

Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-01) Voted For The Republican Default Bill That Threatens The Financial, Health, And Food Security Of His Constituents, Including Over 181,000 Social Security Recipients And 42,000 Veterans

SUMMARY: Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-01) [voted for](#) the Republican Default Bill putting the benefits and livelihoods of over hundreds of thousands of his constituents, including over 181,000 Social Security recipients and 42,000 veterans, at risk.

Furthermore, a Republican-led default threatens Medicare benefits for 1.42 million Arizonans and Social Security for more than 1.44 million, while putting 499,000 veterans at risk. A Republican-led default would also threaten [SNAP](#) benefits for 833,000 Arizonans and [TANF](#) for 14,550 each month.

Lastly, a Republican-led default threatens the quality of life and economic security of Arizona's [1.2 million senior citizens](#), the 13th largest population of seniors in the United States, with [90% relying on Social Security income](#) and [17.5% being veterans](#).

Rep. David Schweikert (AZ-01) Voted For The Republican Default Bill, Putting The Benefits And Livelihoods Of His Constituents At Risk, Including Over 181,000 Social Security Recipients And 42,000 Veterans, Among Thousands Of Other Federal Program Beneficiaries.

Rep. David Schweikert Voted To Pass The Republicans' Default Bill H.R. 2811.
[Clerk.House.gov, [04/26/23](#)]

Rep. David Schweikert Defended His Vote On Twitter, Claiming H.R.2811 Would "Responsibly Raise The Debt Ceiling And Rein In Reckless Government Spending."



[Twitter, [5/1/23](#)]

If Republicans Don't Pass A Clean Debt Ceiling Bill, The Republican-led Default Threatens Social Security Payments For 181,437 Constituents, SNAP Benefits For 27,000 Families, Medicaid Benefits For 182,000 People, And Health Benefits For 42,000 Veterans In Arizona's 1st Congressional District

Rep. Schweikert's Vote Threatens Social Security Payments For 181,437 People In Arizona's 1st Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Schweikert's Vote Disrupts Over \$307 Million A Month In Social Security Income For Beneficiaries In Arizona's 1st Congressional District. [SSA, [December 2022](#)]

Rep. Schweikert's Vote Threatens SNAP Benefits For 27,000 Families And Medicaid Benefits For 182,000 People In Arizona's 1st Congressional District. “The GOP plan would kick vulnerable families in AZ-01 off food and health programs when they can least afford it. The 27,000 families in AZ-01 who get SNAP benefits and the roughly 182,000 people on Medicaid would face a mountain of paperwork just to keep their benefits.” [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Schweikert's Vote Threatens Health Benefits For The 42,000 Veterans In Arizona's 1st Congressional District. “Across-the-board cuts jeopardize funding for Veterans Affairs health benefits that support the 42,000 veterans in AZ-01. This can cause delayed care and missed appointments that worsen health outcomes for our nation's veterans.” [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

If Republicans Don't Pass A Clean Debt Ceiling Bill, The Republican-Led Default Threatens To Cut Education Of 103,000 Students And Rental Assistance For 56,000 Households In AZ-01

Rep. Schweikert's Vote Threatens To Slash Federal Education Funding For 103,000 Students In Arizona's 1st Congressional District. “Republicans' budget cuts hurt the 103,000 K-12 students in AZ-01 when federal funds for education are cut.” [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

Rep. Schweikert's Vote Could Disrupt Rental Assistance For 56,000 Households In Arizona's 1st Congressional District. “There are 56,000 households in AZ-01 that spend more than 30% of their income on rent. Many of these renters include low-income families who are eligible for rental assistance. Unfortunately, federal housing assistance only has enough funding for one in four eligible families, and Republicans want to cut this program even more.” [Joint Economic Committee via SharePoint, [April 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Threatens Medicare For 1.42 Million Arizonans And Social Security For 1.44 Million, While Putting 499,000 Veterans At Risk.

Republican-led Default Could Impact Payments To Over 1.42 Million Arizonans Receiving Medicare Benefits, 1.44 Million Receiving Over \$2.29 Billion In Monthly Social Security Payments, And 499,000 Veterans In The State.

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Medicare Benefits For 1,426,000 Arizonans. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Could Impact Social Security Payments To 1,449,000 Relying On Over \$2.29 Billion In Monthly Payments. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Also Puts 499,000 Veterans In Arizona At Risk. [Joint Economic Committee, [March 2023](#)]

A Republican-led Default Could Imperil \$1.46 Billion In SNAP Benefits, In Addition To Over \$233 Million In TANF Spending, Potentially Affecting Over 14,500 Arizonans A Month.

A Republican-led Default Could Imperil \$1.69 Billion In SNAP And TANF Assistance For Arizonans.

In FY 2020, Arizona Received \$1.46 Billion In SNAP Benefits, Providing Food Assistance For 396,269 Households And 833,448 Individuals. [SNAP State Activity Report FY20, [March 2022](#)]

In FY 2021, An Average Of 14,550 Arizonans Received TANF Benefits Every Month. [TANF Caseload Data 2022, [03/10/2022](#)]

In FY 2021, Arizonans Benefited From Over \$223 Million In Federal TANF Expenditures. [TANF & State MOE Financial Data, [12/13/22](#)]

The Republicans' Default Deal Would Result In An Over \$11 Billion Cut In SNAP And TANF Funding.

According To the Nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, Republicans' Default Deal Would Impose New Work Requirements For SNAP And TANF Resulting In An Over \$11 Billion Reduction In Funding. "CBO estimates that expanding the work requirement to adults ages 50 to 55 would reduce direct spending by \$11 billion over the 2023–2033 period. [...] CBO estimates that the resulting reduction in [TANF] block grants would reduce direct spending by \$6 million over the 2023–2033 period." [CBO, [04/25/23](#)]

The Republican-led Default Threatens The Quality Of Life And Economic Security Of Arizona's 1.2 Million Senior Citizens.

As Of 2021, Arizona Had Approximately 1.2 Million People 65 Or Older, The 13th Highest Population In The Country, With 38.4% Living Alone And 31.9% Having A Disability

As Of 2021, Arizona Had The 13th Highest 65+ Years Old Population In The US At Approximately 1.2 Million.

State	Population 65+
1 California	5,669,879
2 Florida	4,346,965
3 Texas	3,620,798
4 New York	3,330,159
5 Pennsylvania	2,361,790
6 Illinois	2,012,735
7 Ohio	2,004,802
8 Michigan	1,733,056
9 North Carolina	1,686,235
10 New Jersey	1,494,516
11 Georgia	1,479,832
12 Virginia	1,328,600
13 Arizona	1,243,859

[US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 38.4% Of Arizonans 65+ Lived Alone While 31.9% Had A Disability. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 17.5% Of Arizonans 65+ Are Veterans. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

90% Of Arizonans Over 65 Relied Upon Social Security As A Source Of Income, While 6.9% Relied On SNAP Benefits And 1.5% Relied On TANF

As of 2021, 90% Of Arizona Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On Social Security As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 6.9% Of Arizona Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On SNAP Benefits As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]

As Of 2021, 1.5% Of Arizona Residents Over The Age Of 65 Relied On TANF And Other Cash Assistance Benefits As A Source Of Income. [US Census Bureau, accessed [04/28/23](#)]