# The State of the Social Security & Medicare Trust Funds

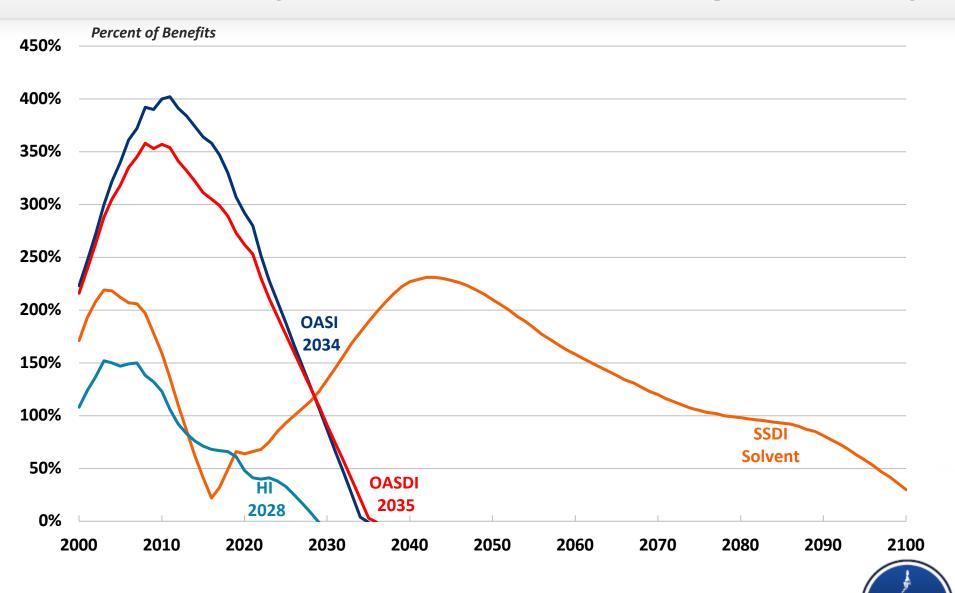
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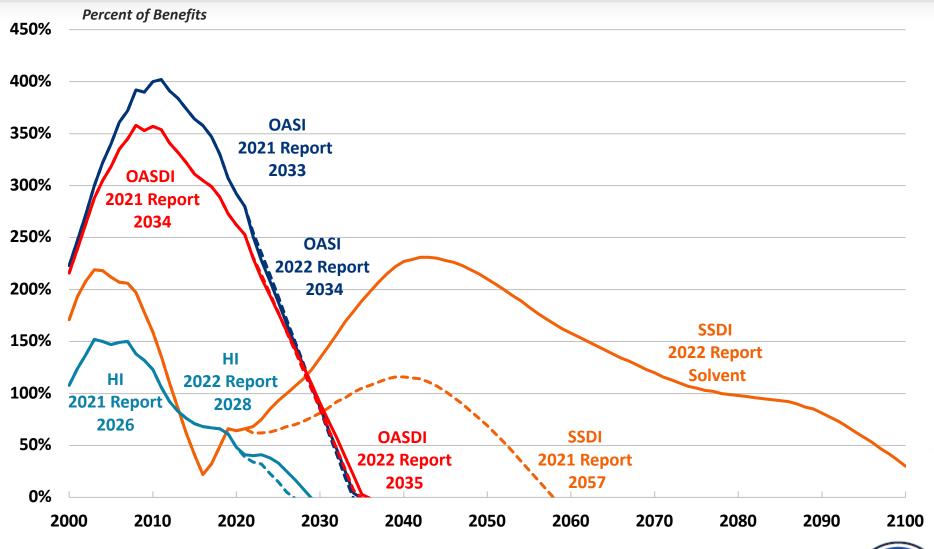


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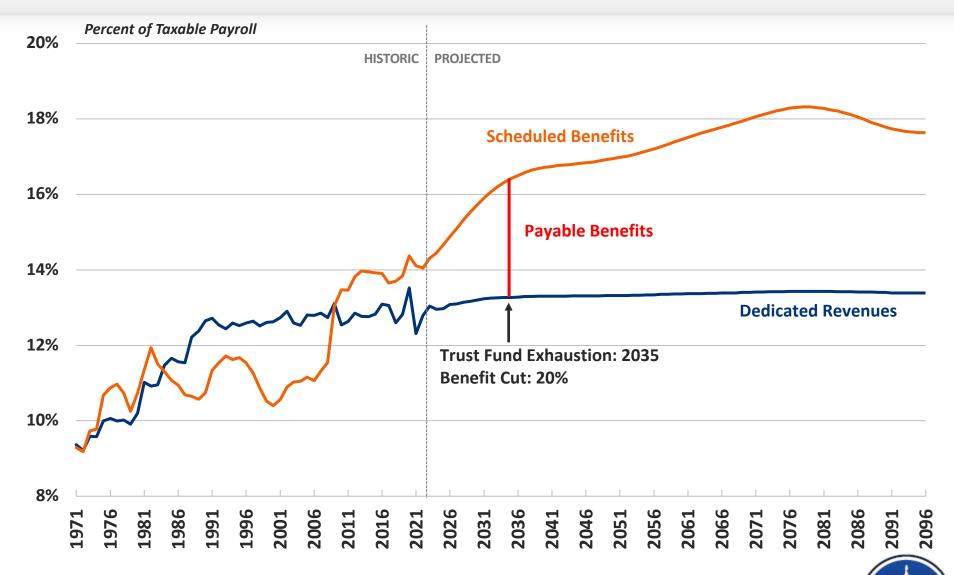
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Source: Social Security Administration and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

#### **Social Security Costs Far Exceed Revenues**

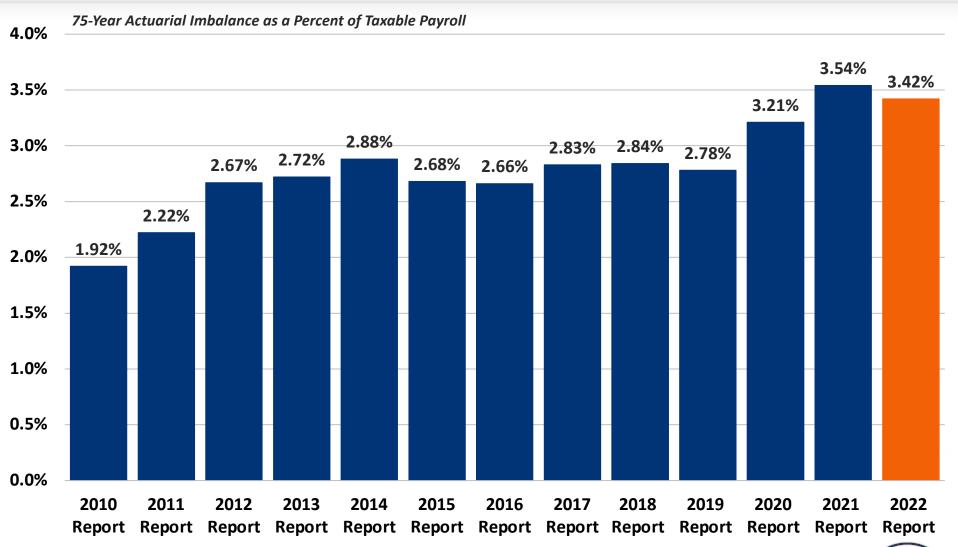


Note: Chart depicts historic and projected costs and income for the theoretically combined Social Security Old Age and Survivors Insurance and Disability Insurance (OASDI) trust fund.

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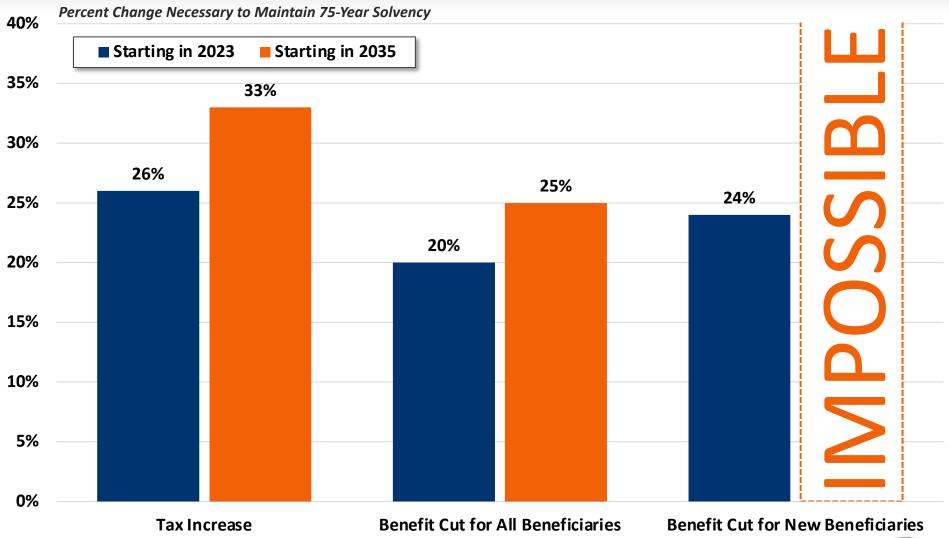


### Social Security Faces a 3.4% of Payroll Shortfall





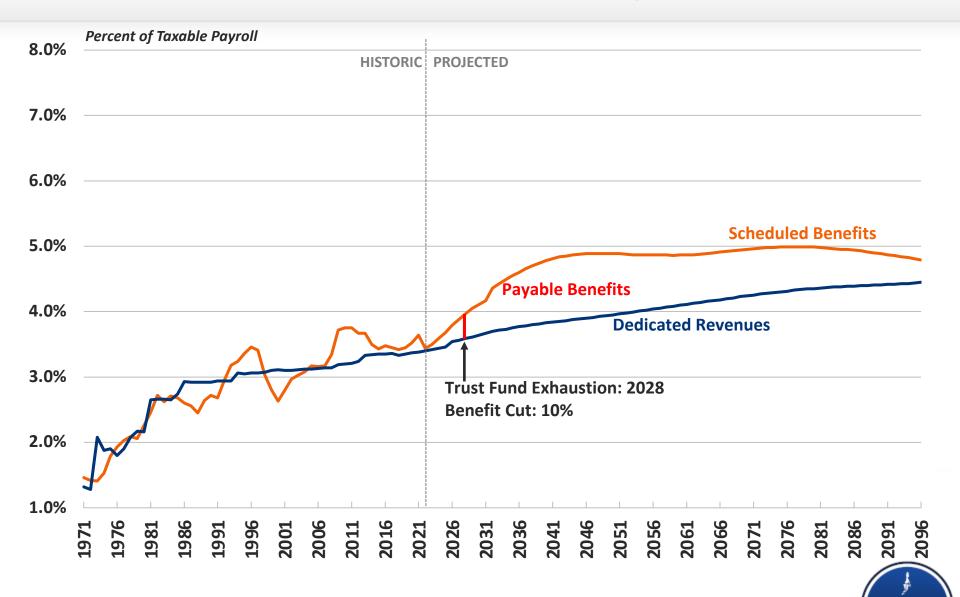
#### **Restoring Solvency Requires Major Adjustments**



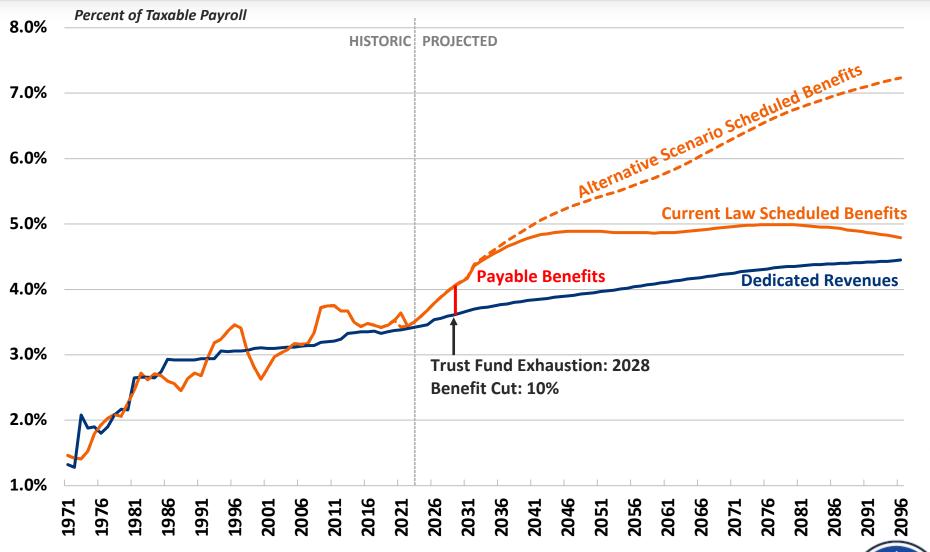


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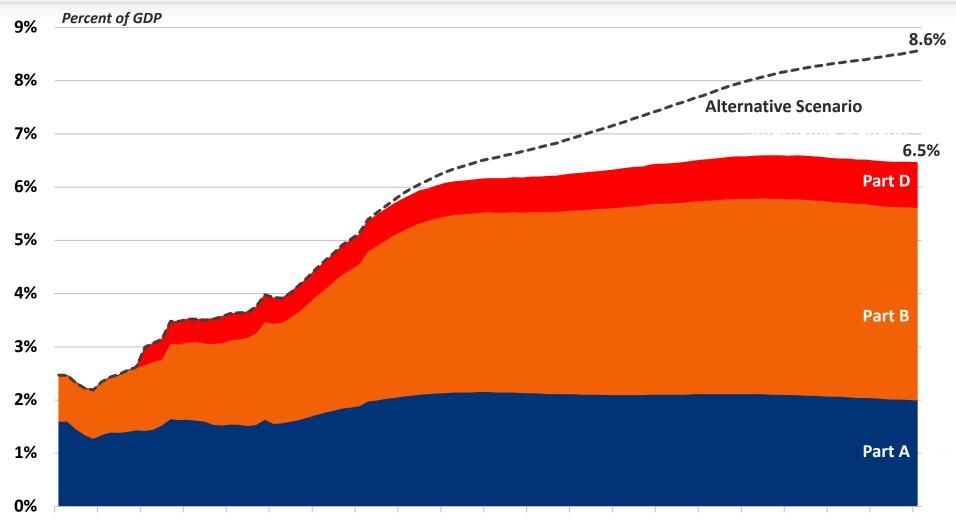


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#### **All Medicare Costs are Rising**

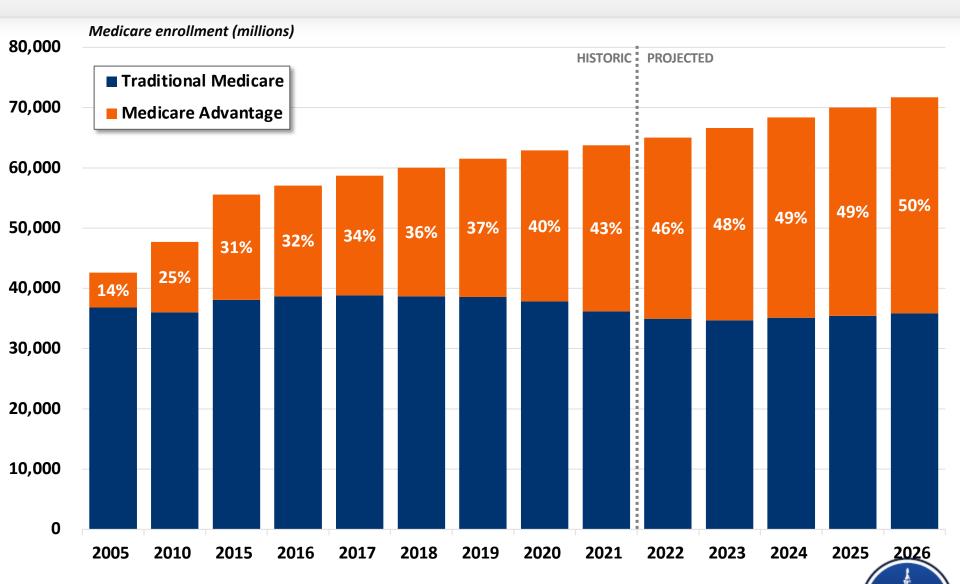






Source: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

#### Medicare Advantage Enrollment is Growing



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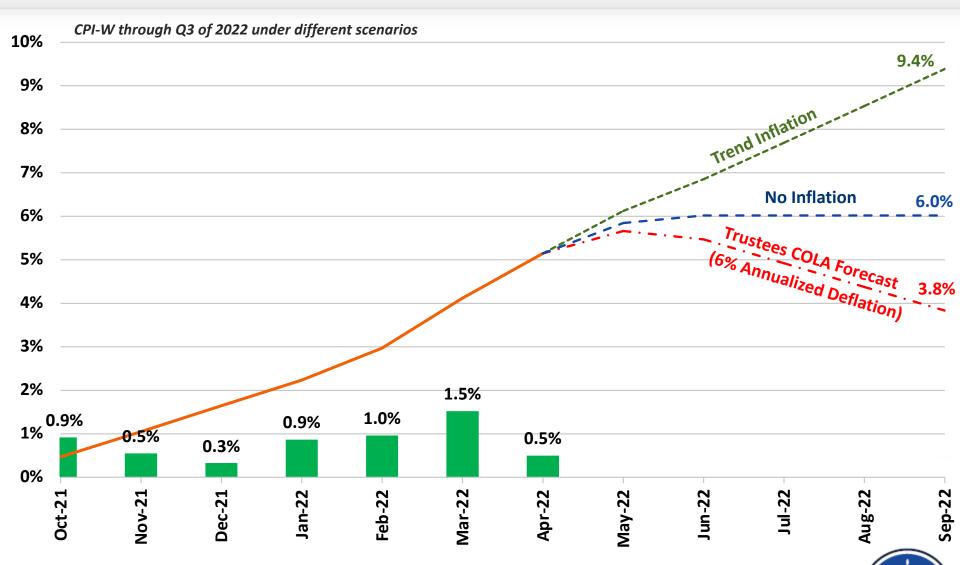
Note: Figures inside bars represent percentage of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan. Sources: Kaiser Family Foundation, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, Medicare Trustees, and Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.

### **Trust Fund Outlooks Have Modestly Improved**

	Effect on 75-Year Medicare Shortfall	Effect on 75-Year Social Security Shortfall
75-Year Actuarial Imbalance in 2021 Report	-0.77%	-3.54%
Change in Demographic & Economic Assumptions	0.06%	0.09%
Change in Private Plan Assumptions	0.07%	n/a
Change in Disability Assumptions	n/a	0.07%
Changes in Provider Utilization	-0.05%	0.01%
Shifting of 75-Year Window & Other Factors	-0.01%	-0.05%
75-Year Actuarial Imbalance in 2022 Report	-0.70%	-3.42%



#### **But Rely on Rosy Economic Assumptions**



Note: No Inflation assumes CPI-W remains at April levels, Trend assumes growth continues at the average rate of all months this year.

Sources: Social Security Administration, Bureau of Labor Statistics, and Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget.



## **Time Is Running Out for Trust Fund Solutions**





The Medicare system will be forced to start cutting benefits by 2028. What can we do?



#### SOCIAL SECURITY COUNTDOWN

The Social Security system will be forced to start cutting benefits by 2035. What can we do?





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# **Social Security & Medicare Are Nearing Insolvency**

Trust Fund	Insolvency Data	75-Year Actuarial Shortfall	Shortfall in 75 <sup>th</sup> Year
Medicare Hospital Insurance (Part A) Trust Fund	2028	0.70%	0.35%
Social Security Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund	2034	3.41%	4.14%
Social Security Disability Insurance Trust Fund	Solvent*	0.01%	0.12%
Combined Social Security Trust Funds	2035	3.42%	4.25%

The 75-year actuarial shortfall and the shortfall in the  $75^{th}$  year are shown as a percent of taxable payroll.



<sup>\*</sup>The Social Security Trustees project the Social Security Disability Insurance trust fund will not exhaust its reserves during the 75-year projection period.

Source: Social Security Administration.