

A Closer Look at Mandatory Spending

Primarily benefit programs for which laws set eligibility rules and benefit formulas

Mandatory Spending at a Glance

\$2.3 Trillion

Mandatory spending by the federal government in 2015

\$1.0 Trillion

Spending in 2015 on the major health care programs (without subtracting offsetting receipts), the largest component of mandatory spending

12.9%

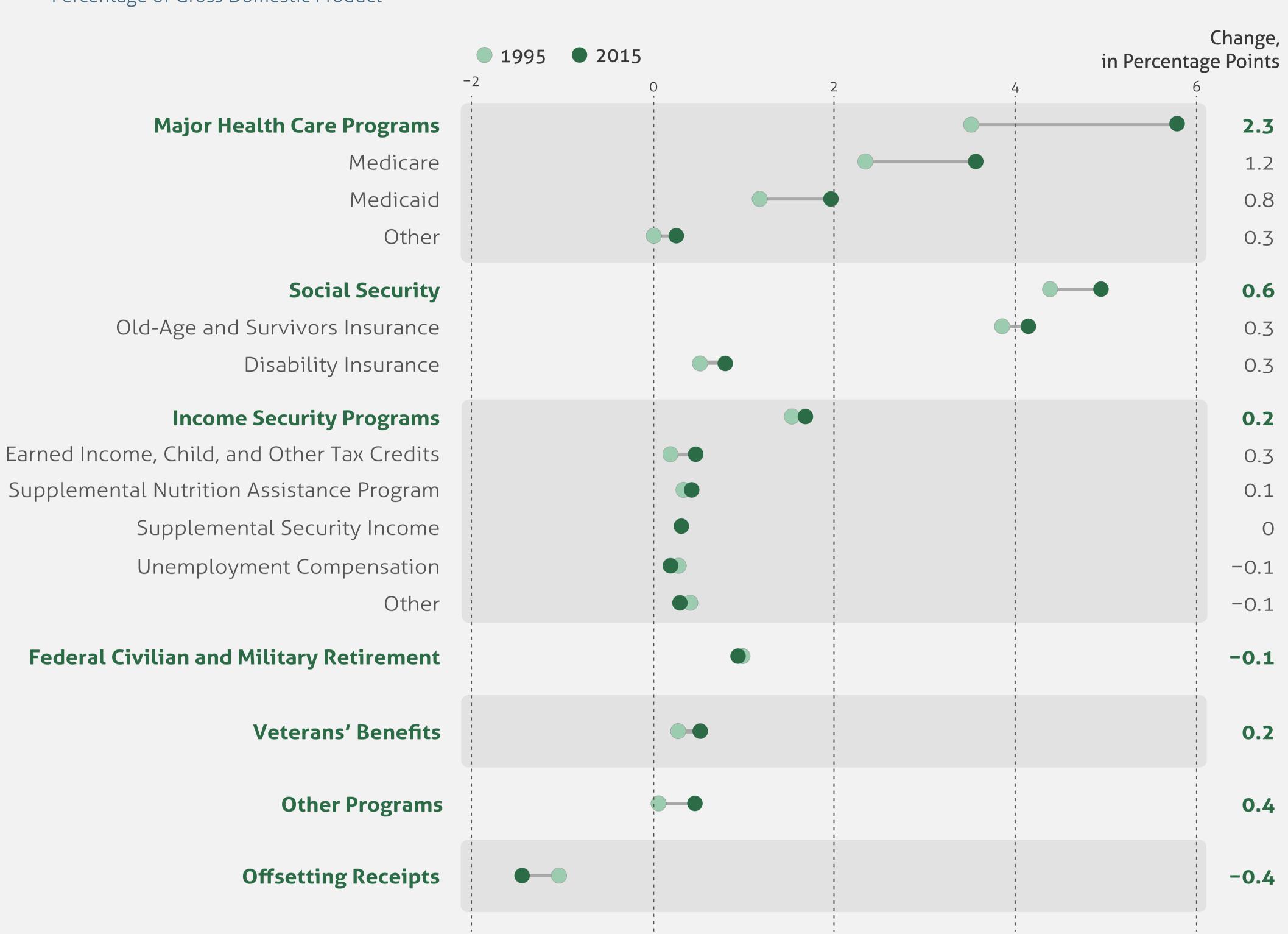
Mandatory spending as a percentage of gross domestic product in 2015

10.9%

Average mandatory spending as a percentage of gross domestic product between 1995 and 2014

Mandatory Spending in 1995 and 2015

Percentage of Gross Domestic Product



Mandatory Spending in 2015

Billions of Dollars

