

Are you concerned about the Budget of the United Nations? We the United States of America send more money to it than other nations do. Is it really expensive and wasteful?

Of course I had to turn to the Web to find out how it compares to other things.

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<https://www.voanews.com/a/un-peacekeeping-budget-cut-by-600-million-dollars/3923664.html>

as reported in the Voice of America June 30, 2017

*Upon arriving at the U.N. in January, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations **Nikki Haley** said she would be looking at what is working and fixing what is not.*

“Anything that seems to be obsolete and not necessary, we're going to do away with,” Haley warned.

*The United States is the U.N.'s largest donor, **contributing about \$611 million this year to the regular budget of more than \$2.5 billion.** Washington also **contributes more than \$2 billion annually** to peacekeeping, and hundreds of millions more to programs, including the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Food Program.*

Friday's vote was focused only on the peacekeeping budget, meaning the U.S. will save around \$150 million next year, as it pays about a quarter of the peacekeeping budget.

Washington had hoped to slash \$1 billion from the department's budget, but lengthy negotiations among member states ended with a European Union-proposed compromise of \$7.3 billion for the annual peacekeeping budget. Ambassador Haley proclaimed it a victory.

\$9.8 Billion is the combined “ regular” budget plus “peacekeeping budget.”

The world population was reported as 7.6 Billion people in December 2017.

Therefore the UN’s budget is One dollar and 29 cents per capita of the world – I repeat

that is \$ 1.29 per person in the world per year

to run a world wide organization that attempts to intervene in armed conflicts, mediate between nations in conflict, encourage them to keep coming to talk about problems instead of bombing each other in a Nuclear armed world. Oh, and translating the words of each into 6 official languages.

*****For Comparison see below *****

The State of Arkansas had a state budget of \$28.6 Billion for 2016 or \$9,603 per capita. from "[FY 2016 Funded Budget](#)" (PDF). Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration. Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration. 31 December 2015. p. 4. Retrieved 5 July 2016.

The UN’s budget is 34% of the state of Arkansas’s budget.

The State of Georgia had a state budget of \$23.7 Billion for 2017, or \$2,320 per capita according to Kemp, Brian P. (2016). [State of Georgia's Budget FY 2017 \(PDF\)](#). Atlanta, Ga.: Georgia Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. p. 152. Retrieved 2 July 2016.

The UN's budget is 41% of the state of Georgia's budget.

The State of Indiana State Budget \$31.9 Billion for 2017 or \$4,819 per capita from [List of Appropriations Made by the Regular Session of the 2015 Indiana General Assembly for the Biennium July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2017 \(PDF\)](#). Indianapolis, Ind.: Indiana State Budget Agency. 2015. p. 1. Retrieved 7 July 2015.

The UN's budget is 31% of the state of Indiana's budget.

The State of Maine had a budget of \$8.3 Billion in 2016-17 or \$6,244 per capita (2 yr budget), \$3,122 on an annual basis per capita from [Total Appropriations and Allocations – All Funds – 2016–2017 Biennium \(PDF\)](#). Augusta, Maine: Maine State Legislature Office of Fiscal and Program Review. 2016. p. 8. Retrieved 5 July 2016.

The UN's budget is 236% of the state of Maine's budget annually. [13 states' budgets were lower than the UN]

The State of Massachusetts state budget for 2017 was \$ 39.1 Billion or \$5,755 per capita from [Massachusetts General Court. Section 1A \(4\), H No. 4450 of 29 June 2016](#). Retrieved on 29 July 2016.

The UN's budget is 25 % of the state of Massachusetts's budget annually.

The Minnesota State budget (from a wikipedia article) in 2016- 2017 is \$71 Billion or \$12,988 per capita (for 2 years), annual \$ 6,494 per capita.

["Ask the Budget Director"](#). Minnesota Management and Budget. Minnesota Management and Budget. Retrieved 5 July 2015.

The UN's budget is 27% of the state of Minnesota's budget annually.

\$2.688 Billion is the cost of a Virginia Class nuclear submarine in the US Navy - FOR ONE SUB