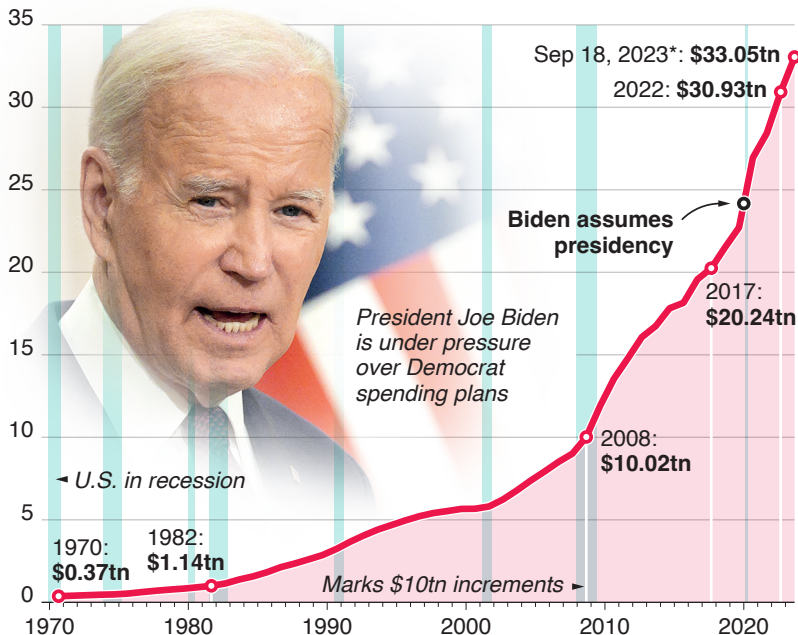


# U.S. national debt hits \$33 trillion

The U.S. national debt has breached the \$33 trillion mark for the first time, amid concerns that another fight over federal spending may trigger the first government shutdown since 2019

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Debt is poised to top **\$50 trillion** by end of this decade, even after accounting for newly passed spending cuts

Note: Chart nodes mark end of government fiscal years (Sep 30). \*12 days from end of fiscal year

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