

2020 Forum on Aging in Rural Oregon



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- Audio  and video  are muted for all participants.
- By selecting  the Q & A and Chat features will populate to your right. Please ask questions using the Q&A featured and use the chat function for everything else.
- Our moderator will read questions to the speakers at the end.
- Presentation slides will be posted at: <https://www.ohsu.edu/oregon-office-of-rural-health/forum-aging-rural-oregon>, and recordings will be posted shortly after the session.

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Presents,
Policy Matters

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AARP OREGON – POLICY MATTERS

AARP Voter Engagement – Nationwide & Oregon



PROTECT
50+
VOTERS

**AARP
VOTER
ENGAGEMENT
CAMPAIGN**

AARP[®]
Real Possibilities

POWER OF THE 50+ VOTER

2016

Election of
President
Donald Trump

**53% of the
electorate was 50+**

2018

Nancy Pelosi,
House
Speakership

**59% of the
electorate was 50+**

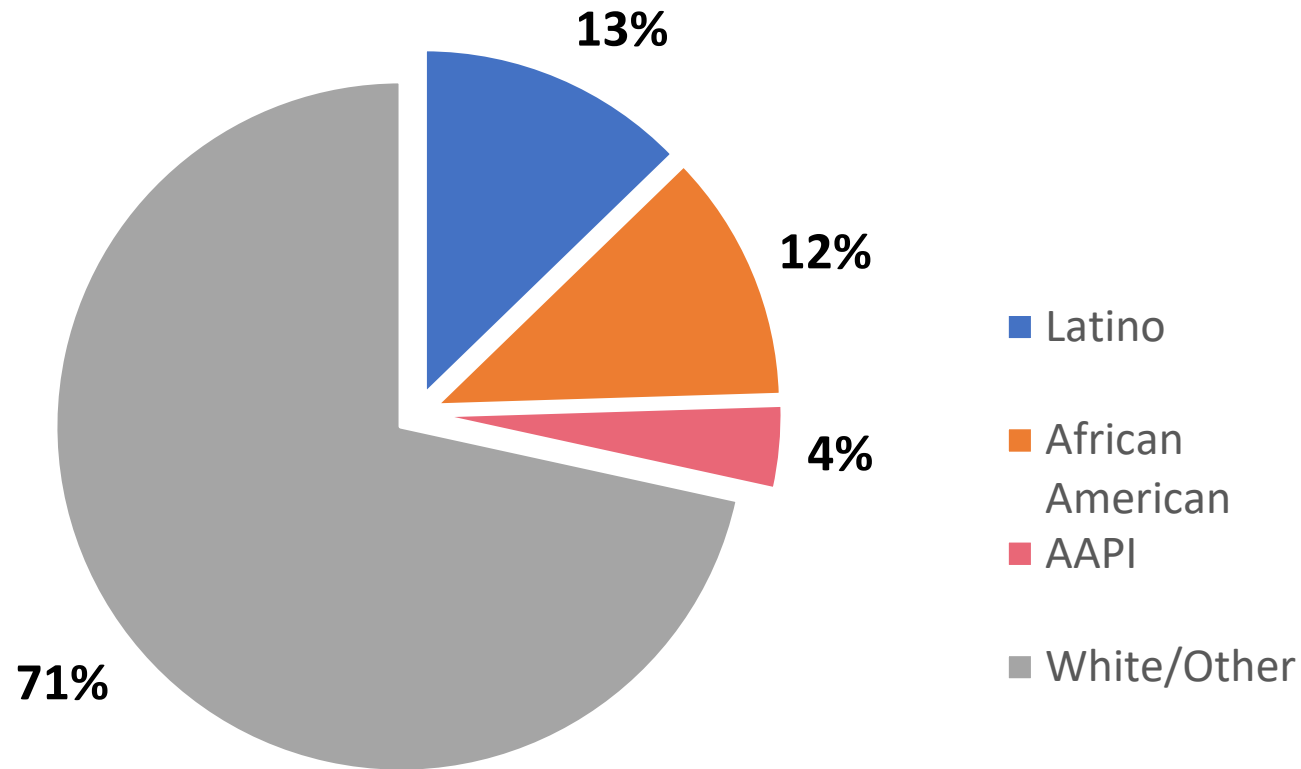
2020

US Presidency
Senate
House

**Voters 50+ again
will decide the
winners**

MULTICULTURAL VOTER IN 2020

Voter Blocs / Demographics



THE MULTICULTURAL VOTE

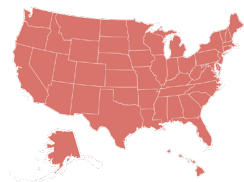
In 2020, the multicultural vote cannot be understated.

Nearly a third of all eligible voters in 2020 will be from communities of color.

VOTER ENGAGEMENT 2020



**Be the Champion
of the 50+**



**Inform 50+ on
State Voting
Processes**



**Relationships
with Elected
Officials and
Influencers**



**Push Top
Advocacy
Priorities with
Candidates**



UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE & OUR VOTE

AARP – NATIONWIDE 2020

Action: Power the Polls

www.PowerthePolls.org/AARP



VOTING IN OREGON WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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To confirm your vote-by-mail ballot was received by
our office, please log on to our website

WILDFIRES & YOUR VOTE

<https://sos.oregon.gov/voting-elections/Pages/fires.aspx>

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Make Sure
the 50+ Voter
is **Heard.**



Presidential Debates Series



Debate Bingo

[https://states.aarp.org/virginia/
play-debate-watch-bingo](https://states.aarp.org/virginia/play-debate-watch-bingo)



OCT 07

Vice Presidential Debate

*University of Utah
Salt Lake City, UT*



OCT 15

Presidential Townhall

Miami, FL



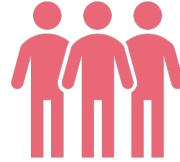
OCT 22

Final Presidential Debate

*Belmont University
Nashville, TN*

OREGON POLICY ISSUES

- Budget
- Long Term Care
- Workplace Age Discrimination



TAKING ACTION HERE IN OREGON

OREGON AARP LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY VOLUNTEERS

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The Future of Social Security

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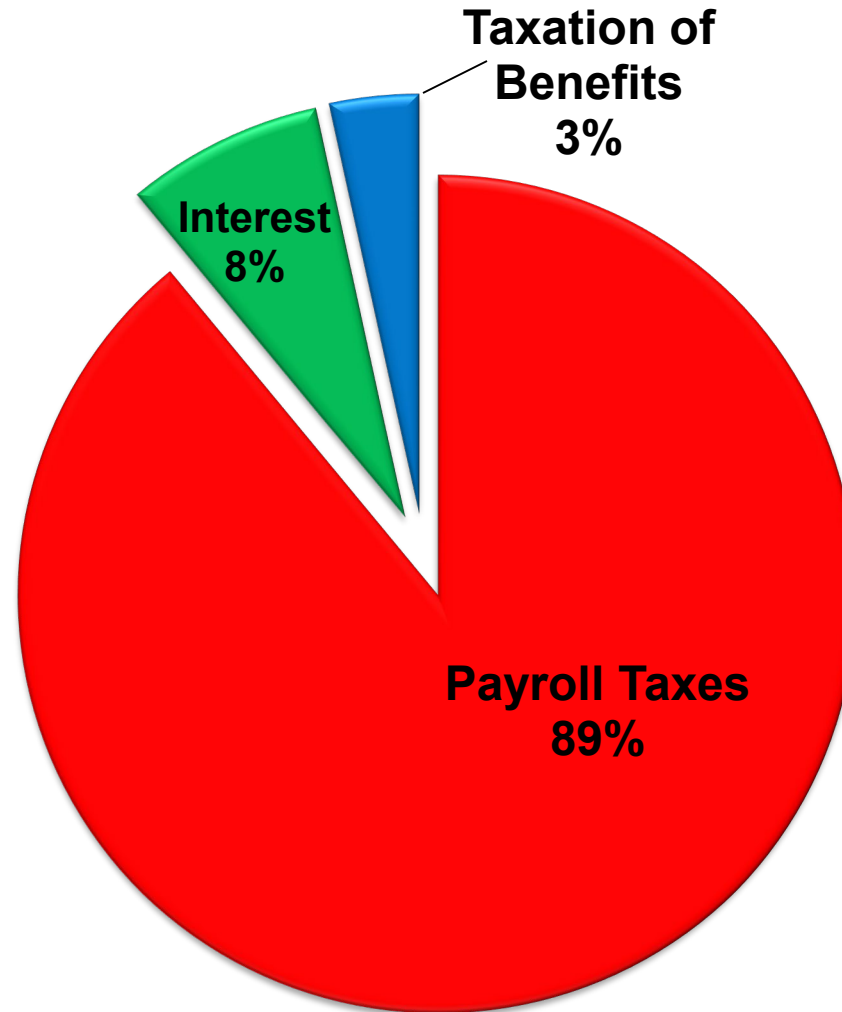
Agenda

Social Security

- Facts & Challenges
- Proposals on the Table in Washington
- Need for a Separate Conversation

Social Security Financing

Separate from the Budget



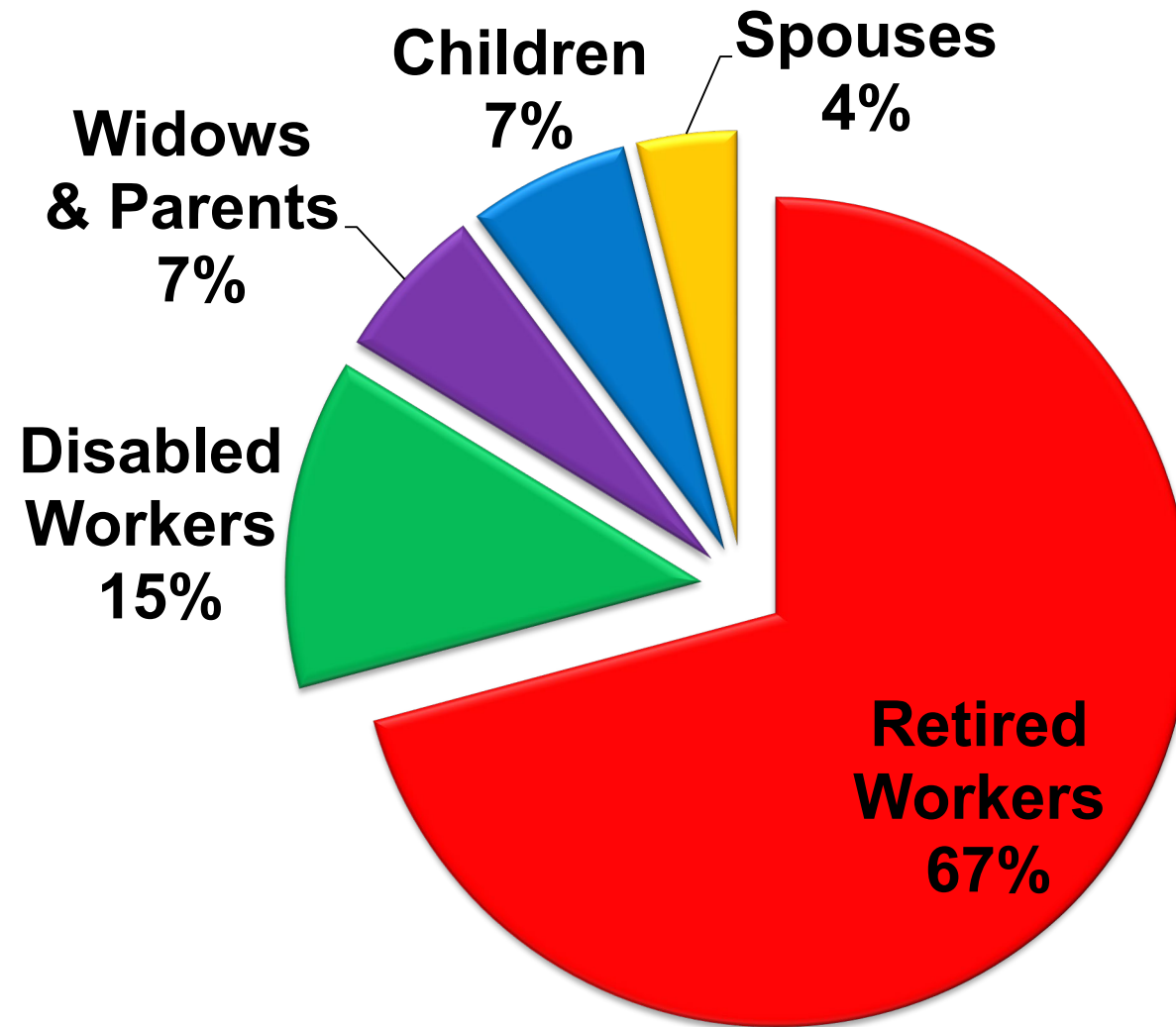
Who is Eligible for Social Security?

Social Security is an Earned Benefit



- You need to work at least 10 years to become eligible for retirement benefits
- You earn Social Security credits when you work in a job and pay Social Security taxes

Who Receives Social Security?



Oregonians & Social Security

891,726 Oregonians
receive Social Security
including:

- 662,320 Retirees
- 102,966 People with Disabilities



A Vital Source of Income for Seniors

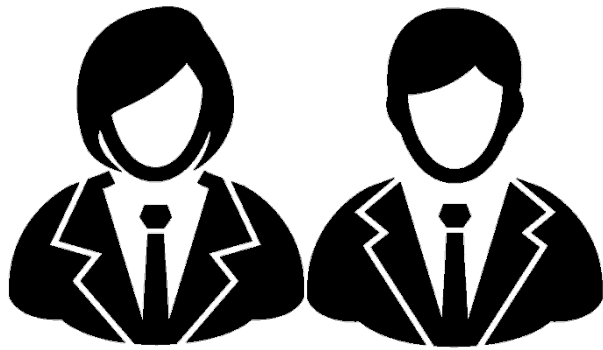
Keeps 15 Million Seniors Out of Poverty



- Provides more than half of family income for nearly 45% of Oregon seniors
- Provides almost all family income for nearly 19% of Oregon seniors

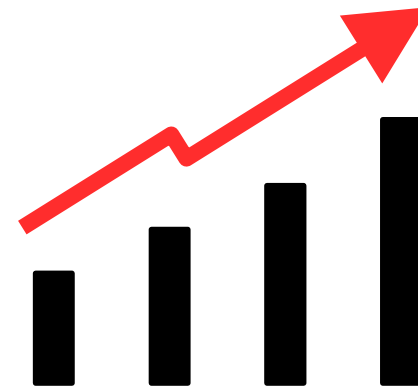
Critical for the Economy

Social Security Benefits Support Economy & Jobs



131,000

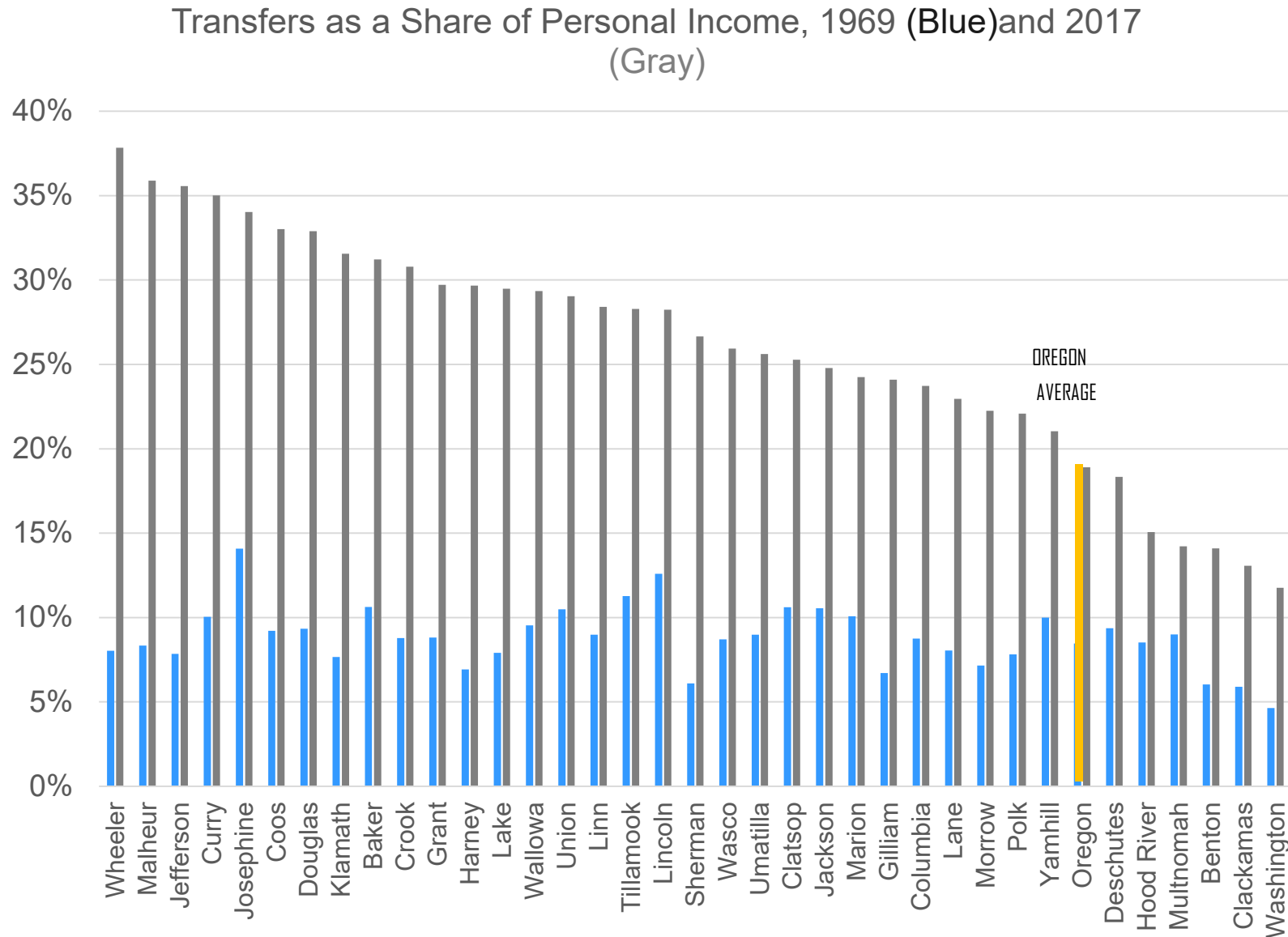
Jobs Supported



\$19 Billion

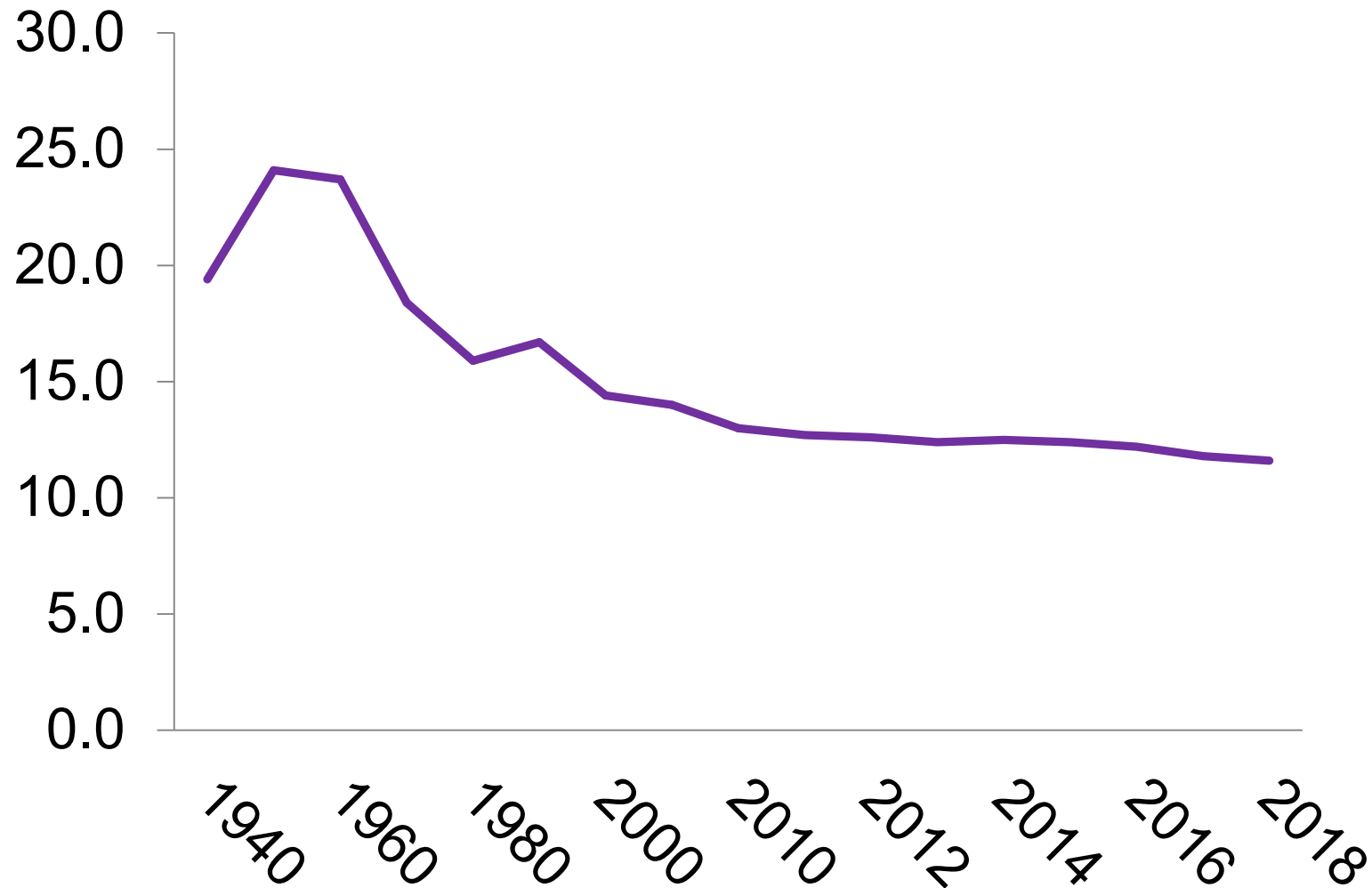
Added to the Economy

Federal Transfer Payments including Social Security, Medicare etc



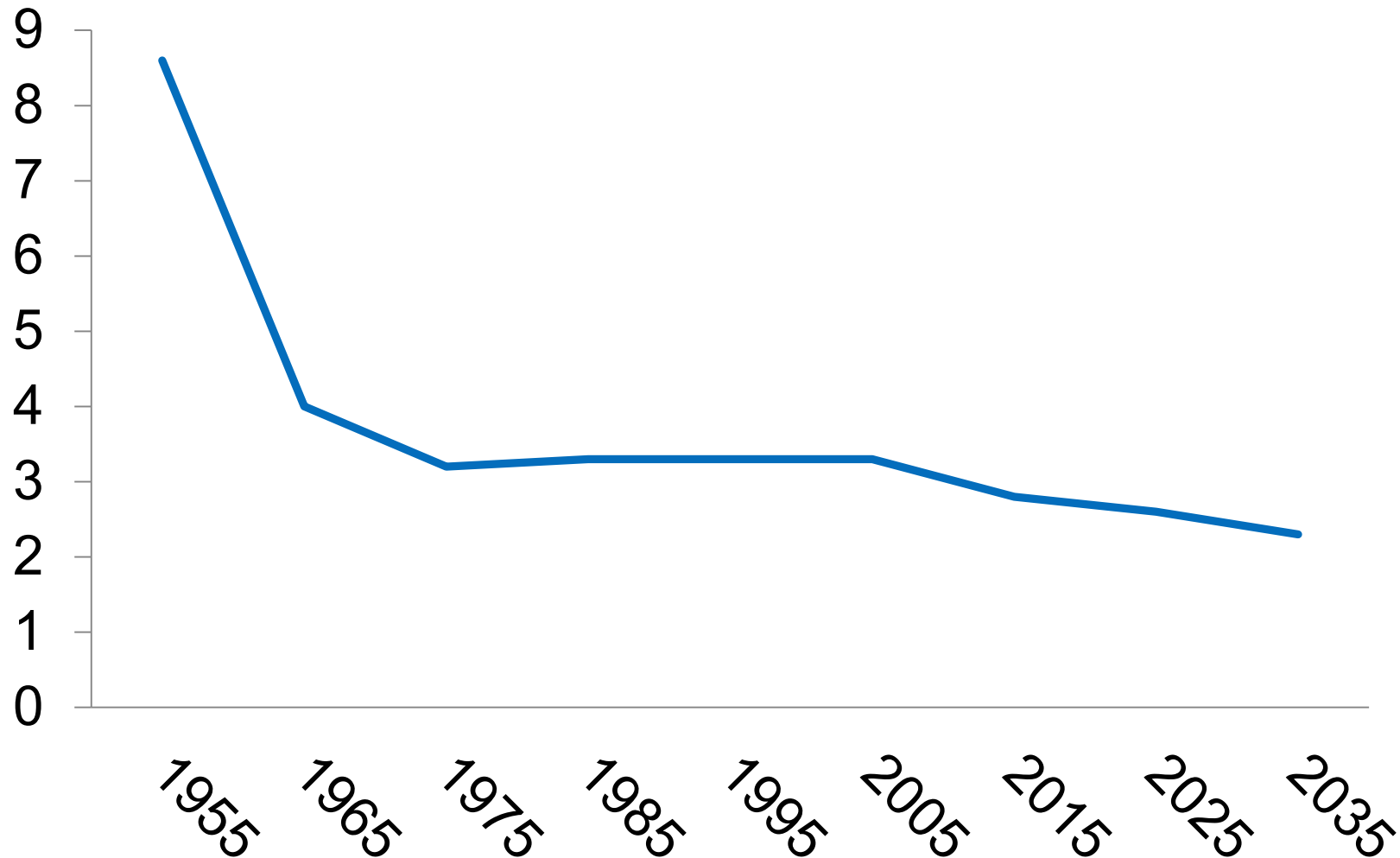
Social Security Challenges

Birth rate fell from about 25 per 1,000 people to under 12



Social Security Challenges

Number of workers per beneficiary will decline to 2.3 in 2035





Proposals Being Talked About in Washington

Revenue Enhancement: Increase the Payroll Tax Cap

83%

**Cap covers
about 83% of
total earnings in
nation**

**Any wages
above \$137,700
go untaxed**

90%

**Proposal to raise
cap to cover 90%
of total earnings
in nation**

**Would apply to
annual earnings
up to about
\$270,000-phased
in over 10 years**

Benefit Adjustment: Raise the Full Retirement Age (FRA)

Currently:
66-67

- Has been increasing since 2000
- Currently 66 & will be 67 for those born 1960 and later

Proposal:
68

- Increase by 2 months each year from 2023 - 2028

Proposal:
70

- Increase by 2 months each year from 2023-2040

Benefit Adjustment: Recalculate the COLA

Chained Consumer Price Index

- Aims to account for change in consumer buying habits when prices change
- Predict annual COLA on average 0.3% points *lower* under this

Elderly Index

- Aims to reflect spending patterns of older Americans (including health care)
- Predict annual COLA on average 0.2 *higher* under this

Benefit Adjustments: Reduce Benefits for Higher Earners

- Benefit payments are based on earnings that were subject to Social Security payroll taxes.
- Higher Lifetime Earners
 - Receive higher benefit payments
 - Benefits replace smaller share of past earnings



Benefit Adjustment: Reduce Benefits for Higher Earners

**Proposal to reduce benefits for
highest-earning 50%**

**Gradually over time
by sliding scale**

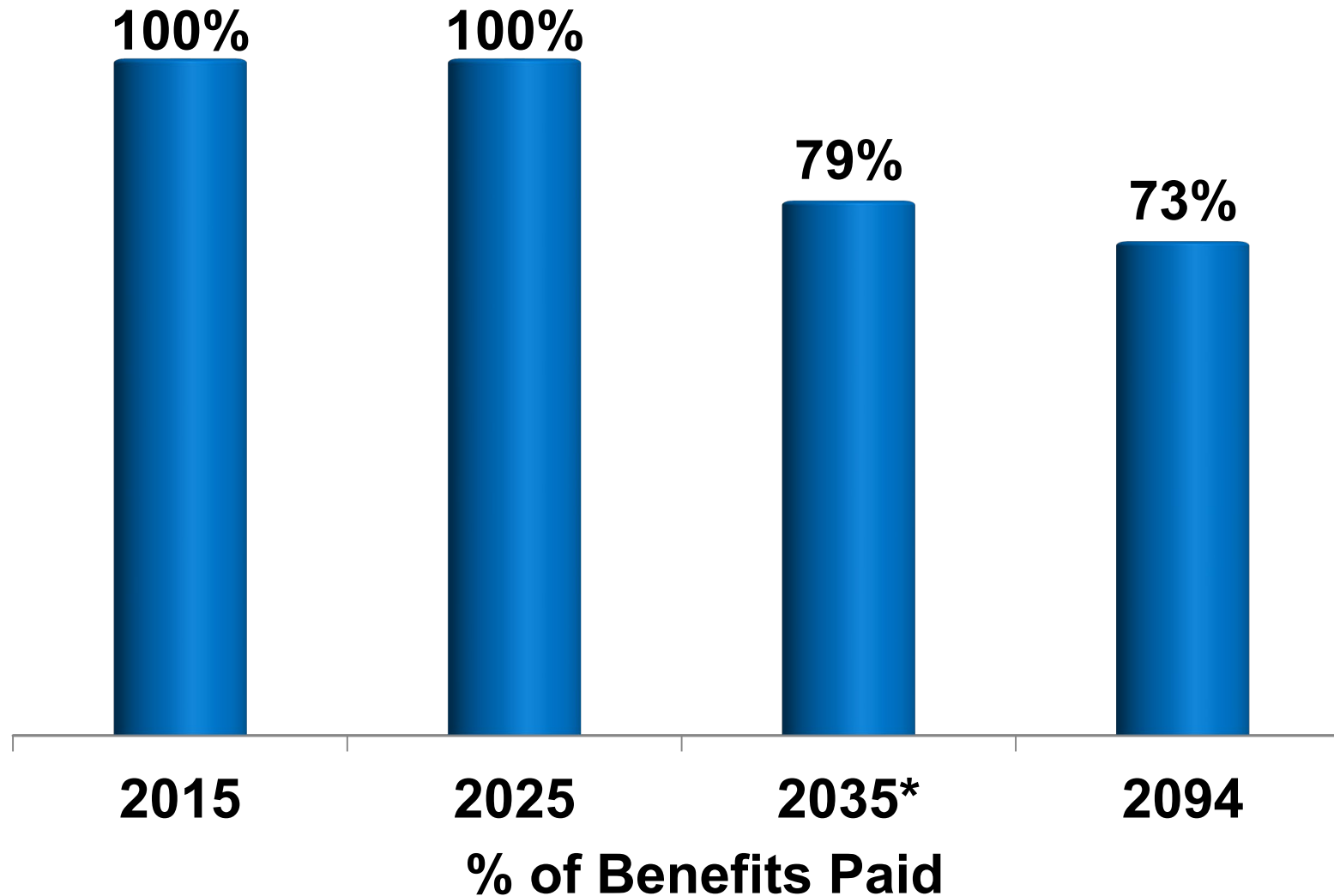
**Up to 28% benefit
reduction for
maximum earners**



Strengthen Social Security

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Can Pay Full Benefits Until 2035



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action.aarp.org/security to express concern about President Trump elimination of Social Security's dedicated funding

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