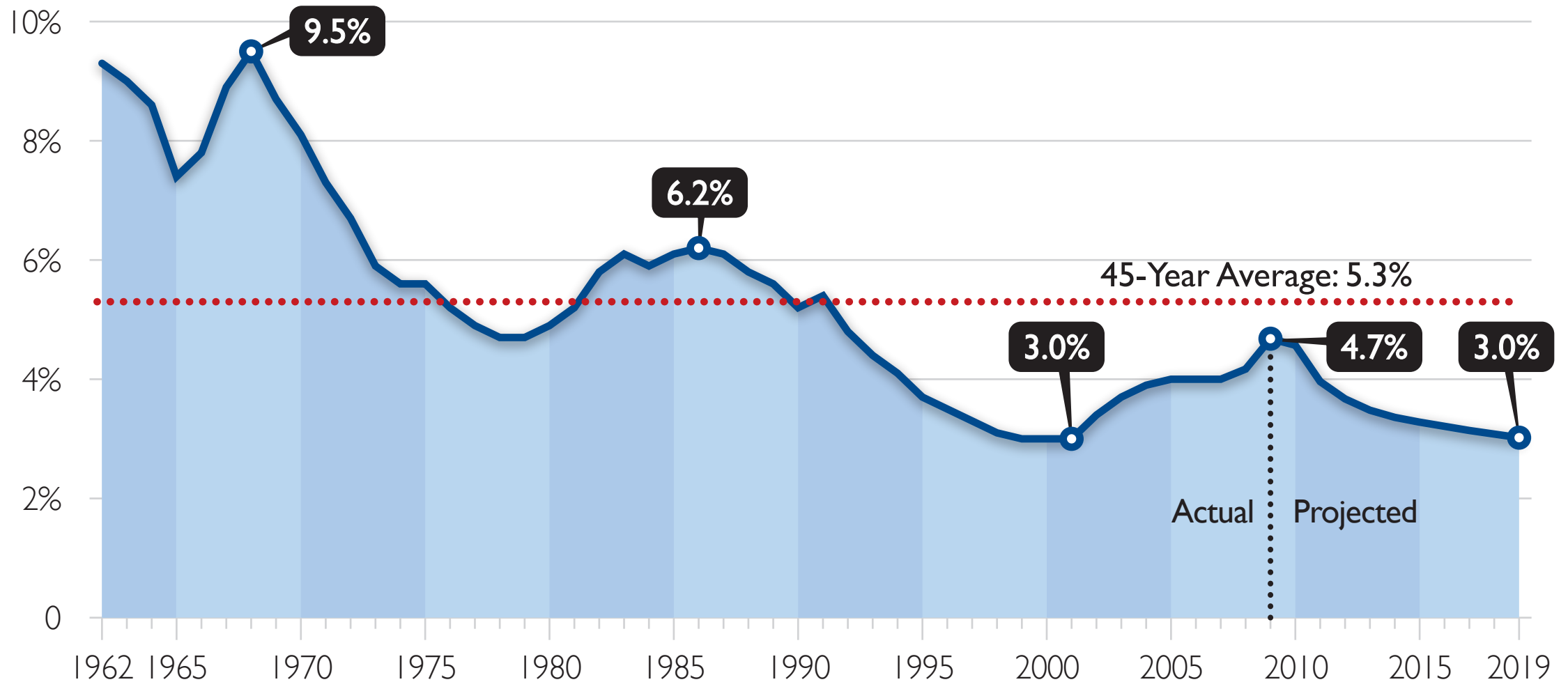


Obama's Budget Would Return Defense Spending to Pre-9/11 Levels

At 4.7 percent of GDP, defense spending is currently about a half percentage point of GDP below the 45-year historical average and well below Cold War and Vietnam War levels. Under President Obama's plan, defense spending will drop to 3 percent of GDP, a near record low.

National Defense Spending as a Percentage of GDP



Source: White House Office of Management and Budget.