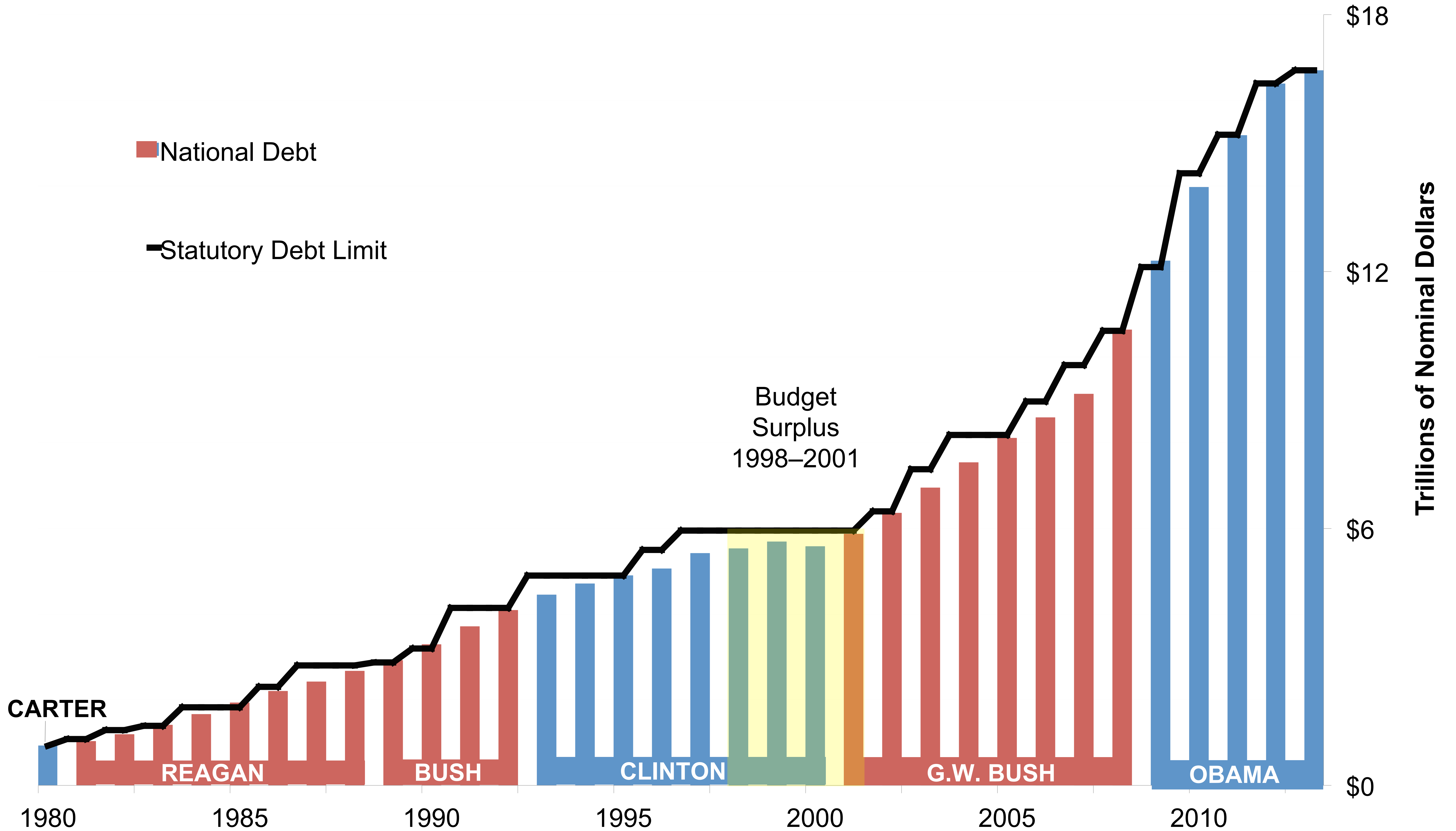


National Debt and Debt Ceiling Increases



Budget Surplus
1998–2001

CARTER

REAGAN

BUSH

CLINTON

G.W. BUSH

OBAMA

\$18
\$12
\$6
\$0

Trillions of Nominal Dollars

Source: US Treasury and Congressional Research Service.
 Date note: National debt figures represent debt at the end of the year.
 2013 estimate uses public debt data as of August 31, 2013.
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