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## Retirement Assets Total \$31.9 Trillion in Second Quarter 2020

**Washington, DC; September 24, 2020**—Total US retirement assets were \$31.9 trillion as of June 30, 2020, up 11.2 percent from March 31, 2020. Retirement assets accounted for 34 percent of all household financial assets in the United States at the end of June 2020.

### US Total Retirement Market Assets

Trillions of dollars, end-of-period, selected periods



\* Data are estimated.

Note: For definitions of plan categories, see Table 1 in "[The US Retirement Market, Second Quarter 2020](#)."

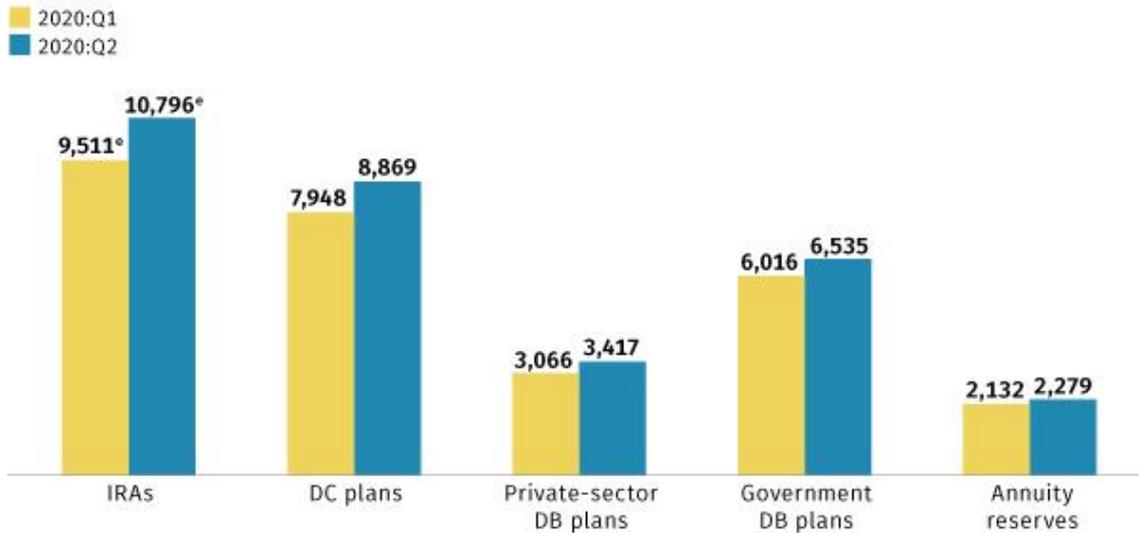
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Sources: Investment Company Institute, Federal Reserve Board, Department of Labor, National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators, American Council of Life Insurers, and Internal Revenue Service Statistics of Income Division

Assets in individual retirement accounts (IRAs) totaled \$10.8 trillion at the end of the second quarter of 2020, an increase of 13.5 percent from the end of the first quarter of 2020. Defined contribution (DC) plan assets were \$8.9 trillion at the end of the second quarter, up 11.6 percent from March 31, 2020. Government defined benefit (DB) plans—including federal, state, and local government plans—held \$6.5 trillion in assets as of the end of June 2020, an 8.6 percent increase from the end of March 2020. Private-sector DB plans held \$3.4 trillion in assets at the end of the second quarter of 2020, and annuity reserves outside of retirement accounts accounted for another \$2.3 trillion.

### Retirement Assets by Type

Billions of dollars, end-of-period, 2020:Q1–2020:Q2



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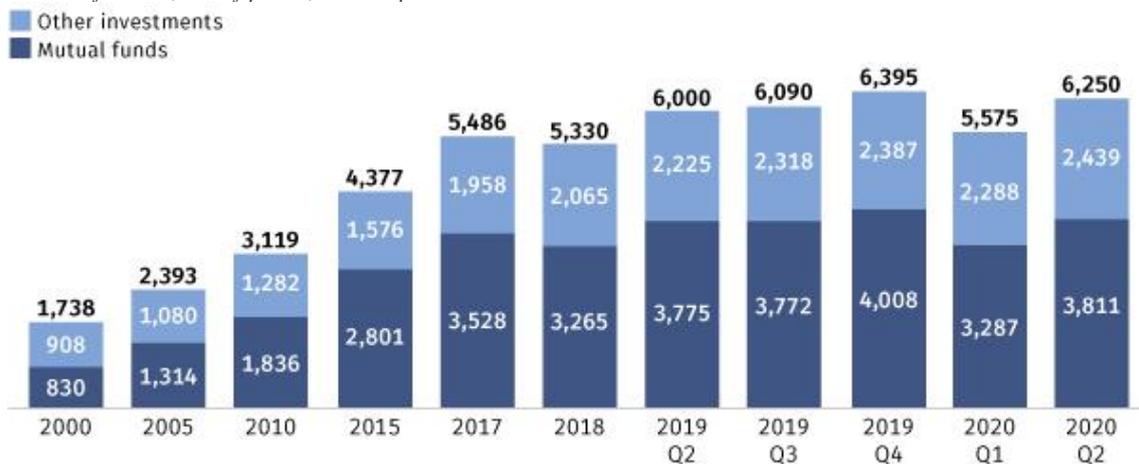
Sources: Investment Company Institute and Federal Reserve Board

### Defined Contribution Plans

Americans held \$8.9 trillion in all employer-based DC retirement plans on June 30, 2020, of which \$6.3 trillion was held in 401(k) plans. In addition to 401(k) plans, at the end of the second quarter, \$555 billion was held in other private-sector DC plans, \$1.1 trillion in 403(b) plans, \$345 billion in 457 plans, and \$641 billion in the Federal Employees Retirement System's Thrift Savings Plan (TSP). Mutual funds managed \$3.8 trillion, or 61 percent, of assets held in 401(k) plans at the end of June 2020. With \$2.2 trillion, equity funds were the most common type of funds held in 401(k) plans, followed by \$1.1 trillion in hybrid funds, which include target date funds.

### 401(k) Plan Assets

Billions of dollars, end-of-period, selected periods



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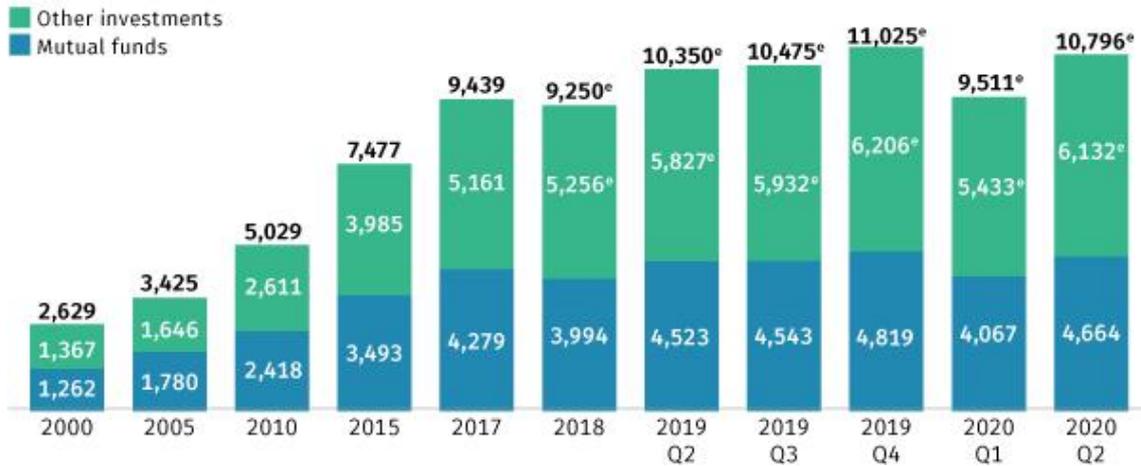
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### Individual Retirement Accounts

IRAs held \$10.8 trillion in assets at the end of the second quarter of 2020. Forty-three percent of IRA assets, or \$4.7 trillion, was invested in mutual funds. With \$2.5 trillion, equity funds were the most common type of funds held in IRAs, followed by \$935 billion in hybrid funds.

## IRA Market Assets

Billions of dollars, end-of-period, selected periods



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## Other Developments

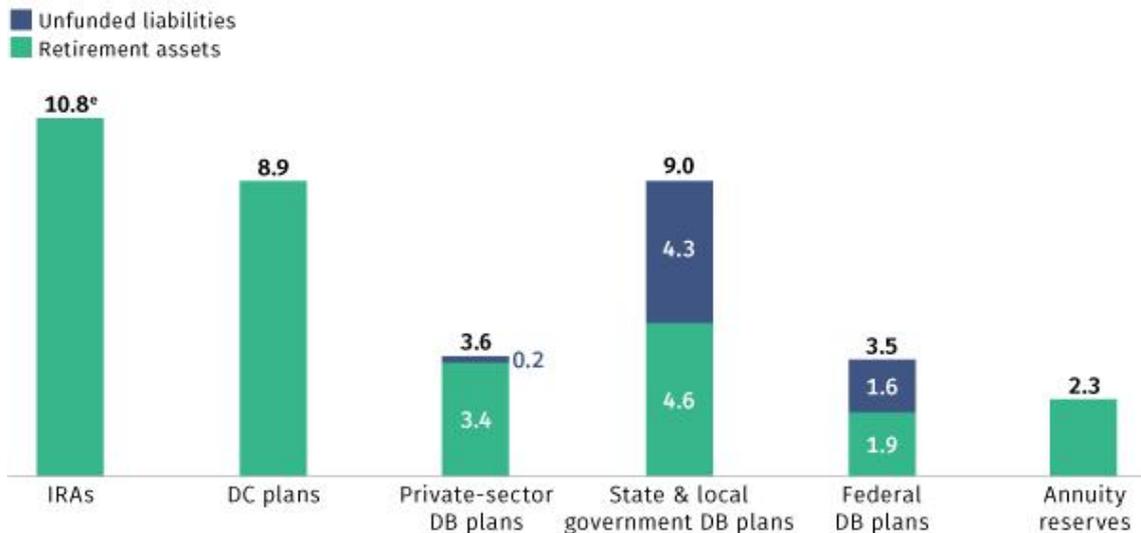
Retirement entitlements include both retirement assets and the unfunded liabilities of DB plans. Under a DB plan, employees accrue benefits to which they are legally entitled and which represent assets to US households and liabilities to plans. To the extent that pension plan assets are insufficient to cover accrued benefit entitlements, a DB pension plan has a claim on the plan sponsor.

As of June 30, 2020, total US retirement entitlements were \$38.0 trillion, including \$31.9 trillion of retirement assets and another \$6.2 trillion of unfunded liabilities. Including both retirement assets and unfunded liabilities, retirement entitlements accounted for 40 percent of the financial assets of all US households at the end of June.

Unfunded liabilities are a larger issue for government DB plans than for private-sector DB plans. As of the end of the second quarter of 2020, unfunded liabilities were 5 percent of private-sector DB plan entitlements, 48 percent of state and local government DB plan entitlements, and 47 percent of federal DB plan entitlements.

## US Total Retirement Entitlements

Trillions of dollars, end-of-period, 2020:Q2



° Data are estimated.

Note: For definitions of categories, see Tables 1 and 2 in [“The US Retirement Market, Second Quarter 2020.”](#) Components may not add to the total because of rounding.

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The quarterly retirement data tables are available at [“The US Retirement Market, Second Quarter 2020.”](#)

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