

Federal Mis-Spending – Want to Build the Wall just consider these facts.

Running the Government

Every year, the federal government spends about \$3.8 trillion. If you break that figure down, it comes to \$10.4 billion per day, \$432 million per hour and \$7.2 million per minute. At that cost, the border wall would be the equivalent of just one and a half days of operating the government.

Improper Payments for Medicaid and Medicare

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) estimated in 2014 that there were approximately \$17.5 billion worth of improper Medicaid payments made and \$59.9 billion in improper Medicare payments, totaling \$76.4 billion. When combined with other government benefit programs, the total came out to \$124.7 billion worth of improper payments, up from \$105.8 billion in 2014.

Maintaining Unused and Vacant Property

Maintaining vacant buildings and unused property cost the government \$25 billion in 2009 according to the Heritage Foundation. Currently, there's a total of 1.186 billion square feet of excess space in the administration's possession, with federal buildings that are worth billions of dollars just sitting around empty. The maintenance alone for all this space is between three and four billion dollars per year.

The Earned Income Tax Credit

Improper payments to the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) benefits program for taxpayers totaled \$15.6 billion in fiscal 2015, according to the Treasury Department's Inspector General Tax Administration. This amount is roughly equivalent to the cost of building one of Trump's border walls.