

# 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: May 12, 2023

SUBJECT: April 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.

# April 2023 Returns and Benchmark Differences

		Fixed Income	Large Cap	Small Mid Cap	<u>International</u>
		(F Fund)	(C Fund)	(S Fund)	(I Fund)
	Index	0.61	1.56	-2.18	2.82
Return	BlackRock	0.61	1.56	-2.18	2.87
(%)	State Street	0.63	1.56	-2.18	2.88
	TSP Fund (Net)	0.60	1.56	-2.18	2.87
Benchmark Difference	BlackRock	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04
(%)	State Street	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.05
( /0)	TSP Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04

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 4 basis points, primarily due to tax advantage.

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 was ahead of the International Index by 5 basis points, primarily due to tax advantage.

2023 YTD Returns and Benchmark Differences

		Fixed Income (F Fund)	<u>Large Cap</u> (C Fund)	Small Mid Cap (S Fund)	International (I Fund)
	Index	3.59	9.17	3.49	11.53
Return	BlackRock	3.78	9.18	3.57	11.70
(%)	State Street	3.79	9.17	3.52	12.02
	TSP Fund (Net)	3.76	9.16	3.54	11.74
Benchmark	BlackRock	0.20	0.01	0.08	0.17
Difference	State Street	0.21	0.00	0.03	0.49
(%)	TSP Fund	0.18	-0.01	0.05	0.22

Year-to-date, BlackRock's performance for the F Fund was ahead of the Fixed Income Index's return by 20 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 8 basis points, primarily due to securities lending. Its performance for the I Fund was ahead of the International Index by 17 basis points, primarily due to tax advantage.

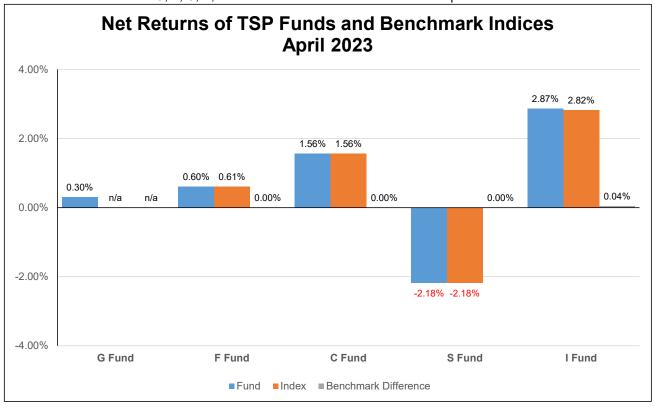
Year-to-date, State Street's performance for the F Fund exceeded the Fixed Income Index's return by 21 basis points, primarily due to a difference in the timing of pricing by the index provider and by State Street on the last trading day of December 2022. Its performance for the C Fund was in line with the Large Cap index. For the S Fund, State Street outperformed the Small Mid Cap Index's return by 3 basis points, primarily due to securities lending. Its performance for the I Fund was ahead of the International Index by 49 basis points, primarily due to tax advantage and fair value pricing.

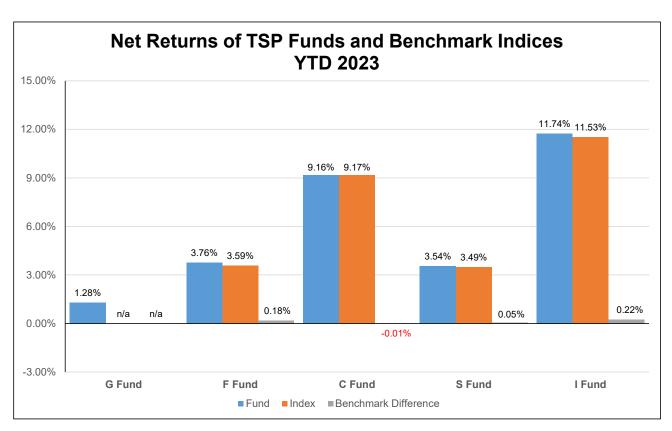
TSP Net Returns as of April 30, 2023

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
G Fund	3.62%	2.04%	2.17%	2.16%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
F Fund	-0.25%	-2.99%	1.29%	1.56%
Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index	-0.43%	-3.15%	1.18%	1.32%
Benchmark Difference	0.18%	0.16%	0.11%	0.24%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
C Fund	2.62%	14.50%	11.41%	12.21%
S&P 500 Index	2.66%	14.52%	11.45%	12.20%
Benchmark Difference	-0.04%	-0.02%	-0.04%	0.01%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
S Fund	-5.94%	10.80%	5.54%	8.69%
Dow Jones US Completion TSM Index	-6.23%	10.63%	5.41%	8.46%
Benchmark Difference	0.29%	0.17%	0.13%	0.23%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
I Fund	10.19%	12.12%	4.03%	5.13%
MSCI EAFE Index	8.42%	11.68%	3.63%	4.76%
Benchmark Difference	1.77%	0.43%	0.39%	0.37%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
L Income Fund	4.08%	4.46%	3.74%	3.87%
L 2025 Fund	3.77%	N/A	N/A	N/A
L 2030 Fund	4.29%	8.83%	6.14%	6.99%
L 2035 Fund	4.24%	N/A	N/A	N/A
L 2040 Fund	4.20%	10.06%	6.76%	7.74%
L 2045 Fund	4.13%	N/A	N/A	N/A
L 2050 Fund	4.08%	11.11%	7.25%	8.37%
L 2055 Fund	4.16%	N/A	N/A	N/A
L 2060 Fund	4.15%	N/A	N/A	N/A
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L 2065 Fund	4.15%	N/A	N/A	N/A

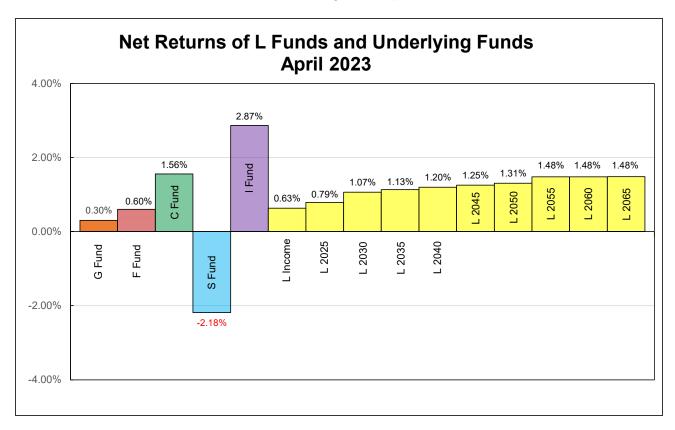
#### **Performance of TSP Funds**

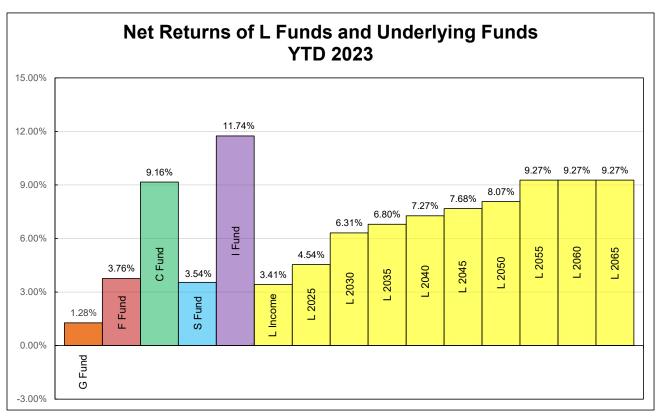
The charts below show the G, F, C, S, and I Fund net rates of return vs. their respective benchmark indices.



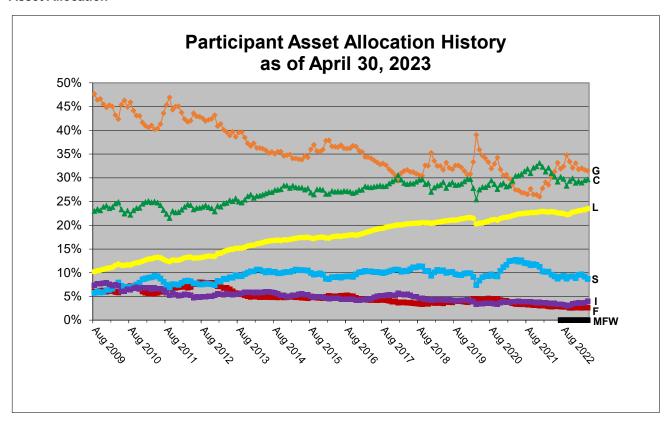


Net rates of return for the L Funds are shown below, along with comparable returns for the G, F, C, S, and I Funds.



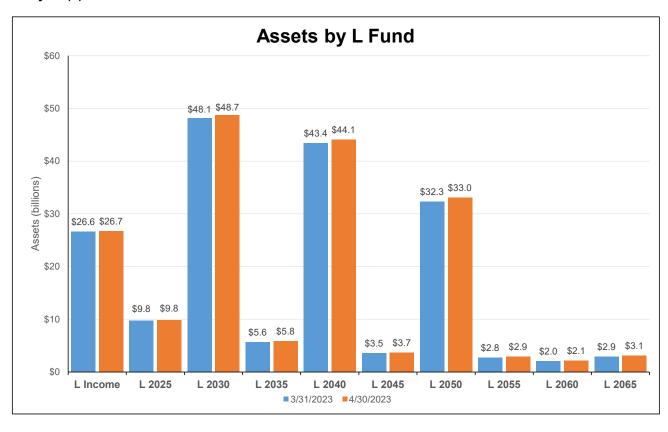


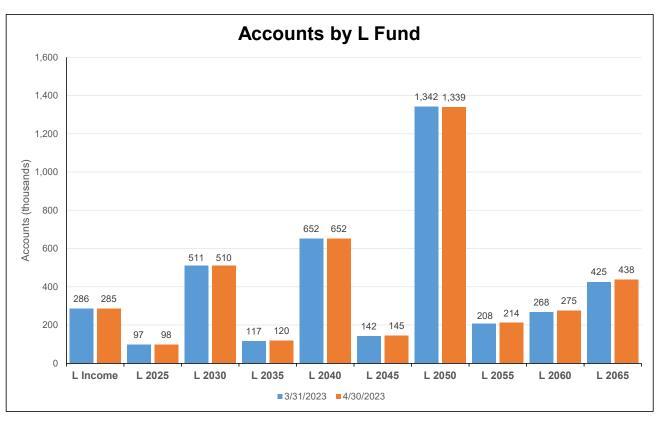
## **Asset Allocation**

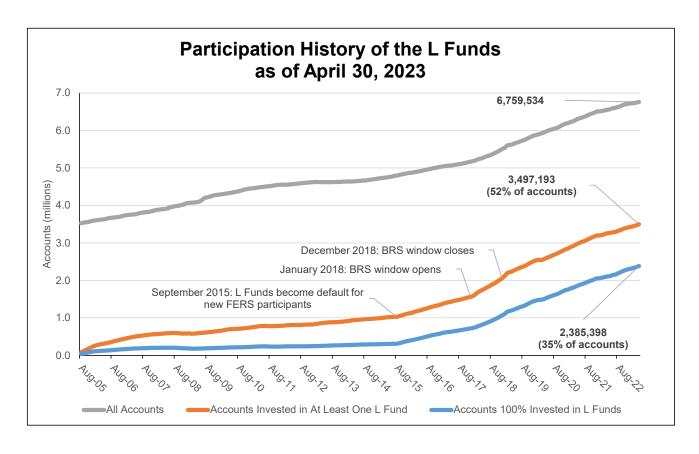


Asset Allocation as of April 30, 2023					
	Participant Assets (Billions)	Allocation Share of Total	<u>Individual</u> Assets (Billions)	TSP Funds Share of Total	
G Fund	\$241.0	31.5%	\$296.3	38.7%	
F Fund	\$20.3	2.6%	\$31.8	4.2%	
C Fund	\$227.4	29.7%	\$285.7	37.3%	
S Fund	\$66.4	8.7%	\$81.8	10.7%	
I Fund	\$30.8	4.0%	\$70.1	9.2%	
L Funds	\$180.0	23.5%	n/a	n/a	
MFW	<u>\$0.2</u>	0.0%	<u>\$0.2</u>	0.0%	
Total	\$766.0	100.0%	\$766.0	100.0%	
*Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.					

# Lifecycle (L) Funds







## **Interfund Transfer Activity**

