# The Budget and Economic Outlook: An Update

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## **CBO's Baseline Projection of the Deficit for 2007 and Changes in That Projection Since March**

#### **Billions of Dollars**

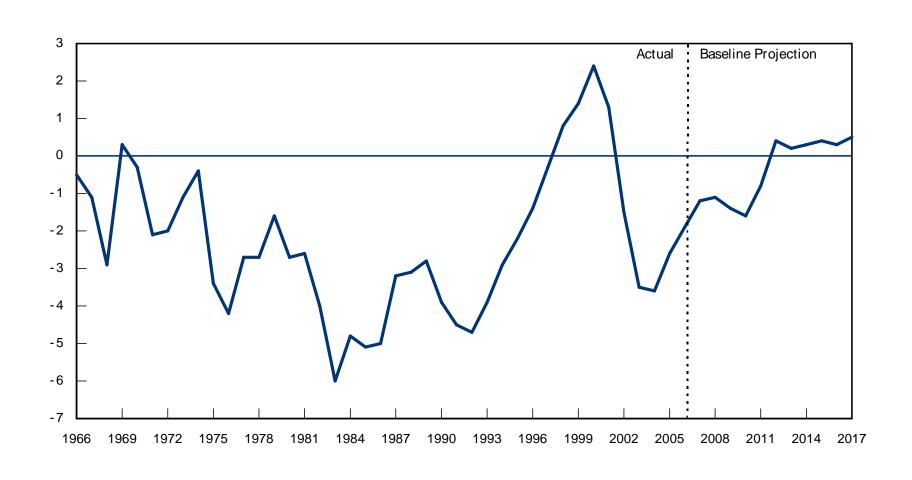
Current Projection of Deficit	158
March 2007 Projection	177
Changes	
Increase in outlays	16
Increase in revenues	35
Net Reduction in the Deficit	19



				Changes		
	2003	2006	2007	2003- 2006	2006- 2007	
Deficit						
Billions of dollars	-378	-248	-158	129	90	
Percentage of GDP	-3.5	-1.9	-1.2	1.6	0.7	
Outlays (Percentage of GDP)	20.0	20.3	19.9	0.3	-0.4	
Discretionary	7.6	7.8	7.6	0.1	-0.2	
Mandatory	10.9	10.8	10.6	-0.1	-0.2	
Revenues (Percentage of GDP)	16.5	18.4	18.8	1.9	0.4	
Individual income taxes	7.3	8.0	8.5	0.6	0.5	
Corporate Income taxes	1.2	2.7	2.7	1.5	0	
Social insurance and other taxes	7.9	7.7	7.5	-0.2	-0.2	

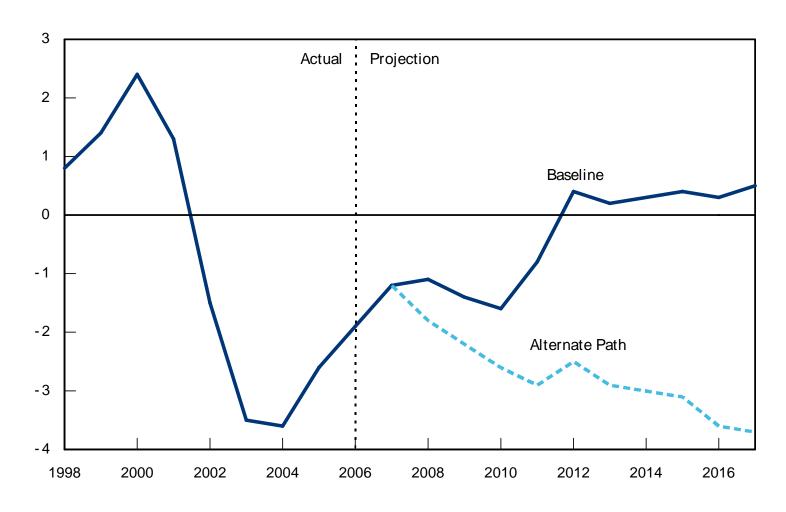


## Total Deficit or Surplus as a Percentage of GDP, 1966 to 2017





## Projected Deficit or Surplus as a Percentage of GDP in CBO's Baseline and for an Alternate Path



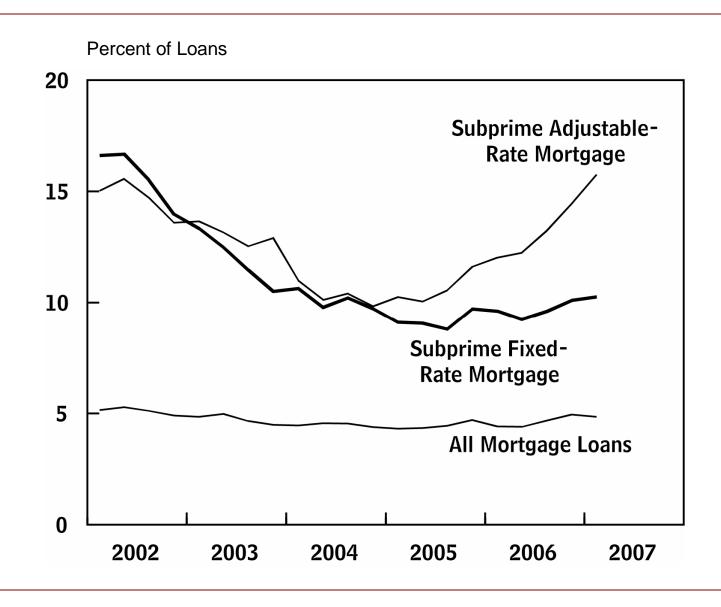
Note: Alternate path extends expiring tax provisions, reduces troops for the war on terrorism to 75,000 by 2013, and has other discretionary spending grow at the rate of nominal GDP.

# CBO's Economic Projections for Calendar Years 2007 to 2017

### Percentage Change

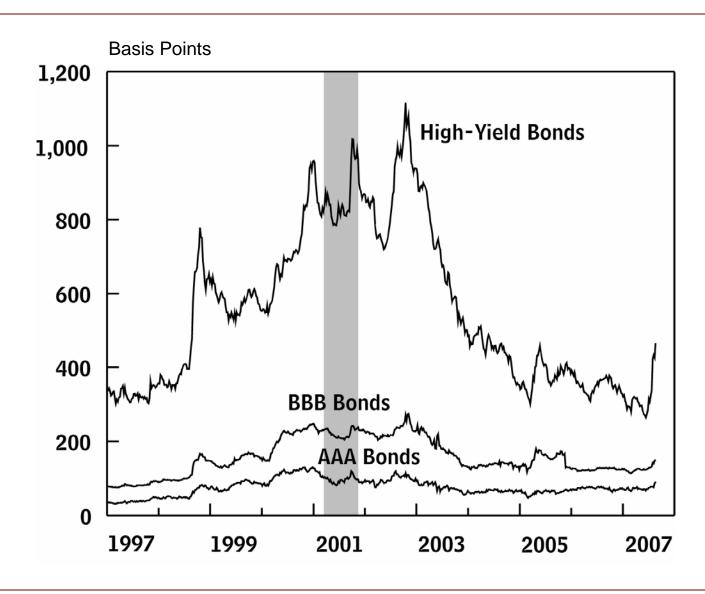
		Fore	ecast	Projected Annual Average		
	2006	2007	2008	2009- 2012	2013- 2017	
Nominal GDP						
Billions of dollars	13,247	13,893	14,575	17,595	21,829	
Growth rate	6.3	4.9	4.9	4.8	4.4	
Real GDP	3.3	2.1	2.9	3.0	2.6	
Core PCE Price Index	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.8	
Unemployment Rate (Percent)	4.6	4.5	4.7	4.8	4.8	

## **Mortgage Delinquencies**



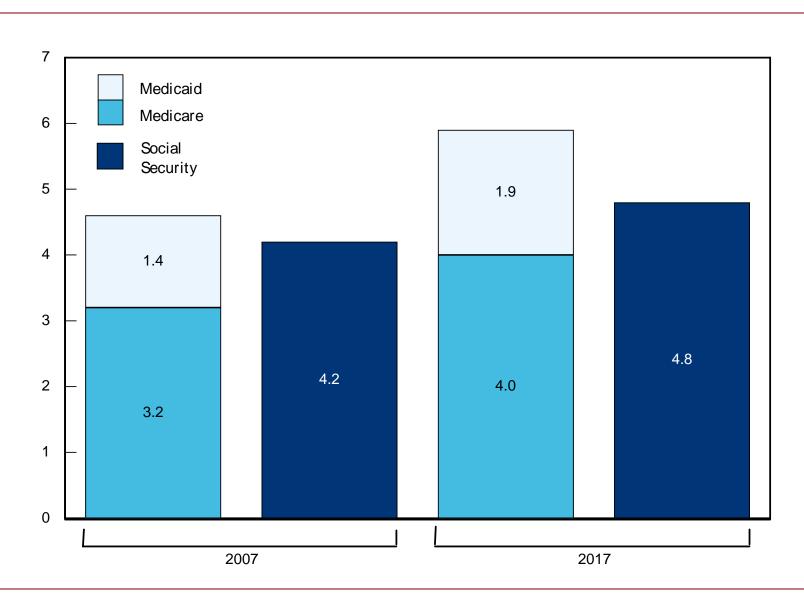


## **Yield Spread Between Corporate Bonds of Various Ratings and the 10-Year Treasury Note**



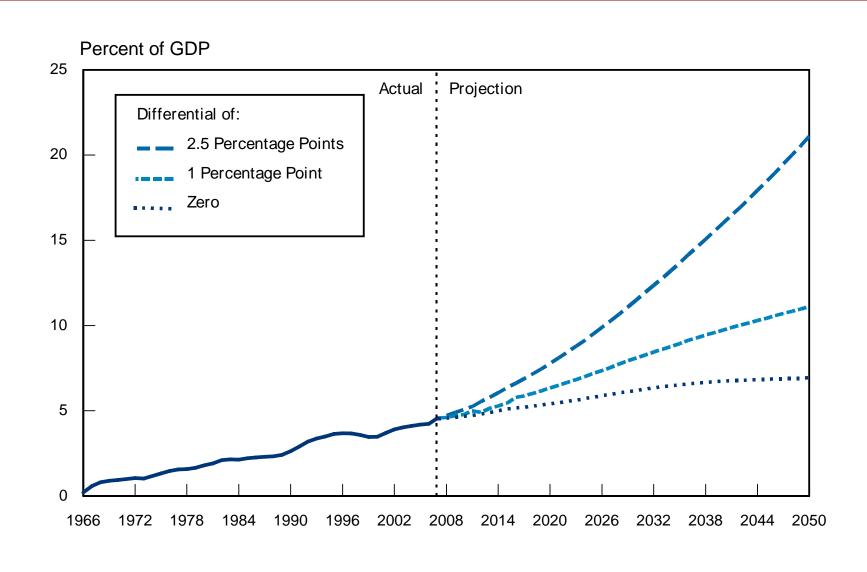


## Spending on Medicare and Medicaid and on Social Security as a Percentage of GDP, 2007 and 2017



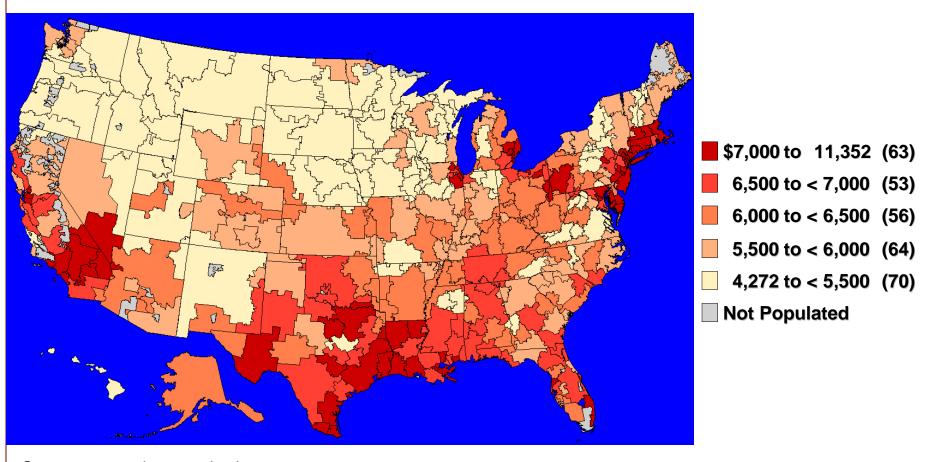


## **Total Federal Spending for Medicare and Medicaid Under Assumptions About the Health Cost Growth Differential**





## Medicare Spending per Capita in the United States, by Hospital Referral Region, 2003



Source: www.dartmouthatlas.org.



## The Relationship Between Quality and Medicare Spending, by State, 2004

