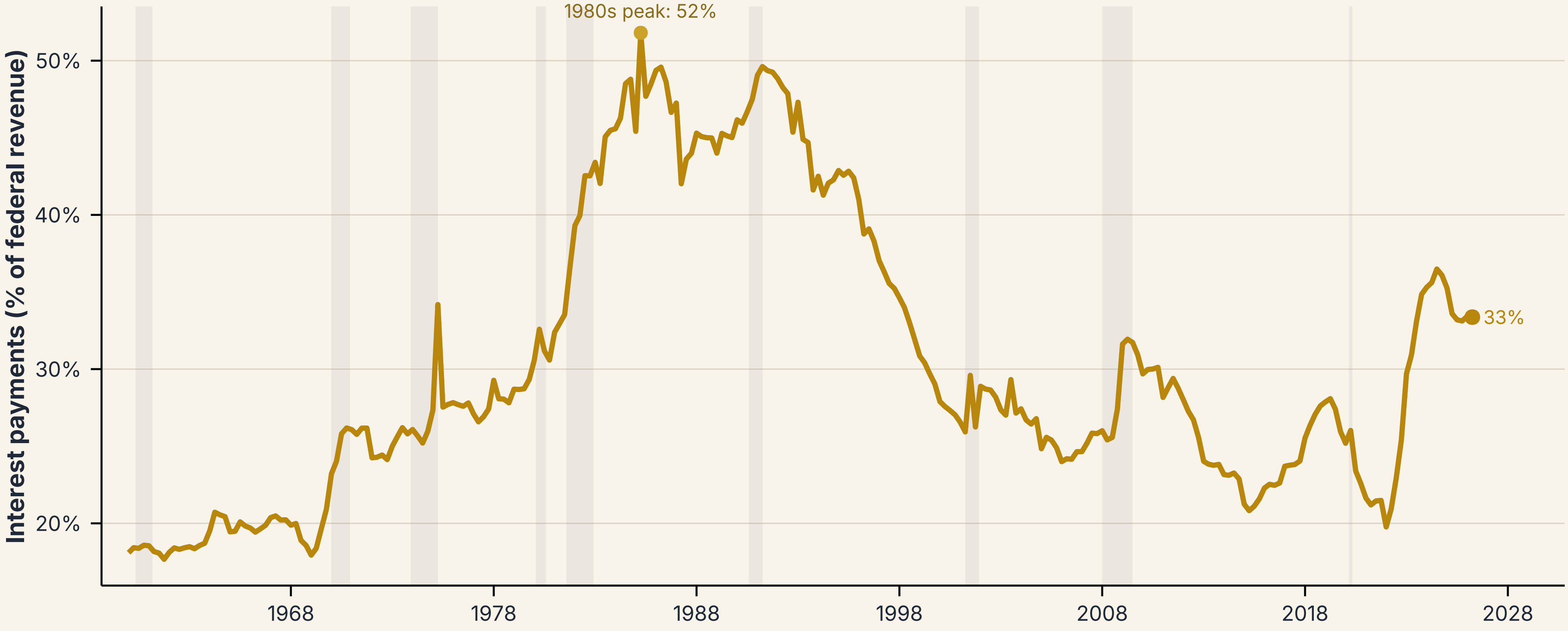
How Much of Every Tax Dollar Goes to Interest?

Federal interest payments as a share of federal revenue · Latest: Q2 2026



Notes: Federal government interest payments divided by total federal current receipts, quarterly (annualized). Frames the debt burden as a cash-flow constraint rather than an abstract debt-to-GDP ratio.
Shaded bars: NBER recessions.
Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis via FRED (A091RC1Q027SBEA, W006RC1Q027SBEA). Retrieved 29 Aug 2026.
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