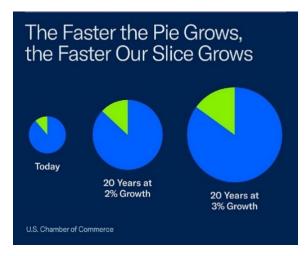
The Growth and Opportunity Imperative for America



A Policy Agenda for 3%+ Annual Economic Growth

Rising prices, homeownership concerns, and struggling to make ends meet mean many Americans feel the economy is not working for them.

To create the future we want, and the next generation deserves, the U.S. Chamber launched the Growth and Opportunity Imperative, which calls on candidates and elected officials to focus on policies that achieve at least 3% annual economic growth over the next decade. By growing the economic pie, we can help to make the American Dream a reality for all.



Sustained economic growth provides a foundation for broad-based prosperity and is a critical driver in creating a society where everyone has a chance to thrive.

When our economy is growing at 3%, someone born today will see America's economy double in size by the time they are in their early 20s. At 2% growth, it will take until they are in their mid-30s for the economy to double.

Elected Officials Should Focus on Pro-Growth Policies That:

- Preserve our now competitive tax code
- Secure new trade and investment deals
- Support a larger and more skilled workforce
- Embrace the economy of the future
- Address growing and unsustainable federal debt

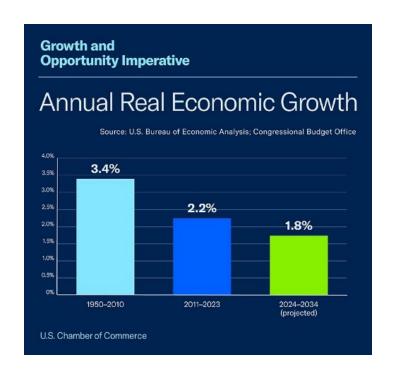


The Slowdown in Economic Growth

From 1950 to 2010, real economic growth in the United States averaged 3.4% a year, even with recessions.

As a result, the 2010 economy was seven times larger than the 1950 economy, and real per capita GDP was more than three times larger in 2010 than in 1950.

Since 2010, growth has averaged just 2.2% a year, and the Congressional Budget Office projects even slower growth, averaging just 1.8% for the next decade.



Growth Improves Lives

Economic Growth is Not a Number on a Chart

It is a snapshot into communities across America. It is the ability to provide for yourself and your family. It fuels the belief that your children's lives will be better than your own.

More Choices at Lower Prices

In communities across America, real economic growth expands wages and income – enabling Americans to afford more of the goods and services they need and want – and boosts production, giving more choices at lower prices.

Taming Rising Federal Debt

Persistently high deficits and the growing federal debt are rightfully a concern. While fiscal policies are key to stabilizing our growing debt, economic growth will also play a critical role.

 Increasing productivity to increase economic growth from 2% to 2.5% would decrease the federal deficit by \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years.



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