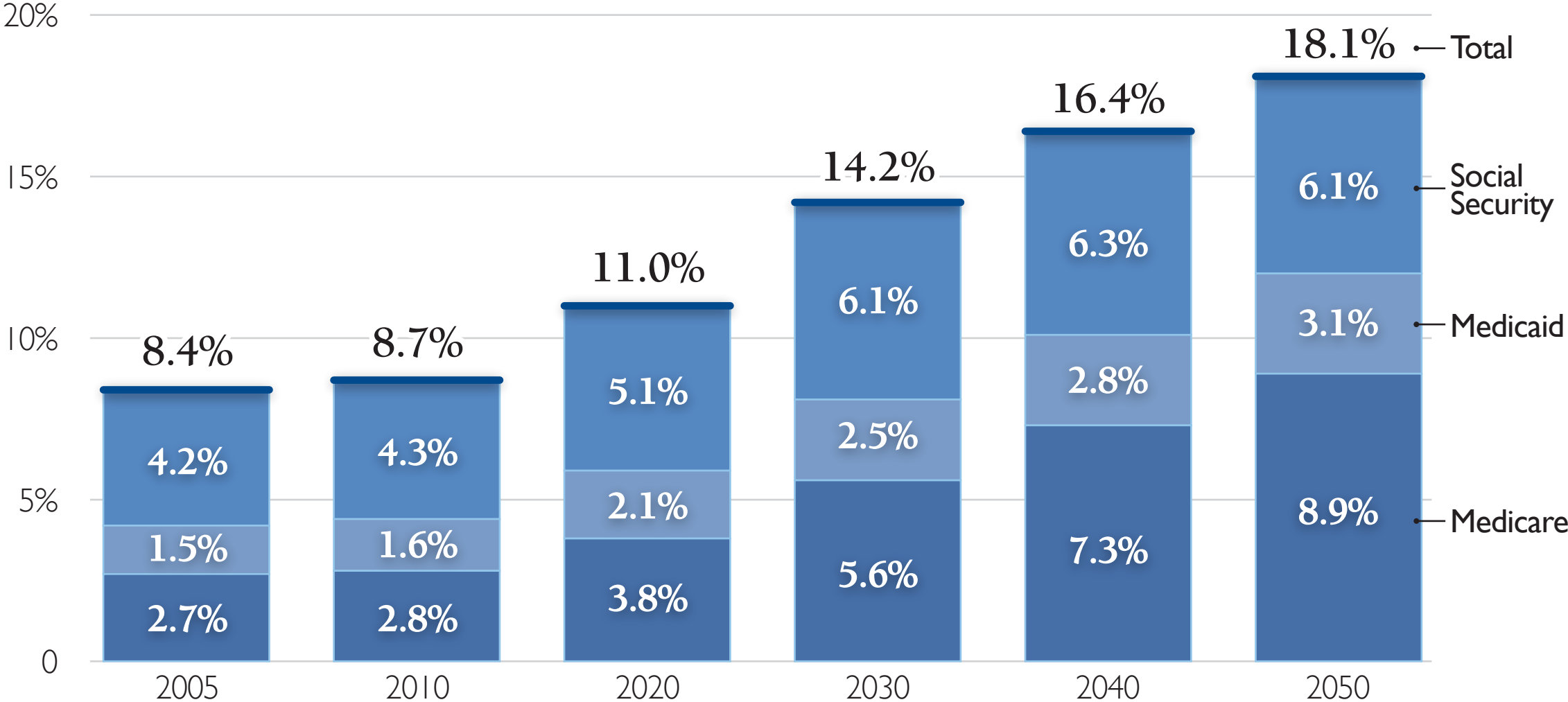


Entitlement Spending Will More Than Double by 2050

Entitlements, fueled by demographic changes and rising health care costs, will cause federal spending to explode. Medicaid spending will more than double, increasing from 1.5 percent of GDP in 2005 to 3.1 percent in 2050. Medicare spending will more than triple, increasing from 2.7 percent of GDP in 2005 to 8.9 percent in 2050.

Entitlement Spending as a Percentage of GDP



Source: Congressional Budget Office.