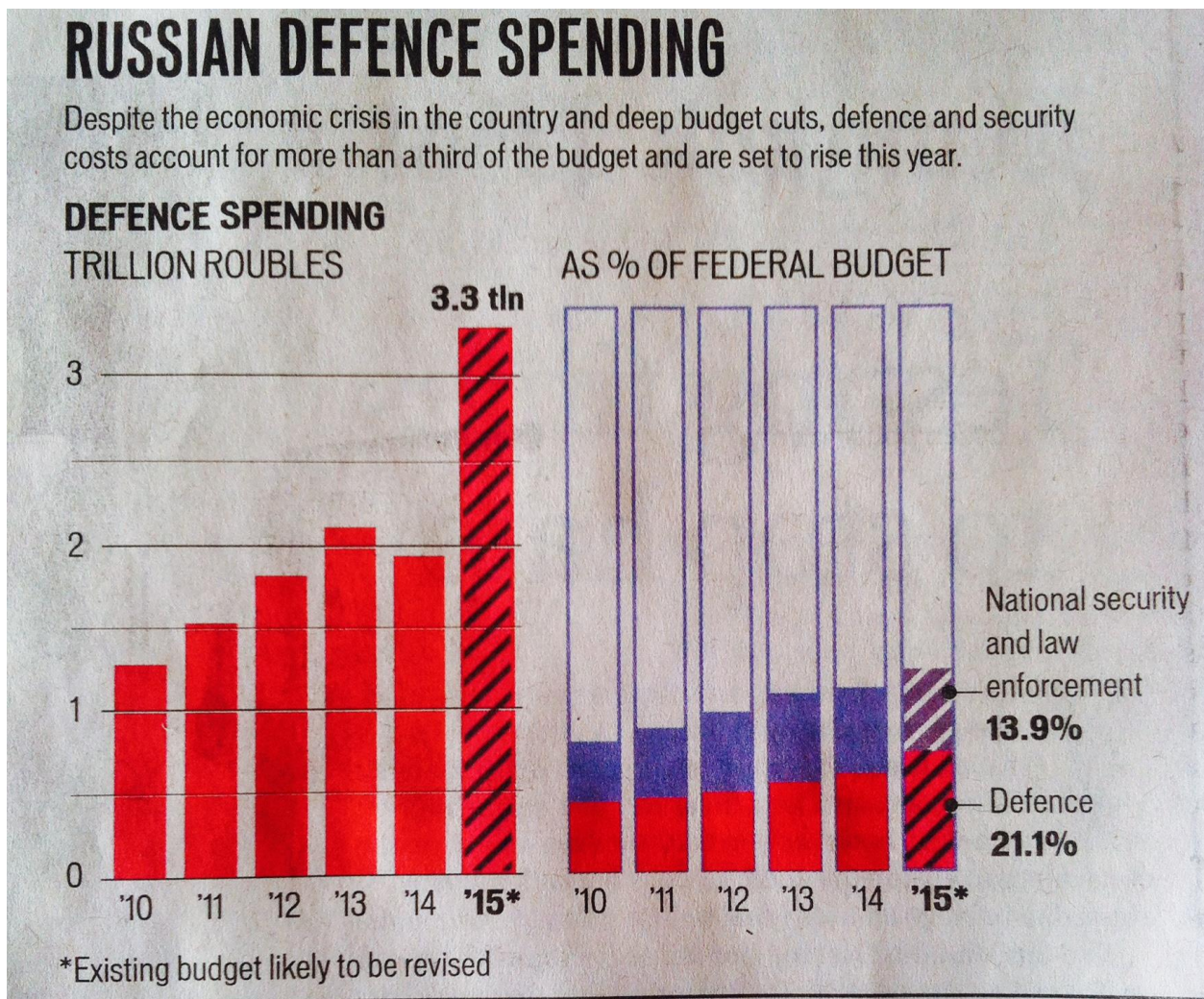


You should spend about 20 minutes on this task.

The graph above shows the Russian Defense Spending as compared to the percent of Russia's total budget.

Summarize the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

You should write at least 150 words.



## Sample Answer:

The two bar graphs represent the amount of Russian Roubles in Trillions, spent on defense from the years 2010 to 2014 with expected spending in 2015 as well as the percent of Russia's total budget the defense spending represented.

What is clear from the graphs is that the amount in spending and the corresponding percent of the budget have steadily increased over the last four years with an expected enormous jump in the year 2015.

The spending graph shows that Russia's total defense expenditures in the year 2010 were approximately 1.3 trillion Roubles which represented an estimated twelve percent of the annual budget. Money spent on defending Russia continued to increase incrementally over the next three years from 1.5 trillion Roubles in 2011 to 2.1 trillion in 2013. The percent of the annual budget this spending represents also went up but to a lesser degree from approximately thirteen percent in 2011 to roughly sixteen percent three years later.

The surprise of the graph is that despite a minor decrease in spending of 200 billion in 2014, anticipated expenditures for 2015 sky rocket to 3.3 trillion Roubles which is more than double the costs of defense five years before in 2010. What's just as shocking is that even though projected defense spending for 2015 increased by one hundred and seventy percent it only represents a small increase in the annual budget of three percent from the following year reaching just over twenty percent.

