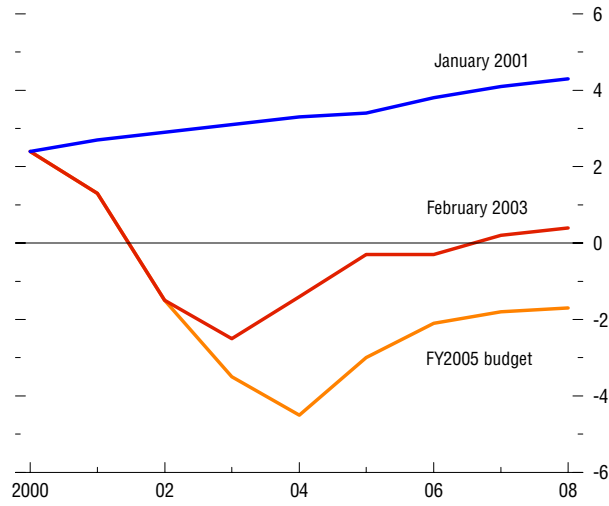


Figure 2.1. United States: Fiscal Balance
(Percent of GDP; fiscal years)

From an extremely strong position in FY2000, the U.S. fiscal outlook has deteriorated rapidly.



Sources: FY2001, FY2003, and FY2005 budgets of the U.S. government.