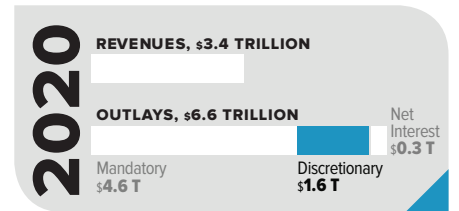


# THE FEDERAL BUDGET IN FISCAL YEAR **2020**

## A CLOSER LOOK AT **DISCRETIONARY** SPENDING

Spending that lawmakers control annually through appropriation acts



AT A **GLANCE**

**\$1.6**  
Trillion

Discretionary outlays by the federal government in **2020**

**\$0.9**  
Trillion

Outlays for nondefense programs, which accounted for more than half of the discretionary total, in **2020**

**7.8%**  
of GDP

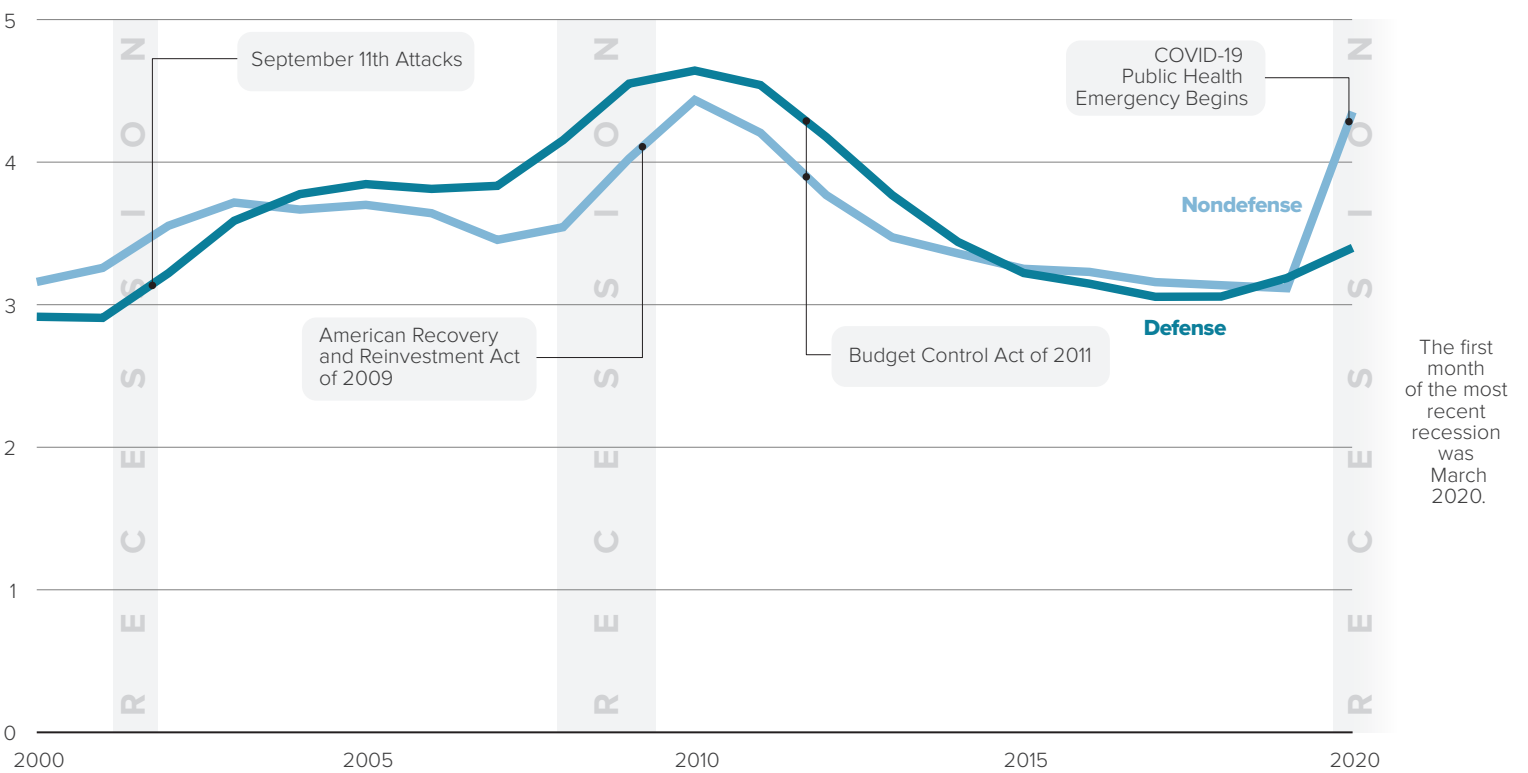
Discretionary outlays in **2020**

**7.2%**  
of GDP

Average discretionary outlays between **2000** and **2019**

## TRENDS IN **DISCRETIONARY** SPENDING

Outlays, as a Percentage of Gross Domestic Product



## **DISCRETIONARY** SPENDING IN 2020

Billions of Dollars

