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How much is there?

Two official budgets, kept side by side, and not averaged.

Official pages agree that most of what holds the universe together is not the matter we can see. They do not all say so in the same figures.

The official story	Official wording
NASA's Dark Matter page	"Ordinary matter makes up only about 5% of the universe, while dark matter makes up about 27%." A later sentence on the same page: "normal or visible matter (5%), dark matter (27%), and dark energy (68%)." NASA Space Place stays in that same family of figures.
Hubble's dark-matter page	Dark matter is "theorized to make up 85 percent of the universe's total mass, or almost 30 percent of the universe's combined mass-energy."
This sheet	Those wordings are not averaged, and one is not treated as a rounding of the other. "Total mass" and "combined mass-energy" are not the same kind of whole.

A short quiz

1. On NASA's Dark Matter page, about what share of the universe is dark matter?
2. What share of the universe's total mass does Hubble's page give?
3. Should those two official figures be averaged?

Answers. About 27%. 85 percent of the universe's total mass (or almost 30 percent of its combined mass-energy). No — this sheet keeps them unblended.

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