

# FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD 77 K Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: Sean McCaffrey, Chief Investment Officer

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DATE: June 16, 2023

SUBJECT: May 2023 Investment Program Review

# INTRODUCTION

This report reviews key aspects of the TSP's investment program, including performance, benchmark differences, interfund transfer activity, and participant allocations.

# **RETURNS AND BENCHMARK DIFFERENCES**

The tables below contain the monthly and year-to-date (YTD) returns and benchmark differences for the F, C, S, and I Funds and for the separate accounts managed by BlackRock and State Street. Due to rounding, the benchmark differences may not match the differences in displayed returns.

May 2023 Returns and Benchmark Differences

		Fixed Income	Large Cap	Small Mid Cap	<u>International</u>
		(F Fund)	(C Fund)	(S Fund)	(I Fund)
	Index	-1.09	0.43	0.44	-4.23
Return	BlackRock	-1.09	0.43	0.45	-3.93
(%)	State Street	-1.10	0.43	0.44	-4.35
	TSP Fund (Net)	-1.10	0.43	0.44	-4.01
Benchmark Difference	BlackRock	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.31
	State Street	-0.01	0.00	0.00	-0.12
(%)	TSP Fund	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.22

BlackRock's performance for the F, C, and S Funds was in line with the Funds' respective indices for the month. For the I Fund, BlackRock was ahead of the International Index by 31 basis points, primarily due to fair value pricing.

State Street's performance for the F, C, and S Funds was in line with the Funds' respective indices for the month. For the I Fund, State Street lagged the International Index by 12 basis points, primarily due to fair value pricing.

2023 YTD Returns and Benchmark Differences

		Fixed Income (F Fund)	Large Cap (C Fund)	Small Mid Cap (S Fund)	International (I Fund)
	Index	2.46	9.65	3.94	6.81
Return	BlackRock	2.65	9.65	4.03	7.31
(%)	State Street	2.65	9.65	3.97	7.15
	TSP Fund (Net)	2.62	9.63	4.00	7.26
Benchmark Difference	BlackRock	0.19	0.00	0.09	0.50
	State Street	0.19	0.00	0.02	0.34
(%)	TSP Fund	0.17	-0.02	0.05	0.45

Year-to-date, BlackRock's performance for the F Fund was ahead of the Fixed Income Index's return by 19 basis points, primarily due to a difference in the timing of pricing by the index provider and by BlackRock on the last trading day of December 2022. Its performance for the C Fund was in line with the Large Cap Index. For the S Fund, BlackRock exceeded the Small Mid Cap Index's return by 9 basis points, primarily due to securities lending. Its performance for the I Fund was ahead of the International Index by 50 basis points, primarily due to tax advantage.

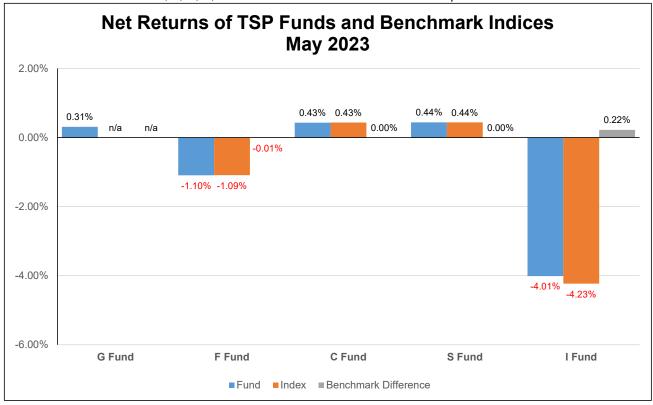
Year-to-date, State Street's performance for the F Fund exceeded the Fixed Income Index's return by 19 basis points, primarily due to a difference in the timing of pricing by the index provider and by State Street on the last trading day of December 2022. Its performance for the C and S Funds was in line with the Funds' respective indices. For the I Fund, State Street was ahead of the International Index by 34 basis points, primarily due to tax advantage.

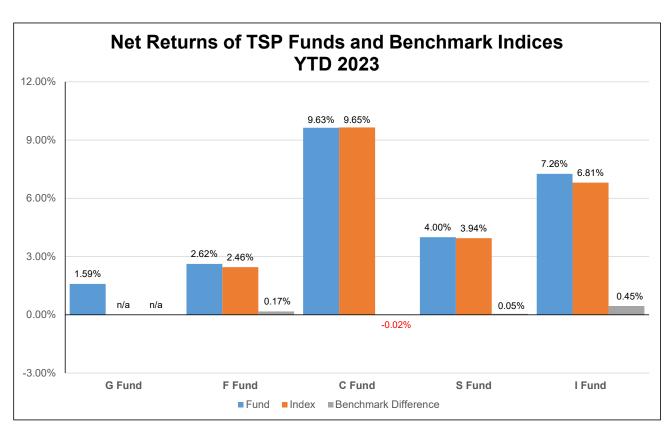
TSP Net Returns as of May 31, 2023

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
G Fund	3.73%	2.13%	2.18%	2.18%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
F Fund	-2.44%	-3.49%	0.92%	1.63%
Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index	-2.14%	-3.65%	0.81%	1.39%
Benchmark Difference	-0.30%	0.16%	0.10%	0.24%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
C Fund	4.79%	12.90%	10.98%	12.00%
S&P 500 Index	2.92%	12.92%	11.01%	11.99%
Benchmark Difference	1.87%	-0.02%	-0.04%	0.01%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
S Fund	-2.07%	7.89%	4.64%	8.44%
Dow Jones US Completion TSM Index	-3.65%	7.72%	4.52%	8.22%
Benchmark Difference	1.59%	0.18%	0.11%	0.22%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
I Fund	4.52%	8.99%	3.62%	5.03%
MSCI EAFE Index	3.06%	8.53%	3.21%	4.56%
Benchmark Difference	1.46%	0.45%	0.41%	0.47%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
L Income Fund	3.92%	4.00%	3.61%	3.84%
L 2025 Fund	3.62%	N/A	N/A	N/A
L 2030 Fund	3.99%	7.45%	5.80%	6.87%
L 2035 Fund	3.91%	N/A	N/A	N/A
L 2040 Fund	3.85%	8.37%	6.34%	7.60%
L 2045 Fund	3.76%	N/A	N/A	N/A
L 2050 Fund	3.71%	9.17%	6.77%	8.21%
L 2055 Fund	3.92%	N/A	N/A	N/A
L 2060 Fund	3.91%	N/A	N/A	N/A
L 2065 Fund	3.91%	N/A	N/A	N/A
Inception date for L 2025, L 2035, L 2045, L 2055	<u>, L 2060, L</u> 20	65: July 1	, 2020	
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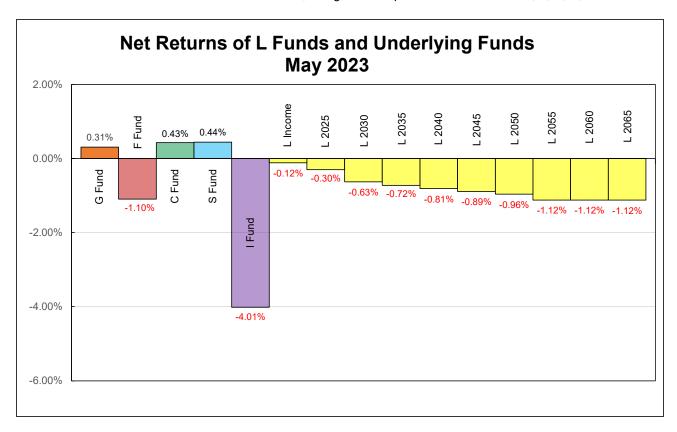
#### **Performance of TSP Funds**

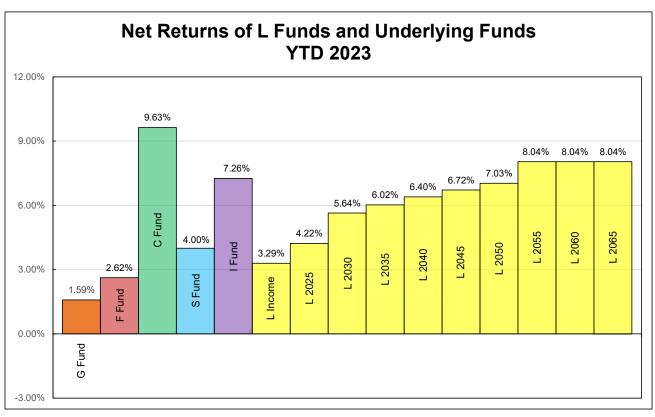
The charts below show the G, F, C, S, and I Fund net rates of return vs. their respective benchmark indices.



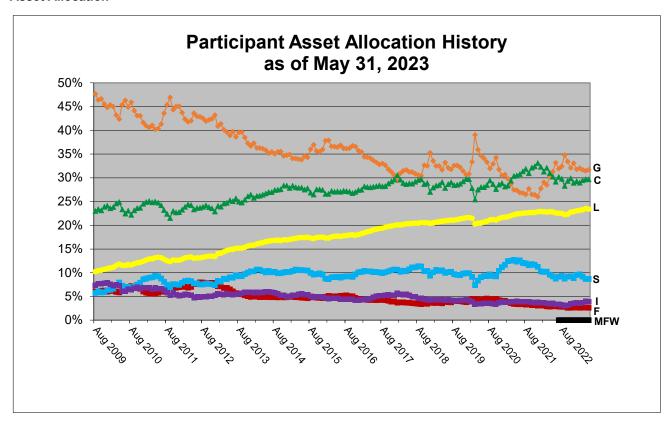


Net rates of return for the L Funds are shown below, along with comparable returns for the G, F, C, S, and I Funds.



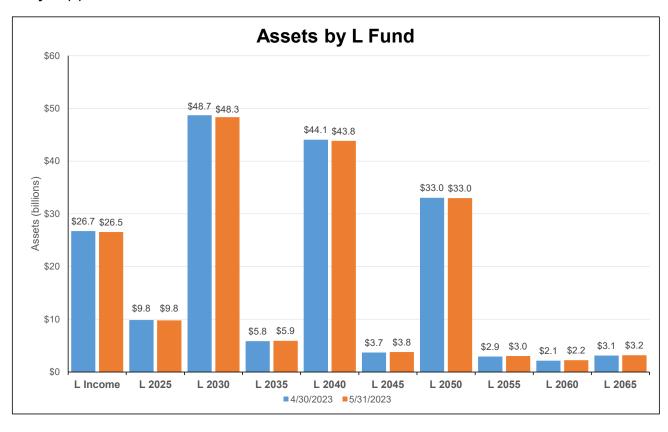


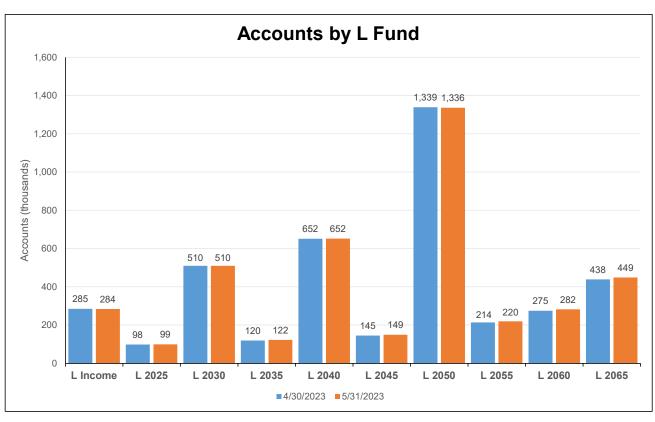
## **Asset Allocation**

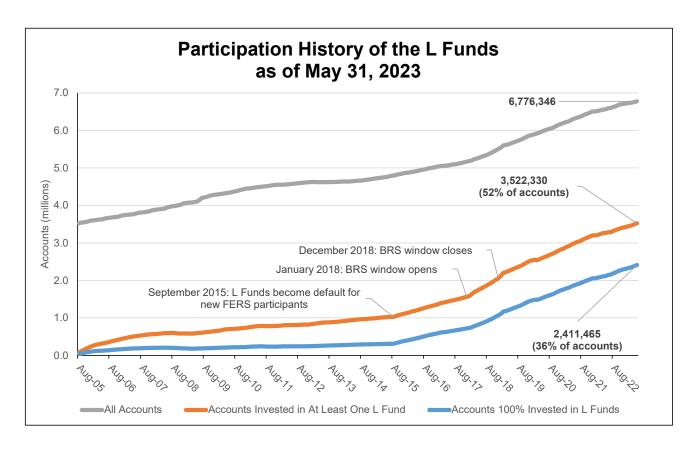


Asset Allocation as of May 31, 2023					
	Participant Allocation Assets Share of		<u>Individual</u> Assets	Individual TSP Funds Assets Share of	
	(Billions)	Total	(Billions)	Total	
G Fund	\$242.9	31.7%	\$298.3	38.9%	
F Fund	\$20.1	2.6%	\$31.7	4.1%	
C Fund	\$227.5	29.7%	\$285.5	37.2%	
S Fund	\$66.4	8.7%	\$81.7	10.7%	
I Fund	\$30.0	3.9%	\$69.2	9.0%	
L Funds	\$179.5	23.4%	n/a	n/a	
<u>MFW</u>	<u>\$0.2</u>	0.0%	<u>\$0.2</u>	0.0%	
Total	\$766.7	100.0%	\$766.7	100.0%	
*Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.					

# Lifecycle (L) Funds







# **Interfund Transfer Activity**

