

# PROPOSAL: Reduce the Cost-of-Living Adjustment—Base It on the Chained Consumer Price Index

## Projected Effects of Proposal on Social Security Benefits in 2030

Population: Current-law beneficiaries aged 60 or older

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in Social Security benefits at the—		
	Benefit decrease	Benefit increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	90%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Sex					
Female	92%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Male	88%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Race and ethnicity					
Hispanic or Latino, any race	83%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
White, non-Hispanic	92%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	89%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
All other races, non-Hispanic	89%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Country of birth					
United States	91%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Other countries	86%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Age					
60–69	71%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
70–79	100%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
80–89	100%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
90 or older	100%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Marital status					
Married	89%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Divorced	91%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Widowed	95%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Never married	87%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Highest education level					
Graduate	94%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Bachelor	91%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Associate	89%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
High school	90%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Less than high school	87%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Current-law poverty status					
Above poverty	91%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
In poverty	83%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Current-law household income quintile					
Highest	93%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Second highest	90%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Middle	90%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Second lowest	90%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Lowest	89%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Current-law benefit type					
Retired worker only	90%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Widow(er) (includes dually entitled)	95%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Spousal (includes dually entitled)	95%	0%	-1%	-1%	-1%
Disabled worker only	71%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Social Security Benefits in 2050

Population: Current-law beneficiaries aged 60 or older

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in Social Security benefits at the—		
	Benefit decrease	Benefit increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	91%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Sex					
Female	92%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Male	90%	0%	-7%	-3%	0%
Race and ethnicity					
Hispanic or Latino, any race	89%	0%	-7%	-3%	0%
White, non-Hispanic	92%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	90%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
All other races, non-Hispanic	94%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Country of birth					
United States	91%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Other countries	93%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Age					
60–69	69%	0%	-3%	-1%	0%
70–79	100%	0%	-5%	-3%	-2%
80–89	100%	0%	-7%	-6%	-5%
90 or older	100%	0%	-7%	-7%	-7%
Marital status					
Married	90%	0%	-7%	-3%	-1%
Divorced	90%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Widowed	98%	0%	-7%	-6%	-2%
Never married	87%	0%	-7%	-2%	0%
Highest education level					
Graduate	92%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Bachelor	94%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Associate	90%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
High school	90%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Less than high school	87%	0%	-7%	-3%	0%
Current-law poverty status					
Above poverty	91%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
In poverty	85%	0%	-7%	-3%	0%
Current-law household income quintile					
Highest	92%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Second highest	91%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Middle	90%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Second lowest	91%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Lowest	91%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Current-law benefit type					
Retired worker only	91%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Widow(er) (includes dually entitled)	95%	0%	-7%	-6%	-2%
Spousal (includes dually entitled)	95%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Disabled worker only	72%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Social Security Benefits in 2070

Population: Current-law beneficiaries aged 60 or older

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in Social Security benefits at the—		
	Benefit decrease	Benefit increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	91%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Sex					
Female	92%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Male	90%	0%	-7%	-3%	-1%
Race and ethnicity					
Hispanic or Latino, any race	88%	0%	-7%	-3%	0%
White, non-Hispanic	92%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	91%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
All other races, non-Hispanic	92%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Country of birth					
United States	91%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Other countries	92%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Age					
60–69	69%	0%	-3%	-1%	0%
70–79	100%	0%	-5%	-3%	-2%
80–89	100%	0%	-7%	-6%	-5%
90 or older	100%	0%	-11%	-8%	-7%
Marital status					
Married	90%	0%	-7%	-3%	-1%
Divorced	91%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Widowed	98%	0%	-10%	-6%	-2%
Never married	89%	0%	-7%	-3%	0%
Highest education level					
Graduate	94%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Bachelor	94%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Associate	90%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
High school	90%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Less than high school	87%	0%	-7%	-3%	0%
Current-law poverty status					
Above poverty	91%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
In poverty	85%	0%	-9%	-4%	0%
Current-law household income quintile					
Highest	93%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Second highest	90%	0%	-8%	-3%	0%
Middle	91%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Second lowest	92%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Lowest	92%	0%	-8%	-4%	-1%
Current-law benefit type					
Retired worker only	91%	0%	-7%	-4%	-1%
Widow(er) (includes dually entitled)	96%	0%	-10%	-6%	-2%
Spousal (includes dually entitled)	94%	0%	-7%	-3%	-1%
Disabled worker only	75%	0%	-6%	-2%	0%

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Social Security Taxes Paid in 2030

Population: Current-law payroll taxpayers aged 31 or older

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in Social Security taxes paid at the—			Change in taxes paid (in 2024\$) at the—		
	Tax decrease	Tax increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sex								
Female	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Male	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Race and ethnicity								
Hispanic or Latino, any race	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
White, non-Hispanic	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
All other races, non-Hispanic	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Country of birth								
United States	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other countries	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Age								
31–39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
40–49	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
50–59	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
60–69	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
70 or older	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marital status								
Married	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Divorced	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Widowed	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Never married	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highest education level								
Graduate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bachelor	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Associate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
High school	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less than high school	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current-law household income quintile								
Highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middle	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current-law payroll taxes quintile								
Highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middle	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Social Security Taxes Paid in 2050

Population: Current-law payroll taxpayers aged 31 or older

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in Social Security taxes paid at the—			Change in taxes paid (in 2024\$) at the—		
	Tax decrease	Tax increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sex								
Female	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Male	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Race and ethnicity								
Hispanic or Latino, any race	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
White, non-Hispanic	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
All other races, non-Hispanic	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Country of birth								
United States	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other countries	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Age								
31–39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
40–49	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
50–59	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
60–69	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
70 or older	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marital status								
Married	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Divorced	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Widowed	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Never married	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highest education level								
Graduate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bachelor	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Associate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
High school	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less than high school	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current-law household income quintile								
Highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middle	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current-law payroll taxes quintile								
Highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middle	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Social Security Taxes Paid in 2070

Population: Current-law payroll taxpayers aged 31 or older

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in Social Security taxes paid at the—			Change in taxes paid (in 2024\$) at the—		
	Tax decrease	Tax increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Sex								
Female	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Male	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Race and ethnicity								
Hispanic or Latino, any race	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
White, non-Hispanic	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
All other races, non-Hispanic	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Country of birth								
United States	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other countries	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Age								
31–39	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
40–49	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
50–59	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
60–69	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
70 or older	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Marital status								
Married	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Divorced	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Widowed	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Never married	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highest education level								
Graduate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bachelor	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Associate	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
High school	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Less than high school	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current-law household income quintile								
Highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middle	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Current-law payroll taxes quintile								
Highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Middle	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Second lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0
Lowest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	\$0	\$0	\$0

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Household Income in 2030

Population: Current-law beneficiaries aged 60 or older

Characteristic	Percent of population with an—		Percent change in household income at the—		
	Income decrease	Income increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Sex					
Female	28%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Male	22%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Race and ethnicity					
Hispanic or Latino, any race	27%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
White, non-Hispanic	24%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	33%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
All other races, non-Hispanic	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Country of birth					
United States	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Other countries	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Age					
60–69	19%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
70–79	29%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
80–89	26%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
90 or older	24%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Marital status					
Married	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Divorced	33%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Widowed	32%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Never married	31%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Highest education level					
Graduate	11%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Bachelor	16%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Associate	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
High school	32%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Less than high school	35%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Current-law poverty status					
Above poverty	24%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
In poverty	58%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Current-law household income quintile					
Highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Second highest	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Middle	11%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Second lowest	43%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Lowest	71%	0%	-1%	-1%	0%
Current-law benefit type					
Retired worker only	22%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Widow(er) (includes dually entitled)	40%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Spousal (includes dually entitled)	23%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Disabled worker only	26%	0%	-1%	0%	0%

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Population: Current-law beneficiaries aged 60 or older

Characteristic	Percent of population with an—		Percent change in household income at the—		
	Income decrease	Income increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	63%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Sex					
Female	67%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Male	59%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Race and ethnicity					
Hispanic or Latino, any race	62%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
White, non-Hispanic	64%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	66%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
All other races, non-Hispanic	58%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Country of birth					
United States	64%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Other countries	63%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Age					
60–69	30%	0%	-2%	0%	0%
70–79	68%	0%	-3%	-1%	0%
80–89	87%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%
90 or older	78%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%
Marital status					
Married	61%	0%	-3%	-1%	0%
Divorced	63%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Widowed	76%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%
Never married	53%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Highest education level					
Graduate	50%	0%	-3%	0%	0%
Bachelor	61%	0%	-3%	-1%	0%
Associate	67%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
High school	69%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
Less than high school	62%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
Current-law poverty status					
Above poverty	63%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
In poverty	73%	0%	-6%	-2%	0%
Current-law household income quintile					
Highest	21%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Second highest	55%	0%	-2%	-1%	0%
Middle	72%	0%	-3%	-1%	0%
Second lowest	84%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%
Lowest	85%	0%	-6%	-3%	0%
Current-law benefit type					
Retired worker only	61%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Widow(er) (includes dually entitled)	79%	0%	-6%	-2%	0%
Spousal (includes dually entitled)	69%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Disabled worker only	43%	0%	-3%	0%	0%

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# PROPOSAL: Reduce the Cost-of-Living Adjustment—Base It on the Chained Consumer Price Index

## Projected Effects of Proposal on Household Income in 2070

Population: Current-law beneficiaries aged 60 or older

Characteristic	Percent of population with an—		Percent change in household income at the—		
	Income decrease	Income increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	66%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
Sex					
Female	69%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
Male	62%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Race and ethnicity					
Hispanic or Latino, any race	64%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
White, non-Hispanic	67%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	68%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
All other races, non-Hispanic	57%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Country of birth					
United States	66%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
Other countries	64%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
Age					
60–69	31%	0%	-2%	0%	0%
70–79	70%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
80–89	88%	0%	-6%	-3%	0%
90 or older	91%	0%	-7%	-3%	-1%
Marital status					
Married	63%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Divorced	65%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
Widowed	82%	0%	-6%	-2%	0%
Never married	59%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Highest education level					
Graduate	58%	0%	-3%	-1%	0%
Bachelor	64%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Associate	68%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
High school	70%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%
Less than high school	65%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
Current-law poverty status					
Above poverty	65%	0%	-5%	-1%	0%
In poverty	77%	0%	-7%	-2%	0%
Current-law household income quintile					
Highest	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%
Second highest	55%	0%	-2%	-1%	0%
Middle	74%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Second lowest	86%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%
Lowest	88%	0%	-7%	-3%	0%
Current-law benefit type					
Retired worker only	63%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Widow(er) (includes dually entitled)	82%	0%	-7%	-3%	0%
Spousal (includes dually entitled)	69%	0%	-4%	-1%	0%
Disabled worker only	47%	0%	-3%	0%	0%

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# PROPOSAL: Reduce the Cost-of-Living Adjustment—Base It on the Chained Consumer Price Index

## Projected Effects of Proposal on Official Poverty Measure in 2030

Population: Current-law beneficiaries aged 60 or older

Characteristic	Official poverty rate		Number of population in poverty (in thousands)			Percent change in the number in poverty
	Under current law	With proposal	Under current law	With proposal	Change	
Total	5%	5%	3,465	3,597	131	3%
Sex						
Female	5%	5%	1,958	2,042	83	4%
Male	5%	5%	1,507	1,555	47	3%
Race and ethnicity						
Hispanic or Latino, any race	8%	9%	672	698	26	3%
White, non-Hispanic	4%	4%	1,943	2,010	67	3%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	8%	9%	577	608	30	5%
All other races, non-Hispanic	7%	7%	273	280	7	2%
Country of birth						
United States	4%	4%	2,486	2,583	97	3%
Other countries	9%	9%	979	1,013	33	3%
Age						
60–69	7%	8%	1,655	1,714	59	3%
70–79	4%	5%	1,346	1,406	60	4%
80–89	3%	3%	417	429	12	2%
90 or older	2%	2%	46	46	0	0%
Marital status						
Married	2%	2%	646	668	22	3%
Divorced	9%	10%	1,175	1,229	53	4%
Widowed	6%	7%	813	853	40	4%
Never married	16%	17%	832	847	15	1%
Highest education level						
Graduate	1%	1%	91	93	2	2%
Bachelor	2%	2%	322	331	9	2%
Associate	4%	5%	694	733	38	5%
High school	6%	6%	1,593	1,651	58	3%
Less than high school	13%	13%	765	788	23	3%
Current-law poverty status						
Above poverty	0%	0%	0	132	131	...
In poverty	100%	100%	3,465	3,465	0	0%
Current-law benefit type						
Retired worker only	5%	5%	2,355	2,428	72	3%
Widow(er) (includes dually entitled)	6%	6%	664	703	38	5%
Spousal (includes dually entitled)	3%	3%	189	202	12	6%
Disabled worker only	9%	10%	257	264	7	2%

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# PROPOSAL: Reduce the Cost-of-Living Adjustment—Base It on the Chained Consumer Price Index

## Projected Effects of Proposal on Official Poverty Measure in 2050

Population: Current-law beneficiaries aged 60 or older

Characteristic	Official poverty rate		Number of population in poverty (in thousands)			Percent change in the number in poverty
	Under current law	With proposal	Under current law	With proposal	Change	
Total	5%	5%	3,782	4,267	485	12%
Sex						
Female	5%	5%	2,099	2,374	275	13%
Male	4%	5%	1,683	1,893	210	12%
Race and ethnicity						
Hispanic or Latino, any race	7%	8%	1,058	1,198	140	13%
White, non-Hispanic	3%	4%	1,741	1,954	212	12%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	7%	8%	657	745	88	13%
All other races, non-Hispanic	5%	6%	326	370	43	13%
Country of birth						
United States	4%	4%	2,511	2,811	300	11%
Other countries	7%	8%	1,271	1,456	185	14%
Age						
60–69	6%	6%	1,402	1,469	67	4%
70–79	4%	5%	1,337	1,476	139	10%
80–89	4%	5%	873	1,087	213	24%
90 or older	2%	3%	170	235	65	38%
Marital status						
Married	2%	2%	711	785	74	10%
Divorced	7%	8%	1,070	1,214	143	13%
Widowed	5%	7%	817	999	181	22%
Never married	12%	13%	1,183	1,270	86	7%
Highest education level						
Graduate	1%	2%	169	193	24	14%
Bachelor	2%	2%	344	400	56	16%
Associate	3%	4%	630	728	97	15%
High school	6%	7%	1,694	1,908	213	12%
Less than high school	12%	14%	944	1,037	93	9%
Current-law poverty status						
Above poverty	0%	1%	0	486	485	...
In poverty	100%	100%	3,782	3,782	0	0%
Current-law benefit type						
Retired worker only	5%	5%	2,839	3,124	284	10%
Widow(er) (includes dually entitled)	4%	5%	508	663	154	30%
Spousal (includes dually entitled)	3%	4%	218	255	37	16%
Disabled worker only	7%	7%	216	226	9	4%

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Official Poverty Measure in 2070

Population: Current-law beneficiaries aged 60 or older

Characteristic	Official poverty rate		Number of population in poverty (in thousands)			Percent change in the number in poverty
	Under current law	With proposal	Under current law	With proposal	Change	
Total	3%	3%	2,822	3,211	388	13%
Sex						
Female	3%	4%	1,527	1,739	212	13%
Male	3%	3%	1,296	1,472	176	13%
Race and ethnicity						
Hispanic or Latino, any race	4%	5%	963	1,079	115	12%
White, non-Hispanic	2%	3%	1,125	1,325	200	17%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	5%	5%	426	467	41	9%
All other races, non-Hispanic	3%	4%	309	340	31	10%
Country of birth						
United States	2%	3%	1,770	2,057	287	16%
Other countries	5%	6%	1,052	1,154	101	9%
Age						
60–69	4%	4%	945	983	37	4%
70–79	3%	3%	1,057	1,196	138	13%
80–89	3%	3%	628	769	140	22%
90 or older	2%	3%	192	264	71	37%
Marital status						
Married	1%	1%	470	535	65	13%
Divorced	4%	4%	687	769	82	11%
Widowed	3%	4%	486	619	132	27%
Never married	7%	8%	1,179	1,288	108	9%
Highest education level						
Graduate	1%	1%	156	172	16	10%
Bachelor	1%	2%	216	273	57	26%
Associate	2%	3%	460	511	51	11%
High school	4%	5%	1,229	1,413	184	14%
Less than high school	8%	9%	761	841	80	10%
Current-law poverty status						
Above poverty	0%	0%	0	390	390	...
In poverty	100%	100%	2,822	2,821	-1	0%
Current-law benefit type						
Retired worker only	3%	3%	2,197	2,439	241	10%
Widow(er) (includes dually entitled)	3%	3%	314	430	116	37%
Spousal (includes dually entitled)	2%	3%	156	178	22	14%
Disabled worker only	4%	4%	156	165	8	5%

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# PROPOSAL: Reduce the Cost-of-Living Adjustment—Base It on the Chained Consumer Price Index

## Projected Effects of Proposal on Benefit/Tax Ratios

Population: Workers born 1960–1969 with a benefit/tax ratio

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in benefit/tax ratio at the—			Benefit/tax ratio under current law at the—			Benefit/tax ratio with proposal at the—		
	Ratio decrease	Ratio increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	78%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	6%	145%	450%	6%	139%	437%
Sex											
Female	82%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	26%	182%	644%	26%	175%	625%
Male	74%	0%	-4%	-3%	0%	0%	119%	266%	0%	115%	257%
Race and ethnicity											
Hispanic or Latino, any race	76%	0%	-4%	-3%	0%	0%	162%	569%	0%	156%	557%
White, non-Hispanic	80%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	15%	140%	406%	15%	135%	392%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	70%	0%	-4%	-2%	0%	0%	149%	473%	0%	144%	462%
All other races, non-Hispanic	74%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	0%	146%	508%	0%	141%	491%
Country of birth											
United States	78%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	12%	141%	416%	12%	136%	401%
Other countries	76%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	0%	164%	599%	0%	158%	577%
Highest education level											
Graduate	87%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	23%	125%	264%	23%	120%	251%
Bachelor	86%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	22%	137%	362%	22%	132%	346%
Associate	79%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	12%	146%	393%	12%	141%	379%
High school	74%	0%	-4%	-3%	0%	0%	153%	519%	0%	148%	506%
Less than high school	65%	0%	-4%	-2%	0%	0%	161%	803%	0%	156%	779%
Current-law initial AIME quintile											
Highest	93%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	39%	108%	157%	39%	104%	150%
Second highest	86%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	24%	134%	201%	24%	129%	192%
Middle	80%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	14%	160%	270%	14%	154%	258%
Second lowest	72%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%	23%	228%	504%	22%	220%	488%
Lowest	59%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%	0%	254%	1,561%	0%	245%	1,512%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile											
Highest	95%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	47%	108%	152%	46%	104%	145%
Second highest	86%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	25%	136%	202%	25%	131%	193%
Middle	80%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	15%	161%	267%	15%	156%	254%
Second lowest	73%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%	18%	218%	454%	18%	210%	440%
Lowest	55%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%	0%	308%	1,585%	0%	298%	1,546%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile (shared)											
Highest	96%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	56%	115%	194%	55%	111%	185%
Second highest	88%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	36%	139%	269%	36%	133%	258%
Middle	82%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	19%	160%	363%	19%	153%	349%
Second lowest	72%	0%	-4%	-2%	0%	6%	185%	516%	6%	179%	507%
Lowest	52%	0%	-4%	-2%	0%	0%	205%	1,138%	0%	199%	1,113%

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# PROPOSAL: Reduce the Cost-of-Living Adjustment—Base It on the Chained Consumer Price Index

## Projected Effects of Proposal on Benefit/Tax Ratios

Population: Workers born 1980–1989 with a benefit/tax ratio

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in benefit/tax ratio at the—			Benefit/tax ratio under current law at the—			Benefit/tax ratio with proposal at the—		
	Ratio decrease	Ratio increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	80%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	129%	404%	0%	124%	385%
Sex											
Female	83%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	156%	570%	0%	150%	542%
Male	77%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	110%	275%	0%	106%	264%
Race and ethnicity											
Hispanic or Latino, any race	74%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	133%	447%	0%	129%	426%
White, non-Hispanic	85%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	11%	130%	403%	11%	125%	385%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	75%	0%	-4%	-3%	0%	0%	130%	355%	0%	125%	345%
All other races, non-Hispanic	72%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	0%	104%	383%	0%	100%	363%
Country of birth											
United States	83%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	6%	130%	369%	6%	125%	353%
Other countries	70%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	125%	602%	0%	120%	570%
Highest education level											
Graduate	88%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	17%	113%	278%	17%	108%	266%
Bachelor	85%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	5%	117%	311%	5%	113%	295%
Associate	81%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	133%	348%	0%	128%	333%
High school	78%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	143%	533%	0%	138%	513%
Less than high school	68%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	133%	627%	0%	129%	598%
Current-law initial AIME quintile											
Highest	94%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	40%	96%	138%	39%	92%	131%
Second highest	89%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	31%	128%	192%	31%	123%	184%
Middle	85%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	26%	157%	271%	26%	151%	260%
Second lowest	79%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	0%	220%	568%	0%	212%	539%
Lowest	53%	0%	-6%	-3%	-1%	0%	121%	2,087%	0%	118%	1,981%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile											
Highest	95%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	42%	96%	137%	41%	92%	131%
Second highest	90%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	39%	129%	194%	38%	124%	185%
Middle	85%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	24%	159%	274%	24%	153%	261%
Second lowest	80%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	0%	215%	505%	0%	208%	482%
Lowest	49%	0%	-6%	-3%	0%	0%	95%	2,194%	0%	93%	2,114%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile (shared)											
Highest	96%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	46%	99%	163%	45%	95%	154%
Second highest	91%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	44%	131%	267%	43%	125%	252%
Middle	87%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	35%	158%	359%	35%	152%	344%
Second lowest	80%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	0%	188%	575%	0%	182%	550%
Lowest	45%	0%	-5%	-2%	0%	0%	38%	1,049%	0%	37%	1,013%

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Benefit/Tax Ratios

Population: Workers born 2000–2009 with a benefit/tax ratio

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in benefit/tax ratio at the—			Benefit/tax ratio under current law at the—			Benefit/tax ratio with proposal at the—		
	Ratio decrease	Ratio increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	82%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	120%	357%	0%	115%	341%
Sex											
Female	85%	0%	-6%	-4%	-1%	5%	145%	519%	5%	139%	495%
Male	79%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	103%	246%	0%	99%	236%
Race and ethnicity											
Hispanic or Latino, any race	77%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	125%	401%	0%	121%	383%
White, non-Hispanic	87%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	17%	120%	343%	17%	115%	326%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	76%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	0%	118%	333%	0%	114%	321%
All other races, non-Hispanic	78%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	0%	105%	349%	0%	101%	332%
Country of birth											
United States	85%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	9%	120%	319%	9%	115%	304%
Other countries	73%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	121%	565%	0%	117%	537%
Highest education level											
Graduate	89%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	21%	109%	259%	21%	104%	246%
Bachelor	87%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	13%	110%	278%	12%	105%	262%
Associate	83%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	124%	318%	0%	119%	305%
High school	79%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	129%	441%	0%	125%	423%
Less than high school	72%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	125%	594%	0%	121%	562%
Current-law initial AIME quintile											
Highest	95%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	40%	88%	127%	39%	84%	121%
Second highest	91%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	34%	118%	177%	34%	113%	168%
Middle	86%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	30%	144%	246%	30%	138%	235%
Second lowest	82%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	9%	196%	466%	9%	189%	444%
Lowest	55%	0%	-6%	-3%	-1%	0%	123%	1,729%	0%	119%	1,657%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile											
Highest	96%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	43%	89%	127%	42%	85%	121%
Second highest	91%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	38%	119%	179%	38%	114%	170%
Middle	87%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	27%	144%	249%	27%	138%	237%
Second lowest	83%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	13%	192%	442%	13%	185%	422%
Lowest	53%	0%	-6%	-3%	-1%	0%	125%	1,771%	0%	123%	1,686%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile (shared)											
Highest	96%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	45%	91%	145%	44%	87%	138%
Second highest	93%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	46%	122%	227%	45%	117%	215%
Middle	88%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	31%	140%	302%	31%	134%	288%
Second lowest	83%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	11%	172%	532%	11%	166%	507%
Lowest	50%	0%	-5%	-3%	0%	0%	80%	996%	0%	79%	947%

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# PROPOSAL: Reduce the Cost-of-Living Adjustment—Base It on the Chained Consumer Price Index

## Projected Effects of Proposal on Benefit/Tax Ratios

Population: Workers born 2020–2029 with a benefit/tax ratio

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in benefit/tax ratio at the—			Benefit/tax ratio under current law at the—			Benefit/tax ratio with proposal at the—		
	Ratio decrease	Ratio increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	82%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	125%	366%	0%	120%	350%
Sex											
Female	85%	0%	-6%	-4%	-1%	1%	149%	531%	1%	143%	505%
Male	79%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	107%	252%	0%	103%	242%
Race and ethnicity											
Hispanic or Latino, any race	78%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	129%	400%	0%	124%	383%
White, non-Hispanic	87%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	21%	126%	363%	21%	120%	346%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	77%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	121%	306%	0%	117%	296%
All other races, non-Hispanic	79%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	0%	113%	335%	0%	107%	319%
Country of birth											
United States	86%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	11%	125%	324%	11%	120%	309%
Other countries	73%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	0%	123%	516%	0%	118%	491%
Highest education level											
Graduate	89%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	30%	116%	286%	30%	111%	271%
Bachelor	87%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	9%	115%	300%	9%	110%	284%
Associate	83%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	129%	325%	0%	124%	309%
High school	80%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	133%	439%	0%	127%	417%
Less than high school	72%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	129%	578%	0%	125%	539%
Current-law initial AIME quintile											
Highest	96%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	45%	95%	133%	44%	91%	126%
Second highest	91%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	43%	124%	181%	42%	119%	172%
Middle	86%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	23%	149%	251%	23%	142%	239%
Second lowest	83%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	0%	208%	500%	0%	200%	475%
Lowest	54%	0%	-6%	-4%	-1%	0%	123%	1,555%	0%	120%	1,475%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile											
Highest	97%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	46%	95%	133%	45%	91%	126%
Second highest	92%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	44%	123%	182%	43%	118%	173%
Middle	87%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	30%	149%	254%	30%	143%	242%
Second lowest	82%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	2%	202%	466%	2%	194%	443%
Lowest	53%	0%	-6%	-3%	-1%	0%	124%	1,589%	0%	121%	1,509%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile (shared)											
Highest	97%	0%	-5%	-4%	-2%	50%	98%	152%	49%	94%	145%
Second highest	93%	0%	-5%	-4%	-1%	46%	125%	235%	45%	119%	225%
Middle	88%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	36%	146%	316%	35%	140%	300%
Second lowest	83%	0%	-5%	-3%	-1%	8%	183%	543%	8%	176%	515%
Lowest	50%	0%	-6%	-3%	-1%	0%	73%	797%	0%	72%	748%

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Initial Replacement Rates

Population: Current-law beneficiaries born 1960–1969 with a replacement rate

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in initial replacement rate at the—			Initial replacement rate under current law at the—			Initial replacement rate with proposal at the—		
	Rate decrease	Rate increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	24%	46%	80%	24%	46%	79%
Sex											
Female	27%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	28%	52%	90%	27%	51%	90%
Male	23%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	42%	66%	22%	41%	65%
Race and ethnicity											
Hispanic or Latino, any race	19%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	27%	51%	86%	27%	51%	85%
White, non-Hispanic	26%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	44%	76%	23%	44%	75%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	27%	50%	86%	27%	50%	85%
All other races, non-Hispanic	33%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	26%	48%	90%	26%	48%	89%
Country of birth											
United States	24%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	44%	76%	23%	44%	76%
Other countries	29%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	29%	53%	90%	29%	53%	90%
Highest education level											
Graduate	47%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	21%	42%	72%	21%	41%	71%
Bachelor	38%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	42%	76%	22%	42%	75%
Associate	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	24%	45%	76%	24%	45%	75%
High school	18%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	26%	48%	83%	26%	48%	82%
Less than high school	13%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	32%	57%	90%	32%	56%	90%
Current-law initial AIME quintile											
Highest	40%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	16%	31%	47%	16%	31%	47%
Second highest	31%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	38%	56%	23%	38%	55%
Middle	24%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	28%	44%	64%	28%	43%	63%
Second lowest	18%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	38%	51%	79%	38%	51%	78%
Lowest	12%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	53%	70%	120%	53%	70%	120%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile											
Highest	46%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	15%	34%	50%	15%	33%	49%
Second highest	30%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	37%	57%	22%	37%	56%
Middle	22%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	30%	43%	66%	30%	43%	65%
Second lowest	17%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	37%	51%	81%	37%	51%	80%
Lowest	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	51%	68%	112%	51%	68%	111%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile (shared)											
Highest	47%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	17%	36%	54%	16%	36%	53%
Second highest	28%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	21%	38%	63%	21%	38%	63%
Middle	23%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	27%	43%	70%	27%	43%	69%
Second lowest	16%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	33%	50%	86%	33%	50%	85%
Lowest	10%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	45%	63%	90%	45%	63%	90%

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Initial Replacement Rates

Population: Current-law beneficiaries born 1980–1989 with a replacement rate

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in initial replacement rate at the—			Initial replacement rate under current law at the—			Initial replacement rate with proposal at the—		
	Rate decrease	Rate increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	28%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	24%	47%	82%	23%	46%	81%
Sex											
Female	31%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	27%	52%	90%	27%	52%	90%
Male	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	43%	71%	22%	42%	71%
Race and ethnicity											
Hispanic or Latino, any race	22%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	28%	52%	90%	28%	51%	90%
White, non-Hispanic	30%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	45%	78%	23%	44%	78%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	22%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	26%	51%	85%	25%	51%	84%
All other races, non-Hispanic	40%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	45%	81%	22%	45%	80%
Country of birth											
United States	27%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	46%	78%	23%	45%	78%
Other countries	31%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	26%	53%	90%	26%	53%	90%
Highest education level											
Graduate	48%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	21%	41%	74%	20%	41%	74%
Bachelor	39%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	21%	42%	79%	21%	42%	78%
Associate	22%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	24%	46%	74%	24%	46%	74%
High school	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	28%	50%	87%	27%	50%	86%
Less than high school	14%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	31%	56%	90%	31%	56%	90%
Current-law initial AIME quintile											
Highest	43%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	15%	31%	46%	15%	30%	45%
Second highest	31%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	38%	56%	23%	38%	55%
Middle	27%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	30%	45%	65%	29%	45%	64%
Second lowest	21%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	40%	55%	82%	40%	54%	81%
Lowest	18%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	56%	73%	124%	56%	73%	122%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile											
Highest	49%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	15%	33%	49%	15%	33%	48%
Second highest	30%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	37%	58%	22%	37%	57%
Middle	26%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	30%	45%	67%	30%	45%	66%
Second lowest	19%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	38%	54%	82%	38%	54%	81%
Lowest	16%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	55%	71%	116%	55%	71%	114%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile (shared)											
Highest	47%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	16%	35%	51%	16%	34%	51%
Second highest	32%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	39%	62%	22%	39%	61%
Middle	26%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	28%	45%	72%	28%	45%	71%
Second lowest	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	35%	52%	85%	35%	52%	84%
Lowest	14%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	50%	66%	102%	49%	65%	100%

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Initial Replacement Rates

Population: Current-law beneficiaries born 2000–2009 with a replacement rate

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in initial replacement rate at the—			Initial replacement rate under current law at the—			Initial replacement rate with proposal at the—		
	Rate decrease	Rate increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	29%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	24%	47%	83%	24%	47%	83%
Sex											
Female	33%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	28%	52%	90%	27%	52%	90%
Male	24%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	43%	72%	22%	43%	71%
Race and ethnicity											
Hispanic or Latino, any race	21%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	27%	50%	89%	27%	50%	88%
White, non-Hispanic	31%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	45%	80%	23%	45%	79%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	24%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	29%	53%	84%	29%	52%	83%
All other races, non-Hispanic	42%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	24%	45%	85%	23%	45%	85%
Country of birth											
United States	28%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	24%	46%	80%	24%	46%	79%
Other countries	33%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	27%	53%	90%	27%	53%	90%
Highest education level											
Graduate	48%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	42%	77%	22%	42%	76%
Bachelor	41%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	21%	42%	81%	21%	42%	80%
Associate	22%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	25%	46%	77%	25%	46%	76%
High school	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	28%	51%	87%	28%	50%	87%
Less than high school	16%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	31%	55%	90%	31%	55%	90%
Current-law initial AIME quintile											
Highest	43%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	16%	31%	46%	15%	31%	45%
Second highest	33%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	24%	39%	57%	24%	39%	56%
Middle	26%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	31%	45%	65%	31%	45%	64%
Second lowest	22%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	40%	54%	81%	40%	54%	80%
Lowest	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	57%	74%	125%	57%	74%	123%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile											
Highest	49%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	15%	34%	48%	15%	33%	47%
Second highest	32%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	24%	39%	59%	23%	39%	58%
Middle	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	31%	45%	67%	31%	45%	66%
Second lowest	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	39%	53%	81%	39%	53%	80%
Lowest	18%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	56%	73%	118%	56%	72%	116%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile (shared)											
Highest	49%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	16%	35%	51%	16%	34%	50%
Second highest	33%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	40%	63%	23%	40%	62%
Middle	26%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	29%	45%	72%	29%	45%	70%
Second lowest	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	35%	52%	86%	35%	52%	85%
Lowest	15%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	50%	67%	104%	50%	67%	102%

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## Projected Effects of Proposal on Initial Replacement Rates

Population: Current-law beneficiaries born 2020–2029 with a replacement rate

Characteristic	Percent of population with a—		Percent change in initial replacement rate at the—			Initial replacement rate under current law at the—			Initial replacement rate with proposal at the—		
	Rate decrease	Rate increase	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile	10th %ile	Median	90th %ile
Total	28%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	47%	84%	23%	47%	83%
Sex											
Female	33%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	28%	53%	90%	27%	52%	90%
Male	24%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	43%	72%	22%	43%	71%
Race and ethnicity											
Hispanic or Latino, any race	21%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	26%	50%	88%	25%	50%	87%
White, non-Hispanic	31%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	45%	81%	22%	45%	80%
Black or African American, non-Hispanic	23%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	27%	52%	84%	27%	51%	84%
All other races, non-Hispanic	43%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	43%	83%	22%	43%	82%
Country of birth											
United States	27%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	46%	80%	23%	46%	80%
Other countries	32%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	26%	52%	90%	26%	51%	90%
Highest education level											
Graduate	49%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	21%	42%	79%	21%	42%	78%
Bachelor	40%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	21%	42%	82%	21%	42%	81%
Associate	21%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	46%	76%	23%	46%	75%
High school	19%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	27%	50%	89%	27%	50%	88%
Less than high school	17%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	31%	56%	90%	31%	55%	90%
Current-law initial AIME quintile											
Highest	43%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	15%	31%	46%	15%	31%	45%
Second highest	32%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	23%	39%	56%	23%	39%	55%
Middle	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	31%	45%	65%	31%	45%	64%
Second lowest	22%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	40%	55%	82%	39%	55%	81%
Lowest	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	57%	75%	133%	57%	75%	130%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile											
Highest	47%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	15%	33%	47%	15%	33%	47%
Second highest	32%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	38%	58%	22%	38%	57%
Middle	24%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	31%	45%	66%	31%	45%	65%
Second lowest	21%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	38%	54%	84%	38%	54%	82%
Lowest	18%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	56%	74%	124%	56%	73%	122%
Lifetime payroll tax quintile (shared)											
Highest	47%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	16%	35%	50%	15%	34%	49%
Second highest	33%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	22%	40%	62%	22%	40%	61%
Middle	25%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	27%	45%	72%	27%	45%	71%
Second lowest	20%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	35%	53%	85%	35%	52%	84%
Lowest	16%	0%	-1%	0%	0%	51%	67%	108%	51%	67%	107%

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