Mandatory programs and interest costs will take over more of the federal budget, squeezing discretionary programs.

**% of Federal Spending**

- **1969**
  - Total Spending: 19 percent of GDP
  - Mandatory: 64%
  - Interest: 7%
  - Discretionary: 29%

- **2019**
  - Total Spending: 21 percent of GDP
  - Mandatory: 30%
  - Interest: 8%
  - Discretionary: 62%

- **2049**
  - Total Spending: 28 percent of GDP
  - Mandatory: 18%
  - Interest: 20%
  - Discretionary: 62%

**Sources:**

**Note:** Mandatory programs include Social Security, the major federal health programs, other entitlement programs, and offsetting receipts.

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