

Resources for Data on Military Spending, Tools for Opposing War and Military Spending

1. National Priorities Project

www.nationalpriorities.org

The National Priorities Project (NPP)...Helping the public understand and shape the federal budget to meet community needs by providing: Analysis of critical budget issues. State and local data. Tools for local action.

2. War Resisters League

<http://www.warresisters.org>

Responding to US War on Terror and on Iraq
special: print flyers for “Common Cents”, “Who Profits from War?”

3. Open Secrets

www.opensecrets.org

The Center for Responsive Politics is a non-partisan, non-profit research group based in Washington, D.C. that tracks money in politics, and its effect on elections and public policy. The Center conducts computer-based research on campaign finance issues for the news media, academics, activists, and the public at large. The Center's work is aimed at creating a more educated voter, an involved citizenry, and a more responsive government.

4. Women's Action for New Directions

www.wand.org

Previously known as “Women’s Action for Nuclear Disarmament”

WAND's mission is to empower women to act politically to reduce violence and militarism, and redirect excessive military resources toward unmet human and environmental needs.

From the National Priorities Project website:

Tax Day Reports

“How the Government Spent Your Income Taxes:”

Cambridge: <http://www.nationalpriorities.org/taxday2002/pdf/camma.pdf>

Arlington: <http://www.nationalpriorities.org/taxday2002/pdf/arlma.pdf>

Boston: <http://www.nationalpriorities.org/taxday2002/pdf/bosma.pdf>

From: National Priorities Project

Military Spending and What it Could Really Pay For

For: Massachusetts

The Cost of Missile Defense to your state

State Share of Missile Defense	\$218 M
Head Start (# of Children)	27,369
Children's Health Care Coverage (# of Children)	95,368
Affordable Housing (# of units)	3,118
Elementary Teachers (#)	3,853

The Cost of Nuclear Weapons to your state

State Share	\$419 M
Head Start (# of Children)	52,510
Children's Health Care Coverage (# of Children)	182,976
Affordable Housing (# of units)	5,982
Elementary Teachers (#)	7,392

The Cost of Increased Military Spending to your state

State Share	\$1,172 M
Head Start (# of Children)	147,018
Children's Health Care Coverage (# of Children)	512,295
Affordable Housing (# of units)	16,749
Elementary Teachers (#)	20,696

The Cost of Jet Fighter Programs to your state

State Share	\$305 M
Head Start (# of Children)	38,245
Children's Health Care Coverage (# of Children)	133,268
Affordable Housing (# of units)	4,357
Elementary Teachers (#)	5,384

For Notes and Sources of Data:

<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/issues/military/notes.html>

People in Mass. are in need:

Poverty Rate 10%
Child Poverty Rate 14%
People without Health Insurance 9%
Children without Health Insurance 8%
Tenants paying more than 30% in Rent 40%

From: State of the States Report

<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/sos2002/ma.pdf>