



FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: Sean McCaffrey, Chief Investment Officer

DATE: September 14, 2023

SUBJECT: August 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.

August 2023 Returns and Benchmark Differences

		<u>Fixed Income</u> <u>(F Fund)</u>	<u>Large Cap</u> <u>(C Fund)</u>	<u>Small Mid Cap</u> <u>(S Fund)</u>	<u>International</u> <u>(I Fund)</u>
Return (%)	Index	-0.64	-1.59	-4.07	-3.83
	BlackRock	-0.63	-1.58	-4.06	-3.91
	State Street	-0.62	-1.58	-4.07	-3.84
	TSP Fund (Net)	-0.63	-1.58	-4.06	-3.90
Benchmark Difference (%)	BlackRock	0.01	0.01	0.02	-0.07
	State Street	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.00
	TSP Fund	0.00	0.01	0.01	-0.06

BlackRock's performance for the F, C, and S Funds was in line with the Funds' respective indices for the month. Its performance for the I Fund lagged the International Index by 7 basis points, primarily due to fair value pricing.

State Street's performance for the F, C, S, and I Funds was in line with the Funds' respective indices for the month.

2023 YTD Returns and Benchmark Differences

		<u>Fixed Income</u>	<u>Large Cap</u>	<u>Small Mid Cap</u>	<u>International</u>
		<u>(F Fund)</u>	<u>(C Fund)</u>	<u>(S Fund)</u>	<u>(I Fund)</u>
Return (%)	Index	1.37	18.73	14.35	10.87
	BlackRock	1.57	18.74	14.50	10.77
	State Street	1.57	18.74	14.42	11.22
	TSP Fund (Net)	1.53	18.71	14.45	10.83
Benchmark Difference (%)	BlackRock	0.20	0.01	0.15	-0.10
	State Street	0.20	0.01	0.07	0.35
	TSP Fund	0.16	-0.02	0.10	-0.04

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 15 basis points, primarily due to securities lending. Its performance for the I Fund lagged the International Index by 10 basis points, primarily due to fair value pricing.

Year-to-date, State Street's performance for the F Fund exceeded 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 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 exceeded the Small Mid Cap Index's return by 7 basis points, primarily due to securities lending. Its performance for the I Fund was ahead of the International Index by 35 basis points, primarily due to tax advantage.

TSP Net Returns as of August 31, 2023

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
G Fund	3.95%	2.41%	2.24%	2.23%

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
F Fund	-1.17%	-4.25%	0.58%	1.72%
Bloomberg US Agg Bond Index	-1.19%	-4.41%	0.49%	1.48%
Benchmark Difference	0.02%	0.16%	0.09%	0.23%

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
C Fund	15.91%	10.50%	11.09%	12.81%
S&P 500 Index	15.94%	10.52%	11.12%	12.81%
Benchmark Difference	-0.04%	-0.02%	-0.04%	0.00%

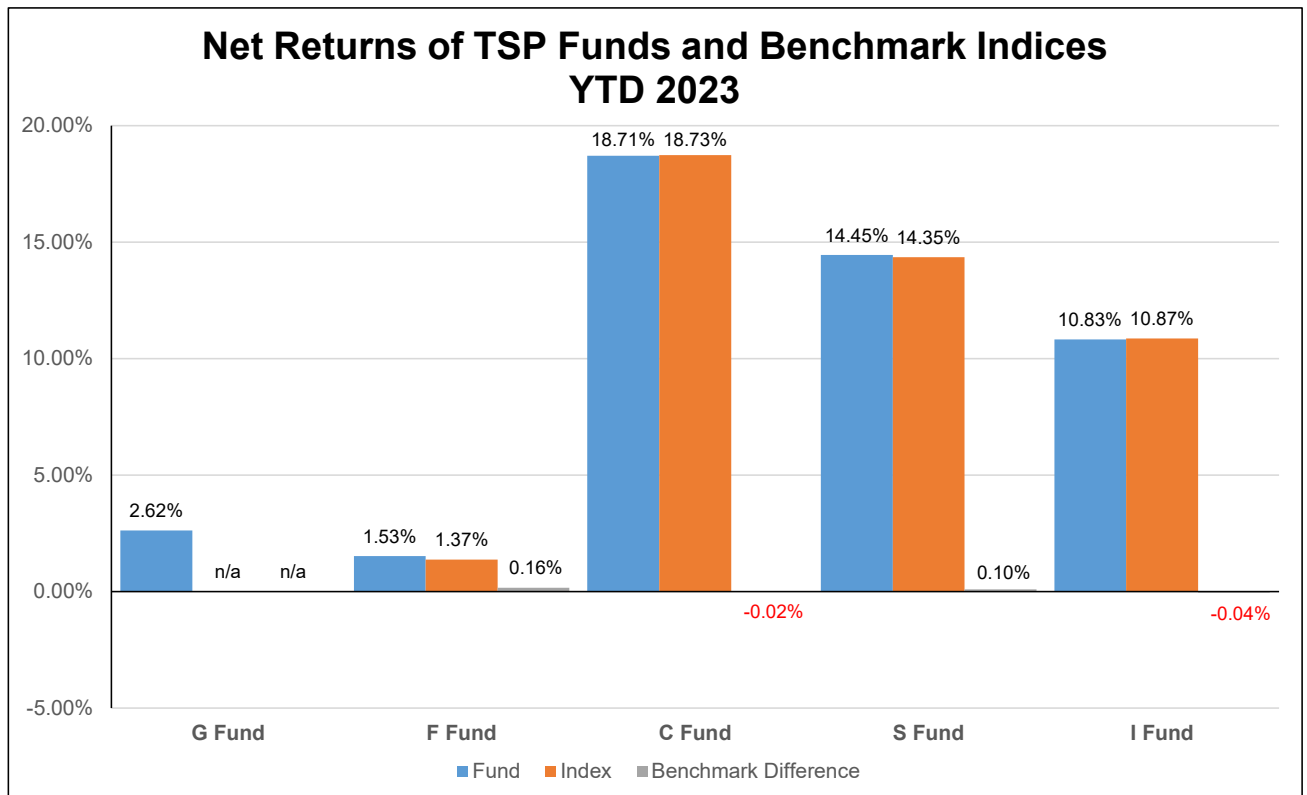
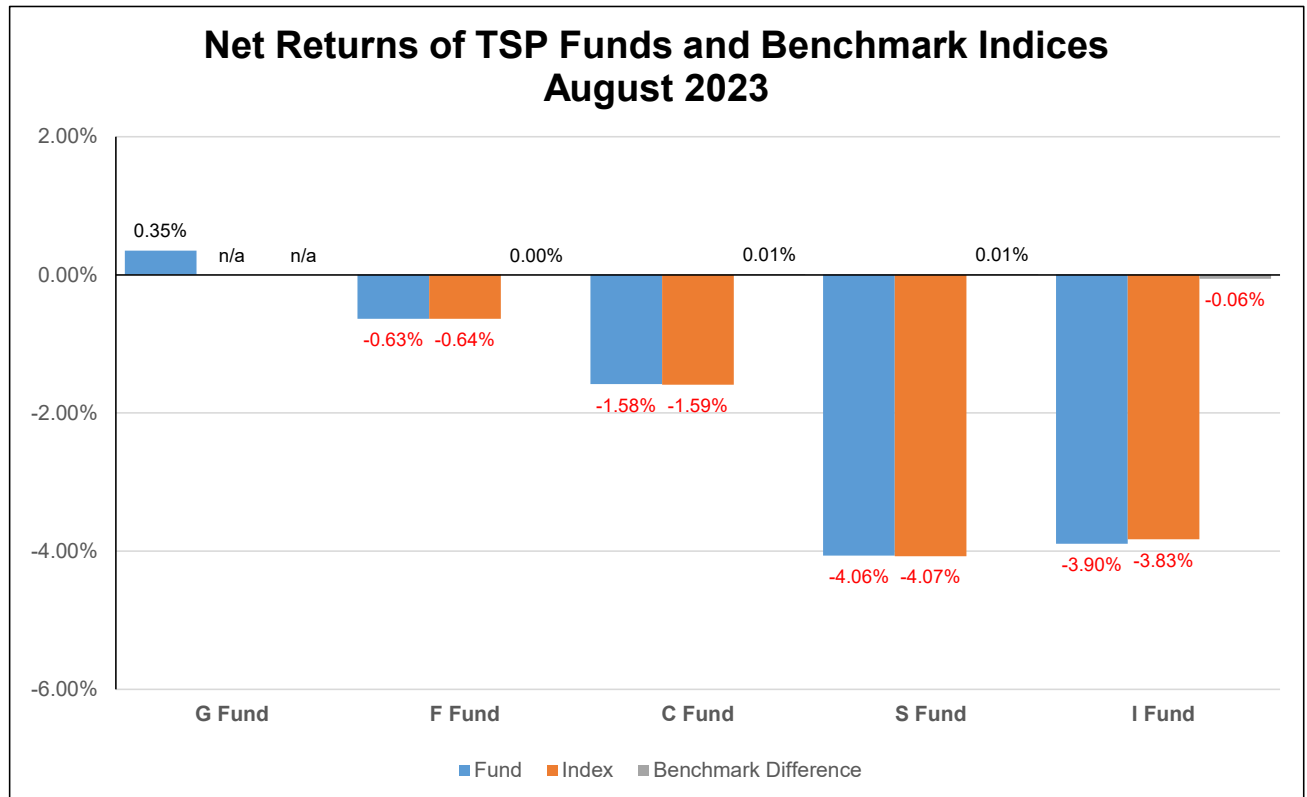
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
S Fund	8.39%	5.46%	5.19%	9.17%
Dow Jones US Completion TSM Index	8.23%	5.26%	5.08%	8.95%
Benchmark Difference	0.17%	0.19%	0.11%	0.22%

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
I Fund	18.78%	6.33%	4.45%	5.27%
MSCI EAFE Index	17.92%	6.05%	4.14%	4.93%
Benchmark Difference	0.86%	0.28%	0.32%	0.34%

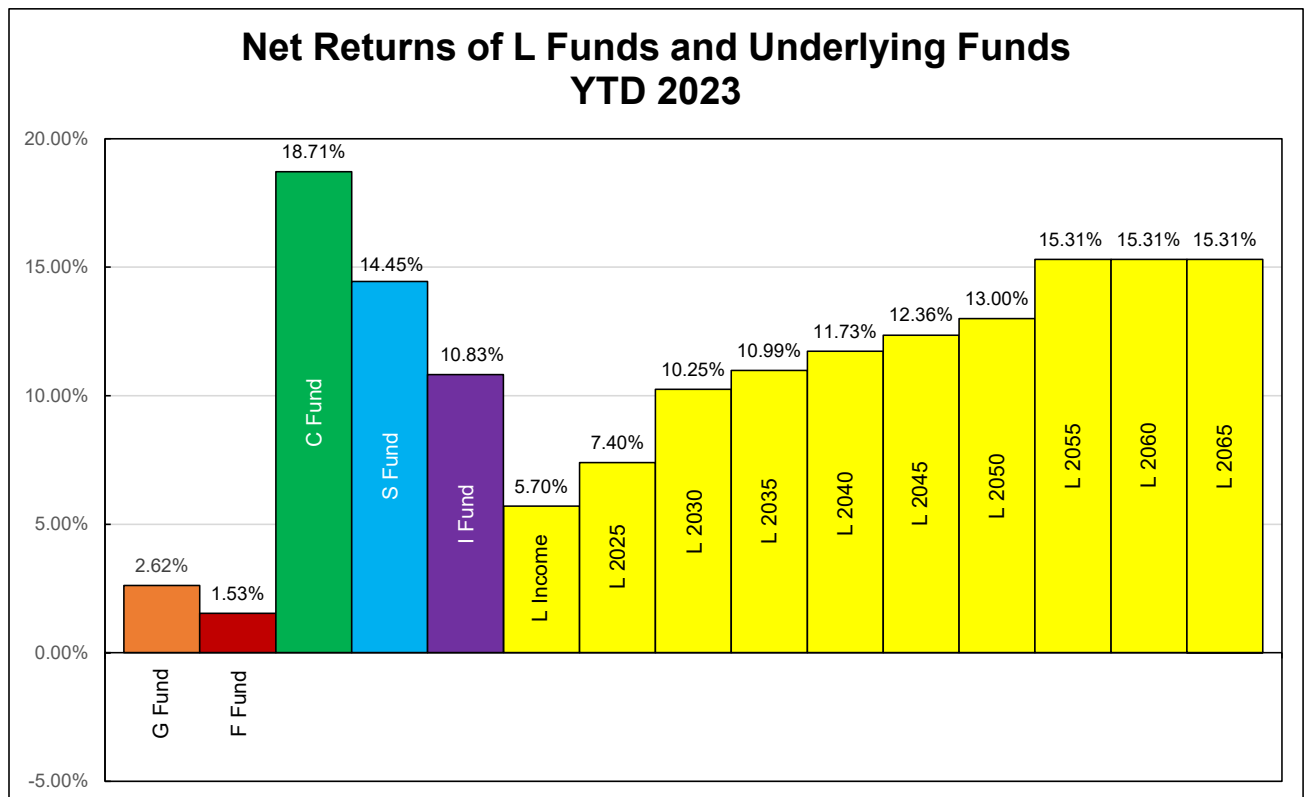
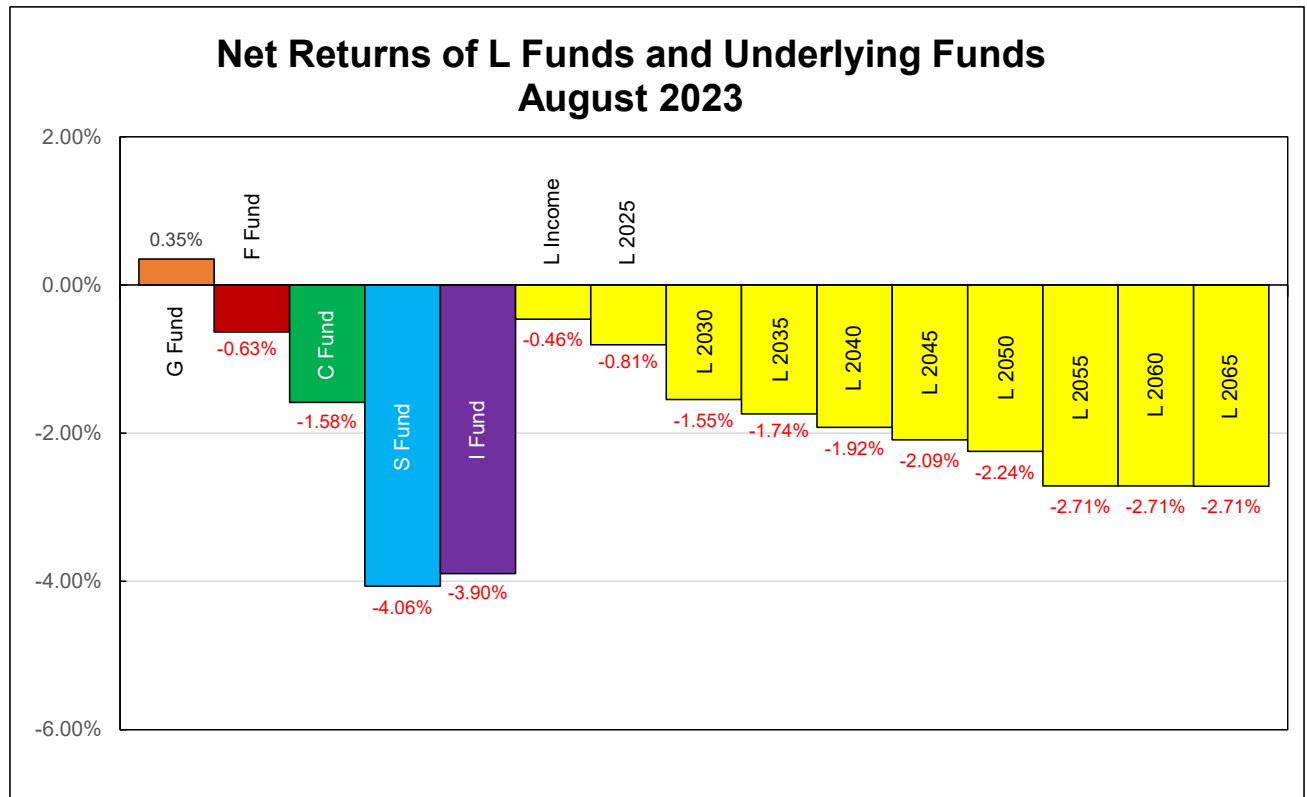
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
L Income Fund	6.86%	3.69%	3.76%	4.03%
L 2025 Fund	8.33%	5.19%	N/A	N/A
L 2030 Fund	11.14%	6.01%	6.01%	7.24%
L 2035 Fund	11.77%	6.29%	N/A	N/A
L 2040 Fund	12.42%	6.59%	6.58%	8.03%
L 2045 Fund	12.95%	6.82%	N/A	N/A
L 2050 Fund	13.52%	7.09%	7.03%	8.69%
L 2055 Fund	15.87%	8.47%	N/A	N/A
L 2060 Fund	15.87%	8.46%	N/A	N/A
L 2065 Fund	15.87%	8.46%	N/A	N/A
Inception date for L 2025, L 2035, L 2045, L 2055, L 2060, L 2065: July 1, 2020				

Performance of TSP Funds

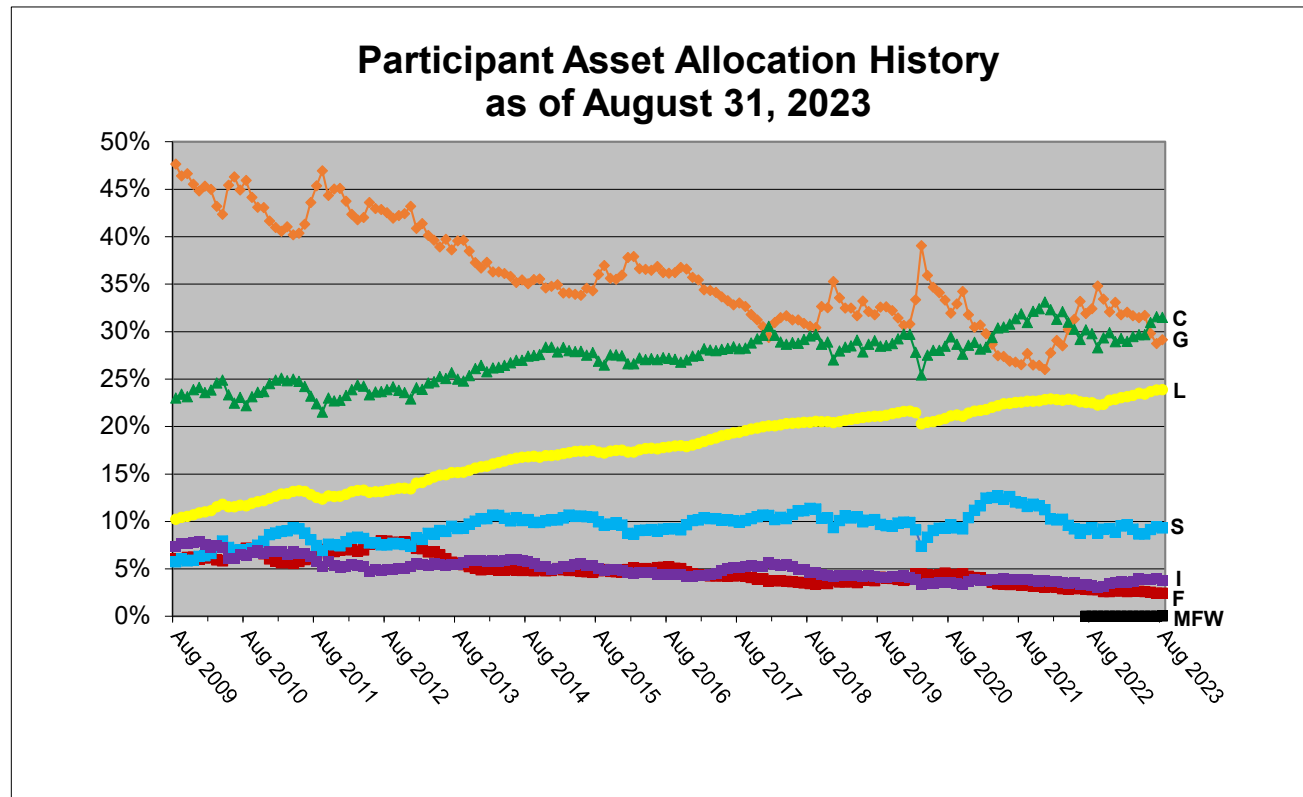
The charts below show the G, F, C, S, and I Fund net rates of return vs. their respective benchmark indices.



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

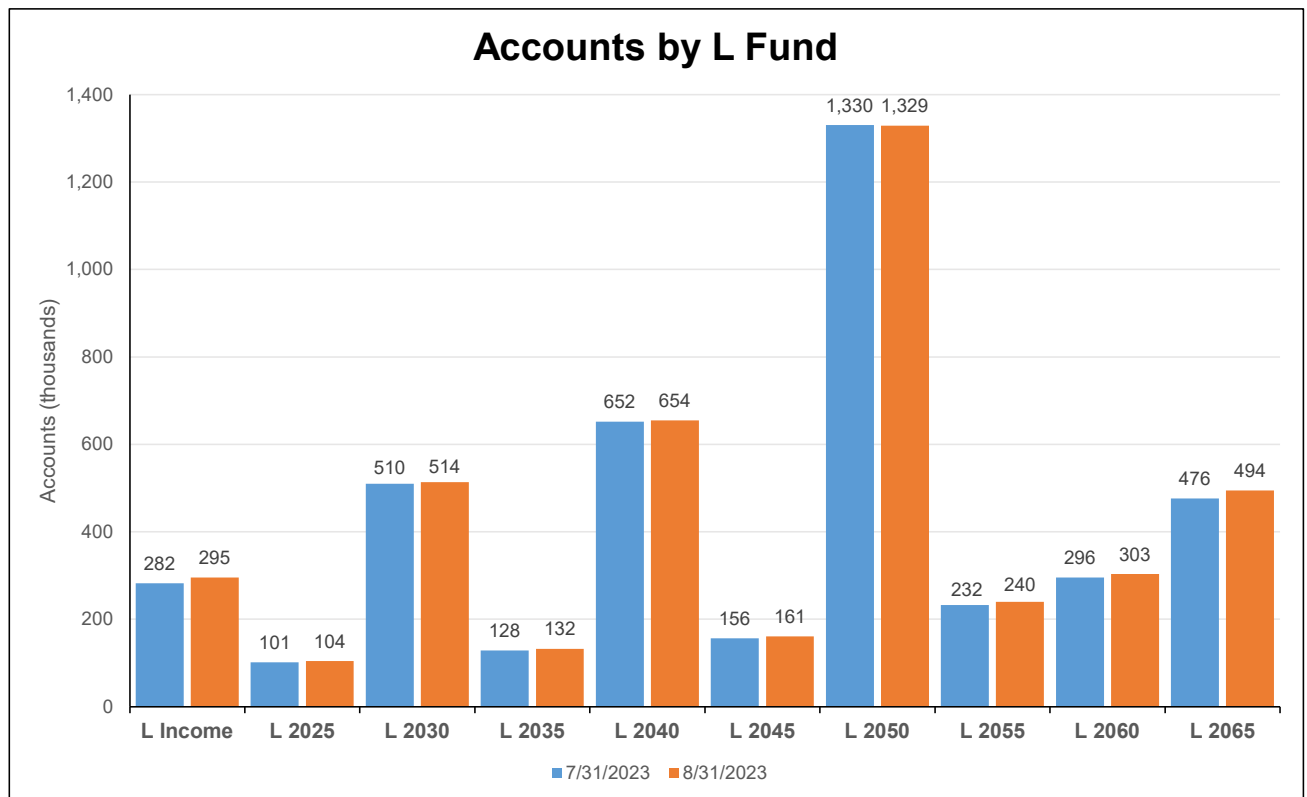
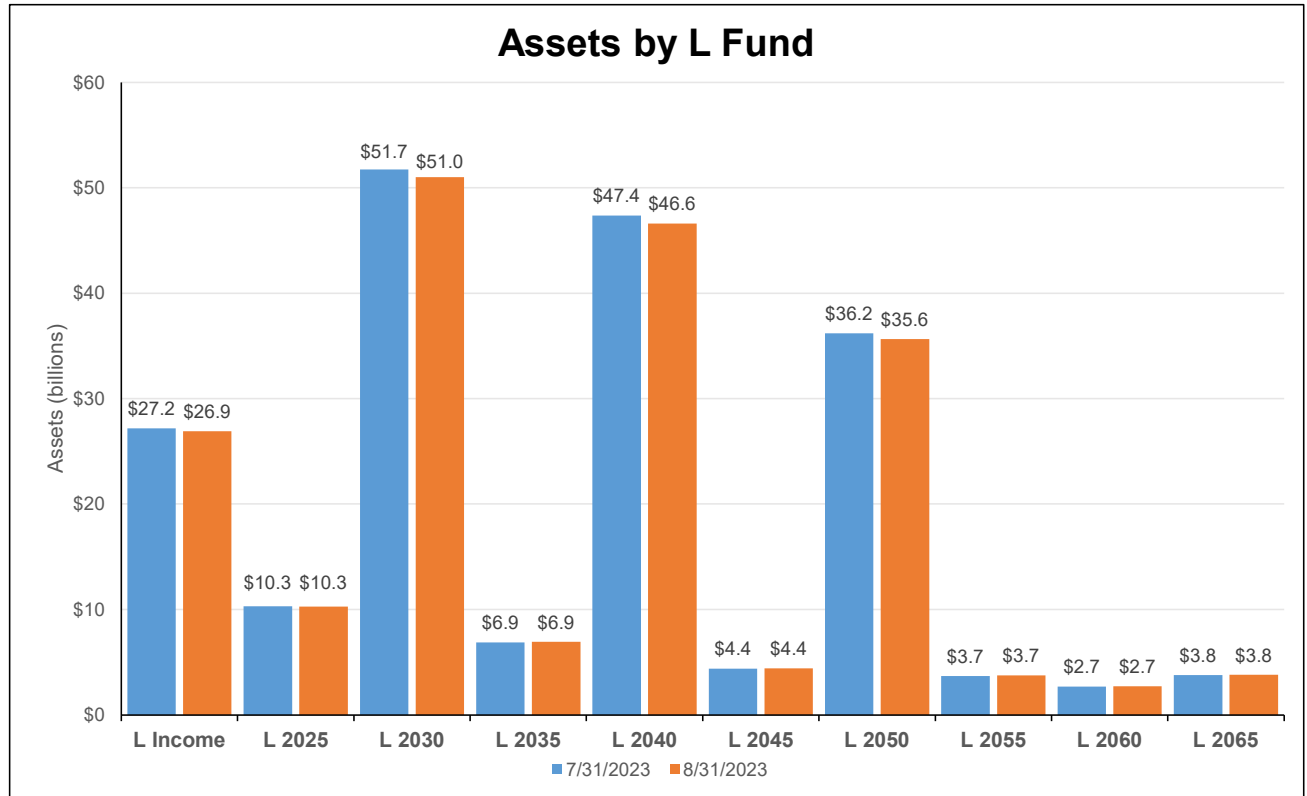


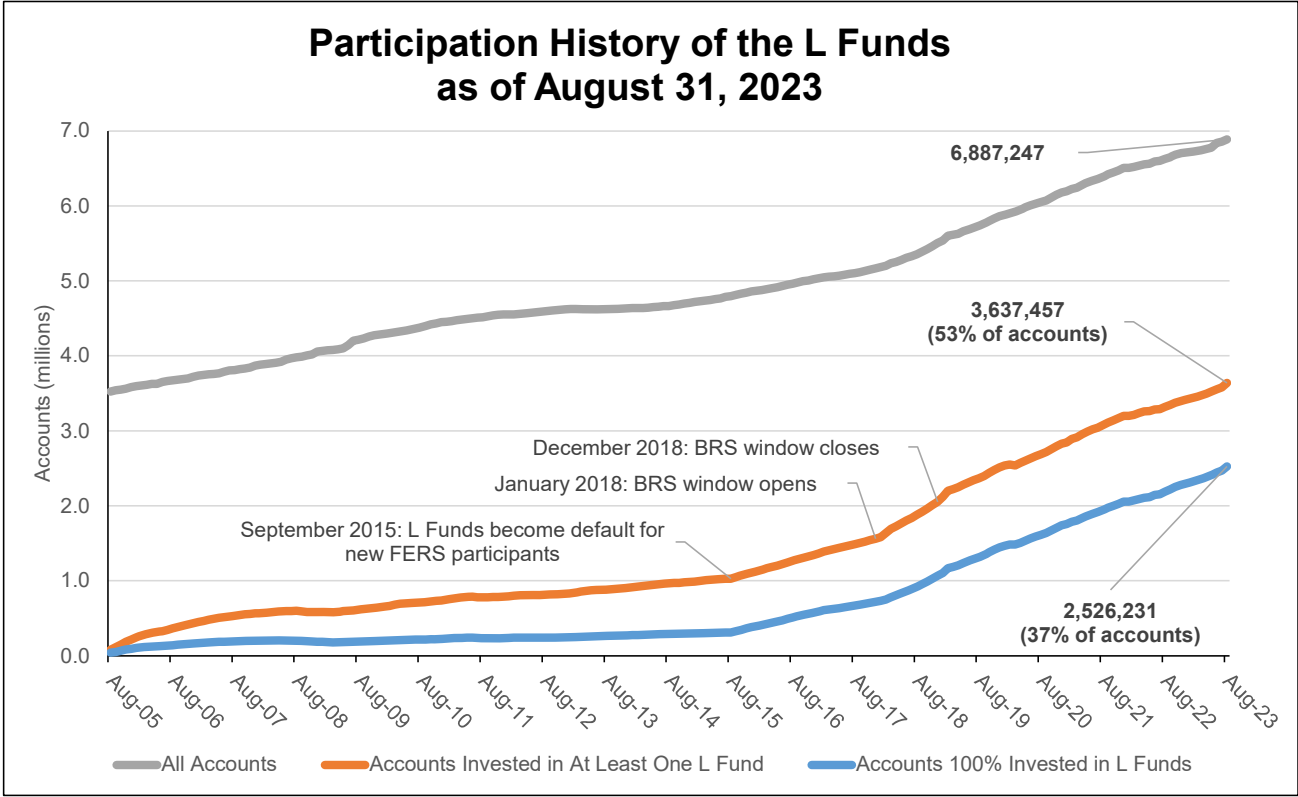
Asset Allocation as of August 31, 2023

	<u>Participant Allocation</u>		<u>Individual TSP Funds</u>	
	<u>Assets</u> (Billions)	<u>Share of</u> <u>Total</u>	<u>Assets</u> (Billions)	<u>Share of</u> <u>Total</u>
G Fund	\$234.3	29.1%	\$292.4	36.4%
F Fund	\$19.6	2.4%	\$31.8	3.9%
C Fund	\$253.2	31.5%	\$316.0	39.3%
S Fund	\$74.8	9.3%	\$91.4	11.4%
I Fund	\$30.0	3.7%	\$72.4	9.0%
L Funds	\$192.0	23.9%	n/a	n/a
<u>MFW</u>	<u>\$0.2</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>\$0.2</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	\$804.1	100.0%	\$804.1	100.0%

*Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.

Lifecycle (L) Funds





Interfund Transfer Activity

