

# Your sliver of national debt swelled to \$10,048 in 1985

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government debt burden for every man, woman and child in the United States grew to \$10,048 in 1985, a 14 percent increase over 1984, the Census Bureau said Tuesday.

The amount every individual in the country would have to contribute to eliminate the combined debt of the federal government and state and local governments has risen at double-digit rates for the past four

years.

Three-fourths of the 1985 combined debt, \$7,655 for each American, was owed by the federal government.

Local government accounted for 15 percent of the debt, \$1,506 per person. State government debt was \$888 per person, or 10 percent of the total.

Combined state and local debt per resident was

highest in Alaska, at \$18,960, followed by North Dakota with a state and local debt burden of \$6,060 per resident.

Residents of Idaho had the lowest non-federal debt level at \$1,140 followed by Mississippi with a state and local debt burden of \$1,240 per person.

The combined debt per person of \$10,048 in 1985 compared to a total of \$8,815 in 1984, when the debt

total had risen 12.3 percent from the previous fiscal year.

The three levels of government reported \$2.4 trillion in debt outstanding for 1985, up \$317 billion or 15 percent since 1984. Federal debt increased \$251 billion or nearly 16 percent over 1984. The increase for state and local debt was \$66 billion, a rise of 13 percent.