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## **CBO Economic Forecasts 2020 - 2021**

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### **ECONOMIC PROJECTIONS FOR 2020 AND 2021 BY THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE**

CBO expects the unemployment rate to average 15% in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2020, the highest point since the early 1930s.

**Nine million fewer people will be in the labor force than CBO projected in January.**

The nation's output is projected to decline sharply in the 2nd quarter of this year and to begin rising thereafter.

**By the 3rd quarter of 2020, about 28 million fewer people will be employed and about nine million fewer people will be in the labor force than CBO projected in January.**

Output at the end of 2021 would be more than 6% lower than January projections.

**CBO projects that, without changes in current law, the federal deficit would be about \$3.7 trillion in fiscal 2020 and \$2.1 trillion in fiscal 2021. The 2020 deficit would be the largest since 1945, at 17.9% of GDP.**

CBO projects that federal debt held by the public would grow to 108% of GDP (the highest in U.S. history) by the end of fiscal 2021, up from 79% at the end of fiscal year 2019—without changes in current law.

**Source: Congressional Budget Office, April 27, 2020.**