# United States Government Notes to the Financial Statements for the Fiscal Years Ended September 30, 2021, and 2020

## Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

## A. Reporting Entity

The government includes the executive branch, the legislative branch, and the judicial branch. This *Financial Report* includes the financial status and activities related to the operations of the government. SFFAS No. 47, *Reporting Entity* provides criteria for identifying organizations that are included in the *Financial Report* as consolidation entities or disclosure entities. The determination as to whether an organization is a consolidation entity or disclosure entity is based on the assessment of the following characteristics as a whole, the organization: a) is financed through taxes and other non-exchange revenues; b) is governed by the Congress or the President; c) imposes or may impose risks and rewards to the government; and d) provides goods and services on a non-market basis.

Consolidation entities are organizations that are consolidated in the financial statements. For disclosure entities, data is not consolidated in the financial statements, instead information is disclosed in the notes to the financial statements concerning: a) the nature of the federal government's relationship with the disclosure entities; b) the nature and magnitude of relevant activity with the disclosure entities during the period and balances at the end of the period; and c) a description of financial and non-financial risks, potential benefits and, if possible, the amount of the federal government's exposure to gains and losses from the past or future operations of the disclosure entities.

SFFAS No. 47 also provides guidance for identifying related parties and in determining what information to provide about related party relationships of such significance that it would be misleading to exclude such information.

Based on the criteria in GAAP for federal entities, the assets, liabilities, and results of operations of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are not consolidated into the government's consolidated financial statements. However, the values of the investments in such entities, changes in value, and related activity with these entities are included in the government's consolidated financial statements. Although federal investments in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are significant, these entities do not meet the GAAP criteria for consolidation entities.

Under SFFAS No. 47 criteria, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were owned or controlled by the federal government as a result of a) regulatory actions (such as organizations in receivership or conservatorship); or b) other federal government intervention actions. Under the regulatory or other intervention actions, the relationship with the federal government is not expected to be permanent. These entities are classified as disclosure entities based on their characteristics as a whole (see Note 28—Disclosure Entities and Related Parties for additional information on these disclosure entities).

Also, under GAAP criteria, the FR System and SPVs are not consolidated into the government's consolidated financial statements (see Note 8—Investments in Special Purpose Vehicles for additional information on SPVs and Note 28—Disclosure Entities and Related Parties for additional information concerning the FR System).

For additional information regarding Reporting Entity, see Appendix A-Reporting Entity.

## **B.** Basis of Accounting and Revenue Recognition

### **Consolidated Financial Statements**

The consolidated financial statements of the government are prepared in accordance with the standards established by FASAB. As permitted by FASAB standards, certain components of the federal government prepare their financial statements following the standards established by FASB. Information from those components is included within the government's consolidated financial statements without conversion to FASAB standards. Intra-governmental transactions are eliminated in

consolidation, except as described in the Other Information–Unmatched Transactions and Balances. See Note 1.U— Unmatched Transactions and Balances for additional information. The consolidated financial statements include accrualbased financial statements and sustainability financial statements, which are discussed in more detail below, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements. Collectively, the accrual-based financial statements, the sustainability financial statements, and the notes represent basic information that is deemed essential for the financial statements and notes to be presented in conformity with GAAP.

Accounting standards allow certain presentations and disclosures to be modified, if needed, to prevent the disclosure of classified information. Accordingly, modifications may have been made to certain presentations and disclosures.

### **Accrual-Based Financial Statements**

The accrual-based financial statements were prepared under the following principles:

- Expenses are generally recognized when incurred.
- Non-exchange revenue, including taxes, duties, fines, and penalties, are recognized when collected and adjusted for the change in amounts receivable (modified cash basis). Related refunds and other offsets, including those that are measurable and legally payable, are netted against non-exchange revenue.
- Exchange (earned) revenue is recognized when the government provides goods and services to the public for a price. Exchange revenue includes user charges such as admission to federal parks and premiums for certain federal insurance.

The basis of accounting used for budgetary purposes, which is primarily on a cash basis (budget deficit) and follows budgetary concepts and policies, differs from the basis of accounting used for the financial statements which follow GAAP. See the Reconciliations of Net Operating Cost and Budget Deficit in the Financial Statements section and Note 30—COVID-19 Activity in the notes to the financial statements.

### New Standards Issued in Prior and Current Years and Implemented in Current Year

In FY 2016, the government began implementing the requirements of new standards related to the reporting for inventory and related property, net and general PP&E. These standards are available to each reporting entity once per line item addressed in the standard. The standards being implemented are:

- FASAB issued SFFAS No. 48, *Opening Balances for Inventory, Operating Materials and Supplies, and Stockpile Materials.* SFFAS No. 48 permits a reporting entity to apply an alternative valuation method in establishing opening balances and applies when a reporting entity is presenting financial statements or one or more line items addressed by this statement. SFFAS No. 48 was effective beginning in FY 2017. Early implementation was permitted. DOD did partially implement in 2016 and select component entities have continued to implement in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. DOD has not declared full implementation yet; therefore, this standard continues to be partially implemented each year.
- FASAB issued SFFAS No. 50, *Establishing Opening Balances for General Property, Plant and Equipment*. SFFAS No. 50 permits a reporting entity to apply an alternative valuation method in establishing opening balances and applies when a reporting entity is presenting financial statements or one or more line items addressed by this statement. SFFAS No. 50 was effective beginning in FY 2017. Early implementation was permitted. DOD did partially implement in 2016 and select component entities have continued to implement in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. DOD has not declared full implementation yet; therefore, this standard continues to be partially implemented each year.

#### New Standards Issued and Not Yet Implemented

As of September 2021, FASAB has issued the following new standards that are applicable to the *Financial Report*, but are not yet implemented at the government-wide level for FY 2021:

In April 2018, FASAB issued SFFAS No. 54, *Leases: An Amendment of SFFAS No. 5, Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government, and SFFAS No. 6, Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment.* SFFAS No. 54 revises the financial reporting standards for federal lease accounting. It provides a comprehensive set of lease accounting standards to recognize federal lease activities in the reporting entity's financial statements and includes appropriate disclosures. This statement requires that federal lessees (for other than intra-governmental leases) recognize a lease liability and a right-to-use lease asset at the commencement of the lease term, unless it meets any of the scope exclusions or the definition/criteria of short-term leases, or contracts or agreements that transfer ownership, or intra-governmental leases. A federal lessor would recognize a lease receivable and deferred revenue, unless it meets any of the scope exclusions or the definition/criteria of short-term leases, contracts or agreements that transfer ownership, or intra-governmental leases. SFFAS No. 58, *Deferral of the Effective Date of SFFAS No. 54, Leases*, issued in June 2020, defers the effective date of SFFAS No. 54 to FY 2024 and early implementation is not permitted.

In July 2021, FASAB issued SFFAS No. 59, *Accounting and Reporting Government Land*. Per SFFAS No. 59, starting in FY 2026, land and permanent land rights will no longer be capitalized, and the previously capitalized amounts will be removed from the Balance Sheet. Also, starting in FY 2026, SFFAS No. 59 requires certain disclosures in the notes to the financial statements, including estimated acreage of land and permanent land rights and its predominant use. For FY 2022 through FY 2025, such disclosures are required to be presented as RSI. These include:

- Estimated acres of general PP&E land and stewardship land using three predominant use sub-categories:
  - Conservation and preservation land;
  - $\circ$  Operational land; and
  - Commercial use land.
- Estimated acres of land held for disposal or exchange.

## C. Accounts Receivable, Net

Accounts receivable includes the amount of taxes receivable that consist primarily of uncollected tax assessments, penalties, and interest when taxpayers have agreed, or a court has determined, the assessments are owed. Taxes receivable do not include unpaid assessments when taxpayers or a court have not agreed that the amounts are owed (compliance assessments) or the government does not expect further collections due to factors such as the taxpayer's death, bankruptcy, or insolvency (write-offs). Taxes receivable are reported net of an allowance for the estimated portion deemed to be uncollectible. The allowance for uncollectible amounts represents the difference between gross taxes receivable and the amounts estimated to be collectible.

Other accounts receivable represent claims to cash or other assets from entities outside the government that arise from the sale of goods or services, duties, fines, certain license fees, recoveries, or other provisions of the law. Accounts receivable are reported net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts. An allowance is established when it is more likely than not the receivables will not be totally collected. The allowance method varies among the entities in the government and is usually based on past collection experience and is reestimated periodically as needed. Methods may include statistical sampling of receivables, specific identification and intensive analysis of each case, aging methodologies, and percentage of total receivables based on historical collection. See Note 3—Accounts Receivable, Net for additional information.

## D. Loans Receivable, Net

Direct loans committed after FY 1991 are recognized as assets at the PV of their estimated net cash inflows. The difference between the outstanding principal of the direct loans and the PV of their net cash inflows is recognized as a subsidy cost allowance.

For direct loans disbursed during a fiscal year, a subsidy expense is recognized. The amount of the subsidy expense equals the PV of estimated cash outflows over the life of the loans minus the PV of estimated cash inflows. For the fiscal year during which new direct loans are disbursed, the components of the subsidy expense of those new direct loans are recognized separately among interest subsidy costs, default costs, fees and other collections, and other subsidy costs. Credit programs reestimate the subsidy cost allowance for outstanding direct loans by taking into account all factors that may have affected the estimated cash flows. Any adjustment resulting from the reestimates is recognized as a subsidy expense (or a reduction in subsidy expense).

Direct loans obligated before FY 1992 are valued under two different methodologies within the government: the allowance-for-loss method and the PV method. Under the allowance-for-loss method, the outstanding principal of direct loans is reduced by an allowance for uncollectible amounts. Under the PV method, the outstanding principal of direct loans is reduced by an allowance equal to the difference between the outstanding principal and the PV of the expected net cash flows. See Note 4—Loans Receivable, Net and Loan Guarantee Liabilities for additional information.

### E. Loan Guarantee Liabilities

Loan guarantees committed after FY 1991 are recognized as liabilities at the PV of their estimated net cash outflows. Disclosure is made of the face value of guaranteed loans outstanding, and the amount guaranteed.

For guaranteed loans disbursed during a fiscal year, a subsidy expense is recognized. The amount of the subsidy expense equals the PV of estimated cash outflows over the life of the loans minus the PV of estimated cash inflows. The

subsidy cost is reestimated each year taking into account all factors that may have affected the estimated cash flows. Any adjustment resulting from the reestimates is recognized as a subsidy expense (or a reduction in subsidy expense).

Loan guarantees committed before FY 1992 are valued under two different methodologies within the government: the allowance-for-loss method and the PV method. Under the allowance-for-loss method the liability for loan guarantees is the amount the entity estimates would more likely than not require future cash outflow to pay default claims. Under the PV method, the liability for loan guarantees is the PV of expected net cash outflows due to the loan guarantees. See Note 4—Loans Receivable, Net and Loan Guarantee Liabilities for additional information.

### F. Inventory and Related Property, Net

Inventory is tangible personal property that is: 1) held for sale, principally to federal entities; 2) in the process of production for sale; or 3) to be consumed in the production of goods for sale or in the provision of services for a fee. OM&S is tangible personal property to be consumed in normal operations and stockpile materials are strategic and critical materials being held due to statutory requirements for use in national defense, conservation, or national emergencies.

SFFAS No. 3, Accounting for Inventory and Related Property, requires that inventories, OM&S, and stockpile materials are valued using either historical cost or a method that reasonably approximates historical cost. Historical cost methods include first-in-first-out, weighted average, and MAC. Historical cost includes all appropriate purchase and production costs incurred to bring the items to their current condition and location. Any abnormal costs, such as excessive handling or rework costs, are charged to operations of the period. Donated inventory and operating materials and supplies are valued at their FV at the time of donation. Inventory as well as operating materials and supplies acquired through exchange of nonmonetary assets (e.g., barter) are valued at the FV of the asset received at the time of the exchange. Any difference between the recorded amount of the asset surrendered and the FV of the asset received is recognized as a gain or a loss.

Any other valuation method may be used if the results reasonably approximate one of the historical cost methods. FASAB issued additional guidance SFFAS No. 48, *Opening Balances for Inventory, Operating Materials and Supplies, and Stockpile Materials*, which permits a reporting entity to apply an alternative valuation method in establishing opening balances for inventory, OM&S, and stockpile materials and is intended to provide an alternative valuation method when historical records and systems do not provide a basis for valuation of opening balances in accordance with SFFAS No. 3.

As the largest contributor of inventory and related property, net; DOD values substantially all of its inventory available and purchased for resale using the MAC method as of September 30, 2021. OM&S are valued using various methods including MAC, standard price, historical cost, replacement price, and direct method. DOD uses both the consumption method (expensed when issued to an end user for consumption in normal operations) and the purchase method (expensed when purchased) of accounting for OM&S. See Note 5—Inventory and Related Property, Net, for additional information.

### G. General Property, Plant, and Equipment, Net

General PP&E consists of tangible assets (e.g., buildings and structures, furniture and fixtures, equipment, and land) that have an estimated useful life of two or more years, are not intended for sale in the ordinary course of business and are intended to be used or available for use by the entity. General PP&E also includes software, land rights, and assets acquired through capital leases.

SFFAS No. 6, Accounting for Property, Plant, and Equipment requires that general PP&E is recorded at cost. Cost includes all costs incurred to bring the general PP&E to a form and location suitable for its intended use. General PP&E used in government operations are carried at acquisition cost, with the exception of some DOD equipment. FASAB issued additional guidance, SFFAS No. 50, *Establishing Opening Balances for General Property, Plant, and Equipment,* which states that a reporting entity may choose one of three alternative methods for establishing an opening balance for general PP&E. The alternative methods include using deemed cost to establish opening balances of general PP&E, selecting between deemed cost and prospective capitalization of internal use software, and allowing an exclusion of land and land rights from opening balances with disclosure of acreage information and expensing of future acquisitions. DOD has partially implemented SFFAS No. 50, with respect to land and land rights, acreage information is disclosed, and such land and land rights are not included on the Balance Sheet.

An entity electing to exclude land and land rights from its general PP&E opening balances must disclose, with a reference on the Balance Sheet to the related disclosure, the number of acres held at the beginning of each reporting period, the number of acres added during the period, the number of acres disposed of during the period, and the number of acres held

at the end of each reporting period. DOD usually records general PP&E at the estimated historical cost. However, when applicable DOD will continue to adopt SFFAS No. 50.

Costs to acquire general PP&E, extend the useful life of existing general PP&E, or enlarge or improve its capacity, that exceed federal entities' capitalization thresholds are capitalized and depreciated or amortized. Depreciation and amortization expense is recognized on all capitalized general PP&E, except land and land rights of unlimited duration. In the case of constructed general PP&E, this is recorded as construction work in process until it is placed in service, at which time the balance is transferred to general PP&E. See Note 6—General Property, Plant, and Equipment, Net, for additional information.

For financial reporting purposes, heritage assets (excluding multi-use heritage assets) and stewardship land are not recorded as part of general PP&E. Since heritage assets are intended to be preserved as national treasures, it is anticipated that they will be maintained in reasonable repair and that there will be no diminution in their usefulness over time. Many assets are clearly heritage assets. For example, the National Park Service manages the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial and the Mall. Heritage assets that are predominantly used in general government operations are considered multi-use heritage assets and are included in general PP&E. Stewardship land is also consistent with the treatment of heritage assets in that much of the government's land is held for the general welfare of the nation and is intended to be preserved and protected. Stewardship land is land owned by the government but not acquired for or in connection with general PP&E. Because most federal land is not directly related to general PP&E, it is deemed to be stewardship land and accordingly, it is not reported on the Balance Sheet. Examples of stewardship land include national parks and forests. For additional information on stewardship assets, see Note 27—Stewardship Property, Plant, and Equipment.

### **H. Investments**

Most investments are held by component entities that apply FASB standards and are not converted to FASAB standards in consolidation as permitted by SFFAS No. 47, *Reporting Entity*. These investments are reported at FV. FV is the estimate of the price at which an orderly transaction to sell the asset would take place between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions. Market or observable inputs are used as the preferred source of values, followed by assumptions based on hypothetical transactions in absence of market inputs. Certain investments are measured at FV using NAV per share. NAV is the amount of net assets attributable to each share of capital stock (other than senior equity securities, that is, preferred stock) outstanding at the close of the period. See Note 7—Investments for additional information.

## I. Investments in Special Purpose Vehicles

Treasury invested in common stock warrants and equity investments in SPVs for the purpose of enhancing the liquidity of the U.S. financial system. These equity investments are reported at FV. In addition to SPV investments, warrants are held for the purchase of common stock received as compensation from recipients of financial assistance to support ongoing employment of aviation workers during the pandemic under the CARES Act, coupled with the CAA and ARP enacted in FY 2021. The warrants are assets of the U.S. government and Treasury is precluded from using the cash proceeds realized from the financial instruments received. These investment holdings are also reported at FV.

The valuation to estimate the investment's FV incorporates forecasts, projections, and cash flow analyses. Changes in valuation, including impairments, are deemed usual and recurring and thus are recorded as exchange transactions on the Statement of Net Cost and investments in SPVs on the Balance Sheet. See Note 8—Investments in Special Purpose Vehicles for additional information.

### J. Investments in Government-Sponsored Enterprises

The senior preferred stock and associated warrants for the purchase of common stock in the GSEs (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) are presented at their FV. SPSPAs, which Treasury entered into with each GSE when they were placed under conservatorship, can result in payments to the GSEs when, at the end of any quarter, the FHFA, acting as the conservator, determines that the liabilities of either GSE exceed its respective assets. Such payments result in an increase to the liquidation preference of investment in the GSEs' senior preferred stock, with a corresponding decrease to cash held by Treasury for government-wide operations. In addition, the liquidation preference of investments in the GSEs, up to the adjusted capital reserve amounts set for each GSE.

The valuation to estimate the investment's FV incorporates forecasts, projections, and cash flow analyses. Changes in valuation, including impairments, are deemed usual and recurring and thus are recorded as exchange transactions on the Statement of Net Cost and investments in GSEs on the Balance Sheet. The government also records dividends related to these investments as exchange transactions which are accrued when declared.

The potential liabilities to the GSEs, if any, are assessed annually and recorded at the gross estimated amount. For additional information on investments in GSEs, refer to Note 9—Investments in Government-Sponsored Enterprises.

## K. Federal Debt and Interest Payable

Federal debt is primarily comprised of Treasury securities, which are debt instruments issued to the public to raise money needed to operate the federal government and pay off maturing obligations. Treasury issues these debt instruments to the public in the form of marketable bills, notes, bonds, TIPS and FRNs, and in the form of nonmarketable securities including Government Account Series securities, U.S. Savings Securities, and State and Local Government Series securities. The amount of the debt, or principal, is also called the security's face value or par value. To accurately reflect the federal debt, Treasury records principal transactions with the public at par value at the time of the transaction. Certain Treasury securities are issued at a discount or premium. These discounts and premiums are amortized over the term of the security using an interest method for all long-term securities (term greater than one year) and the straight-line method for short-term securities (term of one year or less). In addition, the principal for TIPS is adjusted daily based on the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers. Certain Treasury securities also pay interest. For marketable securities, Treasury issues notes and bonds that pay semi-annual interest based on the security's stated interest rate, while FRNs, which have interest rates that are indexed to the highest accepted discount rate of the most recent Treasury 13-week bill auction, pay interest quarterly based on the inflation-adjusted principal. However, for all security types accrued interest is recorded as an expense when incurred, instead of when paid. See Note 13—Federal Debt and Interest Payable for additional information.

## L. Federal Employee and Veteran Benefits Payable

Generally, federal employee and veteran benefits payable are recorded during the time employee services are rendered. The related liabilities for defined benefit pension plans, veterans' compensation, burial, education and training benefits, postretirement health benefits, and life insurance benefits, are recorded at estimated PV of future benefits, less any estimated PV of future normal cost contributions. Normal cost is the portion of the actuarial PV of projected benefits allocated as an expense for employee services rendered in the current year. Actuarial gains and losses (as well as prior service cost, if any) are recognized immediately in the year they occur without amortization.

VA also provides certain veterans and/or their dependents with pension benefits, based on annual eligibility reviews, if the veteran died or was disabled for nonservice-related causes. The pension program for veterans is not accounted for as a "federal employee pension plan" under SFFAS No. 5, *Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government*, due to differences between its eligibility conditions and those of federal employee pensions. Therefore, a future liability for pension benefits is not recorded. These benefits are recognized as expenses when benefits are paid rather than when employee services are rendered.

In accordance with 38 CFR § 17.36(c), the VA makes an annual enrollment decision that identifies which veterans, by priority, will be treated for that fiscal year based on funds appropriated, estimated collections, usage, the severity index of enrolled veterans, and changes in cost. While VA expects to continue to provide medical care to veterans in future years, an estimate of this amount cannot be reasonably made. These medical care expenses are recognized in the period the medical care services are provided.

The actuarial liability for FECA benefits is recorded at estimated PV of future benefits for injuries and deaths that have already been incurred.

Gains and losses from changes in long-term assumptions used to estimate federal employee pensions, ORB, and OPEB liabilities are reflected separately on the Statement of Net Cost and the components of the expense related to federal employee pension, ORB, and OPEB liabilities are disclosed in Note 14—Federal Employee and Veteran Benefits Payable as prescribed by SFFAS No. 33, *Pensions, Other Retirement Benefits, and Other Postemployment Benefits: Reporting the Gains and Losses from Changes in Assumptions and Selecting Discount Rates and Valuation Dates.* In addition, SFFAS No. 33 also provides a standard for selecting the discount rate assumption for PV estimates of federal employee pension, ORB, and OPEB liabilities. See Note 14—Federal Employee and Veteran Benefits Payable for additional information.

### **M.** Environmental and Disposal Liabilities

Environmental and disposal liabilities are recorded at the estimated current cost of the cleanup plan, including the level of restoration to be performed, the current legal or regulatory requirements, and the current technology. Cleanup costs are the costs of removing, containing, or disposing of hazardous waste. Hazardous waste is a solid, liquid, or gaseous waste that, because of its quantity or concentration, presents a potential hazard to human health or the environment. Cleanup costs include, but are not limited to, decontamination, decommissioning, site restoration, site monitoring, closure, and post-closure costs. Where technology does not exist to clean up radioactive or hazardous waste, only the estimable portion of the liability (typically monitoring and safe containment) is recorded. See Note 15—Environmental and Disposal Liabilities for additional information.

### N. Benefits Due and Payable

A liability for social insurance programs (Social Security, Medicare, Railroad Retirement, Black Lung, and Unemployment) is recognized for any unpaid amounts currently due and payable to beneficiaries or service providers as of the reporting date. No liability is recognized for future benefit payments not yet due. See Note 16—Benefits Due and Payable for additional information.

## O. Insurance and Guarantee Program Liabilities

Insurance programs are authorized by law to financially compensate a designated population of beneficiaries by accepting all or part of the risk for losses incurred as a result of an adverse event. Certain consolidation entities with significant insurance and guarantee programs (i.e., PBGC, FDIC and FCSIC) apply FASB standards, and are not converted to FASAB standards in consolidation, as permitted by SFFAS No. 47.

PBGC recognizes a single-employer program liability for trusteed, terminated and probable plan terminations. The liability is PBGC's best estimate of the losses, net of plan assets, and the PV of expected recoveries (from sponsors and members of their controlled group) for plans that are likely to terminate in the future. PBGC recognizes a multiemployer program liability for future financial assistance to insolvent plans and to plans deemed probable to becoming insolvent.

FDIC records a liability for FDIC-insured institutions that are likely to fail when the liability is probable and reasonably estimable, absent some favorable event such as obtaining additional capital or merging. The FDIC liability is derived by applying expected failure rates and loss rates to the institutions based on supervisory ratings, Balance Sheet characteristics, and projected capital levels.

PBGC's exposure to losses from plan terminations and FDIC's exposure to losses from insured institutions that are classified as reasonably possible are disclosed in Note 22—Contingencies.

All other insurance and guarantee programs are accounted for in the consolidated financial statements in accordance with SFFAS No. 51, *Insurance Programs*.

Programs that administer direct loans and loan guarantees, qualify as social insurance, are authorized to engage in disaster relief activities, provide grants, provide benefits or assistance based on an individual's or a household income and/or assets, assume the risk of loss arising from federal government operations, pay claims through an administrative or judicial role for individuals or organizations who claim they have been harmed by a federal entity, indemnify contractors, agreement partners, and other third parties for loss or damage incurred while or caused by work performed for a federal entity, or are workers' or occupational illness compensation programs that compensate current or former employees (or survivors) and certain third parties for injuries and occupational diseases obtained while working for a federal entity are excluded from insurance programs.

There are three categories of insurance programs: 1) exchange transaction insurance programs other than life insurance; 2) non-exchange transaction insurance programs; and 3) life insurance programs.

For exchange transaction insurance programs other than life insurance, revenues are recognized when earned over the insurance arrangement period and liabilities are recognized for unearned premiums, unpaid insurance claims, and for losses on remaining coverage. Losses on remaining coverage represent estimated amounts to be paid to settle claims for the period after year-end through the end of insurance coverage in excess of the summation of unearned premiums and premiums due after the end of the reporting period.

For non-exchange transaction insurance programs, revenue is recognized the same as other non-exchange transaction revenue, no unearned premium liability is recorded and a liability is only recognized for unpaid insurance claims.

For life insurance programs, revenue is recognized when due and liabilities are recognized for unpaid insurance claims and future policy benefits. The liability for future policy benefits represents the expected PV of future claims to be paid to, or on behalf of, existing policyholders, less the expected PV of future net premiums to be collected from those policyholders. Life insurance programs are disclosed in Note 14—Federal Employee and Veteran Benefits Payable. See Note 17—Insurance and Guarantee Program Liabilities for additional information.

### P. Deferred Maintenance and Repairs

DM&R are maintenance and repairs that were not performed when they should have been or scheduled maintenance and repairs that were delayed or postponed. Maintenance is the act of keeping fixed assets in acceptable condition, including preventative maintenance, normal repairs, and other activities needed to preserve the assets, so they continue to provide acceptable service and achieve their expected life. Maintenance and repairs exclude activities aimed at expanding the capacity of assets or otherwise upgrading them to serve needs different from those originally intended. DM&R are not expensed in the Statements of Net Cost or accrued as liabilities on the Balance Sheet. However, DM&R information is disclosed in the unaudited RSI section of this report. Please see unaudited RSI—Deferred Maintenance and Repairs for additional information including measurement methods.

### **Q.** Commitments

Commitments reflect binding agreements that may result in the future expenditure of financial resources that are not recognized or not fully recognized on the Balance Sheet and should be disclosed. Commitments may include, for example, certain long-term leases, undelivered orders, P3s, international or other agreements in support of international economic development, or agreements in support of financial market stability. See Note 21—Commitments for additional information.

## **R.** Contingencies

Liabilities for contingencies are recognized on the Balance Sheet when both:

- A past transaction or event has occurred, and
- A future outflow or other sacrifice of resources is probable and measurable.

The estimated contingent liability may be a specific amount or a range of amounts. If some amount within the range is a better estimate than any other amount within the range, then that amount is recognized. If no amount within the range is a better estimate than any other amount, then the minimum amount in the range is recognized and the range and a description of the nature of the contingency is disclosed.

A contingent liability is disclosed if any of the conditions for liability recognition do not meet the above criteria and there is at least a reasonable possibility that a loss may be incurred. See Note 22—Contingencies for additional information.

## S. Funds from Dedicated Collections

Generally, funds from dedicated collections are financed by specifically identified revenues, provided to the government by non-federal sources, often supplemented by other financing sources that remain available over time. These specifically identified revenues and other financing sources are required by statute to be used for designated activities, benefits, or purposes, and must be accounted for separately from the government's general revenues. The three required criteria for a fund from dedicated collections are:

- A statute committing the government to use specifically identified revenues and/or other financing sources that are originally provided to the government by a non-federal source only for designated activities, benefits, or purposes;
- Explicit authority for the fund to retain revenues and/or other financing sources not used in the current period for future use to finance the designated activities, benefits, or purposes; and

• A requirement to account for and report on the receipt, use, and retention of the revenues and/or other financing sources that distinguishes the fund from the government's general revenues.

Funds from dedicated collections on the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position are presented on the consolidated basis. The consolidated dedicated collections presentation eliminates balances and transactions between funds from dedicated collections held by the entity. For additional information on funds from dedicated collections, see Note 23—Funds from Dedicated Collections.

## **T. Sustainability Financial Statements**

The sustainability financial statements were prepared based on the projected PV of the estimated future revenue and estimated future expenditures, primarily on a cash basis, for a 75-year period.<sup>1</sup> They include the SLTFP, covering all federal government programs, and the SOSI and the SCSIA, covering social insurance programs (Social Security, Medicare, Railroad Retirement, and Black Lung programs). These estimates are based on economic as well as demographic assumptions presented in Notes 25—Social Insurance and 26—Long-Term Fiscal Projections. The sustainability financial statements are not forecasts or predictions. The sustainability financial statements are designed to illustrate the relationship between receipts and expenditures, if current policy is continued. For this purpose, the projections assume, among other things, that scheduled social insurance benefit payments would continue after related trust funds are projected to be depleted, contrary to current law, and that debt could continue to rise indefinitely without severe economic consequences.

SOSI and SCSIA are based on the selection of accounting policies and the application of significant accounting estimates, some of which require management to make significant assumptions. Further, the estimates are based on current conditions and expectations of future conditions. Actual results could differ materially from the estimated amounts. Each statement includes information to assist in understanding the effect of changes in assumptions to the related information.

By accounting convention, General Fund transfers to Medicare Parts B and D reported in the SOSI are eliminated when preparing the government-wide consolidated financial statements. The SOSI shows the projected General Fund transfer(s) as eliminations that, under current law, would be used to finance the remainder of the expenditures in excess of revenues for Medicare Parts B and D that is reported in the SOSI. The SLTFP include all revenues (including general revenues) of the federal government.

## **U. Unmatched Transactions and Balances**

The reconciliation of the change in net position requires that the difference between ending and beginning net position equals the difference between revenue and cost, plus or minus prior-period adjustments. The unmatched transactions and balances includes unmatched intra-governmental balances on the Balance Sheet and includes unmatched intra-governmental current year transactions on the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position to reconcile the change in net position to ensure beginning and ending net position equals the difference between revenue and cost, plus or minus prior-period adjustments. Unresolved intra-governmental differences (i.e., unmatched transactions and balances) result in errors in the consolidated financial statements. The ultimate effect on the accrual-based financial statements of resolving and correcting these differences has not been fully determined and could be material.

The unmatched transactions and balances are needed to balance the accrual-based financial statements. The Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position and the Balance Sheet include specific lines for the unmatched transactions and balances, while the unmatched transactions and balances are recorded in existing lines in the Statement of Net Cost. The primary factors affecting this out of balance situation are:

- Unmatched intra-governmental transactions and balances between federal entities; and
- Errors and restatements in federal entities' reporting.

As intra-governmental transactions and balances reduce to immaterial amounts, the corresponding individual lines in the "Unmatched Transactions and Balances" table are adjusted to remove the differences for the fiscal year. Please refer to the table of "Unmatched Transactions and Balances" in Other Information (Unaudited) for examples of the individual lines. Materiality for these adjustments is considered in the absolute value, when at or below \$0.1 billion.

Refer to the Other Information (unaudited)—Unmatched Transactions and Balances for additional information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>With the exception of the Black Lung program, which has a rolling 25-year projection period that begins on the September 30 valuation date each year.

### V. Changes in Accounting Principle

A change in accounting principle results from either adopting a new accounting pronouncement or an entity adopting an allowable alternative accounting principle on the basis that is preferable. Generally, as applicable, changes in accounting principle are shown as an adjustment to beginning net position in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position of the period in which the change is implemented.

Adjustments to beginning net position in FY 2021 for changes in accounting principle was \$0.7 billion, mostly due to DOD's continued implementation of SFFAS No. 48, *Opening Balances for Inventory, Operating Materials and Supplies, and Stockpile Materials* and SFFAS No. 50, *Establishing Opening Balances for General Property, Plant, and Equipment.* 

Also, in FY 2021 CAA required VA to record obligations for hospital care or medical services furnished at non-VA facilities at the time of approval. VA accounted for this new authority as a retrospective change that is analogous to a change in accounting principle by adjusting FY 2020 amounts on the Balance Sheet and other financial statements. These restatements impacted the liabilities, costs, and net position of the government and are reflected on the following statements: 1) on the Balance Sheet, accounts payable, federal employee and veteran benefits payable, and net position for funds other than those from dedicated collections; 2) on the Statement of Net Cost, gross cost; 3) on the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position, funds other than those from dedicated collections and the total columns, net cost, and net position end of period; and 4) on the Reconciliation of Net Operating Cost and Budget Deficit, net operating cost, federal employee and veteran benefits payable, and accounts payable. In total, the government's reported FY 2020 net cost increased by \$0.2 billion and FY 2020 net position decreased by \$0.1 billion as a result of VA's retrospective changes. Refer also to the Note 12—Accounts Payable and Note 14—Federal Employee and Veteran Benefits Payable.

Adjustments to beginning net position in FY 2020 for changes in accounting principle was \$12.5 billion between the funds from dedicated collections and funds other than those from dedicated collections due to Note 23—Funds from Dedicated Collections applying SFFAS No. 43, *Funds from Dedicated Collections: Amending Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards 27, Identifying and Reporting Earmarked Funds.* SFFAS No. 43 is not a new standard but does allow a reporting methodology change between combined (excluding eliminations between funds from dedicated collections) and consolidated (including eliminations between funds from dedicated collections) when deemed necessary. The reporting methodology was changed from combined in FY 2019 to consolidated in FY 2020. See Note 23—Funds from Dedicated Collections for additional information.

## W. Correction of Errors

Correction of errors in financial statements result from mathematical mistakes, mistakes in the application of accounting principles, or oversight or misuse of facts that existed at the time financial statements were prepared. When preparing comparative financial statements, if the material error occurred in the prior period presented and the effect is known, then the affected line items of the prior period are restated.

DOD followed SFFAS No. 21, *Reporting Corrections of Errors and Changes in Accounting Principle* and corrected FY 2020 errors identified as part of a department-wide effort to improve financial reporting. These corrections resulted in restatements of amounts in the consolidated financial statements, including a correction of error of \$6.0 billion on the FY 2020 Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position. These restatements are reflected on the following statements: 1) on the Balance Sheet; 2) on the Statement of Net Cost, gross cost; 3) on the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position, funds other than those from dedicated collections and the total columns, net cost, unmatched transactions and balances, correction of errors, and net position end of period; and 4) on the Reconciliation of Net Operating Cost and Budget Deficit, net operating cost acquisition of capital assets, investments, inventory and related property, net, adjustment to beginning net position, and all other reconciling items. In total, the government's reported FY 2020 net cost increased by \$4.9 billion. Refer also to Note 5—Inventory and Related Property, Net, Note 6—General Property, Plant, and Equipment, Net, Note 7—Investments, and Unmatched Transactions and Balances in Other Information (unaudited).

For FY 2020, a restatement was made that decreased the other commitments for U.S. participation in the IMF reported in Note 21—Commitments. Refer to the individual note for additional information.

### X. Changes in Presentation

Changes in presentation are done to improve clarity of the presentation of the Financial Report and include changes since the prior year that are not the result of correction of errors or changes in accounting principles. In FY 2021, the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position broke out the Unmatched transactions and balances from Net operating (cost)/revenue line and is presented as a standalone line in the net position section. Also, in FY 2021 the Balance Sheet was modified to present additional items separately including advances and prepayments, other deferred revenue, and liability for advances and prepayments, which were previously reported in Note 11-Other Assets and Note 19-Other Liabilities. Advances and prepayments is now reported in Note 10-Advances and Prepayments, other deferred revenue and liability for advances and prepayments are reported in Note 18-Advances from Others and Deferred Revenue, and the corresponding changes to Reconciliation of Net Operating Cost and Budget Deficit Statement. Further breakout of the all other reconciling items for allocations of special drawing rights was included in the Reconciliation of Net Operating Cost and Budget Deficit Statement. Statements of Changes in Cash Balance and Budget and Other Activities enhanced the presentation by breaking out special purpose vehicle disbursements, repayments of special purpose vehicle investments, and allocations of special drawing rights. In addition, refer to the following individual notes and other information for separate changes in presentation; Note 5—Inventory and Related Property, Net, Note 7—Investments, Note 20—Collections and Refunds of Federal Revenue, and Unmatched Transactions and Balances in Other Information (unaudited). The FY 2020 presentation was modified to conform to the FY 2021 presentation. Refer to the individual notes and Other Information (unaudited) for additional information.

## Y. Fiduciary Activities

Fiduciary activities are the collection or receipt, as well as the management, protection, accounting, investment and disposition by the government of cash or other assets in which non-federal individuals or entities have an ownership interest that the government must uphold. Fiduciary cash and other fiduciary assets are not assets of the government and are not recognized on the Balance Sheet. See Note 24—Fiduciary Activities, for additional information.

### Z. Use of Estimates

The government has made certain estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and the disclosure of contingent liabilities to prepare these financial statements. There are a large number of factors that affect these assumptions and estimates, which are inherently subject to substantial uncertainty arising from the likelihood of future changes in general economic, regulatory, and market conditions. As such, actual results will differ from these estimates and such differences may be material.

Significant transactions subject to estimates are included in the balance of loans receivable, net, federal employee and veteran benefits payable, investments, investments in SPVs, investments in GSEs, tax receivables, loan guarantee liabilities, depreciation, other actuarial liabilities, cost and earned revenue allocations, as well as contingencies and any related recognized liabilities.

The government recognizes the sensitivity of credit reform modeling to slight changes in some model assumptions and uses regular review of model factors, statistical modeling, and annual reestimates to reflect the most accurate cost of the credit programs to the U.S. government. *Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990* loan receivables and loan guarantees are disclosed in Note 4—Loans Receivable, Net and Loan Guarantee Liabilities.

Estimates are also used to determine the FV of investments in SPVs and GSEs. The FV of the SPV preferred equity investments is estimated based on a discounted cash flow valuation methodology, whereby the primary input is the PV of the projected annual cash flows associated with these investments. The value of the GSEs senior preferred stock is estimated by first estimating the FV of the total equity of each GSE (which, in addition to the senior preferred stock, is comprised of other equity instruments including common stock, common stock warrants, and junior preferred stock). The FV of the total equity is based on a discounted cash flow valuation methodology, whereby the primary input is the PV of the projected quarterly cash flows to equity holders. The FV of the GSEs' other equity instruments are then deducted from its total equity, with the remainder representing the FV of the senior preferred stock.

Factors impacting the FV of the GSE warrants include the nominal exercise price and the large number of potential exercise shares, the market trading of the common stock that underlies the warrants as of September 30, the principal market,

and the market participants. Other factors impacting the FV include, the holding period risk related directly to the assumption of the amount of time that it will take to sell the exercised shares without depressing the market. For additional information on investments in SPVs and GSEs, see Note 8—Investments in Special Purpose Vehicles and Note 9—Investments in Government-Sponsored Enterprises.

Treasury performs annual calculations, as of September 30, to assess the need for recording an estimated liability in accordance with SFFAS No. 5, *Accounting for Liabilities of The Federal Government*, and to the government's funding commitment to the GSEs under the SPSPAs. For additional information on investments in GSEs and the amended SPSPAs, see Note 9—Investments in Government-Sponsored Enterprises.

## AA. Credit Risk

Credit risk is the potential, no matter how remote, for financial loss from a failure of a borrower or counterparty to perform in accordance with underlying contractual obligations. The government takes on credit risk when it makes direct loans or guarantees to non-federal entities, provides credits to foreign entities, or becomes exposed to institutions that engage in financial transactions with foreign countries.

The government also takes on credit risk related to committed, but undisbursed direct loans, CARES Act Section 4003 COVID-19 credit program receivables, funding commitments to GSEs, CARES Act Section 4003 Section 13(3) funding provided to CCF, MSF, MLF, TALF, and other activities. Many of these programs were developed or provided credit support to the pandemic emergency relief programs of the Federal Reserve Board, to provide credit where borrowers are not able to get access to credit with reasonable terms and conditions. These programs expose the government to potential costs and losses. The extent of the risk assumed is described in more detail in the notes to the financial statements, and where applicable, is factored into credit reform models and reflected in FV measurements.

### **AB. Treaties and Other International Agreements**

For financial reporting purposes, treaties and other international agreements may be understood as falling into three broad categories:

- No present or contingent obligation to provide goods, services, or financial support;
- Present obligation to provide goods, services, or financial support; or
- Contingent obligation to provide goods, services, or financial support.

The proper financial reporting of treaties and other international agreements depends on the probable future outflow or other sacrifice of resources as a result of entering into the agreement.

In many cases, treaties and other international agreements establish frameworks that govern cooperative activities with other countries, but leave to the discretion of the parties whether to engage in any such activities. In other cases, the agreements may contemplate specific cooperative activities, but create no present or contingent obligations to engage in them. Cooperative activities relevant to these treaties and other international agreements fall under the first category, which does not result in the U.S. government incurring any financial liability. Since these treaties and other international agreements have no financial impact, they are not reported or disclosed in this *Financial Report*.

Some treaties and other international agreements fall under the second category, and involve a present obligation, and therefore result in liability recognition. Such present obligation may relate to the U.S. government providing financial and inkind support, including assessed contributions, voluntary contributions, grants, and other assistance to international organizations in which it participates as a member. Examples of such agreements include those that establish international organizations under which the U.S. government provides foreign assistance funds to other countries; and claims settlement agreements under which the U.S. government agrees to pay specific sums of money to settle claims. For additional information related to treaties and other international agreements that fall under the second category, refer to Note 21—Commitments.

The last category encompasses those treaties or other international agreements which result in contingencies that may require recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Such contingencies may stem from commitments in a treaty or other international agreement to provide goods, services, or financial support when a future event occurs, or from litigation, claims, or assessments forged by other parties to the agreement. For additional information related to treaties and other international agreements that fall under the last category, refer to Note 22—Contingencies.

Federal P3s are risk-sharing arrangements or transactions with expected lives greater than five years between public and private sector entities. Such arrangements or transactions provide a service or an asset for government and/or general public use where in addition to the sharing of resources, each party shares in the risks and rewards of said arrangements or transactions. The P3s that are deemed material to the consolidated financial statements and have met the criteria of SFFAS No. 49, *Public-Private Partnerships*, are disclosed. See Note 29—Public-Private Partnerships for additional information.

## Note 2. Cash and Other Monetary Assets

#### Cash and Other Monetary Assets as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Unrestricted cash:		
Cash held by Treasury for government-wide operations	198.4	1,769.8
Other	5.7	5.0
Restricted	46.0	40.8
Total cash	250.1	1,815.6
nternational monetary assets	197.0	83.3
Gold and silver	11.1	11.1
Foreign currency	16.8	16.9
Total cash and other monetary assets	475.0	1,926.9

Unrestricted cash includes cash held by Treasury for government-wide operations (Operating Cash) and all other unrestricted cash held by the federal entities. Operating Cash represents balances from tax collections, federal debt receipts, and other various receipts net of cash outflows for federal debt repayments and other payments. Treasury checks outstanding are netted against Operating Cash until they are cleared by the FR System. Other unrestricted cash not included in Treasury's Operating Cash balance includes balances representing cash, cash equivalents, and other funds held by entities, such as undeposited collections, deposits in transit, demand deposits, amounts held in trust, and imprest funds. Operating Cash held by Treasury decreased by \$1,571.4 billion (a decrease of approximately 88.8 percent) in FY 2021 due to Treasury maintaining an elevated cash balance in FY 2020 to maintain prudent liquidity in light of the size and relative uncertainty of COVID-19 related outflows, combined with needing to reduce the cash balance to well under Treasury's prudent policy level at the end of FY 2021 due to debt ceiling constraints.

Restrictions on cash are due to the imposition on cash deposits by law, regulation, or agreement. Restricted cash is primarily composed of cash held by the SAA, which executes Foreign Military Sales. The SAA included \$38.6 billion and \$34.1 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively.

International monetary assets include the U.S. reserve position in the IMF and U.S. holdings of SDR. The U.S. reserve position in the IMF had a U.S. dollar equivalent of \$32.7 billion and \$31.2 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively. Only a portion of the U.S. financial subscription to the IMF is made in the form of reserve assets; the remainder is provided in the form of a letter of credit. The balance available under the letter of credit totaled \$83.0 billion and \$85.0 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020 respectively. The total amount of SDR holdings of the U.S. was the equivalent of \$163.9 billion and \$51.7 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020 respectively. The total amount of SDR holdings of the U.S. was the equivalent of \$163.9 billion and \$51.7 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively. This increase was due to Treasury receiving an additional 79.5 billion SDR valued at \$112.8 billion in response to the global economic stress caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information regarding the U.S. participation in the IMF and SDR, see Treasury's financial statements and Note 28—Disclosure Entities and Related Parties.

Gold is valued at the statutory price of \$42.2222 per fine troy ounce. The number of fine troy ounces of gold was 261,498,927 as of September 30, 2021, and 2020. The market value of gold on the London Fixing was \$1,743 and \$1,887 per fine troy ounce as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively. In addition, silver is valued at the statutory price of \$1.2929 per fine troy ounce. The number of fine troy ounces of silver was 16,000,000 as of September 30, 2021, and 2020. The market value of silver on the London Fixing was \$21.53 and \$23.73 per fine troy ounce as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively. Gold totaling \$11.0 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, was pledged as collateral for gold certificates issued and authorized to the FRBs by the Secretary of the Treasury. Gold certificates were valued at \$11.0 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020. Treasury may redeem the gold certificates at any time. Please refer to the financial statements of Treasury for additional information regarding gold reserves and Treasury's liability for gold.

The foreign currency is maintained by Treasury's ESF and various U.S. federal entities as well as foreign banks. Foreign currency is translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate at fiscal year-end.

## Note 3. Accounts Receivable, Net

#### Accounts Receivable, Net as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Taxes receivable:		
Taxes receivable, gross	507.8	441.9
Allowance for uncollectible amounts	(196.6)	(198.7)
Taxes receivable, net	311.2	243.2
Other accounts receivable:		
Other accounts receivable, gross	140.7	113.0
Allowance for uncollectible amounts	(50.9)	(35.0)
Other accounts receivable, net	89.8	78.0
Total accounts receivable. net	401.0	321.2

Taxes receivable is listed first above due to being the significant portion of total accounts receivable, and the rest are referred to as other accounts receivable. Other accounts receivable, gross includes related interest receivable of \$3.0 billion and \$2.8 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively.

Treasury comprises approximately 76.0 percent of the government's reported accounts receivable, net, as of September 30, 2021. Treasury accounts for nearly all the reported taxes receivable, which consist of unpaid assessments due from taxpayers, unpaid taxes related to IRC section 965, and deferred payments resulting from the CARES Act. Examples of unpaid assessments are the filing of a tax return without sufficient payment or a court ruling in favor of the IRS. Section 965(h) of the IRC requires taxpayers who are shareholders of certain specified foreign corporations to pay a transition tax on foreign earnings as if those earnings had been repatriated to the U.S. IRC 965(h) allows taxpayers to elect to pay their tax on an eight-year installment schedule. Pursuant to the CARES Act, employers can defer payment, without penalty, of their portions of the Social Security segment of FICA and the employer's and employee representative's share of the Railroad Retirement Tax. Treasury experienced a year to year increase of \$67.0 billion principally due to the two-year payment deferral of FICA Social Security taxes.

Other accounts receivable, gross increased significantly year to year, primarily as a result of DOL's \$18.6 billion increase in benefit overpayments from programs related to COVID-19. Another substantial factor in the overall change was a \$7.0 billion increase in HHS receivables primarily due to Medicare.

The following entities are the main contributors to the government's reported accounts receivable, net as of September 30, 2021. Refer to each entity's financial statements for additional information:

- Treasury
- HHS
- DHS
- SSA
- DOL
- DOI

- DOD
- USDA
- VA
- PBGC
- DOE
- OPM

- TVA
- FDIC
- HUD
- USPS
- NCUA
- FCC

## Note 4. Loans Receivable, Net and Loan Guarantee Liabilities

### Loans Receivable, Net as of September 30, 2021

(In billions of dollars)	Loans Receivable, Gross	Interest Receivable	Foreclosed Property	Subsidy Cost Allowance	Loans Receivable, Net	Subsidy Expense (Income) for the Fiscal Year
Federal Direct Student Loans -						
Education	1,292.2	86.5	-	(273.9)	1,104.8	93.9
Disaster Assistance Loans -						
SBA	249.2	7.5	-	(12.6)	244.1	2.9
Federal Family Education Loans						
- Education	82.0	23.9	-	(47.7)	58.2	0.6
Electric Loans - USDA	51.0	-	-	(2.6)	48.4	(0.8)
Rural Housing Services - USDA.	23.0	1.1	0.1	(2.5)	21.7	(0.1)
Federal Housing Admin Loans -						
HUD	46.2	19.9	0.6	(17.6)	49.1	-
All other programs	136.4	2.1	0.8	(14.6)	124.7	1.4
Total loans receivable	1,880.0	141.0	1.5	(371.5)	1,651.0	97.9

(In billions of dollars)	Loans Receivable, Gross	Interest Receivable	Foreclosed Property	Subsidy Cost Allowance	Loans Receivable, Net	Subsidy Expense (Income) for the Fiscal Year
Federal Direct Student Loans -						
Education	1,224.8	92.1	-	(216.4)	1,100.5	100.9
Disaster Assistance Loans -						
SBA	185.3	1.8	-	(5.6)	181.5	5.4
Federal Family Education Loans						
- Education	84.8	24.1	-	(41.5)	67.4	2.2
Electric Loans - USDA	48.9	-	-	(2.9)	46.0	0.9
Rural Housing Services - USDA	23.6	1.2	-	(3.0)	21.8	-
Federal Housing Admin Loans -				· · · · ·		
HUD	41.9	17.8	0.8	(17.1)	43.4	-
All other programs	130.9	2.3	0.7	(17.1)	116.8	0.1
Total loans receivable		139.3	1.5	(303.6)	1,577.4	109.5

Loans receivable consists primarily of direct loans disbursed by the government, receivables related to guaranteed loans that have defaulted, and certain receivables for guaranteed loans that the government has purchased from lenders. Direct loans are used to promote the nation's welfare by making financing available to segments of the population not served adequately by non-federal institutions, or otherwise providing for certain activities or investments. For those unable to afford

credit at the market rate, federal credit programs provide subsidies in the form of direct loans offered at an interest rate lower than the market rate.

The amount of the long-term cost of post-1991 direct loans equals the subsidy cost allowance for direct loans as of September 30. The amount of the long-term cost of pre-1992 direct loans equals the allowance for subsidy amounts (or PV allowance) for direct loans. The long-term cost is based on all direct loans disbursed in this fiscal year and previous years that are outstanding as of September 30. It includes the subsidy cost of these direct loans estimated as of the time of loan disbursement and subsequent adjustments such as modifications, reestimates, amortizations, and write-offs.

Loans receivable, net includes related interest and foreclosed property. Foreclosed property is property that is transferred from borrowers to a federal credit program, through foreclosure or other means, in partial or full settlement of post-1991 direct loans or as compensation for losses that the government sustained under post-1991 loan guarantees. Please refer to the financial statements of HUD, USDA, and VA for additional information regarding foreclosed property.

The total subsidy expense/(income) is the cost recognized during the fiscal year. It consists of the subsidy expense/(income) incurred for direct loans disbursed during the fiscal year, for modifications made during the fiscal year of direct loans outstanding, and for upward or downward reestimates as of the end of the fiscal year. This expense/(income) is included in the Statements of Net Cost.

#### Loans Receivable Programs

The majority of loans receivable programs are provided by Education, SBA, USDA, and HUD. For additional information regarding the direct loan programs listed in the tables above, please refer to the financial statements of the entities.

Education has loan programs that are authorized by Title IV of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*. The William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (referred to as the Direct Loan Program), was established in FY 1994 and offered four types of educational loans: Stafford, Unsubsidized Stafford, Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students, and consolidation loans. With this program, the government makes loans directly to students and parents through participating institutions of higher education. Education disbursed approximately \$104.8 billion in direct loans to eligible borrowers in FY 2021 and approximately \$117.4 billion in FY 2020. The COVID-19 relief legislation and administrative actions provided support for student loan borrowers by temporarily suspending nearly all federal student loan payments interest free. In addition, all federal wage garnishments and collections actions for borrowers with federally held loan in default were halted.

The SBA makes loans to microloan intermediaries and provides a direct loan program that assists homeowners, renters and businesses recover from disasters. The CARES Act provides funding for SBA to offer low-interest EIDLs for working capital to small businesses suffering substantial economic injury as a result of COVID-19 that can be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that cannot be paid because of the disaster's impact. These receivables increased to \$245.4 billion during FY 2021, stemming from a \$62.7 billion increase in COVID-19 EIDLs.

USDA's Rural Development offers direct loans with unique missions to bring prosperity and opportunity to rural areas. The Rural Housing programs provide affordable, safe, and sanitary housing and essential community facilities to rural communities. Rural Utility programs help improve the quality of life in rural areas through a variety of loan programs for electric energy, telecommunications, and water and environmental projects.

HUD's Office of Housing plays a vital role for the nation's homebuyers, homeowners, renters, and communities through its nationally administered programs. It includes FHA who administers active mortgage insurance programs which are designed to make mortgage financing more accessible to the home-buying public and developers/owners of rental housing and healthcare facilities. FHA insures private lenders against loss on mortgages which finance single family homes, multifamily projects, healthcare facilities, property improvements, and manufactured homes. Prior to 1990, the Office of Housing also provided direct loans for construction and rehabilitation of housing projects for the elderly and persons with disabilities. Due to COVID-19 the CARES Act provided borrowers with federally backed mortgage loans a 60-day foreclosure and eviction moratorium and a right to forbearance of loan payments for up to one year for homeowners experiencing financial hardship. HUD and other federal entities extended the foreclosure and eviction moratorium administratively through September 30, 2021, and extended the forbearance period for some borrowers to a maximum of 18 months.

_	Loan Guarantee Liabilities		Principal Amount of Loans Under Guarantee		Principal Amount Guaranteed by the U.S.		Subsidy E (Income) Fiscal	for the
(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Federal Housing Administration								
Loans - HUD Veterans Housing Benefit	(17.9)	(6.3)	1,503.6	1,544.4	1,344.4	1,379.7	(25.2)	(20.6
Programs - VA	10.9	7.3	862.2	816.0	218.3	206.3	0.6	(2.3
Small Business Loans	227.8	512.7	459.6	646.0	435.3	621.7	296.8	526.8
Federal Family Education Loans								
- Education	7.3	0.9	116.9	128.9	116.9	128.9	10.1	(3.5
Rural Housing Services - USDA.	(1.1)	0.7	123.4	127.9	111.1	115.0	(2.3)	0.7
All other guaranteed loan								
programs	3.7	4.8	85.2	93.9	79.8	88.8	(0.9)	(0.2
Total loan guarantee liabilities.	230.7	520.1	3,150.9	3,357.1	2,305.8	2,540.4	279.1	500.9

Loan guarantee programs are also used to promote the nation's welfare by making financing available to segments of the population not served adequately by non-federal institutions, or otherwise providing for certain activities or investments. For those to whom non-federal financial institutions are reluctant to grant credit because of the high risk involved, federal credit programs guarantee the payment of these non-federal loans and absorb the cost of defaults.

The amount of the long-term cost of post-1991 loan guarantees outstanding equals the liability for loan guarantees as of September 30. The amount of the long-term cost of pre-1992 loan guarantees equals the allowance for subsidy amounts (or PV allowance) and the liability for loan guarantees. The long-term cost is based on all guaranteed loans disbursed in this fiscal year and previous years that are outstanding as of September 30. It includes the subsidy cost of the loan guarantees estimated as of the time of loan disbursement and subsequent adjustments such as modifications, reestimates, amortizations, and write-offs.

The total subsidy expense/(income) is the cost of loan guarantees recognized during the fiscal year. It consists of the subsidy expense/(income) incurred for guaranteed loans disbursed during the fiscal year, for modifications made during the fiscal year of loan guarantees outstanding, and for upward or downward reestimates as of the end of the fiscal year of the cost of loan guarantees outstanding. This expense/(income) is included in the Statements of Net Cost.

#### Loan Guarantee Liability Programs

The majority of the loan guarantee programs are provided by HUD, VA, SBA, Education and USDA. For additional information regarding the guaranteed loan programs listed in the tables above, please refer to the financial statements of the entities.

HUD's Office of Housing promotes equal housing opportunities. It includes FHA who provides mortgage insurance on mortgages for single family mortgage loans made by FHA-approved lenders and strives to meet the needs of many first-time and minority homebuyers who, without the FHA guarantee, may find mortgage credit to be unaffordable or simply unavailable.

VA operates the following loan guarantee programs: Housing Guaranteed Loans and Loan Sale Guarantees. The Home Loans program provides loan guarantees to veterans, service members, qualifying dependents, and limited non-veterans to purchase homes and retain homeownership with favorable market terms. During FY 2021, the face value of outstanding principal on loans guaranteed by the VA increased by \$46.2 billion. This increase was primarily due to \$394.5 billion in new loans guaranteed by the VA, partially offset by \$225.3 billion in guaranteed loan terminations.

### Loan Guarantee Liabilities as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

The SBA provides guarantees that help small businesses obtain bank loans and licensed companies to make investments in qualifying small businesses. The loan guarantee PPP provides loan forgiveness for amounts used for eligible expenses for payroll and benefit costs, interest on mortgages, and rent, utilities, worker protection costs related to COVID-19, uninsured property damage costs caused by looting or vandalism during 2020, and certain supplier costs and expenses for operations. The loan guarantee liability for Small Business Loan Programs which includes the PPP decreased by \$284.9 billion due to PPP loan forgiveness that started taking place in FY 2021.

Education has loan programs that are authorized by Title IV of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*. The FFEL Program was established in FY 1965 and operates through state and private, nonprofit guaranty agencies that provided loan guarantees on loans made by private lenders to eligible students. The *Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act*, which was enacted as part of the *Health Care Education and Reconciliation Act of 2010* (P.L. 111-152), eliminated the authority to guarantee new FFEL after June 30, 2010. The COVID-19 relief legislation and administrative actions provided support for student loan borrowers by temporarily suspending nearly all federal student loan payments interest-free. In addition, all federal wage garnishments and collections actions for borrowers with federally held loan in default were halted.

USDA's Rural Development offers guaranteed loans with unique missions to bring prosperity and opportunity to rural areas. The Rural Housing programs provide affordable, safe, and sanitary housing and essential community facilities to rural communities.

For additional information regarding the CARES Act refer to the financial statements of SBA, Education, HUD and Note 30—COVID-19 Activity.

## Note 5. Inventory and Related Property, Net

		Restated
(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Inventory held for current sale	72.1	69.6
Inventory held in reserve for future sale	0.9	1.0
Inventory and operating material and supplies held for repair	77.1	57.8
Inventory—excess, obsolete, and unserviceable	0.7	0.6
Operating materials and supplies held for use	158.2	149.0
Operating materials and supplies held in reserve for future use	28.6	43.0
Operating materials and supplies-excess, obsolete, and unserviceable	0.7	3.1
Stockpile materials held in reserve for future use	58.6	55.1
Stockpile materials held for sale	7.0	7.5
Other related property	4.5	5.3
Allowance for loss	(9.2)	(10.1
Total inventory and related property, net	399.2	381.9

Inventory is tangible personal property that is either held for sale, in the process of production for sale, or to be consumed in the production of goods for sale or in the provision of services for a fee. For FY 2021, a change in presentation was identified. For FY 2021, inventory held in reserve for future sale is included as a separate amount in the table.

- Inventory is categorized as one of the following:
- Held for current sale includes items currently for sale or transfer to either entities outside the federal government, or other federal entities.
- Held in reserve for future sale includes items being held for sale or transfer to either entities outside the federal government or other federal entities in the future.
- Held for repair items that require servicing to make them suitable for sale or use. Inventory held for repair may be treated in one of two ways: the allowance method or the direct method. Under the allowance method, inventory held for repair is valued at the same value as a serviceable item. Under the direct method, inventory held for repair is valued at the same value as a serviceable item less the estimated repair costs.
- Excess stock that exceeds the demand expected in the normal course of operations because the amount on hand is more than can be sold in the foreseeable future and that does not meet management's criteria to be held in reserve for future sale or use.
- Obsolete items that are no longer needed due to changes in technology, laws, customs, or operations.
- Unserviceable damaged items that are more economical to dispose of than to repair.

OM&S consists of tangible personal property to be consumed in normal operations and is categorized as one of the above categories or in the additional listed category below:

• Held in reserve for future sale or use – items maintained because they are not readily available in the market or because there is more than a remote chance that they will eventually be needed.

Stockpile materials are strategic and critical materials held due to statutory requirements for use in national defense, conservation, or local/national emergencies. Refer to the financial statements of DOD, DOE and HHS for additional information regarding stockpile materials.

Before selling any stockpile material, Congress must enact specific enabling legislation. When stockpile material is authorized to be sold federal entities reclassify the material from held in reserve to held for sale and disclose as stockpile

material held for sale. Stockpile material held for sale includes ores, metals, alloys, and medical supplies authorized for sale. Other related property consists of the following:

- Forfeited property consists of monetary instruments, intangible property, real property, and tangible personal property acquired through forfeiture proceedings; property acquired by the government to satisfy a tax liability; and unclaimed and abandoned merchandise. Please refer to the financial statements of DOJ and Treasury for additional information regarding forfeited property.
- Goods acquired under price support and stabilization programs are referred to as commodities. Commodities are items of commerce or trade having an exchange value. Please refer to the financial statements of USDA for additional information regarding commodities.
- Seized property includes monetary instruments, real property and tangible personal property of others in the actual or constructive possession of the custodial entity. For additional information on seized property, refer to the financial statements of DOJ and Treasury.
- Foreclosed property consists of any asset received in satisfaction of a loan receivable or as a result of payment of a claim under a guaranteed or insured loan (excluding commodities acquired under price support programs). For additional information on foreclosed property, see Note 4—Loans Receivable, Net and Loan Guarantee Liabilities. Also refer to the financial statements of USDA, VA, and HUD for additional information regarding foreclosed property.

DOD comprises approximately 81.9 percent of the government's inventory and related property, net, as of September 30, 2021. DOD followed SFFAS No. 21, *Reporting Corrections of Errors and Changes in Accounting Principles* and corrected FY 2020 errors identified during the standalone audits of twenty-six component entities. As a result, FY 2020 OM&S has been restated to reflect the increase of \$2.2 billion reported by DOD.

The following entities are the main contributors to the government's reported inventory and related property, net of \$399.2 billion as of September 30, 2021. Refer to each entity's financial statements for additional information.

- DOD
- DOE
- Treasury
- HHS
- DHS

## Note 6. General Property, Plant, and Equipment, Net

#### General Property, Plant, and Equipment, net as of September 30, 2021, and 2020 Accumulated Accumulated **Depreciation**/ Depreciation/ Cost **Cost Amortization** Net Amortization Net Restated 2021 2020 (In billions of dollars) 303.6 292.8 381.3 791.5 487.9 Furniture, fixtures, and equipment ......1,424.3 846.1 578.2 1,390.7 809.6 581.1 Construction in progress ...... 243.5 N/A 243.5 201.2 N/A 201.2 38.3 23.0 35.4 Internal use software ..... 61.3 56.8 21.4 N/A 22.3 22.1 N/A 22.1 Land..... 22.3 Other general property, plant, and equipment ... 17.1 33.1 16.0 30.5 20.0 10.5 Total general property, plant, and equipment, 2,458.6 1,281.7 1,176.9 2,492.8 1,352.9 1,139.9 net..... Note: "N/A" indicates not applicable.

DOD comprises approximately 68.8 percent of the government's reported general PP&E, as of September 30, 2021. DOD continues to implement SFFAS No. 50, *Establishing Opening Balances for General Property, Plant, and Equipment* which permits alternative methods in establishing opening balances for general PP&E and has elected to exclude land and land rights. The total acreage excluded was 23,566,363 as of September 30, 2021 and 23,521,368 as of September 30, 2020. DOD followed SFFAS No. 21, *Reporting Corrections of Errors and Changes in Accounting Principles* and corrected FY 2020 errors identified during the standalone audits of 26 component entities. As a result, FY 2020 total PP&E is restated to reflect the decrease of \$5.1 billion reported by DOD for the net book value of buildings, structures, facilities, construction-in-progress, and other general PP&E.

The following entities are the main contributors to the government's reported general PP&E net of \$1,176.9 billion as of September 30, 2021. Please refer to each entity's financial statements for additional information.

٠	DOD	•	DOI	•	VA
٠	DOE	٠	USPS	•	TVA
٠	GSA	٠	DHS	•	State
٠	DOC	•	SI	•	DOJ
٠	Treasury	٠	SSA	•	DOT
٠	HHS	•	NASA		

Certain PP&E are multi-use heritage assets, see Note 27—Stewardship Property, Plant, and Equipment for additional information on multi-use heritage assets.

# Note 7. Investments

### Investments as of September 30, 2021

(In billions of dollars)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Other	Total
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation:					
Asset backed/mortgage backed securities	-	8.7	-	-	8.7
Corporate bonds and other	-	24.4	-	-	24.4
International fixed maturity securities	-	7.9	-	-	7.9
Equity securities	2.5	0.1	-	13.2	15.8
Pooled funds	0.1	-	-	5.9	6.0
Real estate and real estate investment trusts	1.7	-	-	0.5	2.2
Other securities		7.3	0.2	2.7	10.2
Total Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	4.3	48.4	0.2	22.3	75.2
National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust:					
U.S. equity	8.4	-	-	-	8.4
Non-U.S. equity	6.8	-	-	-	6.8
Private equity	-	-	-	4.0	4.0
Global fixed income	0.1	2.7	-	0.5	3.3
Global real assets	0.5	-	-	2.2	2.7
Absolute return mandates	-	-	-	0.9	0.9
Opportunistic mandates	-	-	-	0.7	0.7
Total National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust	15.8	2.7	-	8.3	26.8
Tennessee Valley Authority:					
Commingled funds measured at net asset value	-	-	-	3.0	3.0
Equity securities	1.6	-	-	-	1.6
Corporate debt securities	-	1.8	-	-	1.8
Private equity measured at net asset value	-	-	-	1.7	1.7
Private real assets measured at net asset value	-	-	-	1.0	1.0
Private credit measured at net asset value	-	-	-	0.4	0.4
Other securities	1.5	1.5	0.1	0.5	3.6
Total Tennessee Valley Authority	3.1	3.3	0.1	6.6	13.1
Department of the Treasury	5.3	-	-	-	5.3
Department of Defense	-	-	-	11.4	11.4
Smithsonian Institution	0.5	-	-	2.4	2.9
All other		-	0.1	0.4	0.5
Total investments	29.0	54.4	0.4	51.4	135.2

Investments as of September 30, 2020					
(In billions of dollars)	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Other	Restated Total
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation:					
Asset backed/mortgage backed securities	-	5.3	-	-	5.3
Corporate bonds and other	-	20.6	-	-	20.6
International fixed maturity securities	-	9.2	-	-	9.2
Equity securities	2.8	0.9	-	20.2	23.9
Pooled funds	0.1	-	-	0.8	0.9
Real estate and real estate investment trusts	1.5	-	-	1.3	2.8
Other securities		10.3	-	2.4	12.7
Total Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	4.4	46.3	-	24.7	75.4
National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust:					
U.S. equity	6.0	-	-	-	6.0
Non-U.S. equity	6.0	-	-	-	6.0
Private equity	-	-	-	2.8	2.8
Global fixed income	0.1	3.6	-	0.4	4.1
Global real assets	0.9	-	-	2.2	3.1
Absolute return mandates	-	-	-	1.6	1.6
Total National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust	13.0	3.6	-	7.0	23.6
Tennessee Valley Authority:					
Commingled funds measured at net asset value	-	-	-	2.4	2.4
Equity securities	2.2	-	-	-	2.2
Corporate debt securities	-	1.8	-	-	1.8
Private equity measured at net asset value	-	-	-	1.2	1.2
Private real assets measured at net asset value	-	-	-	0.8	0.8
Private credit measured at net asset value	-	-	-	0.2	0.2
Other securities	0.6	1.1	0.1	0.6	2.4
– Total Tennessee Valley Authority	2.8	2.9	0.1	5.2	11.0
Department of the Treasury	5.8	-	-	-	5.8
Department of Defense	-	-	-	11.4	11.4
Smithsonian Institution	0.4	-	-	1.8	2.2
All other	-	-	-	0.4	0.4
Total investments	26.4	52.8	0.1	50.5	129.8

PBGC, NRRIT, TVA, and Smithsonian Institution apply financial accounting and reporting standards issued by FASB and such entities, as permitted by SFFAS No. 47, *Reporting Entity* are consolidated into the U.S. government's consolidated financial statements without conversion to accounting and reporting standards issued by the FASAB. PBGC, NRRIT, and TVA also hold investments in Treasury securities which are not included in the above tables, as such investments are eliminated in consolidation.

In FY 2021, a change in presentation occurred to provide clarity and traceability. The investment table reports security level detail using FV measurement by entity and the table reporting securities as held-to-maturity, available-for-sale, and trading securities was removed.

DOD restated their FY 2020 other investments to \$11.4 billion due to the investments being understated by \$7.9 billion previously. The correction was due to recording of the value of real property non-cash assets conveyed under long-standing MHPI agreements, generally at the beginning of the individual agreement.

PBGC ensures pension benefits of participants in covered single-employer and multiemployer defined benefit pension plans and values its financial assets at estimated FV consistent with the standards issued by FASB for pension plans. PBGC's investments are used to pay future benefits of covered participants.

NRRIT on behalf of the RRB, manages and invests railroad retirement assets that are to be used to pay retirement benefits to the nation's railroad workers under the RRP. As an investment company, NRRIT is subject to accounting standards for investment companies issued by FASB.

TVA's investments consist of amounts held in the Nuclear Decommissioning Trust, Asset Retirement Trust, Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan, and Deferred Compensation Plan. TVA's qualified benefit pension plan is funded with qualified plan assets.

Treasury's investments consist of foreign currency holdings invested in interest bearing securities issued or held through foreign governments or monetary authorities and include held-to-maturity debt and equity securities that are valued at net investment.

Certain other investments reported by DOD represent joint ventures with private developers constructing or improving military housing on behalf of the department.

Please refer to PBGC, NRRIT, TVA, Treasury, DOD, and Smithsonian's financial statements for additional information on these investments and FV measurement.

#### Fair Value Measurement

Investments are recorded at FV and have been categorized based upon a FV hierarchy, in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 820. FV is a market-based measurement. For some assets, observable market transactions or market information might be available. For other assets, observable market transactions and market information might not be available. However, the objective of a FV measurement in both cases is the same--to estimate the price at which an orderly transaction to sell the asset would take place between market participants at the measurement date under current market conditions.

When a price for an identical asset is not observable, a reporting entity measures FV using another valuation technique that maximizes the use of relevant observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs. Because FV is a marketbased measurement, it is measured using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset, including assumptions about risk. As a result, a reporting entity's intention to hold an asset is not relevant when measuring FV.

The measurement of FV of an asset is categorized with different levels of FV hierarchy as follows:

- Level 1—Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the reporting entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2—Inputs other than quoted prices included with Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3—Unobservable inputs for the asset.
- Other—This category is not part of the FV hierarchy and contains certain investments that are measured at FV using NAV per share useful method, joint ventures, and held to maturity debt securities measured at amortized cost. Please refer to PBGC, NRRIT, and TVA's financial statements for additional information on investments priced by NAV share (or its equivalent) practical expedient and DOD's financial statements for additional information about joint ventures.

## **Note 8. Investments in Special Purpose Vehicles**

### Investments in Special Purpose Vehicles as of September 30, 2021

(In billions of dollars)	Gross Investments	Cumulative Valuation Gain (Loss)	Fair Value
Main Street Lending Programs	16.6	(1.0)	15.6
Municipal Liquidity Facility	6.3	0.2	6.5
Term Assets Lending Facility	3.5	-	3.5
Total investments in Special Purpose Vehicles	26.4	(0.8)	25.6
Common stock warrants <sup>1</sup>			0.8
Total		_	26.4

<sup>1</sup>Investments in common stock warrants are included due to the nature of funding and purpose of financial assistance to provide payroll support to aviation workers during the pandemic. Common stock warrants gross investment cost is \$0.9 billion.

(In billions of dollars)	Gross Investments	Cumulative Valuation Gain (Loss)	Fair Value
Corporate Credit Facilities	37.5	(0.1)	37.4
Main Street Lending Programs	37.5	(4.3)	33.2
Municipal Liquidity Facility	17.5	(0.2)	17.3
Term Assets Lending Facility	10.0	(0.1)	9.9
Commercial Paper Funding Facility	10.0	0.1	10.1
Total investments in Special Purpose Vehicles	112.5	(4.6)	107.9
Common stock warrants <sup>1</sup>			0.5
Total			108.4

<sup>1</sup>Investments in common stock warrants are included due to the nature of funding and purpose of financial assistance to provide payroll support to aviation workers during the pandemic. Common stock warrants gross investment cost is \$0.4 billion

Pursuant to the CARES Act enacted in FY 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the government invested in SPVs established by the Federal Reserve Board through the FRBNY and FRBB for the purpose of enhancing the liquidity of the U.S. financial system. SPV investments are accounted for as equity investments at FV, rather than as direct loans, as these instruments do not meet the criteria of SFFAS No. 2, *Accounting for Direct Loans and Loan Guarantees*. Accordingly, changes in the FV of these investments are recorded as gains or losses. In FY 2021, SPV gross investments decreased by \$86.1 billion partly from the result of Treasury and the Federal Reserve canceling or amending four of the five SPV

its remaining investment in two of the SPVs and returned an additional \$23.9 billion in equity investments to Treasury. The FV of SPV equity investments is determined by using available market pricing data, risk-free discount rates, market pricing of floating interest-rate swaps, and contractual instrument terms to estimate scenario-specific, risk-neutral cash flows for the SPVs. For determining market pricing data, active market prices for the CCF and TALF programs that own publicly traded securities, Bloomberg estimated prices for the MLF program which owns securities that do not have active market prices but have estimated prices in Bloomberg, or market prices for baskets of comparable publicly traded bonds for the MSF program, based on relevant bond attributes such as instrument credit rating, time to maturity, issuer industry, coupon rate, and call provisions. Contractual instrument terms and market derived, risk-neutral loss rates and, where applicable, market pricing of floating interest-rate swaps are used to estimate scenario specific, risk-neutral cash flows which are discounted using risk-free discount rates.

In deriving the FV of SPV investments, Treasury relied upon market observed prices for SPV purchased assets and collateral, market prices for comparable assets, asset valuations performed by third parties, historical asset data, discussions with subject matter experts within Treasury, and other information pertinent to the valuation were relied on. Because the instruments are not publicly traded, there is no comparable trading information available. The fair valuations rely on significant unobservable inputs that reflect assumptions about the expectations that market participants would use in pricing.

Under SFFAS No. 47, *Reporting Entity* criteria, SPVs were owned or established by the federal government. The relationship with the federal government represents non-permanent intervention designed to help mitigate the economic impacts. These entities are classified as disclosure entities based on their characteristics as a whole. Accordingly, these entities are not consolidated into the U.S. government's consolidated financial statements; however, the value of the investments in these entities, changes in value, and related activity with these entities are included in the U.S. government's consolidated financial statements.

The SPVs invest certain funds in Treasury issued nonmarketable SPV securities. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, the total amount of SPV securities outstanding was \$22.0 and \$96.0 billion in Treasury issued SPV securities respectively. Please see Note 13—Federal Debt and Interest Payable. For additional information regarding COVID-19 relief, CARES Act funding, and amendments of SPV agreements refer to Treasury's financial statements and Note 30—COVID-19 Activity.

#### Corporate Credit Facilities LLC

On April 13, 2020, the FRBNY established the CCF as the SPV to facilitate both the PMCCF and the SMCCF programs in support of providing the flow of credit to employers through corporate bond and loan issuances. The FRBNY lends to the SPV on a recourse basis. The PMCCF was intended to purchase qualified bonds from eligible issuers and purchases portions of syndicated loans or bonds at issuance, giving issuers access to credit so that they are better able to maintain business operations and capacity during the period of disruption caused by COVID-19. The SMCCF supported the flow of credit to employers by providing liquidity to the market for outstanding corporate bonds. The FRBNY loans are secured by all the assets of the SPV. On December 29, 2020, Treasury's undisbursed investment commitment of \$37.5 billion was canceled pursuant to the amended SPV LLC agreement, and excess funds of \$23.6 billion were returned to Treasury on January 5, 2021. As of December 31, 2020, the SPV ceased purchasing of eligible notes. The FRBNY sold the credit holdings in the SPV and on September 24, 2021, returned to Treasury the remaining outstanding equity contribution of \$13.9 billion and \$17.0 million of interest earnings on special nonmarketable Treasury securities invested within the SPV. Final dissolution of the CCF SPV is expected in early FY 2022, and Treasury will be entitled to an additional amount equal to 90.0 percent of the cash balance in all of the other accounts of the SPV.

### **Main Street Lending Program**

On May 18, 2020, the FRBB established the MSF to support lending to small and medium-sized businesses that were in sound financial condition before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and have good post-pandemic prospects. Using loans from the FRBB, the SPV purchases 95.0 percent participations in loans originated by eligible lenders, while the lender retains 5.0 percent. Loans issued under the MSF program have a five-year maturity, principal payments are deferred for two years, and interest payments are deferred for one year. Treasury had initially committed to contribute up to \$75.0 billion in capital in the single common SPV in connection with the MSF. On June 1, 2020, Treasury acquired an equity interest in the SPV by transferring a combination of CARES Act appropriated and Treasury borrowed funds for an aggregate total of \$37.5 billion to the MSF to cover potential losses incurred by the FRBB in connection with this program. On December 29, 2020, Treasury's undisbursed investment commitment of \$37.5 billion was canceled pursuant to the amended SPV LLC agreement, and excess funds of \$20.9 billion were returned on January 8, 2021. The SPV ceased purchasing of loan participations on January 8, 2021.

### Municipal Liquidity Facility LLC

On May 1, 2020, the FRBNY established the MLF SPV to help state and local governments manage cash flow pressures while continuing to serve households and businesses in their communities. The FRBNY lends to the MLF SPV, on a recourse basis, to allow the facility to purchase short-term notes directly from eligible U.S. states (including the D.C.), counties and cities. On May 26, 2020, Treasury acquired an equity interest in the SPV by transferring a combination of CARES Act appropriated and Treasury borrowed funds for an aggregate total of \$17.5 billion to the MLF LLC to cover potential losses incurred by FRBNY in connection with this program. On December 29, 2020, Treasury's undisbursed investment commitment of \$17.5 billion was canceled pursuant to the amended SPV LLC agreement, and excess funds of \$11.2 billion were returned to Treasury on January 5, 2021. The SPV ceased purchasing eligible notes on December 31, 2020.

### Term Asset-Backed Securities Loan Facility II LLC

FRBNY established the TALF SPV on March 23, 2020, to support the flow of credit to consumers and businesses for purposes of stabilizing the U.S. financial system. The TALF facilitates the issuance of Asset Backed Securities backed by student loans, auto loans, credit card loans, loans guaranteed by the SBA, commercial mortgages, and certain other assets. On June 16, 2020, Treasury acquired an equity interest in the SPV by committing to and transferring a combination of CARES Act appropriated and Treasury borrowed funds for an aggregate total of \$10.0 billion to the TALF to cover potential losses incurred by the FRBNY in connection with this program. On January 5, 2021, excess funds of \$6.5 billion were returned to Treasury pursuant to the amended SPV LLC agreement. No new credit extensions were made after December 31, 2020.

### Commercial Paper Funding Facility II LLC

On March 30, 2020, the FRBNY established the CPFF to provide liquidity to short-term funding markets by purchasing three-month unsecured and asset-backed commercial paper directly from eligible issuers. To cover potential losses incurred by FRBNY in connection with this program, on April 13, 2020, Treasury made a capital contribution in the CPFF SPV by transferring \$10.0 billion of core ESF funds to the SPV in exchange for a preferred equity interest in the SPV. The SPV ceased purchasing commercial paper on March 31, 2021. Commencing June 29, 2021 and concluding July 7, 2021, the FRBNY made final distributions to Treasury for \$10.0 billion of capital contribution. These investments were provided to ESF, which reinvested them in overnight, nonmarketable U.S. Treasury securities. The CPFF SPV was terminated as of July 8, 2021.

#### **Common Stock Warrants**

Common stock warrants provide Treasury with the right to purchase shares of common stock or receive a cash payment. The number of warrants required is equal to 10.0 percent of the principal amount of the note issued by the participant, divided by an exercise price. The warrants are exercisable for a five-year term. In accordance with the warrant agreement between Treasury and each recipient, Treasury acknowledges the warrants are not registered under the *Securities Act of 1933* and may not be sold without such registration or an exemption. Additionally, the warrants received do not entitle Treasury to any voting rights or other rights of a shareholder before the date of exercise. Common stock warrants are not considered to be SPVs but are included here due to the nature of their funding and purpose.

## Note 9. Investments in Government-Sponsored Enterprises

### Investments in GSEs as of September 30, 2021

		Cumulative	
	Gross	Valuation	Fair
(In billions of dollars)	Investments	Gain/(Loss)	Value
Fannie Mae senior preferred stock	158.7	(38.2)	120.5
Freddie Mac senior preferred stock	94.9	0.1	95.0
Fannie Mae warrants common stock	3.1	0.4	3.5
Freddie Mac warrants common stock	2.3	(0.4)	1.9
Total investments in GSEs	259.0	(38.1)	220.9
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Investments in GSEs as of September 30, 2020		Cumulative	
	Gross Valuation		
(In billions of dollars)	Investments	Gain/(Loss)	Value
Fannie Mae senior preferred stock	137.8	(79.5)	58.3
Freddie Mac senior preferred stock	83.9	(46.0)	37.9
Fannie Mae warrants common stock	3.1	5.2	8.3
Freddie Mac warrants common stock	2.3	2.1	4.4
- Total investments in GSEs	227.1	(118.2)	108.9

Congress established Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac as GSEs to provide stability and increase liquidity in the secondary mortgage market and to promote access to mortgage credit throughout the nation. A key function of the GSEs is to purchase mortgages, package those mortgages into securities, which are subsequently sold to investors, and guarantee the timely payment of principal and interest on these securities.

Congress passed the *Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008* (P.L. 110-289) in July 2008 in response to the financial crisis that year and the increasingly difficult conditions in the housing market which challenged the soundness and profitability of the GSEs and thereby threatened to undermine the entire housing market. This act created FHFA, with enhanced regulatory authority over the GSEs, and provided the Secretary of the Treasury with certain authorities intended to ensure the financial stability of the GSEs, if necessary. In September 2008, FHFA placed the GSEs under conservatorship and Treasury invested in the GSEs by entering into a SPSPA with each GSE. These actions were taken to preserve the GSEs' assets, ensure a sound and solvent financial condition, and mitigate systemic risks that contributed to market instability.

The purpose of such actions is to maintain the solvency of the GSEs so they can continue to fulfill their vital roles in the mortgage market while the Administration and Congress determine what structural changes should be made to the housing finance system. Draws under the SPSPAs would result in an increased investment in the GSEs as further discussed below. Under SFFAS No. 47, *Reporting Entity* criteria, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac were owned or controlled by the federal government only as a result of: a) regulatory actions (such as organizations in receivership or conservatorship); or b) other federal government intervention actions. Under the regulatory or other intervention actions, the relationship with the federal government was and is not expected to be permanent. These entities are classified as disclosure entities based on their characteristics as a whole. Accordingly, these entities are not consolidated into the U.S. government's consolidated financial

statements; however, the value of the investments in these entities, changes in value, and related activity with these entities are included in the U.S. government's consolidated financial statements.

#### Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreements

In return for committing to maintain the GSEs' solvency by making a quarterly advance of funds to each GSE in an amount equal to any excess of the GSEs' total liabilities over its total assets as of the end of the previous quarter, Treasury initially received from each GSE: 1) 1,000,000 shares of non-voting variable liquidation preference senior preferred stock with a liquidation preference value of \$1,000 per share; and 2) a non-transferable warrant for the purchase, at a nominal cost, of 79.9 percent of common stock on a fully-diluted basis. The warrants expire on September 7, 2028. Treasury was entitled to distributions on the senior preferred stock equal to 10.0 percent per annum fixed rate dividend on the total liquidation preference (as discussed below). This dividend structure was changed in the third amendment in August 2012 to a variable equivalent to the GSEs' positive net worth above a capital reserve amount. The capital reserve amount was initially set at \$3.0 billion for calendar year 2013 and, upon nearing its scheduled decline to zero, was reset at \$3.0 billion in calendar year 2017. On September 27, 2019, Treasury and FHFA amended the SPSPAs to increase the capital reserve amounts of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to \$25.0 billion and \$20.0 billion, respectively. In exchange, Treasury's liquidation preference in each GSE was scheduled to gradually increase up to the adjusted capital reserve amounts based on the quarterly earnings of each GSE.

On January 14, 2021, Treasury and FHFA further amended the SPSPAs to replace the prior variable dividend with an alternative compensation plan for Treasury that permits the GSEs to continue their recapitalization efforts, as prescribed by the GSE capital framework finalized by FHFA in 2020. Under the amended SPSPAs, each GSE is permitted to retain capital until the GSE has achieved its regulatory minimum capital requirement, including buffers (i.e., the capital reserve end date), at which point its cash dividend obligations will resume along with the obligation to pay a periodic commitment fee. As compensation to Treasury for the replacement of the variable dividend, the liquidation preference of Treasury's senior preferred stock in each GSE will increase by the amount of retained capital until each GSE has achieved its capital reserve end date.

Additionally, the January 14 amendment, among other things, imposed restrictions on certain GSE business activities, including purchases of loans backed by investment properties, second homes, and multifamily properties, and on purchases of loans with multiple high-risk characteristics or for cash consideration. On September 14, 2021, Treasury and FHFA agreed to suspend certain business activity restrictions added to the SPSPAs by the January 14 amendment while FHFA undertakes a review of the extent to which these requirements are redundant or inconsistent with existing FHFA standards, policies, and directives. The suspension will terminate on the later of one year after September 14, 2021 or six months after Treasury notifies the GSEs. Upon conclusion of FHFA's review, Treasury expects FHFA to propose more permanent changes to the affected covenants, which may include recalibration of the restrictions or outright termination.

As of September 30, 2021, Treasury's liquidation preference in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac increased by \$20.9 billion and \$11.0 billion, respectively. As of September 30, 2020, Treasury's liquidation preference in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac increased by \$10.8 billion and \$6.6 billion, respectively. The GSEs will not pay a quarterly dividend until after the capital reserve end date. Treasury received no cash dividends for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, as the GSEs had not achieved their capital reserve end date as of September 30, 2021, and their positive net worth was below the permitted capital reserve amounts as of September 30, 2020.

The SPSPAs, which have no expiration date, require that Treasury will disburse funds to either GSE if, at the end of any quarter, the FHFA determines that the liabilities of either GSE exceed its assets. Draws from Treasury under the SPSPAs are designed to ensure that the GSEs maintain positive net worth, with a fixed maximum amount available to each GSE under this agreement established as of December 31, 2012 (refer to the "Contingent Liability to GSEs" section below and Note 22—Contingencies). Draws against the funding commitment of the SPSPAs do not result in the issuance of additional shares of senior preferred stock; instead, they increase the liquidation preference of the initial 1,000,000 shares by the amount of the draw. The combined cumulative liquidation preference totaled \$254.0 billion and \$222.0 billion as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. There were no payments to the GSEs for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020.

#### Senior Preferred Stock and Warrants for Common Stock

In determining the FV of the senior preferred stock and warrants for common stock, Treasury relied on the GSEs' public filings and press releases concerning their financial statements, as well as non-public, long-term financial forecasts, monthly summaries, quarterly credit supplements, independent research regarding preferred stock trading, independent research regarding the GSEs' common stock trading on the OTC Bulletin Board, discussions with each of the GSEs and FHFA, and other information pertinent to the valuations. Because the senior preferred stock is not publicly traded, there is no comparable trading information available. The fair valuation of the senior preferred stock relies on significant unobservable inputs that reflect assumptions about the expectations that market participants would use in pricing.

The FV of the senior preferred stock considers forecasted cash flows to equity holders and the traded prices of the other equity securities, including the GSEs' common stock and junior preferred stock. The FV of the senior preferred stock-as measured by unobservable and observable inputs-increased as of September 30, 2021 when compared to September 30, 2020. The increase primarily is due to higher projected cash flows, a decrease in the market value of the GSEs' other equity securities that comprise the GSEs' total equity, and a lower discount rate.

Factors impacting the FV of the warrants include the nominal exercise price and the large number of potential exercise shares, the market prices and trading volumes of the underlying common stock as of September 30, the principal market, and the market participants. Other factors impacting the FV include, among other things, the holding period risk related directly to the assumption of the amount of time that it will take to sell the exercised shares without depressing the market. The FV of the warrants-as measured by observable inputs-decreased at the end of FY 2021, when compared to FY 2020, primarily due to decreases in the Level 1 FV measurement of the market price of the underlying common stock of each GSE.

#### **Estimation Factors**

Treasury's forecasts concerning the GSEs may differ from actual experience. Estimated senior preferred values and future draw amounts will depend on numerous factors that are difficult to predict including, but not limited to, changes in government policy with respect to the GSEs, the business cycle, inflation, home prices, unemployment rates, interest rates, changes in housing preferences, home financing alternatives, availability of debt financing, market rates of guarantee fees, outcomes of loan refinancings and modifications, new housing programs, and other applicable factors.

#### **Contingent Liability to GSEs**

As part of the annual process undertaken by Treasury, a series of long-term financial forecasts are prepared to assess, as of September 30, the likelihood and magnitude of future draws to be required by the GSEs under the SPSPAs within the forecast time horizon. Treasury used 25-year financial forecasts prepared through years 2046 and 2045 in assessing if a contingent liability was required as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively. If future payments under the SPSPAs are deemed to be probable within the forecast horizon, and Treasury can reasonably estimate such payment, Treasury will accrue a contingent liability to the GSEs to reflect the forecasted equity deficits of the GSEs. Treasury does not discount this accrued contingent liability, nor take into account any of the offsetting dividends that could be received, as the dividends, if any, would be owed directly to the General Fund. Treasury will adjust such recorded accruals in subsequent years as new information develops or circumstances change.

Based on Treasury's annual assessment, there were no probable future funding draws as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, and thereby accrued no contingent liability. However, as of September 30, 2021, it is reasonably possible that a period of sustained economic and housing market volatility could potentially cause the GSEs to generate quarterly losses of sufficient magnitude to result in future funding draws against the funding commitment. Due to challenges quantifying future market volatility or the timing, magnitude, and likelihood of such events, Treasury could not estimate the total amount of this reasonably possible future funding liability as of September 30, 2021 and 2020. There were no payments to the GSEs for fiscal years ended September 30, 2021 and 2020. At September 30, 2021 and 2020, the maximum remaining contractual commitment to the GSEs for the remaining life of the SPSPAs was \$254.1 billion. Subsequent funding draws will reduce the remaining commitments. Refer to Note 21—Commitments for a full description of other commitments and risks.

In assessing the need for an estimated contingent liability, Treasury relied on the GSEs' public filings and press releases, including their financial statements, monthly business summaries, and quarterly credit supplements, as well as non-public, long-term financial forecasts, the FHFA House Price Index, discussions with each of the GSEs and FHFA, and other information pertinent to the liability estimates. The forecasts prepared in assessing the need for an estimated contingent liability as of September 30, 2021 include two potential scenarios, with varying assumptions regarding the continuation of the GSEs' new business activities, including purchasing mortgage loans and issuing new guaranteed MBS. The forecasts as of September 30, 2021, also assumed the maintenance of the GSEs' retained mortgage portfolios below the maximum permitted under the amended SPSPAs.

#### **Regulatory Environment**

To date, Congress has not passed legislation nor has FHFA taken action to end the GSEs' conservatorships. The GSEs continue to operate under the direction of FHFA as conservator.

The *Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011* (P.L. 112-78) was funded by an increase of ten basis points in the GSEs' guarantee fees (referred to as "the incremental fees") which began in April 2012, and is effective through September 30, 2021. The incremental fees are remitted to Treasury and not retained by the GSEs and, thus, do not affect the profitability of the GSEs. For fiscal years ended 2021 and 2020, the GSEs remitted to Treasury the incremental fees totaling \$4.9 billion and \$4.2 billion, respectively.

## **Note 10. Advances and Prepayments**

#### Advances and Prepayments as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Department of the Treasury	256.1	68.9
Department of Health and Human Services	70.1	106.1
Department of Defense	20.7	20.5
Department of Labor	13.0	8.2
All other	9.4	14.9
Total advances and prepayments	369.3	218.6

In FY 2021, the presentation for advances and prepayments was modified to present the line item separately on the Balance Sheet. The FY 2020 presentation was modified to conform to the FY 2021 presentation. Advances and prepayments are assets that represent funds disbursed in contemplation of the future performance of services, receipt of goods, the incurrence of expenditures, or the receipt of other assets. These include advances to contractors, grantees, Medicare providers, and state, local, territorial, and tribal governments; travel advances; and prepayments for items such as rents, taxes, insurance, royalties, commissions, and supplies.

Until such time as the goods or services are received, contract terms are met or progress has been made, or prepaid expenses expired these should be recorded as assets. Any amounts that are subject to a refund at the time of completion should be transferred to accounts receivable.

Treasury had the largest increase, \$187.2 billion, to advances and prepayments for FY 2021. During FY 2020, Treasury disbursed \$149.5 billion in COVID-19 funds for financial assistance payments to state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to cover eligible costs incurred as a result of the pandemic. Treasury disbursed an additional \$276.7 billion in FY 2021. The amounts disbursed during FY 2020 and FY 2021 were initially recorded as advances. The advances balance is subsequently reduced as eligible costs are incurred. Funding for healthcare providers and suppliers under HHS's AAP during FY 2020 of \$103.6 billion were recorded as advances. Pursuant to the *Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021* and *Other Extensions Act*, CMS delayed repayment of these advances for one year from the date each provider or supplier's AAP was issued. Collections of these amounts began in April 2021, which reduced the advances balance.

### Note 11. Other Assets

#### Other Assets as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Regulatory assets	17.5	20.0
Investments in Multilateral Development Banks	8.5	8.2
Buildout/enhancement of nationwide public safety broadband network	5.3	4.8
DOE's operating non-federal generation	3.4	3.5
Other	4.0	6.2
Total other assets	38.7	42.7

In FY 2021, the presentation for other assets was modified to remove advances and prepayments and report that information in a separate note, Note 10—Advances and Prepayments.

DOE and TVA record regulatory assets in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 980, *Regulated Operations*. The provisions of this standard require that regulated enterprises reflect rate actions of the regulator in their financial statements, when appropriate. These rate actions can provide reasonable assurance of the existence of an asset, reduce or eliminate the value of an asset, or impose a liability on a regulated enterprise. In order to defer incurred costs under FASB ASC Topic 980, a regulated entity must have the statutory authority to establish rates that recover all costs, and those rates must be charged to and collected from customers. If rates should become market-based, FASB ASC Topic 980 would no longer be applicable, and all the deferred costs under that standard would be expensed. DOE's BPA is responsible for repaying Treasury for transmission and power-generating assets owned by other entities based on this deferred cost. Other regulatory assets for DOE include BPA's fixed schedule of benefit payments for investor-owned utility customers, repayment of debt for terminated nuclear projects, and deferred energy conservation measures relating to fish and wildlife. TVA's regulatory assets represent incurred costs that have been deferred because such costs are probable of future recovery in customer rates.

On behalf of the U.S., Treasury invests in certain MDB, through subscriptions to capital, which allows the MDB to issue loans at market-based rates to middle-income developing countries. These paid-in capital investments are nonmarketable equity investments valued at cost.

DOC's cost contribution to buildout/continuing enhancement of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband network embodies future economic benefits to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Achieving this important mission will ensure the operation and maintenance of the first high-speed, nationwide wireless broadband network dedicated to public safety. Please refer to Note 29—Public-Private Partnerships for additional information.

DOE's BPA is party to long-term contracts to acquire all the generating nuclear and hydroelectric capability of Energy Northwest's Columbia Generating Station and Lewis County Public Utility District's Cowlitz Falls Hydroelectric Project. These contracts require that BPA meet all the facilities' operating, maintenance, and debt service costs until their license termination dates.

Items included in Other are derivative assets, FDIC receivables from resolution activity, non-federal nuclear decommissioning trusts, and the balance of assets held by the experience rated carriers participating in the Health Benefits and Life Insurance Programs (pending disposition on behalf of OPM).

## Note 12. Accounts Payable

		Adjusted
(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Department of Defense	39.4	36.1
Security Assistance Accounts	17.5	1.5
Department of Veterans Affairs	13.7	12.8
Department of the Treasury	7.3	4.4
General Services Administration	5.5	4.0
Department of Education	5.0	3.8
Department of Energy	4.8	4.3
Department of State	3.3	2.7
Department of Justice	2.6	3.7
Department of Homeland Security	2.6	3.1
U.S. Agency for International Development	2.6	2.5
Department of Agriculture	2.4	3.7
U.S. Postal Service	2.3	2.1
All other	14.1	14.3
 Total accounts payable	123.1	99.0

Accounts payable includes amounts due for goods and property ordered and received, services rendered by other than federal employees, cancelled appropriations for which the U.S. government has contractual commitments for payment, and non-debt related interest payable.

For FY 2020, VA reported a retrospective change in accounting regarding obligations for hospital care or medical services. The accounts payable balance was adjusted from \$18.9 billion to \$12.8 billion and was previously reported in Note 14—Federal Employee and Veteran Benefits Payable.

## Note 13. Federal Debt and Interest Payable

### Federal Debt and Interest Payable as of September 30, 2021, and 2020 (held by the public)

	Net			Average Interest Rate	
(In billions of dollars)	2020	Change	2021	2021	2020
Treasury securities:					
Marketable securities:					
Treasury bills	5,028.1	(1,315.2)	3,712.9	0.1%	0.2%
Treasury notes	10,655.9	1,914.6	12,570.5	1.4%	1.9%
Treasury bonds Treasury inflation-protected	2,668.1	672.7	3,340.8	3.1%	3.5%
securities (TIPS) Treasury floating rate notes	1,522.4	129.6	1,652.0	0.5%	0.7%
(FRN)	478.3	101.0	579.3	0.4%	0.3%
Total marketable Treasury					
securities	20,352.8	1,502.7	21,855.5		
Nonmarketable securities Net unamortized	666.0	(238.6)	427.4	1.3%	1.1%
premiums/(discounts)	(26.7)	(0.1)	(26.8)		
Total Treasury securities, net		<u> </u>			
(public)	20,992.1	1,264.0	22,256.1		
Agency securities:					
Tennessee Valley Authority	19.8	(0.5)	19.3		
All other agencies	0.1	(0.1)	-		
Total agency securities, net of unamortized premiums and					
discounts	19.9	(0.6)	19.3		
Accrued interest payable	70.9	(1.5)	69.4		
Total federal debt and interest					
payable	21,082.9	1,261.9	22,344.8		
Types of marketable securities: Bills–Short-term obligations issued with a term of Notes–Medium-term obligations issued with a term Bonds–Long-term obligations of more than 10 year TIPS–Term of 5 years or more. FRN–Term of 2 years.	m of 2-10 years.				

Federal debt held by the public consists of securities outside the government by individuals, corporations, state or local governments, FRBs, foreign governments, and other non-federal entities. The above table details government borrowing primarily to finance operations and shows marketable and nonmarketable securities at face value less net unamortized premiums and discounts including accrued interest.

Securities that represent federal debt held by the public are issued primarily by Treasury and include:

• Interest-bearing marketable securities (bills, notes, bonds, inflation-protected, and FRN).

- Interest-bearing nonmarketable securities (Government Account Series held by fiduciary and certain deposit funds, foreign series, state and local government series, domestic series, and savings bonds).
- Non-interest-bearing marketable and nonmarketable securities (matured and other).

In FY 2020, Treasury expanded its domestic series to include a new special nonmarketable Treasury security, known as a SPV security. Treasury issued these securities to SPVs, which were established by the Federal Reserve to implement its emergency lending facilities under Section 13(3) of the Federal Reserve Act to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The total amount of SPV redemptions in FY 2021 was \$74.0 billion and there were no issuances. An SPV security is a demand deposit certificate of indebtedness for which interest accrues daily and is paid at redemption. As of September 30, 2021 and 2020, the total amount of SPV securities outstanding were \$22.0 and \$96.0 billion, respectively.

Gross federal debt, with some adjustments, is the sum of debt held by the public and intra-governmental debt holdings (discussed on the next page) and is subject to a statutory ceiling (i.e., the debt limit). Prior to 1917, Congress approved each debt issuance. In 1917, to facilitate planning in World War I, Congress and the President first enacted a statutory dollar ceiling for federal borrowing. With the *Public Debt Act of 1941* (P.L. 77-7), Congress and the President set an overall limit of \$65.0 billion on Treasury debt obligations that could be outstanding at any one time; since then, Congress and the President have enacted a number of debt limit increases.

On August 2, 2019, the BBA of 2019 (P.L. 116-37) was enacted suspending the statutory debt limit through July 31, 2021. A delay in raising the statutory debt limit occurred from August 1, 2021 through December 15, 2021. During the period of August 2, 2021 through December 15, 2021, Treasury departed from their normal debt management operations and undertook extraordinary measures to avoid exceeding the statutory debt limit. On October 14, 2021, P.L. 117-50 was enacted which raised the statutory debt limit by \$480.0 billion, from \$28,401.5 billion to \$28,881.5 billion. Even with this increase, extraordinary measures continued in order for Treasury to manage below the debt limit. On December 16, 2021, P.L. 117-73 was enacted, raising the debt limit by \$2.5 trillion from \$28,881.5 billion to \$31,381.5 billion. On this date, Treasury discontinued its use of extraordinary measures and resumed normal debt management operations.

As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, debt subject to the statutory debt limit was \$28,401.4 billion and \$26,920.4 billion, respectively. The debt subject to the limit includes Treasury securities held by the public and government guaranteed debt of federal entities (shown in the table above) and intra-governmental debt holdings (shown in the following table). As noted above, a delay in raising the statutory debt limit existed as of September 30, 2021. Many extraordinary measures taken by Treasury during the period of August 2, 2021, through September 30, 2021, resulted in federal debt securities not being issued to certain federal government accounts. See Note 19—Other Liabilities, Note 24—Fiduciary Activities and Note 31—Subsequent Events for additional information.

### Intra-governmental Debt Holdings: Federal Debt Securities

### Held as Investments by Government Accounts as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

		Net	
In billions of dollars)	2020	Change	2021
Social Security Administration, Federal Old-Age and Survivors	0.044.0		0 755 0
nsurance Trust Fund	2,811.2	(55.4)	2,755.8
Department of Defense, Military Retirement Fund	916.3	115.7	1,032.0
Office of Personnel Management, Civil Service Retirement	000 4	(00.0)	005.0
and Disability Fund	962.1	(36.3)	925.8
Department of Defense, Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health	269.0	20.0	200 7
Care Fund Department of Health and Human Services, Federal	268.9	20.8	289.7
Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Fund	87.5	83.2	170.7
Department of Health and Human Services, Federal Hospital	07.5	03.2	170.7
nsurance Trust Fund	133.7	2.5	136.2
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Deposit Insurance	155.7	2.0	130.2
und	108.9	6.6	115.5
Social Security Administration, Federal Disability Insurance	100.0	0.0	110.0
rust Fund	97.2	0.8	98.0
Department of Housing and Urban Development, FHA, Mutual	07.2	0.0	00.0
Iortgage Insurance Capital Reserve Account	67.9	26.2	94.1
Department of Energy, Nuclear Waste Disposal Fund	54.7	0.6	55.3
Department of Labor, Unemployment Trust Fund	50.5	2.6	53.1
Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	45.6	4.7	50.3
Office of Personnel Management, Employees Life Insurance	10.0		00.0
	49.1	1.1	50.2
Office of Personnel Management, Postal Service Retiree			
lealth Benefits Fund	41.9	(3.1)	38.8
Office of Personnel Management, Employees Health Benefits			
und	28.3	(0.3)	28.0
J.S. Postal Service, Postal Service Fund	15.0	9.7 <sup>´</sup>	24.7
Department of the Treasury, ESF	11.2	11.6	22.8
Department of State, Foreign Service Retirement and			
Disability Fund	20.0	0.3	20.3
lational Credit Union Share Insurance Fund	16.6	1.9	18.5
epartment of Transportation, Airport and Airway Trust Fund.	7.9	8.0	15.9
ension Benefit Guaranty Corporation Deposit Fund	12.9	2.1	15.0
Department of Housing and Urban Development, Guarantees			
f Mortgage-Backed Securities Capital Reserve Account	8.4	5.8	14.2
Department of Commerce, Public Safety Trust Fund, NTIA	7.7	4.5	12.2
Pepartment of Transportation, Highway Trust Fund	12.1	(0.1)	12.0
Il other programs and funds	90.9	5.8	96.7
Subtotal	5,926.5	219.3	6,145.8
otal net unamortized premiums/(discounts) for intra-			
overnmental	72.3	13.9	86.2
Total intra-governmental debt holdings, net	5,998.8	233.2	6,232.0

Intra-governmental debt holdings represent the portion of the gross federal debt held as investments by government entities such as trust funds, revolving funds, and special funds. As noted above, the delay in raising the debt limit still existed as of September 30, 2021. As such, suspension of certain investments of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund contributed to the decrease in the intra-governmental debt holdings balance for the fund.

Government entities that held investments in Treasury securities include trust funds that have funds from dedicated collections. For additional information on funds from dedicated collections, see Note 23–Funds from Dedicated Collections. These intra-governmental debt holdings are eliminated in the consolidation of these financial statements.

### Note 14. Federal Employee and Veteran Benefits Payable

Federal Employee and Veteran Benefits Payable as of September 30, 2021, and 2020						
	Civil	ian	Milit	ary	Total	Adjusted <u>Total</u>
(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Pension benefits	2,361.8	2,214.1	1,933.6	1,799.3	4,295.4	4,013.4
Veterans compensation and burial benefits	N/A	N/A	4,302.3	3,863.1	4,302.3	3,863.1
Post-retirement health benefits	427.3	418.7	868.7	848.6	1,296.0	1,267.3
Veterans education and training benefits	-	-	151.2	133.1	151.2	133.1
Life insurance benefits	60.1	57.6	4.5	5.1	64.6	62.7
FECA benefits	29.2	30.6	7.7	7.8	36.9	38.4
Unfunded leave	10.3	10.0	16.8	15.7	27.1	25.7
Liability for other benefits	1.7	1.6	7.8	10.2	9.5	11.8
Total federal employee and veteran benefits payable	2,890.4	2,732.6	7,292.6	6,682.9	10,183.0	9,415.5
Note: "N/A" indicates not applicable.						

The government offers its employees retirement and other benefits, as well as health and life insurance. The liabilities for these benefits, which include both actuarial amounts and amounts due and payable to beneficiaries and health care carriers, apply to current and former civilian and military employees. The actuarial accrued liability represents an estimate of the PV of the cost of benefits that have accrued, determined based on future economic and demographic assumptions. Actuarial accrued liabilities can vary widely from year to year, due to actuarial gains and losses that result from changes to the assumptions and from experience that has differed from prior assumptions.

OPM administers the largest civilian pension and post-retirement health benefits plans. DOD and VA administer the military pension and post-retirement health benefit plans. Other significant pension plans with more than \$10.0 billion in actuarial accrued liability include those of the Coast Guard (DHS), Foreign Service (State), TVA, and HHS's Public Health Service Commissioned Corps Retirement System. Please refer to the financial statements of the entities listed for additional information regarding their pension plans and other benefits.

In accordance with SFFAS No. 33, Pension, Other Retirement Benefits, and Other Postemployment Benefits: Reporting the Gains and Losses from Changes in Assumptions and Selecting Discount Rates and Valuation Dates, entities are required to separately present gains and losses from changes in long-term assumptions used to estimate liabilities associated with pensions, ORB, and OPEB on the Statement of Net Cost. SFFAS No. 33 also provides a standard for selecting the discount rate assumption for PV estimates of federal employee pension, ORB, and OPEB liabilities. The SFFAS No. 33 standard for selecting the discount rate assumption requires it be based on a historical average of interest rates on marketable Treasury securities consistent with the cash flows being discounted. Additionally, SFFAS No. 33 provides a standard for selecting the valuation date for estimates of federal employee pension, ORB, and OPEB liabilities that establishes a consistent method for such measurements. This SFFAS No. 33 does not apply to the FECA program.

To provide a sustainable, justifiable data resource for the affected entities, Treasury developed a model and methodology for developing these interest rates in FY 2014.<sup>2</sup> The model is based on the methodology used to produce the HQM Yield Curve pursuant to the *Pension Protection Act of 2006*. As of July 2014, Treasury began releasing interest rate yield curve data using this new Treasury's TNC yield curve, which is derived from Treasury notes and bonds. The TNC yield curve provides information on Treasury nominal coupon issues and the methodology extrapolates yields beyond 30 years through 100 years maturity. The TNC yield curve is used to produce a Treasury spot yield curve (a zero coupon curve), which provides the basis for discounting future cash flows.

In addition to the benefits presented in this note, federal, civilian, and military employees and federal entities contribute to the TSP. The TSP is administered by an independent government entity, the FRTIB, which is charged with operating the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Treasury's HQM resource is available at: <u>https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/economic-policy/corp-bond-yield/Pages/TNC-YC.aspx</u>

TSP prudently and solely in the interest of the participants and their beneficiaries. Please refer to Note 24—Fiduciary Activities for additional information on the TSP.

For FY 2020, VA reported a retrospective change in accounting regarding obligations for hospital care or medical services. This change in accounting principle increased the prior year liability for other benefits line by \$6.2 billion. In FY 2020, the \$6.2 billion was previously reported in Note 12—Accounts Payable.

### **Pension Benefits**

### **Change in Pension Benefits**

	Civil	ian	Milit	ary	Tot	al
(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Actuarial accrued pension liability, beginning of fiscal year Pension expense:	2,214.1	2,094.1	1,799.3	1,759.2	4,013.4	3,853.3
Prior (and past) service costs from plan amendments or new plans	-	-	-	-	-	-
Normal costs	51.7	44.4	38.4	37.2	90.1	81.6
Interest on liability	65.6	65.7	57.0	59.2	122.6	124.9
Actuarial (gains)/losses (from experience)	46.2	16.3	47.4	19.4	93.6	35.7
Actuarial (gains)/losses (from assumption changes)	80.8	88.7	53.9	(15.0)	134.7	73.7
Other	-	0.1		-	-	0.1
Total pension expense	244.3	215.2	196.7	100.8	441.0	316.0
Less benefits paid	(96.6)	(95.2)	(62.4)	(60.7)	(159.0)	(155.9)
Actuarial accrued pension liability, end of fiscal year	2,361.8	2,214.1	1,933.6	1,799.3	4,295.4	4,013.4

# Significant Long-Term Economic Assumptions Used in Determining Pension Liability and the Related Expense

		Civi	lian		Mil	itary
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	202	21	202	20	2021	2020
	FERS	CSRS	FERS	CSRS		
Rate of interest	3.10%	2.40%	3.30%	2.70%	2.90%	3.20%
Rate of inflation	1.70%	1.70%	1.70%	1.70%	1.60%	1.60%
Projected salary increases	1.30%	1.30%	1.20%	1.20%	2.00%	1.80%
Cost of living adjustment	1.50%	1.70%	1.50%	1.70%	1.60%	1.60%

### **Civilian Employees' Pension**

OPM administers the largest civilian pension plan, which covers substantially all full-time, permanent civilian federal employees. This plan includes two components of defined benefits, the CSRS and the FERS. The basic benefit components of the CSRS and the FERS are financed and operated through the CSRDF, a trust fund. CSRDF monies are generated primarily from employees' contributions, federal entity contributions, payments from the General Fund, and interest on investments in Treasury securities. As of September 30, 2021, USPS has accrued, but not paid OPM, \$14.6 billion in CSRS and FERS retirement benefit expenses since 2014. In order for USPS to preserve liquidity and to ensure the ability to fulfill its primary universal service mission was not placed at undue risk, USPS has not made any of the required payments for FERS or CSRS amortization. The cost of each year's payment, including defaulted payments, along with other benefit program costs, are included in USPS' net cost for that year in the consolidated Statements of Net Cost. The liability is not included on the government-wide Balance Sheet due to the USPS liability being eliminated with OPM's corresponding receivable due from USPS recording a loss allowance for doubtful accounts for the unpaid balances.

The civilian pension liability increased by \$147.7 billion, primarily due to less favorable than assumed plan experience and the declining interest rate assumption.

#### Military Employees' Pensions

The Military Retirement System consists of a funded, noncontributory, defined benefit plan for military personnel (Services of Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Space Force) with an entry date prior to January 1, 2018 and the BRS, generally for military personnel with an entry date on or after January 1, 2018. The defined benefit plan includes nondisability retired pay, disability retired pay, survivor annuity programs, and Combat-Related Special Compensation. The Service Secretaries may approve immediate non-disability retired pay at any age with credit of at least 20 years of active duty service. Reserve retirees must be at least 60 years old and have at least 20 qualifying years of service before retired pay commences; however, in some cases, the age can be less than 60 if the reservist performs certain types of active service. P.L. 110-181 provides for a 90-day reduction in the reserve retirement age from age 60 for every three months of certain active duty service served within a fiscal year for service after January 28, 2008 (not below age 50). There is no vesting of defined benefits before non-disabled retirement. There are distinct non-disability benefit formulas related to four populations within the Military Retirement System: Final Pay, High-3, Career Status Bonus/Redux, and the BRS enacted in the NDAA for FY 2016, effective January 1, 2018. The BRS is a retirement benefit merging aspects of both a defined benefit annuity with a defined contribution account, through the TSP. The date an individual enters the military generally determines which retirement system they would fall under and if they have the option to select, via a one-time irrevocable election, their retirement system. Military personnel with a start date on or after January 1, 2018 are automatically enrolled in BRS. Although all members serving as of December 31, 2017 were grandfathered under the prior retirement system, Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel meeting established criteria may have opted into BRS during calendar year 2018. Under the BRS, retiring members are given the option to receive a portion of their retired pay annuity in the form of a lump sum distribution. For additional information on these benefits, see DOD's Office of Military Compensation website https://militarypay.defense.gov.

The DOD MRF was established by P.L. 98-94 (currently 10 U.S.C. §1461-1467) and accumulates funds to finance, on an accrual basis, the liabilities of DOD military retirement and survivor benefit programs. This fund receives income from three sources: monthly normal cost payments from the Services to pay for DOD's portion of the current year's service cost; annual payments from Treasury to amortize the unfunded liability and pay for the increase in the normal cost attributable to Concurrent Receipt (certain beneficiaries with combat-related injuries who are receiving payments from VA) per P.L. 108-136; and investment income.

DOD's Office of the Actuary calculates the actuarial liability annually using economic and demographic assumptions about the future (e.g., mortality and retirement rates). The \$134.3 billion increase in the Military Retirement Pension liability is primarily attributable to changes in assumptions and less favorable than assumed plan experience.

The NDAA for FY 2021, <u>§§ 8224-8225</u> requires the USCG be covered by the MRF no later than the beginning of FY 2023. The USCG actuarial liability will be included on DOD's September 30, 2022 financial statements.

The VA also provides certain veterans and/or their dependents with pension benefits, based on annual eligibility reviews. The pension program for veterans is not accounted for as a "federal employee pension plan" under SFFAS No. 5, *Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government* due to differences between its eligibility conditions and those of federal employee pensions. Therefore, a future liability for pension benefits is not recorded. VA pension liabilities are recognized when due and payable. The projected amounts of future payments for pension benefits (presented for informational purposes only) as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, was \$130.1 billion and \$110.6 billion, respectively.

### **Veterans Compensation and Burial Benefits**

	Compen	sation	Burial		Tot	otal	
(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020	
Actuarial accrued liability,							
beginning of fiscal year	3,854.3	3,122.7	8.8	7.1	3,863.1	3,129.8	
Current year expense:							
Interest on the liability balance	124.5	106.8	0.3	0.2	124.8	107.0	
Prior (and past) service costs from							
program amendments or new programs	26.3	43.3	1.1		27.4	40.0	
during the period Actuarial (gains)/losses (from	20.3	43.3	1.1	-	27.4	43.3	
experience)	47.7	107.7	(0.2)	1.3	47.5	109.0	
Actuarial (gains)/losses (from		-	(- )	-	-		
assumption changes)	349.5	574.9	0.9	0.5	350.4	575.4	
Total current year expense	548.0	832.7	2.1	2.0	550.1	834.7	
Less benefits paid	(110.6)	(101.1)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(110.9)	(101.4)	
Actuarial accrued liability, end of fiscal							
year	4,291.7	3,854.3	10.6	8.8	4,302.3	3,863.1	
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Burial Benefits as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

	2021	2020
Rate of interest Rate of inflation	2.95% 2.32%	3.23% 2.16%

The government compensates disabled veterans and their survivors. Veterans' compensation is payable as a disability benefit or a survivor's benefit. Entitlement to compensation depends on the veteran's disabilities incurred in or aggravated during active military service, death while on duty, or death resulting from service-connected disabilities after active duty.

Eligible veterans who die or are disabled during active military service-related causes, as well as their dependents, and dependents of service members who died during active military service, receive compensation benefits. In addition, service members who die during active military service and veterans who separated under other than dishonorable conditions are provided with a burial flag, headstone/marker, and grave liner for burial in a VA national cemetery or are provided a burial flag, headstone/marker and a plot allowance for burial in a private cemetery. These benefits are provided under 38 U.S.C., Part 2, §2301-2308, in recognition of a veteran's military service and are recorded as a liability in the period the requirements are met.

The liability for veterans' compensation and burial benefits payable is based on an actuarial estimate of future compensation and burial payments. The liability increased by \$439.2 billion in FY 2021 primarily due to assumption changes and interest on the liability balance. The total loss from assumption changes was mainly impacted by a decrease in the discount rate assumptions, increase in the COLA rate assumptions, and by changes in other assumptions such as life expectancy, new case rates, and mortality improvement rate. The interest on liability cost of \$124.8 billion is based on the prior year liability balance multiplied by the single weighted average discount rate used to compute the liability for veterans' compensation and burial benefits payable in the prior year.

Several significant actuarial assumptions were used in the valuation of compensation and burial benefits to calculate the PV of the liability. A liability was recognized for the projected benefit payments to: 1) those beneficiaries, including veterans

and survivors, currently receiving benefit payments; 2) current veterans who are expected in the future to become beneficiaries of the compensation program; and 3) a proportional share of those in active military service as of the valuation date who are expected to be future veterans and to become beneficiaries of the compensation program. Future benefit payments to survivors of those veterans in classes 1, 2, and 3 above are also incorporated into the projection.

In FY 2021, there were several regulatory changes impacting the prior year service cost component of the veterans' compensation and burial benefits payable liability. During FY 2021, the *Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2020* (P.L. 116-315) contained various provisions for VA to care for homeless veterans during a covered public health emergency, to carry out a retraining assistance program for unemployed veterans, and other purposes. Several sections of this law affected the compensation and burial liability model. There were also two procedural advisory changes that impacted the liability:

- The section that addresses the musculoskeletal system within the VA's schedule for rating disabilities was revised to ensure the rating schedule uses current medical terminology, thus providing updated criteria for the evaluation of musculoskeletal disabilities; and
- VA amended its adjudication regulations to establish presumptive service connection for three chronic respiratory health conditions, i.e., asthma, rhinitis, and sinusitis, including rhinosinusitis, based on exposure to fine, particulate matter.

These regulatory changes resulted in a combined increase of \$26.3 billion in the compensation liability and an increase of \$1.1 billion in the burial liability as of September 30, 2021.

The changes in experience related to compensation benefits resulted from an increase in the number of beneficiaries receiving compensation benefits.

The veterans' compensation and burial benefits liability is developed on an actuarial basis. It is impacted by interest on the liability balance, experience gains or losses, changes in actuarial assumptions, prior service costs, and amounts paid for costs included in the liability balance.

### **Post-Retirement Health Benefits**

### **Change in Post-Retirement Health Benefits**

	Civil	ian	Milita	ary	Tot	al
(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020	2021	2020	2021	2020
Actuarial accrued post-retirement health benefits liability, beginning of fiscal year Post-Retirement health benefits expense:	418.7	415.1	848.6	830.2	1,267.3	1,245.3
Prior (and past) service costs from plan amendments or new plans Normal costs	- 19.8	- 17.7	- 25.5	- 23.0	- 45.3	- 40.7
Interest on liability	14.0	14.4	28.4	29.4	42.4	43.8
Actuarial (gains)/losses (from experience) Actuarial (gains)/losses (from	(16.1)	(16.6)	(40.4)	(9.8)	(56.5)	(26.4)
assumption changes)	7.3	4.5	28.9	(2.4)	36.2	2.1
Total post-retirement health benefits expense Less claims paid	25.0 (16.4)	20.0 (16.4)	42.4 (22.3)	40.2 (21.8)	67.4 (38.7)	60.2 (38.2)
Actuarial accrued post-retirement health benefits liability, end of fiscal year	427.3	418.7	868.7	848.6	1,296.0	1,267.3

Significant Long-Term Economic Assun Post-Retirement Health Benefits and the	•		ining		
	Civil	ian	Milita	ary	
	2021	2020	2021	2020	_
Rate of interest	3.20%	3.40%	3.00%	3.30%	
Single equivalent medical trend rate	4.40%	4.40%	4.11%	4.06%	
Ultimate medical trend rate	3.20%	3.20%	3.60%	3.60%	

### **Civilian Employees' Post-Retirement Health Benefits**

The post-retirement civilian health benefit liability is an estimate of the government's future cost of providing postretirement health benefits to current employees and retirees. Although active and retired employees pay insurance premiums under the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program, these premiums cover only a portion of the costs. The OPM actuary applies economic and demographic assumptions to historical cost information to estimate the liability.

As of September 30, 2021, the USPS has accrued but not paid to the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund \$57.0 billion in payments required under the *Postal Accountability and Enhancement Act of 2006* (P.L. 109-435, Title VIII). In order for USPS to preserve liquidity and to ensure the ability to fulfill its primary universal service mission was not placed at undue risk, USPS has not made these required payments. The cost for each year's payment, including defaulted payments, along with all other benefit program costs, are included in USPS' net cost for that year in the consolidated Statements of Net Cost. The liability is not included on the government-wide Balance Sheet due to the USPS liability being eliminated with the OPM's corresponding receivable due from USPS recording a loss allowance for doubtful accounts for the unpaid balances.

The post-retirement civilian health benefit liability increased \$8.6 billion. This increase is due to the accruing cost of benefits and interest on the existing liability, largely offset by actuarial gains attributable to favorable plan experience.

#### Military Employees' Post-Retirement Health Benefits

Military retirees who are not yet eligible for Medicare (and their non-Medicare eligible dependents) are eligible for post-retirement medical coverage provided by DOD. Depending on the benefit plan selected, retirees and their eligible dependents may receive care from MTF on a space-available basis or from civilian providers through TRICARE. This TRICARE coverage is available as Select (a preferred provider organization a health plan that contracts with medical providers to create a network of participating providers; member cost-shares are typically higher for services received out-of-network) and Prime (a health maintenance organization a health plan that limits services to a specific network of medical personnel and facilities and usually by requiring referral by a primary-care physician for specialty care; coverage is also available for non-referred and out-of-network care, subject to higher cost-sharing). These post-retirement medical benefits are paid by the DOD Defense Health Program on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Since FY 2002, DOD has provided medical coverage to Medicare-eligible retirees (and their eligible Medicare-eligible dependents). This coverage, called TFL, is a Medicare Supplement plan which includes inpatient, outpatient and pharmacy coverage. Enrollment in Medicare Part B is required to maintain eligibility in TFL. Retirees with TFL coverage can obtain care from MTF on a space-available basis or from civilian providers.

10 U.S.C., Chapter 56 created the DOD MERHCF, which became operative on October 1, 2002. The purpose of this fund is to account for and accumulate funds for the health benefit costs of Medicare-eligible military retirees, and their dependents and survivors who are Medicare eligible. The Fund receives revenues from three sources: interest earnings on MERHCF assets, Uniformed Services normal cost contributions, and Treasury contributions. The DOD Medicare-Eligible Retiree Health Care Board of Actuaries (the MERHCF Board) approves the methods and assumptions used in actuarial valuations of the MERHCF for the purpose of calculating the per capita normal cost rates (to fund the annual accrued benefits) and determining the unfunded liability amortization payment (Treasury contribution). The Secretary of Defense directs the Secretary of the Treasury to make DOD's normal cost payments. The MERHCF pays for medical costs incurred by Medicare-eligible beneficiaries at MTF and civilian providers (including payments to U.S. Family Health Plans for grandfathered beneficiaries), plus the costs associated with claims administration.

DOD's Office of the Actuary calculates the actuarial liabilities annually using assumptions and experience (e.g., mortality and retirement rates, health care costs, medical trend rates, and the discount rate). Actuarial liabilities are calculated for all DOD retiree medical benefits, including both the benefits funded through the MERHCF and the benefits for pre-

Medicare retirees who are paid on a pay-as-you-go basis. Military post-retirement health and accrued benefits payable increased \$20.1 billion. The increase is primarily attributable to the normal operation of the plan – the cost of benefit accruals and interest on the liability less benefits paid. The actuarial gain from experience of \$40.4 billion is primarily due to increases in Military Retirement Health Benefits and MERHCF.

In addition to the health care benefits the federal government provides for civilian and military retirees and their dependents, the VA also provides medical care to veterans on an "as available" basis, subject to the limits of the annual appropriations. For the FYs 2017 through 2021, the average medical care cost per year was \$80.9 billion.

### **Veterans Education and Training Benefits**

#### Change in Veterans Education and Training Benefits

(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Actuarial accrued liability, beginning of fiscal year	133.1	105.9
Prior (and past) service costs from plan amendments or new plans	14.3	-
Interest on liability	3.6	3.8
Actuarial (gains)/losses (from experience)	17.4	9.4
Actuarial (gains)/losses (from assumption changes)	(4.1)	27.3
Total current year expense	31.2	40.5
Less benefits paid	(13.1)	(13.3)
Actuarial accrued liability, end of fiscal year	151.2	133.1

For eligible Veterans and their dependents, the VA provides four education/retraining type programs:

- Post 9/11 GI Bill;
- VR&E;
- Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance; and
- Montgomery GI Bill-Active Duty.

Based on the actuarial estimates of future payments, the total liability for the four education and training programs increased by \$18.1 billion in FY 2021. The \$18.1 billion increase is primarily attributable to experience gains and prior service costs offset by benefits paid.

In FY 2021, VA conducted experience studies for the Post 9/11 GI Bill, Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance and VR&E programs, which made up the decrease of \$4.1 billion from assumption changes. The more significant changes included within this amount consisted of the change in the duration of the Post 9/11 GI Bill model was reduced to 30 years compared to 62 years used in the prior year, which decreased the liability by \$13.8 billion, which is offset by an increase of \$8.1 billion due to changes in the initial enrollment assumption.

In addition, P.L. 116-315 § 1025 eliminated the period of eligibility for training and rehabilitation for certain veterans with service-connected disabilities. Prior to this legislation, all veterans were required to use their benefits within 12 years of discharge or release from military service. This resulted in an increase of \$14.3 billion in the VR&E liability. The change in legislation increased the current year expenses and is included in the prior (and past) service costs from plan amendments or new plans.

For additional information regarding actuarial assumptions and the four education and training type programs, please refer to VA's financial statements.

## Life Insurance Benefits

### **Civilian Employees' Life Insurance Benefits**

Change in Civilian Life Insurance Benefits		
(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Actuarial accrued life insurance benefits liability, beginning of fiscal year Life insurance benefits expense:	57.6	54.6
New entrant expense	0.7	0.5
Interest on liability	1.6	1.9
Actuarial (gains)/losses (from experience)	(0.3)	0.1
Actuarial (gains)/losses (from assumption changes)	1.2	1.0
Total life insurance benefits expense	3.2	3.5
Less costs paid	(0.7)	(0.5)
Actuarial accrued life insurance benefits liability, end of fiscal year	60.1	57.6

# Significant Long-Term Economic Assumptions Used in Determining Life Insurance Benefits and the Related Expense

	Civil	ian
	2021	2020
Rate of interest	2.90%	3.10%
Rate of increase in salary	1.30%	1.20%

One of the other significant employee benefits is the FEGLI Program. Employee and annuitant contributions and interest on investments fund a portion of this liability. The actuarial life insurance liability is the expected PV of future benefits to pay to, or on behalf of, existing FEGLI participants, less the expected PV of future contributions to be collected from those participants. The OPM actuary uses salary increase and interest rate yield curve assumptions that are generally consistent with the pension liability.

As of September 30, 2021, the total amount of FEGLI insurance in-force is estimated at \$770.3 billion (\$664.4 billion for employees and \$105.9 billion for annuitants).

### Veterans' Life Insurance Benefits

The largest veterans' life insurance programs consist of the following:

- National Service Life Insurance covers policyholders who served during World War II.
- Veterans' Special Life Insurance was established in 1951 to meet the insurance needs of veterans who served during the Korean Conflict and through the period ending January 1, 1957.
- Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance program was established in 1951 to meet the insurance needs of veterans who received a service-connected disability rating.

Death benefit liabilities consist of reserves for permanent plan and term policies as well as policy benefits for Veterans Mortgage Life Insurance. Disability income and waiver liabilities consist of reserves to fund the monthly payments to disabled insureds under the Total Disability Income Provision and the policy premiums waived for qualifying disabled veterans. Insurance dividends payable consists of dividends left on deposit with VA and dividends payable to policyholders. Unpaid policy claims consist of insurance claims that are pending at the end of the reporting period, an estimate of claims that have been incurred but not yet reported, and disbursements in transit. The veteran's life insurance liability for future policy benefits as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, was \$4.5 billion and \$5.1 billion, respectively. For additional information on veteran's life insurance liability, please refer to VA's financial statements.

The VA supervises SGLI and Veterans Group Life Insurance programs that provide life insurance coverage to members of the uniformed armed services, reservists, and post-Vietnam Veterans as well as their families. VA has entered into a group policy with the Prudential Insurance Company of America to administer and provide the insurance payments under these programs. All SGLI insureds are automatically covered under the Traumatic Injury Protection program, which provides for insurance payments to veterans who suffer a serious traumatic injury in service.

The amount of insurance in-force is the total face amount of life insurance coverage provided by each administered and supervised program at the end of the fiscal year. It includes any paid-up additional coverage provided under these policies. The supervised programs' policies and face values are not reflected in VA's liabilities because the risk of loss on these programs is assumed by Prudential and its reinsurers through the terms and conditions of the group policy. As a result, the information provided for the supervised programs is for informational purposes only and is unaudited. The face value for supervised programs as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, was \$1,219.0 billion and \$1,183.7 billion, respectively. The face value for administered programs as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, was \$5.3 billion and \$6.0 billion, respectively.

### Federal Employees' Compensation Act Benefits

#### Workers' Compensation Benefits

DOL determines both civilian and military entities' liabilities for future workers' compensation benefits for civilian federal employees, as mandated by the FECA, for death, disability, medical, and miscellaneous costs for approved compensation cases, and a component for incurred, but not reported, claims. Effective March 12, 2021, the ARP, Section 4016, "Eligibility for Workers' Compensation Benefits for Federal Employees Diagnosed with COVID-19," mandates that accepted COVID-19 claims (or other accepted claims resulting from a coronavirus pandemic) be paid by the fund and are not billable to other federal entities; related administrative costs, including the fair share costs of non-appropriated entities, are to be paid by the fund and are not billable. Beginning in FY 2021, the actuarial liability includes claims covered by Section 4016 of the ARP.

The FECA liability is determined annually using historical claim data and benefit payment patterns related to injury years to predict the future payments. The actuarial methodology provides for the effects of inflation and adjusts liability estimates to constant dollars by applying wage inflation factors (COLA) and medical inflation factors (CPIM) to the calculation of projected benefits. DOL selects the COLA factors and CPIM factors by averaging over five years the COLA rates and CPIM rates, respectively. The FY 2021 methodology for averaging the COLA rates used OMB provided rates; the FY 2021 methodology for averaging the CPIM rates used OMB-provided rates and information obtained from the Bureau of Labor Statistics public releases for CPI. Using averaging renders estimates that reflect trends over five years instead of conditions that exist in one year.

Fiscal Year	COLA	CPIM
2022	2.11%	2.74%
2023	2.48%	3.15%
2024	2.55%	3.56%
2025	2.62%	3.49%
2026+	2.68%	3.79%

The COLAs and CPIMs used in the projections for FY 2021 are listed below in the table.

DOL selects the discount rates by averaging interest rates for the current and prior four years. Using averaging renders estimates that reflect historical trends over five years instead of conditions that exist in one year. DOL selected the interest rate assumptions whereby projected annual payments were discounted to PV based on interest rate assumptions on the TNC Yield Curve to reflect the average duration of income payments and medical payments. The average durations for income payments and medical payments were 15 years and 11 years, respectively. Based on averaging the TNC Yield Curves for the current and prior four years, the interest rate assumptions for income payments and medical payments were 2.2 percent and 2.1 percent, respectively.

For the COLAs, CPIMs, average durations, and interest rate assumptions used in the projections for FY 2020, refer to the FY 2020 *Financial Report*.

### **Unfunded Leave**

Unfunded leave are the amounts recorded by an employer federal entity for unpaid leave earned that an employee is entitled to upon separation and that will be funded by future years' budgetary resources. The unfunded leave total as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, was \$27.1 billion and \$25.7 billion, respectively.

### Liability for Other Benefits

Liability for other benefits includes several programs. The largest program is VA's Community Care Program, with an estimated liability of \$6.1 billion as of September 30, 2021.

### Note 15. Environmental and Disposal Liabilities

#### Environmental and Disposal Liabilities as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Department of Energy	515.6	512.3
Department of Defense	82.0	75.0
All other entities	15.7	15.4
Total environmental and disposal liabilities	613.3	602.7

After World War II, the U.S. developed a massive industrial complex to research, produce, and test nuclear weapons and commercial nuclear power reactors. The nuclear complex was comprised of nuclear reactors, chemical-processing buildings, metal machining plants, laboratories, and maintenance facilities.

At all sites where these activities took place, some environmental contamination occurred. This contamination was caused by the production, storage, and use of radioactive materials and hazardous chemicals, which resulted in contamination of soil, surface water, or groundwater. The environmental legacy of nuclear weapons production also includes thousands of contaminated buildings and large volumes of waste and special nuclear materials requiring treatment, stabilization, and disposal.

Estimated cleanup costs at sites for which there are no current feasible remediation approaches are excluded from the estimates, although applicable stewardship and monitoring costs for these sites are included. DOE has not been required through regulation to establish remediation activities for these sites.

Estimating DOE's environmental cleanup liability requires making assumptions about future activities and is inherently uncertain. The future course of DOE's environmental cleanup and disposal will depend on a number of fundamental technical and policy choices, many of which have not been made. Some contaminated sites and facilities could be restored to a condition suitable for any desired use or could be restored to a point where they pose no near-term health risks to the surrounding communities. Achieving the former condition of the sites and facilities would have a higher cost which may or may not warrant the cost or be legally required. The environmental and disposal liability estimates include contingency estimates intended to account for the uncertainties associated with the technical cleanup scope of the program. Congressional appropriations at lower-than anticipated levels or lack of Congressional approval, unplanned delays in project completions including potential delays due to COVID-19, unforeseen technical issues, obtaining regulatory approval, among other things, could cause increases in life-cycle costs.

DOE's environmental and disposal liabilities also include the estimated cleanup and post-closure responsibilities, including surveillance and monitoring activities, soil and groundwater remediation, and disposition of excess material for sites. DOE is responsible for the post-closure activities at many of the closure sites as well as other sites. The costs for these post-closure activities are estimated for a period of 75 years after the Balance Sheet date, i.e., through 2096 in FY 2021 and through 2095 in FY 2020. While some post-cleanup monitoring and other long-term stewardship activities post-2096 are included in the liability, there are others DOE expects to continue beyond 2096 for which the costs cannot reasonably be estimated.

A portion of DOE's environmental liability at various field sites includes anticipated costs for facilities managed by DOE's ongoing program operations, which will ultimately require stabilization, deactivation, and decommissioning. The estimates are largely based upon a cost-estimating model. Site specific estimates are used in lieu of the cost-estimating model, when available. Cost estimates for ongoing program facilities are updated each year. For facilities newly contaminated since FY 1997, cleanup costs allocated to the periods benefiting from the operations of the facilities. Facilities' cleanup costs allocated to future periods and not included in the environmental and disposal liabilities amounted to \$1.1 billion and \$0.9 billion for fiscal years ending September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively.

DOD has cleanup requirements for DERP for active installations, Base Realignment Closure installations, and Formerly Used Defense Sites. DOD has additional cleanup requirements for active installations not covered by DERP, weapon systems programs, and chemical weapons disposal programs. The weapons system program consists of chemical weapons disposal,

nuclear powered aircraft carriers, nuclear powered submarines, and other nuclear ships. All cleanup efforts are performed in coordination with regulatory entities, other responsible parties, and current property owners, as applicable.

DOD follows the *Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act*, CERCLA, RCRA or other applicable federal or state laws to clean up contamination. The CERCLA and RCRA require DOD to clean up contamination in coordination with regulatory entities, current owners of property damaged by DOD, and third parties that have a partial responsibility for the environmental restoration. Failure to comply with agreements and legal mandates puts the DOD at risk of incurring fines and penalties.

DOD uses engineering estimates and independently validated models to estimate environmental costs. The engineering estimates are based upon extensive data obtained during the remedial investigation/feasibility phase of the environmental project.

For general PP&E placed into service after September 30, 1997, DOD expenses associated environmental costs systematically over the life of the asset using two methods: physical capacity for operating landfills and life expectancy in years for all other assets. DOD expenses the full cost to clean up contamination for stewardship PP&E and certain other general PP&E at the time the asset is placed into service. DOD has expensed cleanup costs for general PP&E placed into service before October 1, 1997, except for costs intended to be recovered through user charges. As costs are recovered DOD expenses cleanup costs associated with the asset life that has passed since the general PP&E was placed into service. DOD systematically recognizes the remaining cost over the remaining life of the asset. The unrecognized portion of the estimated total cleanup costs associated with disposal of general PP&E was \$4.9 billion and \$4.3 billion for fiscal years ending September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively.

DOD is responsible for environmental restoration and corrective action for buried chemical munitions and agents; however, a reasonable estimate is indeterminable because the extent of the buried chemical munitions and agents is unknown. DOD has ongoing studies for the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program and will update its estimate as additional information is identified. DOD has the potential to incur costs for restoration initiatives in conjunction with returning overseas DOD facilities to host nations. DOD continues its efforts to reasonably estimate required restoration costs.

Environmental liabilities are subject to changes in laws and regulations, agreements with regulatory entities, and advances in technology. DOD is unaware of pending changes affecting its estimated cleanup costs. DOD revised estimates resulting from previously unknown contaminants, reestimation based on different assumptions, and other changes in project scope.

Please refer to the financial statements of the main contributing entities, DOD and DOE, for additional information regarding environmental and disposal liabilities, including cleanup costs.

## Note 16. Benefits Due and Payable

### Benefits Due and Payable as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance - SSA	87.4	83.7
Grants to states for Medicaid - HHS	52.7	45.8
Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance (Medicare Parts B and D) - HHS	43.8	39.4
Federal Hospital Insurance (Medicare Part A) - HHS	35.9	30.8
Federal Disability Insurance - SSA	20.5	21.4
Unemployment Insurance - DOL	19.2	16.5
All other benefits programs	14.4	18.7
Total benefits due and payable	273.9	256.3

Benefits due and payable are amounts owed to program recipients or medical service providers as of September 30 that have not been paid. Please refer to the financial statements of HHS, SSA, and DOL for more information.

### Note 17. Insurance and Guarantee Program Liabilities

Insurance and Guarantee Program Liabilities as of September 30, 2021, and 2020					
(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020			
Insurance and Guarantee Program Liabilities:					
Single-Employer Pension Plan - Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	108.9	120.4			
Federal Crop Insurance - Department of Agriculture	14.2	7.7			
Multiemployer Pension Plan - Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	3.0	66.9			
Other insurance and guarantee programs	3.7	4.3			
Total insurance and guarantee program liabilities	129.8	199.3			

The federal government incurs liabilities related to various insurance and guarantee programs as detailed in the table above. Note 22—Contingencies includes a discussion of contingencies and other risks related to significant insurance and guarantee programs. Insurance information, and related liability, concerning federal employee and veteran benefits is included in Note 14—Federal Employee and Veteran Benefits Payable. Social insurance and loan guarantees are not considered insurance programs under SFFAS No. 51, *Insurance Programs*, and are accounted for under SFFAS No. 17, *Accounting for Social Insurance*, and SFFAS No. 2, *Accounting for Direct Loans and Loan Guarantees*. Loan guarantees are disclosed in Note 4—Loans Receivable, Net and Loan Guarantee Liabilities, and social insurance information is included primarily in the sustainability financial statements and in Note 25—Social Insurance.

Insurance and guarantee program liabilities are recognized for known losses and contingent losses to the extent that the underlying contingency is deemed probable and a loss amount is reasonably measurable. Please see Note 22—Contingencies for discussion on the meaning of "probable" depending on the accounting framework used by each significant consolidation entity. As discussed in Note 1.0—Insurance and Guarantee Program Liabilities, certain significant consolidation entities (i.e., PBGC, FDIC, and FCSIC) apply FASB standards, and such entities, as permitted by SFFAS No. 47, *Reporting Entity*, are consolidated into the U.S. government's consolidated financial statements without conversion to FASAB standards. PBGC, which insures defined benefit pensions, applies FASB standards and has the largest insurance and guarantee program liability.

PBGC insures pension benefits for participants in covered defined benefit pension plans. The FY 2021 decrease of \$75.4 billion in PBGC's liability for its two separate insurance programs is comprised of: 1) a decrease of \$11.5 billion in the single-employer program liability; and 2) a decrease of \$63.9 billion in the multiemployer program liability. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, PBGC had total liabilities of \$122.8 billion and \$194.9 billion, respectively. As of September 30, 2021, PBGC's total assets exceeded its total liabilities by \$31.4 billion, and in FY 2020 its total liabilities exceeded its total assets by \$48.3 billion, respectively. The majority of the change in liability from FY 2020 to FY 2021 occurred in the multiemployer program and was due to the enactment of the ARP on March 11, 2021. ARP established the SFA program for distressed multiemployer pension plans that meet specific eligibility criteria therefore, this resulted in the majority of the \$63.9 billion decrease in the liability mentioned above. The SFA program is administered by PBGC and paid in a lump sum rather than in period payments. An application under ARP must be filed by the eligible plans no later than December 31, 2025. Unlike PBGC's insolvency insurance program for multiemployer plans, which is funded by insurance premiums, the SFA program is funded by appropriations from the General Fund. The SFA program is intended to enable eligible plans to pay benefits and administrative expenses for the next 30 years, and as a result, the vast majority of PBGC's liability for traditional financial assistance recognized in previous years for ongoing plans that were previously expected to become insolvent has been reversed (i.e., unbooked). PBGC intends to publish a final regulation in FY 2022. Refer to PBGC's financial statements for additional information and to Note 22-Contingencies for additional information regarding insurance contingencies and exposure.

As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, \$14.2 billion and \$7.7 billion, respectively, pertain to USDA's Federal Crop Insurance Program. The Federal Crop Insurance Program is administered by the FCIC, which provides insurance to reduce agricultural producers' economic losses due to natural disasters. The Federal Crop Insurance increase of \$6.5 billion was

attributed to higher coverage amount as the result of higher crop prices, increased participation in insurance products and higher level of losses caused by widespread drought.

As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, \$3.4 billion and \$2.8 billion, respectively, pertain to the DHS NFIP, which are included in other insurance and guarantee programs. The NFIP insurance program liability represents an estimate based on the loss and loss adjustment expense factors inherent to the NFIP Insurance Underwriting Operations, including trends in claim severity and frequency. The estimate is driven primarily by flooding activity in the U.S. and can vary significantly year over year depending on the timing and severity of flooding activity.

### Note 18. Advances from Others and Deferred Revenue

In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Security Assistance Accounts	125.7	100.2
Department of Energy	48.8	47.1
All other	27.5	26.9
Total advances from others and deferred revenue	202.0	174.2

In FY 2021, the presentation for advances from others and deferred revenue was modified to present the line item separately on the Balance Sheet. The FY 2020 presentation was modified to conform to the FY 2021 presentation. Advances from others and deferred revenue consists of payments received in advance of performance of activities for which revenue has not been earned and other deferred revenue or income received but not yet earned not otherwise classified as advances or repayments. Some examples include deferred project revenue funded in advance, funds received in advance under the terms of a settlement agreement, prepaid postage, and unearned fees, assessments, and surcharges.

SAA contracts authorize progress payments based on cost and increased to \$125.7 billion during FY 2021, compared to \$100.2 billion in FY 2020. This increase was due to improved financial reporting from a large Navy case management system. In accordance with contract terms, specific rights to the contractors' work vest when a specific type of contract financing payment is made. Due to the probability the contractors will complete their efforts and deliver satisfactory products, and because the amount of potential future payments are estimable, the SAA has recognized a contingent liability for estimated future payments which are conditional pending delivery and government acceptance.

The DOE's Nuclear Waste Fund collects revenues from owners or generators of high-level radioactive waste and SNF to pay their share of disposal costs. These revenues are recognized as a financing source as costs are incurred, and revenues that exceed the expenses are considered deferred revenue.

### Note 19. Other Liabilities

In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Other liabilities without related budgetary obligations	258.2	97.5
Allocation of special drawing rights	161.8	49.7
Other liabilities with related budgetary obligations	66.2	67.3
Actuarial liabilities for Treasury-managed benefits program	51.0	45.8
Contingent liabilities	46.4	46.5
Accrued funded payroll and leave	26.4	24.5
Other miscellaneous liabilities	67.1	62.7
Total other liabilities	677.1	394.0

Other liabilities are the amounts owed to the public and are not reported elsewhere in the Balance Sheet. A change in presentation was identified to improve clarity of the *Financial Report*. To conform with the FY 2021 presentation of the *Financial Report*, other deferred revenue and liability for advances and prepayments are now reported under Note 18—Advances from Others and Deferred Revenue.

- Other liabilities without related budgetary obligations represent those unfunded liabilities for which congressional action is needed before budgetary resources can be provided. The largest contributor to this category is Treasury which incurred a liability in FY 2021 for the restoration of federal debt principal and interest. This resulted from debt management measures taken during the delay in raising the statutory debt limit, which included suspending investments in Treasury debt securities by the Government Securities Investment Fund of the FERS TSP. As a result of Treasury securities not being issued to the TSP's G Fund, Treasury reported other liabilities, as of September 30, 2021, in the amount of \$157 billion that represent uninvested principal and related interest for the TSP's G Fund that would have been reported in Note 13—Federal Debt and Interest Payable had there not been a delay in raising the statutory debt limit as of September 30, 2021 and had the securities been issued. For additional information related to the impact on the TSP, see Note 24—Fiduciary Activities and Note 31—Subsequent Events. Also contributing to this category are SAA's liability to offset non-entity cash and DOE's contractor-sponsored pension plans and other post-retirement benefits.
- Allocation of SDR is the amount of corresponding liability representing the value of the reserve assets allocated by the IMF to meet global needs to supplement existing reserve assets. SDR derive their quality as reserve assets from the undertakings of the members to accept them in exchange for "freely useable" currencies (the U.S. dollar, European euro, Japanese yen, and British pound sterling). Treasury is the sole contributor. During FY 2021, the government increased its commitment to hold additional SDR to help provide liquidity to the global economic system in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, resulting in a \$112.1 billion year to year increase. For additional information, refer to Note 30—COVID-19 Activity and Note 28—Disclosure Entities and Related Parties.
- Other liabilities with related budgetary obligations are amounts of liabilities for which there is a related budgetary obligation. Grant accruals, subsidies, and unpaid obligations related to assistance programs are all part of this category. The largest contributors are DOT, HHS, and USDA.
- Actuarial liabilities for Treasury-managed benefit programs are the amounts recorded by Treasury for actuarial liabilities of future benefit payments to be paid from programs such as the D.C. Federal Pension Fund and the D.C. Judicial Retirement Fund. The only contributors are DOL and Treasury.
- Contingent liabilities are amounts that are recognized as a result of a past event where a future outflow or sacrifice of resource is probable and measurable. These consist of a wide variety of administrative proceedings, legal actions, and tort claims which may ultimately result in settlements or decisions adverse to the federal government. DOE and HHS are the top contributors.

- Accrued funded payroll and leave are the estimated amounts of liabilities for salaries, wages and funded annual leave and sick leave that have been earned but are unpaid. The most substantial contribution is from DOD.
- Other miscellaneous liabilities are the liabilities not otherwise classified above. Many entities reported relatively small amounts.

The following entities are the main contributors to the government's reported other liabilities as of September 30, 2021. Refer to each entity's financial statements for additional information:

• Treasury

• DOD

- DOE
- DOL
- SAA
- HHS

- DOD
   DOT
- USPS
- USDA
- DHS

- PBGC
- Education
- DOJ
- TVA
- VA

### Note 20. Collections and Refunds of Federal Revenue

#### Collections of Federal Tax Revenue for the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Federal Tax	Tax Yea	r to Which	Collections	Relate
	Revenue				Prior
(In billions of dollars)	Collections	2021	2020	2019	Years
				10.0	
Individual income tax and tax withholdings	3,593.9	2,283.0	1,231.8	43.8	35.3
Corporate income taxes	419.0	254.8	130.5	4.3	29.4
Excise taxes	83.6	63.2	19.9	0.2	0.3
Unemployment taxes	50.4	41.6	8.7	-	0.1
Customs duties	85.6	79.3	6.3	-	-
Estate and gift taxes	28.1	1.5	21.1	2.7	2.8
Railroad retirement taxes	5.3	4.2	1.1	-	-
Fines, penalties, interest, and other revenue	4.2	4.0	0.2	-	-
Subtotal	4,270.1	2,731.6	1,419.6	51.0	67.9
Less: amounts collected for non-federal entities	(0.5)				
Total	4,269.6				

Treasury is the government's principal revenue-collecting entity. Collections of individual income and tax withholdings include FICA/SECA and individual income taxes. These taxes are characterized as non-exchange revenue.

Excise taxes, also characterized as non-exchange revenue, consist of taxes collected for various items, such as airline tickets, gasoline products, distilled spirits and imported liquor, tobacco, firearms, and others.

Tax and other revenues reported reflect the effects of tax expenditures, which are special exclusions, exemptions, deductions, tax credits, preferential tax rates, and tax deferrals that allow individuals and businesses to reduce taxes they may otherwise owe. The *Budget Act* (P.L. 93-344) requires that a list of tax expenditures be included in the annual Budget. Tax expenditures may be viewed as alternatives to other policy instruments, such as spending or regulatory programs. For example, the government supports college attendance through both spending programs and tax expenditures. The government uses Pell Grants to help low- and moderate-income students afford college and allows certain funds used to meet college expenses to grow tax free in special college savings accounts.

Tax expenditures include deductions and exclusions, which reduce the amount of income subject to tax. Examples are the deduction for mortgage interest on personal residences and the exclusion of interest on state and local bonds. Tax expenditures also include tax credits, which reduce tax liability dollar for dollar for the amount of credit. In taxable year 2021, taxpayers may claim a credit for up to \$3,600 per child under age six and up to \$3,000 per child age six through 17. Other credits are targeted at business activity, such as credits for producing electricity from renewable energy or the research and experimentation credit, which encourages businesses in the U.S. to increase investment in research activities. In addition, tax expenditures include some provisions that allow taxpayers to defer tax liability. Examples include provisions that allow immediate expensing or accelerated depreciation of certain capital investments, and others that allow taxpayers to defer their tax liability, such as the deferral of recognition of income on contributions to and income accrued within qualified retirement plans.

The total revenues reported in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position and the related information reported in this note, do not include explicit line items for tax expenditures, but the total revenue amounts and budget results reflect the effect of these expenditures. Tax expenditures are discussed in this note, the unaudited MD&A, and in the unaudited Other Information section of the *Financial Report*.

		Tax Y	ear to Which	Refunds Re	elate
	Refunds				Prior
(In billions of dollars)	Disbursed	2021	2020	2019	Years
Individual income tax and tax withholdings	1,081.2	533.3	496.9	38.3	12.7
Corporate income taxes	53.1	3.9	6.4	13.7	29.1
Other taxes, fines, and penalties	11.3	3.4	4.5	2.2	1.2
Total	1,145.6	540.6	507.8	54.2	43.0

### Federal Tax Refunds Disbursed and Other Payments for the Year Ended September 30, 2021

### Reconciliation of Revenue to Tax Collections for the Year Ended September 30, 2021, and 2020

In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Total collections of federal tax revenue	4,269.6	3,628.9
Refunds of federal taxes and other payments	(1,145.6)	(744.1)
ndividual and other tax credits	804.2	436.8
Federal Insurance Contributions Act - Tax	(16.4)	(15.4)
Federal Reserve earnings	100.1	81.9
Change in taxes receivable		91.7
Nontax-related fines and penalties reported by entities	81.4	75.4
Nontax-related earned revenue		16.4
Consolidated revenue per the Statement of Operations and Changes		
in Net Position	4,255.9	3,571.6

Consolidated revenue in the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position is presented on a modified cash basis, net of tax refunds, and includes other non-tax related revenue. Refunds of federal taxes and other payments and individual and other tax credits in FY 2021 and FY 2020 include the CARES Act, CAA and ARP stimulus disbursements of \$569.5 billion and \$274.7 billion, respectively, to eligible taxpayers. Individual and other tax credits amounts are included in gross cost in the Statements of Net Cost. Refer to Note 3—Accounts Receivable, Net for further explanation of line changes in taxes receivable. The FICA – tax paid by federal entities is included in the individual income and tax withholdings line in the Collections of Federal Tax Revenue; however, it is not reported on the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position as these collections. The above table reflects a change in presentation for FY 2021. The table presentation was reconfigured to reconcile Collections of Federal Tax Revenue to the Consolidated revenue per the Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Position.

	Federal	Tax Ye	ear to Which (	Collections F	Relate
(In billions of dollars)	Tax Revenue Collections	2020	2019	2018	Prior Years
Individual income tax and tax	2 4 2 7 6	4 0 4 7 0	4 4 4 0 5	00 <b>7</b>	07.5
withholdings		1,947.9	1,118.5	33.7	27.5
Corporate income taxes		152.0	89.0	10.0	12.6
Excise taxes	96.4	72.2	23.9	0.1	0.2
Unemployment taxes	40.8	34.5	6.2	-	0.1
Customs duties	74.4	67.2	7.2	-	-
Estate and gift taxes	18.2	2.6	11.8	2.1	1.7
Railroad retirement taxes		3.8	1.4	-	-
Fines, penalties, interest and other	0.2	010			
revenue	3.2	3.1	0.1	-	-
Subtotal		2,283.3	1,258.1	45.9	42.1
Less: amounts collected for non-	_,	,			
federal entities	(0.5)				
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Total	3,628.9				

### Collections of Federal Revenue for the Year Ended September 30, 2020

### Federal Tax Refunds Disbursed and Other Payments for the Year Ended September 30, 2020

		Tax Year to Which Refunds Relate			
(In billions of dollars)	Refunds Disbursed	2020	2019	2018	Prior Years
Individual income tax and tax withholdings	673.4	335.6	299.3	31.0	7.5
Corporate income taxes	59.5	4.0	14.0	20.2	21.3
Other taxes, fines, and penalties	11.2	3.3	5.6	1.3	1.0
Total	744.1	342.9	318.9	52.5	29.8

# Note 21. Commitments

Long-Term Operating Leases as of September 30, 2021, and 2020				
(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020		
General Services Administration	25.8	24.0		
Department of Veterans Affairs	4.9	4.3		
Department of Health and Human Services	2.3	1.2		
Department of State	1.3	1.4		
Other operating leases	3.3	3.8		
Total long-term operating leases	37.6	34.7		

The government has entered into contractual commitments that require future use of financial resources. It has significant amounts of long-term lease obligations. Long-Term Operating Leases in this note refer to those leases in which federal entities do not assume the risks of ownership of the underlying general PP&E, and payments are expensed over the lease term. The lease liabilities and assets arising from operating leases for FASB-reporting entities who early-implemented FASB ASC 842, *Leases*, are recorded on the Balance Sheet in other liabilities and PP&E, respectively, and thus are not included in this Commitments note.

		Restated
In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Undelivered Orders - Unpaid:		
Department of Defense	411.5	395.0
Department of Education	321.4	138.6
Department of Health and Human Services	288.8	187.2
Department of Transportation	141.1	125.3
Department of Housing and Urban Development	93.4	59.8
Department of Agriculture	84.5	78.4
Department of Homeland Security	81.0	60.6
Security Assistance Accounts	37.3	55.3
Department of Energy	33.9	31.7
Department of State	26.8	28.4
Environmental Protection Agency	20.7	15.0
U.S. Agency for International Development	20.5	19.5
Small Business Administration	20.1	21.6
All other entities	149.9	252.1
Total undelivered orders - unpaid	1,730.9	1,468.5
Other Commitments:		
GSE Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreements	254.1	254.1
U.S. participation in the International Monetary Fund	162.6	123.4
Callable capital subscriptions for Multilateral Development Banks	125.6	123.3
All other commitments	18.1	19.0
– Total other commitments	560.4	519.8

### **Undelivered Orders and Other Commitments**

### **Undelivered Orders - Unpaid**

Undelivered orders, included in this note disclosure, represent the value of goods and services ordered that have not yet been received and that have not been prepaid. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, the total reported undelivered orders were \$1,730.9 billion and \$1,468.5 billion, respectively. Undelivered orders had a net increase of \$262.4 billion from 2020 to 2021. While Treasury, which is included in All other entities in the above table, had a decrease in undelivered orders, Education, HHS and HUD all experienced increases. Treasury's decrease in undelivered orders from \$120.5 billion in FY 2020 to \$5.9 billion in FY 2021, was primarily the result of a \$114.6 billion de-obligation of undisbursed but previously committed CARES Act funds. Refer to Note 8—Investments in Special Purpose Vehicles for additional information. Education had a \$182.8 billion increase that resulted primarily from an increase in unpaid, undelivered orders related to COVID-19. HHS had a \$101.6 billion increase primarily due to COVID-19 activity. HUD also had an increase of \$33.6 billion primarily the result of COVID-19 activity.

### **GSE Senior Preferred Stock Purchase Agreements**

As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, the maximum remaining potential commitment to the GSEs for the remaining life of the SPSPAs was \$254.1 billion, which was established on December 31, 2012. Refer to Note 9—Investments in Government-Sponsored Enterprises for a full description of the SPSPAs related commitments and contingent liability, if any, as well as additional information.

#### **U.S.** Participation in the International Monetary Fund

The government participates in the IMF through a quota subscription and certain borrowing arrangements that supplement IMF resources. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, the financial commitment under the U.S. quota and borrowing arrangements was \$162.6 billion and \$123.4 billion, respectively. The financial commitment of the U.S. participation in the IMF for FY 2020 was restated to reduce the amount from \$156.3 billion to \$123.4 billion. This restatement was due to erroneously reporting drawn amounts of the U.S. participation versus the undrawn amount remaining. Refer to Note 2—Cash and Other Monetary Assets and Note 28—Disclosure Entities and Related Parties for additional information regarding the U.S. participation in the IMF.

### Callable Capital Subscriptions for Multilateral Development Banks

The government has callable subscriptions in certain MDB, which are international financial institutions that finance economic and social development projects in developing countries. Callable capital in the MDB serves as a supplemental pool of resources that may be redeemed and converted into ordinary paid in shares, if the MDB cannot otherwise meet certain obligations through its other available resources. MDB are able to use callable capital as backing to obtain favorable financing terms when borrowing from international capital markets. To date, there has never been a call on this capital at any MDB and none is anticipated. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, the capital commitment to MDB was \$125.6 billion and \$123.3 billion, respectively.

### **Other Risks**

### U.S. Contributions to International Organizations

The U.S. government enters into agreements to pay future contributions to international organizations in which it participates as a member. These contributions may include financial and in-kind support, including assessed contributions, voluntary contributions, grants, and other assistance to international organizations. Following are examples of international organizations and their underlying missions that are supported by U.S. contributions:

- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, which was established to safeguard the rights and well-being of refugees;
- International Committee of the Red Cross, which provides humanitarian protection and assistance for victims of armed conflict and other situations of violence;
- International Organization for Migration, which supports migration programs and the U.S. Refugee Assistance Program;
- North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which promotes conflict prevention and peaceful resolution of disputes;
- United Nations, which enables the world's nations to work together toward freedom, democracy, peace, and human rights;
- World Food Program, which provides emergency nutrition programming;
- Global Environment Facility, which is a multilateral trust fund that provides grants for global environmental projects;
- Green Climate Fund, which was established to support the efforts of developing countries to respond to the challenge of climate change;
- United Nations Children's Fund, which promotes humanitarian and developmental assistance to children and mothers in developing countries; and
- WHO, which provides international health activities within the United Nations system and aids in health systems; including activities that address non-communicable and communicable diseases; environmental health; and natural and man-made emergencies.

### Note 22. Contingencies

Loss contingencies are existing conditions, situations, or sets of circumstances involving uncertainty as to possible loss to an entity. The uncertainty will ultimately be resolved when one or more future events occur or fail to occur. The government is subject to loss contingencies related to:

- Legal and environmental and disposal;
- Insurance and guarantees; and
- Other Contingencies.

The government is involved in various litigation, including administrative proceedings, legal actions, and tort claims, which may ultimately result in settlements or decisions adverse to the government. In addition, the government is subject to loss contingencies for a variety of environmental cleanup costs for the storage and disposal of hazardous material as well as the operations and closures of facilities at which environmental contamination may be present. Refer to the Legal Contingencies and Environmental and Disposal Contingencies section of this note for additional information.

The government provides insurance and guarantees via a variety of programs. At the time an insurance policy or guarantee is issued, a contingency arises. The contingency is the risk of loss assumed by the insurer, that is, the risk of loss from events that may occur during the term of the policy. For additional information, refer to the Insurance and Guarantees sections of this note.

Other contingencies include those related to the government's establishment of construction budgets without receiving appropriations from Congress for such projects, appeals of Medicaid audit and program disallowances by the states, potential draws by GSEs, and whistleblower awards. The government is also a party to treaties and other international agreements. These treaties and other international agreements address various issues including, but not limited to, trade, commerce, security, and law enforcement that may involve financial obligations or give rise to possible exposure to losses. For additional information on the government's other loss contingencies, refer to the Other Contingencies section of this note.

#### **Financial Treatment of Loss Contingencies**

The reporting of loss contingencies depends on the likelihood that a future event or events will confirm the loss or impairment of an asset or the incurrence of a liability and the likelihood of loss can range from probable to remote. SFFAS No. 5, *Accounting for Liabilities of the Federal Government*, identifies the probability classifications used to assess the range for the likelihood of loss as probable, reasonably possible, and remote. Loss contingencies where a past event or exchange transaction has occurred, and where a future outflow or other sacrifice of resources is assessed as probable and measurable, are accrued in the financial statements. Loss contingencies that are assessed to be at least reasonably possible are disclosed in this note, and loss contingencies that are assessed as remote are neither reported in the financial statements, nor disclosed in the notes. The following table provides criteria for how federal entities are to account for loss contingencies, based on the likelihood of the loss and measurability.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In addition, a third condition must be met to be a loss contingency: a past event or an exchange transaction must occur.

Likelihood of future outflow or other sacrifice of resources	Loss amount can be reasonably measured	Loss range can be reasonably measured	Loss amount or range cannot be reasonably measured	
<b>Probable</b> Future confirming event(s) are more likely to occur than not.⁴	Accrue the liability. Report on Balance Sheet and Statement of Net Cost.	Accrue liability of best estimate or minimum amount in loss range if there is no best estimate, and disclose nature of contingency and range of estimated liability.	Disclose nature of contingency and include a statement that an estimate cannot be made.	
Reasonably possible Possibility of future confirming event(s) occurring is more than remote and less than likely.	Disclose nature of contingency and estimated amount.	Disclose nature of contingency and estimated loss range.	Disclose nature of contingency and include a statement that an estimate cannot be made.	
Remote Possibility of future event(s) occurring is slight.	No action is required.	No action is required.	No action is required.	

Loss contingencies arise in the normal course of operations and their ultimate disposition is unknown. Based on information currently available, however, it is management's opinion that the expected outcome of these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on the financial statements, except for the litigation and insurance described in the following sections, which could have a material adverse effect on the financial statements.

Certain significant consolidation entities apply financial accounting and reporting standards issued by FASB, and such entities, as permitted by SFFAS No. 47, *Reporting Entity*, are consolidated into the U.S. government's consolidated financial statements without conversion to financial and reporting standards issued by FASAB.<sup>5</sup> Generally, under FASAB standards, a contingency is considered "probable" if the future event or events are more likely than not to occur. Under FASB standards, a contingency is considered "probable" if the future event or events are likely to occur. "Likely to occur" is considered to be more certain than "more likely than not to occur." Under both accounting frameworks, a contingency is considered "probable" if the future event or events is more likely than remote, but less likely than "probable" ("probable" as defined within each corresponding accounting framework).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> For pending or threatened litigation and unasserted claims, the future confirming event or events are considered "probable" if such events are likely to occur.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Significant consolidation entities that apply FASB standards without conversion to FASAB standards are FCSIC, FDIC, NRRIT, PBGC, Smithsonian Institution, TVA, and USPS.

#### Legal Contingencies and Environmental and Disposal Contingencies as of September 30, 2021, and 2020 2021 2020 **Estimated Range of Loss Estimated Range of Loss** for Certain Cases <sup>2</sup> for Certain Cases <sup>2</sup> Accrued Accrued Liabilities 1 Lower End (In billions of dollars) Upper End Liabilities 1 Lower End Upper End Probable ..... 39.7 39.6 42.7 40.1 39.4 41.9 Reasonably possible ..... N/A 25.9 N/A 9.7 33.9 52.0

### Legal Contingencies and Environmental and Disposal Contingencies

<sup>1</sup> Accrued liabilities are recorded and presented in other liabilities on the Balance Sheet.

<sup>2</sup> Does not reflect the total range of loss; many cases assessed as reasonably possible of an unfavorable outcome did not include

estimated losses that could be determined.

Note: "N/A" indicates not applicable.

Management and legal counsel have determined that it is "probable" that some legal actions, litigation, tort claims, and environmental and disposal contingencies will result in a loss to the government and the loss amounts are reasonably measurable. The estimated liabilities for "probable" cases against the government are \$39.7 billion and \$40.1 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively, and are included in "Other Liabilities" on the Balance Sheet. For example, the U.S. Supreme Court 2012 decision in *Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter*, and subsequent cases related to contract support costs have resulted in increased claims against the Indian Health Service, which is a component within HHS. As a result of this decision, many tribes have filed claims. Some claims have been paid and others have been asserted but not yet settled. It is expected that some tribes will file additional claims for prior years. The estimated amount recorded for contract support costs is \$5.8 billion in FY 2021 and \$5.5 billion in FY 2020.

There are also administrative claims and legal actions pending where adverse decisions are considered by management and legal counsel as "reasonably possible" with an estimate of potential loss or a range of potential loss. The estimated potential losses reported for such claims and actions range from \$25.9 billion to \$52.0 billion as of September 30, 2021, and from \$9.7 billion to \$33.9 billion as of September 30, 2020. The estimated lower and upper range of potential loss for reasonably possible claims and actions increased by \$16.2 billion and \$18.1 billion, respectively, from FY 2020 to FY 2021. The increase is primarily due to new legal cases, along with the net change between legal cases with a change in the likelihood of loss, the amount of potential loss, and legal cases that are no longer pending.

In accordance with the NWPA, DOE entered into more than 69 standard contracts with utilities in which, in return for payment of fees into the Nuclear Waste Fund, DOE agreed to begin disposal of SNF by January 31, 1998. Because DOE has no facility available to receive SNF under the NWPA, it has been unable to begin disposal of the utilities' SNF as required by the contracts. Significant litigation claiming damages for partial breach of contract has ensued as a result of this delay. Based on settlement estimates, the total liability estimate as of September 30, 2021 is \$39.9 billion. After deducting the cumulative amount paid of \$9.0 billion as of September 30, 2021 under settlements, and as a result of final judgments, the remaining liability is estimated to be approximately \$30.9 billion, compared to approximately \$30.6 billion as of September 30, 2020.

A number of class action and/or multiple plaintiff tort suits have been filed against current and former DOE contractors in which the plaintiffs seek damages for alleged exposures to radioactive and/or toxic substances as a result of the historic operations of DOE's nuclear facilities. Collectively, in these cases, damages of \$1.2 billion are currently sought.

Numerous litigation cases are pending where the outcome is uncertain or it is reasonably possible that a loss has been incurred and where estimates cannot be made. There are other litigation cases where the plaintiffs have not made claims for specific dollar amounts, but the settlement may be significant. The ultimate resolution of these legal actions for which the potential loss could not be determined may materially affect the U.S. government's financial position or operating results.

A number of cases were filed in the U.S. Court of Federal Claims and U.S. District Courts in which the plaintiffs allege, among other things, that the U.S. government took their property, breached contractual rights of preferred and common stockholders, and breached fiduciary duties when the third amendments to the SPSPAs between Treasury and each GSE were executed in August 2012 (please refer to Note 9-Investments in Government-Sponsored Enterprises). One case also alleges that the U.S. government took plaintiffs' property and contractual rights when the GSEs were placed into conservatorship and entered into the SPSPAs with Treasury in September 2008. In the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the plaintiffs seek just compensation and other damages from the U.S. government. With respect to certain cases pending before the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the U.S. government's motion to dismiss was granted with respect to certain claims and denied with respect to certain other claims. The parties have appealed, and the appeals are still pending. In the U.S. District Courts, the plaintiffs seek to set aside the third amendments to the SPSPAs as well as damages, and in some cases a declaration that the FHFA's structure violates the separation of powers. A case in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas was dismissed by that District Court; and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed dismissal of all claims against Treasury but allowed one claim against FHFA to proceed. In June 2021, the Supreme Court dismissed the plaintiffs' claim that FHFA lacked statutory authority to enter into the Third Amendment, held that the FHFA director could be removed at will by the President, and held that the statutory limitation that the FHFA director can only be removed for cause is an unconstitutional violation of separation of powers but does not invalidate the third amendments. The Court also left open the possibility that the plaintiffs may be entitled to retrospective relief if the unconstitutional provision inflicted "compensable harm", and further proceedings are anticipated in the lower court. A case in the U.S. District Court for the District of Minnesota was dismissed, and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed in part and reversed in part. A case in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan was dismissed, and an appeal is pending. A case in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania remains in litigation, and a motion to dismiss is pending. Treasury is unable to determine the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome or an estimate of potential loss in these cases at this time.

#### **Insurance and Guarantees**

As discussed in Note 1.0—Insurance and Guarantee Program Liabilities, certain consolidation entities with significant insurance and guarantee programs apply FASB standards, while other insurance programs are accounted for in the consolidated financial statements pursuant to FASAB standards. Please refer to Note 17—Insurance and Guarantee Program Liabilities for insurance and guarantee liabilities and Note 14—Federal Employee and Veteran Benefits Payable for insurance related to federal employee and veteran benefits.

#### **Entities Reporting under FASB**

PBGC, FCSIC, and FDIC are the main contributing consolidation entities with significant insurance or guarantee programs that apply FASB standards. Insurance in-force estimates and a discussion on the PBGC coverage are disclosed to provide an understanding on the magnitude of the programs. Current conditions indicate it is unlikely that losses equal to the maximum risk exposure described below would be incurred.

PBGC insures pension benefits for participants in covered defined benefit pension plans. Under current law, PBGC's liabilities may be paid only from PBGC's assets. Accordingly, PBGC's liabilities are not backed by the full faith of the U.S. government. As of September 30, 2021, PBGC's single-employer and multiemployer pension insurance programs had \$150.7 billion and \$3.5 billion in total assets, respectively. In FY 2020, PBGC reported pension insurance program total assets for single-employer and multiemployer of \$143.5 billion and \$3.1 billion, respectively.

PBGC operates two separate pension insurance programs: a single-employer program and a multiemployer program. The single-employer program covered about 22.7 million people (excluding those in plans that PBGC has trusteed) in FY 2021, down from about 23.5 million people in FY 2020, and the maximum guaranteed annual benefit for participants who are in a plan that terminated in FY 2021 and commence benefits at age 65 is \$72,409. The maximum guaranteed benefit for single-employer plan participants varies with a number of factors such as the date of the sponsoring employer's bankruptcy and the age at which the participant commences benefits. The number of covered ongoing plans at the end of FY 2021 was about 23,900.

The multiemployer program covers about 10.9 million participants in about 1,360 insured plans and the maximum annual benefit is \$12,870 to a participant who worked for 30 years in jobs covered by the plan. The maximum benefit for multiemployer plan participants varies with covered service and would be lower if the participant worked less than 30 years and higher if the participant worked more than 30 years. On March 11, 2021 the President signed into law the ARP. The ARP established a new multiemployer SFA program resulting in a new source of financing from the General Fund. PBGC will receive appropriated SFA funds to disburse to multiemployer plans that meet certain criteria. Unlike traditional financial assistance where PBGC provided assistance to the multiemployer plans in the form of a loan, the new special financial assistance will be provided via a transfer (pass through of funds) with no obligation of repayment. Prior to enactment of the ARP, PBGC's multiemployer program was projected to become insolvent in FY 2026. By providing special financing

assistance to the most financially troubled multiemployer plans, ARP significantly extends the solvency of PGBC's multiemployer program. New projections show a median projected insolvency in FY 2055. Please refer to PBGC financial statements for additional information.

FCSIC insures the timely payment of principal and interest on Systemwide Debt Securities. Systemwide Debt Securities are not obligations of and are not guaranteed by the U.S. government. As stated in the Farm Credit *Quarterly Information Statement of the Farm Credit System*, outstanding Systemwide Debt Securities reported by the Farm Credit System Banks totaled \$329.0 billion and \$309.1 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020 respectively. The insurance provided by FCSIC is also not an obligation of and is not guaranteed by the U.S. government. Under current law, if FCSIC does not have sufficient funds to pay unpaid principal and interest on insured Systemwide Debt Securities, the Farm Credit System Banks will be required to make payments under joint and several liability. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, FCSIC reported an Insurance Fund balance of \$5.8 billion and \$5.4 billion, respectively.

FDIC insures bank and savings association deposits, which exposes FDIC to various risks. FDIC has estimated total insured deposits of \$9,577.1 billion and \$8,926.6 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020 respectively, for the DIF. The increase in insured deposits is due in part to the result of actions taken by monetary and fiscal authorities, and individuals, businesses, and financial market participants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic in FY 2020. Additional rounds of federal stimulus payments, and elevated personal savings contributed to the increase in insured deposits in FY 2021.

The government has guarantee contingencies that are reasonably possible in the amount of \$105.9 billion and \$185.6 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively.

PBGC reported \$105.7 billion and \$185.5 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively, for the estimated aggregate unfunded vested benefits exposure to PBGC for private-sector single-employer and multiemployer defined benefit pension plans that are classified with a reasonably possible exposure to loss. As of September 30, 2021, PBGC's estimate of its single-employer reasonably possible exposure decreased to \$105.4 billion.<sup>6</sup> The single-employer program contingencies decrease of \$70.8 billion is largely due to the positive investment results on plan assets during calendar year 2020 and the decline in the number of companies with lower than investment grade bond ratings and/or credit scores. PBGC's estimate of its multiemployer reasonably possible exposure decreased to \$0.3 billion in FY 2021. The \$9.0 billion decrease in the multiemployer program contingency exposure is primarily due to the removal of thirteen larger plans that are no longer classified as reasonably possible and the decline in the reasonably possible small plan bulk reserve due to adjustments made to account for the new SFA program.

FDIC reported \$0.2 billion and \$0.1 billion as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively for additional risk identified in the financial services industry that could result in additional loss to the DIF should potentially vulnerable insured institutions ultimately fail. Actual losses, if any, will largely depend on future economic and market conditions.

#### **Entities Reporting under FASAB**

The total amount of coverage provided by an insurer as of the end of the reporting period is referred to as insurance inforce. Insurance in-force represents the total amount of unexpired insurance arrangements for the corresponding program as of a given date. Insurance in-force is presented to provide the reader with a better understanding of the unexpired insurance arrangements that are not considered a liability. It is extremely unlikely that losses equal to the maximum risk exposure would be incurred. The table below shows the estimate of insurance in-force for consolidation entities with significant insurance programs that apply FASAB standards in accordance with SFFAS No. 51, *Insurance Programs*.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The estimate of the reasonably possible exposure to loss for the single-employer plans was measured as of December 31, 2020.

#### Insurance In-force as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Insurance In-force:		
Ginnie Mae - HUD	2,125.6	2,117.7
National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund - NCUA	1,600.0	1,400.0
National Flood Insurance Program - DHS	1,341.3	1,338.9
Federal Crop Insurance - USDA	150.0	127.0

Ginnie Mae insures MBS and commitments, which exposes Ginnie Mae to various risks. Ginnie Mae's MBS program guarantees the timely payment of principal and interest on securities backed by pools of mortgage loans insured by FHA, Public and Indian Housing, Rural Housing Service, and VA. Accordingly, Ginnie Mae's credit risk related to outstanding MBS is greatly mitigated by guarantees discussed in Note 4—Loans Receivable, Net and Loan Guarantee Liabilities.

NCUA operates and manages the NCUSIF, insuring the deposits of over 128.6 million account holders in all federal credit unions and the majority of state-chartered credit unions. The \$200.0 billion increase in the NCUSIF as of September 30, 2021 was primarily due to elevated savings rates, declining unemployment, rising wages, federal stimulus payments, and the continuation of various loan forbearance programs. NCUSIF insures the balance of each members' accounts, dollar-for-dollar, up to at least the standard maximum share insurance amount of \$250,000.

NFIP, managed by FEMA, is considered an exchange transaction insurance program and pays claims to policy holders who experience flood damage due to flooding within the NFIP rules and regulations. FEMA is authorized to secure reinsurance coverage from private reinsurance and capital markets to maintain the financial ability of the program to pay claims from major flooding events.

FEMA, a component of DHS, is authorized to borrow from Treasury up to \$30.4 billion to fund the payment of flood insurance claims and claims-related expenses of the NFIP. This authority is used only as needed to pay existing obligations for claims and expenses. Insurance premiums collected are used to pay insurance claims and to repay borrowings. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, FEMA had drawn from Treasury \$20.5 billion, leaving \$9.9 billion available to be borrowed. Premiums collected by FEMA for the NFIP based on subsidized rates are not sufficient to cover the debt repayments. Given the current premium rate structure, FEMA will not be able to generate sufficient resources from premiums to repay its debt.

The Federal Crop Insurance Program, administered by USDA's FCIC, is considered a short-duration exchange transaction insurance program. The crop insurance policies insure against unexpected declines in yield and/or price due to natural causes. There were approximately 1.2 million and 1.1 million crop insurance policies in force for crop years 2021, and 2020, respectively. The insurance policies are structured as a contract between Approved Insurance Providers and producers, with the FCIC providing reinsurance to Approved Insurance Providers. Crop insurance policies automatically renew each year unless producers cancel them by a published annual deadline. The insurance protection in force increased \$23.0 billion in crop year 2021 primarily due to higher crop prices, and the widespread drought which had a significant impact to projected losses for crops in the western states and the northern plains.

FCIC may request the Secretary of Agriculture to provide borrowing authority funds of the Commodity Credit Corporation if at any time the amounts in the insurance fund are insufficient to allow FCIC to carry out its duties. Even though the authority exists, FCIC did not request Commodity Credit Corporation funds in the reporting period. USDA has a permanent indefinite appropriation for the crop insurance program used to cover premium subsidy, delivery expenses, losses in excess of premiums, and research and delivery costs. FCIC has no outstanding borrowing as of September 30, 2021.

Please refer to the financial statements of the main contributing entities, HUD, NCUA, DHS, and USDA for additional information.

The *Terrorism Risk Insurance Act* of 2002, as amended, created TRIP, which requires participating insurers to make insurance available for losses resulting from certified acts of terrorism and provides a federal government backstop for the insurers' resulting financial exposure. This statute was enacted following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 to address disruptions in the market for terrorism risk insurance, to help ensure the continued availability and affordability of commercial property and casualty insurance for terrorism risk, and to allow for the private markets to stabilize and build insurance capacity to absorb any future losses for terrorism events. Most recently, the *Terrorism Risk Insurance Program Reauthorization Act* of 2019 authorized TRIP until December 31, 2027. The claims process under TRIP commences once the Secretary of the Treasury (in consultation with the Secretary of the DHS and the U.S. Attorney General) certifies an event as

an "act of terrorism." In the event of certification of an "act of terrorism" insurers may be eligible to receive reimbursement from the U.S. government for associated insured losses assuming an aggregate insured loss threshold ("Program Trigger") has been reached once a particular insurer has satisfied its designated deductible amount. For calendar years 2021 and 2020, the Program Trigger amount was \$200.0 million. The Program Trigger will remain at \$200.0 million each year through the expiration of TRIP in 2027. Insured losses above insurer deductibles will be shared between insurance companies and the U.S. government. TRIP includes both mandatory and discretionary authority for Treasury to recoup federal payments made under TRIP through policyholder surcharges under certain circumstances, and contains provisions designed to manage litigation arising from or relating to a certified "act of terrorism." There were no claims under TRIP as of September 30, 2021 or 2020.

#### **Other Contingencies**

DOT, HHS, Treasury, and SEC reported the following other contingencies:

FHWA has a reasonably possible contingency due to their authority to approve projects using advance construction under 23 U.S.C. § 115(a) and 23 CFR 630.701-630.709. FHWA does not guarantee the ultimate funding to the states for these "advance construction" projects and, accordingly, does not obligate any funds for these projects. The state may submit a written request to FHWA that a project be converted to a regular federal aid project at any time provided that sufficient federal aid funds and obligation authority are available. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, FHWA has \$68.8 billion and \$68.7 billion, respectively, of advanced construction authorizations that could be converted to federal obligations subject to the availability of funds. These authorizations have not been recognized in the DOT consolidated financial statements.

Contingent liabilities have been accrued as a result of Medicaid audit and program disallowances that are currently being appealed by the states. The Medicaid amounts are \$3.7 billion for fiscal years ending September 30, 2021, and 2020. The states could return the funds through payments to HHS, or HHS could recoup the funds by reducing future grant awards to the states. Conversely, if the appeals are decided in favor of the states, HHS will be required to pay these amounts. In addition, certain amounts for payment have been deferred under the Medicaid program when there is reasonable doubt as to the legitimacy of expenditures claimed by a state. There are also outstanding reviews of the state expenditures in which a final determination has not been made.

Treasury has a contingency for future draws by the GSEs. There were no probable future draws accrued as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, and the total amount of reasonably possible future draws is not estimable as of September 30, 2021. Refer to Note 9—Investments in Government-Sponsored Enterprises for additional information.

SEC's Division of Enforcement program, Office of the Whistleblower, rewards individuals who provide the entity with tips that lead to successful enforcement actions. SEC has accrued contingent liabilities of \$131.9 million and \$254.8 million as of September 30, 2021, and 2020 respectively, for whistleblower awards. The Investor Protection Fund provides funding for the payment of whistleblower awards as required by the *Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act* of 2010. Please refer to the SEC financial statements for additional information regarding whistleblower awards.

When a contingency originates from the U.S. government's involvement in a treaty or other international agreement, the responsible reporting entity must establish a contingent liability or include a required note disclosure to its financial statements in accordance with guidance in SFFAS No. 5. Refer to Note 21—Commitments for additional information concerning commitments related to treaties and other international agreements.

# **Note 23. Funds from Dedicated Collections**

### Funds from Dedicated Collections as of September 30, 2021

(In billions of dollars)	Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund (Combined)	Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund (Combined)	Federal Medicare Insurance Trust Funds (Part A, B, D) (Combined)	All Other Funds from Dedicated Collections (Combined)	Total Funds from Dedicated Collections (Combined) <sup>2</sup>	Funds from Dedicated Collections Eliminations	Total Funds from Dedicated Collections (Consolidated) <sup>3</sup>
Assets:							
Cash and other monetary assets	-	-	-	182.2	182.2	-	182.2
Accounts receivable, net	2.1	3.1	15.6	26.1	46.9	-	46.9
Loans receivable, net	-	-	-	2.3	2.3	-	2.3
Inventory and related property, net	-	-	-	1.5	1.5	-	1.5
General property, plant and equipment, net	-	-	0.3	36.8	37.1	-	37.1
Investments	-	-	-	35.3	35.3	-	35.3
Other assets <sup>4</sup>	-	-	67.0	30.5	97.5	-	97.5
Investments in Treasury securities, net of unamortized premiums/discounts	2,755.9	98.0	306.8	238.7	3,399.4	-	3,399.4
Other federal assets	16.6	0.7	233.1	290.1	540.5	(175.7)	364.8
Total assets	2,774.6	101.8	622.8	843.5	4,342.7	(175.7)	4,167.0
Liabilities and net position:							
Accounts payable	-	-	0.1	5.0	5.1	-	5.1
Federal employee and veteran benefits payable	-	-	-	7.0	7.0	-	7.0
Environmental and disposal liabilities	-	-	-	26.1	26.1	-	26.1
Benefits due and payable .	87.4	20.5	79.8	17.6	205.3	-	205.3
Insurance and guarantee program liabilities	-	-	-	3.5	3.5	-	3.5
Other liabilities <sup>4</sup>	-	-	0.8	266.1	266.9	-	266.9
Federal liabilities	6.2	0.8	132.2	202.8	342.0	(175.7)	166.3
Total liabilities	93.6	21.3	212.9	528.1	855.9	(175.7)	680.2

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Funds from Dedicated Collections as of September 30, 2021, continued <sup>1</sup>								
(In billions of dollars)	Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund (Combined)	Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund (Combined)	Federal Medicare Insurance Trust Funds (Part A, B, D) (Combined)	All Other Funds from Dedicated Collections (Combined)	Total Funds from Dedicated Collections (Combined) <sup>2</sup>	Funds from Dedicated Collections Eliminations	Total Funds from Dedicated Collections (Consolidated) <sup>3</sup>	
Net position:								
Total net position	2,681.0	80.5	409.9	315.4	3,486.8		3,486.8	
Total liabilities and net position	2,774.6	101.8	622.8	843.5	4,342.7	(175.7)	4,167.0	
Change in net position:								
Net position, beginning of period	2,741.0	78.6	364.9	289.9	3,474.4	-	3,474.4	
Adjustments to beginning net position								
Beginning net position, adjusted	2,741.0	78.6	364.9	289.9	3,474.4	-	3,474.4	
Individual income taxes and tax withholdings	831.1	141.2	302.0	-	1,274.3	-	1,274.3	
Other taxes and miscellaneous earned revenue	-	-	(0.8)	124.6	123.8	-	123.8	
Other changes in fund balance (e.g., appropriations, transfers)	26.8	(1.9)	468.5	200.3	693.7	-	693.7	
Federal non-exchange revenue	69.0	2.7	6.1	28.3	106.1	-	106.1	
Total financing sources	926.9	142.0	775.8	353.2	2,197.9	-	2,197.9	
Program gross costs and non-program expenses	986.9	140.1	853.4	402.9	2,383.3	(1.5)	2,381.8	
Less: program revenue	-		(122.6)	(75.2)	(197.8)	1.5	(196.3)	
Net cost	986.9	140.1	730.8	327.7	2,185.5	-	2,185.5	
Ending net position	2,681.0	80.5	409.9	315.4	3,486.8		3,486.8	

<sup>1</sup>By law, certain expenses (costs), revenues, and other financing sources related to the administration of the above funds are not charged to the funds and are therefore financed and/or credited to other sources.

<sup>2</sup>The combined presentation does not eliminate intra-entity balances or transactions between funds from dedicated collections held by the entity.

<sup>3</sup>The consolidated dedicated collections presentation eliminates balances and transactions between funds from dedicated collections held by the entity, but does not eliminate balances or transactions between funds from dedicated collections and funds from other than dedicated collections.

<sup>4</sup>Other assets and other liabilities include multiple line items on the Balance Sheet.

Funds from Dedicated Collections as of September 30, 2020								
(In billions of dollars)	Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund (Combined)	Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund (Combined)	Federal Medicare Insurance Trust Funds (Part A, B, D) (Combined)	All Other Funds from Dedicated Collections (Combined)	Total Funds from Dedicated Collections (Combined) <sup>2</sup>	Funds from Dedicated Collections Eliminations	Total Funds from Dedicated Collections (Consolidated) <sup>3</sup>	
Assets:								
Cash and other monetary assets	-	-	-	69.9	69.9	-	69.9	
Accounts receivable, net	2.1	3.3	12.3	22.4	40.1	-	40.1	
Loans receivable, net	-	-	-	2.7	2.7	-	2.7	
Inventory and related property, net	-	-	-	1.6	1.6	-	1.6	
General property, plant and equipment, net	-	-	0.2	35.5	35.7	-	35.7	
Investments	-	-	-	41.9	41.9	-	41.9	
Other assets <sup>4</sup>	-	-	103.6	28.0	131.6	-	131.6	
Investments in Treasury securities, net of unamortized premiums/discounts	2,811.2	97.2	221.2	197.9	3,327.5	-	3,327.5	
Other federal assets	17.7	0.5	183.5	272.0	473.7	(159.9)	313.8	
Total assets	2,831.0	101.0	520.8	671.9	4,124.7	(159.9)	3,964.8	
Liabilities and net position:								
Accounts payable	-	-	0.1	6.8	6.9	-	6.9	
Federal employee and veteran benefits payable	-	-	-	2.8	2.8	-	2.8	
Environmental and disposal liabilities	-	-	-	25.9	25.9	-	25.9	
Benefits due and payable .	83.7	21.4	70.1	13.5	188.7	-	188.7	
Insurance and guarantee program liabilities	-	-	-	9.0	9.0	-	9.0	
Other liabilities <sup>4</sup>	-	-	0.5	152.2	152.7	-	152.7	
Federal liabilities	6.3	1.0	85.2	171.8	264.3	(159.9)	104.4	
Total liabilities	90.0	22.4	155.9	382.0	650.3	(159.9)	490.4	

Funds from Dedica	ited Collec	tions as of	Septembe	r 30, 2020, d	continued <sup>1</sup>		
(In billions of dollars)	Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund (Combined)	Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund (Combined)	Federal Medicare Insurance Trust Funds (Part A, B, D) (Combined)	All Other Funds from Dedicated Collections (Combined)	Total Funds from Dedicated Collections (Combined) <sup>2</sup>	Funds from Dedicated Collections Eliminations	Total Funds from Dedicated Collections (Consolidated) <sup>3</sup>
Net position:							
Total net position	2,741.0	78.6	364.9	289.9	3,474.4	-	3,474.4
Total liabilities and net position	2,831.0	101.0	520.8	671.9	4,124.7	(159.9)	3,964.8
Change in net position:							
Net position, beginning of period	2,740.2	78.6	297.9	387.9	3,504.6	12.5	3,517.1
Adjustments to beginning net position							
Changes in accounting principle	-	-	-	-	-	(12.5)	(12.5)
Beginning net position, adjusted	2,740.2	78.6	297.9	387.9	3,504.6	-	3,504.6
Individual income taxes and tax withholdings	841.7	142.9	299.1	0.1	1,283.8	-	1,283.8
Other taxes and miscellaneous earned revenue	-	0.1	(1.3)	107.0	105.8	-	105.8
Other changes in fund balance (e.g., appropriations, transfers)	29.5	(1.0)	429.6	98.0	556.1	(0.5)	555.6
Federal non-exchange revenue	74.6	2.8	2.1	28.2	107.7	-	107.7
Total financing sources	945.8	144.8	729.5	233.3	2,053.4	(0.5)	2,052.9
Program gross costs and non-program expenses	945.0	144.8	779.8	392.5	2,262.1	0.4	2,262.5
Less: program revenue	-	-	117.3	61.2	178.5	0.9	179.4
Net cost	945.0	144.8	662.5	331.3	2,083.6	(0.5)	2,083.1
Ending net position	2,741.0	78.6	364.9	289.9	3,474.4	-	3,474.4

<sup>1</sup>By law, certain expenses (costs), revenues, and other financing sources related to the administration of the above funds are not charged to the funds and are therefore financed and/or credited to other sources.

<sup>2</sup>The combined presentation does not eliminate intra-entity balances or transactions between funds from dedicated collections held by the entity.

<sup>3</sup>The consolidated dedicated collections presentation eliminates balances and transactions between funds from dedicated collections held by the entity, but does not eliminate balances or transactions between funds from dedicated collections and funds from other than dedicated collections.

<sup>4</sup>Other assets and other liabilities include multiple line items on the Balance Sheet.

Generally, funds from dedicated collections are financed by specifically identified revenues, often supplemented by other financing sources, provided to the government by non-federal sources, which remain available over time. These specifically identified revenues and other financing sources are required by statute to be used for designated activities, benefits, or purposes and must be accounted for separately from the government's general revenues. Funds from dedicated collections generally include trust funds, public enterprise revolving funds (not including credit reform financing funds), and special funds. Funds from dedicated collections specifically exclude any fund established to account for pensions, ORB, OPEB, or other benefits provided for federal employees (civilian and military). In the federal budget, the term "trust fund" means only that the law requires a particular fund to be accounted for separately, used only for a specified purpose, and designated as a trust fund. A change in law may change the future receipts and the terms under which the fund's resources are spent. In the private sector, trust fund refers to funds of one party held and managed by a second party (the trustee) in a fiduciary capacity. The activity of funds from dedicated collections differs from fiduciary activities primarily in that assets within funds from dedicated collections are government-owned. For additional information related to fiduciary activities, see Note 24—Fiduciary Activities.

Public enterprise revolving funds include expenditure accounts authorized by law to be credited with offsetting collections, mostly from the public, that are generated by and dedicated to finance a continuing cycle of business-type operations. Some of the financing for these funds may be from appropriations.

Special funds are federal funds dedicated by law for a specific purpose. Special funds include the special fund receipt account and the special fund expenditure account.

Total assets represent the unexpended balance from all sources of receipts and amounts due to the funds from dedicated collections, regardless of source, including related governmental transactions. These are transactions between two different entities within the government or intradepartmental (for example, monies received by one entity of the government from another entity of the government).

The federal assets are comprised of fund balances with Treasury, investments in Treasury securities—including unamortized amounts, and other assets that include the related accrued interest receivable on federal investments. These amounts were excluded in preparing the principal financial statements. The non-federal assets include activity with individuals and organizations outside of the government.

Most of the assets within funds from dedicated collections are invested in intra-governmental debt holdings. The government does not set aside assets to pay future benefits or other expenditures associated with funds from dedicated collections. The cash receipts collected from the public for funds from dedicated collections are deposited in the General Fund, which uses the cash for general government purposes. Treasury securities are issued to federal entities as evidence of its receipts. Treasury securities are an asset to the federal entities and a liability to Treasury and, therefore, they do not represent an asset or a liability in the *Financial Report*. These securities require redemption if a fund's disbursements exceeds its receipts. Redeeming these securities will increase the government's financing needs and require more borrowing from the public (or less repayment of debt), or will result in higher taxes than otherwise would have been needed, or less spending on other programs than otherwise would have occurred, or some combination thereof. See Note 13—Federal Debt and Interest Payable for additional information related to the investments in federal debt securities.

Below is a description of the major funds from dedicated collections, which also identifies the government entities that administer each particular fund. For additional information regarding funds from dedicated collections, please refer to the financial statements of the corresponding administering entities. For additional information on the benefits due and payable liability associated with certain funds from dedicated collections, see Note 16—Benefits Due and Payable.

# Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund

The OASI Trust Fund, administered by SSA, provides retirement and survivors benefits to qualified workers and their families.

Payroll and self-employment taxes primarily fund the OASI Trust Fund. Interest earnings on Treasury securities, federal entities' payments for the Social Security benefits earned by military and federal civilian employees, and Treasury payments for a portion of income taxes collected on Social Security benefits provide the fund with additional income. The law establishing the OASI Trust Fund and authorizing the depositing of amounts to the credit of the fund is set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 401.

# Federal Disability Insurance Trust Fund

The DI Trust Fund, administered by SSA, provides assistance and protection against the loss of earnings due to a wage earner's disability in form of monetary payments.

Like the OASI Trust Fund, payroll taxes primarily fund the DI Trust Fund. The fund also receives income from interest earnings on Treasury securities, federal entities' payments for the Social Security benefits earned by military and federal civilian employees, and Treasury payments for a portion of income taxes collected on Social Security benefits. The law establishing the DI Trust Fund and authorizing the depositing of amounts to the credit of the fund is set forth in 42 U.S.C. § 401.

# **Federal Medicare Insurance Trust Funds** (Medicare Parts A, B and D)

The HI Trust Fund, administered by HHS, finances Medicare Part A. This program funds the cost of inpatient hospital and related care for individuals age 65 or older who meet certain insured status requirements and individuals younger than age 65 with certain disabilities.

The HI Trust Fund is financed primarily by payroll taxes, including those paid by federal entities. It also receives income from interest earnings on Treasury securities, a portion of income taxes collected on Social Security benefits, premiums paid by, or on behalf of, aged uninsured beneficiaries, and receipts from fraud and abuse control activities. Section 1817 of the Social Security Act established the Medicare Hospital Trust Fund.

The SMI Trust Fund, administered by HHS, finances the Medicare Part B and the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program (Medicare Part D). These programs provide SMI benefits for enrolled eligible participants to cover physician and outpatient services not covered by Medicare Part A and to obtain qualified prescription drug coverage, respectively. Medicare Part B financing is not based on payroll taxes; it is primarily based on monthly premiums, income from the General Fund, and interest earnings on Treasury securities. The Medicare SMI Trust Fund was established by Section 1841 of the Social Security Act.

Medicare Part D was created by the Medicare Modernization Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-173). Medicare Part D financing is similar to Part B; it is primarily based on monthly premiums and income from the General Fund, not on payroll taxes. The fund also receives transfers from states.

# All Other Funds from Dedicated Collections

The government is responsible for the management of numerous funds from dedicated collections that serve a wide variety of purposes. The funds from dedicated collections presented on an individual basis in the above tables represent the majority of the government's net position attributable to funds from dedicated collections. All other activity attributable to funds from dedicated collections is aggregated in accordance with SFFAS No. 27, Identifying and Reporting Funds from Dedicated Collections, as amended by SFFAS No. 43, Funds from Dedicated Collections: Amending Statement of Federal Financial Accounting Standards 27, Identifying and Reporting Earmarked Funds. The majority entities with funds from dedicated collections within the "all other" aggregate, include the following:

DOT	٠	RRB
DOC	٠	DOE
DOI	•	HUD
Treasury	٠	DOJ
	DOC DOI	DOC • DOI •

DOD

In accordance with SFFAS No. 43, any funds established to account for pension, other retirement, or OPEB to civilian or military personnel are excluded from the reporting requirements related to funds from dedicated collections.

The U.S. government elected to implement a change in accounting principle in FY 2020. SFFAS No. 27 allows disclosure of funds from dedicated collections amounts to be shown combined or consolidated. In FY 2019 the funds from dedicated collections disclosure used the combined method. In FY 2020 funds from dedicated collections amounts are

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reported as consolidated as shown in the table above and on Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Position. This change in accounting principle increased funds from dedicated collections eliminations by \$12.5 billion and decreased funds from dedicated collections beginning net position by \$12.5 billion.

# **Note 24. Fiduciary Activities**

Fiduciary activities are the collection or receipt, and the management, protection, accounting, investment and disposition by the government of cash or other assets in which non-federal individuals or entities have an ownership interest that the government must uphold. Fiduciary cash and other assets are not assets of the government and are not recognized on the consolidated Balance Sheet. The government's fiduciary activities include the TSP, which is administered by the FRTIB, and the Indian Tribal and individual Indian Trust Funds, which are administered by the DOI.

#### Schedule of Fiduciary Net Assets as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

(In billions of dollars)	2021	2020
Thrift Savings Plan	784.2	661.9
Department of the Interior	6.4	5.9
All other	6.0	6.2
Total fiduciary net assets	796.6	674.0

In accordance with the requirements of SFFAS No. 31, *Accounting for Fiduciary Activities*, fiduciary investments in Treasury securities and fund balance with Treasury held by fiduciary funds are to be recognized on the Balance Sheet as federal debt and interest payable and a liability for fiduciary fund balance with Treasury, respectively.

As of September 30, 2021, total fiduciary investments in Treasury securities and in non-Treasury securities are \$119.8 billion and \$507.8 billion, respectively. As of September 30, 2020, total fiduciary investments in Treasury securities and in non-Treasury securities were \$292.1 billion and \$394.4 billion, respectively. The decrease in Treasury securities relates to the delay in raising the statutory debt limit that was ongoing as of September 30, 2021. See the Thrift Savings Plan section below. Refer to Note 13—Federal Debt and Interest Payable for more information on Treasury securities.

As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, the total fiduciary fund balance with Treasury is \$3.4 billion and \$2.6 billion, respectively. A liability for this fiduciary fund balance with Treasury is reflected as other miscellaneous liabilities in Note 19—Other Liabilities.

As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, collectively, the fiduciary investments in Treasury securities and fiduciary fund balance with Treasury held by all government entities represent \$164.2 billion and \$7.5 billion, respectively, of unrestricted cash included within cash held by Treasury for government-wide operations shown in Note 2—Cash and Other Monetary Assets. This increase relates to the delay in raising the statutory debt limit that was ongoing as of September 30, 2021. See the Thrift Savings Plan section below.

# Thrift Savings Plan

The TSF maintains and holds in trust the assets of the TSP. The TSP is administered by an independent government entity, the FRTIB, which is charged with operating the TSP prudently and solely in the interest of the participants and their beneficiaries.

The TSP is a retirement savings and investment plan for federal employees and members of the uniformed services. It was authorized by the U.S. Congress in the *Federal Employees' Retirement System Act of 1986*. The plan provides federal employees and members of the uniformed services with a savings and tax benefit similar to what many private sector employers offer their employees under 401(k) plans. This includes two fixed income funds, three stock funds and ten lifecycle funds. The plan was primarily designed to be a key part of the retirement package (along with a basic annuity benefit and Social Security) for employees who are covered by FERS.

As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, the TSP held \$784.2 billion and \$661.9 billion, respectively, in net assets, which included \$116.1 billion and \$287.1 billion, respectively, of nonmarketable Treasury securities. The TSF combines the net assets of the TSP and the FRTIB in its financial statements. Only the TSP net assets of the TSF financial statements are disclosed in this note. The most recent audited financial statements for the TSF are as of December 31, 2020, and 2019. For

additional information about FRTIB, the TSP and the investment options of the TSP, please refer to the FRTIB website at <u>https://www.frtib.gov</u>.

A delay in raising the statutory debt limit existed as of September 30, 2021. When delays in raising the statutory debt limit occur, Treasury often must deviate from its normal debt management operations and take a number of extraordinary measures consistent with relevant laws and regulations to meet the government's obligations as they come due without exceeding the debt limit. Many extraordinary measures taken by Treasury during the period August 2, 2021 through September 30, 2021 resulted in federal debt securities not being issued to certain federal government accounts. As reported in Note 19, as a result of Treasury securities not being issued to the TSP's G Fund, Treasury reported other liabilities in the amount of \$157.0 billion that represent uninvested principal and related interest for TSP's G Fund that would have been reported as federal debt securities had there not been a delay in raising the statutory debt limit as of September 30, 2021, and had the securities been issued.

On October 14, 2021, P. L. 117-50 was enacted which raised the statutory debt limit by \$480.0 billion, from \$28,401.5 billion to \$28,881.5 billion. Even with this increase, extraordinary measures continued in order for Treasury to manage below the debt limit. On December 16, 2021, P.L. 117-73 was enacted, raising the debt limit by \$2.5 trillion from \$28,881.5 billion to \$31,381.5 billion. On this date, Treasury discontinued its use of extraordinary measures and resumed normal debt management operations.

# **Department of Interior–Indian Trust Funds**

As stated above, DOI has responsibility for the assets held in trust on behalf of American Indian Tribes and individuals. DOI maintains accounts for Tribal and Other Trust Funds (including the Alaska Native Escrow Fund) and IIM Trust Funds in accordance with the American Indian Trust Fund Management Reform Act of 1994. The fiduciary balances that have accumulated in these funds have resulted from land use agreements, royalties on natural resource depletion, other proceeds derived directly from trust resources, judgment awards, settlements of claims, and investment income. These funds are maintained by the BTFA (formerly the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians). Indian trust assets, including Tribal and Other Trust Funds and IIM Trust Funds, are primarily managed under the delegated authority of BTFA and BIA. Management of Indian trust assets on behalf of the trust beneficiaries is dependent upon the processing of trust-related transactions within certain information systems of the department, including but not limited to BTFA, BIA, ONRR, and other departmental bureaus and offices. BIA and other departmental bureaus and offices are responsible for managing the natural resources located within the boundaries of Indian reservations and trust lands, as well as the processing of data regarding the ownership and leasing of Indian lands. The allocation of receipts and disbursements by BTFA to trust beneficiaries are significantly dependent and reliant upon the receipt of timely and accurate information derived from records maintained by BIA, ONRR, and other departmental bureaus and offices. DOI maintains separate financial statements for these trust funds, which are prepared using a cash or modified cash basis of accounting, a comprehensive basis of accounting other than GAAP. The independent auditors' reports on the Tribal and Other Trust Funds were qualified as it was not practical to extend audit procedures sufficiently to satisfy themselves as to the fairness of the trust fund balances. The IIM Trust Funds received an unmodified opinion from the auditors. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, the DOI held \$6.4 billion and \$5.9 billion, respectively, in net assets. For additional information related to these assets, please refer to the DOI website at https://www.doi.gov.

# All Other Entities with Fiduciary Activities

The government is responsible for the management of other fiduciary net assets on behalf of various non-federal entities. The entities presented individually in the table on the previous page represent the vast majority of the government's fiduciary net assets. All other component entities with fiduciary net assets are aggregated in accordance with SFFAS No. 31. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, including TSP and DOI, there are a total of 20 federal entities with fiduciary activities at a grand total of 67 fiduciary funds. SBA and DOD are the largest entities relating to the fiduciary activities of the remaining entities within the "all other" aggregate balance. As of September 30, 2021, "all other" fiduciary net assets were \$6.0 billion, compared to \$6.2 billion as of September 30, 2020.

# Note 25. Social Insurance

SOSI presents the projected actuarial PV of the estimated future revenue and estimated future expenditures of the Social Security, Medicare, Railroad Retirement, and Black Lung social insurance programs which are administered by the SSA, HHS, RRB, and DOL, respectively. Social Security and Medicare projections are based on current law and the Social Security and Medicare trustees' intermediate set of assumptions, except that the projections assume full Social Security and Medicare Part A benefits are paid after fund depletion contrary to current law. The projections in the 2021 Trustees' Report are the first to include the Trustees best estimates of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing recession on the Social Security and Medicare Projections. It should be noted that there is an unusually large degree of uncertainty with these covid-related impacts and that future projections could change significantly as more information becomes available.

Contributions consist of: payroll, income, and excise taxes, premiums from, and state transfers on behalf of, participants in Medicare, and miscellaneous reimbursements from the General Fund. Generally, beneficiaries finance the remainder of Parts B and D costs via monthly premiums to these programs. With the introduction of Part D drug coverage, Medicaid is no longer the primary payer of drug costs for full-benefit dually eligible beneficiaries of Medicare and Medicaid. For those beneficiaries, states are subject to a contribution requirement and must pay a portion of their estimated foregone drug costs into the Part D account (referred to as state transfers). By accounting convention, the General Fund transfers are eliminated in the consolidation of the SOSI at the government-wide level. These General Fund transfers that are used to finance Medicare Parts B and D are also shown as eliminations on these calculations. For the FYs 2021 and 2020, the amounts eliminated totaled \$43.2 trillion and \$40.9 trillion, respectively.

The SOSI also includes projected general revenues that, under current law, would be used to finance the remainder of the expenditures in excess of revenues for Medicare Parts B and D that is reported in the SOSI. Expenditures include benefit payments scheduled under current law and administrative expenses. Current Social Security and Medicare Part A law provides for full benefit payments only to the extent that there are sufficient balances in the trust funds. Social insurance programs utilize "trust funds" to account for dedicated collections held for later use to accomplish the program's purpose. Expenditures reflect full benefit payments even after the point at which trust fund asset reserves are projected to be depleted. Refer to the unaudited RSI–Social Insurance section for additional information on Social Security, Medicare, Railroad Retirement, and Black Lung program financing and SSA's, HHS's, RRB's, and DOL's financial statements.

The estimates in the consolidated SOSI of the open group measures are for persons who are participants or eventually will participate in the programs as contributors (workers) or beneficiaries (retired workers, survivors, dependents, and disabled) during the 75-year projection period. The closed group comprises only current participants which are those who have attained age 15 at the start of the projection period. Actuarial PV of estimated future income (excluding interest) and estimated future expenditures for the Social Security and Medicare social insurance programs are presented for three different groups of participants: 1) current participants who have not yet attained eligibility age; 2) current participants who have attained eligibility age; and 3) new entrants, who are expected to become participants in the future. Current participants in the Social Security and Medicare programs are the "closed group" of taxpayers and/or beneficiaries who are at least age 15 years at the start of the projection period. Future participants for Social Security and Medicare include births during the projection period and individuals below age 15 as of January 1 of the valuation year. Railroad Retirement's future participants are the projected new entrants as of October 1 of the valuation year.

The trust fund balances as of the valuation date for the respective programs, including interest earned, are shown in the table below.<sup>7</sup> The PV of estimated future expenditures in excess of estimated future revenue are calculated by subtracting the actuarial PV of future scheduled contributions as well as dedicated tax income by and on behalf of current and future participants from the actuarial PV of the future scheduled benefit payments to them or on their behalf. To determine a program's funding shortfall over any given period of time, the starting trust fund balance is subtracted from the PV of expenditures in excess of revenues over the period. The portion of each trust fund not required to pay benefits and administrative costs is invested, on a daily basis, in interest-bearing obligations of the U.S. government. The *Social Security Act* authorizes the issuance by Treasury of special nonmarketable, intra-governmental debt obligations for purchase exclusively by the trust funds. Although the special issues cannot be bought or sold in the open market, they are redeemable at any time at face value and thus bear no risk of fluctuation in principal value due to changes in market yield rates. Interest on the bonds is credited to the trust funds and becomes an asset to the funds and a liability to the General Fund. These Treasury securities and related interest are eliminated in consolidation at the government-wide level. For additional information, see Note 23—Funds from Dedicated Collections.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Trust fund balances for the Railroad Retirement and Black Lung programs are not included, as these balances are less than \$50.0 billion.

Social Insurance Programs Trust Fund Balances								
(In trillions of dollars)	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017			
Social Security	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.8			
Medicare	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3			
<sup>1</sup> As of the valuation date of the respective programs.								

## Medicare – Illustrative Alternative Scenario

The financial projections for the Medicare program reflect substantial, but very uncertain, cost savings deriving from specific provisions of the PPACA and the MACRA that lowered increases in Medicare payment rates to most categories of health care providers. Certain features of current law may result in some challenges for the Medicare program including physician payments, payment rate updates for most non-physician categories, and productivity adjustments. For those providers affected by the productivity adjustments and the specified updates to physician payments, sustaining the price reductions will be challenging, as the best available evidence indicates that most providers cannot improve their productivity to this degree for a prolonged period given the labor-intensive nature of these services and that physician costs will grow at a faster rate than the specified updates. As a result, actual Medicare expenditures are highly uncertain for reasons apart for the inherent difficultly in projecting health care cost growth over time. Please refer to the unaudited RSI—Social Insurance and HHS financial statements for additional information.

To help illustrate and quantify the potential magnitude of the cost understatement, the Trustees asked the Office of the Actuary at CMS to prepare the following illustrative Medicare Trust Fund projections under a hypothetical alternative. This scenario illustrates the impact that would occur if the payment updates that are affected by the productivity adjustments were to gradually transition from current law to the payment updates assumed for private health plans, the physician updates transition to the Medicare Economic Index, and the 5.0 percent bonuses paid to qualified physicians in advance APM did not expire. The extent to which actual future Part A and Part B costs exceed the projected amounts due to changes to the productivity adjustments and physician updates depends on what specific changes might be legislated and whether Congress would pass further provisions to help offset such costs. This alternative was developed for illustrative purposes only and the calculations have not been audited.

Medicare Present Values (In trillions) (Una	udited)	
	2021 Consolidated	Illustrative
	SOSI	Alternative
	Current Law	Scenario <sup>1, 2</sup>
Income:		
Part A	26.7	26.8
Part B <sup>3</sup>	14.5	16.3
Part D₄	3.2	3.2
Total income	44.4	46.3
Expenditures:		
Part A	31.7	37.3
Part B	50.0	56.2
Part D	10.9	10.9
Total expenditures	92.6	104.4
Income less expenditures:		
Part A	(5.0)	(10.5)
Part B	(35.5)	(39.9)
Part D	(7.7)	(7.7)
Excess of expenditures over income	(48.2)	(58.1)

<sup>1</sup>These amounts are not presented in the 2021 Trustees' Report.

<sup>2</sup>At the request of the Trustees, the Office of the Actuary at CMS has prepared an illustrative set of Medicare Trust Fund projections that differ from current law. No endorsement of the illustrative alternative to current law by the Trustees, CMS, or the Office of the Actuary should be inferred.

<sup>3</sup>Excludes \$35.5 trillion and \$39.9 trillion of General Revenue Contributions from the 2021 Consolidated SOSI Current Law projection and the Illustrative Alternative Scenario's projection, respectively; i.e., to reflect Part B income on a consolidated government-wide basis.

<sup>4</sup>Excludes \$7.7 trillion of General Revenue Contributions from both the 2021 Consolidated SOSI Current Law projection and the Illustrative Alternative projection; i.e., to reflect Part D income on a consolidated government-wide basis.

## **Demographic and Economic Assumptions**

## Social Security and Medicare – Demographic and Economic Assumptions

	Demographic Assumptions								
	2021	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080	2090	<b>2100</b> <sup>13</sup>
Total Fertility Rate <sup>1</sup>	1.5	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Age-Sex Adjusted Death Rate <sup>2</sup>	908.3	741.5	683.0	630.3	583.7	542.3	505.5	472.7	443.3
Net Annual Immigration <sup>3</sup>	680	1,339	1,288	1,256	1,240	1,229	1,222	1,218	1,216
Period Life Expectancy at Birth - Male <sup>4</sup>	74.6	77.0	78.1	79.2	80.2	81.1	82.0	82.8	83.6
Period Life Expectancy at Birth- Female⁴	79.9	82.0	82.9	83.8	84.6	85.4	86.1	86.7	87.4

	Economic Assumptions (percent change)								
	2021	2030	2040	2050	2060	2070	2080	2090	<b>2100</b> <sup>13</sup>
Real Wage Differential⁵	3.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.2
Wages <sup>6</sup>	6.2	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.6
CPI <sup>7</sup>	3.1	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.4
Real GDP <sup>®</sup>	4.4	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.0	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.0
Total Employment <sup>®</sup>	2.7	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.4
Avg. Annual Interest Rate (percent) <sup>10</sup>	1.5	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7	4.7
Real Interest Rate (percent) <sup>11</sup>	(2.0)	2.2	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	-
Per Beneficiary Cost - HI12	8.2	3.6	4.2	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.5	3.4	-
Per Beneficiary Cost - SMI Part B <sup>12</sup>	13.1 <sup>14</sup>	5.0	4.5	3.8	3.8	3.5	3.7	3.7	-
Per Beneficiary Cost - SMI Part D <sup>12</sup>	(0.2) 15	4.3	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.0	4.1	4.2	-

<sup>1</sup>Average number of children per woman.

<sup>2</sup>The age-sex-adjusted death rate per 100,000 that would occur in the enumerated population as of April 1, 2010, if that population were to experience the death rates by age and sex observed in, or assumed for, the selected year.

<sup>3</sup>Includes lawful immigration, net of immigration, as well as other, non-legal, immigration per thousand of persons.

<sup>4</sup>Summary measure of average number of years expected prior to death for a person born on January 1 in that year, using the mortality rates for that year over the course of his or her remaining life. (Social Security)

<sup>5</sup>Difference between percentage increases in wages and the CPI.

<sup>6</sup>Average annual wage in covered employment.

<sup>7</sup>CPI represents a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed group of goods and services.

<sup>8</sup>Total dollar value of all goods and services produced in the U.S., adjusted to remove the impact of assumed inflation growth.

<sup>9</sup>Summary measure of total U.S. military and civilian employment. (Social Security)

<sup>10</sup>The average of the nominal interest rates, compounded semi-annually, for special public-debt obligations issuable monthly.

<sup>11</sup>Average rate of interest earned on new trust fund securities, above and beyond rate of inflation. (Medicare)

<sup>12</sup>These increases reflect the overall impact of more detailed assumptions that are made for each of the different types of service provided by the Medicare program. These assumptions include changes in the payment rates, utilization, and intensity of each type of service. (Medicare)

<sup>13</sup>The valuation period used for the 2021 Statement of Social Insurance extends to 2095 (Social Security). Medicare did not report assumptions for 2100.

<sup>14</sup>Reflects the assumed return of healthcare services that were reduced or deferred in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

<sup>15</sup>Part D cost growth is projected to be negative in 2021 mainly due to higher assumed direct and indirect remuneration.

The Boards of Trustees<sup>8</sup> of the Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds provide in their annual reports to Congress short-range (10-year) and long-range (75-year) actuarial estimates of each trust fund. Significant uncertainty surrounds the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> The boards are composed of six members. Four members serve by virtue of their positions in the federal government: the Secretary of the Treasury, who is the Managing Trustee; the Secretary of Labor; the Secretary of HHS; and the Commissioner of Social Security. The President appoints and the Senate confirms the other two members to serve as public representatives. These two positions are currently vacant.

estimates, especially for a period as long as 75 years. To illustrate the range of uncertainty, the Trustees use three alternative scenarios (low-cost, intermediate, and high-cost) that use specific assumptions. These assumptions include fertility rates, rates of change in mortality, LPR and other than LPR immigration levels, emigration levels, changes in real GDP, changes in the CPI, changes in average real wages, unemployment rates, trust fund real yield rates, and disability incidence and recovery rates. The assumptions used for the most recent set of projections shown above in the Social Security and Medicare demographic and economic assumption table are generally referred to as the "intermediate assumptions," and reflect the Trustees reasonable estimate of expected future experience. For additional information on Social Security and Medicare demographic and economic assumptions, refer to SSA's and HHS's financial statements.

The RRB's estimated future revenues and expenditures reflected in the SOSI are based on various economic, employment, and other actuarial assumptions, and assume that the program will continue as presently constructed. For further details on actuarial assumptions related to the program and how these assumptions affect amounts presented on the SOSI and SCSIA, consult the Technical Supplement to the 28th Actuarial Valuation of the Assets and Liabilities Under the Railroad Retirement Acts as of December 31, 2019 and RRB's financial statements.

The BLDBP significant assumptions used in the projections are the coal excise tax revenue estimates, the tax rate structure, the number of beneficiaries, life expectancy, federal civilian pay raises, medical cost inflation, and the interest rates used to discount future cash flows.

# Statement of Changes in Social Insurance Amounts

The SCSIA reconciles the change (between the current valuation and the prior valuation) in the PV of estimated future revenue less estimated future expenditures for current and future participants (the open group measure) over the next 75 years (except Black Lung which has a rolling 25-year projection period through September 30, 2046). The reconciliation identifies several components of the changes that are significant and provides reasons for the changes. The following disclosures relate to the SCSIA including the reasons for the components of the changes in the open group measure during the reporting period for the government's social insurance programs.

All estimates relating to the Social Security and Medicare Programs in the SCSIA represent values that are incremental to the prior change. In general, an increase in the PV of net cash flows represents a positive change (improving financing), while a decrease in the PV of net cash flows represents a negative change (worsening financing). For additional information regarding the estimates used to prepare the SCSIA, see SSA's, HHS'S, RRB's, and DOL's financial statements.

#### Assumptions Used for the Components of the Changes

The PV included in the SCSIA are for the current and prior years and are based on various economic as well as demographic assumptions used for the intermediate assumptions in the Social Security and Medicare Trustees' Report for these years. The Social Security and Medicare – Demographic and Economic Assumptions table summarizes these assumptions for the current year.

PV as of January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2019 are calculated using interest rates from the intermediate assumption of the 2020 and 2019 Trustees' Reports, respectively. All other PV in this part of the SCSIA are calculated as a PV as of January 1, 2021 and January 1, 2020 respectively.

For the period beginning on January 1, 2020 to the period beginning on January 1, 2021 (current year) and period beginning on January 1, 2019 to the period beginning on January 1, 2020 (prior year) estimates of the PV of Social Security and Medicare changes in social insurance amounts due to changing the valuation period, projection base, demographic data and assumptions, methods, and law are presented using the interest rates under the intermediate assumption of the 2020 and 2019 Trustees' Report respectively. Since interest rates are an economic estimate and all estimates in the table are incremental to the prior change, the estimates of the PV of changes in economic and health care assumptions and all other PV in this part of the SCSIA are calculated using the interest rates under the intermediate assumptions of the 2021 and 2020 Trustees' Reports, respectively.

#### **Changes in Valuation Period**

#### From the period beginning on January 1, 2020 to the period beginning on January 1, 2021

The effect on the 75-year PV of changing the valuation period from the prior valuation period (2020-2094) to the current valuation period (2021-2095) is measured by using assumptions for the prior valuation and extending them to cover the current valuation. Changing the valuation period removes small negative estimated net cash flow for 2020, replaces it with a much larger negative net cash flow for 2095, and measures the PV as of January 1, 2021, one year later. As a result,

the PV of estimated future net cash flows to decrease by \$0.7 trillion and to decrease by \$1.5 trillion for Social Security and Medicare, respectively.

### From the period beginning on January 1, 2019 to the period beginning on January 1, 2020

The effect on the 75-year PV of changing the valuation period from the prior valuation period (2019-2093) to the current valuation period (2020-2094) is measured by using the assumptions for the prior valuation and extending them to cover the current valuation. Changing the valuation period removes a small negative net cash flow for 2019, replaces it with a much larger negative net cash flow for 2094, and measures the PV as of January 1, 2020, one year later. As a result, the PV of the estimated future net cash flows to decrease by \$0.6 trillion and to decrease by \$1.6 trillion for Social Security and Medicare, respectively.

# Changes in Demographic Data, Assumptions, and Methods

## From the period beginning on January 1, 2020 to the period beginning on January 1, 2021

For the current valuation (beginning on January 1, 2021), there were two changes to the ultimate demographic assumptions and an associated change in methodology.

- The ultimate total fertility rate was increased in conjunction with switching from a period-based model to a cohortbased model for birth-rates.
- An additional cause of death category was added, by separating dementia out from the all-other-causes category, and ultimate mortality improvement rates were updated for cardiovascular disease.

In addition to this ultimate demographic assumption change, the starting demographic values and the way those values transition to the ultimate assumptions were changed.

- Birth rate data through the third quarter of 2020 indicated somewhat lower birth rates.
- Death rates increased significantly for 2020 and 2021 to account for elevated deaths during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The PVs of estimated income and expenditures are lower for Part A, Part B, and Part D. Overall, changes to these assumptions caused the PV of the estimated future net cash flows to increase by \$0.2 trillion and \$1.3 trillion for Social Security and Medicare, respectively.

### From the period beginning on January 1, 2019 to the period beginning on January 1, 2020

For the current valuation (beginning on January 1, 2020), there were two changes to ultimate demographic assumptions compared to prior valuation (beginning on January 1, 2019).

- The ultimate total fertility rate was lowered.
- The ultimate disability incidence rate was lowered, and the near-term assumed disability incidence rates are somewhat lower in the current valuation. (Medicare only)

In addition to this ultimate demographic assumption change, the starting demographic values and the way those values transition to the ultimate assumptions were changed.

- Final birth rate data for 2018 and the first quarter of 2019 indicated somewhat lower birth rates.
- Incorporating mortality data obtained from the National Center for Health Statistics resulted in higher death rates for all future years.
- The latest valuation included the impact of TTD on Medicare expenditures.

These changes especially the TTD assumption lowered Medicare expenditures for the current valuation period, particularly for Part A, and resulted in a large increase in the estimated future net cash flow. For Social Security there were no notable changes in demographic methodology. Overall, changes to these assumptions caused the PV of the estimated future net cash flows to decrease by \$0.4 trillion and to increase by \$3.7 trillion for Social Security and Medicare, respectively.

# Changes in Economic Data, Assumptions, and Methods (Social Security Only)

## From the period beginning on January 1, 2020 to the period beginning on January 1, 2021

For the current valuation (beginning on January 1, 2021), there were two changes to the ultimate economic assumptions compared to prior valuation (beginning on January 1, 2020).

- The ultimate average real wage differential increased. Additionally, the real wage differential assumptions for the first 10 years of the projection period were also increased.
- The ultimate age-sex-adjusted unemployment rate was reduced.

The higher real wage differential and the combined changes to the unemployment assumption and the labor force methodology both increased the PV of estimated future net cash flows.

In addition to these changes in ultimate economic assumptions, the starting economic values and the way these values transition to the ultimate assumptions were changed.

- Near-term interest rates were adjusted downward. Real interest rates are now assumed to be negative for calendar years 2021 through 2024, with a gradual rise to the ultimate real interest rate.
- The level of potential GDP is assumed to be roughly 1.0 percent lower than the level beginning with the second quarter 2020.

The changes to near-term interest rate and the starting values and near-term economic growth assumptions decrease the PV of the estimated future net cash flows.

There were no additional notable changes in economic methodology. Overall, these changes decreased the PV of the estimated future net cash flows by \$1.2 trillion for Social Security.

## From the period beginning on January 1, 2019 to the period beginning on January 1, 2020

For the current valuation (beginning on January 1, 2020), there were four changes to the ultimate economic assumptions compared to prior valuation (beginning on January 1, 2019).

- The ultimate rate of price inflation (CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers) was lowered.
- The ultimate average real-wage differential was decreased. Most of this decrease is due to the repeal of the PPACA excise tax, the effect of which is accounted for in the "Changes in Law or Policy" section.
- The ultimate age-sex adjusted unemployment rate was reduced, and long-term labor force participation rates were reduced by age and sex such that projected employment rates remained essentially unchanged.
- The ultimate real interest rate was lowered.

In addition to these changes in ultimate assumptions, the starting economic values and the way these values transition to the ultimate assumptions were changed. The most notable change was to include a 0.7 percent decrease in the estimated level of potential GDP for the fourth quarter of 2019 and thereafter.

There were no notable changes in economic methodology. Overall, changes to these assumptions caused the PV of the estimated future net cash flows to decrease by \$1.8 trillion for Social Security.

# Changes in Law or Policy

## From the period beginning on January 1, 2020 to the period beginning on January 1, 2021

For Social Security, between prior valuation and the current valuation one change in policy is expected to have significant effect on the long-range cost.

• The DACA policy extends indefinitely the ability of those qualifying to remain in the country and work lawfully. A memorandum was issued on January 20, 2021.

Most of the provisions enacted as part of Medicare legislation since the prior valuation date have little or no impact on the program. The following provisions did have financial impact.

- The CARES Act (P.L. 116-136, enacted on March 27, 2020) included provisions that affect the HI and SMI programs.
- *The Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021, and Other Extensions Act,* (P.L. 116-159, enacted on October 1, 2020) included provisions that affect the HI and SMI programs.
- The CAA, 2021 (P.L. 116-260, enacted on December 27, 2020) included provisions that affect the HI and SMI Programs.
- An Act to Prevent Across-the-Board Direct Spending Cuts and for Other Purposes (P.L. 117-7, enacted on April 14, 2021) included provisions that affect the HI and SMI Programs.

Overall, the changes to these laws, regulations, and policies caused the PV of the estimated future net cash flows to decrease by \$0.1 trillion for Social Security and Medicare.

#### From the period beginning on January 1, 2019 to the period beginning on January 1, 2020

For Social Security, between prior valuation and the current valuation one new law and one new regulation were enacted that are expected to have significant effects on the long-range cost.

- The PPACA, which was enacted in 2010, specified an excise tax on employer-sponsored group health insurance premiums above a given level (commonly referred to as the "Cadillac" tax). On December 20, 2019, the PPACA's excise tax provision was repealed.
- On February 25, 2020, SSA published a final rule in the Federal Register that eliminates the inability to communicate in English as an educational category in the disability determination and medical review process.

Most of the provisions enacted as part of Medicare legislation since the prior valuation date had little or no impact on the program. The following provisions did have a financial impact.

- The BBA of 2019 (P.L. 116-37, enacted on August 2, 2019) included one provision that affects the HI and SMI Programs.
- *The Future Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020* (P.L. 116-94, enacted on December 20, 2019) included provisions that affect HI and SMI programs.

Overall, the changes to these laws, regulations, and policies caused the PV of the estimated future net cash flows to decrease by \$0.3 trillion for Social Security and Medicare.

# Changes in Methodology and Programmatic Data (Social Security Only)

## From the period beginning on January 1, 2020 to the period beginning on January 1, 2021

Several methodological improvements and updates of program-specific data are included in the current valuation (beginning on January 1, 2021) compared to the prior valuation (beginning on January 1, 2020). The most significant are identified below.

- The current valuation uses a 10.0 percent sample of all newly entitled worker beneficiaries in a recent year to project average benefit levels of retired-workers and disabled-workers beneficiaries.
- Recent data and estimates indicated lower near-term and ultimate levels of revenue from taxation of Social Security benefits than projected.
- The methodology for projecting retroactive benefits for retired workers was improved to better capture the different rules for workers who become newly entitled prior to normal retirement age versus those who become entitled at or after normal retirement age.

Overall, changes to these assumptions and methods caused the PV of the estimated future net cash flows to decrease by \$1.2 trillion for Social Security.

## From the period beginning on January 1, 2019 to the period beginning on January 1, 2020

Several methodological improvements and updates of program-specific data are included in the current valuation (beginning on January 1, 2020) compared to the prior valuation (beginning on January 1, 2019). The most significant are identified below.

- The ultimate disability incidence rate was lowered and near term assumed disability incidence rates are somewhat lower.
- The current valuation includes an improvement in the long-range model used for projecting the percentage of the population that has fully-insured status.
- The current valuation uses a 10.0 percent sample of all newly entitled worker beneficiaries in a recent year to project average benefit levels of retired-worker and disabled-worker beneficiaries.

Overall, changes to these assumptions and methods caused the PV of the estimated future net cash flows to increase by \$0.2 trillion for Social Security.

# Changes in Economic and Other Health Care Assumptions (Medicare Only)

## From the period beginning on January 1, 2020 to the period beginning on January 1, 2021

The economic assumptions used in the Medicare projections are the same as those used for the Social Security program shown above while the health care assumptions are specific to the Medicare projections. The following health care assumptions were changed in the current valuation.

- Slightly faster projected spending growth for outpatient services and for physician-administered drugs.
- Higher direct and indirect remuneration and shifts to Medicare Advantage offset higher gross drug prices.

Overall, these changes decreased the PV of the estimated future net cash flows by \$3.8 trillion for Medicare.

## From the period beginning on January 1, 2019 to the period beginning on January 1, 2020

The economic assumptions used in the Medicare projections are the same as those used for the Social Security program shown above while the health care assumptions are specific to the Medicare projections. The following health care assumptions were changed in the current valuation.

- Higher projected spending growth for Medicare Advantage beneficiaries.
- Faster projected growth for Part B drugs.
- Slower overall drug price increases and higher direct and indirect remuneration.

Overall, these changes decreased the PV of the estimated future net cash flows by \$5.4 trillion for Medicare.

# Change in Projection Base (Medicare Only)

#### From the period beginning on January 1, 2020 to period beginning on January 1, 2021

Actual income and expenditures in 2020 were different than what was anticipated when the 2020 Trustees' Report projections were prepared. For Part A and Part B income and expenditures in 2020 were lower than anticipated based on actual experience, mainly due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Part D was largely unaffected by the pandemic and total income and expenditures were only slightly higher than the estimated based on actual experience. Actual experience of the Medicare Trust Funds between January 1, 2020 and January 1, 2021 is incorporated in the current valuation and is more than projected in the prior valuation. Overall, the net impact of the Part A, B, and D projection base change is an increase in the estimated future net cash flows by \$1.6 trillion for Medicare.

#### From the period beginning on January 1, 2019 to the period beginning on January 1, 2020

Actual income and expenditures in 2019 were different than what was anticipated when the 2019 Trustees' Report projections were prepared. Part A income and expenditures in 2019 were lower than anticipated based on actual experience. For both Part B and Part D, total income and expenditures were higher than estimated based on actual experience. The net impact of the Part A, B, and D projection base changes is an increase of \$401.0 billion in the PV of the estimated future net cash flows, including combined trust fund assets. Actual experience of the Medicare Trust Funds between January 1, 2019 and January 1, 2020 is incorporated in the current valuation and is more than projected in the prior valuation. Overall, the net impact of the Part A, B, and D projection base change is an increase in the estimated future net cash flows by \$0.1 trillion for Medicare.

# **Note 26. Long-Term Fiscal Projections**

The SLTFP is prepared pursuant to SFFAS No. 36, *Comprehensive Long-Term Projections for the U.S. Government*. The financial statements, Note 26, and unaudited RSI provide information to aid readers of the *Financial Report* in assessing whether current policies for federal spending and taxation can be sustained and the extent to which the cost of public services received by current taxpayers will be shifted to future taxpayers. This assessment requires prospective information about receipts and spending, the resulting debt, and how these amounts relate to the size of the economy. A sustainable policy is defined as one where the ratio of federal debt held by the public to GDP (the debt-to-GDP ratio) is ultimately stable or declining. The *Financial Report* does not address the sustainability of state and local government fiscal policy.

The projections and analysis presented here are extrapolations based on an array of assumptions described in detail below. A fundamental assumption is that current federal policy will not change. This assumption is made so as to inform the question of whether current fiscal policy is sustainable and, if it is not sustainable, the magnitude of needed reforms to make fiscal policy sustainable. The projections are therefore neither forecasts nor predictions. If policy changes are implemented, perhaps in response to projections like those presented here, then actual financial outcomes will be different than those projected. The methods and assumptions underlying the projections are subject to continuing refinement.

The projections focus on future cash flows, and do not reflect either the accrual basis or the modified-cash basis of accounting. These cash-based projections reflect receipts or spending at the time cash is received or when a payment is made by the government. In contrast, accrual-based projections would reflect amounts in the time period in which income is earned or when an expense or obligation is incurred. The cash basis accounting underlying the long-term fiscal projections is consistent with methods used to prepare the SOSI and the generally cash-based federal budget.

The SLTFP displays the PV of 75-year projections for various categories of the federal government's receipts and noninterest spending.<sup>9</sup> The projections for FYs 2021 and 2020 are expressed in PV dollars and as a percent of the PV of GDP<sup>10</sup> as of September 30, 2021 and September 30, 2020, respectively. The PV of a future amount, for example \$1.0 billion in October 2096, is the amount of money that if invested on September 30, 2021 in an account earning the government borrowing rate would have a value of \$1.0 billion in October 2096.<sup>11</sup>

The PV of a receipt or spending category over 75 years is the sum of the annual PV amounts. When expressing a receipt or spending category over 75 years as a percent of GDP, the PV dollar amount is divided by the PV of GDP over 75 years. Measuring receipts and spending as a percent of GDP is a useful indicator of the economy's capacity to sustain federal government programs.

## **Fiscal Projections**

Receipt categories in the long-term fiscal projections include individual and corporation income taxes, Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes, and a residual remaining category of "other receipts." Non-interest spending categories include discretionary spending that is funded through annual appropriations, such as spending for national security; and mandatory (entitlement) spending that is generally funded with permanent or multi-year appropriations, such as spending for Social Security and Medicare. This year's projections for Social Security and Medicare are based on the same economic and demographic assumptions that underlie the 2021 Social Security and Medicare Trustees' Reports and the 2021 SOSI, which include the estimated effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and ensuing recession, while comparative information presented from last year's report is based on the 2020 Social Security and Medicare Trustees' Reports and the 2020 SOSI.<sup>12</sup> Projections for the other categories of receipts and spending are consistent with the economic and demographic assumptions in the Trustees' Reports and include updates for actual budget results for FY 2021 or budgetary estimates from the President's FY 2022 Budget. Where possible, those budget totals are adjusted before spending is projected to remove outlays for programs or activities that are judged to be temporary, such as spending related to the COVID-19 pandemic and economic recovery. Where not possible, budget totals were not adjusted, resulting in higher projections of future spending, increasing the uncertainty surrounding this year's projections.

<sup>12</sup> Social Security and Medicare Trustees' Reports can be found at <u>https://www.ssa.gov/OACT/TR/.</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> For the purposes of this analysis, spending is defined in terms of outlays. In the context of federal budgeting, spending can either refer to budget authority – the authority to commit the government to make a payment; to obligations – binding agreements that will result in payments, either immediately or in the future; or to outlays – actual payments made.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> GDP is a standard measure of the overall size of the economy and represents the total market value of all final goods and services produced domestically during a given period of time. The components of GDP are: private sector consumption and investment, government consumption and investment, and net exports (exports less imports). Equivalently, GDP is a measure of the gross income generated from domestic production over the same time period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> PVs recognize that a dollar paid or collected in the future is worth less than a dollar today because a dollar today could be invested and earn interest. To calculate a PV, future amounts are thus reduced using an assumed interest rate, and those reduced amounts are summed.

The projections assume the continuance of current policy which, builds off current law, but can be different than current law in cases where lawmakers have in the past periodically changed the law in a consistent way. The specific assumptions that depart from current law and are used for the current policy basis of these projections are explained below.

The projections shown in the SLTFP are made over a 75-year time frame, consistent with the time frame featured in the Social Security and Medicare Trustees' Reports. However, these projections are for fiscal years starting on October 1, whereas the Trustees' Reports feature calendar-year projections. Using fiscal years allows the projections to start from the actual budget results from FYs 2021 and 2020.

The *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (P.L. 117-58) was signed into law on November 15, 2021, and is therefore not reflected in the projections shown in the Statements of Long-Term Fiscal Projections or this note and cannot be reasonably estimated. See Note 31—Subsequent Events for additional information.

Changes in Long-Term Fiscal Projections		
PV of 75-Year Projections	Trillions of \$	Percent of 75- Year PV of GDP
Receipts less non-interest spending as of September 30, 2020	(79.5)	(4.8)%
Components of Change:		
Change in Reporting Period	(1.4)	-
Change due to Economic and Demographic Assumptions	(6.3)	(0.2)
Change due to Program-Specific Actuarial Assumptions	(3.6)	(0.2)
Change due to Updated Budget Data	(6.8)	(0.4)
Change in Model Technical Assumptions	-	_
Total	(18.1)	(0.8)
Receipts less non-interest spending as of September 30, 2021	(97.6)	(5.7)

Note: Totals may not equal the sum of components due to rounding. The 75-year PV of GDP is updated with the change in reporting period and change in economic and demographic assumptions.

This year's estimate of the 75-year PV imbalance of receipts less non-interest spending is 5.7 percent of the current 75-year PV of GDP, compared to 4.8 percent as was projected in last year's *Financial Report*.<sup>13</sup> The above table reports the effects of various factors on the updated projections.

- The largest factor affecting the projections—increasing the imbalance as a share of the 75-year PV of GDP by 0.4 percentage points (\$6.8 trillion)—is attributable to actual budget results for FY 2021 and the budgetary estimates published in the FY 2022 President's Budget. Actual budget results for FY 2021 lead to higher 75-year PV of spending for mandatory programs other than Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid. Budgetary estimates result in higher 75-year PVs for individual income tax receipts and outlays for non-defense discretionary programs. See discussion below regarding assumptions used for receipts and spending projections.
- The second largest factor was the update of economic and demographic assumptions which increases the imbalance as a share of the 75-year PV of GDP by 0.2 percentage points (\$6.3 trillion). The long-term fiscal projections are based on the same economic and demographic assumptions that underlie the Trustees' Reports, and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic were first reflected in the assumptions for the 2021 Trustees' Reports. Higher wage projections increase the 75-year PV of individual income tax and social insurance receipts and outlays for Social Security. Higher near-term growth in GDP had the effect of increasing the 75-year PV of discretionary spending and spending for mandatory programs other than Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> The fiscal imbalances reported in the long-term fiscal projections do not include the initial level of publicly held debt, which was \$22.3 trillion in 2021 and \$21.0 trillion in 2020, and, therefore, they do not by themselves answer the question of how large fiscal reforms must be to make fiscal policy sustainable. See "Sustainability and the Fiscal Gap" and footnote 17 for additional discussion. More information on the projections in last year's *Financial Report* can be found in Note 24 to the financial statements here: <a href="https://fiscal.treasury.gov/reports-statements/#">https://fiscal.treasury.gov/reports-statements/#</a>.

- The third largest factor is the effect of new Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid program-specific actuarial assumptions, which increase this imbalance as a share of the 75-year PV of GDP by 0.2 percentage points (\$3.6 trillion).<sup>14</sup>
- The last factor in the table, the change in reporting period the effect of shifting calculations from 2021 through 2095 to 2022 through 2096 increases the imbalance of the 75-year PV of receipts less non-interest spending by \$1.4 trillion.

The net effect of the changes in the table above, equal to the penultimate row in the SLTFP, shows that this year's estimate of the overall 75-year PV of receipts less non-interest spending is negative 5.7 percent of the 75-year PV of GDP (negative \$97.6 trillion, as compared to a GDP of \$1,724.4 trillion). This imbalance can be broken down by funding source. Spending projections exceeded receipts by 4.0 percent of GDP (about \$68.6 trillion) among programs funded by the government's general revenues, and there is an imbalance of 1.7 percent of GDP (about \$29.0 trillion)<sup>15</sup> for the combination of Social Security (OASDI) and Medicare Part A, which under current law are funded with payroll taxes and not in any material respect with general revenues.<sup>16, 17</sup> By comparison, the FY 2020 projections showed that programs funded by the government's general revenues had an excess of spending over receipts of 3.3 percent of GDP (\$53.9 trillion) while the payroll tax-funded programs had an imbalance of spending over receipts of 1.6 percent of GDP (\$25.6 trillion).

### Sustainability and the Fiscal Gap

This report presents data, including debt, as a percent of GDP to help readers assess whether current fiscal policy is sustainable. The debt-to-GDP ratio was approximately 100 percent at the end of FY 2021. As discussed further in the unaudited RSI, the projections based on this report's assumptions indicate that current policy is not sustainable. If current policy is left unchanged, the projections show the debt-to-GDP ratio will rise to 200 percent by 2041 and reach 701 percent in 2096. Moreover, if the trends that underlie the 75-year projections were to continue, the debt-to-GDP ratio would continue to rise beyond the 75-year window.

The fiscal gap measures how much the primary surplus (receipts less non-interest spending) must increase in order for fiscal policy to achieve a target debt-to-GDP ratio in a particular future year. In these projections, the fiscal gap is estimated over a 75-year period, from 2022 to 2096, and the target debt-to-GDP ratio is equal to the ratio at the beginning of the projection period, in this case the estimated debt-to-GDP ratio at the end of FY 2021. The target year is the last year of the 75-year period (2096).

The 75-year fiscal gap under current policy is estimated at 6.2 percent of GDP, which is 32.4 percent of the 75-year PV of projected receipts and 25.0 percent of the 75-year PV of non-interest spending. This estimate of the fiscal gap is 0.8 percentage points larger than was estimated in 2020 (5.4 percent of GDP).

The projections show that projected primary deficits average 5.7 percent of GDP over the next 75 years under current policy. If policies were put in place that would result in a zero fiscal gap, the average primary surplus over the next 75 years would be 0.6 percent of GDP, 6.2 percentage points higher than the projected PV of receipts less non-interest spending shown in the SLTFP. In these projections, closing the fiscal gap requires running a substantially positive level of primary surplus, rather than simply eliminating the primary deficit. The primary reason is that the projections assume future interest rates will exceed the growth rate of GDP. Achieving primary balance (that is, running a primary surplus of zero) implies that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> For more information on Social Security and Medicare actuarial estimates, refer to Note 25, "Social Insurance."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> The 75-year PV imbalance for Social Security and Medicare Part A of \$29.0 trillion is comprised of several line items from the SLTFP – Social Security outlays net of Social Security payroll taxes (\$30.0 trillion) and Medicare Part A outlays net of Medicare payroll taxes (\$10.4 trillion) – as well as subcomponents of these programs not presented separately in the statement. These subcomponents include Social Security and Medicare Part A administrative costs that are classified as non-defense discretionary spending (\$0.6 trillion) and Social Security and Medicare Part A income other than payroll taxes: taxation of benefits (-\$5.4 trillion), federal employer share (-\$1.5 trillion), and other income (-\$5.0 trillion).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Social Security and Medicare Part A expenditures can exceed payroll tax revenues in any given year to the extent that there are sufficient balances in the respective trust funds; these balances derive from past excesses of payroll tax revenues over expenditures and interest earned on those balances and represent the amount the General Fund owes the respective trust fund programs. When spending does exceed payroll tax revenues, as has occurred each year since 2008 for Medicare Part A and 2010 for Social Security, the excess spending is financed first with interest due from the General Fund and secondly with a drawdown of the trust fund balance; in either case, the spending is ultimately supported by general revenues or borrowing. Under current law, benefits for Social Security and Medicare Part A can be paid only to the extent that there are sufficient balances in the respective trust funds. In order for the long-term fiscal projections to reflect the full size of these program's commitments to pay future benefits, the projections assume that all scheduled benefits will be financed with borrowing to the extent necessary after the trust funds are depleted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The fiscal imbalances reported in the long-term fiscal projections are limited to future outlays and receipts. They do not include the initial level of publicly-held debt, \$22.3 trillion in 2021 and \$21.0 trillion in 2020, and therefore they do not by themselves answer the question of how large fiscal reforms must be to make fiscal policy sustainable, or how those reforms divide between reforms to Social Security and Medicare Part A and to other programs. Other things equal, past cash flows (primarily surpluses) for Social Security and Medicare Part A reduced federal debt at the end of 2021 by \$2.9 trillion (the trust fund balances at that time); the contribution of other programs to federal debt at the end of 2021 was therefore \$25.1 trillion. Similarly, because the \$29.0 trillion imbalance between outlays and receipts over the next 75 years for Social Security and Medicare Part A does not take account of the Social Security and Medicare Part A trust fund balances, it overstates the magnitude of reforms necessary to make Social Security and Medicare Part A solvent over 75 years by \$2.9 trillion. The \$2.9 trillion combined Social Security and Medicare Part A trust fund balance part A solvent over 75 years by \$2.9 trillion.

the debt held by the public grows each year by the amount of interest spending, which under these assumptions would result in debt growing faster than GDP.

## Assumptions Used and Relationship to Other Financial Statements

A fundamental assumption underlying the projections is that current federal policy (defined below) does not change. The projections are therefore neither forecasts nor predictions, and do not consider large infrequent events such as natural disasters, military engagements, or economic crises. By definition, they do not build in future changes to policy. If policy changes are enacted, perhaps in response to projections like those presented here, then actual fiscal outcomes will be different than those projected.

Even if policy does not change, actual spending and receipts could differ materially from those projected here. Longrange projections are inherently uncertain and are necessarily based on simplifying assumptions. For example, one key simplifying assumption is that interest rates paid on debt held by the public remain unchanged, regardless of the amount of debt outstanding. To the contrary, it is likely that future interest rates would increase if the debt-to-GDP ratio rises as shown in these projections. To help illustrate this uncertainty, projections that assume higher and lower interest rates are presented in the "Alternative Scenarios" discussion in the unaudited RSI section of this *Financial Report*.

As is true for prior long-term fiscal projections for the *Financial Report*, the assumptions for GDP, interest rates, and other economic and demographic variables underlying this year's projections are the same assumptions that underlie the most recent Social Security and Medicare Trustees' Report projections, adjusted for historical revisions that occur annually. These assumptions differ from those in the President's Budget because they extend for 75 years, rather than 25 years. Additionally, they assume extension of current policy whereas the economic assumptions in the President's Budget assume full implementation of policies reflected in the Budget.<sup>18</sup> The use of discount factors consistent with the Social Security Trustees' rate allows for consistent PV calculations over 75 years between the SLTFP and the SOSI.

The following bullets summarize the key assumptions used for the categories of receipts and spending presented in the SLTFP and the disclosures:

- Social Security: Projected Social Security (OASDI) spending excludes administrative expenses, which are classified as discretionary spending, and is based on the projected spending in the 2021 Social Security Trustees' Report for benefits and for the Railroad Retirement interchange. The projections of Social Security payroll taxes and Social Security spending are based on future spending and payroll taxes projected in the 2021 Social Security Trustees' Report, adjusted for presentational differences and converted to a fiscal year basis. More information about the assumptions for Social Security cost growth can be found in Note 25 and the unaudited RSI discussion of Social Insurance.
- Medicare: Projected Medicare spending also excludes administrative expenses, which are classified as discretionary spending, and is based on projected spending from the 2021 Medicare Trustees' Report. The projections here make some adjustments to the Trustees' Report projections. Medicare Part B and D premiums, as well as state contributions to Part D, are subtracted from gross spending in measuring Part B and Part D spending, just as they are subtracted from gross cost to yield net cost in the financial statements.<sup>19</sup> Here, as in the federal budget, premiums are treated as "negative spending" rather than receipts since they represent payment for a service rather than payments obtained through the government's sovereign power to tax. This is similar to the financial statement treatment of premiums as "earned" revenue as distinct from all other sources of revenue, such as taxes. The projections are based on Medicare Spending in the Medicare Trustees' Report, adjusted for presentational differences and converted to a fiscal year basis. Medicare Part A payroll taxes are projected similarly. More information about the assumptions for Medicare cost growth can be found in Note 25 and the unaudited RSI discussion of Social Insurance. As discussed in Note 25, there is uncertainty about whether the reductions in health care cost growth assumed in the Medicare Trustees' Report will be fully achieved. Note 25 illustrates this uncertainty by considering Medicare cost growth assumptions.
- Medicaid: The Medicaid spending projections start with the projections from the 2018 Medicaid Actuarial Report prepared by CMS's Office of the Actuary, which is the most recent report available.<sup>20</sup> These projections are based on recent trends in Medicaid spending; the demographic, economic, and health cost growth assumptions in the 2018 Medicare Trustees' Report; and projections of the effect of the PPACA on Medicaid enrollment. The projections in the Medicaid Actuarial Report, which end in 2027, are adjusted to accord with the actual Medicaid spending in FY 2021. Actual Medicaid spending includes temporary spending increases due to changes in enrollment and other

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>See the FY 2022 President's Budget, Analytical Perspectives Volume, Chapter 3 "Long-Term Budget Outlook."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Medicare Part B and D premiums and state contributions to Part D are subtracted from the Part B and D spending displayed in the SLTFP. The total 75year PV of these subtractions is \$19.9 trillion, or 1.2 percent of GDP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Christopher J. Truffer, Kathryn E. Rennie, Lindsey Wilson, and Eric T. Eckstein II, 2018 Actuarial Report on the Financial Outlook for Medicaid, Office of the Actuary, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

temporary measures related to the pandemic. The amounts related to these temporary spending increases cannot be identified, which adds uncertainty to the projections. After 2027, the projections assume no further change in State Medicaid coverage under the PPACA, and the numbers of aged beneficiaries (65-plus years) and non-aged beneficiaries (less than 65 years) are expected to grow at the same rates as the aged and non-aged populations, respectively. Medicaid costs per beneficiary are assumed to grow at the same rate as Medicare benefits per beneficiary, as is generally consistent with the experience since 1987. Between 1987 and 2017, the average annual growth rates of spending per beneficiary for Medicaid and Medicare were within 0.3 percentage point of each other. Projections of Medicaid spending are subject to added uncertainty related to: 1) assumed reductions in health care cost growth discussed above in the context of Medicare; 2) the projected size of the Medicaid enrolled population, which depends on a variety of factors, including future state actions regarding the PPACA Medicaid expansion; and 3) certain limitations relating to the data used to generate the projected per enrollee spending in the 2018 Medicaid actuarial report.

- Other Mandatory Spending: Other mandatory spending includes federal employee retirement, veterans' disability benefits, and means-tested entitlements other than Medicaid. Current mandatory spending components that are judged permanent under current policy are assumed to increase by the rate of growth in nominal GDP starting in 2022, implying that such spending will remain constant as a percent of GDP.<sup>21,22</sup> Projected spending for insurance exchange subsidies starting in 2022 grows with growth in the non-elderly population and with the NHE projected per enrollee cost growth for other private health insurance for the NHE projection period (through 2028 for the FY 2021 projections), and with growth in per enrollee health care costs as projected for the Medicare program after that period. As discussed in Note 25, there is uncertainty about whether the reductions in health care cost growth projected in the Medicare Trustees' Report will be fully achieved. Projected exchange subsidy spending as a percent of GDP remains below the failsafe provision in the PPACA that limits the federal share of spending to 0.504 percent of GDP.
- **Defense and Non-defense Discretionary Spending:** These projections assume discretionary spending in 2022 equals the baseline estimate from the President's Budget then grows at the same rate as nominal GDP. Separate funding levels for overseas contingency operations are assumed to end after 2021, similar to the presentation in the President's FY 2022 Budget. The President's Budget includes spending related to the pandemic and economic recovery that is considered temporary. The amounts related to these temporary spending increases cannot be identified, which adds uncertainty to the projections. To illustrate sensitivity to different assumptions, PV calculations under alternative discretionary growth scenarios are presented in the unaudited "Alternative Scenarios" RSI section.
- Receipts (Other than Social Security and Medicare Payroll Taxes): Individual income taxes are based on the share of salaries and wages in the current law baseline projection in the FY 2022 President's Budget, and the salaries and wages projections in the Social Security 2021 Trustees' Report. That baseline accords with the tendency of effective tax rates to increase as growth in income per capita outpaces inflation (also known as "bracket creep") and the expiration dates of individual income and estate and gift tax provisions of TCJA.<sup>23</sup> After reaching 23 percent of wages and salaries in 2028, individual income taxes increase gradually to 29 percent of wages and salaries in 2096 as real taxable incomes rise over time and an increasing share of total income is taxed in the higher tax brackets. Through the first 10 years of the projections, corporation tax receipts as a percent of GDP reflect the economic and budget assumptions used in developing the FY 2022 President's Budget ten-year advance baseline budgetary estimates. After this time, corporation tax receipts grow at the same rate as nominal GDP. All other receipts also reflect FY 2022 President's Budget levels as a share of GDP throughout the budget window and grow with GDP outside of the budget window. Corporation tax receipts peak at 1.6 percent of GDP in 2025 before falling to 1.3 percent of GDP in 2031, where they stay for the remainder of the projection period. The ratio of all other receipts combined, excluding corporation tax receipts, to GDP is estimated to be 1.6 percent in 2022, after which it gradually declines to 1.2 percent by 2031 where it remains through the projection period. To illustrate uncertainty, PV calculations under higher and lower receipts growth scenarios are presented in the "Alternative Scenarios" section.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Other mandatory spending in 2021 from legislation enacted in response to the COVID-19 pandemic is considered temporary and is not assumed to increase with nominal GDP. Such spending is identified using Disaster Emergency Fund Code attributes in budget execution data for the following: the *Families First Coronavirus Response Act* (P.L. 116-127); the CARES Act (P.L. 116-136); the *Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act* (P.L. 116-139); the CAA (P.L. 116-260, Division N); and the ARP (P.L. 117-2). Spending data for COVID-19 response legislation are available on USAspending.gov.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> This assumed growth rate for other mandatory programs after 2022 is slightly higher than the average growth rate in the most recent OMB and Congressional Budget Office 10-year budget baselines.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> The 2020 projections assumed the individual income and estate and gift tax provisions of the TCJA would continue past their legal expiration on December 31, 2025. See the FY 2020 *Financial Report*.

• **Debt and Interest Spending:** Interest spending is determined by projected interest rates and the level of outstanding debt held by the public. The long-run interest rate assumptions accord with those in the 2021 Social Security Trustees' Report.<sup>24</sup> The average interest rate over this year's projection period is 4.4 percent, down slightly from the 2020 *Financial Report's* 4.5 percent. These rates are also used to convert future cash flows to PVs as of the start of FY 2022. Debt at the end of each year is projected by adding that year's deficit and other financing requirements to the debt at the end of the previous year.

## **Departures of Current Policy from Current Law**

The long-term fiscal projections are made on the basis of current policy, which in some cases is assumed to be different from current law. The notable differences between current policy that underlies the projections and current law are: 1) projected spending, receipts, and borrowing levels assume raising or suspending the current statutory limit on federal debt; 2) continued discretionary appropriations are assumed throughout the projection period; 3) scheduled Social Security and Medicare Part A benefit payments are assumed to occur beyond the projected point of trust fund depletion; and 4) many mandatory programs with expiration dates prior to the end of the 75-year projection period are assumed to be reauthorized. As is true in the Medicare Trustees' Report and in the SOSI, the projections incorporate programmatic changes already scheduled in law, such as the PPACA productivity adjustment for non-physician Medicare services and the expiration of certain physician bonus payments in 2025.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> As indicated in the more detailed discussion of Social Insurance in Note 25 to the financial statements.

# Note 27. Stewardship Property, Plant, and Equipment

Stewardship PP&E consists of items whose physical properties resemble those of general PP&E traditionally capitalized in financial statements. However, stewardship PP&E differs from general PP&E in that their values may be indeterminable or may have little meaning (for example, museum collections, monuments, assets acquired in the formation of the nation) or that allocating the cost of such assets to accounting periods that benefit from the ownership of such assets is meaningless. Stewardship PP&E includes stewardship land (land not acquired for or in connection with general PP&E) and heritage assets (for example, federal monuments and memorials and historically or culturally significant property). The majority of stewardship land was acquired by the government during the first century of the nation's existence.

Stewardship land is land and land rights owned by the federal government but not acquired for or in connection with items of general PP&E. Examples of stewardship land include land used as forests and parks, and land used for wildlife and grazing. "Land" is defined as the solid part of the surface of the earth. Excluded from the definition are the natural resources (that is, depletable resources, such as mineral deposits and petroleum; renewable resources, such as timber; and the outer-continental shelf resources) related to land.

Additional information concerning stewardship land, such as entity stewardship policies, physical units by major categories, and the condition of stewardship land, can be obtained from the financial statements of DOD, DOI, EPA, HHS, TVA, and USDA.

Heritage assets are government-owned assets that have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Historical or natural significance;
- Cultural, educational, or artistic importance; or
- Significant architectural characteristics.

Heritage assets are classified into two categories: collection and non-collection. Collection type heritage assets include objects gathered and maintained for exhibition, for example, museum collections, art collections, and library collections. Non-collection type heritage assets include parks, memorials, monuments, and buildings. In some cases, heritage assets may serve two purposes: a heritage function and general government operations. In those cases, the heritage asset should be considered a multi-use heritage asset if the predominant use of the asset is in general government operations (e.g., the main Treasury building used as an office building). The cost of acquisition, improvement, reconstruction, or renovation of multi-use heritage assets should be capitalized as general PP&E and depreciated over its estimated useful life.

Entities provide protection and preservation services to maintain all heritage assets in the best possible condition as part of America's history. Examples of heritage assets include the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, and the Bill of Rights preserved by the National Archives.

This discussion of the government's heritage assets is not exhaustive. Rather, it highlights significant heritage assets reported by federal entities. Please refer to the individual financial statements of DOI, DOC, DHS, VA, DOT, State, DOD, TVA, GSA, NASA, and USDA for additional information on multi-use heritage assets, entity stewardship policies, and physical units by major categories.

SFFAS No. 47, *Reporting Entity* provides criteria for identifying organizations that are consolidation entities, disclosure entities, and related parties, and how such organizations are reported within the *Financial Report*. For consolidation entities, the assets, liabilities, results of operations, and related activity are consolidated into the government's financial statements. For disclosure entities and related parties, balances and transactions with such entities are included in the financial statements and certain information about their relationship with the federal government is disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements. Disclosure entities and related parties are important to the *Financial Report* but are not consolidated into the government's financial statements.

## **Disclosure Entities**

Disclosure entities are organizations similar to consolidation entities in that they are either: a) in the budget; b) majority owned by the government; c) controlled by the government; or d) would be misleading to exclude. Disclosure entities have a greater degree of autonomy with the government than consolidation entities. In addition, organizations may be owned or controlled by the government as a result: of a) regulatory actions (such as organizations in receivership or conservatorship); or b) other government intervention actions. Under such regulatory or other intervention actions, if the relationship with the government is not expected to be permanent, such entities generally would be classified as disclosure entities based on their characteristics taken as a whole.

Based on the criteria in GAAP for federal entities, the disclosure entities in the *Financial Report* are FR System, SPVs, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, and National Railroad Passenger Corporation (more commonly referred to as Amtrak). In addition, there are additional disclosure entities reported by component reporting entities that do not meet the qualitative or quantitative criteria in SFFAS No. 47 to be reported in the *Financial Report*.

#### **Federal Reserve System**

Congress, under the Federal Reserve Act, created the FR System. The FR System includes the Federal Reserve Board, the FRB, and FOMC. Collectively, the FR System serves as the nation's central bank and is responsible for formulating and conducting monetary policy, issuing and distributing currency (Federal Reserve Notes), supervising and regulating financial institutions, providing nationwide payment systems (including large-dollar transfers of funds, Automated Clearing House operations, and check collections), providing certain financial services to federal entities and fiscal principals, and serving as the U.S. government's bank. Monetary policy includes actions undertaken by the FR System that influence the availability and cost of money and credit as a means of helping to promote national economic goals. The FR System also conducts operations in foreign markets in order to counter disorderly conditions in exchange markets or to meet other needs specified by the FOMC to carry out its central bank responsibilities. The FR System is considered an independent central bank, and the executive branch of the government does not ratify its decisions.

The 12 FRB are chartered under the Federal Reserve Act, which requires each member bank to own the capital stock of its FRB. Each FRB has a board of directors that exercises supervision and control of each FRB, with three members appointed by the Federal Reserve Board, and six board members elected by their member banks. The FRB participate in formulating and conducting monetary policy, distributing currency and coin, and serving as the government's fiscal agent, as well as the fiscal agent for other fiscal principals. Fiscal principals, generally speaking, relate to banks, credit unions, and savings and loan institutions. Additionally, the FRB provide short-term loans to depository institutions and loans to participants in programs or facilities with broad-based eligibility in unusual and crucial circumstances when approved by the Federal Reserve Board and the Secretary of the Treasury.

The government interacts with FRB in a variety of ways, including the following:

- The FRB serve as the government's fiscal agent and depositary, executing banking and other financial transactions on the government's behalf. The government reimburses the FRB for these services, the cost of which is included on the Statements of Net Cost;
- The FRB hold Treasury and other federal securities in the FRBs' SOMA for the purpose of conducting monetary policy (see Note 13—Federal Debt and Interest Payable);
- The FRB hold gold certificates issued by the government in which the certificates are collateralized by gold (see Note 2—Cash and Other Monetary Assets);
- The FRB hold SDR certificates issued by the government which are collateralized by SDR (see Note 2—Cash and Other Monetary Assets); and
- The FRB are required by Federal Reserve Board policy to transfer their excess earnings to the government, which are included in Other Taxes and Receipts on the Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Position.

#### Federal Reserve System Structure

The Federal Reserve Board is an independent organization governed by seven members who are appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate. The full term of a Federal Reserve Board member is 14 years, and the appointments are staggered so that one term expires on January 31 of each even-numbered year. The Federal Reserve Board has a number of supervisory and regulatory responsibilities for institutions including, among others, state-chartered banks that are members of the FR System, bank holding companies, and savings and loan holding companies. In addition, the Federal Reserve Board has general supervisory responsibilities for the 12 FRB, and issues currency (Federal Reserve Notes) to the FRB for distribution.

The FOMC is comprised of the seven Federal Reserve Board members and five of the 12 FRB presidents, and is charged with formulating and conducting monetary policy primarily through open market operations (the purchase and sale of certain securities in the open market), the principal tool of national monetary policy. These operations affect the amount of reserve balances available to depository institutions, thereby influencing overall monetary and credit conditions.

#### Federal Reserve Monetary Policy Action

Monetary policy comprises the Federal Reserve's actions and communications to promote maximum employment, stable prices, and moderate long-term interest rates; the economic goals the Congress has instructed the Federal Reserve to pursue. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have continued to weigh on the U.S. economy, and employment has remained well below pre-pandemic levels. Furthermore, shortages of material inputs and difficulties in hiring have held down activity in a number of industries. In part because of these bottlenecks and other largely transitory factors, PCE prices rose 3.9 percent over the twelve months ending in May.

During FY 2021, the FOMC held its policy rate near zero and continued to purchase Treasury securities and agency MBS to support the economic recovery. These measures, along with the FOMC's guidance on interest rates and the Federal Reserve's Balance Sheet, will help ensure that monetary policy continues to deliver powerful support to the economy until the recovery is complete. As of July 2021, the FOMC expected to maintain the target range for the federal funds rate until labor market conditions have reached levels consistent with its assessments of maximum employment and inflation has risen to 2.0 percent and is on track to moderately exceed that rate for some time. In January 2022, the FOMC indicated that it expects it will soon be appropriate to raise the target range for the federal funds rate.

Throughout FY 2021, the Federal Reserve continued to undertake asset purchases, increasing its holdings of Treasury securities by \$80.0 billion per month and its holdings of agency MBS by \$40.0 billion per month. Subsequent to September 30, 2021, the FOMC decided to reduce its monthly pace of net asset purchases of Treasury securities and agency MBS, and intends to bring them to an end in early March 2022. These purchases help foster smooth market functioning and accommodative financial conditions, thereby supporting the flow of credit to households and businesses.

#### Federal Reserve System Assets, Liabilities, Revenues, Expenses, Gains, and Losses

The FRB hold Treasury and other securities in the SOMA for the purpose of conducting monetary policy. As of September 30, 2021, Treasury securities held by the FRB totaled \$3,803.7 billion, which excludes \$1,628.0 billion in Treasury securities used in overnight reverse repurchase transactions. As of September 30, 2020, Treasury securities held by the FRB totaled \$4,050.1 billion, which excludes \$395.1 billion in Treasury securities used in overnight reverse repurchase transactions. As of September 30, 2020, Treasury securities held by the FRB totaled \$4,050.1 billion, which excludes \$395.1 billion in Treasury securities used in overnight reverse repurchase transactions. Such securities are included in federal debt and interest payable (see Note 13—Federal Debt and Interest Payable). For fiscal years ended September 30, 2021, and 2020, Treasury incurred interest cost relating to the FRB's Treasury holdings amounting to \$87.1 billion and \$64.3 billion, respectively, which is included in interest on Treasury securities held by the public on the Statement of Net Cost. Unrestricted Cash held on deposit at the FRB as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, was \$198.4 billion and \$1,769.8 billion, respectively, and are included in cash and other monetary assets. In addition, restricted cash as of September 30, 2021, and 2020, was \$46.0 billion and \$40.8 billion, respectively; a significant portion is held on deposit at the FRB (see Note 2—Cash and Other Monetary Assets). The outstanding SDR certificates issued by the government to the Federal Reserve, valued at \$5.2 billion as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, which are reported under Other Liabilities on the government's Balance Sheet (see Note 19—Other Liabilities).

Treasury securities are generally subject to the same market condition as other financial instruments. In the open market, the FRB purchase and sell Treasury securities as a mechanism for controlling the money supply.

Financial and other information concerning the FR System, including financial statements for the Federal Reserve Board and the FRB, may be obtained at <u>https://federalreserve.gov</u>.

#### FRB Residual Earnings Transferred to the Government

FRB generate income from interest earned on securities, reimbursable services provided to federal entities, and the provision of priced services to depository institutions, as specified by the Monetary Control Act of 1980. Although the FRB generate earnings from carrying out open market operations (via the earnings on securities held in the SOMA account), their execution of these operations is for the purpose of accomplishing monetary policy rather than generating earnings. Each FRB is required by Federal Reserve Board policy to transfer to the government its residual (or excess) earnings, after providing for the cost of operations, payment of dividends, and surplus funds not to exceed an FRB's allocated portion of an aggregate of \$6.8 billion for all FRB. These residual earnings may vary due to, among other things, changes in the SOMA balance levels that may occur in conducting monetary policy. If an FRB's earnings for the year are not sufficient to provide for the cost of operations, payment of dividends, or allocated portion of \$6.8 billion aggregate surplus funds limitation, an FRB will suspend its payments to the government until such earnings become sufficient. These funds are part of restricted cash at the Federal Reserve (see Note 2-Cash and Other Monetary Assets). The FRB residual earnings of \$100.1 billion and \$81.9 billion for fiscal years ended September 30, 2021, and 2020, respectively, are reported as other taxes and receipts on the Statements of Operations and Changes in Net Position. Accounts receivable, net, includes a receivable for FRB's residual earnings which represents the earnings due to the General Fund as of September 30, but not collected by the General Fund until after the end of the month. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, accounts receivable on FRB's residual earnings are \$0.3 billion and \$0.2 billion, respectively (see Note 3-Accounts Receivable, Net).

#### **Special Purpose Vehicles**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the government holds equity investments in SPVs established by the Federal Reserve Board for the purpose of enhancing the liquidity of the U.S. financial system. Involvement in these programs represents non-permanent intervention activities designed to help mitigate the economic impacts of the pandemic. Accordingly, the government's equity interests in these SPVs meet the SFFAS No. 47 criteria for classifying our SPV investments as disclosure entities. These entities are not consolidated as part of the government's consolidated financial statements; however, the value of the investments in the SPVs, changes in value, and related activity with the SPVs are included in the government's consolidated financial statements (see Note 8—Investments in Special Purpose Vehicles).

#### Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac

In 2008, during the financial crisis, the government placed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac under conservatorship to help ensure their financial stability. These entities meet the criteria in SFFAS No. 47, for disclosure entities as both a) "receiverships and conservatorships,"; and b) as entities wherein "federal government intervention actions resulted in control or ownership" with intervention actions not expected to be permanent. Accordingly, these entities are not consolidated into the government's consolidated financial statements. However, the values of the investments in such entities, changes in value, and related activity with these entities are included in the government's consolidated financial statements (see Note 9—Investments in Government-Sponsored Enterprises for additional information).

#### Amtrak

Amtrak was incorporated in 1971 pursuant to the *Rail Passenger Service Act of 1970* and is authorized to operate a nationwide system of passenger rail transportation. Amtrak is a private, for-profit corporation under 49 U.S.C. § 24301 and D.C. law. It is not a department, entity, or instrumentality of the government. Amtrak's classification as a disclosure entity is attributable to being a) listed in the budget; b) financed mostly by sources other than taxes; and c) governed by an independent Board of Directors, which is comprised of 10 directors. The Secretary of Transportation, who is a director by statute, and eight of the other Amtrak directors, are appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate. The President of Amtrak also is a board member and is appointed by the board. Amtrak does not take actions on behalf of the government but benefits the national economy by providing a transportation option in 46 states and the D.C.

The government (through the DOT) owns 100.0 percent of Amtrak's preferred stock (109,396,994 shares of \$100.00 par value). Each share of preferred stock is convertible into ten shares of common stock. The common stockholders have voting rights for "amendments to Amtrak's Articles of Incorporation proposed by the Board of Directors and for certain other extraordinary events." Although Section 4.02(g) of the Amtrak Articles of Incorporation allow for the conversion of preferred stock to common stock, current government administrative policy is to not convert its holdings without Congressional authorization. Section 4.02(g) of the Amtrak Articles of Incorporation does not limit the timing of conversion or require any preapprovals. Conversion is effective the business day following receipt of written notice of the holder's election to convert. The government does not recognize the Amtrak preferred stock in its financial statements because, under the corporation's current financial structure, the preferred shares do not have a liquidation preference over the common shares, the preferred shares do not have any voting rights, and dividends are neither declared nor in arrears.

In addition to the purchase/ownership of the Amtrak preferred stock, the government has provided funding to Amtrak, since 1972, primarily through grants and loans. Amtrak receives grants from the government that cover a portion of the corporation's annual operating expenses and capital investments. Funding provided to Amtrak through grant agreements are included in the government's annual budget and the DOT financial statements. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the net cost amount was \$3.2 billion, and total budgetary outlays were \$4.7 billion. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, the net cost amount was \$2.6 billion, and total budgetary outlays were \$3.0 billion.

The government has possession of two long-term notes with Amtrak. The first note is for \$4.0 billion and matures in 2975 and, the second note is for \$1.1 billion and matures in 2082 with renewable 99-year terms. Interest is not accruing on these notes as long as the current financial structure of Amtrak remains unchanged. If the financial structure of Amtrak changes, both principal and accrued interest are due and payable. The government does not recognize the long-term notes in its financial statements since the notes, with maturity dates of 2975 and 2082, are considered fully uncollectible due to the lengthy terms, Amtrak's history of operating losses, and ability to generate funds for repayment. Amtrak's ability to continue to operate in its current form is dependent upon the continued receipt of subsidies from the government.

Financial and other information concerning Amtrak including financial statements may be obtained at https://www.amtrak.com/reports-documents.

#### **Related Parties**

Related parties exist if the existing relationship, or one party to the existing relationship, has the ability to exercise significant influence over the party's policy decisions. Related parties do not meet the principles for inclusion, but are reported in the *Financial Report* if they maintain relationships of such significance that it would be misleading to exclude.

Based on the criteria in SFFAS No. 47, the related parties reported in the *Financial Report* are FHLBanks, IMF, Multilateral Banks, and PEFCO. In addition, there are additional related parties reported by component reporting entities that do not meet the criteria to be reported in the *Financial Report*.

#### Federal Home Loan Banks

The government is empowered with supervisory and regulatory oversight of the 11 FHLBanks. The government is responsible for ensuring that each regulated entity operates in a safe and sound manner, including maintenance of adequate capital and internal control, and carries out its housing and community development finance missions. Each FHLBank operates as a separate federally chartered corporation with its own board of directors, management, and employees. The FHLBanks are GSEs that were organized under the *Federal Home Loan Bank Act of 1932*, to serve the public by enhancing the availability of credit for residential mortgages and targeted community development. They are financial cooperatives that provide a readily available, competitively-priced source of funds to their member institutions. The FHLBanks are not government entities and do not receive financial support from taxpayers. The government does not guarantee, directly or indirectly, the debt securities or other obligations of FHLBanks.

By law, in the event of certain adverse circumstances, Treasury is authorized to purchase up to \$4.0 billion of obligations of the FHLBanks. This authority may be exercised only if alternative means cannot be effectively employed to permit the FHLBanks to continue to supply reasonable amounts of funds to the mortgage market, and the ability to supply such funds is substantially impaired because of monetary stringency and a high level of interest rates. Any funds borrowed from Treasury shall be repaid by the FHLBanks at the earliest practicable date. Treasury has not used such authority. Also, in accordance with the *Government Corporations Control Act*, Treasury prescribes certain terms concerning the FHLBanks issuance of obligations to the public. Due to the market volatility brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting decline in interest rates, investors preferred short-term obligations. The FHLBanks continued to benefit from strong investor interest and managed debt issuance to meet the needs of members. Financial and other information concerning FHLBanks including financial statements may be obtained at http://www.fhlbanks.com/.

#### International Monetary Fund and Multilateral Development Banks

The IMF's primary purpose is to ensure the stability of the international monetary system—the system of exchange rates and international payments that enables countries to transact with each other. Member countries provide resources for IMF loans through their subscription quotas (quotas). The IMF also has two pools of resources that can be used in the event of a crisis that requires lending beyond the level available from quota resources: (i) the NAB and (ii) bilateral borrowing arrangements. Participation in the IMF works like an exchange of monetary assets.

Quotas are the principal component of the IMF's financial resources and are denominated in SDR. The size of each member's quota is based broadly on its relative position in the world economy. The U.S. holds the largest quota of any IMF member. Since 2016, U.S. quota in the IMF has been about SDR 83 billion. The equivalent dollar value of the quota total U.S. as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, was approximately \$116.7 billion and approximately \$116.6 billion, respectively. The government has funded a portion of U.S. quota to the IMF for lending, represented by U.S. reserve position at the IMF,

while the remainder of the U.S. quota is represented by a letter of credit on which the IMF can draw as needed for lending. The U.S. reserve position was approximately \$32.7 billion as of September 30, 2021, and approximately \$31.2 billion as of September 30, 2020, with the remaining undrawn letter of credit representing the balance (see Note 2—Cash and Other Monetary Assets and Note 21—Commitments). The government's quota serves as the key determinant for its 16.5 percent share of voting rights in various IMF decisions. Since certain key IMF decisions require approval by at least 85.0 percent of the voting power, the government (represented by the Secretary of the Treasury) holds a substantial voice in the IMF and exercises significant influence over IMF policies, including veto power over major IMF decisions.

Some IMF members also supplement the IMF's resources through the NAB and bilateral borrowing agreements. Through the NAB, the U.S. and other participating members make additional resources available to the IMF if required to cope with or forestall an impairment of the international monetary system. In accordance with the CARES Act, effective January 1, 2021, U.S. participation in the NAB increased by SDR 28.2 billion. Accordingly, the government's participation in the NAB as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, was SDR 56.4 billion and SDR 28.2 billion, which is equivalent to \$79.5 billion and \$39.7 billion, respectively. When the government transfers funds to the IMF under the NAB, it receives a liquid and interest-bearing claim on the IMF. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, loans outstanding to the IMF from the government under the NAB stood at \$0.9 billion and \$1.7 billion, respectively. These loans were reported under Loans Receivable, Net on the Balance Sheet. The NAB is not currently activated, and the U.S. has veto power over its activation, as well as over most changes to its terms or size. The government does not have a bilateral borrowing agreement with the IMF, though it exercises indirect control over their activation, since NAB activation is a prerequisite for the IMF to draw on its bilateral borrowing arrangements.

As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, the government's total undrawn financial commitment to the IMF was \$162.6 billion and \$123.4 billion, respectively, which is composed of the quota related letter of credit and the undrawn portion of the NAB (see Note 21—Commitments).

Under the IMF Articles of Agreement, the IMF may allocate SDRs to member countries in proportion to their IMF quotas. SDR allocations are an international reserve asset created by the IMF to supplement its member countries' official reserves. In FY 2021, the IMF approved a historic allocation of SDRs of \$650.0 billion to further support the COVID-19 recovery. This is the largest allocation in the IMF's history, which substantially boosted the reserves and liquidity of the IMF's member countries, without adding to their debt burdens. The U.S. received an additional 79.5 billion SDRs valued at \$112.8 billion as a part of this historic allocation. The SDR allocation creates an asset and a liability on the Balance Sheet but does not increase the IMF's available lending resources. The SDR asset as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, amounted to \$163.9 billion and \$51.7 billion, respectively, and includes the SDR allocation as well as purchased SDR (see Note 2—Cash and Other Monetary Assets). The SDR liability as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, amounted to \$161.8 billion and \$49.7 billion, respectively (see Note 19—Other Liabilities).

Historically, IMF has never experienced a default by a borrowing country. The government, which is not directly exposed to borrowers from the IMF, has never experienced a loss of value on its IMF quota or an instance of non-repayment, and it is not likely that the government will experience future losses as a result of its additional commitments.

Additionally, the government invests in and provides funding to the MDBs to support poverty reduction and promote sustainable economic growth in developing countries. The MDBs provide financial and technical support by means of strengthening institutions, providing assistance that addresses the root causes of instability in fragile and conflict-affected countries, responding to global crisis, and fostering economic growth and entrepreneurship. The government's participation in the MDBs is in the form of financial contributions used to ensure the effectiveness and impact of the MDBs' global development agenda. The U.S. has voting power in each of the MDBs to which it contributes, ranging from approximately 6.0 percent to 50.0 percent (see Note 11—Other Assets and Note 21—Commitments for additional information).

#### **Private Export Funding Corporation**

The financial statements reflect the results of agreements with PEFCO. PEFCO, is owned by a consortium of privatesector banks, industrial companies, and financial services institutions. It makes and purchases from private sector lenders, medium-term and long-term fixed-rate, and variable-rate loans guaranteed by EXIM Bank to foreign borrowers to purchase U.S. made equipment "export loans."

EXIM Bank's credit and guarantee agreement with PEFCO provides that EXIM Bank will guarantee the due and punctual payment of interest on PEFCO's secured debt obligations which EXIM Bank has approved, and it grants to EXIM Bank a broad measure of supervision over certain of PEFCO's major financial management decisions, including the right to have representatives be present in all meetings of PEFCO's Board of Directors, advisory board, and exporters' council, and to review PEFCO's financials and other records. However, EXIM Bank does not have voting rights and does not influence normal operations. In September 2020, the EXIM Board of Directors unanimously voted to renew its agreement with PEFCO for 25 years.

PEFCO has an agreement with EXIM Bank which provides that EXIM Bank will generally provide PEFCO with an unconditional guarantee covering the due and punctual payment of principal and interest on export loans PEFCO makes and purchases. PEFCO's guarantees on the export loans plus the guarantees on the secured debt obligations aggregating to \$3,418.8 million at September 30, 2021 and \$3,198.9 million at September 30, 2020, are included by EXIM Bank in the total for guarantee, insurance and undisbursed loans and the allowance related to these transactions is included in the Loan Guarantee Liabilities on the Balance Sheets.

EXIM Bank received fees totaling \$47.0 million in FY 2021 and \$39.3 million in FY 2020 for the agreements, which are included in Earned Revenue on the Statements of Net Cost.

The government enters into various collaborative relationships with private sector entities in which the goals, structures, governance, roles and responsibilities are mutually determined to produce a risk-sharing arrangement. These relationships are referred to as P3s, in accordance with SFFAS No. 49, *Public-Private Partnerships: Disclosure Requirements*. While many of the government's relationships are classified as and may be referred to as a P3, only those meeting the disclosure requirements outlined in SFFAS No. 49 are disclosed.

The National Energy Conservation Policy Act, as amended, authorizes federal entities to enter into ESPC contracts for the purpose of achieving energy savings and other related benefits. In consultations with the entity, the contractor designs and constructs a project that meets the entity's needs and arranges the necessary funding. The contractor guarantees that the improvements will generate energy cost savings sufficient to pay for the project over the term of the contract. The cost of the ESPC project must be covered by the energy, water and related cost savings generated at the project site. GSA and DOE have entered into contracts with the private sector that meet the criteria for P3s. These contracts allow federal entities to produce energy savings and facility improvements with no up-front capital costs or special appropriations from Congress. Future aggregate payments to be made by GSA and DOE are \$1.4 billion and \$1.2 billion, respectively, over the course of the agreements. After an ESPC contract ends, all additional cost savings accrue to the entities. The entities are responsible for contract administration over the term of the contracts and by statute, P3s cannot exceed 25 years.

In addition to the energy contracts, DOC has entered into a P3 contract on another matter. Congress has tasked DOC's FirstNet with the responsibility to ensure the deployment and operation of a nationwide interoperable broadband network to meet the communication needs of public safety. This network must be designed to be reliable, functional, safe, and secure, and to provide optimal levels of operational capability at all times. The Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network is being built out, deployed, operated, and maintained under a 25-year contract awarded by FirstNet to AT&T in March 2017. The service will cover all 50 U.S. states, five territories, and D.C., including rural communities and tribal nations. Under the terms of the contract, total receipts for DOC over the life of the contract are \$18.0 billion based on annual payments AT&T is required to make. Payments received from AT&T and that are retained by FirstNet are required to be only used for constructing, maintaining, operating or improving the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network. Additionally, DOC is required to make payments to AT&T for success-based payment milestones under firm-fixed price buildout and continuing enhancement Task Orders. The total paid in FY 2021 was \$1.5 billion.

DOD identified MHPI agreements as P3s requiring disclosure. The MHPI agreements are private sector/market driven businesses established as LLCs or LPs single purpose entities. These entities allow DOD to work with the private sector to build, renovate, and sustain military housing by obtaining private capital to leverage government dollars. By engaging MHPI agreements, the government benefits through use of private industry expertise and tools, improving the condition of military housing more expediently and efficiently than the traditional military construction process would allow. The Private Partner serves as the majority managing member which ensures performance objectives are met over the expected life of the operating agreement. The Military Department generally serves as the minority member and enters into a long-term ground lease (generally 50 years), and conveys the associated real property assets (buildings, structures, facilities, and utilities) to the LLC or LP. The contractual terms and termination clauses vary by agreement. The DOD's involvement in the operations and management of the LLC or LP is governed by evaluating the percentage of ownership interest, along with analyzing the indicators of control, which determines the level of influence over the partnership. The DOD provides funding to the LLC or LP through:

- Equity Investments Provision of cash and transfer of real property ownership (land, housing units, and other structures) to a project and, in return, the DOD receives a portion of that project's profits and losses. In addition, the DOD also receives compensation if the investment is sold;
- Government Direct Loans Provision of cash to a project with the expectation of future payment;
- Government Loan Guarantees Agreement to pay a percentage of the outstanding balance on a non-government loan in the event of nonpayment by the project;
- Differential Lease Payments Provision of monthly payments to a project above the Basic Allowance for Housing
  paid by the military personnel.

The military departments are assessing their MHPI agreements and contracts to provide actual and estimated amounts paid and received by the department for future periods and continues to assess agreements to determine if they have P3s to disclose. DOD will report these agreements as soon as these assessments are complete.

The consolidated amounts the government received and paid in FY 2021 were \$0.2 billion and \$1.9 billion, respectively. The estimated amounts to be received and paid in the aggregate over the expected life of the P3s is \$20.5 billion

and \$4.9 billion, respectively. As main contributors of P3 activity please refer to the financial statements of DOC, DOD, DOE, and GSA for additional information.

# Note 30. COVID-19 Activity

# COVID-19 Total Appropriations (net of rescissions, transfers, and other adjustments) as of September 30, 2021, and 2020

(In billions of dollars)	<b>2021</b> <sup>1</sup>	2020
Department of the Treasury	632.8	975.0
Department of Labor	451.5	394.3
Department of Education <sup>2</sup>	251.1	31.0
Small Business Administration	242.8	751.8
Department of Health and Human Services	233.7	250.4
Department of Agriculture	91.3	73.2
Department of Transportation	70.2	36.0
Department of Homeland Security	70.0	45.9
All other entities	165.1	76.0
Total COVID-19 activity		2,633.6
<sup>1</sup> Includes enacted rescissions, returns of unused permanent and indefinite authority, and obligation adjustments that reduced FY 2020 appropriations. <sup>2</sup> Does not include student loan deferrals related to COVID-19 that are funded by other appropriations.		

On March 11, 2020, a novel strain of the Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, was declared a pandemic by the WHO. As a result, a national emergency was declared in the U.S. concerning the COVID-19 outbreak on March 13, 2020. The global spread of COVID-19, which commenced in early spring of 2020 and continued throughout FY 2021 resulted in a severe global health and economic crisis. In FY 2021 Congress passed the CAA which was signed into law on December 27, 2020 and the ARP on March 11, 2021. Both acts, along with several bills, provided additional funding to help supplement the COVID-19 relief efforts that started in FY 2020 with the passage of several bills including the CARES Act on March 27, 2020. The CARES Act was subsequently modified in legislation in April, June, and July of 2020 to add funding and adjust programs for continued pandemic response.

The COVID-19 related legislation provided supplemental appropriations in the amount of \$2,208.5 billion and \$2,633.6 billion in FYs 2021 and 2020, respectively, for federal entities to respond to COVID-19. The appropriation amounts listed in the table above could be different from other public sources reporting COVID-19 activity. These differences may be due to timing of when the data sources report the information, additional COVID-19 programs included in the table that are not identified as COVID-19 programs in other data sources, and returns of indefinite authority appropriations included in other data sources but not in the table. Significant impacts of these programs on the government's FYs 2021 and 2020 Balance Sheet and financial results are discussed below. Please also refer to the corresponding entity's financial statements for additional information.

In FY 2021, Treasury received COVID-19 appropriations in the amount of \$1,182.8 billion under the CAA and ARP. In FY 2021, the CAA eliminated Treasury's ability to make new loans and investments and rescinded \$478.8 billion of the \$500.0 billion provided to Treasury under the CARES Act to fund the credit subsidy costs of investments and loans in support of eligible businesses, states, and municipalities that incurred losses as a result of COVID-19 using SPVs. This rescission and the return of unused permanent and indefinite authority and obligation adjustments of \$71.2 billion resulted in the net appropriations amount of \$632.8 billion. As of September 30, 2021, and 2020, Treasury had \$26.4 billion and \$107.9 billion, respectively, of equity investments in SPVs established through the FRBNY and FRBB. Treasury's funds remaining the SPVs funded under the CARES Act cannot be used for further lending, asset purchase, or extensions of credit. The FYs 2021 and 2020 FV net loss of \$0.8 billion and \$4.5 billion, respectively, from these investments is included in Treasury's net cost.

Treasury's COVID-19 appropriations in FY 2021 included \$587.0 billion (\$166.0 billion CAA and \$421.0 billion ARP) to provide a refundable tax credit (recovery rebate), referred to as an EIP. CAA allowed for a tax credit of \$600 per qualifying adult and \$600 per qualifying child, ARP allowed for \$1,400 per qualifying adult and \$1,400 per qualifying child. These EIPs were reduced above certain income limitations per individual tax return. In FY 2021, IRS disbursed \$569.5 billion of EIPs to eligible recipients in every state and territory and at foreign addresses, which resulted in an increase in Treasury's net cost. Treasury also received FY 2021 appropriations of \$428.5 billion (\$25.0 billion CAA and \$403.5 billion ARP) for Treasury to provide payments to state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to cover eligible costs incurred in response to the pandemic through several funds including: 1) SLFRF; 2) Coronavirus Capital Projects Funds; 3) ERA; 4) HAF; 5) State Small Business Credit Initiative; and 6) Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. During FY 2021, Treasury disbursed an aggregate of \$277.7 billion in appropriated and obligated funds to states, local, territorial, and tribal governments pursuant to the: 1) SLFRF; 2) ERA; 3) HAF; and 4) CRF programs to cover eligible costs to be incurred in response to the pandemic. Treasury initially recorded \$276.7 billion of the \$277.7 billion disbursed in FY 2021 as an advance on the Balance Sheet. Treasury recognized \$89.5 billion as net cost to reflect the estimated amount of eligible costs incurred by recipients as of September 30, 2021. Treasury recorded the remaining \$1.0 billion disbursed in FY 2021 as net cost for the year ended September 30, 2021. In addition, Treasury was appropriated funding in the amount of \$31.0 billion (\$16.0 billion CAA and \$15.0 billion ARP) for financial assistance payments to passenger air carriers and contractors to provide payroll support to aviation workers during the pandemic. Treasury's net costs included \$30.7 billion in FY 2021 related to this support.

In FY 2020, Treasury received appropriations from the CARES Act in the amount of \$975.0 billion. Treasury's CARES Act appropriations of \$282.0 billion provided a refundable tax credit (EIP). The CARES Act allowed for \$1,200 per qualifying adult and \$500 per qualifying child. In FY 2020, IRS disbursed \$274.7 billion of EIPs to eligible recipients in every state and territory and at foreign addresses, which resulted in an increase in Treasury's net cost. Treasury's CARES Act appropriations also included \$150.0 billion for Treasury, through CRF efforts, to provide payments to state, local, territorial, and tribal governments to cover eligible costs incurred in response to the pandemic. During FY 2020, Treasury disbursed \$149.5 billion to states, local, territory, and tribal governments pursuant to the CRF program. Treasury initially recorded all of the \$149.5 billion disbursed in FY 2020 as an advance on the Balance Sheet. Treasury recognized \$80.6 billion as net cost to reflect the estimated amount of eligible costs incurred by recipients as of September 30, 2020. In addition, Treasury received CARES Act appropriations in the amount of \$32.0 billion for financial assistance payments to passenger air carriers and contractors to provide payroll support to aviation workers during the pandemic. Treasury's net costs included \$28.2 billion in FY 2020 related to this support. The financial statements impact of these and other programs can be found within Note 8—Investments in Special Purpose Vehicles, Note 10—Advances and Prepayments, Note 20—Collections and Refunds of Federal Revenue, Note 21—Commitments, and Note 28—Disclosure Entities and Related Parties.

The CAA and ARP appropriations of \$451.5 billion provided additional funding in FY 2021 for several unemployment programs that the CARES Act appropriation of \$394.3 billion allowed DOL to create in FY 2020. These programs include: 1) the FPUC program (provides an additional \$600 of weekly unemployment benefits); 2) the PUA program (provides temporary benefits for individuals who are not eligible for regular/traditional unemployment insurance); 3) the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation program (provides an additional 53 weeks of benefits to a regular claim for eligible persons); 4) Federal funding of the Short-term Compensation program (provides alternatives to layoffs for employers experiencing a reduction in available work); 5) the FUA (provides advances to states whose unemployment insurance accounts are depleted); and 6) the Mixed Earner Unemployment Compensation program (provides an additional \$100 of weekly unemployment support) and federal funding of the first week of compensable regular unemployment for states with no waiting week. DOL's net costs associated with unemployment benefits authorized by the COVID-19 funding totaled \$313.0 billion and \$352.2 billion for September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

In FY 2021, Education received COVID-19 appropriations in the amount of \$251.5 billion (\$82.0 billion CAA and \$169.5 billion ARP) to fund a variety of programs administered primarily through grant programs. The COVID-19 relief legislation and administrative actions also provided support for student loan borrowers primarily by temporarily suspending nearly all federal loan payments. In FY 2021 cost impacts of the student loan repayment deferrals were recorded as loan modifications through indirect appropriations, not included in the table above, in the amount of \$53.1 billion. These COVID-19 loan modifications are a component of subsidy expense, which reduced the overall loan receivable balances.

In FY 2020, the CARES Act provided Education with appropriations totaling \$31.0 billion to fund a variety of programs administered primarily through grant programs. Cost impacts of the student loan repayment deferrals were recorded as loan modifications in FY 2020 through indirect appropriations, not included in the table above, in the amount of \$41.9 billion. These COVID-19 loan modifications are a component of subsidy expense, which reduced the overall loan receivable balances. The significant financial statements impact of these programs can be found within Note 4—Loans Receivable, Net and Loan Guarantee Liabilities.

In FY 2021, SBA received total appropriations of \$389.3 billion. The CAA rescinded \$146.5 billion that was appropriated to SBA under the SBA-Business Loans Program Account leaving a net amount of \$242.8 billion. The appropriations included provisions to modify and extend existing programs and created new programs to support small businesses and other entities that have been affected during the COVID-19 pandemic. The CAA revised the eligibility criteria for certain loan assistance and appropriated \$284.5 billion for loan subsidies, \$20.0 billion for the EIDL program, and \$15.0 billion to establish the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant program. The ARP modified and provided additional funding of \$7.3 billion to PPP, \$15.0 billion EIDL, and \$28.6 billion to establish the Restaurant Revitalization Fund. SBA's liability for loan guarantees decreased \$284.9 billion during FY 2021, primarily from the PPP, with a similar decrease in net costs. SBA also administered the EIDL program designed to provide loans to small business owners. SBA's loans receivable increased \$245.4 billion, primarily from a \$62.7 billion increase in this program, with net costs of \$2.5 billion in FY 2021.

SBA's appropriation of \$751.8 billion in FY 2020, primarily funded two programs. The PPP is a loan guarantee program designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to retain employees by providing loan forgiveness for amounts used for eligible expenses for payroll and benefit costs and interest on mortgages, rent, and utilities. SBA's liability for loan guarantees increased \$510.7 billion during FY 2020, primarily from the PPP, with a similar increase in net costs. SBA also administered the EIDL program designed to provide loans to small business owners. SBA's loans receivable increased \$182.9 billion during FY 2020, primarily from a \$173.2 billion increase in this program, with net costs of \$5.4 billion. The financial statements impact of these programs can be found within Note 4—Loans Receivable, Net and Loan Guarantee Liabilities.

In FY 2021, HHS received appropriations in the amount of \$233.7 billion to provide support testing, contact tracing, containment, mitigation to monitor and suppress the spread of COVID-19, as well as support COVID-19 vaccination programs as well as addressing disparities in obtaining quality healthcare. Funds provided broad support including payments to assist eligible health care providers for health care related expenses or lost revenues attributed to the HHS' net cost for operations other than CMS decreased by \$14.5 billion during FY 2021, respectively, primarily due to the PHSSEF. In addition, HHS's advances and prepayments primarily represent payments made for the COVID-19 AAP program which was recorded as an advance on the Balance Sheet of \$67.0 billion as of September 30, 2021.

In FY 2020, the CARES Act, along with three additional supplemental appropriations, provided HHS \$250.4 billion for COVID-19 response and recovery, with the majority for the PHSSEF. Funds provided broad support including payments to assist eligible health care providers for health care related expenses or lost revenues attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic; loans, and grants to small business, health care providers, and hospitals; and COVID-19 testing. HHS' net cost for operations other than CMS increased by \$115.2 billion during FY 2020, primarily due to increases to the PHSSEF. In addition, HHS's advances and prepayments primarily represent payments made for the COVID-19 AAP program, which was recorded as an advance on the Balance Sheet of \$103.6 billion as of September 30, 2020. The financial statements impact of the advance can be found within Note 10—Advances and Prepayments.

USDA received CAA, ARP, and supplemental CARES Act appropriations in the amount of \$91.3 billion in FY 2021 and \$73.2 billion in CARES Act funding in FY 2020. The appropriation provided funding and extended various programs and activities. It extended modifications to federal nutrition assistance programs and provided funding for programs to support agricultural producers, growers, and processors. It provided additional relief to address the continued impact of COVID-19 on the economy, public health, state and local governments, individuals, and businesses. USDA's costs related to COVID-19 activity increased \$76.9 billion and \$49.9 billion in FY 2021 and FY 2020, respectively.

In FY 2021, DOT received \$70.2 billion (\$27.0 billion CAA and \$43.2 billion ARP) of supplemental COVID-19 appropriations. Several DOT programs received appropriations in support of maintaining and continuing the operations and business needs of various transportation systems in response to COVID-19. These programs include the Federal Transit Administration's Transit Infrastructure Grants, the Federal Aviation Administration's Grants-In-Aid for Airports and Airport Relief Grants, FHWA's Highway Infrastructure programs, Federal Railroad Administration's Grants to Amtrak, and Office of the Secretary's Aviation Manufacturing Jobs Protection program. DOT's significant financial impacts related to COVID-19 activity include a \$23.5 billion increase to net costs in FY 2021.

In FY 2020, DOT received \$36.0 billion of supplemental appropriations under the CARES Act to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19. Several DOT programs received appropriations in support of maintaining and continuing the operations and business needs of various transportation systems in response to COVID-19. These programs include the Federal Transit Administration's Transit Infrastructure Grants and the Federal Aviation Administration's Grants-In-Aid for Airports. DOT's net costs increased \$22.5 billion in FY 2020, from COVID-19 activity.

DHS received supplemental appropriations of \$70.0 billion under the CAA and ARP in FY 2021 and \$45.9 billion under the CARES Act in FY 2020, of which \$50.0 billion and \$45.0 billion in FY 2021 and FY 2020, respectively, was provided to FEMA's Disaster Relief Fund. FEMA is authorized to provide many types of assistance including public assistance for emergency protective measures. In addition, \$29.4 billion of FEMA Disaster Relief Fund funding carried over from FY 2019 and \$17.9 billion of FY 2020 appropriations enacted for the Disaster Relief Fund, other than CARES Act,

provided additional \$47.2 billion in funding available to carry out FEMA's disaster relief activity during FY 2020, including COVID-19 related activity. These include vaccination activities, direct federal assistance, and administrative expenses, personal protective equipment, state and local Emergency Operations Center operations, non-congregate sheltering, medical field stations, medical ships, personnel to support medical sites, National Guard deployments, crisis counseling, and state and administrative expenses.

# Note 31. Subsequent Events

# **Statutory Debt Limit**

A delay in raising the statutory debt limit existed on September 30, 2021. When delays in raising the statutory debt limit occur, Treasury often must deviate from its normal debt management operations and take extraordinary measures to meet the government's obligations as they come due without exceeding the debt limit. Extraordinary measures taken by Treasury during the period August 2, 2021 through September 30, 2021, resulted in federal debt securities not being issued to certain federal government funds, as authorized by law. As a result of Treasury securities not being issued to the TSP's G Fund, Treasury reported other liabilities in the amount of \$157.0 billion in Note 19—Other Liabilities. This amount represented the uninvested principal and related interest for the TSP's G Fund that would have been reported in Note 13—Federal Debt and Interest Payable had there not been a delay in raising the statutory debt limit as of September 30, 2021, and had the securities been issued. Also, as a result of Treasury securities not being issued, uninvested principal of \$60.5 billion for the CSRDF was not included in intra-governmental debt holding balance as of September 30, 2021. Additionally, the related interest for the CSRDF and the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund (Postal Benefits Fund) that would have been accrued during the period of August 2, 2021 through September 30, 2021 would have been \$68 million and \$2 million, respectively, on September 30, 2021.

On October 14, 2021, P.L. 117-50 was enacted which raised the statutory debt limit by \$480.0 billion, from \$28,401.5 billion to \$28,881.5 billion. Even with this increase, extraordinary measures continued in order for Treasury to manage below the debt limit.

On December 16, 2021, P.L. 117-73 was enacted which increased the statutory debt limit by \$2.5 trillion to \$31,381.5 billion. On this date, Treasury discontinued its use of extraordinary measures and resumed normal debt management operations. On December 16, 2021, in accordance with relevant laws, Treasury restored uninvested principal amounts to the TSP's G Fund and the CSRDF in the amounts of \$262.0 billion and \$64.7 billion, respectively. In accordance with relevant laws, Treasury restored the interest related to the uninvested principal during the period of August 2, 2021 through December 15, 2021, to the TSP's G Fund on December 17, 2021 in the amount of \$812.3 million. Interest related to the uninvested principal during the period of August 2, 2021 through December 15, 2021 for CSRDF and Postal Benefits Fund was restored on the next semi-annual interest payment date of December 31, 2021 in the amounts of \$318.8 million and \$3.6 million, respectively. Please refer to Note 13—Federal Debt and Interest Payable and Note 19—Other Liabilities for additional information.

# Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act

On November 15, 2021, the *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*, P.L. 117-58, was enacted, which includes funding for roads, bridges, water infrastructure, broadband, and more. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated that the act will add about \$256.1 billion to the projected budget deficits over the next 10 years. Please refer to Note 26—Long-term Fiscal Projections for additional information.