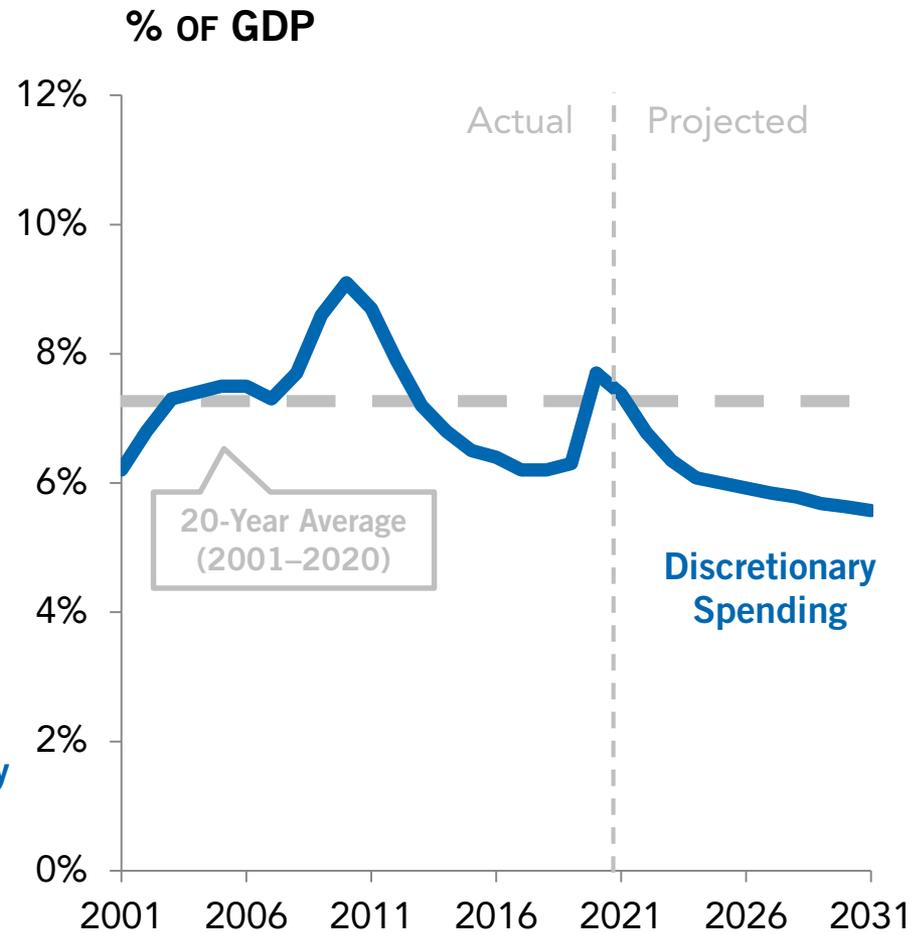
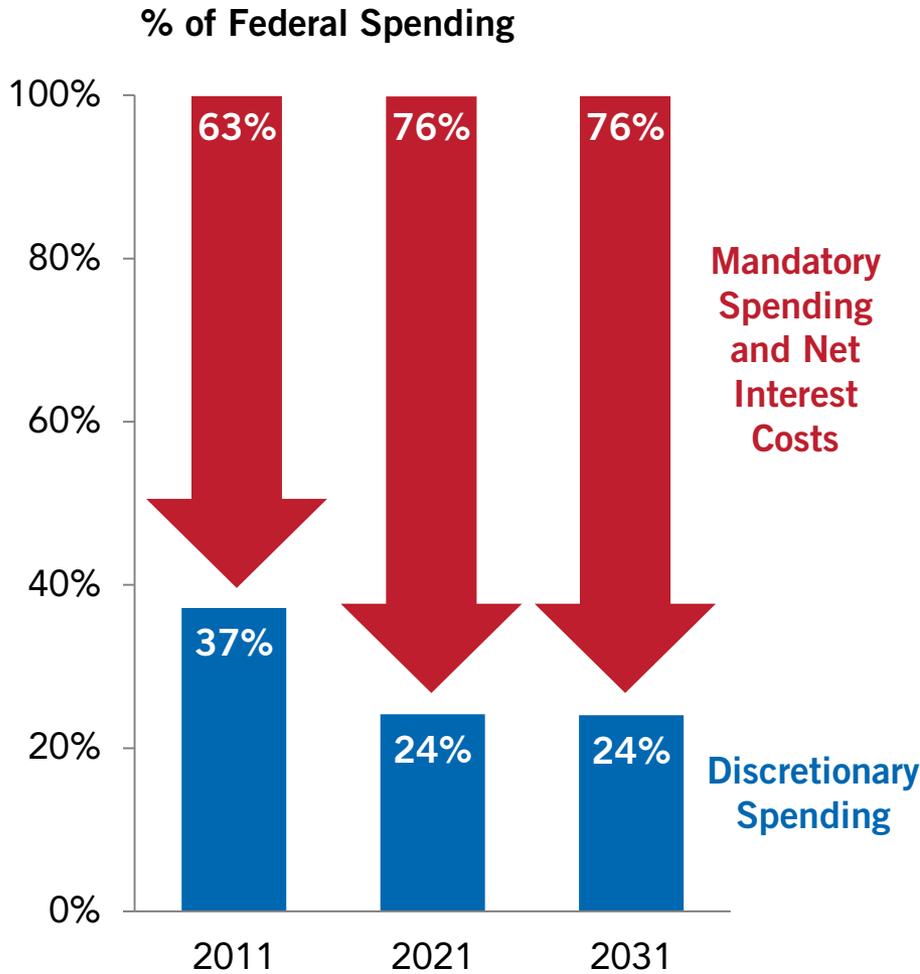


Discretionary spending is projected to remain below its historical average



SOURCES: Congressional Budget Office, *An Update to the Budget and Economic Outlook: 2021 to 2031*, July 2021; and Office of Management and Budget, *Historical Tables, Budget of the United States Government: Fiscal Year 2022*, May 2021.

NOTE: Discretionary spending as a share of total spending declines in data for 2020 and 2021, which are affected by programs to address the pandemic. By contrast, discretionary spending accounted for 30 percent of total outlays in 2019 and is projected to return to that level in 2022.