



ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

***BIDEN-HARRIS PRICE HIKES:
HAVOC & HARDSHIP ON THE
AMERICAN DREAM***

SUMMER 2024

Dear Fellow American,

Welcome to my Economic Snapshot, a quarterly report I put out showing the current economic condition of the United States' economy. We can all feel the impact of the ongoing inflation crisis caused by the failed policies of the Biden-Harris administration, and the goal of this report is to bring in-depth attention to the fiscal cliff our nation is quickly approaching. Since Vice President Harris and President Biden took office, inflation has skyrocketed more than 20%. Biden-Harris Price Hikes are crushing hardworking American families.

In Washington, it is my job to ensure we are fighting every day to leave this country in a place where future generations can achieve the American Dream. It is personal for me. I grew up in public housing and watched my mom struggle to make ends meet. It breaks my heart that families are having to make the tough decisions and go without. It is time for a sea change in Washington so that we can get families back on their feet, this country back on the path to fiscal sanity and make Washington work for everyone.

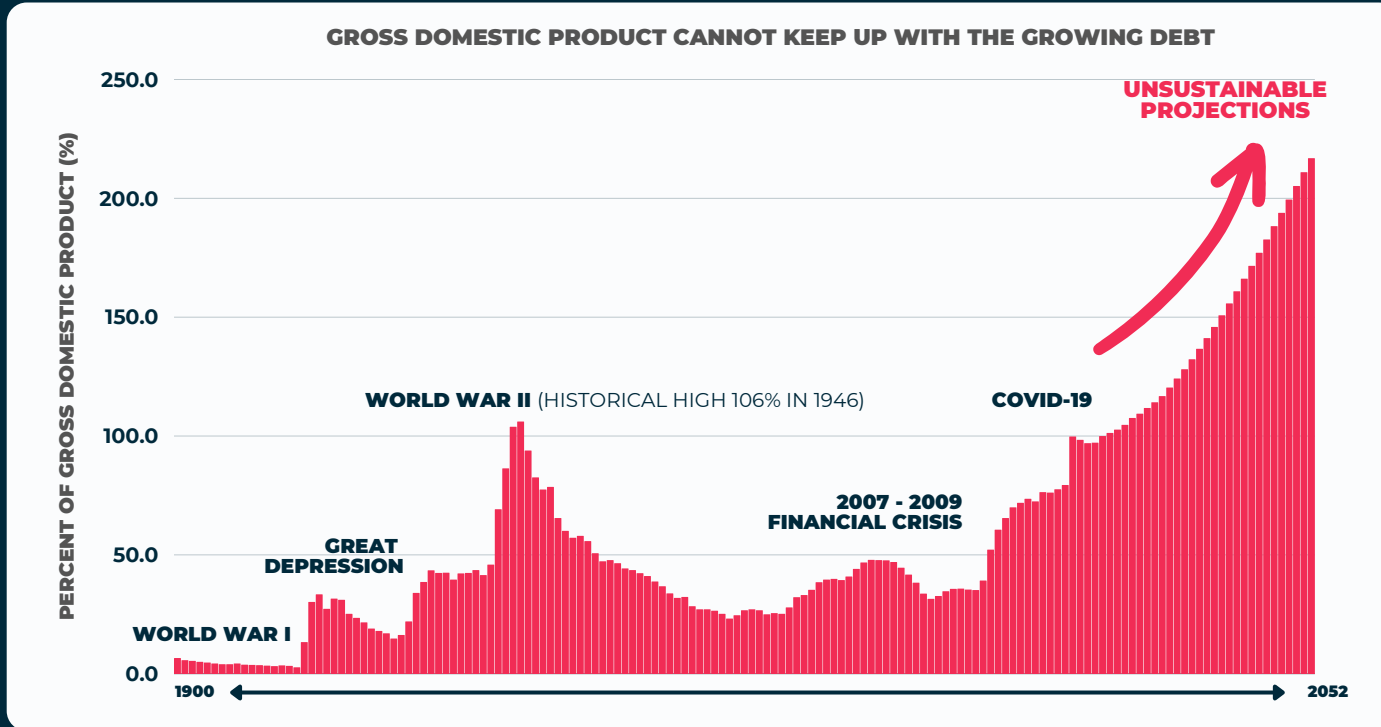
Let's get to work,

A handwritten signature in white ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott".

Rick Scott, United States Senator for Florida

AMERICA'S FISCAL DEATH SPIRAL: DEBT IS SEVERELY OUTPACING GDP

HEADED DOWN A PATH OF FISCAL DISASTER



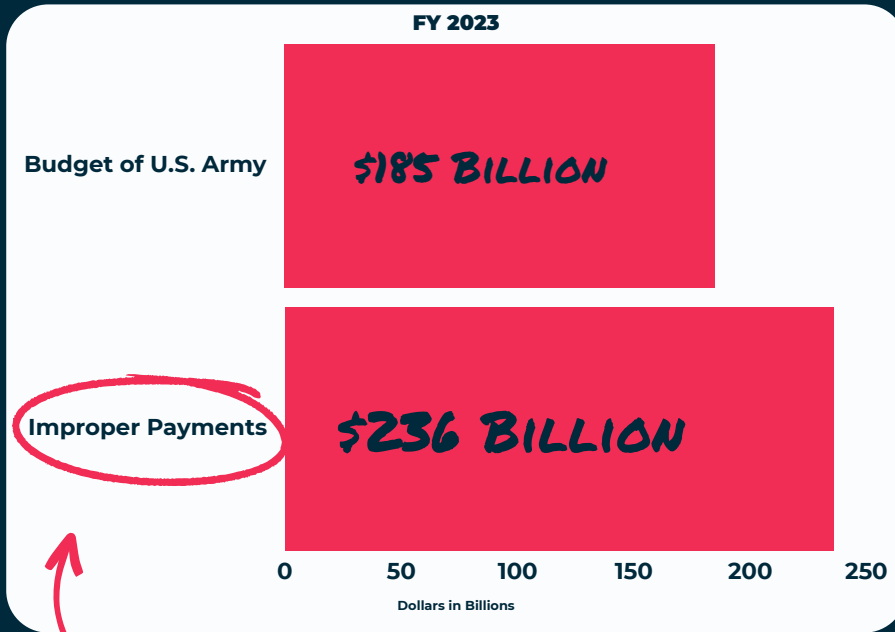
DEBT IS PROJECTED TO GROW 2 TIMES AS FAST AS THE ECONOMY OVER THE NEXT 30 YEARS

INTEREST PAYMENTS ON NATIONAL DEBT EXCEEDS DEFENSE SPENDING

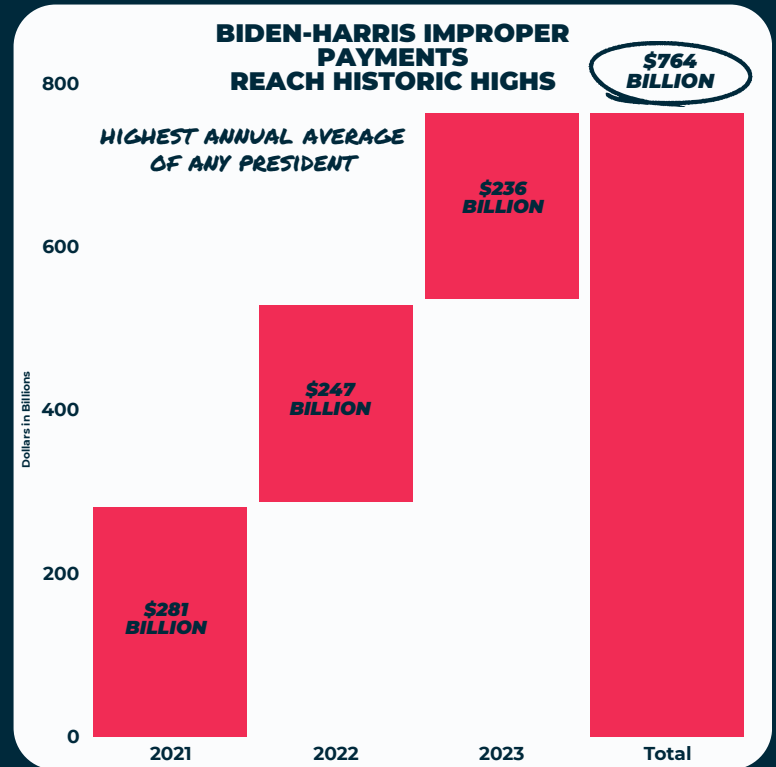
FISCAL YEAR 2024 MARKED THE 5TH YEAR IN A ROW OF FEDERAL DEFICIT SPENDING OVER \$1 TRILLION

WASHINGTON WASTE

MORE MONEY HAS BEEN SPENT ON IMPROPER PAYMENTS THAN THE ENTIRE BUDGET OF THE U.S. ARMY IN 2023

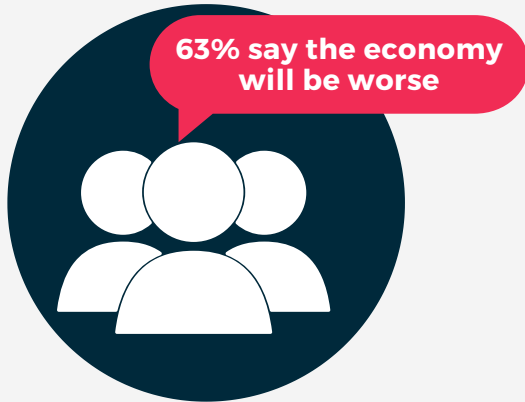


WHAT IS AN IMPROPER PAYMENT?
A government payment that should not have been made or that was made in the wrong amount.

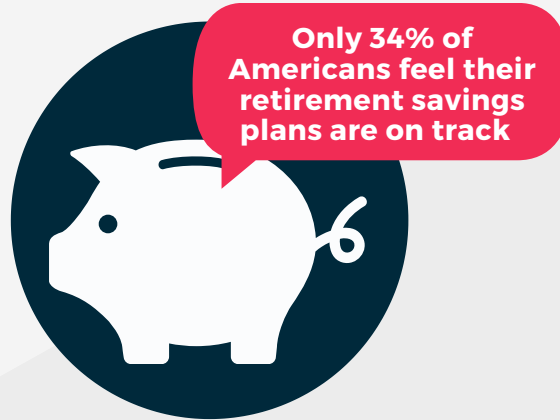


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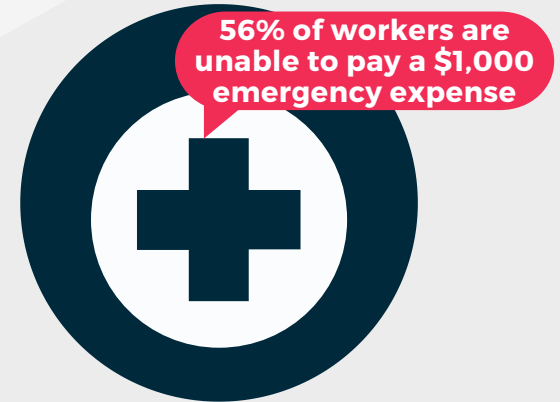
Economic Outlook



Retirement



Emergency



Meanwhile, Americans need an extra \$13,021 just to maintain their same standard of living compared to when Biden-Harris took office

BIDEN-HARRIS RECKLESS SPENDING

**CURRENT
POPULATION:
334.9 MILLION**

in 2019: 328.2 Million

**BIDEN-HARRIS
BUDGET:
\$7.3 TRILLION**

in 2019: \$4.4 Trillion

SINCE 2019...
POPULATION CHANGE: +2%
BUDGET INCREASE: +66%

\$434,000

IN NEW ANNUAL SPENDING PER NEW PERSON

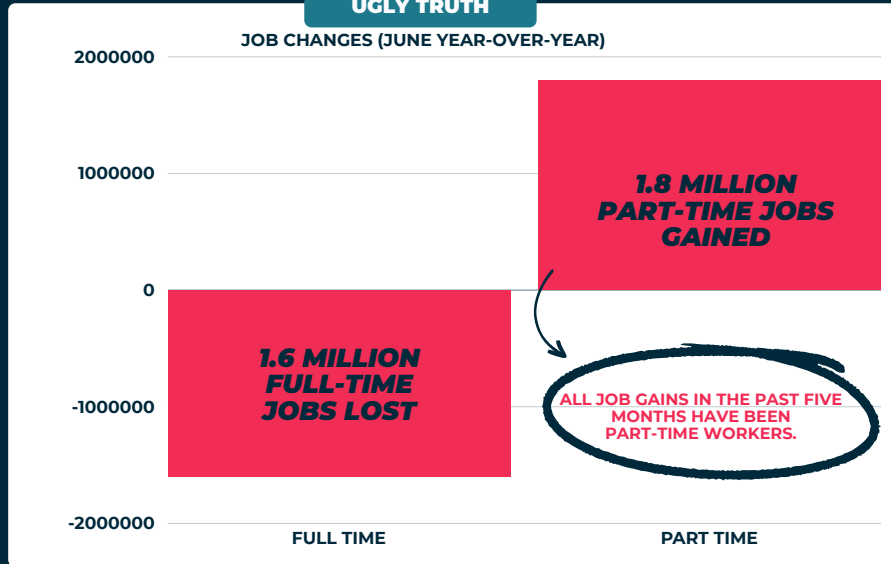
UP FROM \$400,000 LAST YEAR

MYTH VS. FACT: THE UGLY TRUTH ABOUT JOB “GROWTH” UNDER THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMIN

MYTH

“THE BIDEN-HARRIS ADMINISTRATION IS GROWING THE ECONOMY”

UGLY TRUTH



UGLY TRUTH

MULTIPLE JOB HOLDERS HAS INCREASED YEAR OVER YEAR, MEANING PEOPLE ARE TAKING ON MULTIPLE JOBS TO MAKE ENDS MEET.

UGLY TRUTH

THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS ROSE TO 6.3% IN JUNE.

UGLY TRUTH

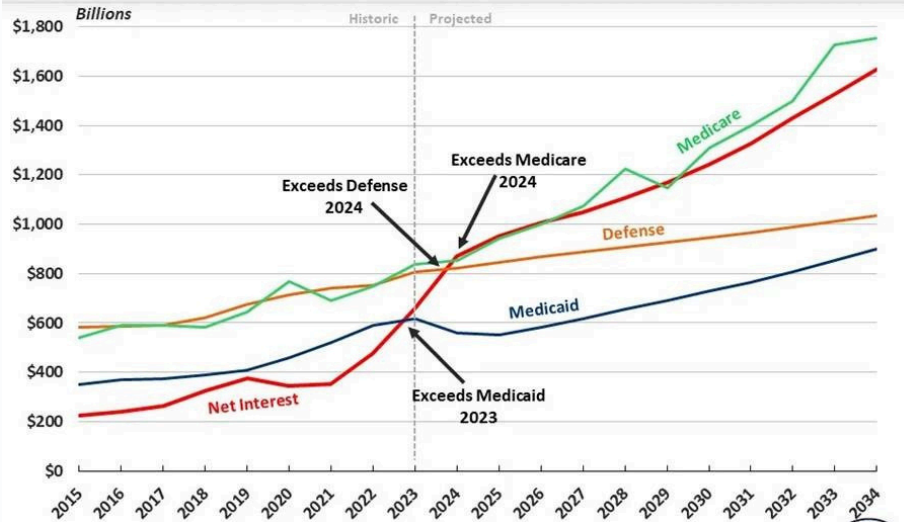
REVISED THE JUNE REPORT INCLUDED A REVISION TOTAL OF -111,000 JOBS IN JUST THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

UGLY TRUTH

FOREIGN-BORN EMPLOYMENT HAS INCREASED OVER THE YEAR WHILE NATIVE-BORN EMPLOYED HAS FALLEN.

INTEREST ON DEBT TO EXCEED COST OF MEDICARE, DEFENSE & MEDICAID

Interest Costs Will Top Defense & Medicare in 2024



Sources: Congressional Budget Office & Office of Management and Budget.

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INTEREST WILL COST MORE THAN DEFENSE THIS YEAR



INTEREST WILL COST MORE THAN MEDICARE THIS YEAR



INTEREST EXCEEDED MEDICAID SPENDING IN 2023

FEDERAL RESERVE: THE TWO TRILLION DOLLAR LOSER



FED NET OPERATING LOSS IN 2022 & 2023:

-\$149.9 BILLION

The Fed's operating loss is **more than triple** its total capital of \$42 billion.

UNREALIZED MARK-TO-MARKET LOSSES IN 2022 AND 2023:

-\$2.029 TRILLION TOTAL

The Fed's unrealized mark-to-market losses are **30 times** its total capital, making it deeply insolvent on a mark-to-market basis.

This is the first time in history the Fed is operating at a deficit.

MEANWHILE.... THERE IS ZERO ACCOUNTABILITY



**23,000
EMPLOYEES**



**NO
INDEPENDENT
INSPECTOR
GENERAL**



**FED
IG
SALARY:
\$398,352**

Median pay for a Senate-confirmed IG is \$203,850

TOP MONTHLY INDICATORS

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

39
CONSECUTIVE
MONTHS OF
INFLATION
ABOVE 3%

+20.1%

since Biden-Harris took office

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

+19.8%

since Biden-Harris took office

CREDIT CARD INTEREST RATES

20.71%

as of July 2024

LABOR PARTICIPATION



100 M

people over 16 not participating
in the labor force

GROCERIES

+21.3%

since Biden-Harris took office

10-YEAR TREASURY

4.20%

as of July 2024

GAS PRICE

\$3.50

current price

When Biden-Harris took office: \$2.33

HOUSEHOLD DEBT

\$110.1 K

per taxpayer as of Q1 2024

When Biden-Harris took office: \$91,220

30-YEAR MORTGAGE

6.90%

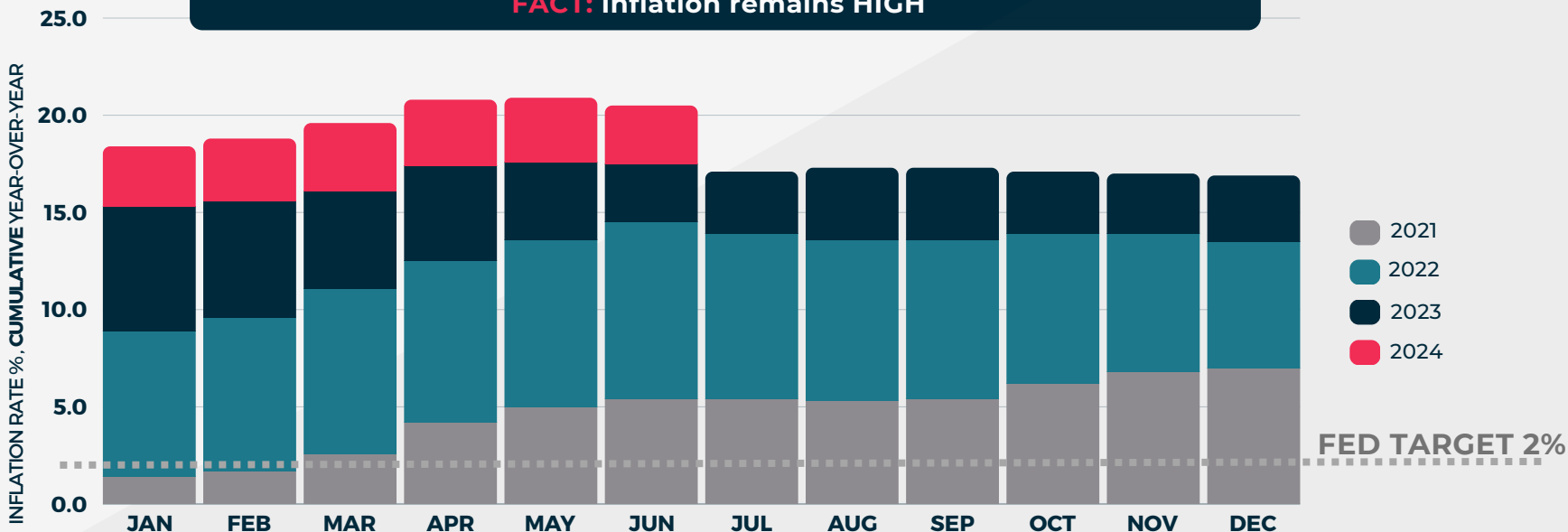
as of July 2024

When Biden-Harris took office: 2.65%

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Price levels continue to rise, not fall.
Since the Biden-Harris administration took office, CPI has increased by 20.1%

MYTH: The Biden-Harris administration says inflation is coming down
FACT: Inflation remains HIGH



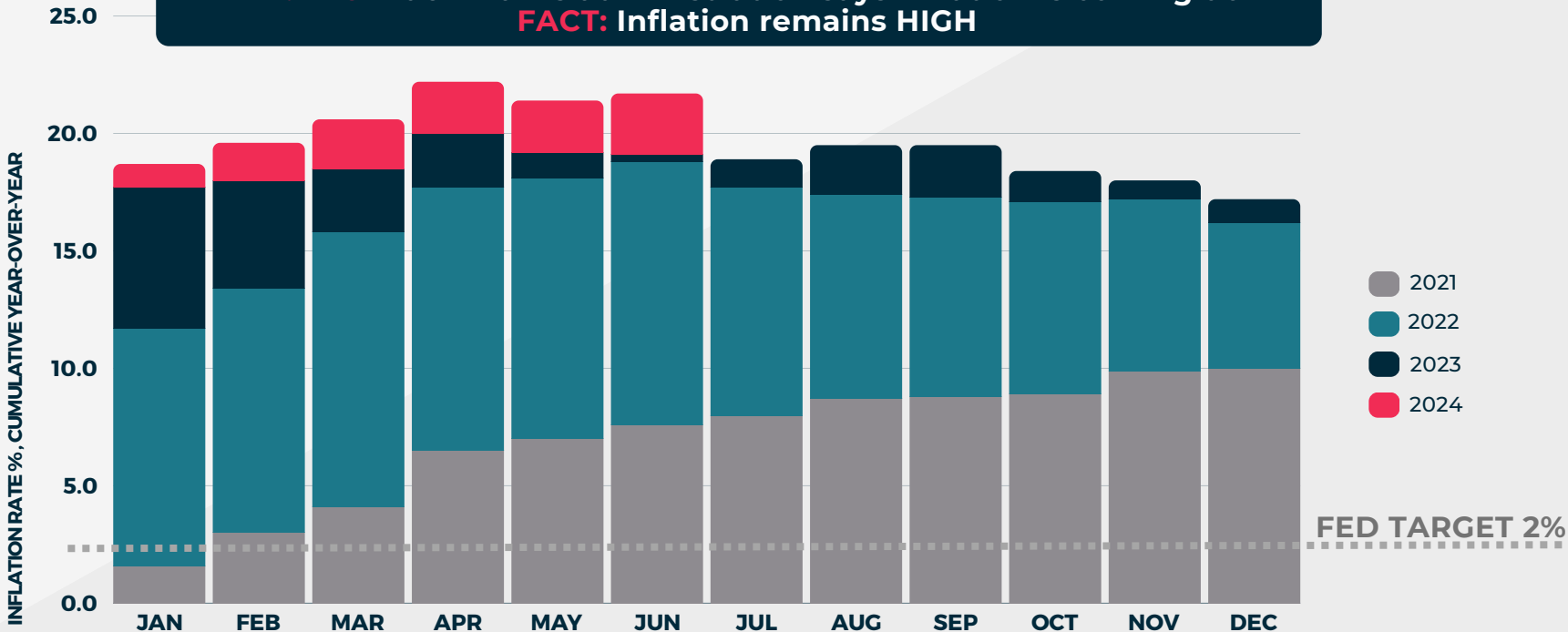
CPI data shows the **price of groceries has risen 21.3%** since Biden-Harris took office.

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX

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Since Biden-Harris took office, PPI has increased by 19.8%.

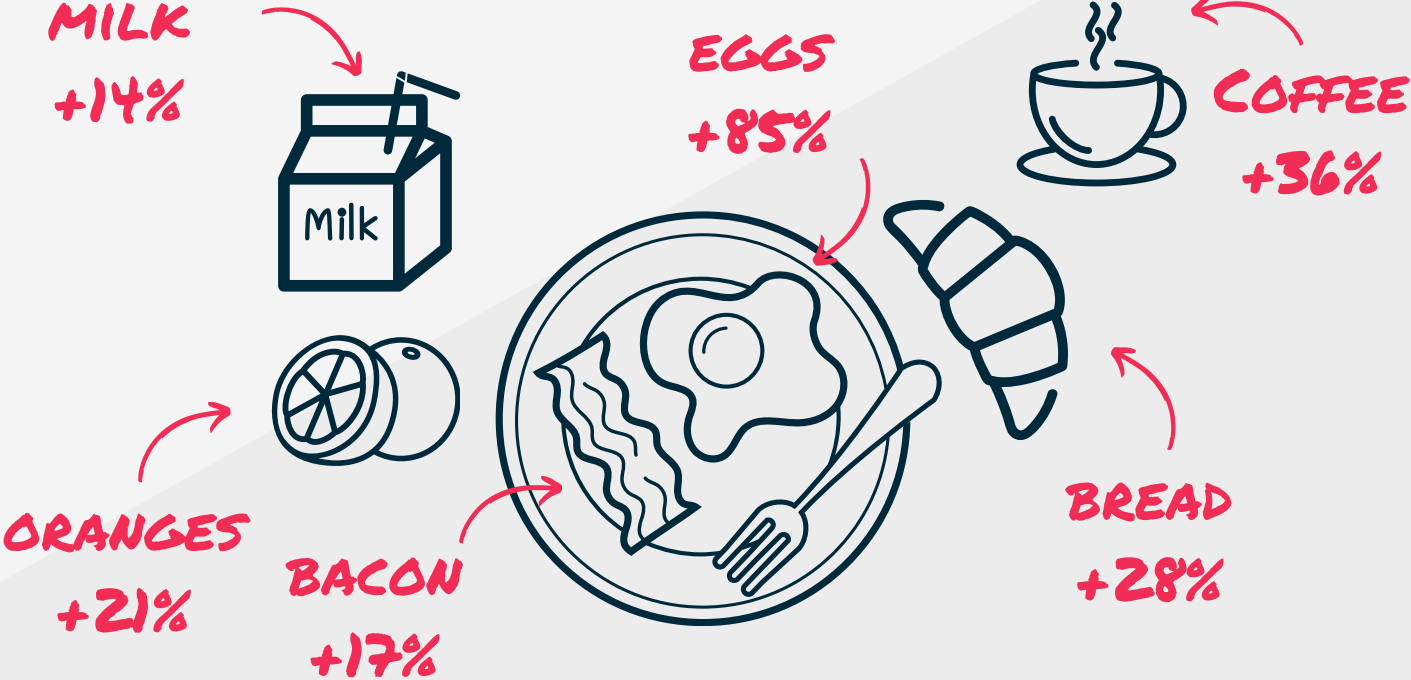
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BREAKFAST INDEX:

THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY IS COSTING MORE

SINCE BIDEN-HARRIS TOOK OFFICE...



ENERGY PRICES

ANNUAL AVERAGE

Data shows that the price of home heating oil, gasoline and diesel has increased dramatically since Biden-Harris took office.

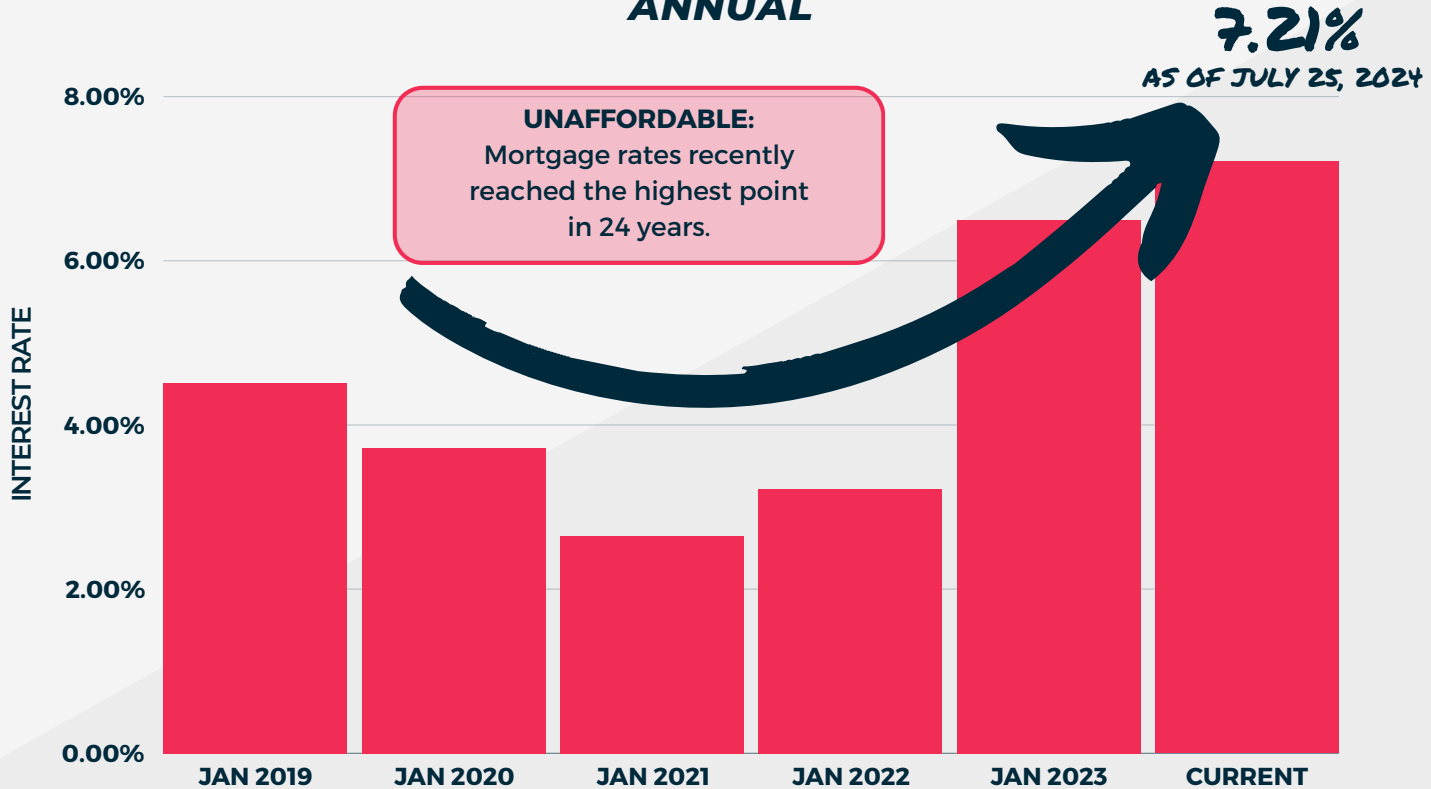


PRICE PER GALLON (\$) ANNUAL AVERAGE	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	CURRENT
HOME HEATING OIL	\$3.09	\$2.55	\$3.02	\$4.39	\$3.64	\$3.71
GASOLINE	\$2.69	\$2.25	\$3.10	\$4.05	\$4.21	\$3.50
DIESEL	\$3.05	\$2.55	\$3.28	\$4.98	\$4.45	\$3.83

Data shows energy costs have risen 38% since Biden-Harris took office.

30-YEAR MORTGAGE RATES

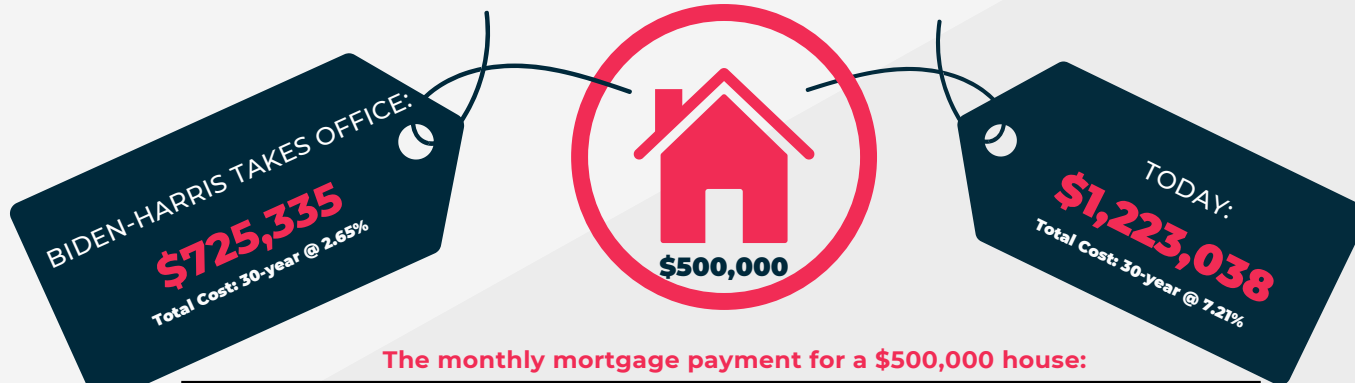
ANNUAL



30-YEAR MORTGAGE RATES

Mortgage rates are more than 172% higher today than when Biden-Harris took office.

Americans are paying nearly \$500,000 more in interest payments alone than if they bought the same house before Biden-Harris took office.



The monthly mortgage payment for a \$500,000 house:

2019 AVG.	2020 AVG.	2021 AVG.	2022 AVG.	2023 AVG.	CURRENT
\$2,764 @ 3.94%	\$2,532 @ 3.11%	\$2,492 @ 2.96%	\$3,183 @ 5.34%	\$3,765 @ 7.13%	\$3,729 @ 7.21%

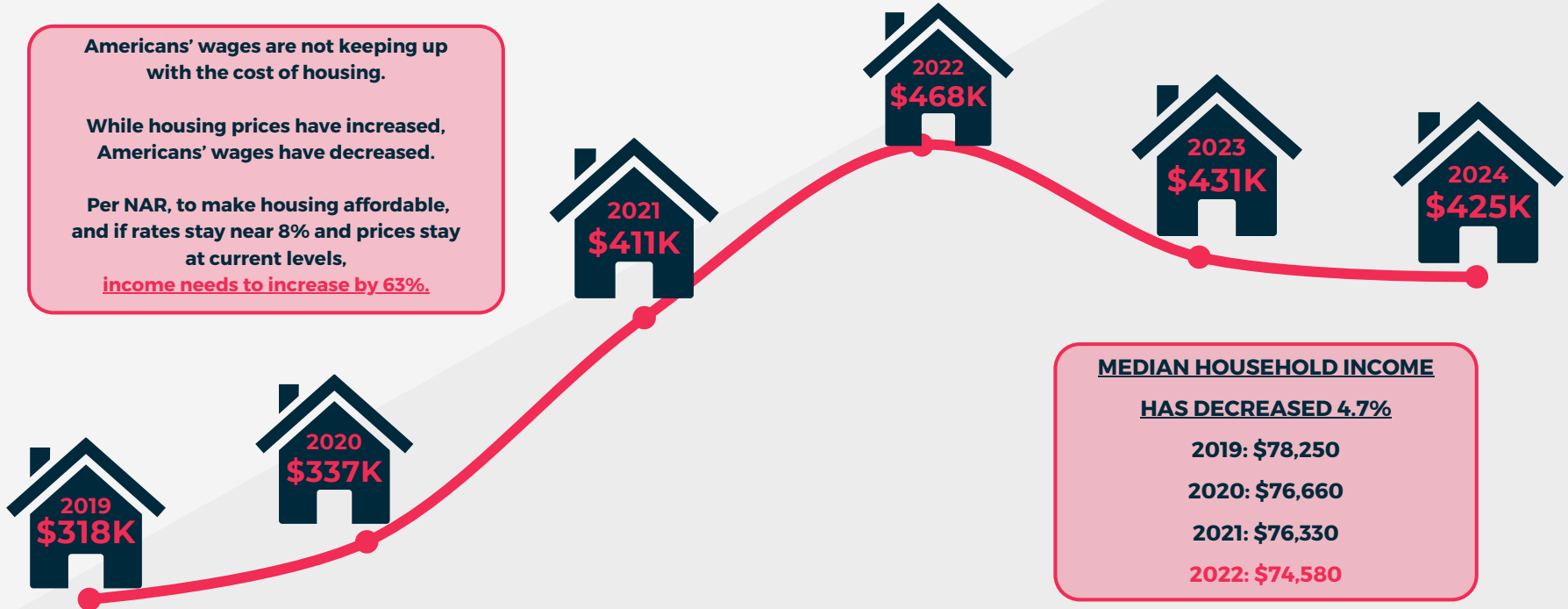
HOUSING INDEX

Americans' median house price has **increased +34%** since 2019.

Americans' wages are not keeping up with the cost of housing.

While housing prices have increased, Americans' wages have decreased.

Per NAR, to make housing affordable, and if rates stay near 8% and prices stay at current levels, **income needs to increase by 63%.**



MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME

HAS DECREASED 4.7%

2019: \$78,250

2020: \$76,660

2021: \$76,330

2022: \$74,580

TOTAL HOUSEHOLD DEBT

Household debt has risen more than **20%** since Biden-Harris took office. Americans' total credit card debt has recently hit more than \$1 trillion for the first time in history.

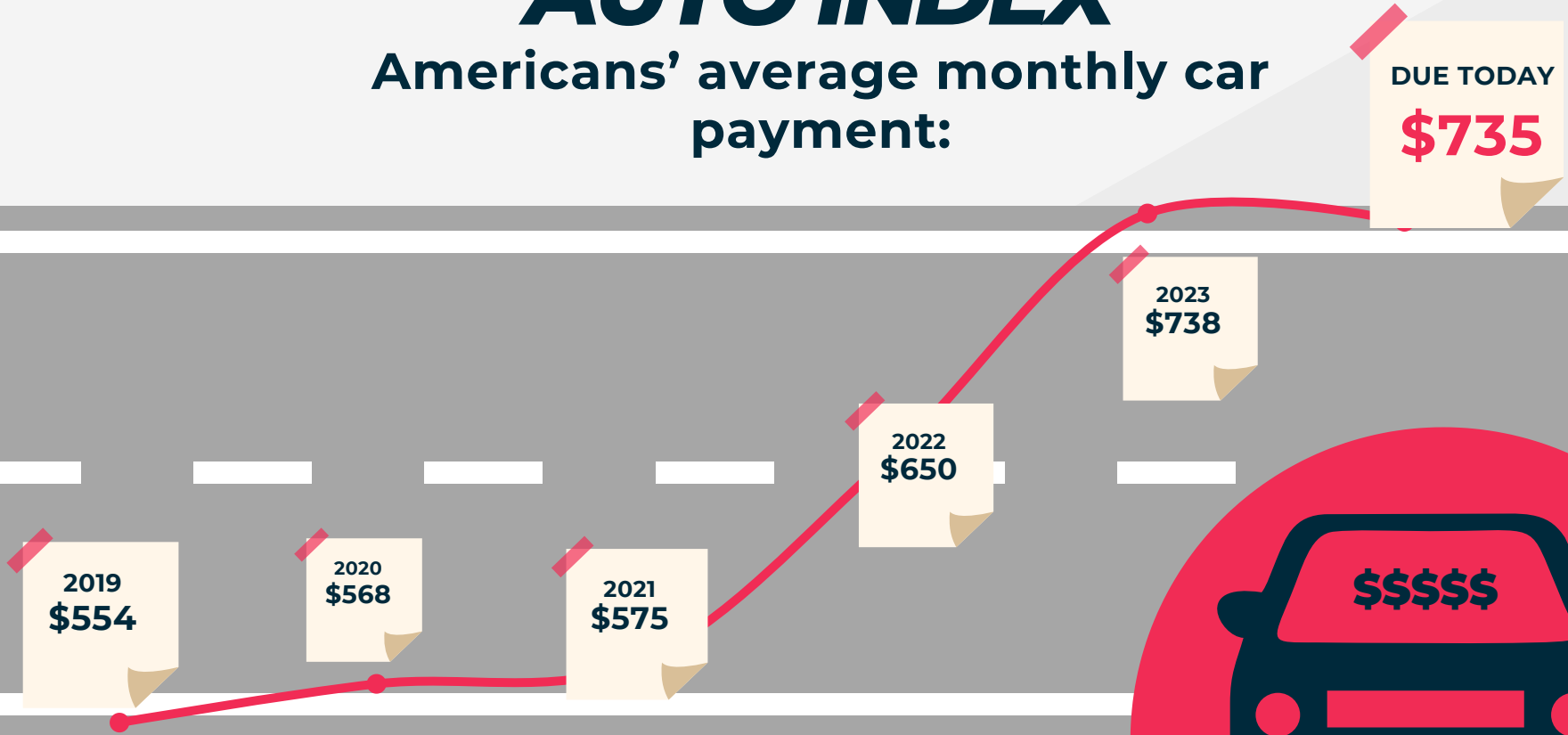


	Q1 2019	Q1 2020	Q1 2021	Q1 2022	Q1 2023	Q1 2024
HOUSEHOLD DEBT (\$ TRILLIONS)	\$13.67	\$14.30	\$14.65	\$15.85	\$17.04	\$17.69
TOTAL HOUSEHOLD DEBT PER U.S. TAXPAYER	\$88,118	\$89,041	\$91,220	\$98,692	\$106,102	\$110,149

When Biden-Harris took office, credit card interest rates were **14.75%**, and as of April 2024, **credit card interest rates are 20.71%**.

AUTO INDEX

Americans' average monthly car payment:



AUTO INDEX

New and used car prices have skyrocketed and Americans can't keep up.

Average price of a new car:

2019: \$37,700

2023: \$48,300

UP 28%

Average price of a used car:

2019: \$19,400

2023: \$27,000

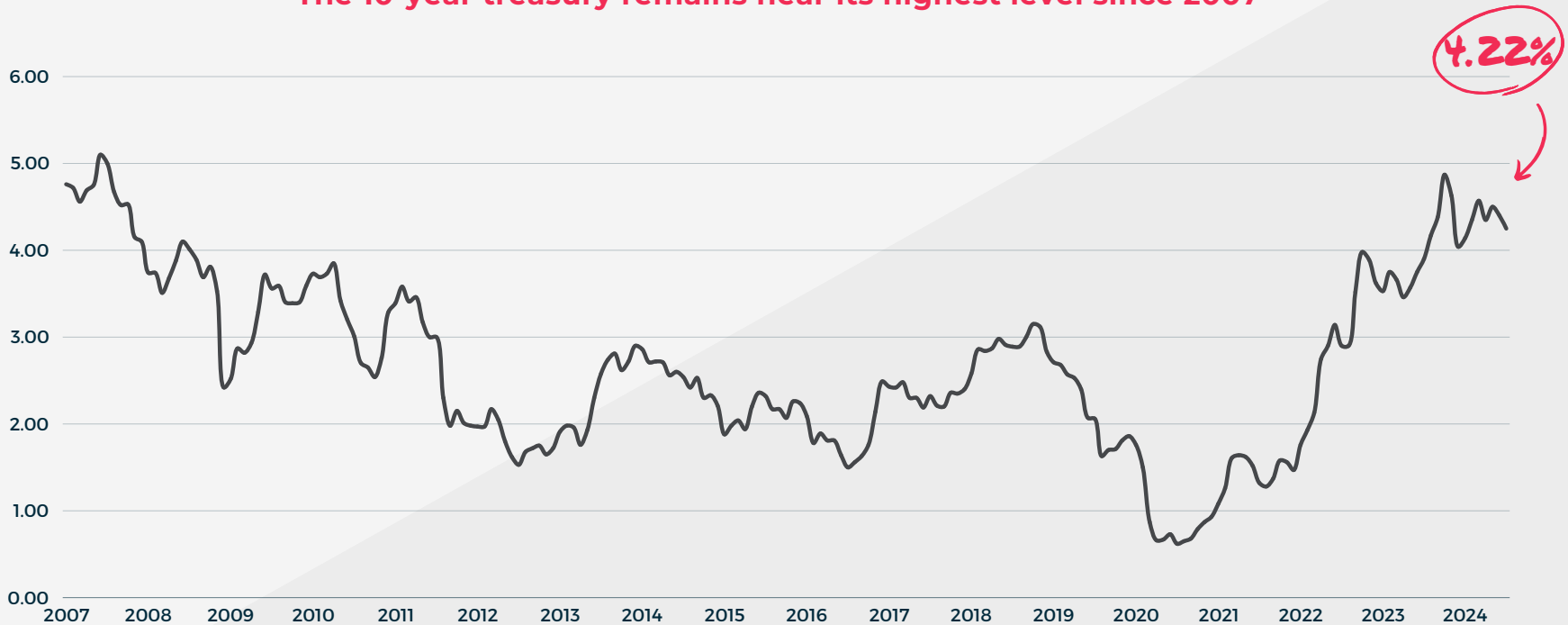
UP 39%



Auto loan delinquency rates
reach highest level since
1994

10-YEAR TREASURY

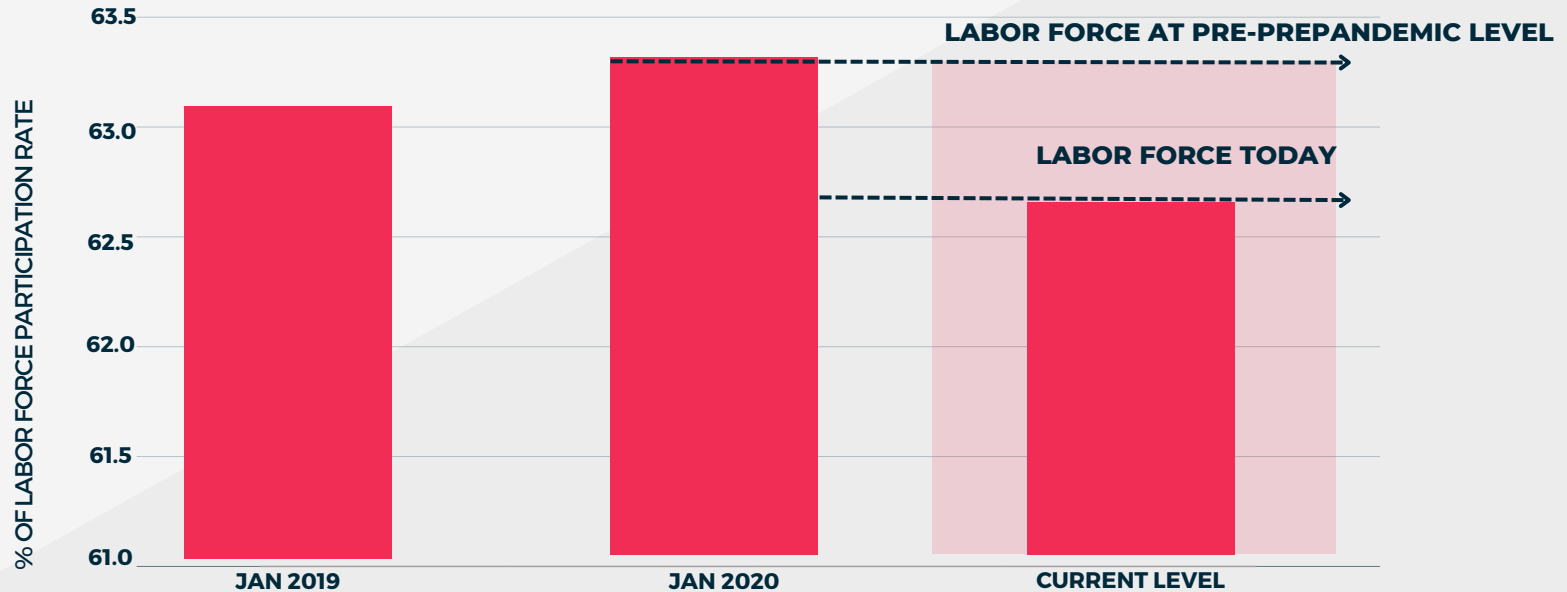
The 10-year treasury remains near its highest level since 2007



LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION

WHAT THIS MEANS:

1.912 MILLION have not returned to the labor force since the pandemic.

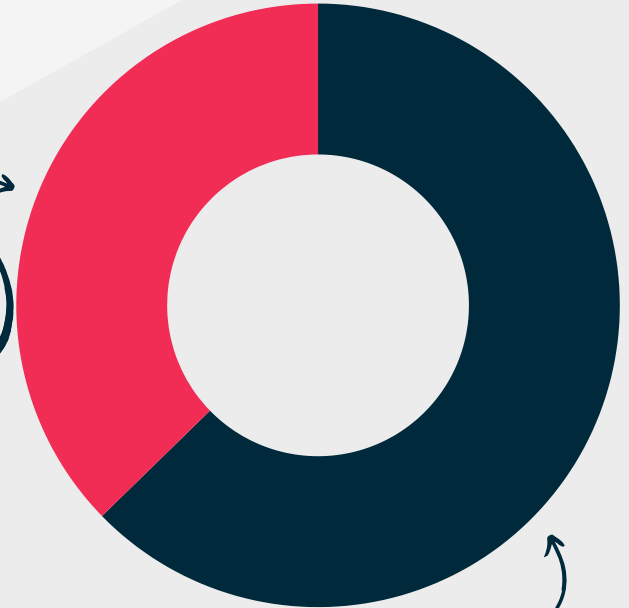


HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE WORKING?

The labor force participation rate has failed to return to pre-pandemic levels under Kamala Harris' leadership.

As of today,
100 million people
over 16 years old are
not participating
in the labor force.

100 MILLION
NOT WORKING



TOTAL: 168 MILLION IN THE LABOR FORCE



GOVERNMENT SPENDING, DEBT & ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

WASHINGTON WASTE

FEDERAL DEFICIT

\$22 T

OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

NATIONAL DEBT

\$35 T

CURRENT LEVEL

NET INTEREST ON DEBT

\$12.9 T

OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

FED BALANCE SHEET

\$7.24 T

CURRENT LEVEL

STUDENT DEBT

\$37,853

AVERAGE DEBT PER BORROWER

MEDICARE

7 YEARS

UNTIL INSOLVENCY

SOCIAL SECURITY

10 YEARS

UNTIL INSOLVENCY

THE BIDEN-HARRIS PLAN TO FIX SOCIAL SECURITY

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*WE MUST PRESERVE
THESE PROGRAMS*

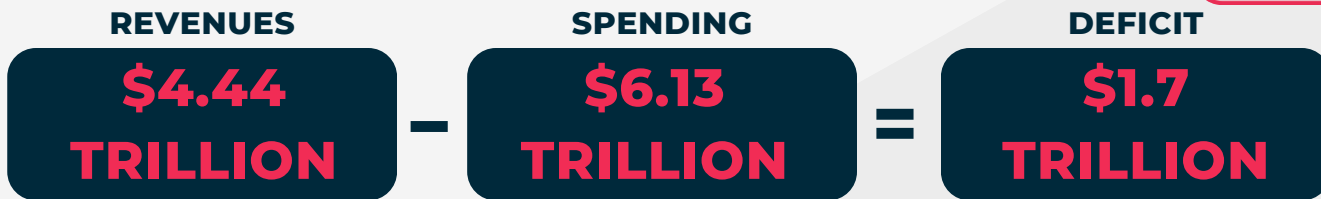
FEDERAL BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2023

Last year, the federal government spent

138%

of revenues.



(\$ in Trillions)	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
Revenues	3.463	3.421	4.045	4.896
Federal Spending	4.446	6.553	6.821	6.271
Deficit	-0.985 Trillion	-3.132 Trillion	-2.775 Trillion	-1.375 Trillion

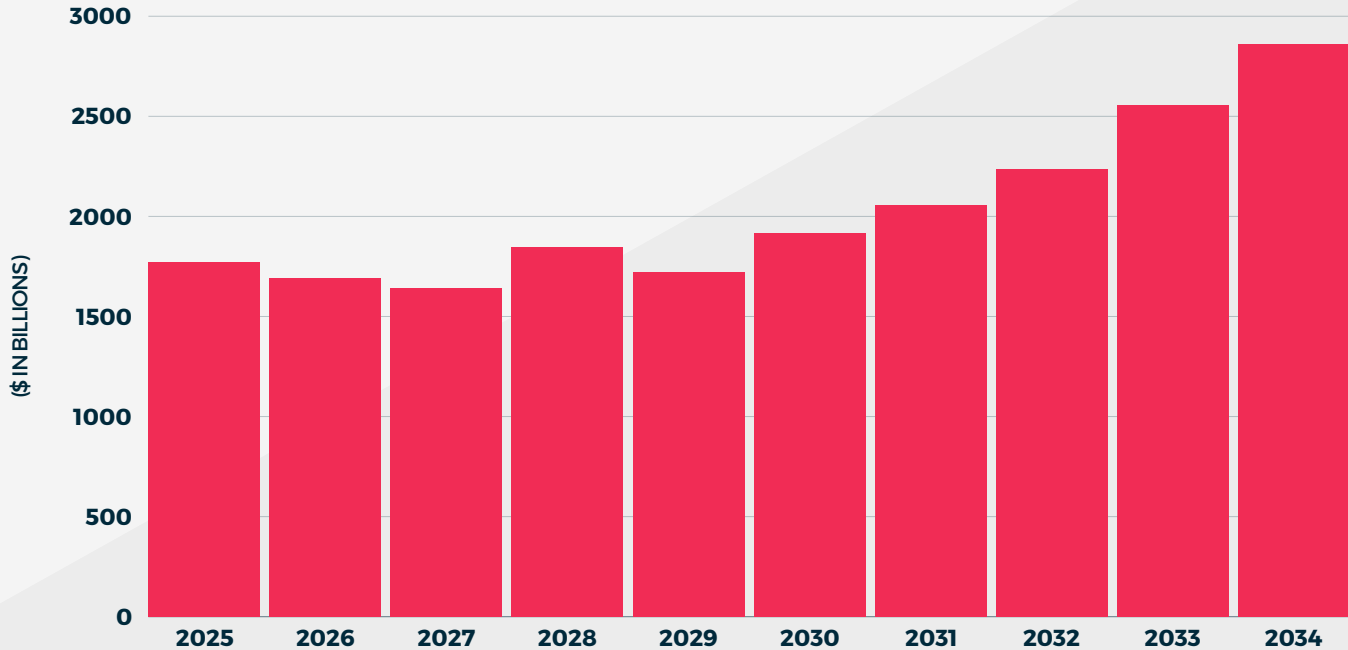
BROKEN BUDGET: Federal revenues have decreased 10% over the prior fiscal year

To date, the government is running a \$1.268 Trillion deficit in FY 2024.

DEFICIT PROJECTIONS

FISCAL YEAR

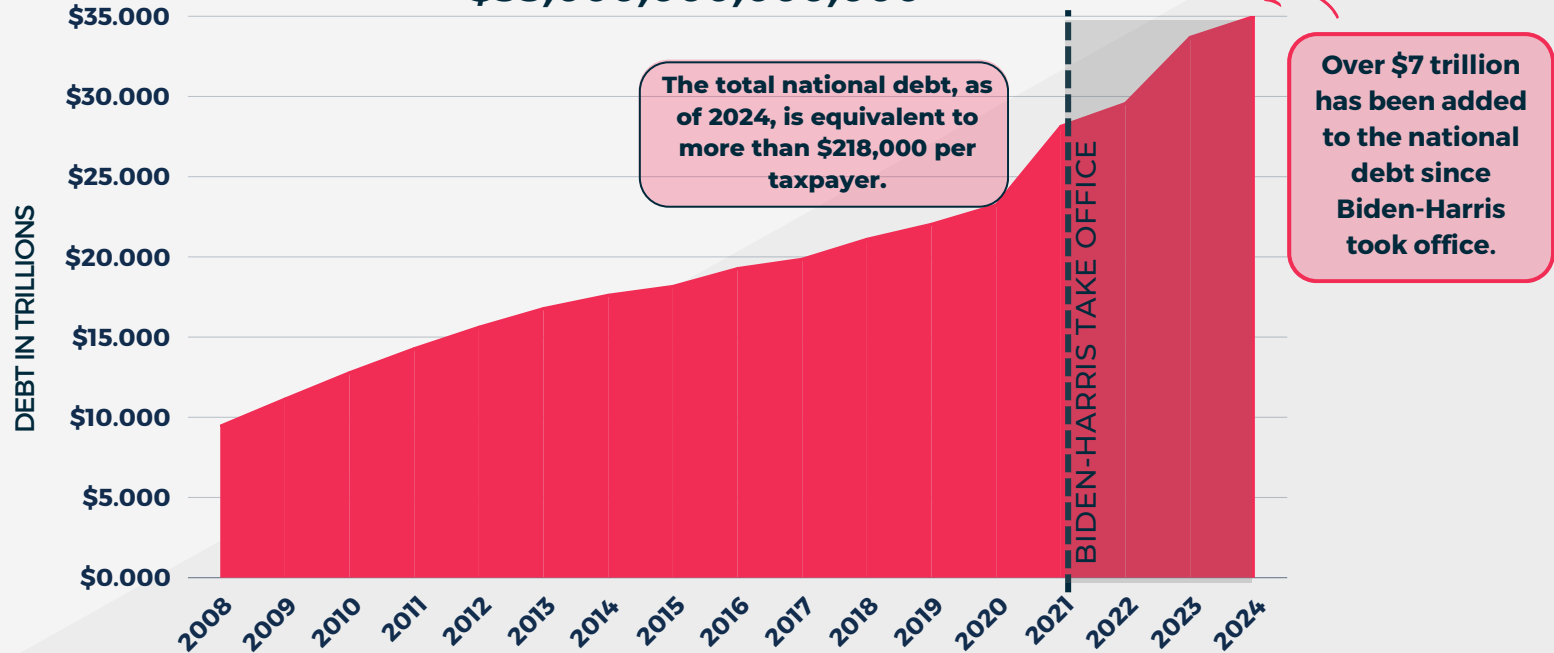
The U.S. is projected to spend more than \$22 trillion more than it takes in over the next 10 years



TOTAL NATIONAL DEBT

CALENDAR YEAR

\$35,000,000,000,000

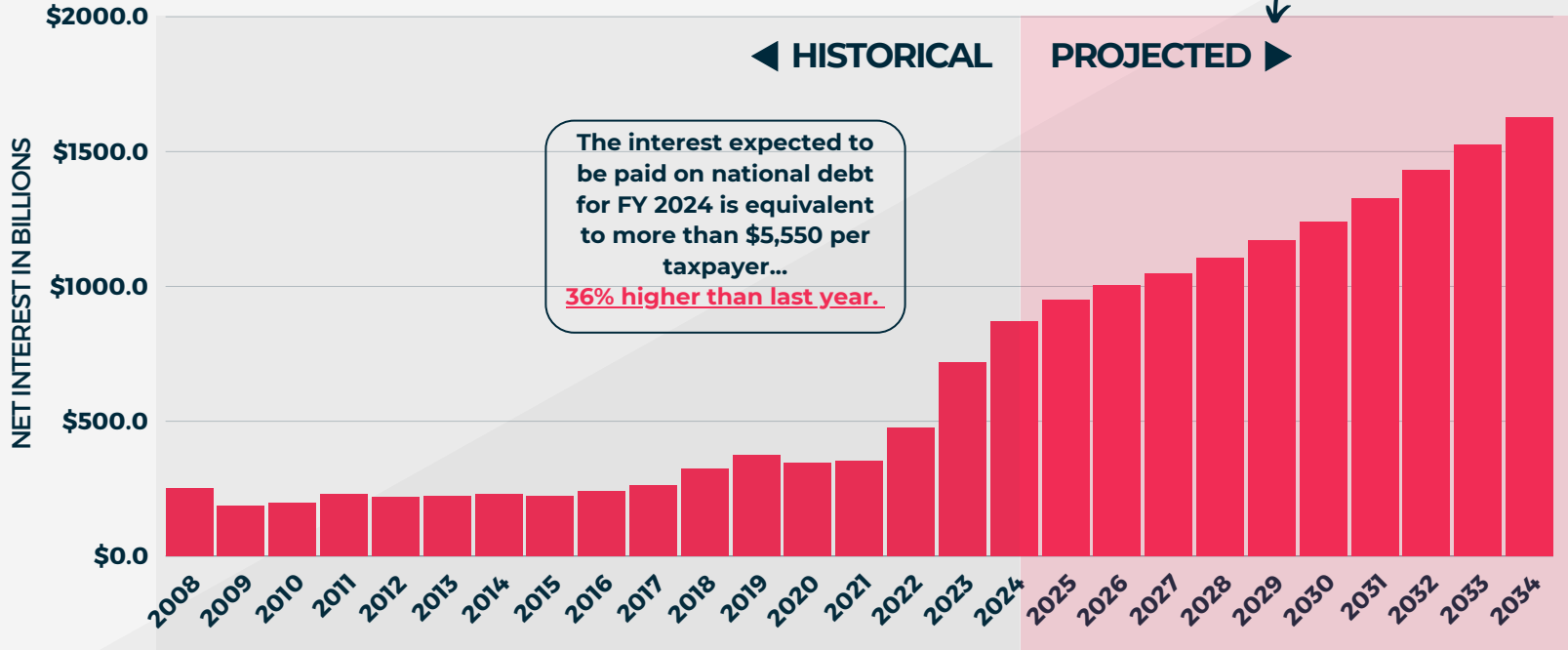


DEBT HELD BY THE PUBLIC HAS INCREASED 121% OVER THE LAST DECADE

NET INTEREST ON NATIONAL DEBT

BY FISCAL YEAR

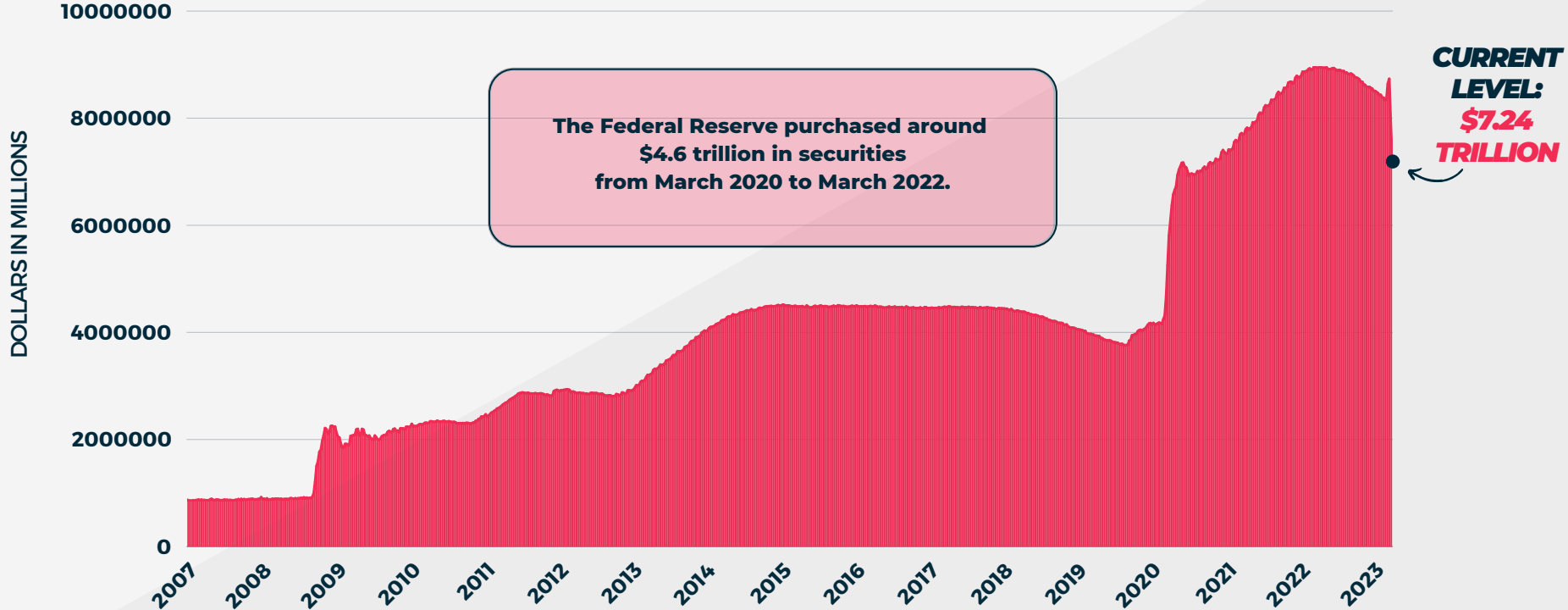
Net interest expenses are expected to cost almost \$13 trillion over the next 10 years.



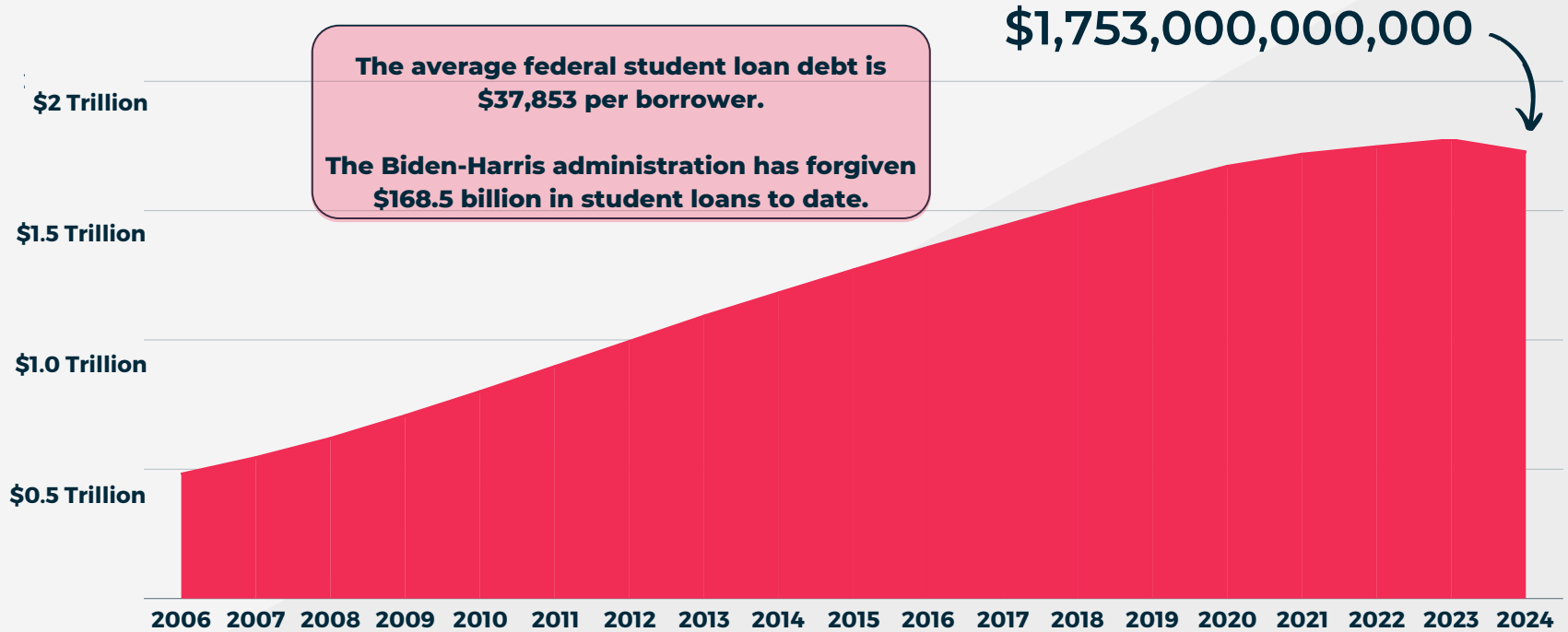
THE U.S. IS ON TRACK TO ADD \$24 TRILLION IN NEW DEBT OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS

THE FED'S BALANCE SHEET

\$7.24 TRILLION



TOTAL STUDENT LOAN DEBT



ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

YEARLY COST

*Projected to go insolvent by 2034

Social Security OASDI

Recipients: 71.89 M
Cost: \$1.24 T

Medicaid

Recipients: 77.92 M
Cost: \$874 B

Social Security SSI

Recipients: 7.48 M
Cost: \$55 B

Medicare

Recipients: 66.4 M
Cost: \$1.014 T

Food Stamps SNAP

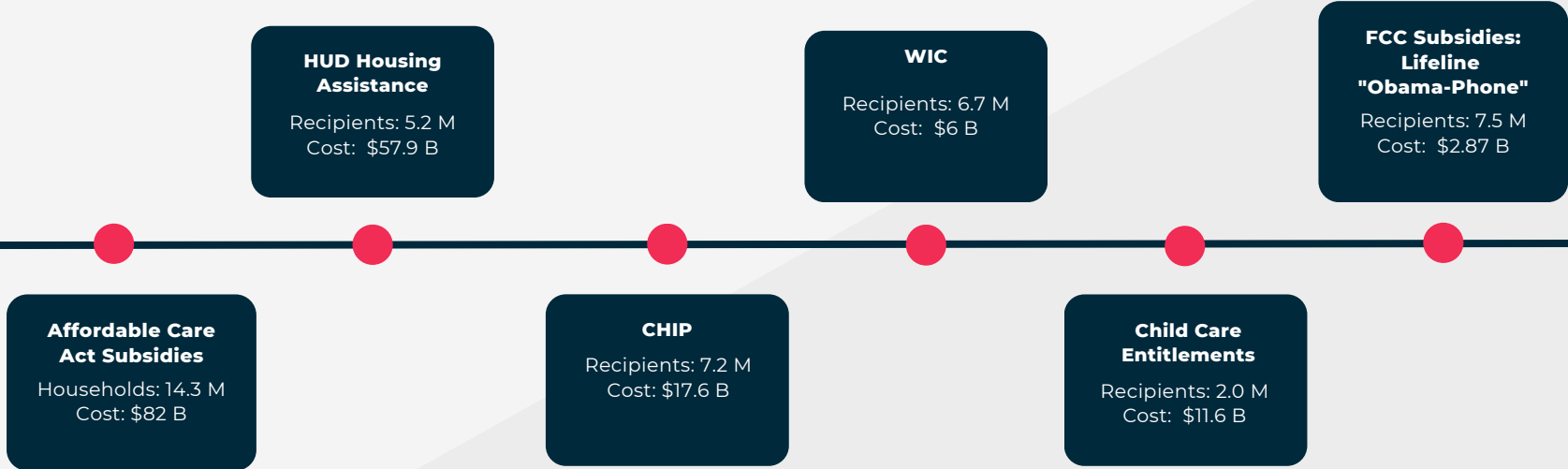
Recipients: 41.1 M
Cost: \$111.6 B

*Projected to go insolvent by 2031

WORKFORCE MAKEUP:
FULL-TIME JOBS: 134,301,000
PART-TIME JOBS: 27,472,000

ENTITLEMENT PROGRAMS

YEARLY COST

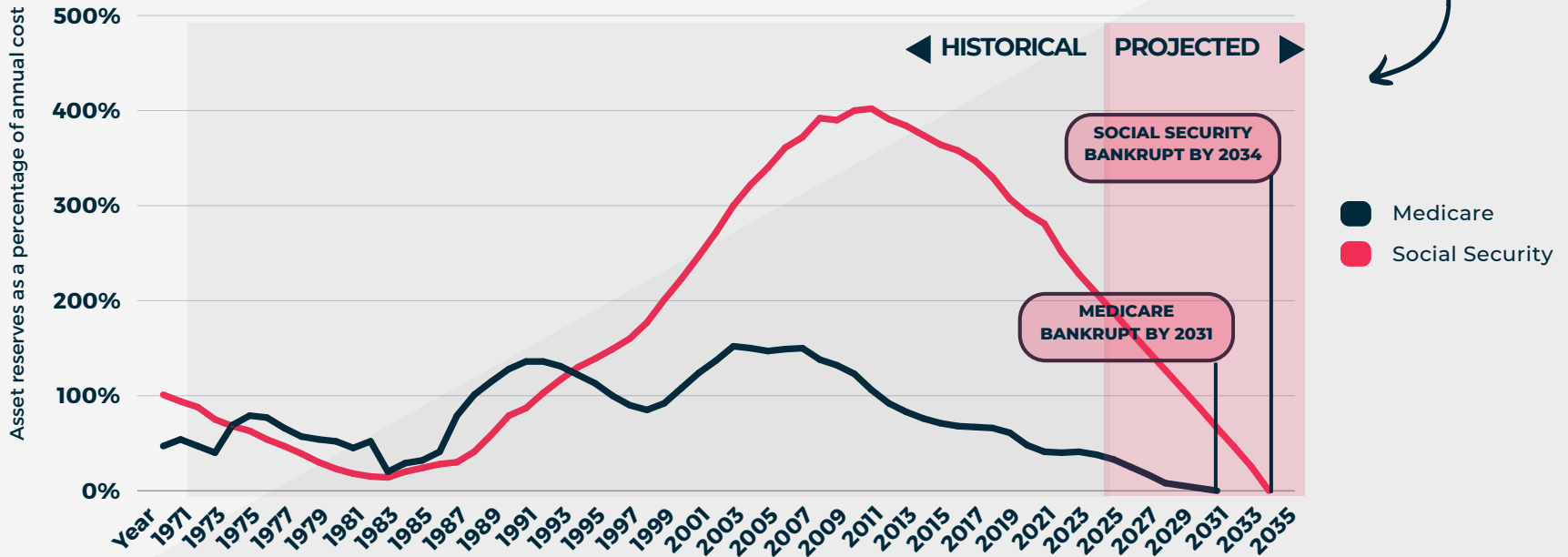


UNIVERSAL WORK REQUIREMENTS AND CRACKING DOWN ON WELFARE FRAUD COULD SAVE TAXPAYERS UP TO \$1.5 TRILLION OVER THE NEXT DECADE

SOCIAL SECURITY & MEDICARE

Current projections show both Social Security and Medicare Trust Funds **will go bankrupt** in the near future.

THE TIME IS NOW TO
FIX THESE PROGRAMS



THE BIDEN-HARRIS PLAN TO FIX SOCIAL SECURITY...



THERE ISN'T ONE.



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