

# FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD 77 K Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FROM: Sean McCaffrey, Chief Investment Officer

DATE: August 12, 2021

SUBJECT: July 2021 Performance Review – G, F, C, S, I, and L Funds

## INTRODUCTION

This report reviews key aspects of the investment performance of the G, F, C, S, I, and L Funds, investment manager performance and tracking error, interfund transfer activity, and L Funds participation.

## **RETURNS AND TRACKING ERRORS**

The tables below contain the monthly and year-to-date (YTD) returns and tracking errors for the F, C, S, and I Funds and for the separate accounts managed by BlackRock and State Street. Due to rounding, the tracking errors may not match the differences in returns.

## July 2021 Returns and Tracking Errors

		Fixed Income	Large Cap	Small Mid Cap	<u>International</u>
		(F Fund)	(C Fund)	(S Fund)	(I Fund)
	Index	1.12	2.38	-1.23	0.75
Return	BlackRock	1.15	2.38	-1.23	0.72
(%)	State Street	1.13	2.37	-1.24	n/a
	TSP Fund (Net)	1.15	2.37	-1.24	0.72
Tracking	BlackRock	0.03	0.00	0.00	-0.03
Error vs Index (%)	State Street	0.02	0.00	0.00	n/a
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BlackRock's performance for the F Fund exceeded the return of the Fixed Income Index by 3 basis points, primarily due to securities lending. Its performance for the C and S Funds was in line with the Funds' respective indices for the month. BlackRock's performance for the I Fund lagged the International Index by 3 basis points, primarily resulting from futures mistracking.

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

2021 YTD Returns and Tracking Errors

		Fixed Income (F Fund)	Large Cap (C Fund)	Small Mid Cap (S Fund)	International (I Fund)
	Index	-0.50	17.99	13.99	9.65
Return	BlackRock	-0.33	18.00	14.07	9.80
(%)	State Street	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	TSP Fund (Net)	-0.37	17.98	14.04	9.77
Tracking	BlackRock	0.17	0.02	0.08	0.15
Error vs	State Street	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Index (%)	TSP Fund	0.14	-0.01	0.05	0.12

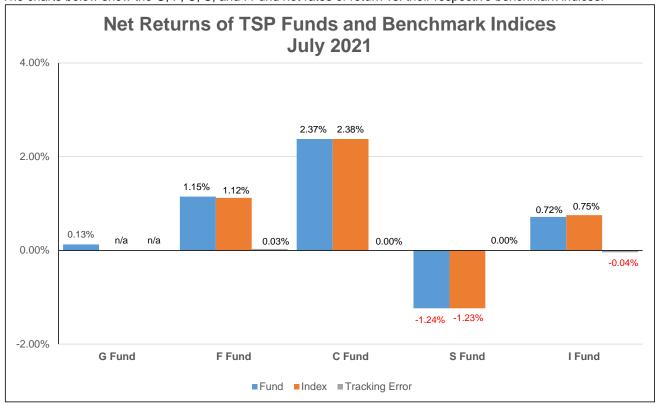
BlackRock's year-to-date performance for the F Fund was ahead of the Fixed Income Index by 17 basis points, primarily due to securities lending. Its performance for the C Fund was in line with the Large Cap Index. For the S Fund year-to-date, BlackRock exceeded the Small Mid Cap Index by 8 basis points, primarily resulting from securities lending. Its performance for the I Fund was ahead of the International Index by 15 basis points, primarily due to tax advantage.

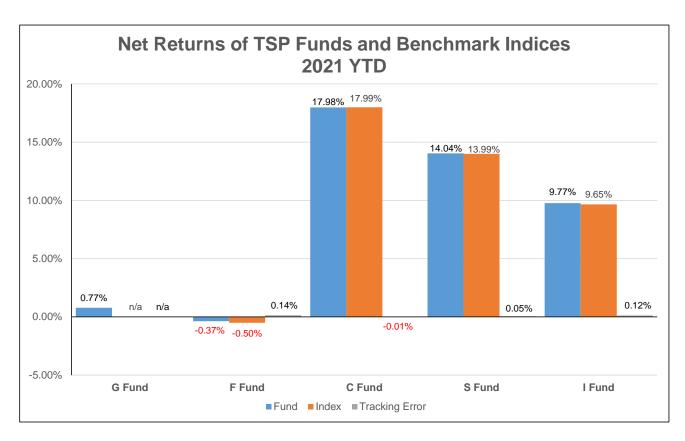
TSP Net Returns as of July 31, 2021

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
G Fund	1.09%	1.75%	1.99%	1.95%
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	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
F Fund	-0.52%	5.79%	3.25%	3.58%
Bloomberg Barclays US Agg Bond Index	-0.70%	5.73%	3.13%	3.35%
Tracking Error	0.18%	0.06%	0.12%	0.23%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
C Fund	36.42%	18.11%	17.32%	15.37%
S&P 500 Index	36.45%	18.16%	17.35%	15.35%
Tracking Error	-0.03%	-0.05%	-0.03%	0.02%
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
S Fund	51.07%	17.40%	17.27%	14.39%
Dow Jones US Completion TSM Index	50.99%	17.38%	17.18%	14.11%
Tracking Error	0.08%	0.02%	0.09%	0.28%
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I Fund	30.49%	7.99%	9.70%	6.48%
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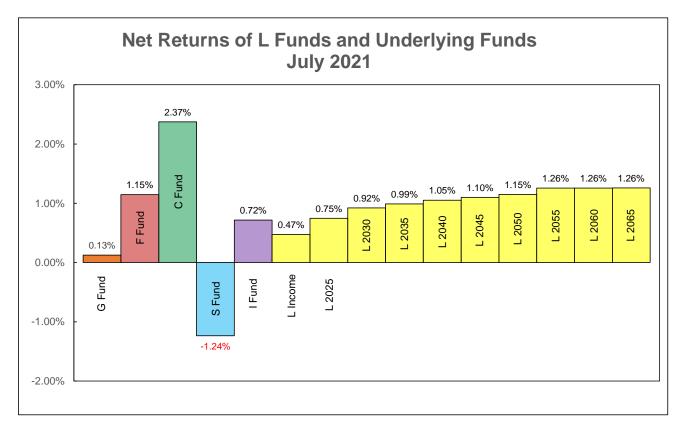
## **Performance of TSP Funds**

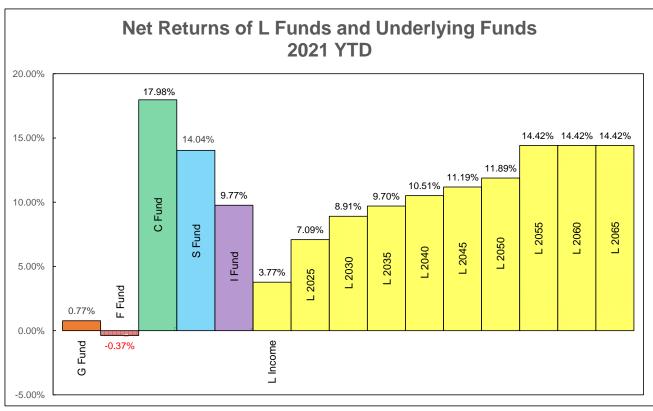
The charts below show the G, F, C, S, and I Fund net rates of return vs. their respective benchmark indices.



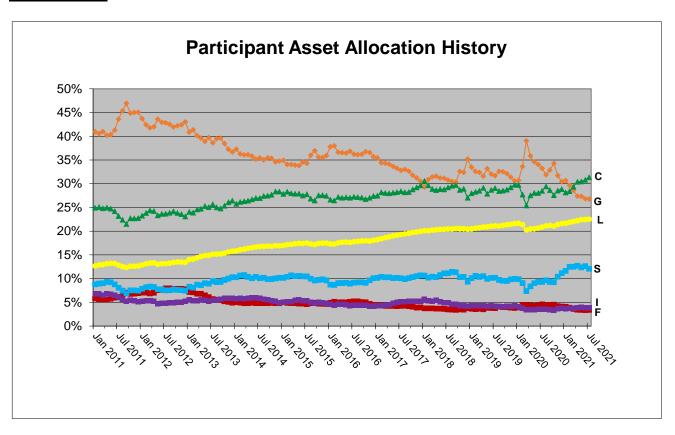


Net rates of return for the L Funds are shown below, along with comparable returns for the G, F, C, S, and I Funds.



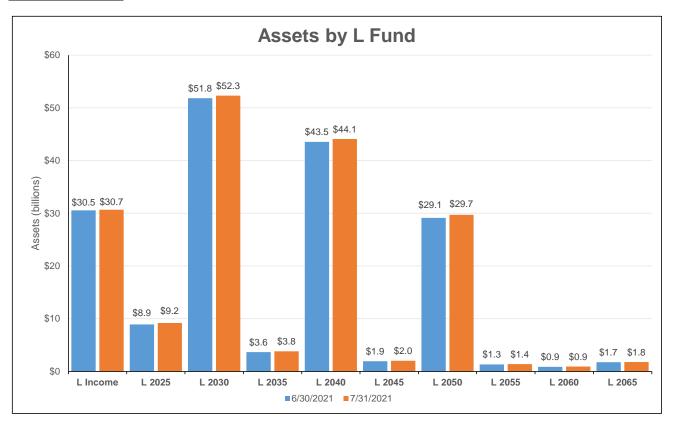


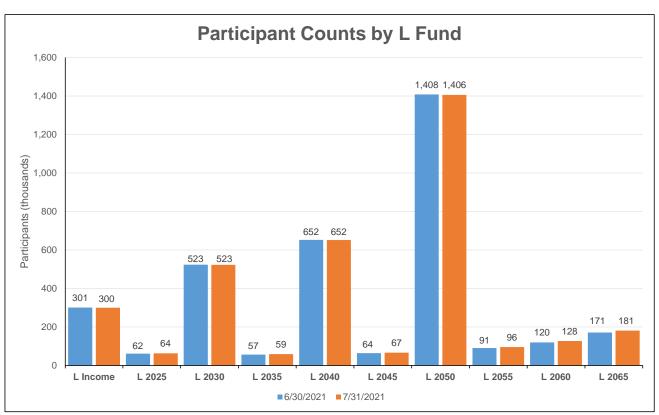
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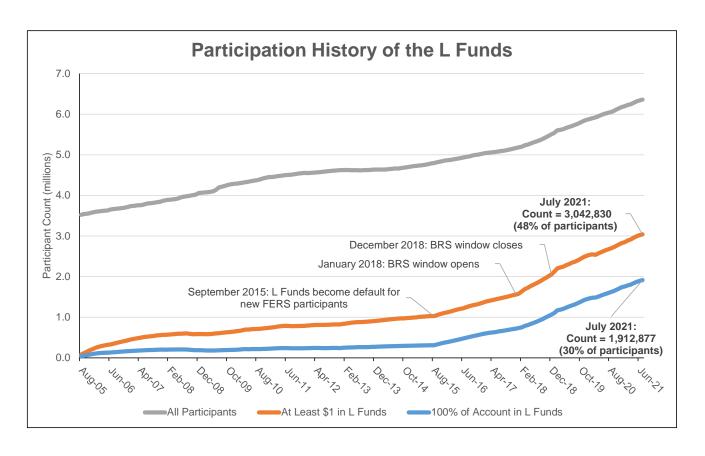


	Participan	Participant Allocation		Core TSP Funds		
	Assets (Billions)	Share of Total	Assets (Billions)	Share of Total		
G Fund	\$208.8	26.8%	\$266.1	34.1%		
F Fund	\$26.6	3.4%	\$38.7	5.0%		
C Fund	\$244.6	31.3%	\$299.1	38.3%		
S Fund	\$94.1	12.1%	\$109.0	14.0%		
I Fund	\$30.3	3.9%	\$67.5	8.7%		
<u>L Funds</u>	<u>\$175.8</u>	<u>22.5%</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>		
Total	\$780.3	100%	\$780.3	100%		

## Lifecycle (L) Funds







## **Interfund Transfer Activity**

