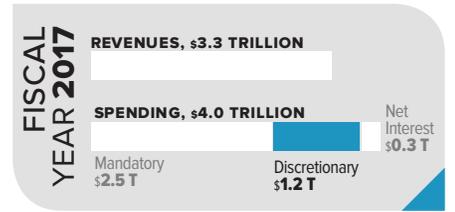


THE FEDERAL BUDGET IN 2017

A CLOSER LOOK AT DISCRETIONARY SPENDING



Spending that lawmakers control through annual appropriation acts

AT A GLANCE

\$1.2
Trillion

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

\$0.6
Trillion

Spending on national defense, which accounted for nearly half of the discretionary total, in **2017**

6.3%

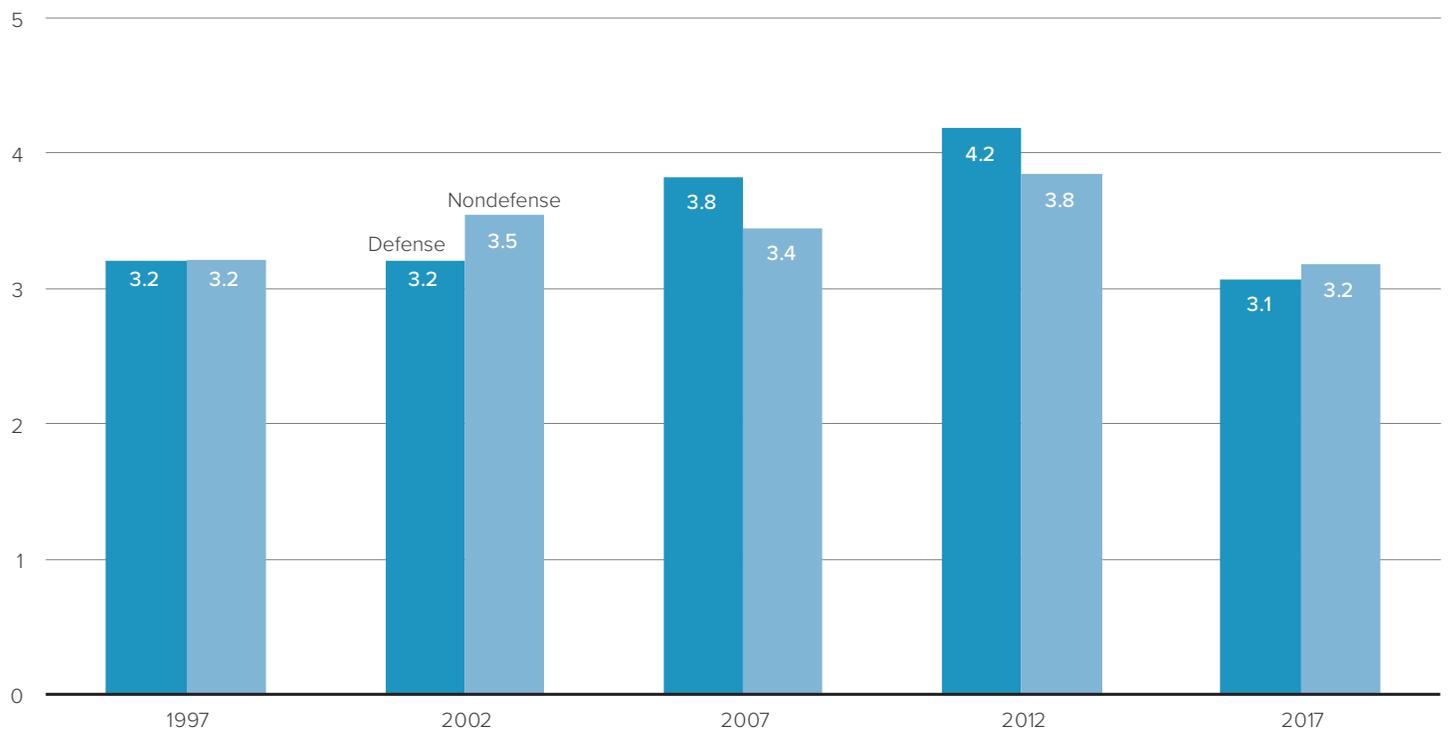
Discretionary spending as a percentage of gross domestic product in **2017**

7.2%

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

TRENDS IN DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

Percentage of Gross Domestic Product



DISCRETIONARY SPENDING IN 2017

Billions of Dollars

