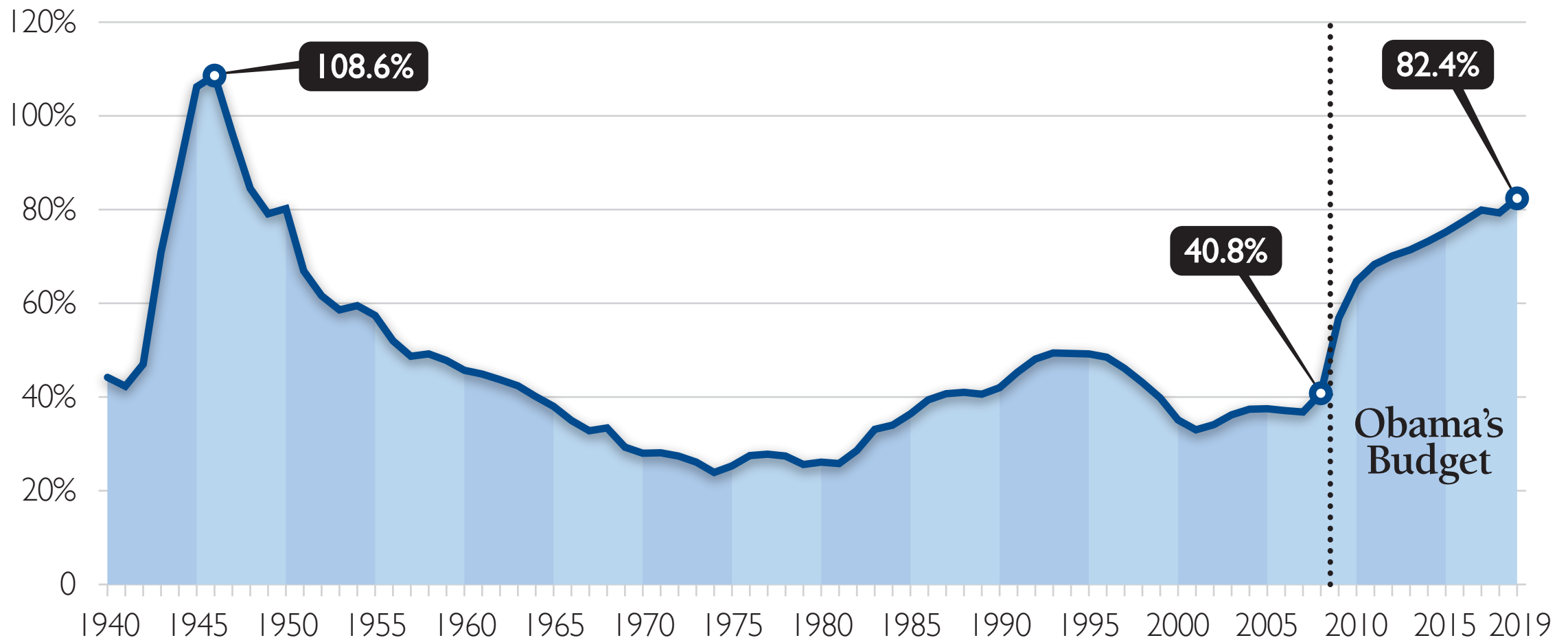


Obama's Budget Would Send Debt to Levels Not Seen Since World War II

In 2008, publicly held debt as a percentage of the economy (GDP) was 40.8 percent, nearly five points below the historical average. Under President Obama's budget, this figure would more than double to 82.4 percent by 2019, and interest payments alone on this debt would be \$100 billion more than Obama projects to spend on the entire Department of Defense.

Debt Held by the Public as a Percentage of GDP



Source: White House Office of Management and Budget and Congressional Budget Office.