

## The Historical Experience of Three Cohorts of Older Americans: A Timeline of Selected Events

			1919 Cohort	Year	Event
			Born	1919	Influenza pandemic ends/Treaty of Versailles Women can vote
			5 years old	1920	
				1924	Stock market crashes
			Born	1929	
			5 years old	1934	Social Security Act
			15 years old	1935	
				1939	Pearl Harbor/U.S. enters WWII
			Born	1939	
			5 years old	1941	Baby Boom begins
			15 years old	1944	
			25 years old	1946	U.S. enters Korean War
				1949	
				1950	Polio vaccine Women age 62-64 eligible for reduced Social Security benefits Social Security Disability Insurance implemented
			15 years old	1954	
			25 years old	1955	Men age 62-64 eligible for reduced Social Security benefits Self-Employed Individual Retirement Act (Keogh Act)
			35 years old	1956	
				1957	U.S. enters Vietnam War; Civil Rights Act; Baby Boom ends Medicare and Medicaid established
			25 years old	1959	
				1961	First man on the moon
			35 years old	1962	
			45 years old	1964	Formula for Social Security cost-of-living adjustment established Social Security Supplemental Security Income implemented IRAs established
				1965	
				1969	Age Discrimination Act
			35 years old	1972	
			45 years old	1973	401(k)s established
			55 years old	1974	
				1975	Social Security eligibility age increased for full benefits Widows entitled to pension benefits if spouse was vested
			45 years old	1978	
			55 years old	1979	Mandatory retirement eliminated for most workers
				1983	
			65 years old	1984	Berlin Wall falls Americans with Disabilities Act
				1986	
				1989	Medicare payment policies changed by Balanced Budget Act
			55 years old	1990	
			65 years old	1994	Social Security earnings test eliminated for full retirement age September 11
			75 years old	1997	
				1999	Medicare prescription drug benefit passed
			65 years old	2000	
			75 years old	2001	
			85 years old	2003	
				2004	