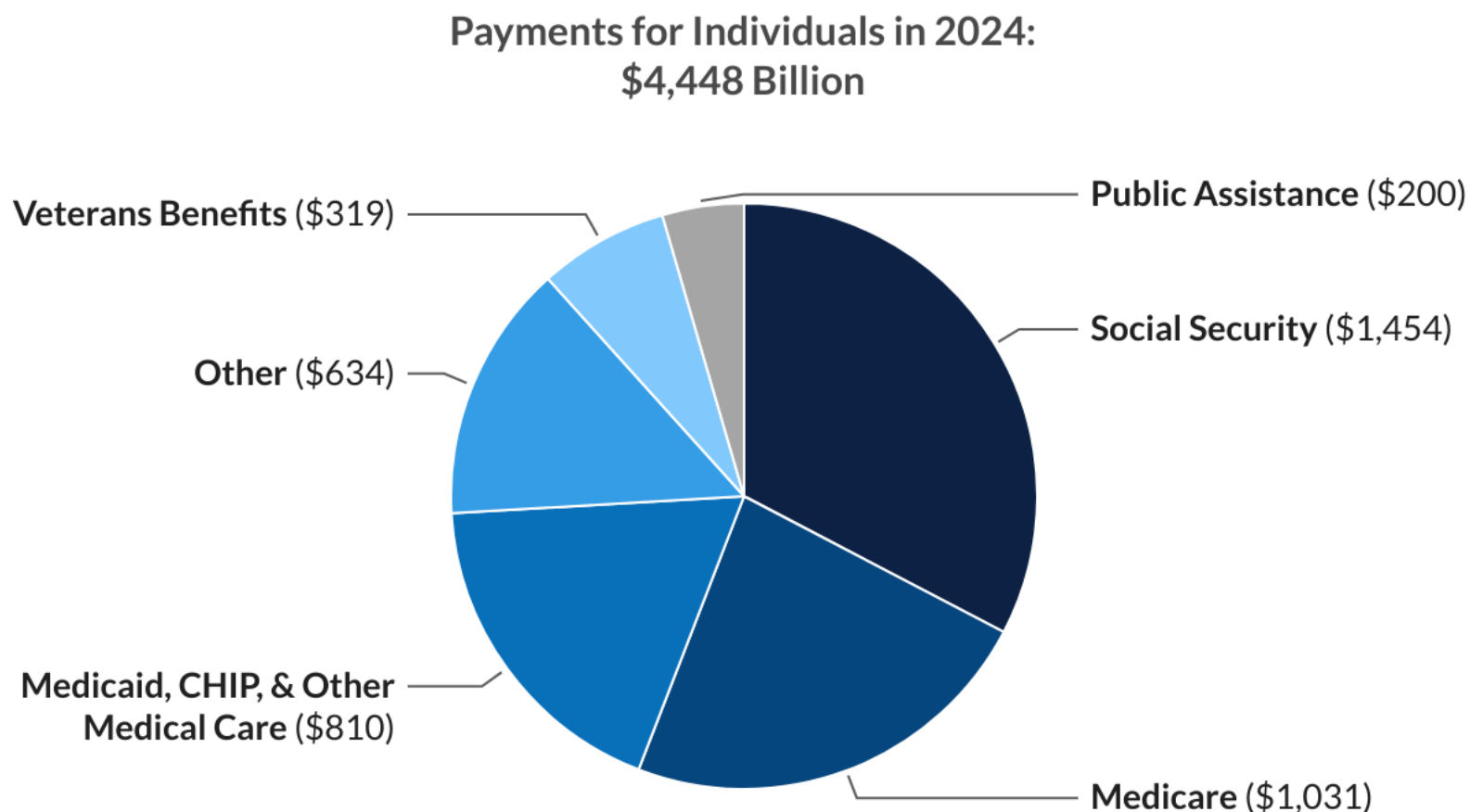


# SOCIAL PROGRAMS

## Chart Pack

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# Social Security is the largest social program funded by the federal government



Source: Office of Management and Budget

Notes: Categories and definitions are based on the Office of Management and Budget. Public assistance includes Supplemental Security Income, TANF, and tax credits such as the Child Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit. Other includes unemployment assistance, housing assistance, and railroad retirement.

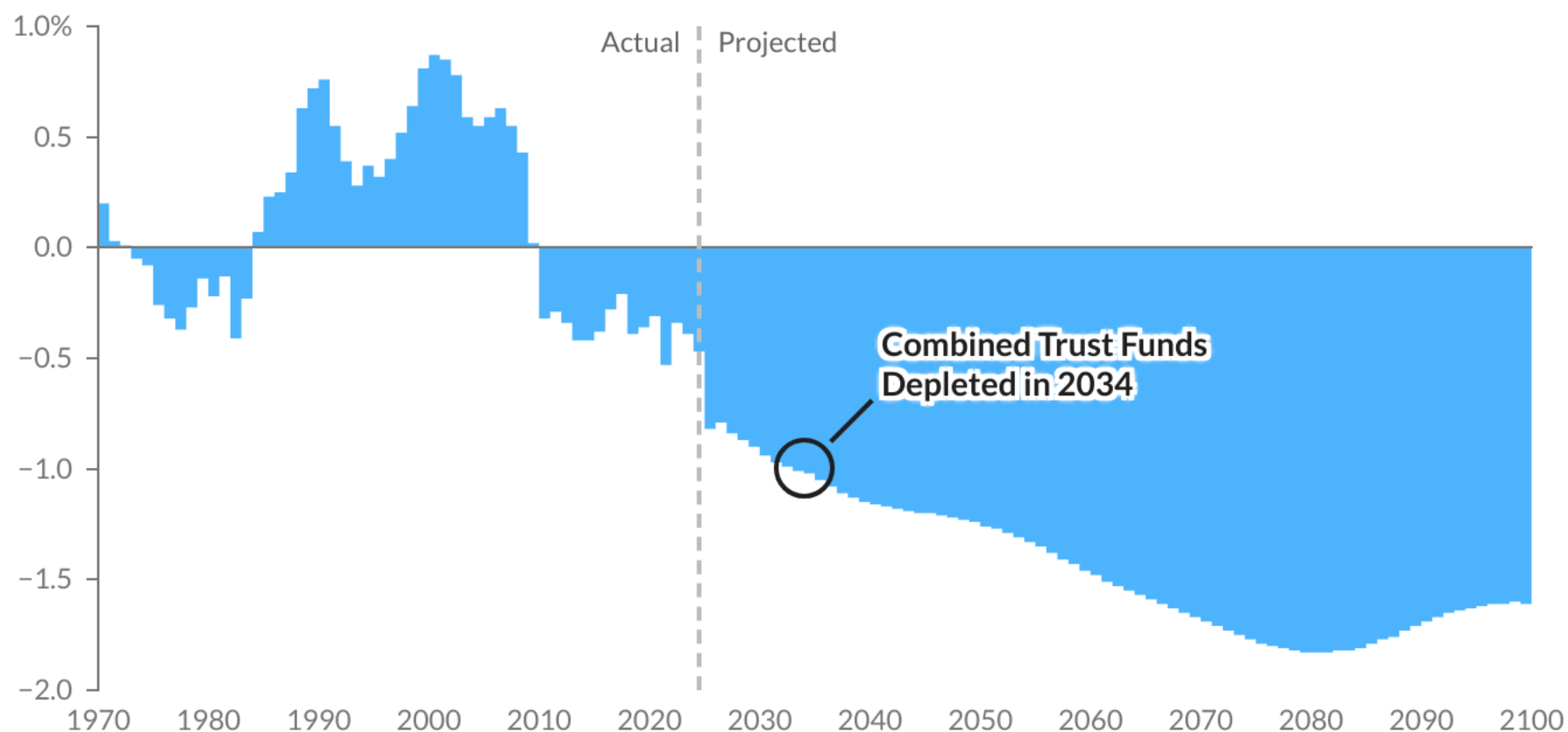
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# Social Security is facing significant cash shortfalls

## Social Security Surpluses/Deficits (% of GDP)



Source: Social Security Administration

Notes: Surplus/deficit numbers exclude interest income. The Social Security trust funds are combined on a hypothetical basis, but actually operate separately. The Old-Age & Survivors Insurance Trust Fund is projected to be depleted in 2033 and lead to a 23 percent cut in benefits that year; the Disability Insurance Trust Fund is not projected to become depleted during the 75-year period ending in 2099.

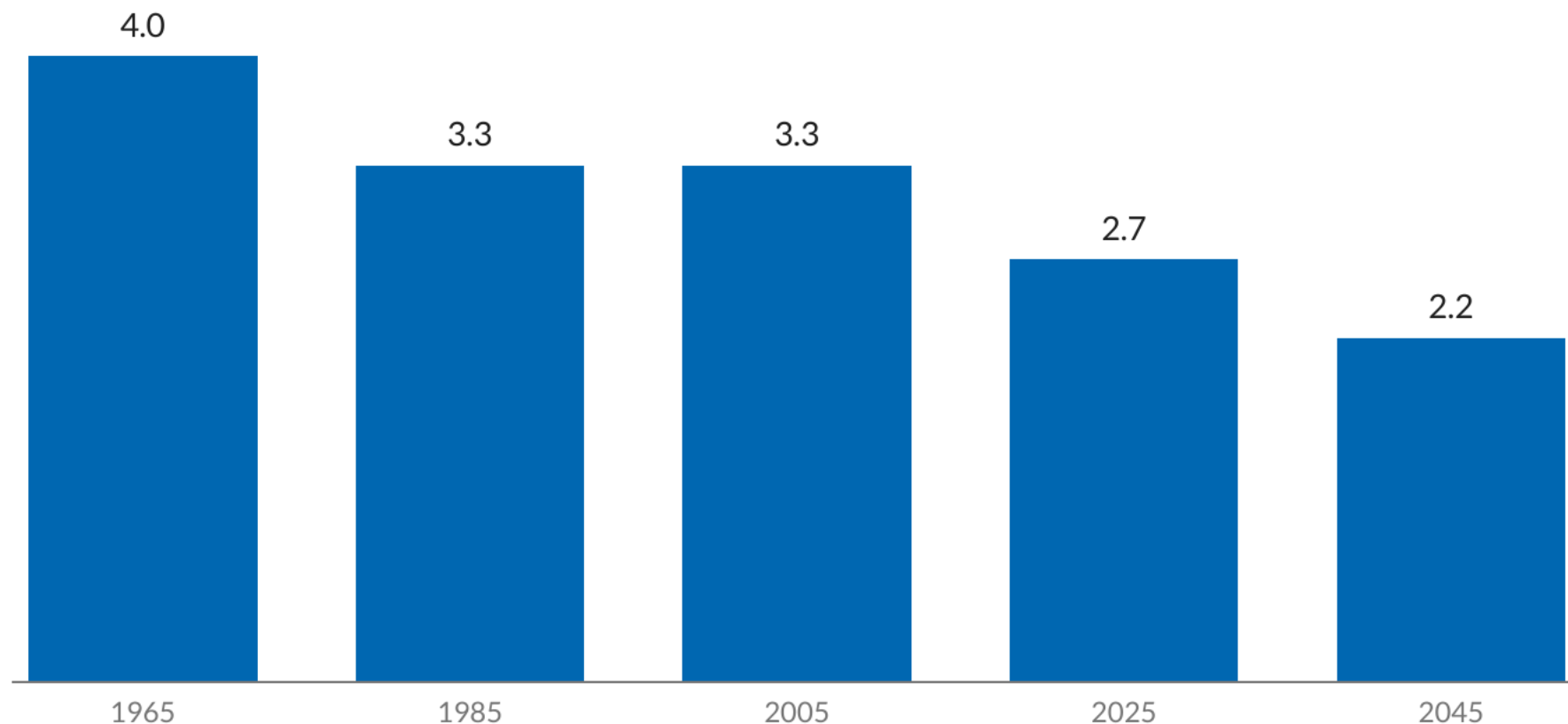
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# As the population ages, fewer workers will be paying taxes to support each Social Security beneficiary

## Workers per Beneficiary Ratio



Source: Social Security Administration

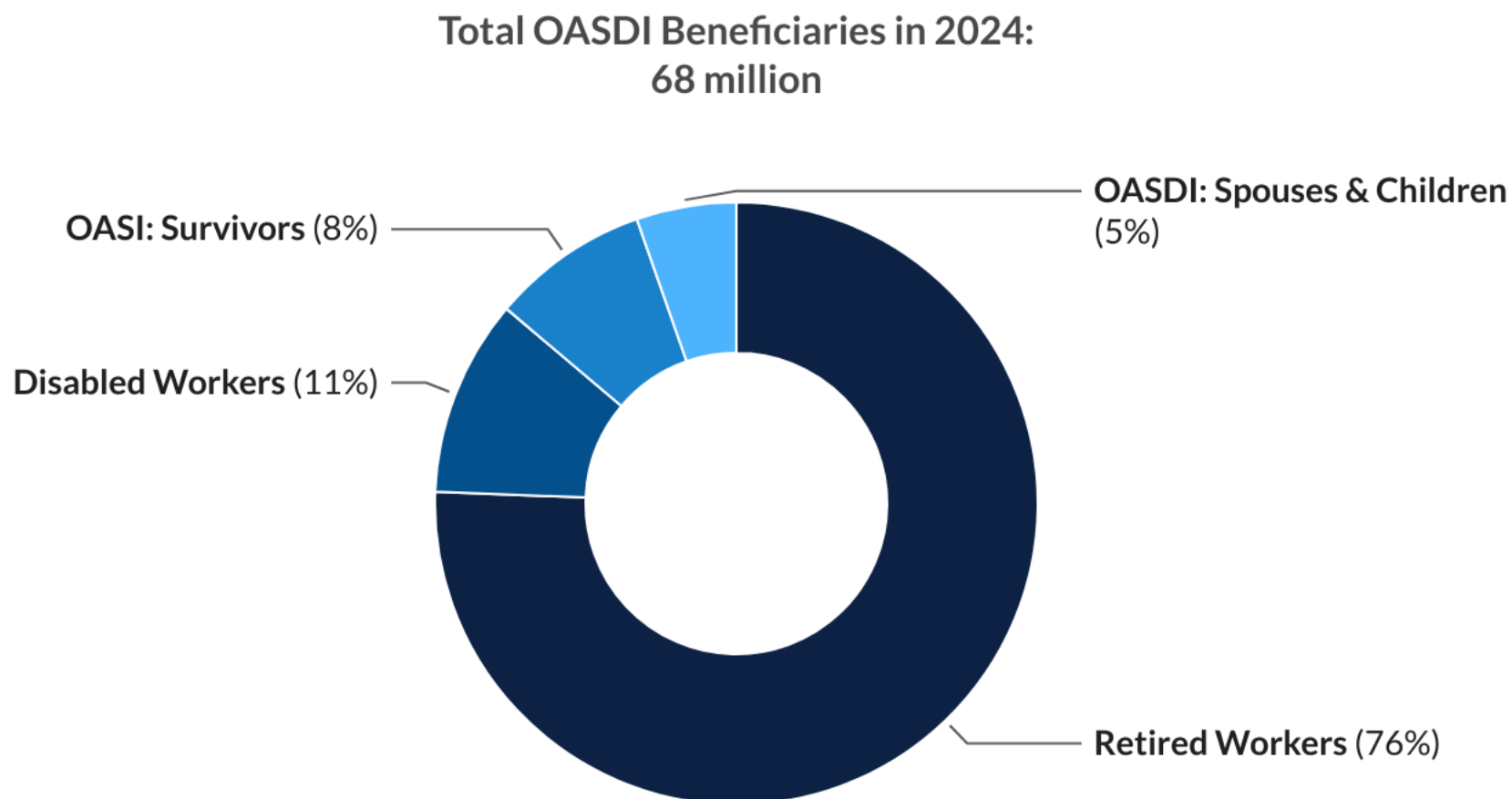
Note: Beneficiaries are those covered by either Old-Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI), Disability Insurance (DI) or both.

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# Retired workers make up the majority of Social Security beneficiaries



Source: Social Security Administration

Notes: OASI is Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, DI is Disability Insurance, and OASDI is the two combined. OASI and DI beneficiaries are not mutually exclusive.

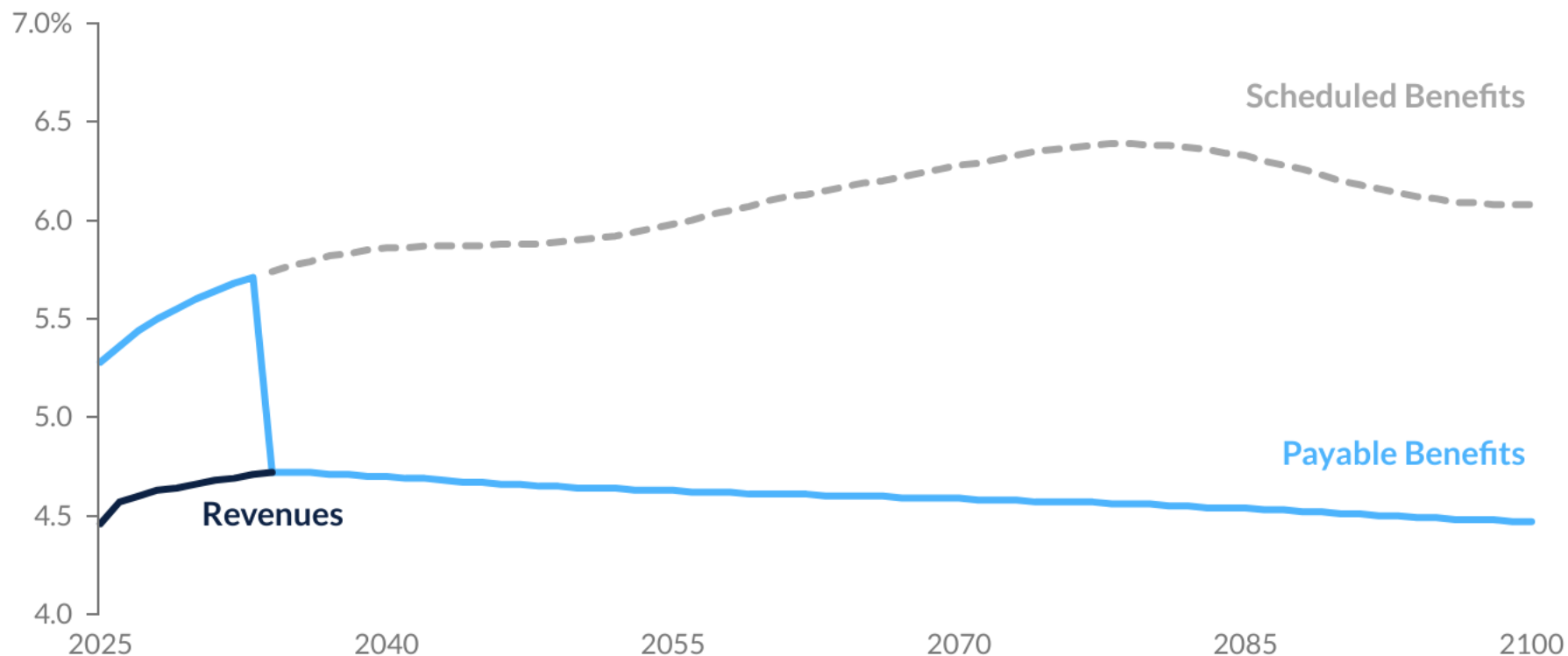
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# Combined Social Security benefits could be cut by 19 percent in 2034 without legislative action

% of GDP



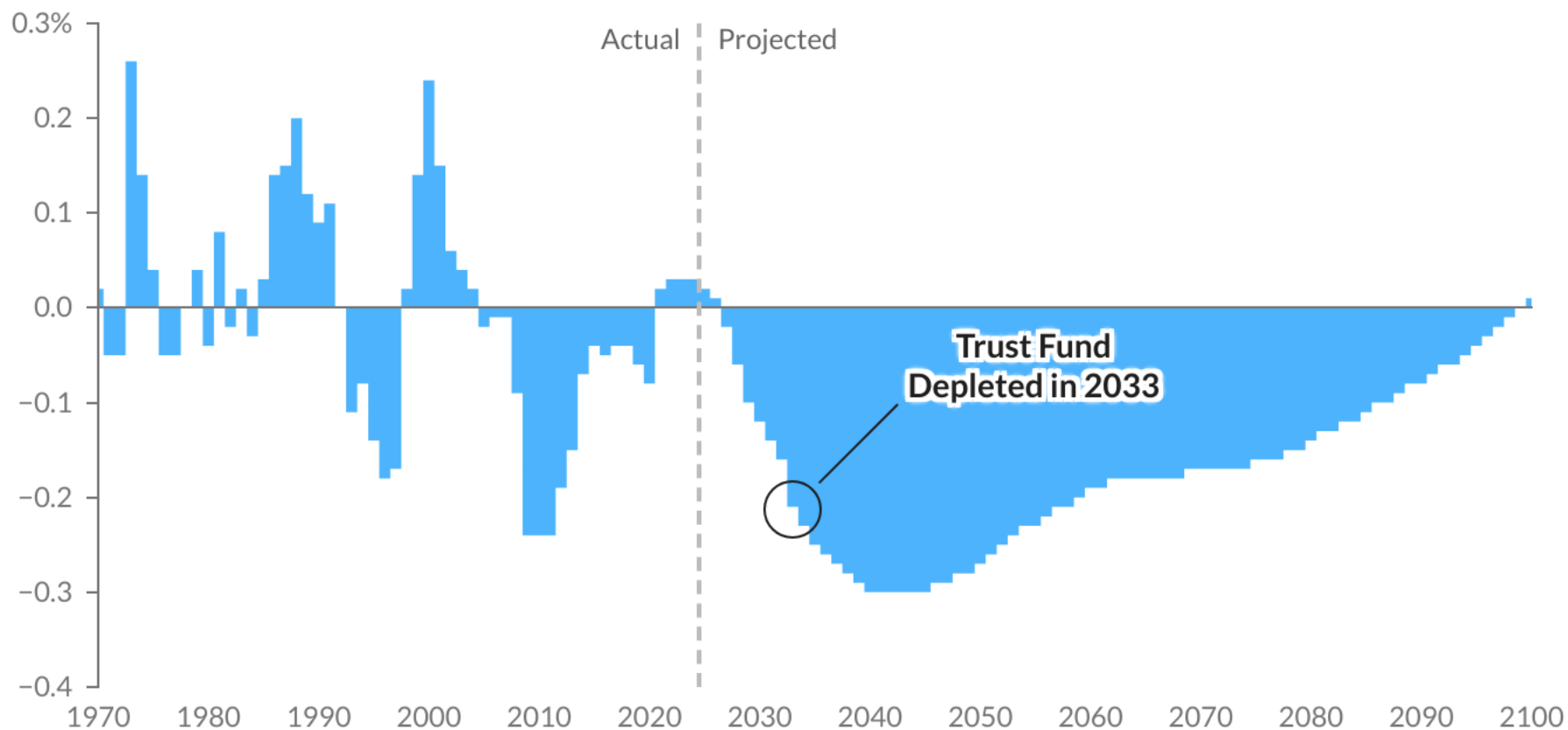
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# Medicare's Hospital Insurance Trust Fund is facing significant cash shortfalls

## Medicare HI Trust Fund Surpluses/Deficits (% of GDP)



Source: Social Security Administration

Notes: Data exclude interest income.

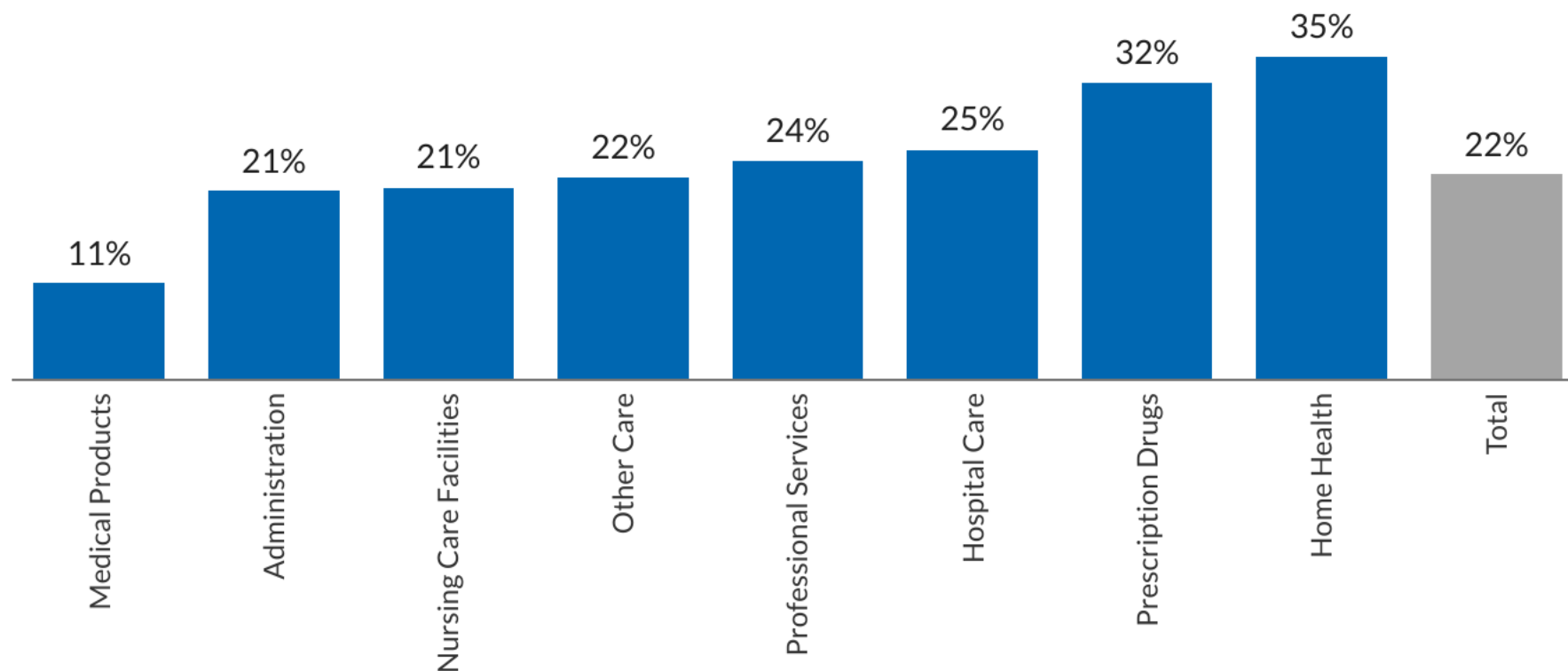
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# Medicare covers nearly a quarter of most healthcare service categories in the United States

% of Health Spending Paid by Medicare



Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Notes: Data are for 2023. Administration includes government administrative and total net cost of health insurance expenditures. Medical products includes durable and non-durable equipment. Other care includes other health, residential, and personal care expenditures and personal health care. Professional services includes dental service, physician and clinical, and other professional service expenditures.

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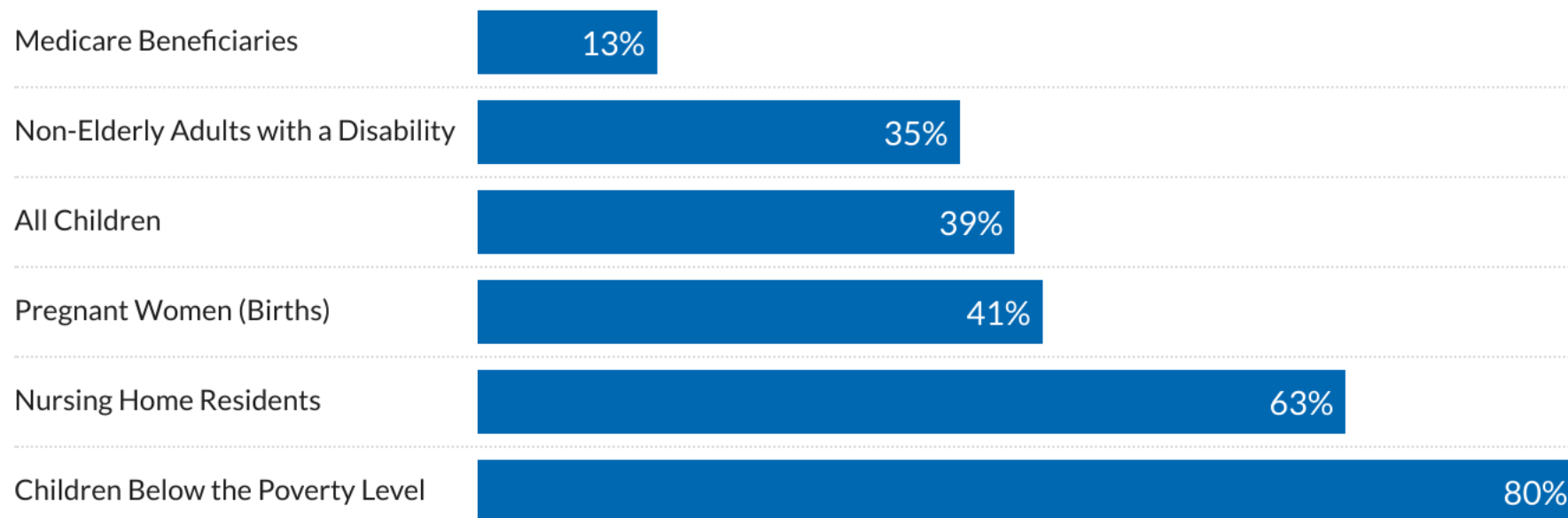


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# Medicaid provides health insurance for vulnerable populations

## % with Medicaid Coverage



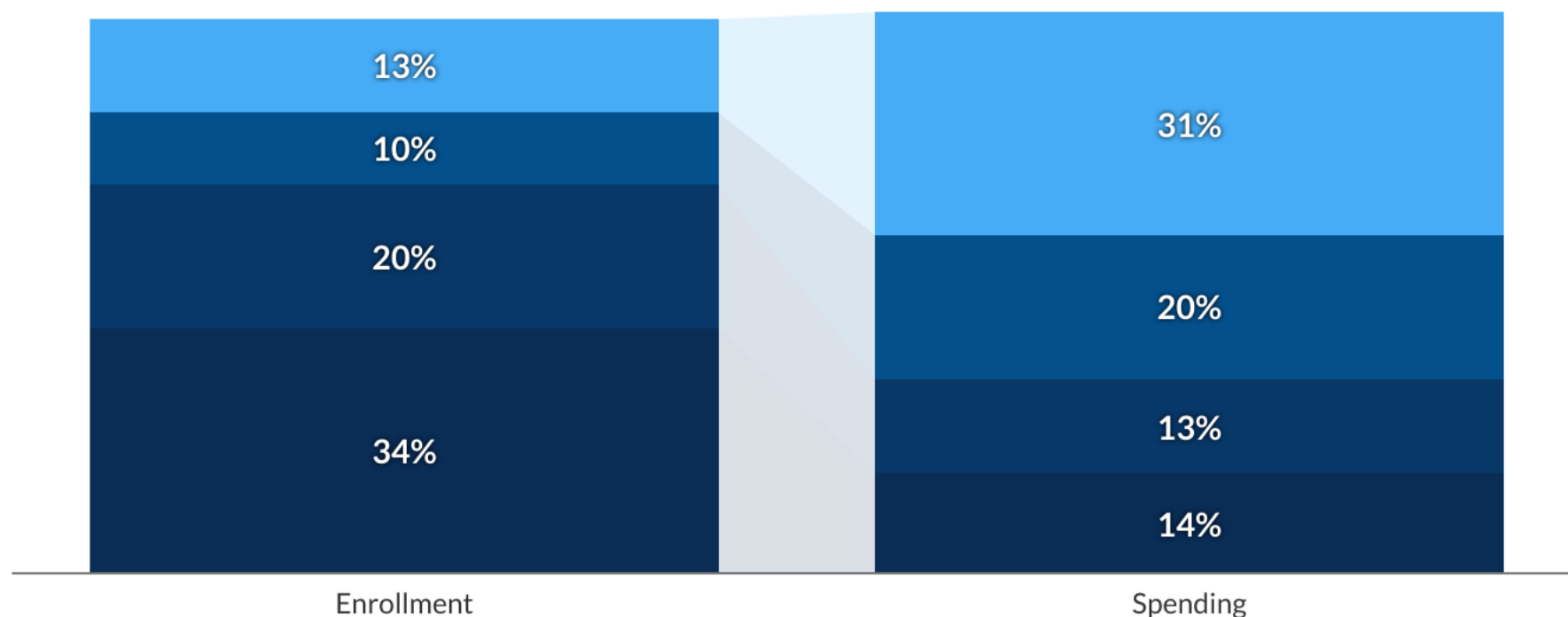
Source: Kaiser Family Foundation and the Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission

Notes: In 2023, the poverty level is \$24,860 for a family of three. Data are from 2023 unless otherwise stated. Data are from various KFF reports and MACPAC: Medicare beneficiaries (2022), non-elderly adults with a disability (2022), all children, pregnant women (births), nursing home residents (2024), and children below the poverty line.

# Medicaid spending for certain groups is not proportional to enrollment

% of Total Medicaid Enrollment and Spending

■ Children ■ Adults 19-64 ■ Adults 65 and Older ■ Disabled



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

Note: Enrollment data and spending data are for 2021. Children are generally people age 18 and younger. However, some people age 19 and older may be classified as "children" depending on why they qualify for the program and each state's practices.

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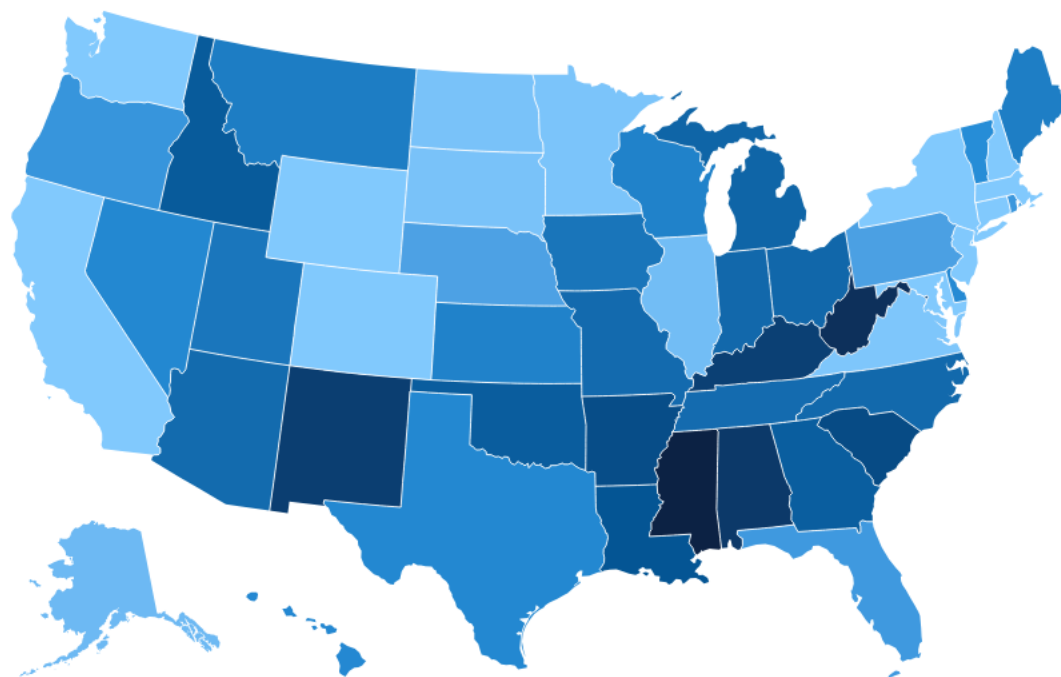


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# States receive varying levels of assistance from the federal government for Medicaid

Federal Medical Assistance (FMAP) (%)

FMAP



Source: Kaiser Family Foundation

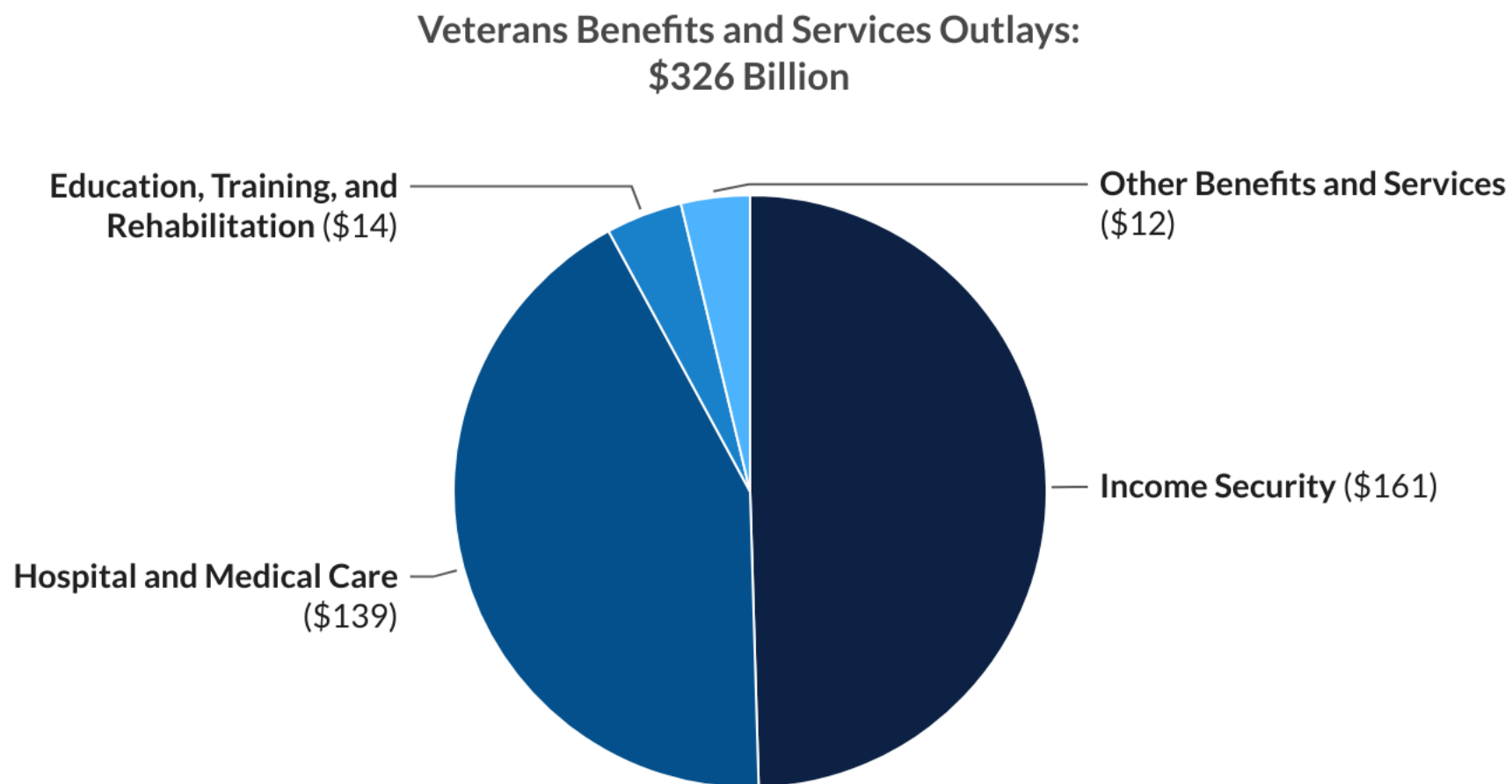
Notes: Data are for fiscal year 2026. By law, the FMAP cannot be less than 50 percent.

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# Income security and health care are the largest programs for veterans

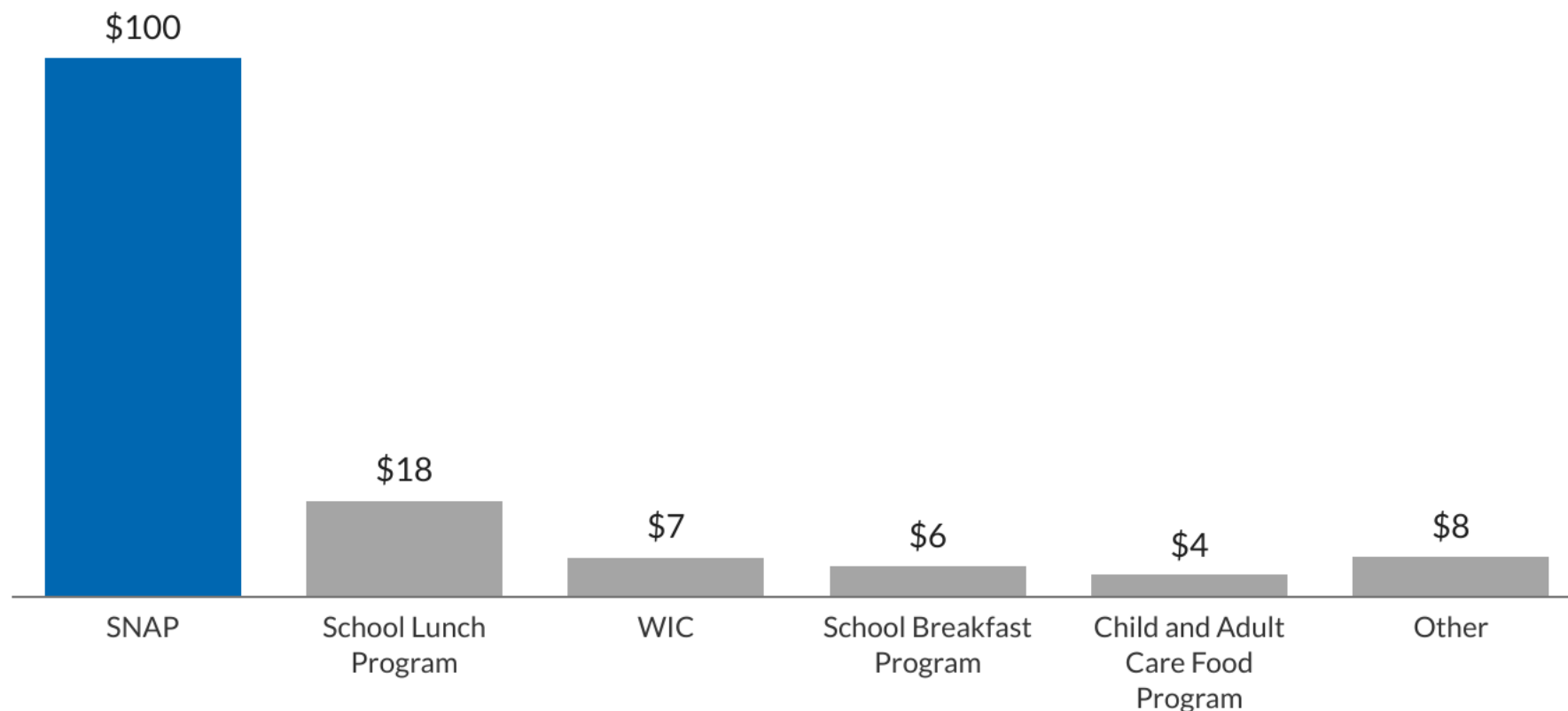


Source: Office of Management and Budget

Note: Other benefits and services includes other veterans benefits and services and veterans housing.

# SNAP is the largest federal food assistance program

Total Program Costs in 2024 (Billions of \$)



Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture

Notes: Data are for FY 2024 and from the February 2025 release. Other includes Special Milk Program, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, Summer Feeding, food donation programs, nutrition programs administration, nutrition family assistance grants provided to U.S. territories, state administration expenses, and other child nutrition costs. SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

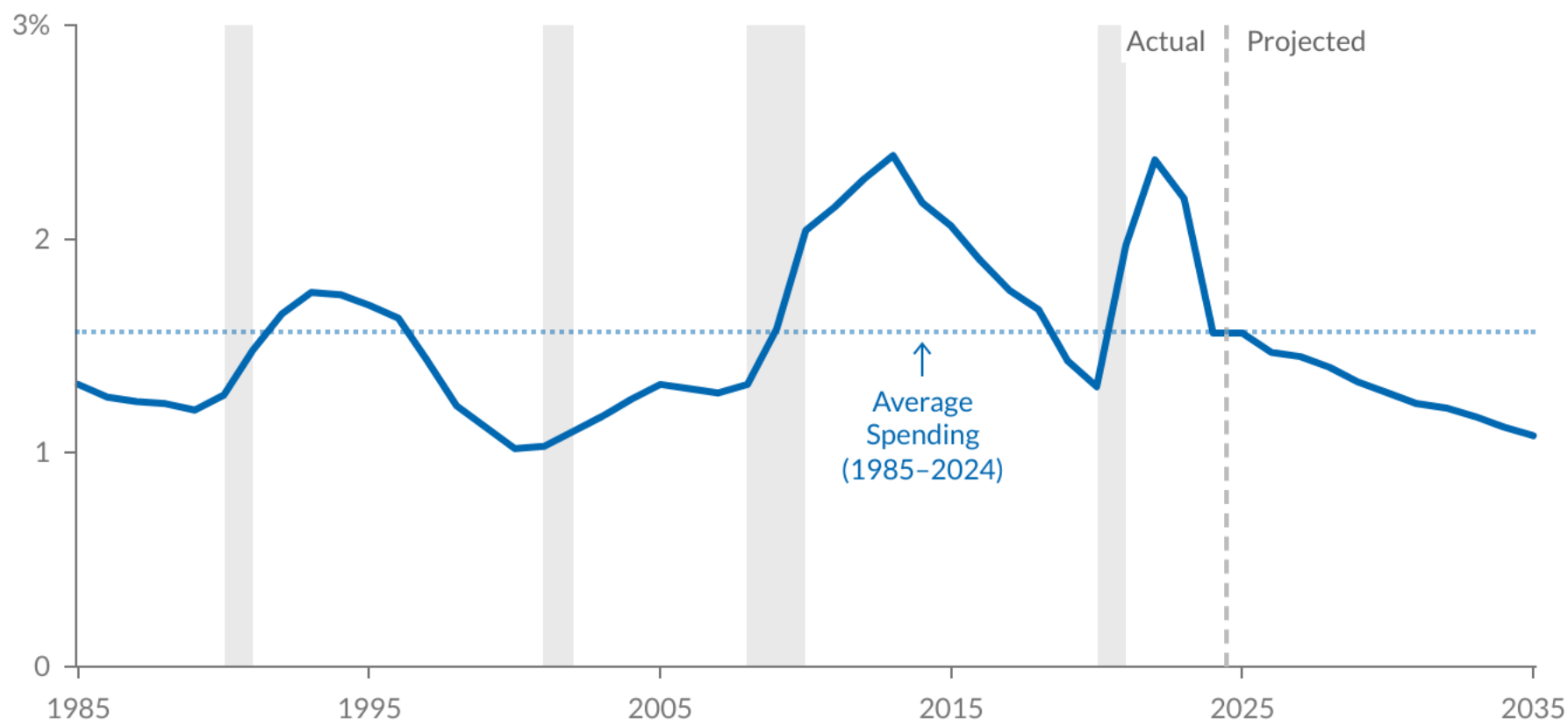
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# SNAP spending increased during the recession, but is projected to decline below historical levels

Federal Spending on SNAP (% of Total Spending)



Sources: Congressional Budget Office and Office of Management and Budget

Notes: The grey shaded areas represent economic recessions and are based on the classifications by the National Bureau of Economic Research. SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

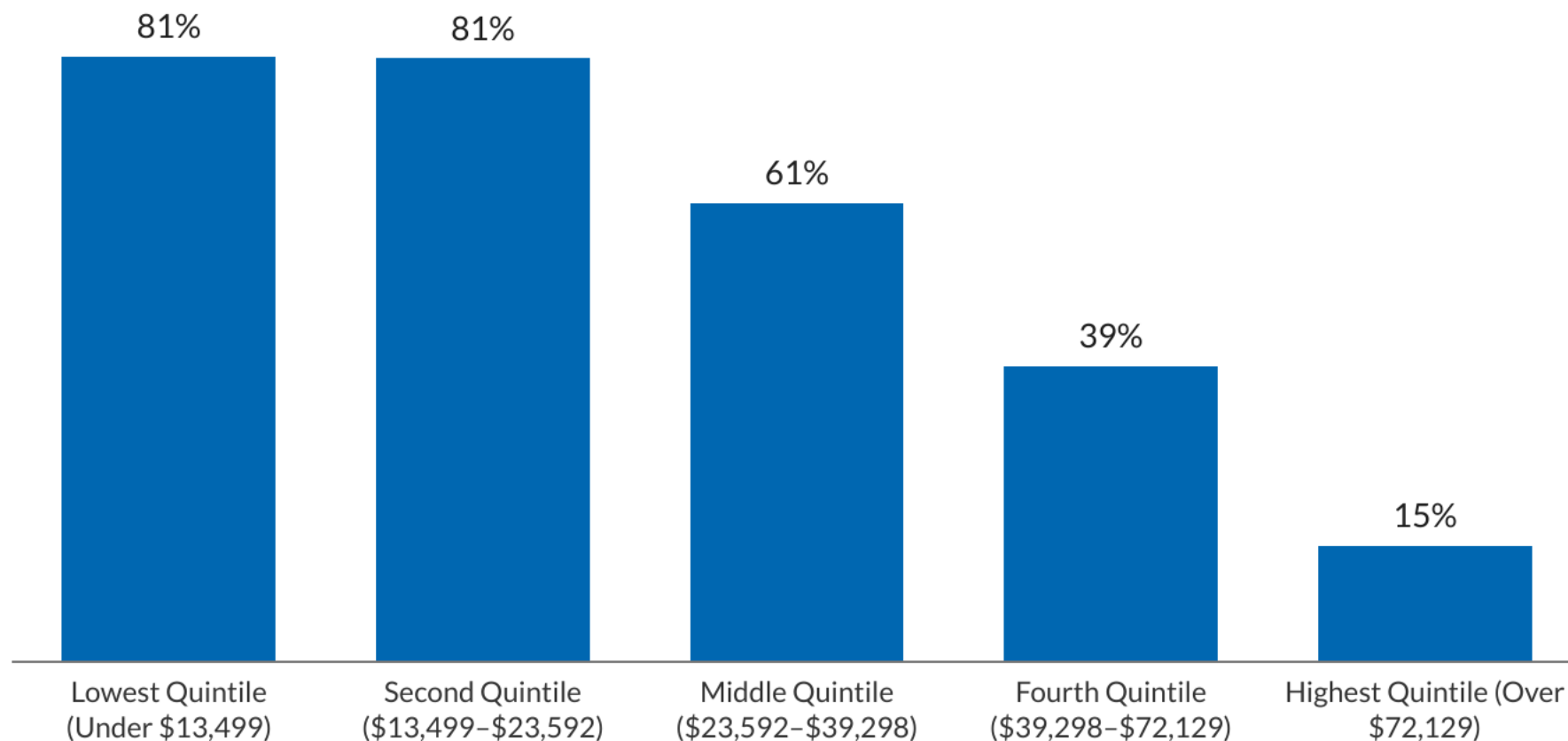
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# Low-income seniors rely on Social Security benefits for a major share of their retirement income

Social Security Benefits (% of Total Income)



Source: Social Security Administration

Notes: A quintile is one-fifth of the population. Data are for 2014.

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