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# The Current State of the Talent Supply

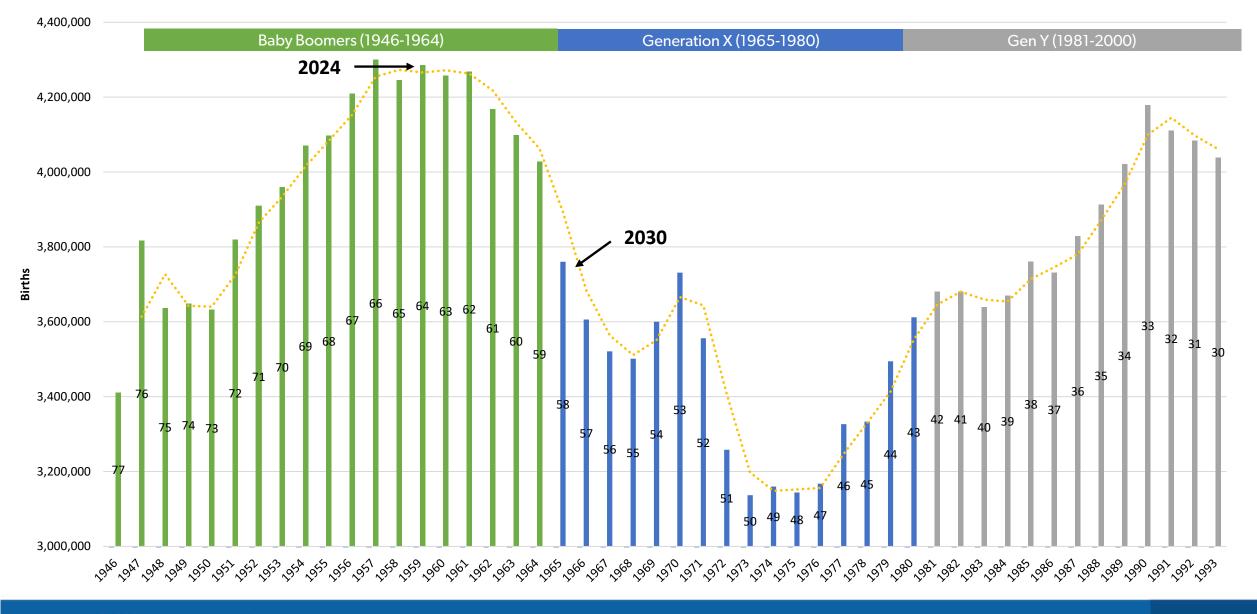
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### **Tracking the Baby Boomers**

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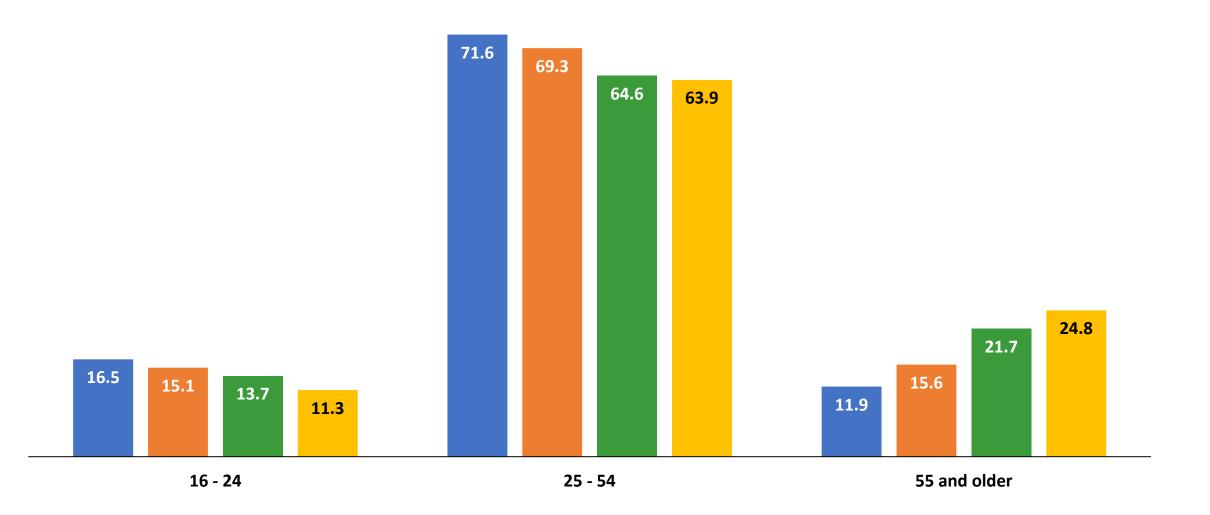
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Source: U.S. Census Data.

#### Distribution of Civilian Labor by Age Groups 1994, 2004, 2014, 2024



% Distribution 1994
% Distribution 2004
% Distribution 2014
% Distribution 2024

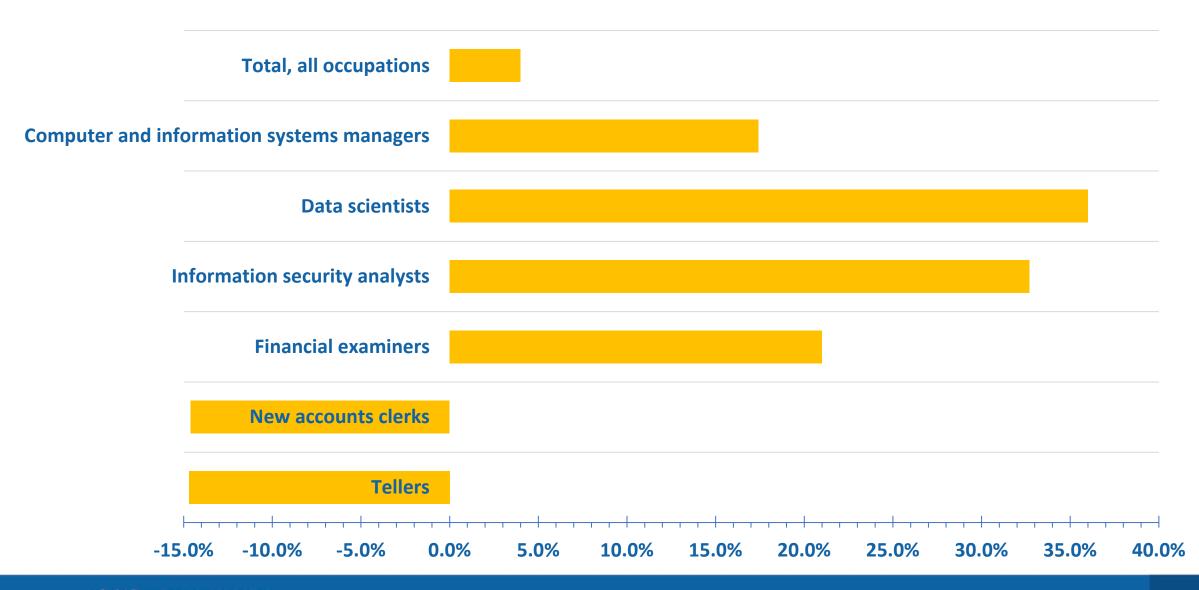




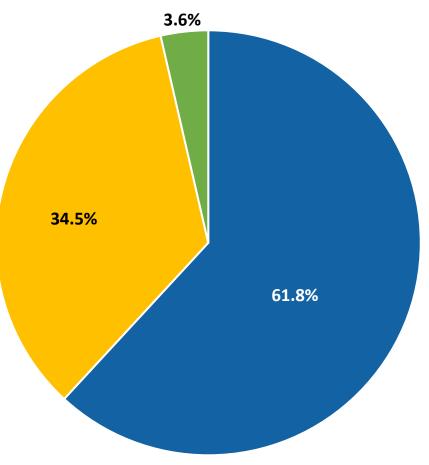


- Over 4 million Americans are projected to reach age 65 every year through 2030.
  - That's more than 11,000 people every day.
  - Age 65-plus workers represent the fastestgrowing segment of the workforce.

#### **Fastest Growing & Declining Occupations Projections 2023-2033**



#### **General Recruiting Outlook for 2024**



- I expect us to have more open roles than qualified candidates.
- I expect us to have an equal (or roughly equal) number of qualified candidates and open roles.
- I expect us to have more qualified candidates than open roles.



## **Causes of the Talent Shortage**

- Demographic Shifts
- Evolving Industry Needs
- Competition
- Succession Planning Gaps

# Causes of the Talent Shortage: Demographic Shifts

# Approximately 40% of credit union CEOs have reached retirement age in the past five years.

### **Baby Boomer Retirements in the Credit Union Industry**

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65	67	72	74	77
Retirements in 2014	Retirements in 2015	Retirements in 2016	Retirements in 2017	Retirements in 2018
86	103	132	165	
Retirements in 2019	Retirements in 2020	Retirements in 2021	Retiremen in 2022	nts
	152	16	0	
	Retiremen in 2023		Retirements in 2024	

\*The above information are estimates of CEO retirements among credit unions with \$500 million+ assets.

# Causes of the Talent Shortage: Evolving Industry Needs

#### **The Case For Continuous Learning**

The rapid rate of evolution in technology necessitates an organizational focus on continuous learning.

87% of companies surveyed expected to have a skills gap in the next 5 years.



# Historically, the credit union industry has lagged other industries in certain areas:

- Cybersecurity and protecting sensitive data
- Digital transformation
- Automation
- Using CRMs and member data to drive marketing and product development



### **Executive Skills Most in Demand**

- Adaptability and Agility- the ability to pivot quickly and lead through change.
- Data-Driven Decision-Making: the use of data analytics and business intelligence.
- 3. Digital Competence: strong grasp of digital trends and technological innovation.
- Emotional Intelligence (EQ): self-awareness, a focus on organizational culture, building relationships, collaboration, and leading with empathy.

As the credit union industry continues to become more complex and both employee and member expectations change, effective leadership is more important than ever.

# Plus, we often want hire executives with credit union experience or other limiting qualifications...

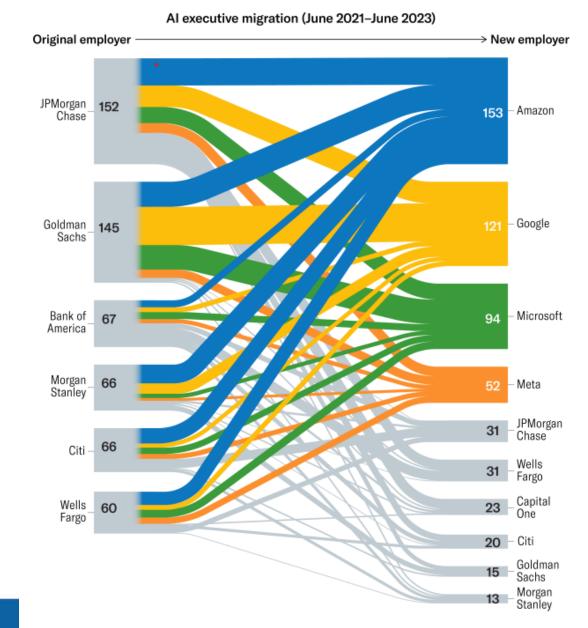


# Causes of the Talent Shortage: Competition

Credit unions are competing for talent with other industries, including those outside of financial services. Even the big banks struggle to retain employees with skillsets that are in high demand.

According to a study of LinkedIn data, a typical bank loses <u>four</u> AI professionals for every <u>five</u> it hires.

#### AI Talent Is Leaving Big Banks for Tech



# Causes of the Talent Shortage: Additional Challenges





Compensation

Onsite vs. Hybrid vs. Remote Work

• Family Needs



The Pool for Viable Candidates is Shrinking



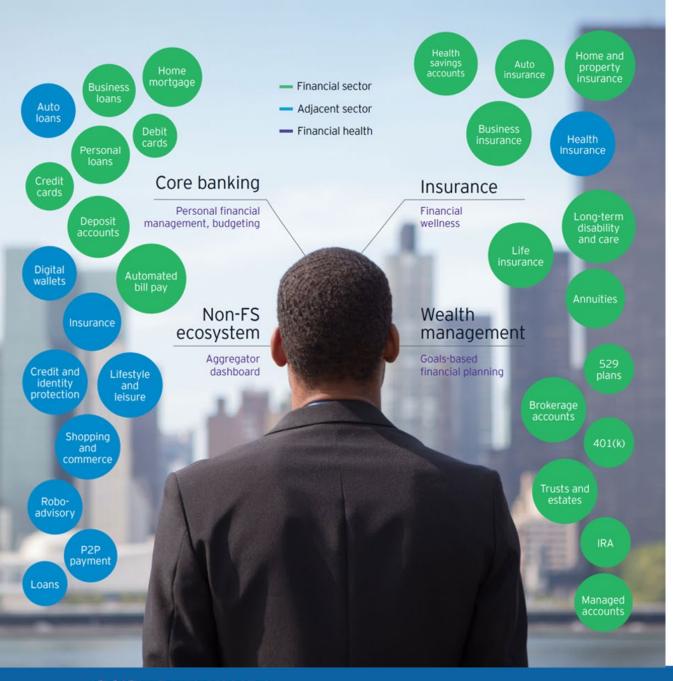
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# Hiring For Today & Planning For the Future

## **Strategies to Meet the Demand for Talent**

- Identify high performers & build a talent pipeline
- Identify current and future organizational needs and invest in employee training, leadership development, and learning opportunities.
- Regularly engage in workforce planning by developing future positions and updating job descriptions and requirements.
- Look outside of credit unions for specialized skillsets, and then teach those employees about credit unions/financial services.
- Assess which skills are essential now and for the future.



The Evolution of Executive Roles in Financial Services

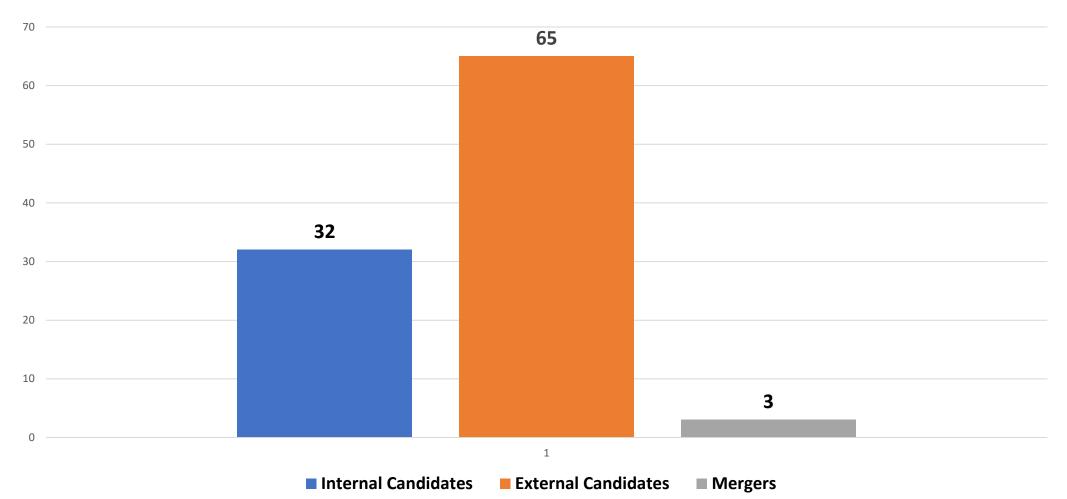
Emphasis on Technology Risk Management Data-Driven Decision Making Customer-Centric Strategies Diversity and Inclusion

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# **Succession Planning**

#### How many CEOs are internal vs. external hires? CU Industry 59% 41% S&P 500 67% 33% 20% 0% 10% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100% Internal External

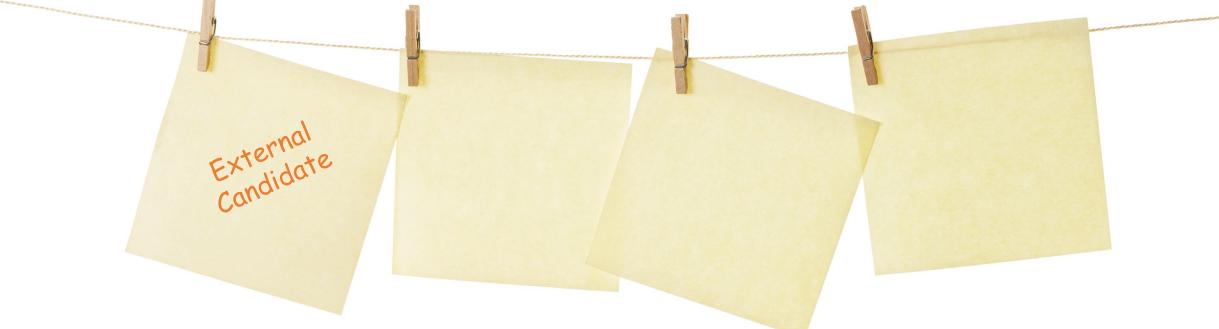
Source: PwC 2019 Strategy & Global CEO Study / D. Hilton Associates 2023



Internal vs. External Candidate Selection in D. Hilton's Last 100 CEO Jobs

### The four basic CEO succession pathways

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#### 1. Company recruits an external candidate

- (+) Proven leadership experience.
- (+) Greater opportunity to make needed strategic, operating, and cultural changes.
- (+) Can bring a broader external perspective.

- (-) Board has not evaluated performance first-hand.
- (-) Can lead to disruption among operations and staffing.
- (-) Less familiar with the company / culture.

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#### 2. Company promotes an internal candidate

- (+) Familiarity between Board and Executive.
- (+) Maintenance of current company / culture.
- (+) Less disruption among operations and staffing.

(-) Responsibilities need to be clearly defined.

- (-) If overlap, needs clearly differentiated role from CEO.
- (-) Risk of becoming "lifetime COO" if left too long.



#### 3. <u>Two or more internal candidates</u> compete

- (+) Familiarity between Board and Executives.
- (+) Board opportunity to assess multiple internal candidates.
- (+) Executives develop needed leadership skills.

(-) Highly public and can result in unwanted attention.

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- (-) Creates internal factions who advocate favorites.
- (-) Can precipitate a "brain drain" when losers resign.



#### 4. Develop internal talent & evaluate external talent

(+) Internal Candidates develop needed leadership skills.
(+) Provides greater diversification of candidate talent.
(+) External validation assures that best CEO is selected.

- (-) Requires significant planning and oversight.
- (-) Communication is essential to preserve trust.

# **Long Term Impacts**

- Stagnation
- Loss of Productivity

- Cultural Disruption
- Loss of Productivity

- Consolidation
- Missed Strategic Opportunities

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