Social Security and major health programs account for over half of mandatory spending

2020 Mandatory Outlays: $4,579 Billion

Major Health: 28%
Social Security: 24%
Income Security: 23%
Federal Civilian and Military Retirement: 6%
Other Mandatory: 21%

NOTES: In 2020, spending on income security and other mandatory programs was boosted by spending to address the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2019, Social Security and major health programs accounted for over three-quarters of mandatory spending. Major health includes Medicare (net), Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and spending to subsidize health insurance purchased through the marketplaces established under the Affordable Care Act and related spending. Other mandatory includes veterans' programs, agriculture, deposit insurance, higher education, other programs, and offsetting receipts. Numbers may not sum due to rounding.