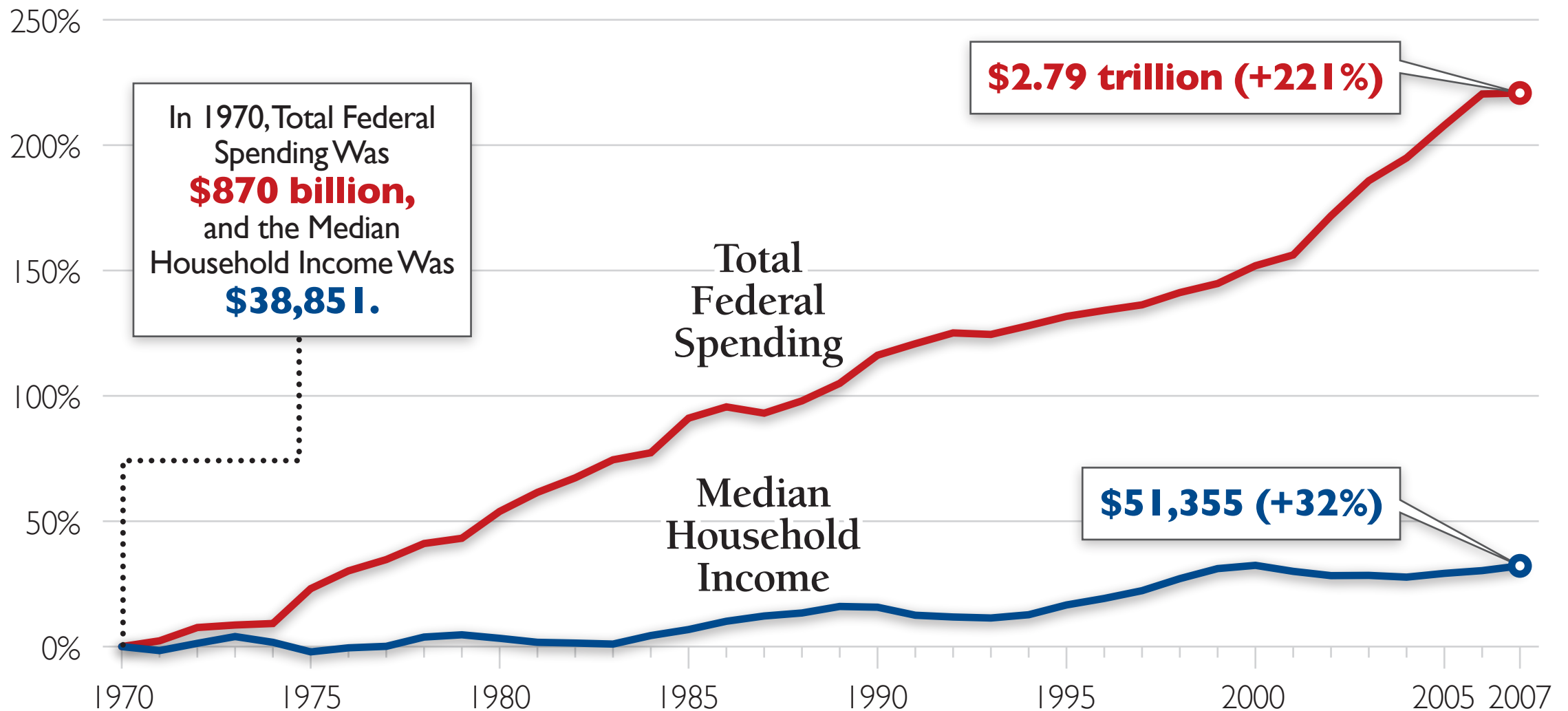


# Federal Spending Grew Nearly Seven Times Faster Than Median Income

Federal spending has increased 221 percent since 1970, nearly nine times faster than median income, which rose just over 32 percent.

Total Federal Spending and Median Income in Inflation-Adjusted Dollars (2008)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, and White House Office of Management and Budget.