

Contributions of Member States 1950-2000

Percentages of the regular budget for countries with an assessed contribution exceeding 2%

	1950	1960	1970	1980	1990	2000
Argentina	2,16	-	-	-	-	-
Australia	2,30	-	-	-	2,21	2,01
Brazil	2,16	-	-	-	2,04	-
Canada	3,74	3,01	2,84	3,01	4,33	3,70
France	7,00	6,19	5,65	5,77	8,83	8,86
Germany FR	-	5,16	6,60	7,63	11,41	13,34
India	3,80	2,38	-	-	-	-
Italy	-	2,18	3,05	3,35	5,63	7,36
Japan	-	2,12	3,56	8,56	16,07	25,00
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	2,33	2,21
Spain	-	-	-	-	2,75	3,51
Sweden	2,31	-	-	-	-	-
URSS	13,18	13,75	11,49	14,10	8,05	-
UK	13,27	7,53	6,23	4,48	-	6,89
USA	37,82	31,46	29,73	25,00	--	-

The withdrawals of the USA, UK and Singapore in 1984-85 meant a 30% reduction of contributions and led to a general increase in the percentages of the regular budget contributions by the remaining Member States. Forty countries pay the minimum rate of assessment, 0.001, in 2000. The scale of assessments for Member States of UNESCO is based on the United Nations scale, subject to adjustments necessitated by the difference in membership. To calculate the contributions the United Nations Committee of Contributions uses the net national income as the principal measure of the capacity to pay with some other criteria such as per capita income.