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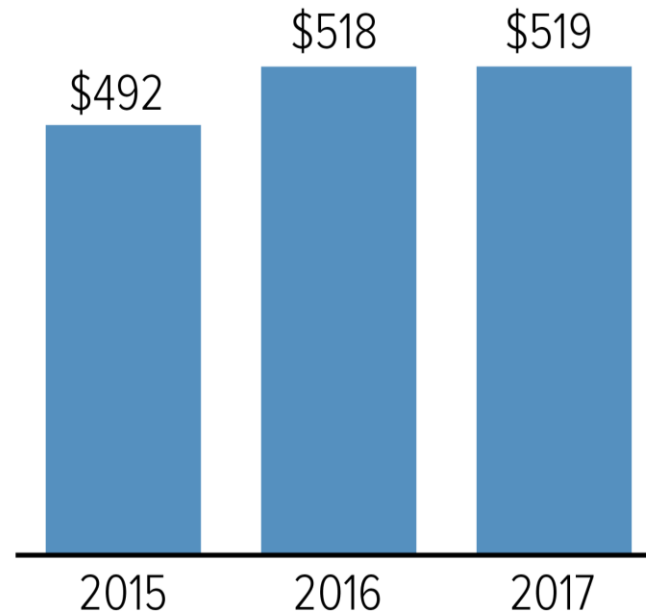
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How Much Funding is Available for Non-Defense Appropriations?

billions of dollars

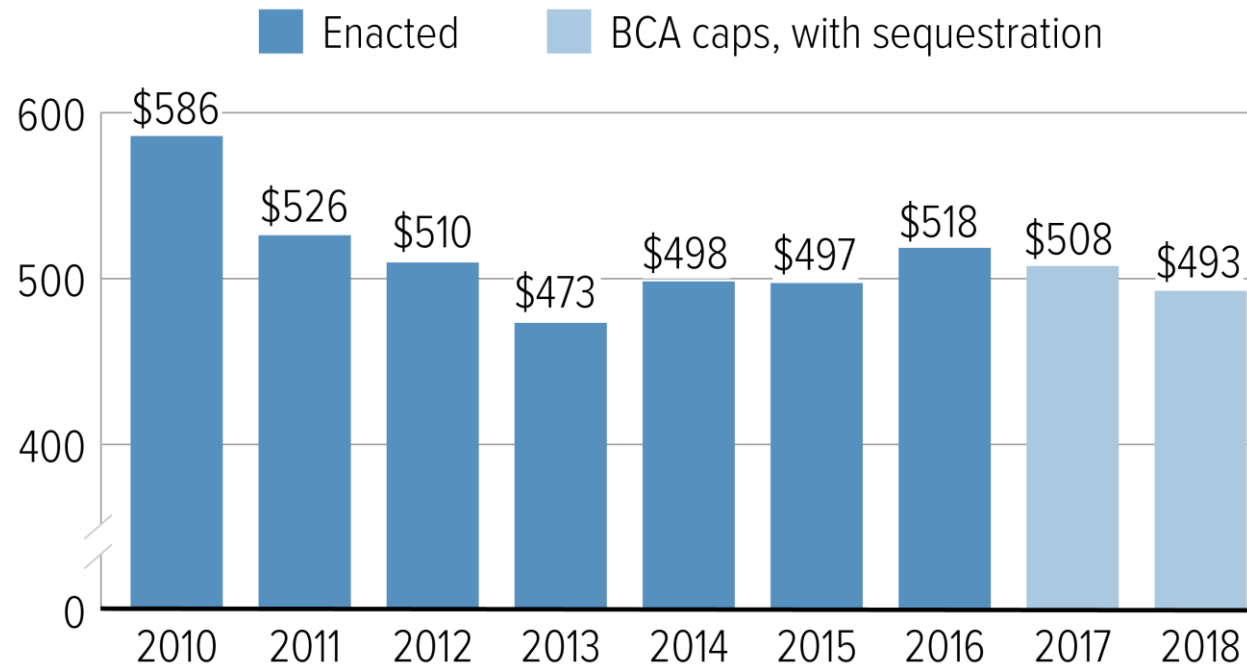


Note: All amounts exclude funding for disasters, emergencies, program integrity, and Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO).
Source: CBPP analysis of data from the Congressional Budget Office and the Office of Management and Budget



Funding Available for Non-Defense Appropriations, After Adjusting for Inflation

In billions of 2016 dollars



Notes: Sequestration refers to budget cuts required under the 2011 Budget Control Act, and includes modifications made in the Bipartisan Budget Acts of 2013 and 2015. The 2010 level does not include any 2009 Recovery Act funds.

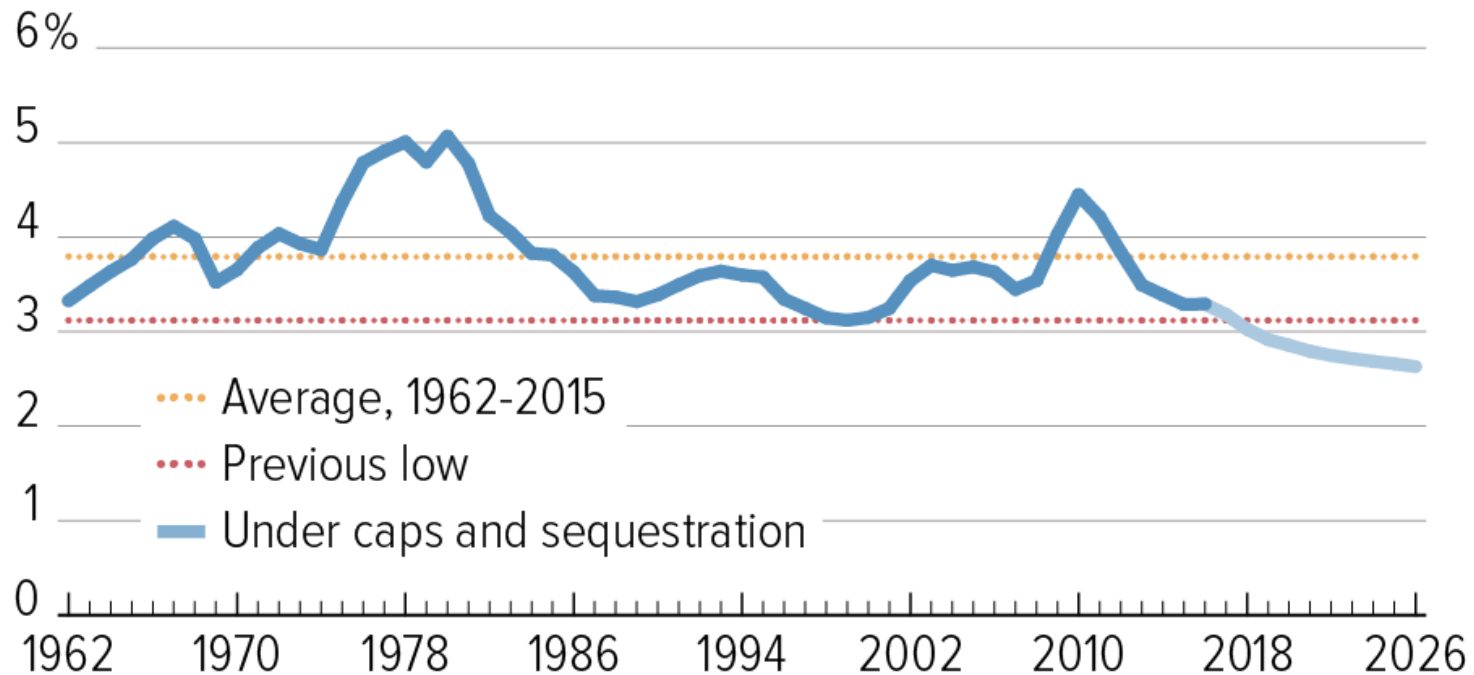
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Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Falling to Historic Lows

Spending as a percent of gross domestic product



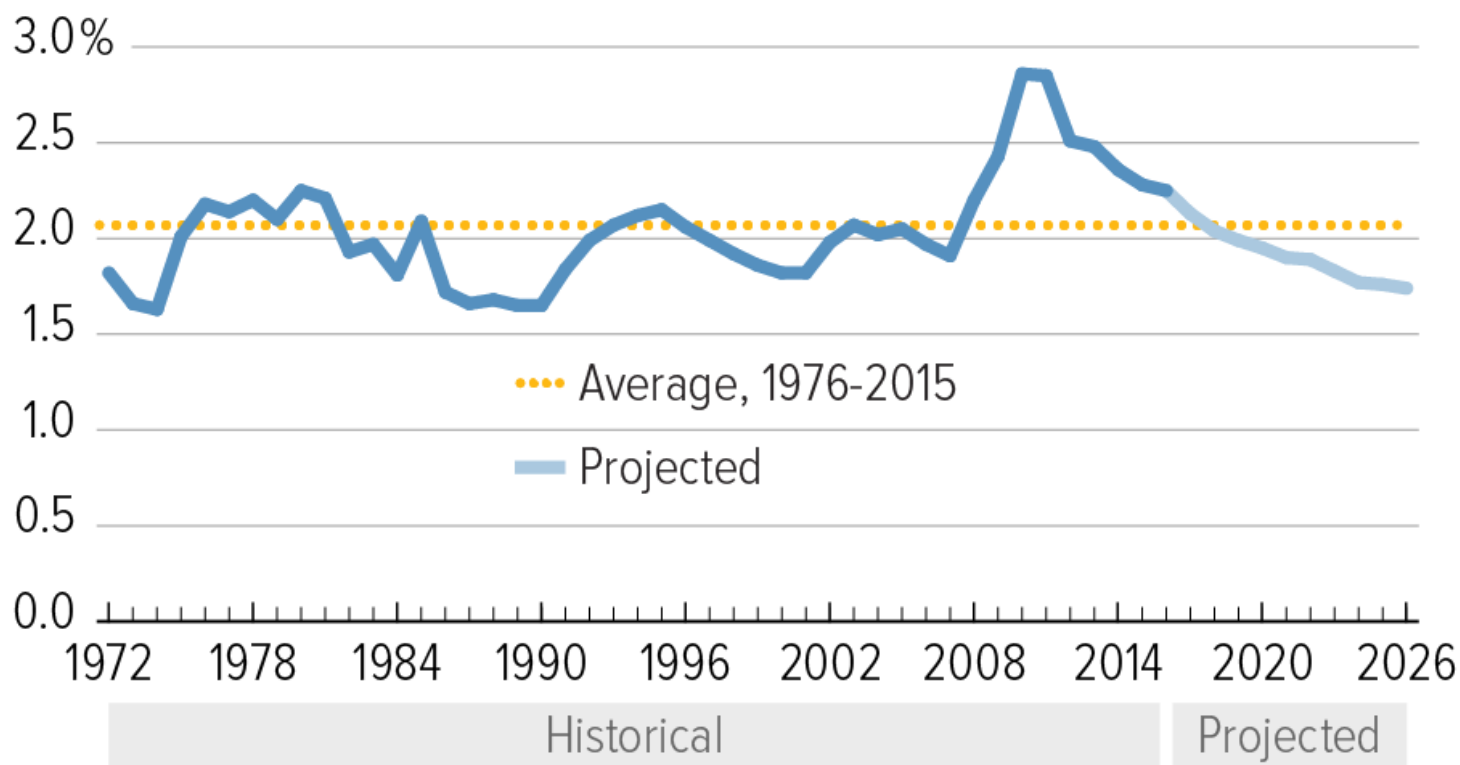
Note: Data available only back to 1962. Sequestration refers to budget cuts required under the 2011 Budget Control Act, and includes modifications made in the Bipartisan Budget Acts of 2013 and 2015.

Source: CBPP based on Office of Management and Budget and Congressional Budget Office data.



Low-Income Expenditures Outside Health Care Set to Fall Below Average of Last 40 Years

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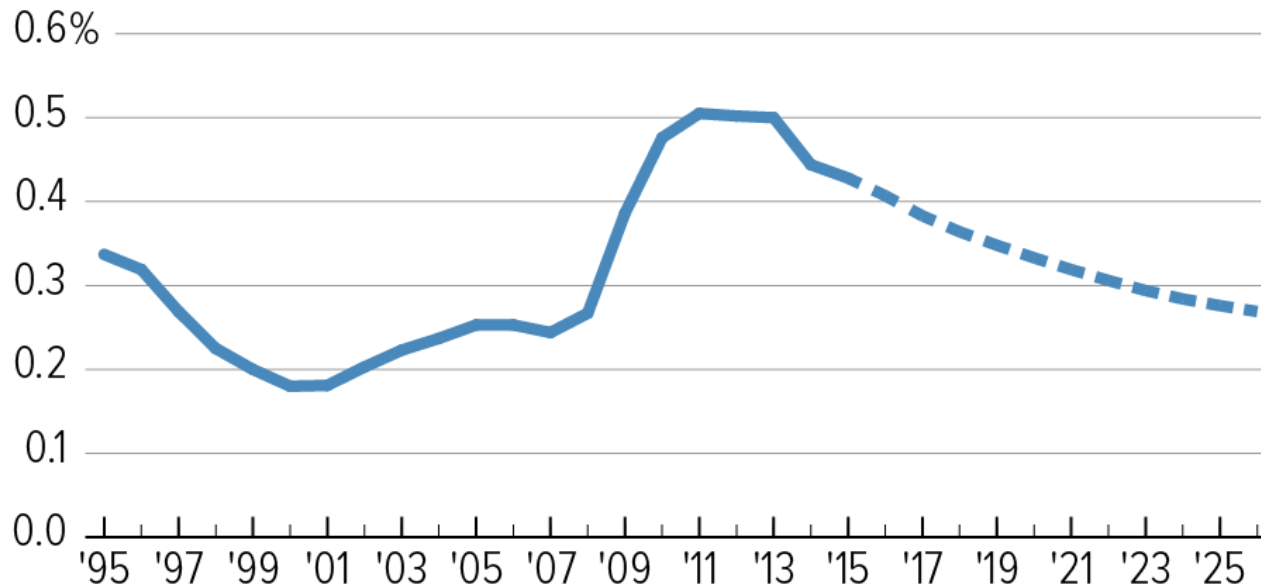


Source: CBPP calculations using Office of Management and Budget data through 2015 and Congressional Budget Office data thereafter



SNAP Costs Falling, Projected to Fall Further

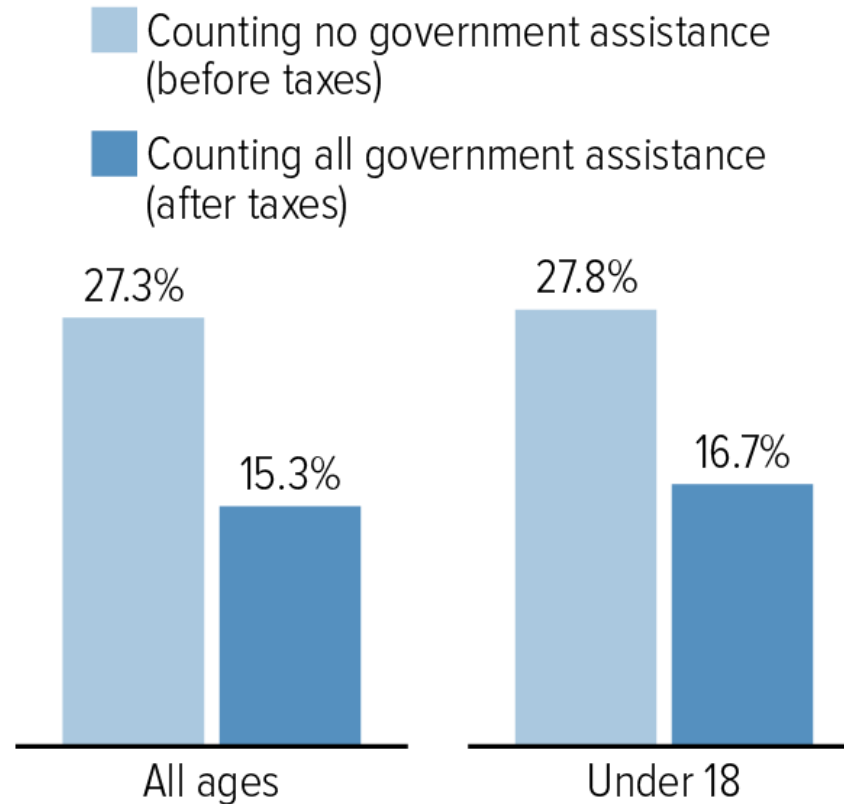
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Safety Net Cut Poverty Rate Nearly in Half in 2014



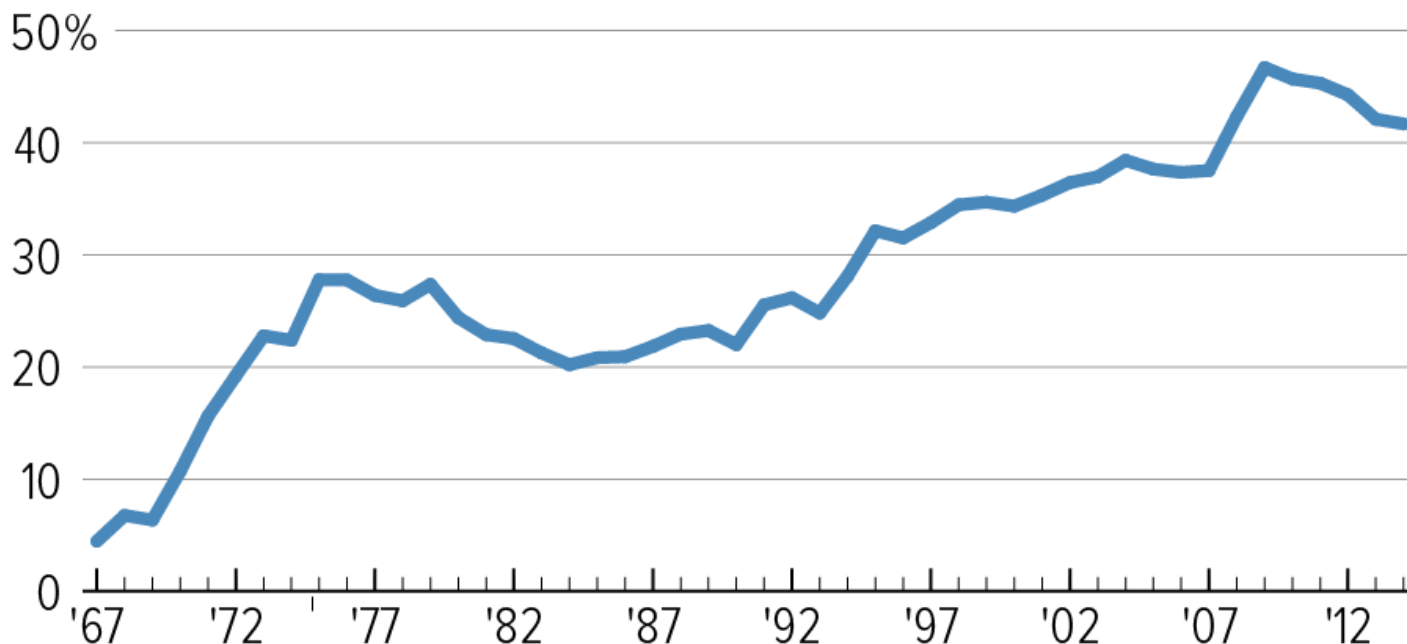
Note: Figures use the federal government's Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM).

Source: CBPP analysis of Census Bureau data from the March 2015 Current Population Survey and 2014 SPM public use file.



Safety Net's Effectiveness at Reducing Poverty Has Grown Nearly Ten-Fold Since 1967

Percent of otherwise poor lifted above the poverty line by the safety net



Note: For each year, figures show the percent reduction in the number of people in poverty from when government benefits and taxes are not counted to when they are counted. Calculations use Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM) and 2012 SPM poverty line adjusted for inflation.

Source: 1967-2012 data are from Christopher Wimer et al., "Trends in Poverty with an Anchored Supplemental Poverty Measure," Columbia Population Research Center, December 2013. (Plot points generously shared by the authors.) For 2013-2014, CBPP analysis of Census Bureau data from the March Current Population Survey and SPM public use files.

Funding for Most Major Block Grants Has Fallen Over Time

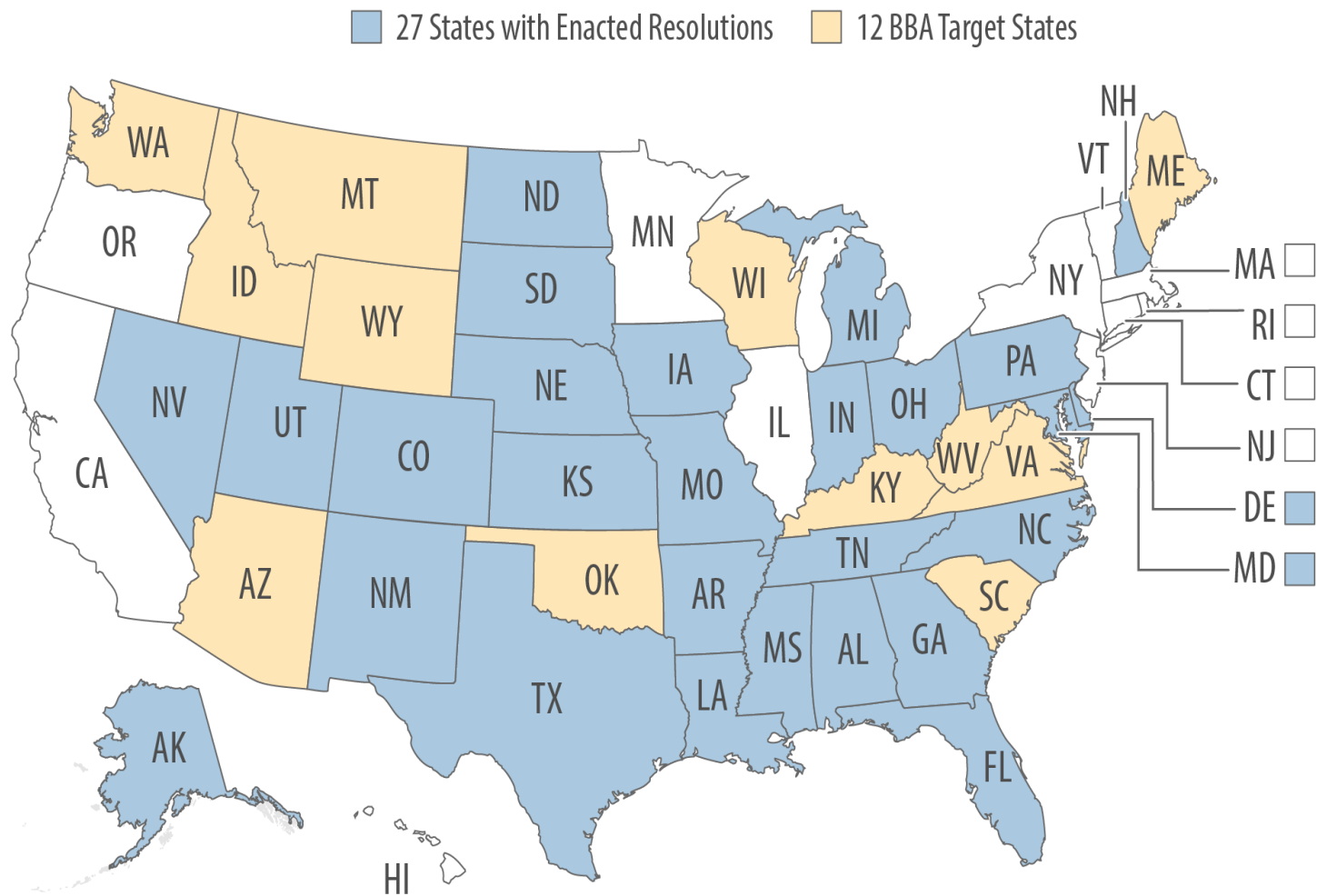
Program	Year of inception	Obligations in 2015 (in millions of dollars)	% change since 2000*	% change since inception*
HOME Investment Partnership Program	1992	\$935	-59%	-61%
Community Development Block Grant	1982	3,000	-49%	-63%
Job Training Formula Grants to States (Youth, Adult, and Dislocated Workers)	1982	2,624	-46%	-70%
Social Services Block Grant	1982	1,576	-36%	-73%
Maternal and Child Health Block Grant	1982	637	-36%	-29%
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant	1998	16,486	-28%	-32%
Native American Housing Block Grant	1998	659	-24%	-24%
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant	1994	1,741	-22%	-7%
Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant	1982	160	-15%	-19%
Community Mental Health Services Block Grant	1994	462	-7%	-1%
Community Services Block Grant	1982	674	-7%	-18%
Child Care and Development Block Grant (discretionary and mandatory components)	1991	5,277	8%	319%
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Block Grant	1982	3,391	32%	-25%
Total		\$37,622	-27%	

* adjusted for inflation

Source: CBPP analysis of data from the Office Management and Budget, Congressional Research Service reports, and appropriations legislation.

Job Training Formula Grants to States and Community Development Block Grant figures reflect budget authority. The figures for the Community Development Block Grant represent the funding levels for CDBG formula grants. The TANF figures are those for State Family Assistance Grants.

Constitutional Convention to Enact a Balanced Budget Amendment: Enacted and Targeted States



Late U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia



“... I certainly would not want a Constitutional convention. Whoa! Who knows what would come out of it?”