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PBGC Releases FY 2018 Projections Report

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) has released its [FY 2018 Projections Report](#), which outlines its financial status and provides the projections for the future of the Single-Employer and Multiemployer programs.

As projected in the prior year's report, PBGC's Single-Employer Program emerged from a deficit position in FY 2018, leaving the program with a surplus of \$2.7 billion. According to this year's report, the financial condition of the program is projected to continue improving over the next decade. Approximately 26 million Americans are covered by the Single-Employer Program.

In contrast, the Multiemployer Program is projected to continue to experience rising deficits and a greater likelihood of becoming insolvent by the middle of the next decade. PBGC estimates that, without additional resources or public policy changes, the multiemployer program will be depleted by FY 2025. Currently, the Multiemployer Program covers over 10 million Americans, 1.4 million of whom are covered by plans listed by PBGC as "critical and declining."

In July and August, the Academy hosted a [series](#) of highly-attended Capitol Hill briefings providing a comprehensive look at the multiemployer pension crisis and approaches to address it. Together, these briefings equipped attendees with a solid foundation of the past, present, and potential future of multiemployer pension plans.

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