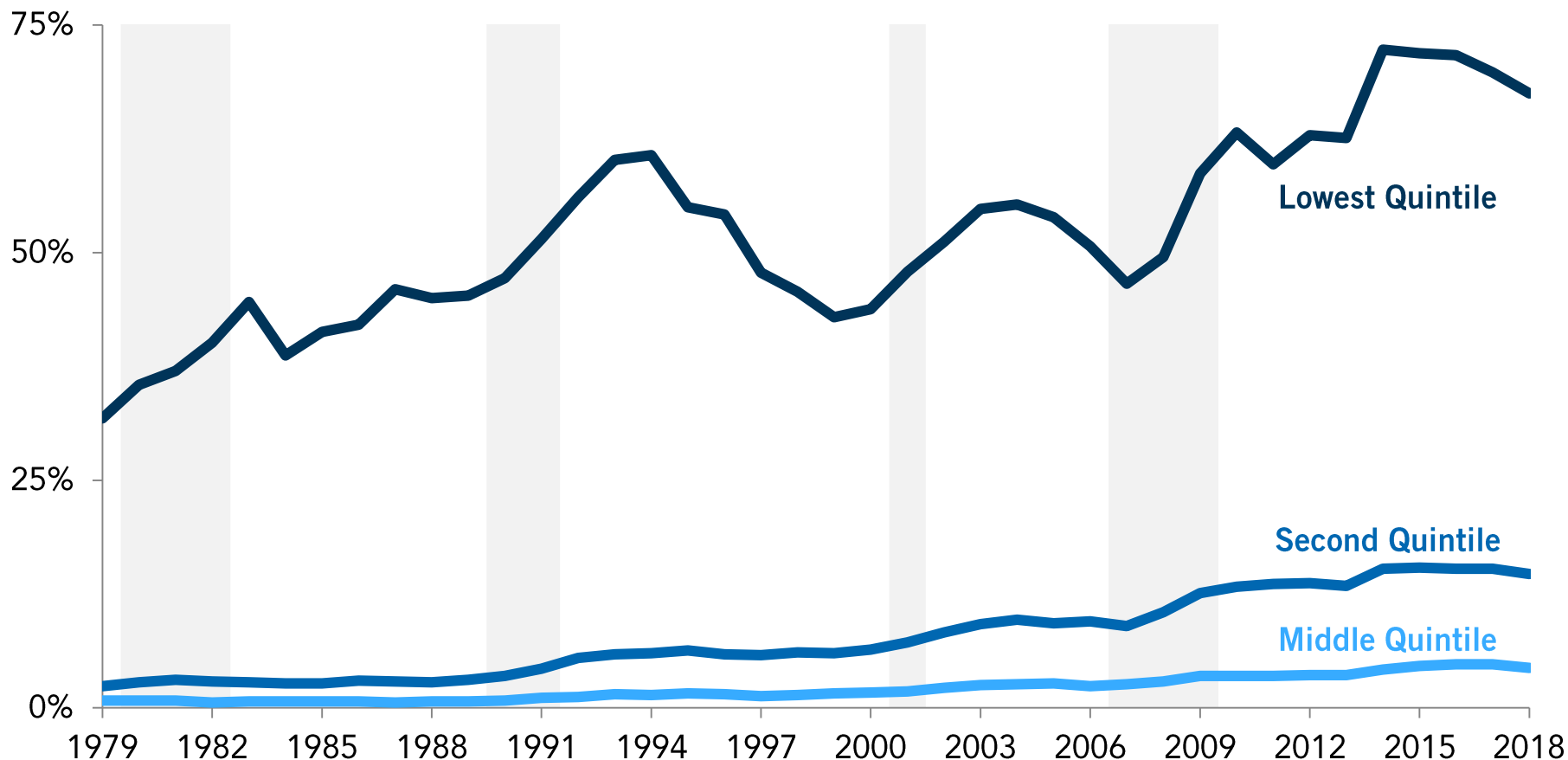


Transfers from programs like Medicaid, CHIP, SNAP, and SSI represent an increasing share of income for low to middle income groups

SHARE OF INCOME FROM MEANS-TESTED TRANSFER PROGRAMS BY INCOME QUINTILE (%)



SOURCE: Congressional Budget Office, *The Distribution of Household Income, 2018*, August 2021.

NOTES: A quintile is one-fifth of the population. The share of income for the highest two quintiles has been less than 2 percent since 1979. Means-tested transfers include Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance program, and Supplemental Security Income. Eligibility for those programs is primarily determined by income. The grey shaded areas represent economic recessions and are based on the National Bureau of Economic Research’s classification.