

## **Social Security Trust Funds**

Social Security is part of the overall federal budget, but its benefits are paid from trust funds that are funded from payroll taxes, interest on the trust funds' balances, and income taxes on Social Security benefits. The rules that govern baseline construction require the Congressional Budget Office to assume that scheduled payments from federal trust funds will continue to be made in full even if a trust fund has been exhausted and there is no legal authority to make such payments. Under current law, the Social Security Administration may not pay benefits in excess of the available balances in a trust fund.

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7,498

-728

-994

78

n.a.

n.a.

99

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2,183

-466

-478

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181

324

25

10

<u>60</u>

17,364

-2,532

-2,941

148

n.a.

n.a.

210



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Treasury Administration

Disability Insurance

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End-of-Year Balance

Railroad Retirement Transfer

Old-Age and Survivors Insurance

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Total Outgo

Net Cash Flow (Includes interest)

Primary Cash Flow (Excludes interest)

	By Fiscal Year, Billions of Dollars													
	Actual,												2023-	2023-
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2027	2032
BUDGET INFORMATION														
Income to Trust Funds														
Payroll Tax Revenue	952	1,054	1,136	1,186	1,228	1,272	1,320	1,369	1,420	1,472	1,527	1,584	6,142	13,514
Other Income														
Income taxes on benefits	35	48	52	56	60	71	78	83	88	94	100	105	317	787
Federal payroll tax, employer share <sup>a</sup>	20	22	23	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	31	32	121	268
Interest <sup>a</sup>	73	67	63	60	58	54	51	49	44	38	31	22	286	470
Subtotal, Other Income	<u>128</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>138</u>	<u>140</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>161</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>726</u>	1,529
Total Income	1,080	1,192	1,274	1,326	1,370	1,422	1,474	1,528	1,581	1,634	1,689	1,743	6,866	15,041
Outgo From Trust Funds														
Benefits	1,123	1,206	1,314	1,403	1,485	1,570	1,659	1,754	1,853	1,956	2,061	2,168	7,431	17,223
Discretionary Administration	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	34	73

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1,498

-150

21

-203

2,379

178

17

1

6

1,584

-180

-230

2,199

197

14

19

1

<u>6</u>

1,673

-214

16

-260

1,984

213

11

1

6

1,768

-260

-302

1,725

232

13

19

1

6

1,867

-307

-344

1,417

253

13

21

1

6

1,971

-359

-389

1,059

275

14

22

1

6

2,077

-412

-434

647

299

15

24

1

6

1,416

-111

-168

2,529

157

18

22

Components may not sum to totals because of rounding; n.a. = not applicable.

Positive cash flows represent surpluses; negative cash flows represent deficits.

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-55

1

-126

2,756

98

-2

1,135

1

5

1,218

-42

16

-107

2,713

114

13

1

6

1,327

-73

21

-133

2,640

135

18

a. Transfers from the general fund to the Social Security trust funds. Such transfers appear in the budget both as positive outlays (the general fund portion) and as negative outlays (offsetting receipts; the trust fund portion).