

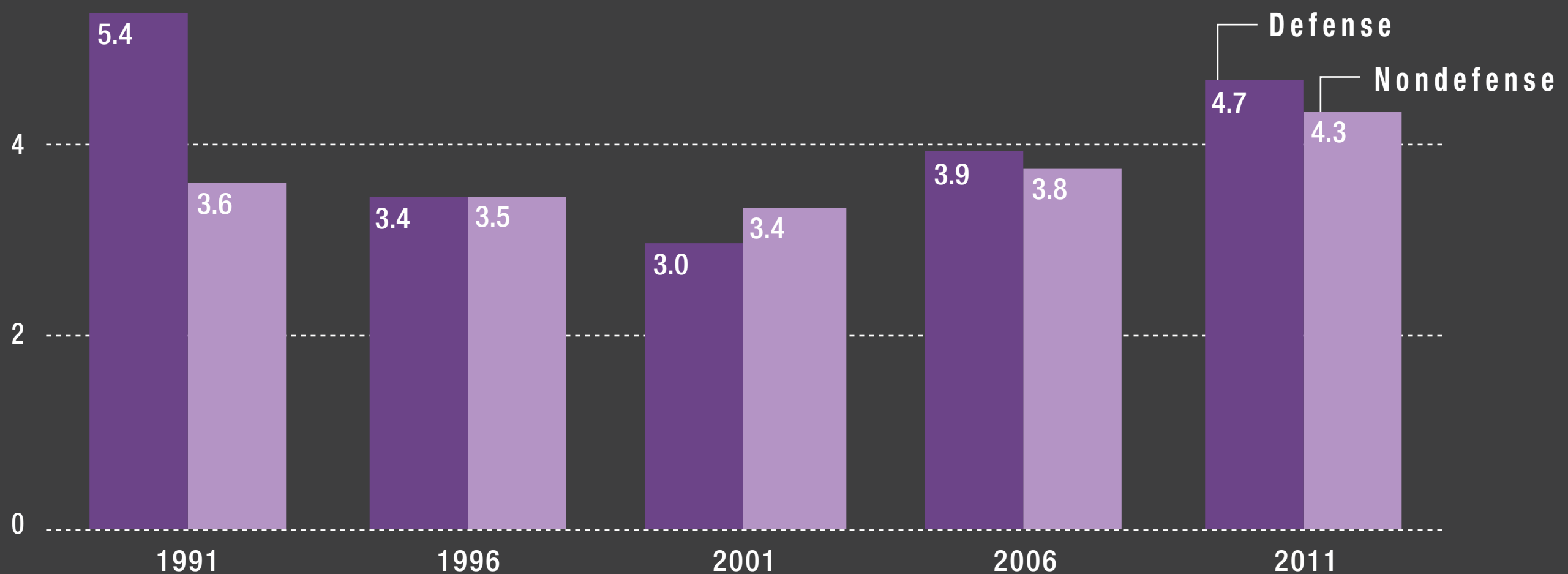
A Closer Look at Discretionary Spending

Spending that lawmakers control through annual appropriation acts

Discretionary Spending at a Glance

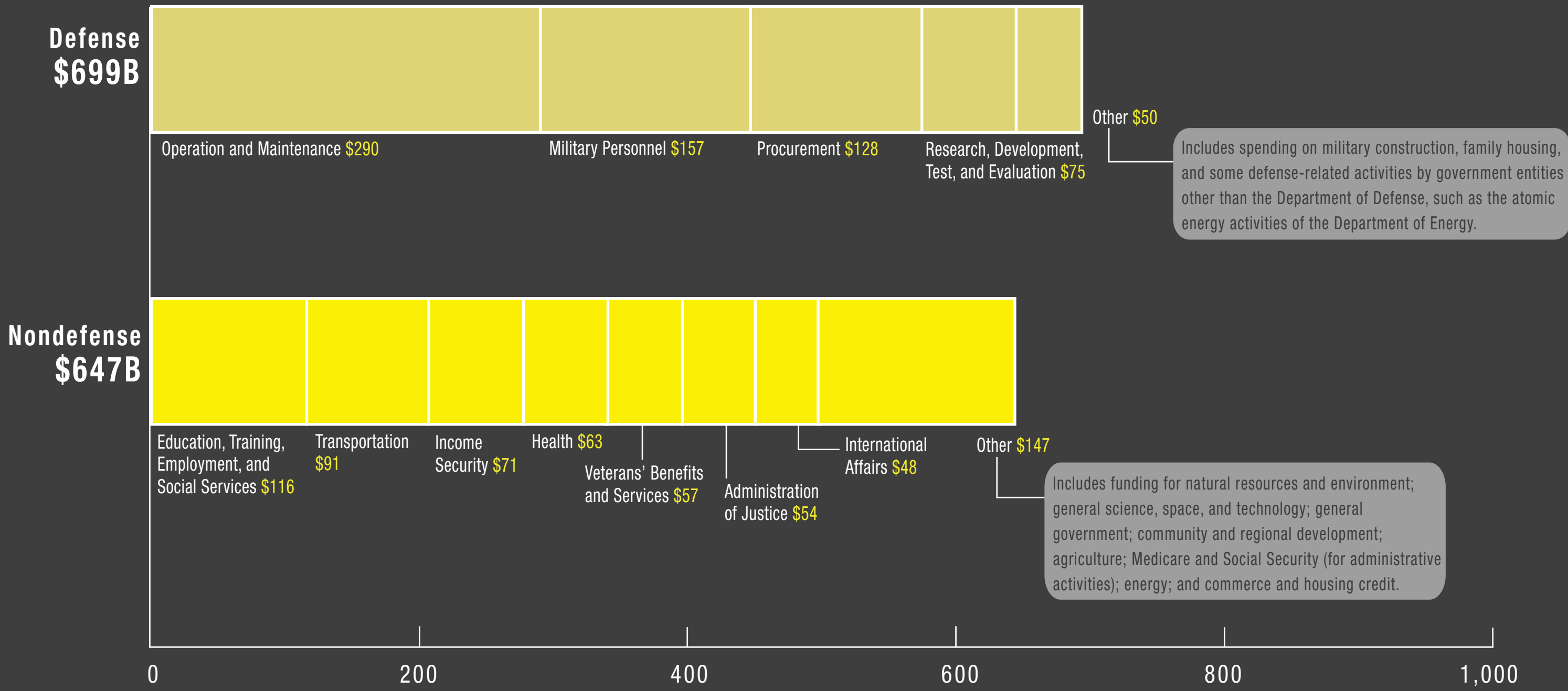


[TRENDS in Discretionary Spending] Percentage of gross domestic product



[BREAKDOWN of Discretionary Spending in 2011]

Billions of dollars



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For more details, see CBO's *Budget and Economic Outlook*, January 2012: <http://go.usa.gov/nPi> and CBO's *Updated Budget Projections*, March 2012: <http://go.usa.gov/mqN>



All data are for federal fiscal years, which run from October 1 to September 30.

Numbers may not add up to totals because of rounding. Net Interest not included.