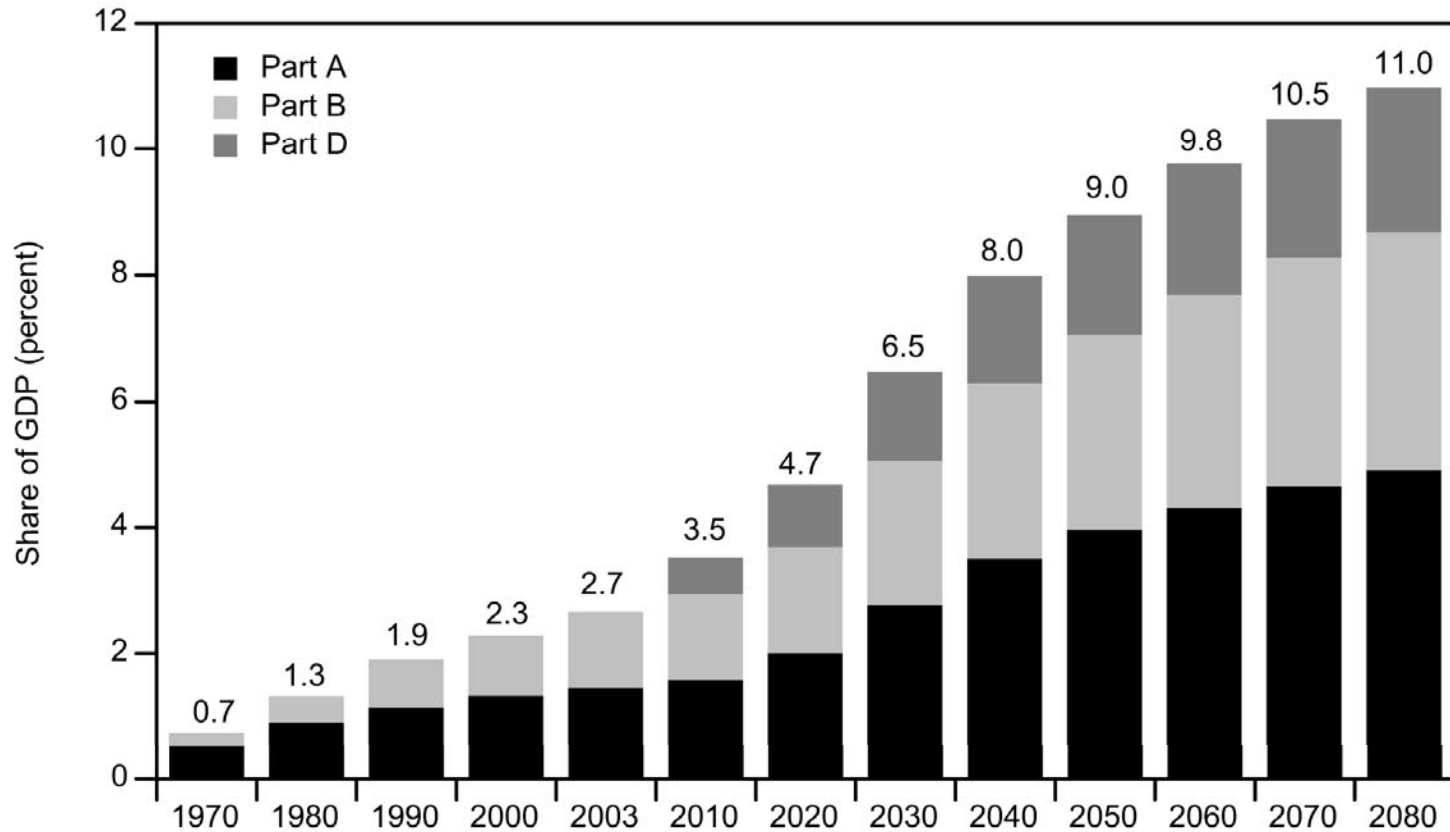


Trustees project Medicare spending to increase as a share of GDP



Note: GDP (gross domestic product). These projections are based on the trustees' intermediate set of assumptions.

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