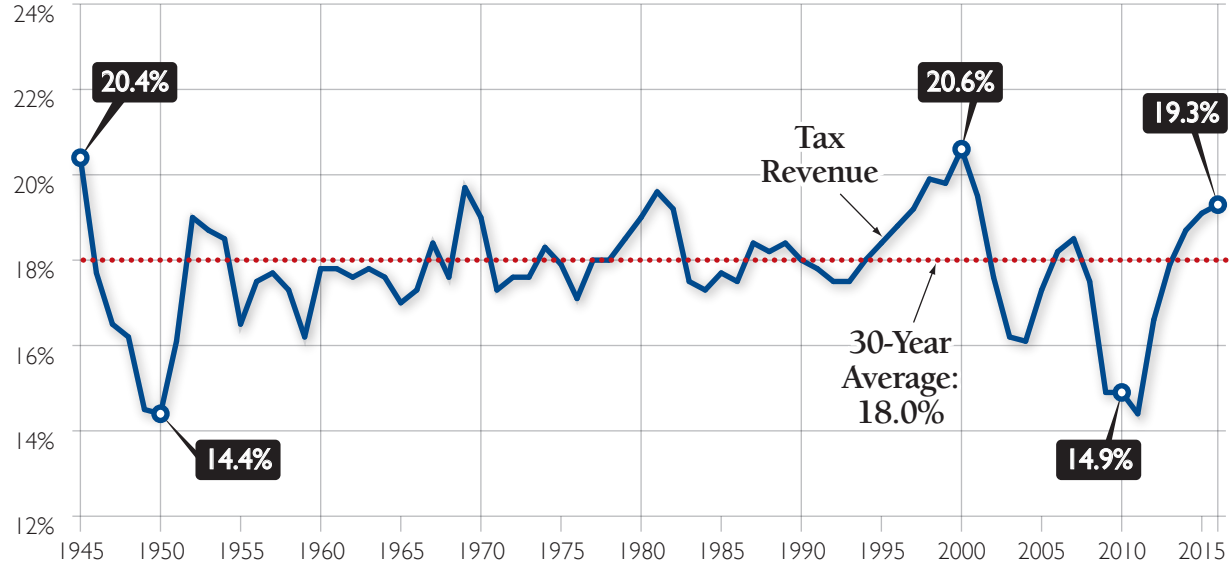


Tax Receipts Return to Historical Average

The overall tax burden on Americans is measured as a share of gross domestic product (GDP). Since World War II, tax receipts have averaged around 18 percent of GDP. Receipts have fallen due to the recession, but as the economy recovers, they will rise above the average level by the end of the decade.

TAX RECEIPTS AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP



Source: White House Office of Management and Budget.