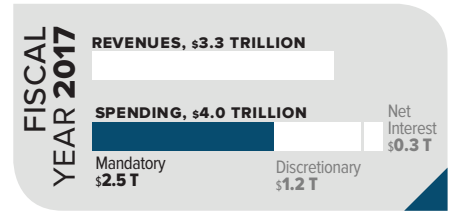


THE FEDERAL BUDGET IN 2017

A CLOSER LOOK AT MANDATORY SPENDING

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



AT A GLANCE

\$2.5
Trillion

Mandatory spending by the federal government in **2017**

\$1.6
Trillion

Spending on Social Security and Medicare (without subtracting offsetting receipts) in **2017**

13.1%

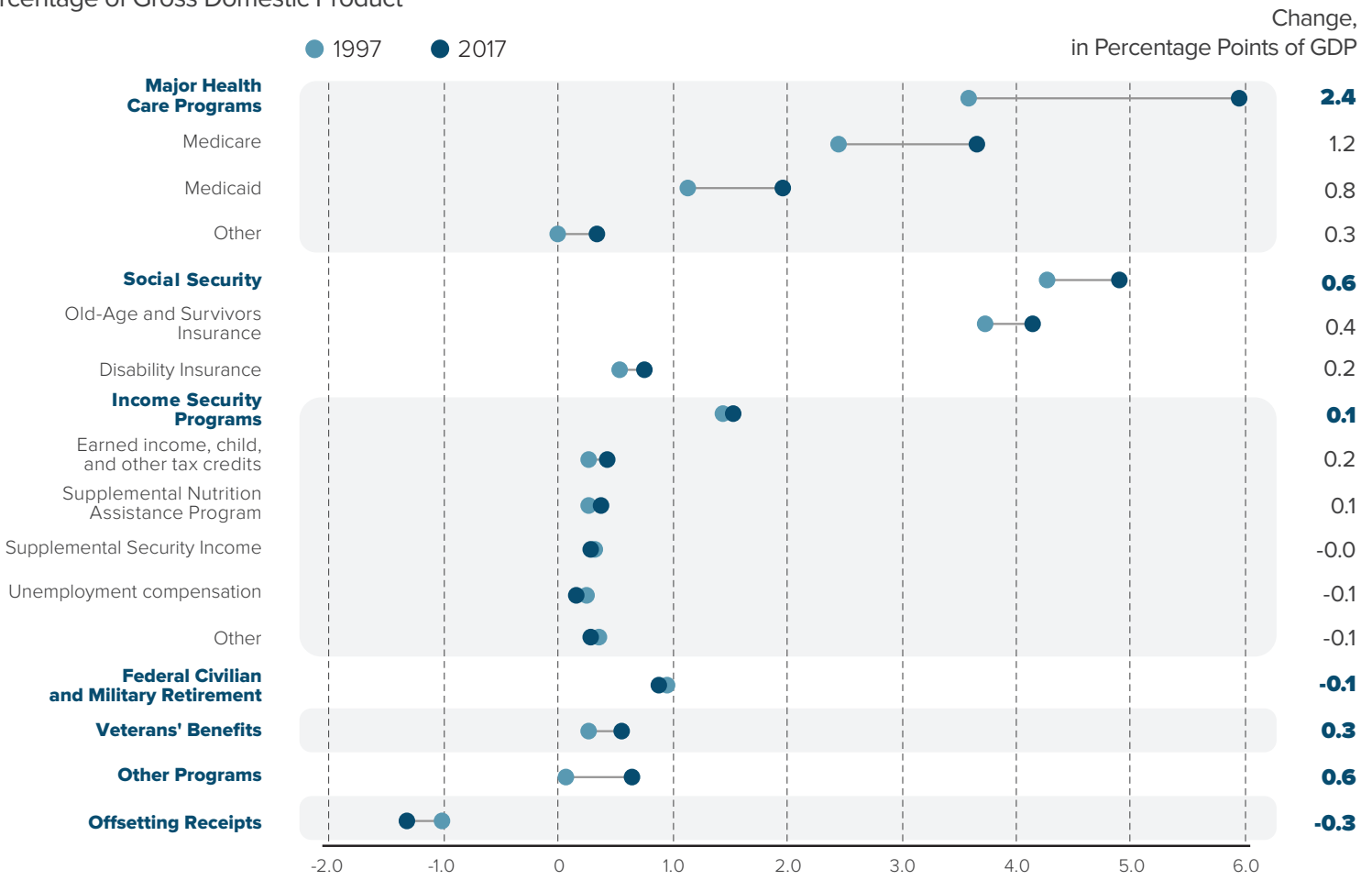
Mandatory spending as a percentage of gross domestic product in **2017**

11.2%

Average mandatory spending as a percentage of gross domestic product between **1997** and **2016**

MANDATORY SPENDING IN 1997 AND 2017

Percentage of Gross Domestic Product



MANDATORY SPENDING IN 2017

Billions of Dollars

