Mandatory spending accounts for about two-thirds of the budget.

2020 Total Outlays: $6,550 Billion

- **Mandatory** 70%
- **Net Interest** 5%
- **Nondefense Discretionary** 14%
- **Defense Discretionary** 11%


NOTE: Mandatory spending includes major entitlement programs such as Social Security, Medicare (net), and Medicaid. In 2019, mandatory spending accounted for 62 percent of the budget, but the category was enlarged in 2020 by programs to address the pandemic.