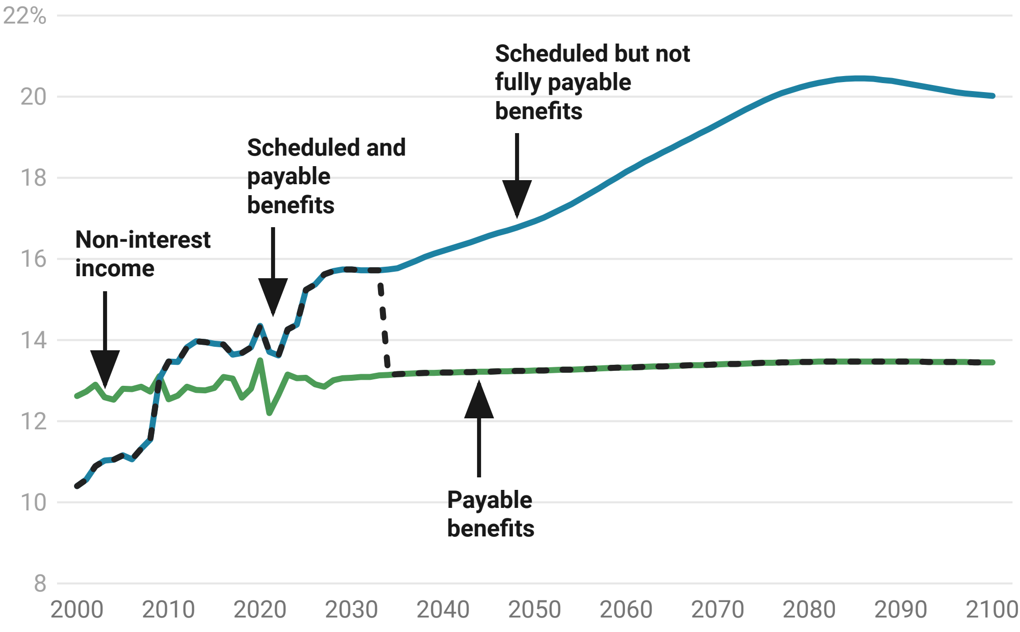
Social Security's costs will keep outrunning its income

When Social Security's combined retirement, survivor and disability trust fund runs out, benefits cannot be fully paid unless Congress takes action.



Income and costs are shown as a percentage of the total wages taxed by Social Security. Chart is from Figure II.D2, OASDI Income, Cost, and Expenditures as a Percentage of Taxable Payroll

Source: Social Security Trustees' 2026 Annual Report