The Long-Term Budget Outlook: 2024 to 2054 By the Numbers

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The Long-Term Budget Outlook, by Fiscal Year

Percentage of GDP						
	Average, 1994–2023	Actual, 2023	2024	2034	2044	2054
Revenues	17.2	16.5	17.5	17.9	18.4	18.8
Individual income taxes	8.0	8.1	8.8	9.5	9.9	10.3
Payroll taxes	6.1	6.0	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.8
Corporate income taxes	1.7	1.6	2.0	1.3	1.4	1.4
Other	1.4	0.8	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.3
Outlays	21.0	22.7	23.1	24.1	25.7	27.3
Mandatory	12.1	13.9	13.9	15.1	15.8	16.2
Social Security	4.5	5.0	5.2	5.9	5.8	5.9
Major health care programs	4.3	5.8	5.6	6.7	7.8	8.3
Medicare	2.6	3.1	3.2	4.2	5.1	5.4
Medicaid, CHIP, and premium tax credits and						
related spending	1.7	2.7	2.4	2.5	2.7	2.8
Other mandatory	3.3	3.1	3.1	2.5	2.3	2.0
Discretionary	7.0	6.4	6.2	5.1	4.9	4.9
Net interest	1.8	2.4	3.1	3.9	5.0	6.3
Total deficit (-)	-3.8	-6.2	-5.6	-6.1	-7.3	-8.5
Primary deficit (-)	-2.0	-3.8	-2.5	-2.2	-2.4	-2.2
Debt held by the public at the end of each period	58	97	99	116	139	166

See Chapter 1 and Chapter 2 in the report. Deficits and outlays have been adjusted to exclude the effects of shifts in the timing of certain payments when October 1, the first day of the fiscal year, falls on a weekend.

The Long-Term Economic Outlook, by Calendar Year

Percent								
	Average, 1994–2023	Actual, 2023	2024	2034	2044	2054		
Growth of real (inflation-adjusted) GDP	2.5	2.5	1.8	1.8	1.6	1.6		
Inflation								
Growth of the PCE price index	2.1	3.7	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9		
Growth of the consumer price index for all urban consumers	2.5	4.1	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.2		
Labor force participation rate	64.8	62.6	62.6	61.4	60.9	60.7		
Unemployment rate	5.6	3.6	4.2	4.5	4.2	4.1		
Interest rates								
On 10-year Treasury notes	3.8	4.0	4.6	4.1	4.2	4.4		
On all federal debt held by the public (by fiscal year)	3.7	2.5	3.1	3.4	3.6	3.8		

See Chapter 3 and Appendix C in the report.