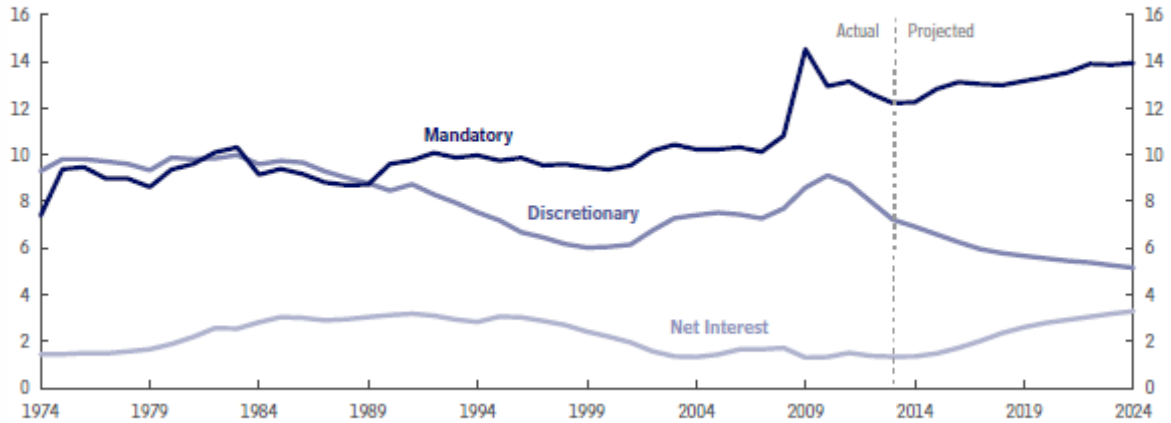
The chart below shows outlays by category since 1974 (projected through 2024).[21]

Figure 3-1.

Outlays, by Category

(Percentage of gross domestic product)



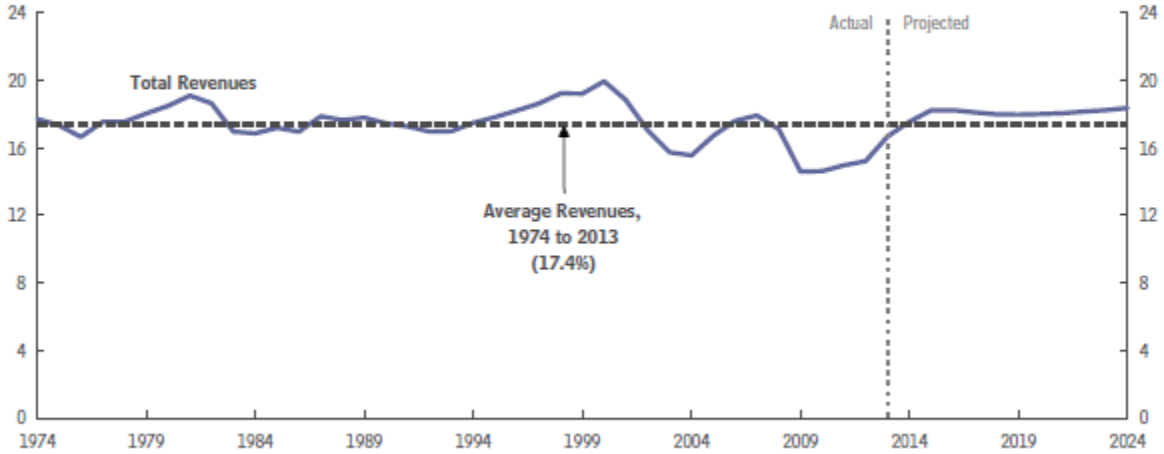
Source: Congressional Budget Office.

While it has since recovered somewhat, in 2010 Federal revenues from all sources represented 14.9% of GDP, the lowest level in 60 years. The average between 1974 and 2013 was 17.4%, as shown in the chart below, [22] with a high of 20.6% in 2000 (the last year of budget surpluses).

Figure 4-1.

Total Revenues

(Percentage of gross domestic product)



Source: Congressional Budget Office.

Federal tax revenues are not simply at historic lows within this country; taxes collected at all

[21] CBO 2014 REPORT, *supra* note 19, at 52.
[22] *Id*. at 80.