

AMERICA'S PEAK 65 MILESTONE Peak 65™

The greatest surge of new retirees in the nation's history is fast approaching.



12,000
per day

In a mere three years, the U.S. will have more 65-year-olds than ever before. With more than 10,000 people turning 65 every day, it's a number that will increase to more than 12,000 a day until the nation reaches its Peak 65™ moment in 2024.¹



For generations, the reliable three-legged stool for retirement planning – employer pensions, Social Security and personal savings – provided retirement security to millions of Americans. This is no longer the case. Private-sector pensions have virtually disappeared and low personal savings rates have led to millions of unprotected households, causing more people to tap into Social Security benefits too early and rely on those benefits too much.



50% of households are "at risk" of not having enough income to maintain their standard of living in retirement.³

Public pension plans are underfunded by at least **\$1 trillion** and possibly by as much as **\$3 to \$4 trillion** depending on modeling assumptions.⁴



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There are 73 million Baby Boomers in the U.S. and by 2030, **one-fifth** of the U.S. will be 65 years or older.²

Social Security was originally designed to replace about **40%** of income in retirement for the average worker, but it now provides **50%** or more of income for 50% of married couples and **70%** of unmarried persons, because Americans lack other adequate sources of protected income.⁵



4M

4 million workers are estimated to retire prematurely as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, accelerating the impact of Peak 65.⁶


\$3.4T

Americans lose as much as **\$3.4 trillion** in potential protected lifetime income from Social Security benefits by claiming before they reach full retirement age.⁷

With each passing day, the need for a new retirement security framework that provides adequate protected income for Americans grows more urgent. Since the current retirement security framework focuses largely on asset accumulation, the new framework must include a focus on how protected income can provide the security necessary to maintain one's standard of living in retirement.



Read more about Peak 65 and key collective actions needed to meet this historic moment in the new whitepaper from Jason Fichtner, senior fellow at the Alliance for Lifetime Income Retirement Income Institute, and chief economist at the Bipartisan Policy Center: **The Peak 65 Generation: Creating a New Retirement Security Framework.**

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³ crr.bc.edu/special-projects/national-retirement-risk-index/

⁴ www.urban.org/policy-centers/cross-center-initiatives/state-and-local-finance-initiative

⁵ www.ssa.gov/benefits/retirement/learn.html
www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf

⁶ <https://www.protectedincome.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/ALI-White-Paper-PEAK-65-Update-4.22.21.pdf>

⁷ <https://unitedincome.capitalone.com/library/the-retirement-solution-hiding-in-plain-sight/>