Interest costs are projected to outpace important investments in our future.

**FEDERAL SPENDING (% OF GDP)**

- **R&D**: 2.5% (Average Spending 1969–2018)
- **Infrastructure**: 1.8% (2019)
- **Education**: 4.0% (2039)
- **Interest Costs**: 5.7% (2049)


**NOTE**: Infrastructure excludes defense.