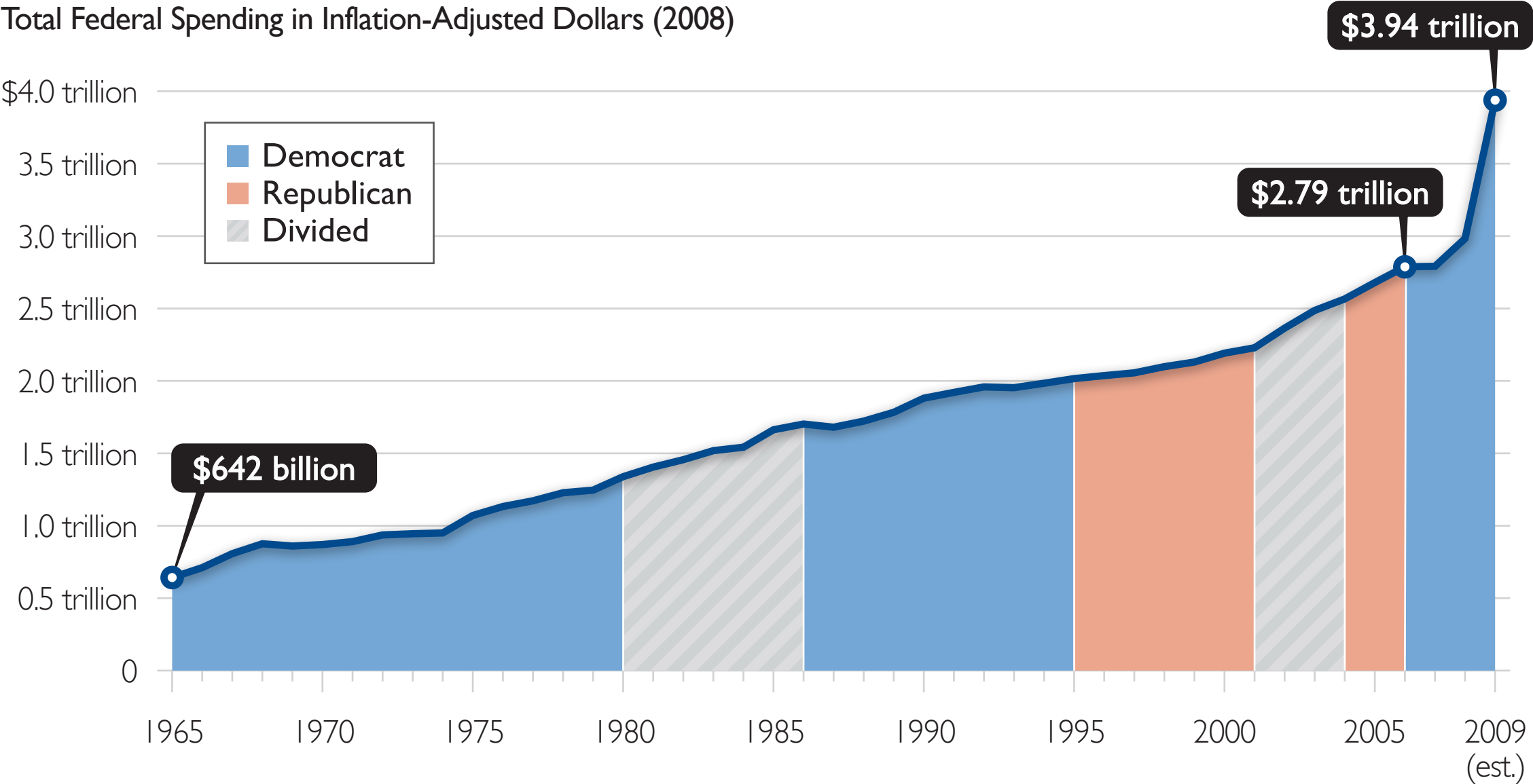


# Federal Spending Has Increased Steadily Regardless of Congressional Leadership

Real annual federal spending has more than quintupled since 1965 and more than doubled since 1980. Since 2006, federal spending has increased by nearly \$1 trillion.

Total Federal Spending in Inflation-Adjusted Dollars (2008)



Source: White House Office of Management and Budget.