Current and Historical Estimates of the Social Rate of Time Preference OMB Circular No. A-4

The table below compiles the current and historical Circular No. A-4 estimates of the real (inflation-adjusted) social rate of time preference. The historical estimates date back to the estimates published in the 2023 update of Circular No. A-4. The values are estimated through the methodology described in the Appendix to Circular No. A-4, are updated every three years, and are recommended for agency use in regulatory analyses produced during the years specified in the Appendix.*

Near-term Estimates of the Social Rate of Time Preference

Release SRTP Estimate

2023 Update 2.0%

Long-term Estimates of the Social Rate of Time Preference

2023 Update

Calendar 2023 -2080 -2095 -2106 -2116 -2126 -2135 -2144 -2154 -2164 -Years 2079 2094 2105 2115 2125 2134 2143 2153 2163 2172 1.3% **SRTP** 2.0% 1.9% 1.8% 1.7% 1.6% 1.5% 1.4% 1.2% 1.1% Estimate

^{*} Consistent with Circular No. A-4, agencies may generally continue to refer to the discount rate estimate in the version of the Appendix in effect at the time that a regulatory analysis for a proposed regulation is received by OMB, even if the Appendix is updated before the regulation is finalized. However, if the Appendix has been updated more than once since the proposed regulation was received by OMB, agencies should refer to the most recent version of the Appendix.