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Summary: The cost of servicing US government debt jumped by 25% in the first nine months of the fiscal year, reaching \$652 billion and contributing to a major widening in the budget deficit. For the nine months through June, the federal deficit hit \$1.39 trillion, up some 170% from the same period the year before, according to Treasury Department data released on Thursday. As lower-yielding securities mature, the Treasury faces steady increases in the rates it pays on outstanding debt. The weighted average interest for total outstanding debt by the end of June was 2.76%, the highest level since February 2012, according to the Treasury. That's up from 1.80% a year before, the department's data show.

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