

A Closer Look at Mandatory Spending

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

Mandatory Spending at a Glance

\$2.4 Trillion

Mandatory spending by the federal government in 2016

\$1.6 Trillion

Spending on
Social Security and Medicare
(without subtracting
offsetting receipts) in 2016

13.2%

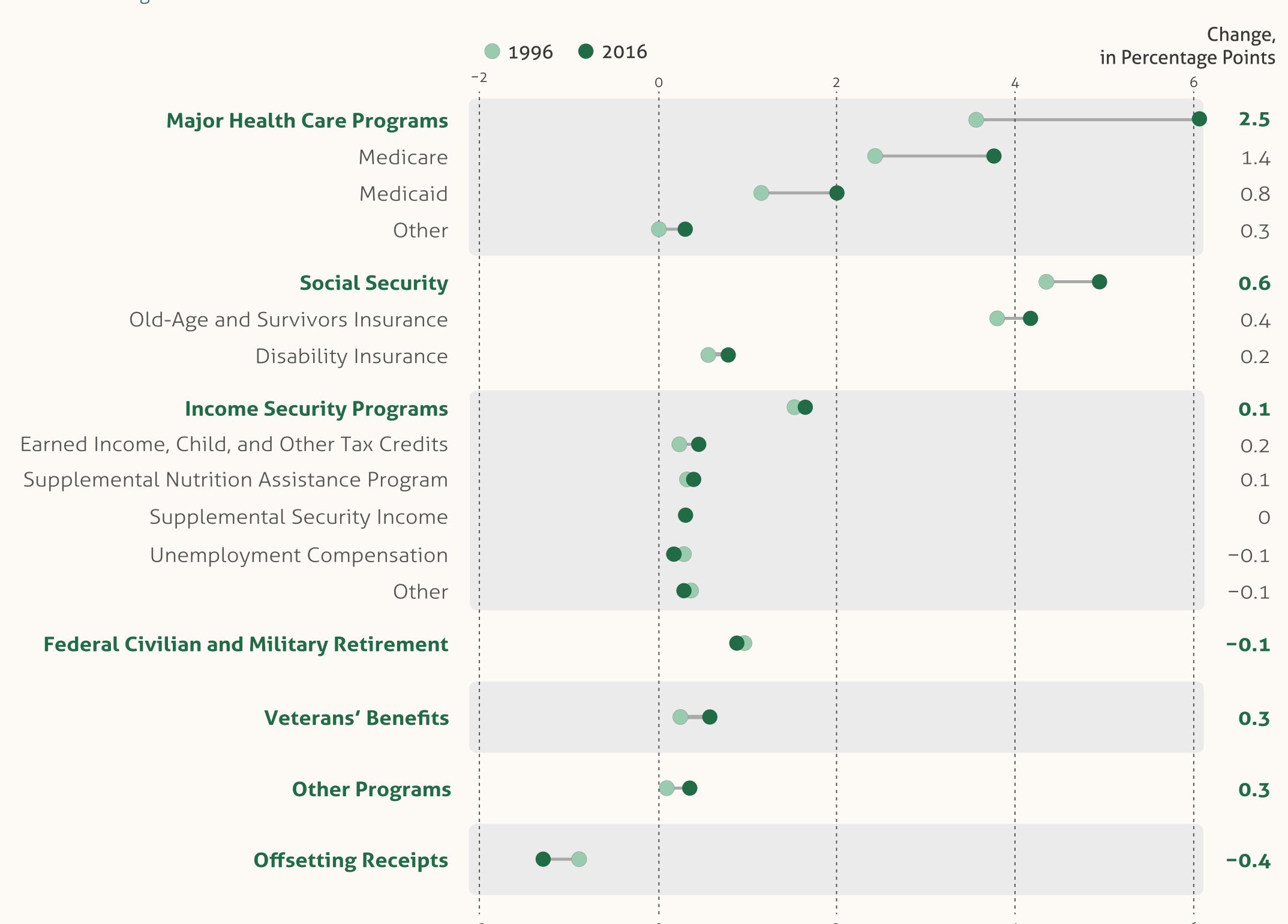
Mandatory spending as a percentage of gross domestic product in 2016

11.0%

Average mandatory spending as a percentage of gross domestic product between 1996 and 2015

Mandatory Spending in 1996 and 2016

Percentage of Gross Domestic Product



Mandatory Spending in 2016

Billions of Dollars

