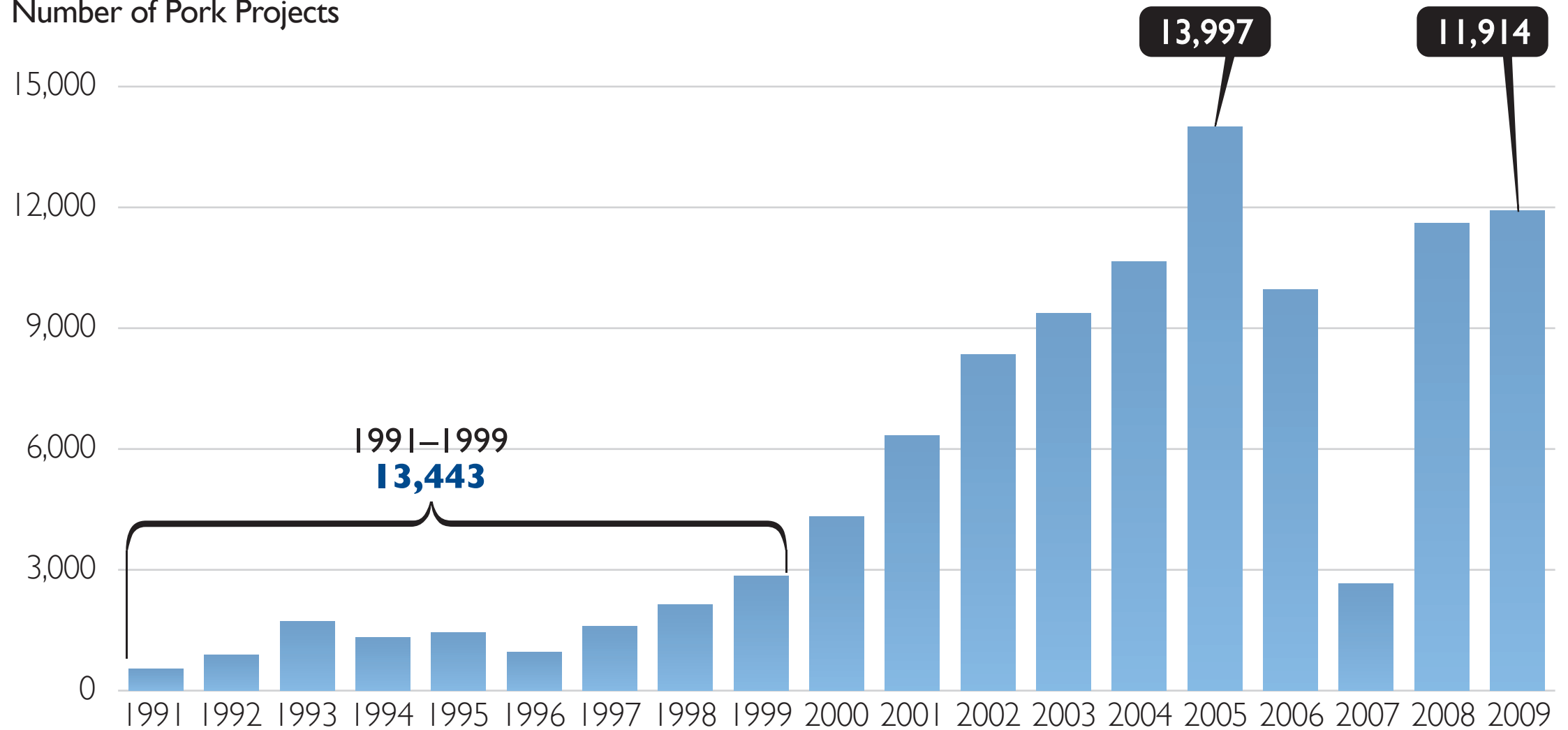


FY 2009 Had the Second-Highest Number of Earmarks in History Despite Change in Congressional Leadership

Earmarks, or “pork” projects, have escalated in recent years. There were more earmarks in 2005 than from 1991 to 1999 combined. In 2007, the number of projects dramatically decreased as a result of a year-long continuing resolution. Under the Democratic Congress, earmarks have shot back up to the second-highest level in recent history.

Number of Pork Projects



Source: Citizens Against Government Waste; The Heritage Foundation.