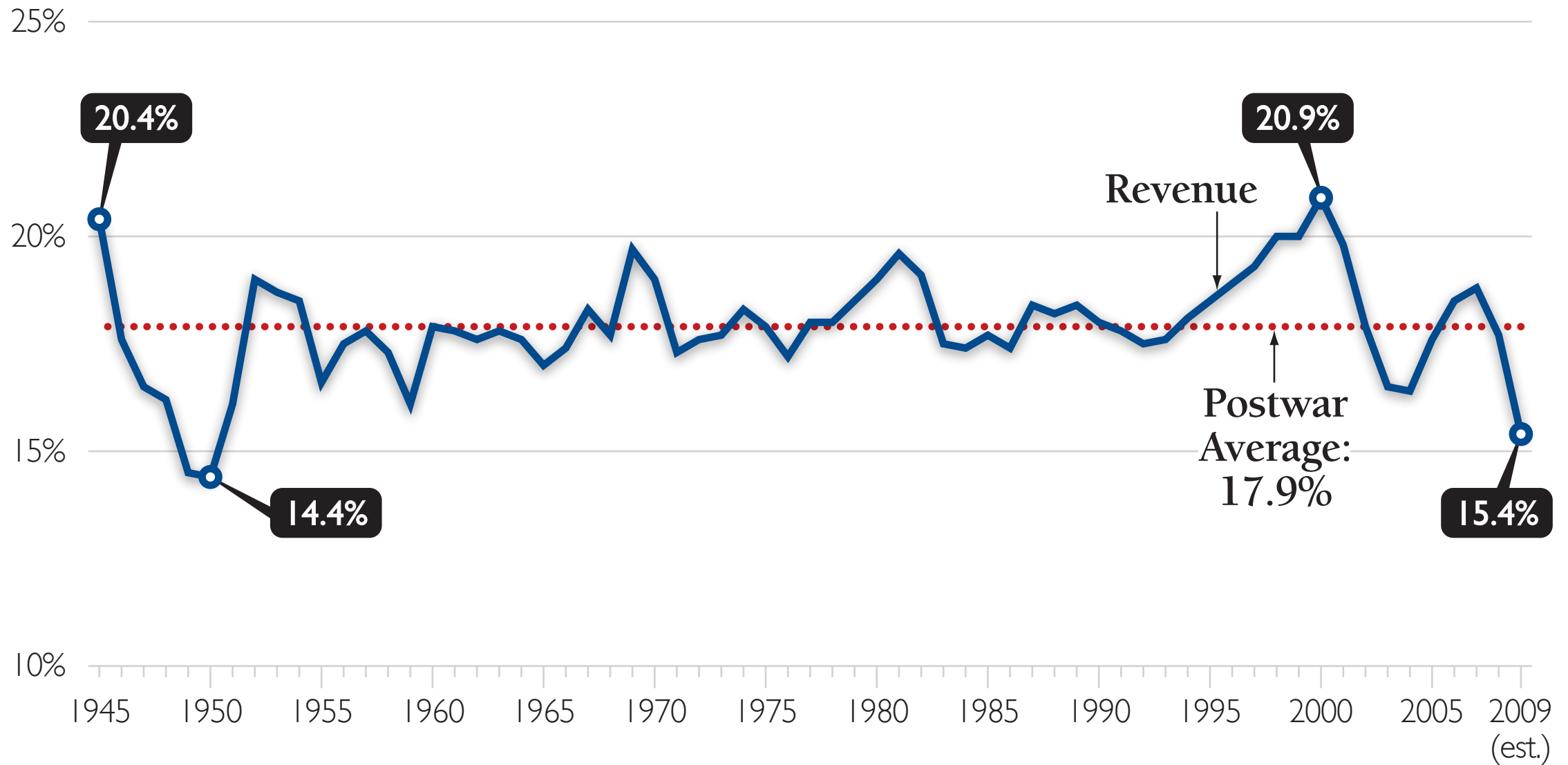


Current Tax Receipts Below Historical Average

Since World War II, tax receipts have averaged around 18 percent of the economy, or gross domestic product (GDP). Tax receipts were 17.7 percent of GDP in 2008, slightly below the 60-year average, and are projected to fall to 15.4 percent in 2009 due mostly to the struggling economy.

Total Federal Receipts as a Percentage of GDP



Source: White House Office of Management and Budget.