

America's Aging Crisis: HOW IMMIGRATION REFORM CAN STRENGTHEN THE COVERAGE FOR U.S. SENIORS



RETIRING BABY BOOMERS ARE INCREASING THE STRAIN ON U.S. ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

THE RATIO OF WORKERS TO RETIREES IS PLUMMETING¹



In 1950, each Social Security retiree's benefit was divided among 16 workers.



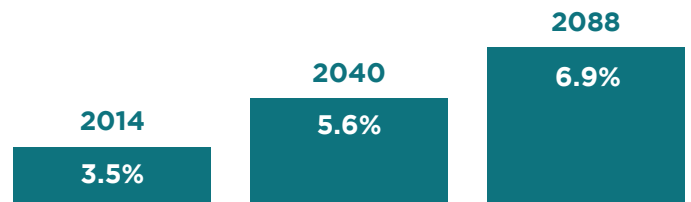
By 2035, the ratio of workers to retired beneficiaries is projected to drop to two workers for every retiree.

THE NUMBER OF MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES IS PROJECTED TO GROW BY MORE THAN 30 MILLION



Due to retiring Baby Boomers, the number of Medicare beneficiaries is projected to grow from 50.7 million in 2012 to 81 million in 2030.²

MEDICARE SPENDING AS A SHARE OF GDP IS PROJECTED TO INCREASE DRAMATICALLY IN THE COMING DECADES



Medicare spending under the Medicare Trustee's projected baseline assumptions will nearly double from 3.5 percent of GDP in 2014 to 6.9 percent of GDP by 2088.³

IMMIGRATION REFORM CAN HELP BOOST ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS AND PROLONG THEIR SOLVENCY

IMMIGRANTS ADD TO THE SOCIAL SECURITY TRUST FUND



Within 25 years, the contributions of the 1.08 million net new immigrants admitted each year into the U.S. would translate into \$500 billion in additional revenues for the Social Security Trust Fund, and the surplus of their contributions mushrooms to \$4 trillion by 75 years.⁴

UNLIKE THE U.S.-BORN, IMMIGRANTS ARE ALSO NET CONTRIBUTORS TO MEDICARE

Between 1996 and 2011, immigrants contributed a net of \$182.4 billion to Medicare's Hospital Insurance Trust Fund, a pool of money covering hospital and home health care for approximately 50 million Americans. This surplus contrasts sharply with the \$68.7 billion net deficit generated by the U.S.-born population over the same period.⁵



Immigration reform that welcomes more immigrants to the United States can help keep entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare financially sustainable and ensure that millions of Americans have access to the care and coverage they need.

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