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Expertise

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Philip Armour is director of the RAND School of Public Policy Ph.D. Program and a senior economist at RAND, where he also directs the RAND Center for Disability Research. His research focuses on the interplay between health and work, retirement decisionmaking, short- and long-term disability, financial decisionmaking, and the programs and policies that support workers. As an empirical labor economist, he relies on variation in labor market trends and public policy to uncover how individuals perceive eligibility for and generosity of government benefits, how workers adapt to changing health, how households and individuals make financial decisions, and how and when workers stop working. At RAND, his research on public policy has focused on programs administered by the Department of Defense, Workers' Compensation systems, Health and Human Services, the Veterans Administration, and the Social Security Administration. His research has been published in academic journals, policy briefs, and RAND reports, and has been funded variously by the Social Security Administration, the Department of Defense, the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, the National Institute on Aging, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and the Department of Labor.

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