

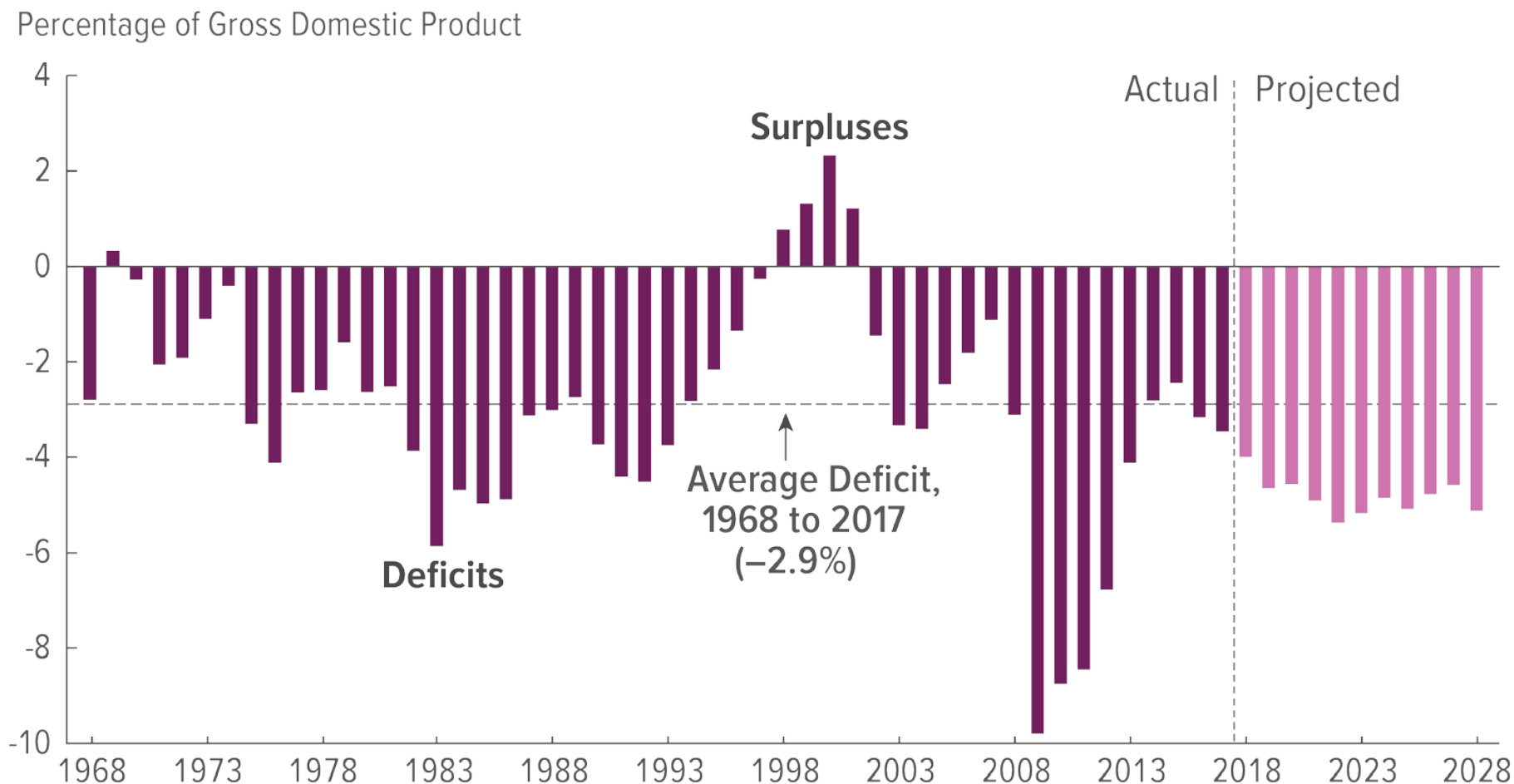


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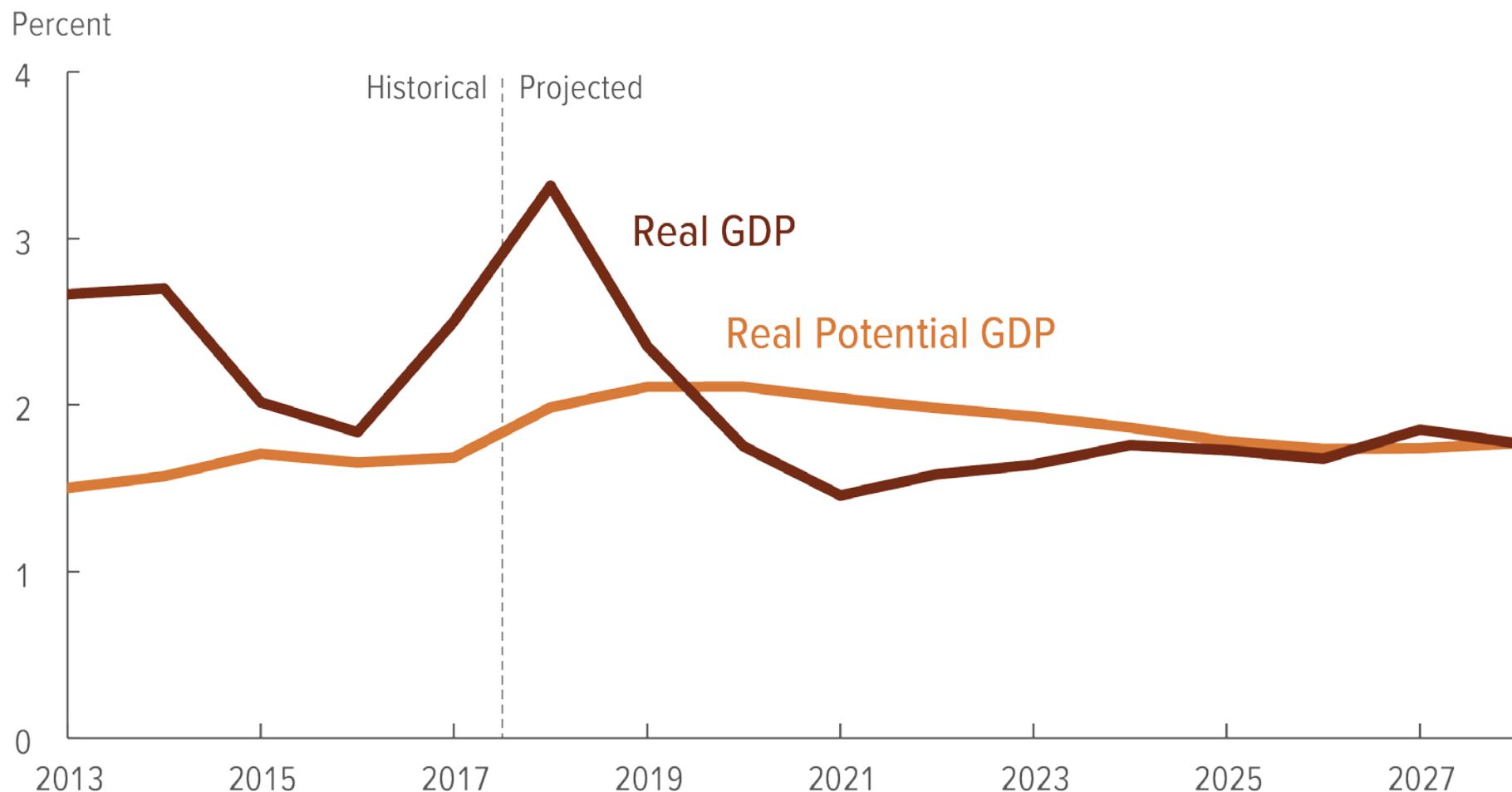
An Overview of *The Budget and Economic Outlook: 2018 to 2028*

A Briefing for the Press at CBO

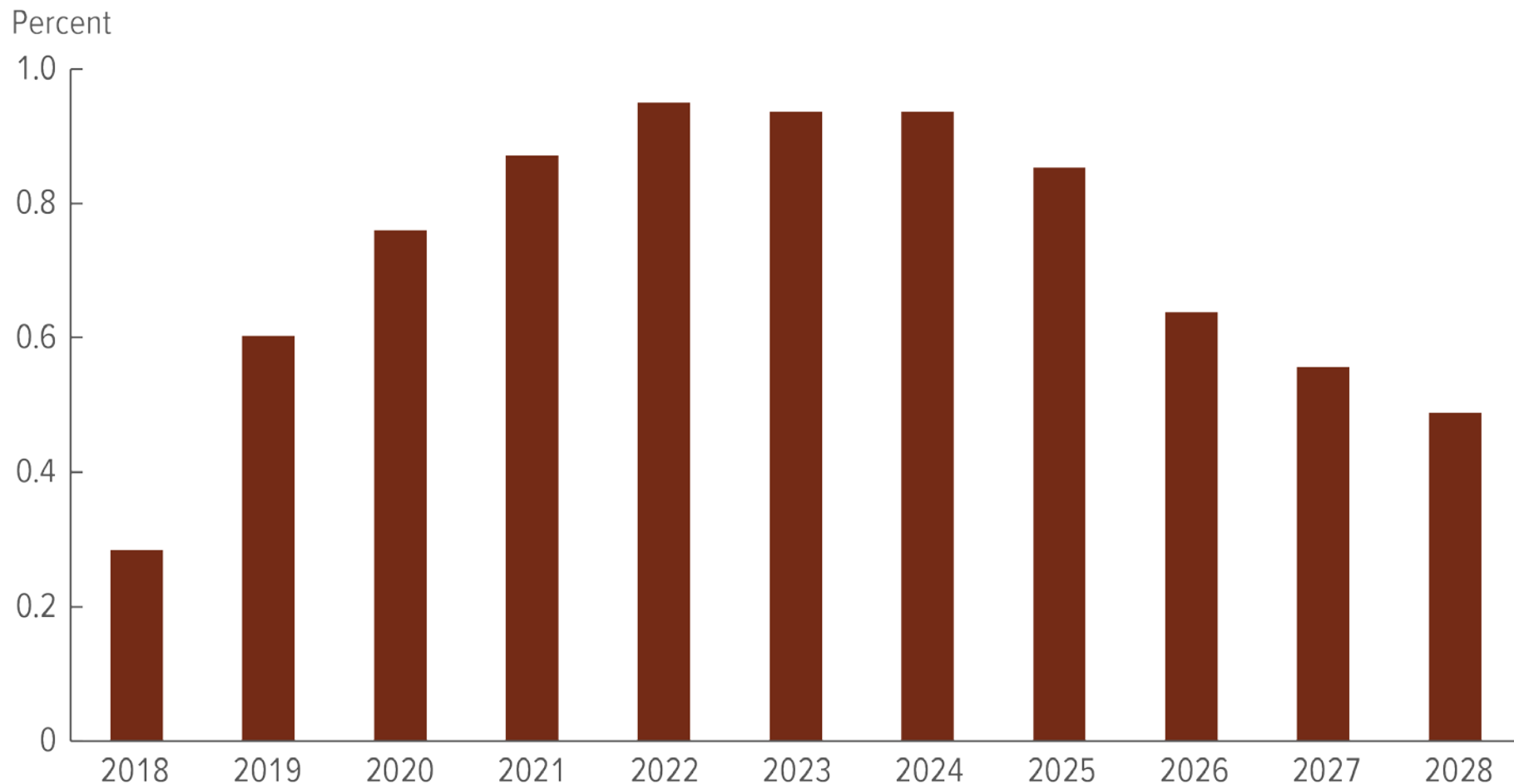
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Deficits as a percentage of gross domestic product are projected to increase over the next few years and then largely stabilize. They exceed their 50-year average throughout the 2018–2028 period.

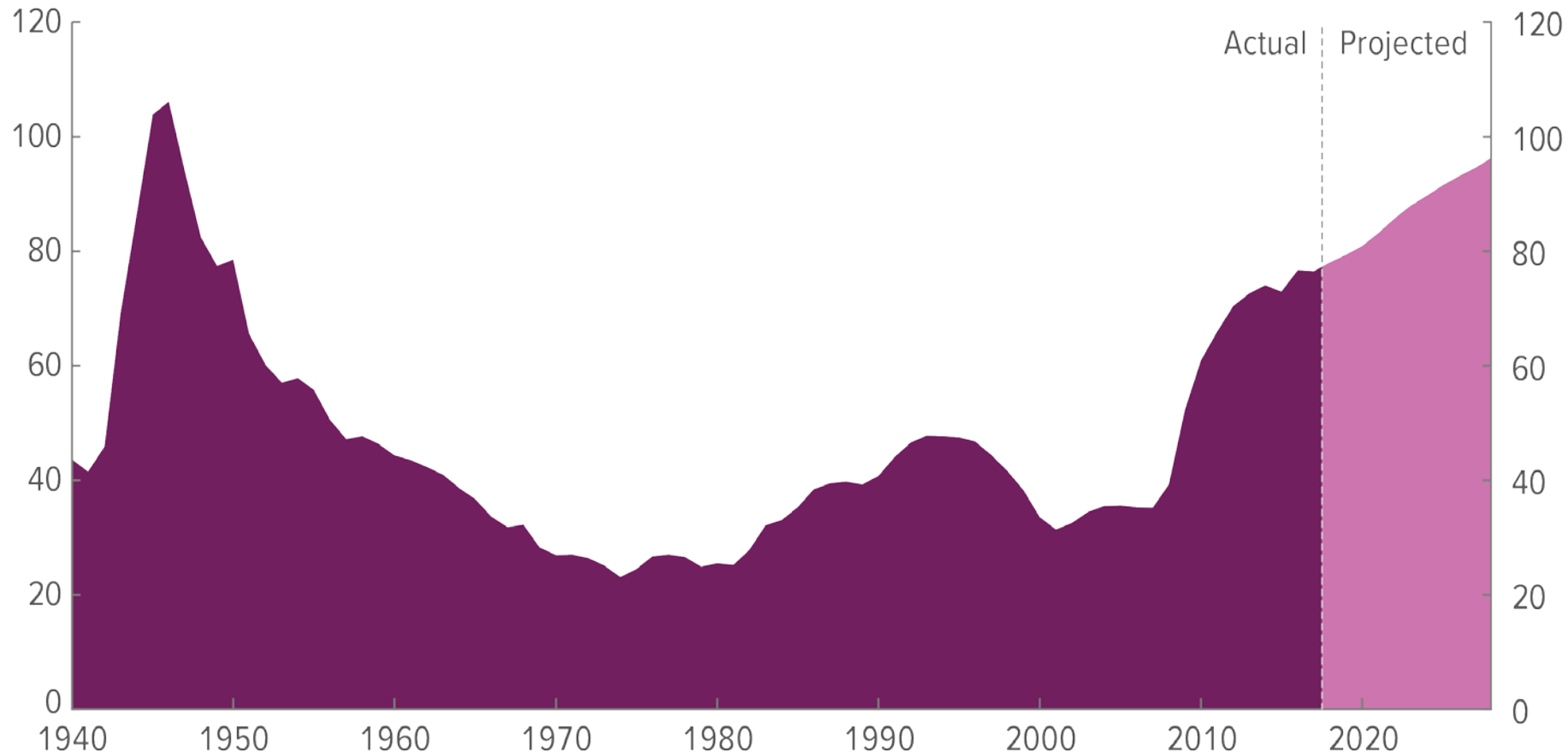


In CBO's projections, **real GDP growth** and **real potential GDP growth** average 1.9 percent over the 2018–2028 period, even though real GDP grows more rapidly at first.



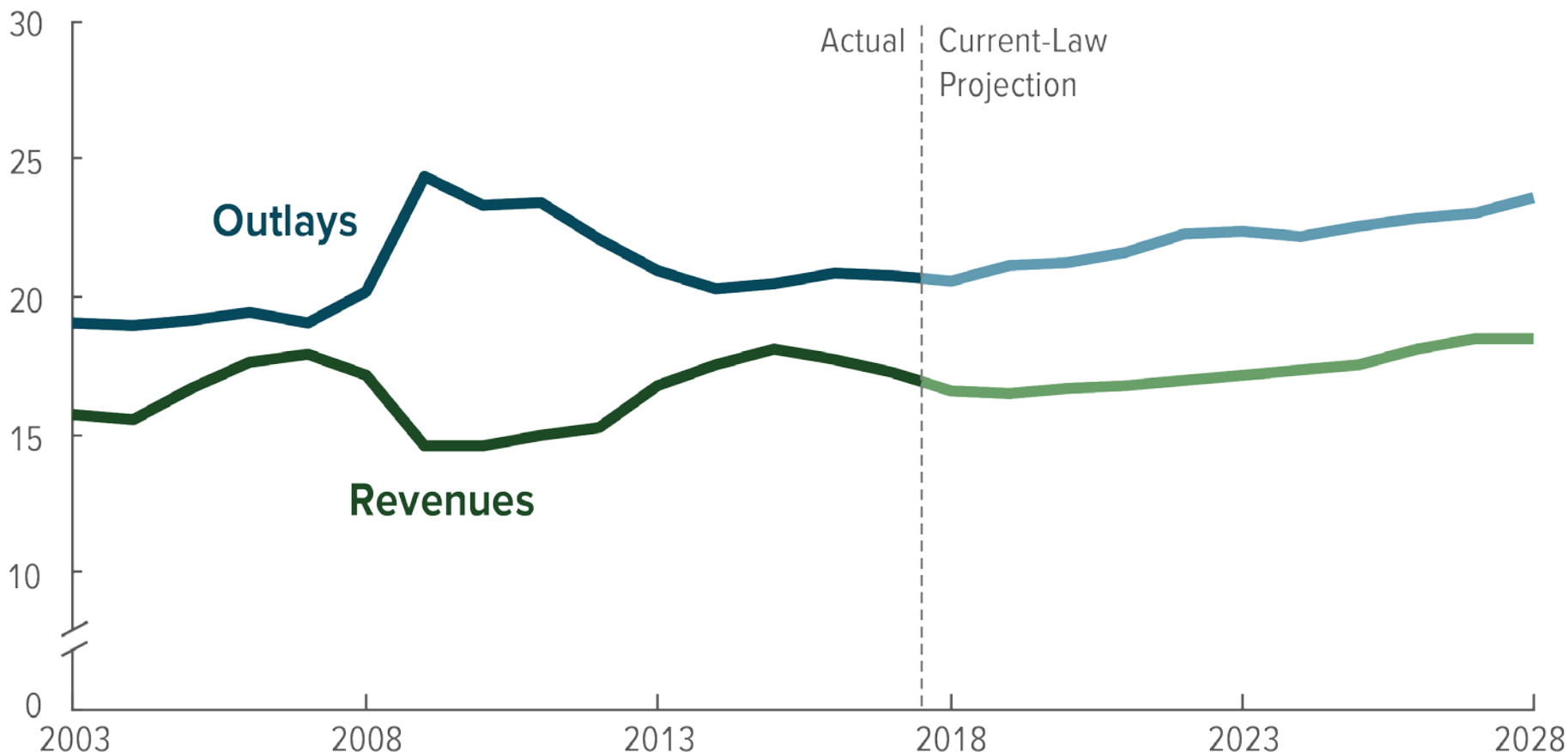
The increase in the level of real GDP stemming from the 2017 tax act averages 0.7 percent over the 2018–2028 period in CBO’s projections. Later in the period, the effects are tempered as some tax provisions expire and as increased borrowing crowds out private investment.

Percentage of Gross Domestic Product



As deficits accumulate in CBO's projections, **federal debt held by the public** rises from 78 percent of GDP (or \$16 trillion) at the end of 2018 to 96 percent of GDP (or \$29 trillion) by 2028. That percentage would be the largest since 1946 and well more than twice the average over the past five decades.

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Under current law, **revenues** would be roughly flat relative to the size of the economy over the next several years and then would rise steadily in the second half of the projection period as a number of tax provisions expired. **Outlays** would increase in most years through 2028.