The first page showcases the initial scenario:

You were hired by a small debt agency in Washington, DC, that specializes in analyzing and forecasting public and private debt.

The US government has requested an analysis of its public and governmental debt to answer the questions below.

Using the Questions and Data Dictionary Provided, answer the questions using charts/graphs and narratives

The questions are the following:

- 1. What was the Yearly Debt Percentage Increase for each year compared to the previous year?
- 2. Which months historically have seen the highest/lowest increases in Total debt?
- 3. What is the projected growth of the publicly held debt in the next few years?

The 2nd and 3rd pages showcase how the data is initially available once downloaded. Next, on page 4, I transpose the data, clean it, and present it in a more readable format.

For the first question (Which months historically have seen the highest/lowest increases in **Total debt?**), I gather the ending totals for private and public debt for each year (Debt Held by the Public, Intragovernmental Holdings, Total Public Debt Outstanding) and calculate the percentage increase each year with the formula:

• (Present total / Last year's total) /Last year's total \* 100

Next, I created a chart based on the percentages to showcase this information.

For question 2 (Which months historically have seen the highest/lowest increases in Total debt?), I created a table based on the data and Total Public Debt Outstanding. I then created a pivot table with the table and aggregated the average Total Public Debt Outstanding for each month. With this information, I made a line chart illustrating the monthly movement of the outstanding public debt.

Lastly, for question 3 (What is the projected growth of the publicly held debt in the next few years?), I made a table of the entire data set once more. I then made a pivot table of the maximum debt held by the public every year. Afterward, I created a new table that forecasted 2024, 2025, 2026, and 2027 using the FORECAST FUNCTION to estimate what the public would look like.















