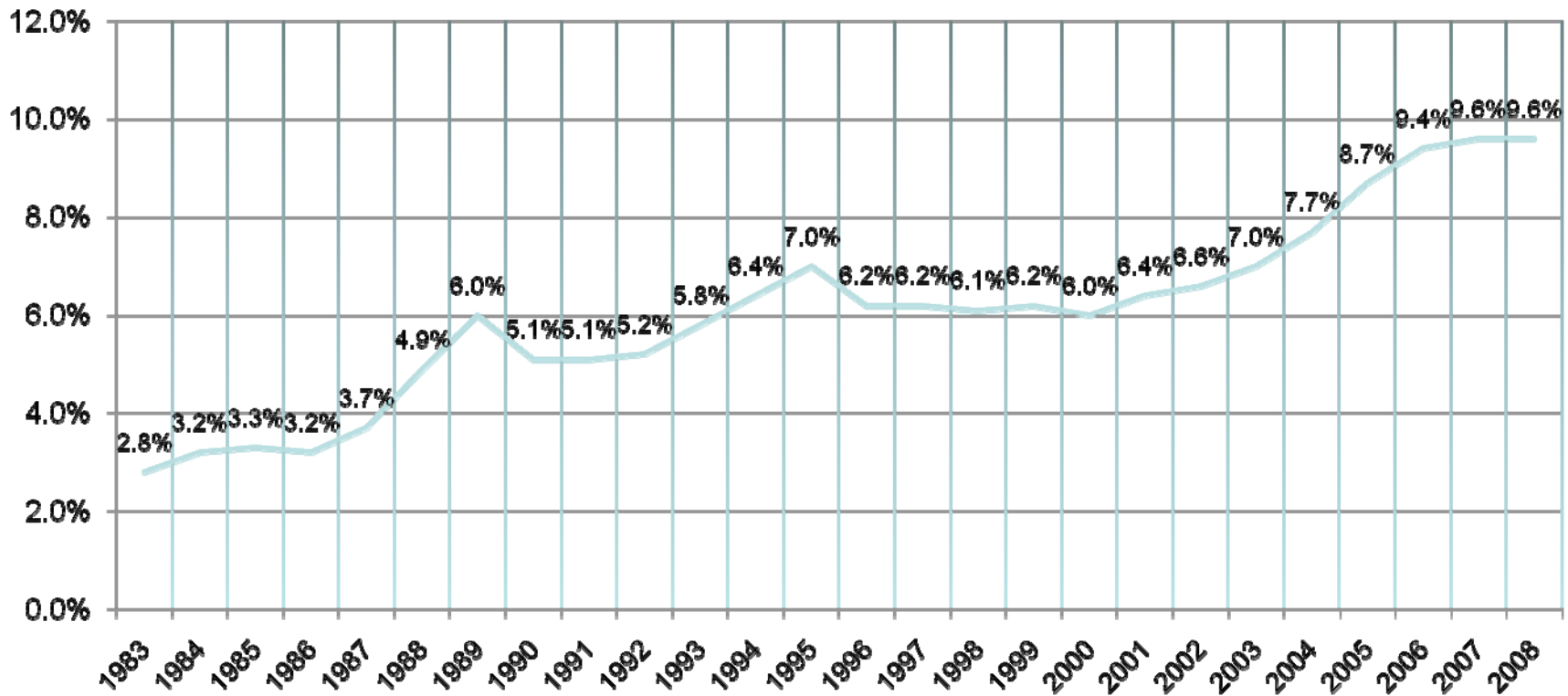


Medicare Part B Costs as Percent of SSDI Benefit



Individuals relying on Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) have seen the costs of the Medicare Part B premium increase from less than 3 percent of the average monthly SSDI benefit in 1983, to nearly 10 percent in 2008. From 2000 to 2008, the average monthly SSDI benefit has increased 33 percent, from \$754 to \$1,004, while the average monthly Part B premium jumped 112 percent, from \$45.50 to \$96.40.

Sources: Number of Social Security Recipients (disabled workers in the month of January each year), <http://www.ssa.gov/OACT/ProgData/icp.html>
 History of SSI, Medicare, and Medicaid Provisions (Table 2.C1), <http://www.ssa.gov/policy/docs/statcomps/supplement/2007/2b-2c.html#table2.c1>