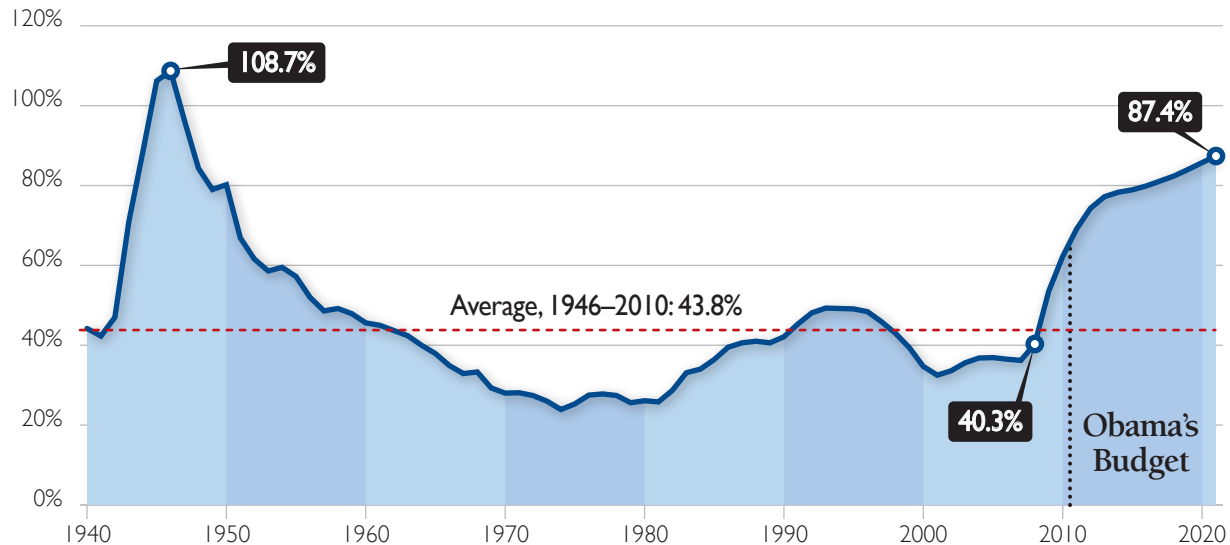


## Obama's Budget Would Send Federal Debt to Levels Not Seen Since World War II

In 2008, publicly held debt as a percentage of the economy (GDP) was 40.3 percent, nearly four points below the postwar average. Since then, the debt has increased more than 50 percent, and the President's FY 2012 budget would more than double it to 87.4 percent by 2021.

### DEBT AS A PERCENTAGE OF GDP



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