

TRUMP'S BUDGET WOULD BE DEVASTATING FOR SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE

President Trump's FY27 budget request represents an existential threat to Social Security and Medicare:

- The budget request is completely silent on the federal government's two largest and most important programs – Social Security and Medicare.
- Both of these essential programs rely on trust funds that will become insolvent in the coming years. The Trump Administration's failure to put forward a vision to protect these vital programs only makes large benefit cuts more likely harming tens of millions of Americans who rely on them.

The Social Security Program is Headed Toward Insolvency:

- Under the Trump Plan — doing nothing at all — every retiree would face an across-the-board benefit cut of about **25%**.
- The Social Security Trustees project that the program will not have enough money to pay the full amount of earned benefits within six years or 2032.
- We owe it to our seniors and individuals with disabilities to coalesce around a bipartisan plan that ensures Social Security remains solvent for those who rely on it most.
- Democrats have several plans to restore Social Security solvency and expand benefits by making the wealthiest Americans pay the same payroll tax as working Americans. This is commonsense and will ensure Social Security is funded for at least the next 75 years.
- President Trump's budget silence on the looming **23% benefit cut** scheduled for just six years from now is yet another betrayal of working families. If he truly wants to “protect” Social Security as he said in his State of the Union address, then his budget should have reflected that.

Trump is Undermining an Essential Feature of Life for Tens of Millions of Americans:

- In March 2026, Social Security paid out benefits to 68 million people – about one-fifth of the entire U.S. population.
- Social Security is the nation's most effective anti-poverty program. In 2024, Social Security lifted 23.5 million Americans out of poverty, including 16.5 million seniors. Before its creation, about half of our nation's seniors were living in poverty. Today their poverty rate is just 10.3%.
- Without Social Security, nearly 4 in 10 seniors would have had incomes below the official poverty line in 2024.

Trump's Budget Harms Medicare and Hurts Seniors:

- The Medicare Hospital Insurance trust fund will be depleted in 2033, necessitating an abrupt 11% payment cut. That cut would grow to 14% by 2049, likely leading to a disruption of services for seniors and individuals with disabilities who rely on the program.
- A cut in reimbursements of that size would cause many hospitals, nursing facilities, and hospice providers to limit or stop accepting Medicare patients.
- Seniors could face higher cost-sharing if providers reduce services or Congress attempts to offset cuts by shifting costs to beneficiaries.
- As of December 2025, Medicare covered nearly 70 million people, about 90% of whom are age 65 or over.