Paying Yourself

Income options in retirement

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Today’s agenda

- Wants and needs in retirement: The income floor
- Retirement investments: What to consider
- Retirement account options: The basics
- Other investments and savings
- Action steps
Having enough starts with having a plan: The income floor

Retirement needs

- Home and home-related
- Healthcare
- Food and clothing
- Transportation
- Insurance
- Taxes and debt payments
Once you establish your income floor, you can establish your lifestyle

Retirement wants
- Vacation/second home
- Hobbies
- Travel
- Time with family and friends
- Volunteerism
- Legacy assets
The most common sources of retirement income

- Social Security
- Defined Contribution plans (401(k), 403(b))
- Defined Benefit plans
- Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)
- Annuities
- Other investment and savings accounts
Social Security—still viable, still reliable

Income traits:
- Taxable, fixed monthly income from the government

Income options:
- Fixed benefit

Other traits:
- Reduced benefits can be taken as early as age 62
- Full benefits available if you wait to full retirement age
  - Full retirement age depends on when you were born
- Spouse gets a benefit, too
  - How and when you and your spouse elect to receive Social Security benefit can make a big difference in your monthly payment

Sources:
1) ssa.gov
2) TIAA collateral
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Employer-sponsored retirement accounts: Defined Contribution plans (401(k) and 403(b))

**Income traits:**
- Taxable, variable monthly income from your employer-sponsored account

**Income options:**
- Roll it into an IRA
- Leave it alone
- Take periodic distributions
- Annuity (lifetime income)
- Lump-sum withdrawal

**Other traits:**
- May borrow money from it (if plan permits), but must pay it back
- Minimum withdrawal age of 59½ (or be subject to IRS penalty)
- Mandatory withdrawals beginning at age 72
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**Employer-sponsored retirement accounts:**

**Defined Benefit plans**

**Income traits:**
- Taxable, fixed monthly income from an employer-sponsored and managed account

**Income options:**
- Fixed benefit based on company’s formula very often at termination
- Typically funded entirely by the company (although government plans often require employees to contribute)
- Benefits determined by personalized factors, not investment performance
  - Length of service with company
  - Earnings history (so-called terminal income)
  - NOT an individual account
- Benefits may come out of company income if investments underperform
- Maximum benefit is $230,000, no contribution limit*

*IRS, Defined Benefit Plan—Benefit Limits
irs.gov/Retirement-Plans/Plan-Participant-Employee/Retirement-Topics-Defined-Benefit-Plan-Benefit-Limits
Individual Retirement Accounts: The Traditional IRA

**Income traits:**
- Taxable, variable income from a personal retirement investment account

**Income options:**
- Take it in a lump sum
- Periodic disbursements
- “Rollover” into another Traditional IRA
- Annuity (Investment Solutions IRA)

**Other traits:**
- 10% penalty for early withdrawal, plus taxes
- Minimum withdrawal age of 59½; mandatory distributions begin at age 72
- Penalties for not taking minimum distributions!
- Special rules may impact taxes
Individual Retirement Accounts: The Roth IRA

Income traits:
- Tax-free, variable income from a personal retirement investment account

Income options:
- Take it in a lump sum
- Periodic disbursements
- “Rollover” into another Roth IRA
- Annuity payout

Other traits:
- 10% penalty for early withdrawal, plus taxes on earnings
- Minimum withdrawal age of 59½
  - NOTE: Special disbursement rules can apply
- No mandatory distributions
- No penalties for not withdrawing
- Account must be disbursed if account holder dies
- Roth account must be five years old before you can take a distribution of gains without tax penalty
- Contributions (but not gains) are always available for withdrawal without tax or penalty
Other investments and savings

Income traits:
- Variable income from personal investments, bonds and savings

Income options:
- Periodic disbursements
- Take it in a lump sum

Other traits:
- Can incur capital gains taxes
- No minimum withdrawal age
- No mandatory disbursements
Regular, permanent payments of lifetime income can come from Social Security, pensions and annuities.
Transitioning from savings to lifetime income

TIAA solutions are designed to go from savings in accumulation to income in retirement.
Understanding annuities based on life stages

Using our fixed and variable annuities as examples:

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Reminder: Your plan may offer non-annuities investments that may be appropriate for your situation.
TIAA income options: Flexible retirement income

**Life Annuity:**
Guaranteed income for life, fixed or variable

**TIAA Interest Only:**
Income from a TIAA Traditional Annuity that leaves principal unchanged

**Minimum Distribution Option:**
Automatically withdraws the minimum required amount from your account once you’ve reached the minimum age

**Transfer Payout Annuity:**
Allows you to access and reallocate TIAA Traditional Annuity over a set number of years

**Cash withdrawals:**
Lump sum or systematic
Lifetime income payout options

Some common payout options*:

- Life only
- Life with a guarantee period
- Joint life and last survivor

*Not all options available and some providers may offer different payouts. Other income options may be available.
Recap: What to consider in retirement investments

- What will the investment/asset be used for?
- How liquid or easy to withdraw is it?
- How is each investment/asset taxed on withdrawal?
- What is it invested in—what is the risk?
Putting it all together: Action steps

- Estimate your *required* expenses and determine if guaranteed income could help
- Estimate the cost to do what you *want* in retirement consider investing accordingly
- Plan your income carefully and know which assets will pay what amount and when
- Taxes, taxes, taxes
- Learn about consolidation options
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Additional tools

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- Retirement Advisor
- Preparing for Retirement—TIAA.org/pfr
- Retirement Goal Evaluator
- Budget Worksheet

IMPORTANT: The projections or other information generated by the Retirement Advisor tool regarding the likelihood of various investment outcomes are hypothetical in nature, do not reflect actual investment results and are not guarantees of future results. Results may vary with each use and over time.
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¹Employee Benefit Research Institute, 2020 Retirement Confidence Survey, “RCS Fact Sheet 1: Retirement Confidence,” April 2020

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³The Balance, “Average Retirement Age in the United States,” December 2019

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⁴United States Census Bureau, “Household Income in 2018,” accessed online July 2020

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⁵Employee Benefits Research Institute, 2020 Retirement Confidence Survey, “RCS Fact Sheet 3: Preparing for Retirement in America,” April 2020

44% of Americans between the ages of 60 and 70 have a mortgage when they retire, and as many as 17% say they may never pay it off.⁶

⁶AARP, “Many Retired People Don’t Expect to Pay Off Mortgages,” accessed online July 2020

Average annual healthcare spending is 8% of total expenses for those age 50-64, but jumps to 19% for those 85 and older.⁷

⁷Employee Benefit Research Institute, “Spending Patterns of Older Households,” accessed online July 2020
A 65-year old couple retiring in 2020 could need as much as $325,000 saved for health care and medical expenses throughout retirement—a significant amount, but about 10% lower than 2019.8

8Employee Benefit Research Institute, “A Bit of Good News During the Pandemic: Savings Medicare Beneficiaries Need for Health Expenses Decrease in 2020,” May 2020

The cost of eating at home changed only moderately from 2018 to 2019 at 2%, while eating out increased less than 1% during the same period.9


Social Security can be expected to replace about 40% of preretirement income10

10Congressional Budget Office, “Replacement Rates for Hypothetical Retired Workers,” accessed online July 2020

A spouse’s benefit may be up to 50% of yours.11

11Social Security Administration, “Retirement Planner: Benefits for Your Spouse,” accessed online July 2020

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12The Balance, “Average Retirement Age in the United States,” December 2019

What percentage of Americans 65 and older held a paying job in 2019? More than 10 million, or nearly 20%.13

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