sec. 21 limitation during the periods: (1) beginning December 1, 1963, and ending June 29, 1964, to	315,000,000,000
March 2, 1967 81 Stat. 4	(2) ending June 30, 1964, to	309,000,000,000
June 29, 1964 78 Stat. 225	Increased sec. 21 limitation during the period beginning June 29, 1964, and ending June 30, 1965, to	324,000,000,000
June 24, 1965 79 Stat. 172	Increased sec. 21 limitation during the period beginning July 1, 1965, and ending June 30, 1966, to	328,000,000,000
June 24, 1966 80 Stat. 221	Increased sec. 21 limitation during the period beginning July 1, 1966, and ending June 30, 1967, to	330,000,000,000
March 2, 1967 81 Stat. 4	Increased sec. 21 limitation during the period beginning March 2, 1967, and ending June 30, 1967, to	336,000,000,000