

## ALI PRIP Background and Objectives

Protected Retirement Income and Planning (PRIP) examines the rapidly changing retirement income planning landscape, including shifts in consumer attitudes and behaviors toward retirement savings.

PRIP is the only research of its kind that surveys both consumers and financial professionals simultaneously.

**Chapter 1: Americans Change Retirement Savings Strategies** is a study of 2,507 consumers ages 45 to 75, of which 546 are investors ages 45 to 72 who work with a financial advisor and have \$150,000 or more in investable assets. They are referred to in the study as investors.

Additionally, the report includes 519 financial professionals who conduct retirement planning for individual clients and an oversample of Peak 65 consumers between 61 and 65.



### **Summary of Key Findings**



## Americans are at risk of running out of money in retirement.

- 51% of consumers feel they do not have enough retirement savings to last their lifetime and 32% are not confident they will have enough to cover basic monthly expenses throughout retirement.
- 16% of Americans ages 45 to 75 have retired and returned to work in some capacity.
- 53% say one of the three reasons they retired were circumstances beyond their control, such as health-related concerns, job loss, mandatory age requirements and the impacts of COVID-19.
- 43% believe the 2022 market setback represents a longer-term change that negatively alters their retirement outlook.



## **Summary of Key Findings**



## Americans have uncertainties around Social Security and Medicare.

- 54% of consumers are confident in the solvency of Social Security.
- Fewer than 2 in 10 are very confident. Despite this, 73% are counting on Social Security income in retirement.
- 40% say Social Security will be or is a critical part of their retirement income.



## **Top Findings**



## People are changing their approach to retirement as markets fluctuate.

- 32% of consumers made changes to their investments in 2022.
- 51% report uncertainty whether the 60/40 stock/bond portfolio allocation remains viable.
- **37% find the 4% rule is no longer valid** due to changes, such as inflation, longer lifespans and market volatility, and that the model should be replaced with other retirement income approaches.



## **Summary of Key Findings**



## The demand for protection and annuities continues to grow.

- Consumers want 80% of their retirement savings to be invested in safer investments.
- 97% say having guaranteed lifetime income in addition to Social Security in retirement is valuable.



## **Top Findings**



Both consumers and financial professionals view annuities as an important solution that will help provide protected income for Peak 65ers and other investors alike.

- 93% of consumers who protected their portfolio with an annuity in 2022 are satisfied with their investment choices for 2022 and 44% are extremely satisfied.
- Those who are protected by a pension and/or an annuity have a significantly more positive outlook on their retirement prospects.



## **Top Findings**



## Financial professionals underestimate how interested investors are in annuities.

- 73% of financial professionals say they raise the topic of protection with clients; only 33% of investors say the same.
- Nearly 50% of investors are extremely interested in owning an annuity.

  Only 19% of financial professionals believe their clients have this level of interest.



## **Summary of Key Findings**

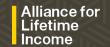


## Consumers seek safer investments to fund their needs in retirement.

- 4 in 10 consumers have separate goals for retirement income "needs" and "wants."
- Consumers want 80% of their retirement savings that will cover their needs in retirement to be invested in safer investments.
- As for "wants," travel and relaxation top the "bucket list" of things to do in retirement.



## How do consumers and investors feel about their finances after 2022?





## Less than half of consumers believe their savings will last their lifetime

49% YES

Feel their retirement savings and sources of income will last for their lifetime

51% NO

Base: Total (N=2507)

Q8. Do you think your retirement savings and sources of income will last for your lifetime?

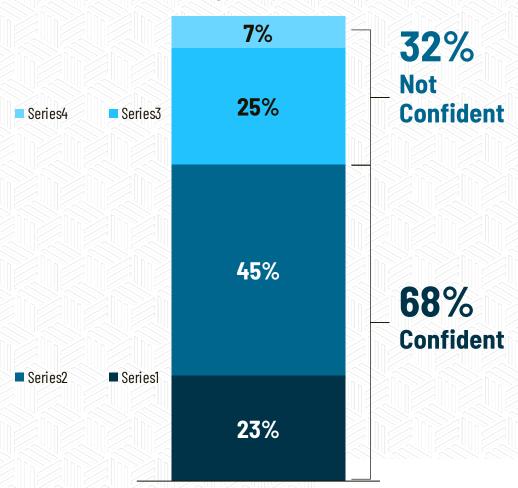




# 32% are not confident they will have enough to cover basic monthly expenses throughout retirement



## Confidence They Will Have Income To Cover Basic Monthly Expenses Throughout Retirement



Base: Total (N=2507)

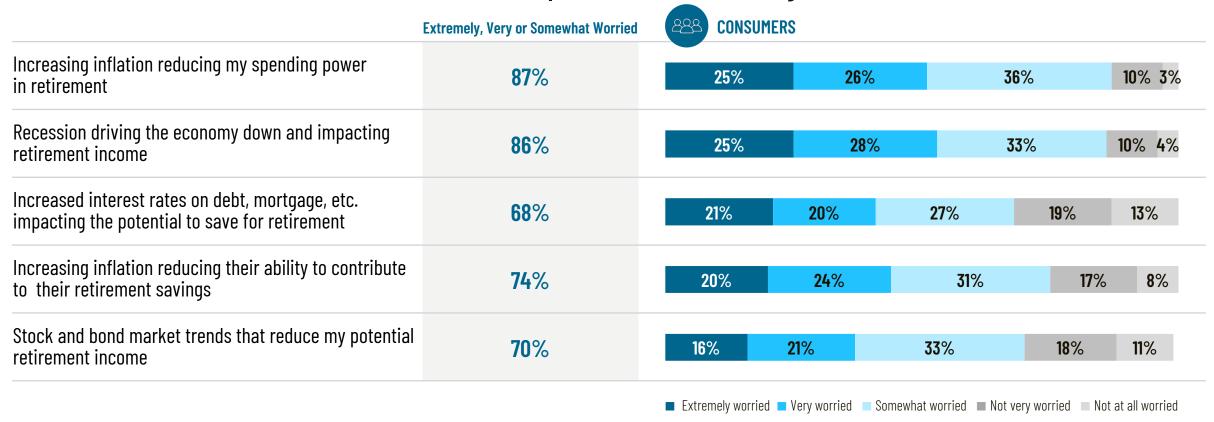
09. How confident are you that you will have the income to cover your essential or basic monthly expenses throughout your retirement?





## Most consumers are worried about the impact of inflation and possible recession on their retirement income

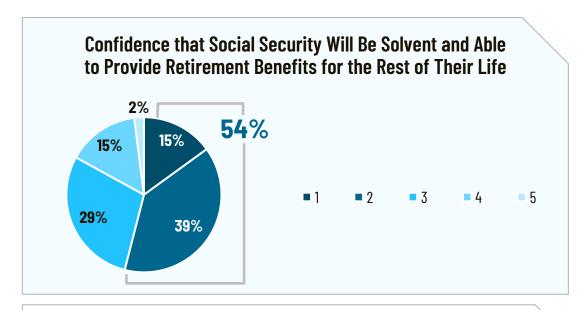
#### Worries Over Market Impact on Retirement Savings/Income

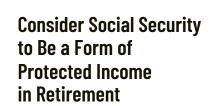


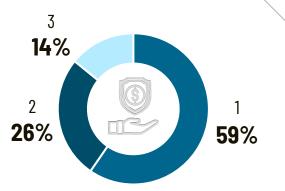


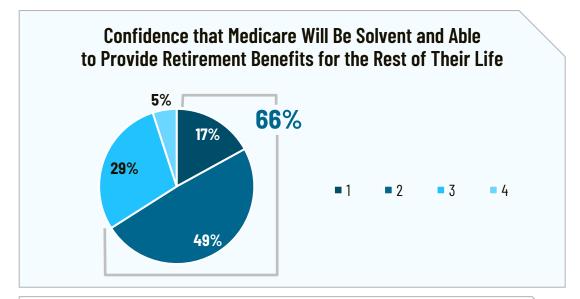


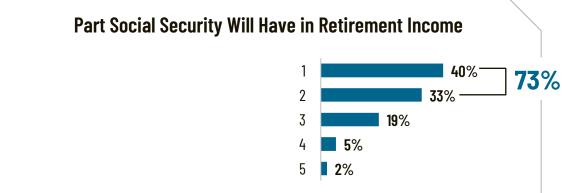
## Fewer than 2 in 10 consumers are very confident about the solvency of Social Security and Medicare but 73% are counting on Social Security income in retirement















## Consumer/Investor Investment Strategies



## One third of consumers made investment changes in 2022; over 9 in 10 who protected their portfolio with an annuity in 2022 are satisfied



#### **32%** Made Changes to Investments in 2022

Multiple responses accepted



- 17% Shifted some of my portfolio to more conservative investments
- **6%** Sold some investments to avoid losses
- 5% Protected part of my portfolio by investing in an annuity
- 10% Other changes in my investments
- 58% Made no changes
- 11% Don't have any investments

**93**% of consumers who protected their portfolio with an annuity in 2022 are satisfied with their 2022 investment choices and 44% are extremely satisfied

Type of Change	% Satisfied	N
NET Made any investment change in 2022	83%	790
Shifted some of my portfolio to more conservative investments	86%	423
Sold some investments to avoid losses	79%	143
Protected part of portfolio by investing in an annuity	93%	104
Other changes in my investments	83%	250





## Over half of investors made investment changes in 2022, and most are satisfied with their overall investment choices



#### **55%** Made Changes to Investments in 2022

Multiple responses accepted



<b>37</b> %	Shifted some of my portfolio to more
	conservative investments

8% Sold some investments to avoid losses

10% Protected part of my portfolio by investing in an annuity

**14%** Other changes in my investments

44% Made no changes

Type of Change	% Satisfied	N
NET Made any investment change in 2022	91%	294
Shifted some of my portfolio to more conservative investments	91%	181
Sold some investments to avoid losses	94%	50
Protected part of portfolio by investing in an annuity	100%	58
Other changes in my investments	91%	76

**100**% of investors who protected their portfolio with an annuity in 2022 are satisfied with their investment choices in 2022





## More than half of consumers are confident the market will bounce back after 2022 setbacks



#### Effect of 2022 Market Setback on Outlook

**57%** 

I'm confident the market will bounce back over the next year or two

43%

The nature of the market setback seems to represent a longer-term change that alters my retirement situation

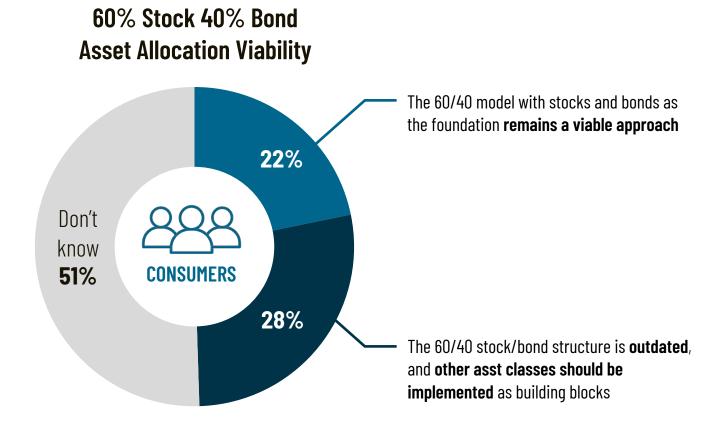
- Those who work with a financial professional are more confident (63% vs. 54% who don't work with one)
- Males are more confident than females (62% vs. 52%)
- Those protected by a pension or annuity are more confident than those with no pension or annuity (65% vs. 51%) that the market will bounce back





## Nearly 1 in 3 consumers say the 60/40 allocation rule is outdated and other asset classes should be implemented

**Q:** In 2022 stocks and bonds experienced significant losses. Major asset management and investment banking companies have strongly different views on the classic 60% stock and 40% bond portfolio.



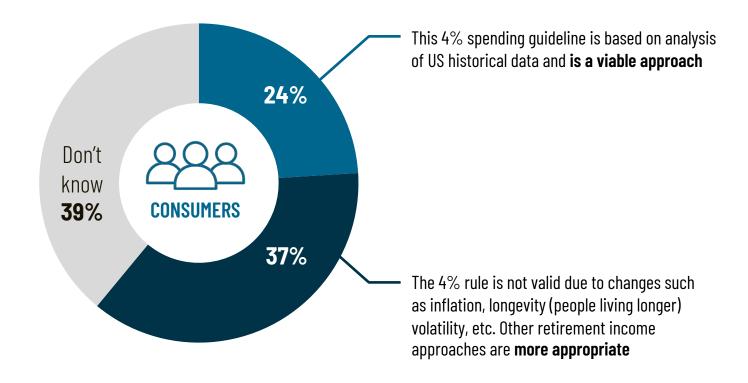




## A third of consumers say the 4% rule is no longer valid and are open to new approaches

**Q:** The "4%" rule is based on the idea that an investor seeking a safe retirement income plan can safely withdraw 4% of their initial investment portfolio and increase this amount by the rate of inflation each year for 30 years.

#### Viability of 4% Rule







### **Consumer Retirement Outlook**





## Travel and relaxation top the "bucket list" of things to do in retirement



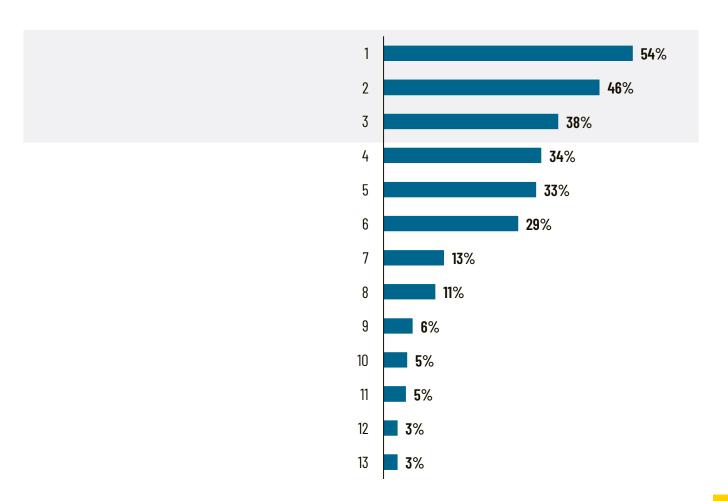






#### **Top 3 Things on Bucket List**

Multiple responses accepted



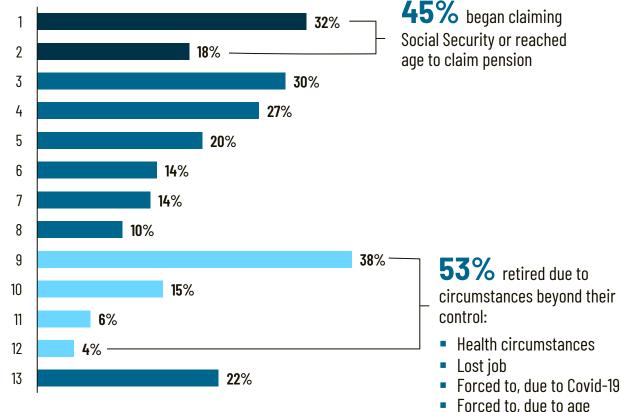
## Top 3 reasons for retiring: over 4 in 10 mention claiming Social Security or pension, and over half mention circumstances beyond their control



44% of consumers are retired currently or retired previously and have gone back to work

#### Top 3 Reasons for Retiring When They Did

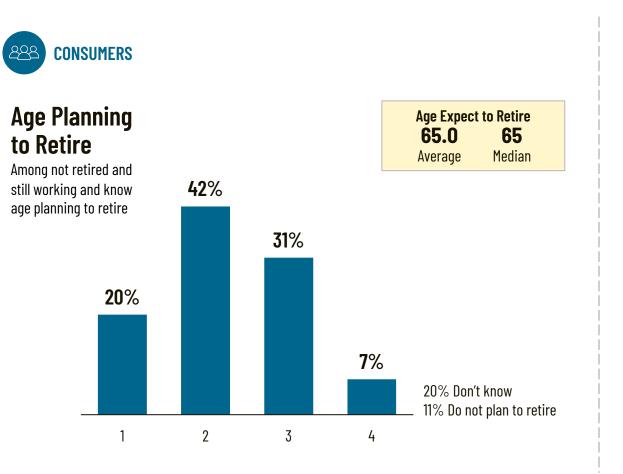
Among retired (currently or previously) • Multiple responses accepted





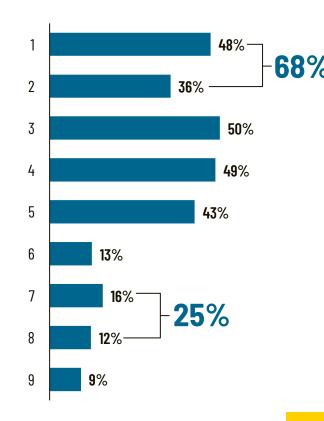


## Over two thirds of consumers who are not yet retired anticipate retiring because of claiming Social Security or pension eligibility. Only 25% anticipate a health reason or being forced to retire due to age



#### Top 3 Reasons for Retiring at That Age

Among not retired and still working and know age planning to retire





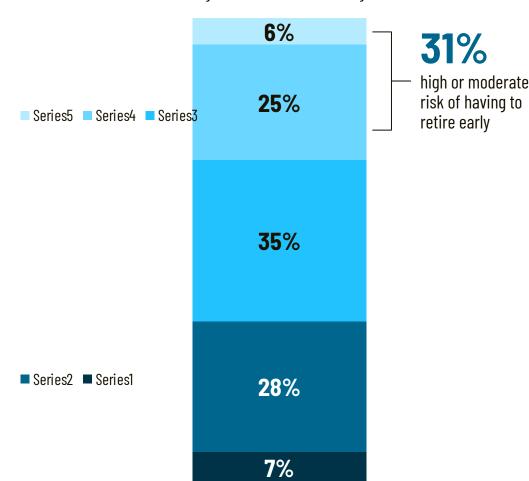




#### Amount of Risk That They May Need to Retire Early

Among not retired and still working

# Less than a third of non-retired consumers who are still working recognize a moderate or high risk of needing to retire early



Base: Not Retired Previously and Currently Employed (N=1136)
Q26. How much risk is there that you may need to retire early, due to circumstances beyond your control (health, employer decision, etc.)?





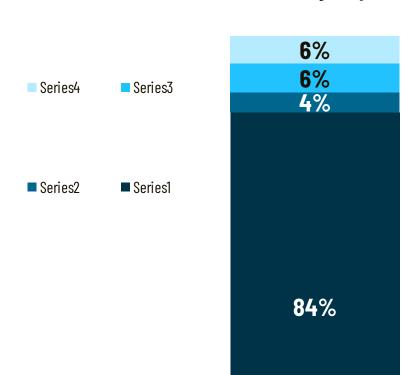


## Ever Retired and Returned to Work in Any Capacity

16%

Ever retired and returned to work in some capacity

## 16% have retired and returned to work in some capacity



Base: Total (N=2507)
021. Have you ever retired and gone back to work in any capacity?



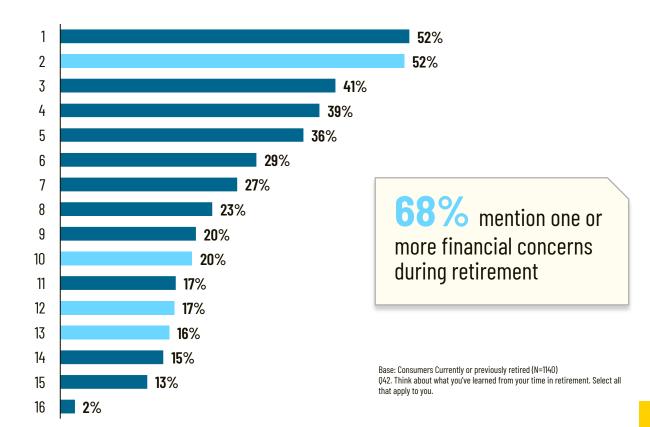


#### Two thirds of retirees identify one or more financial concerns



#### **What Was Learned from Time in Retirement**

Among those currently or previously retired • Multiple responses accepted







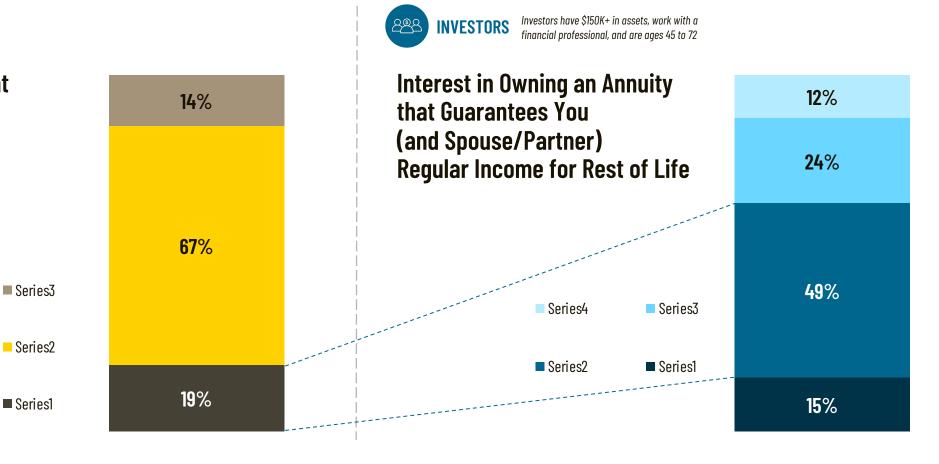
### **How to Fund Retirement**



## Investors are more likely to be extremely interested in owning an annuity that guarantees income, than financial professionals perceive



Interest of Average Client in Purchasing Annuities that Provide Guaranteed Lifetime Income







## 43% of consumers ages 45 to 75 have protected income in the form of a pension or an annuity in 2023

The number of people with a pension is declining which impacts the proportion of consumers who are "protected." The current Peak 65 group (ages 61 to 65) is the first group with less than half who are protected with a pension or annuity.

#### **Financial Products Owned**

(Self and/or Spouse/Significant Other)

Annuity       13%       13%       14%       13%       15%         Pension       42%       42%       42%       39%	023 PRIP
<b>Pension</b> 42% 42% 42% 39%	13%
	38%
<b>Protected</b> 47% 47% 48% 48% 44%	43%

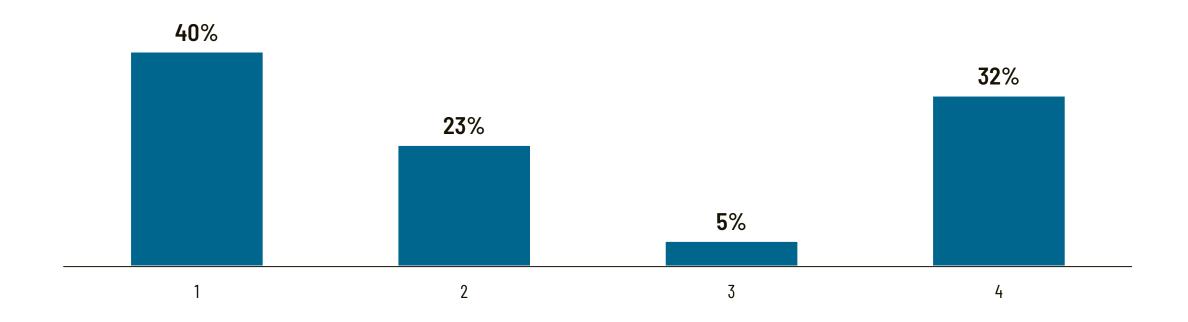




## 4 in 10 consumers have separate goals for retirement income "needs" and "wants"



Approach Followed When Evaluating Annual Target of Retirement Income Goals



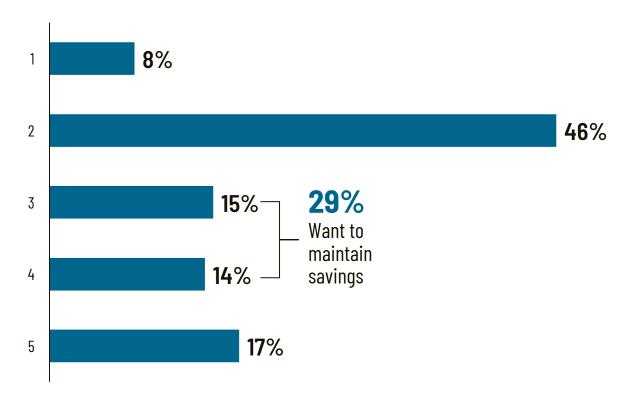




## Nearly half of consumers will spend down their savings gradually to maintain consistent lifestyle, underscoring the need for guaranteed income



**Ways of Spending Retirement Savings** 







033. How are you planning on spending your retirement savings [NOT RETIRED: once you retire / RETIRED: in retirement]? Please select the one option that fits best

# Consumers expect three quarters of their spending in retirement will be for "needs" and one quarter for "wants"

#### Percentage of Retirement Spending That is Needs vs. Wants

Among those who can estimate

**NEEDS:** 

**72%** 

Average

**75**%

Mean

**WANTS:** 

**28**%

Average

**25**%

Mean

10% Not Sure

Base: Consumers Who Can Estimate Percentage of Needs and Wants (N=2271)
030. What percentage of your spending in retirement do you think [NOT RETIRED: would be / RETIRED: is] for "needs" or essential expenses, and what percentage [NOT RETIRED: would be / RETIRED: is] for "wants" or flexible expenses?





## **Consumers want 80%** of their retirement savings that will cover their needs in retirement to be invested in safer investments

#### Safer vs. Riskier Investment Percentages of Savings for Retirement "Needs"

Among those who can estimate

**SAFER:** 

76.9%

Average

80%

Mean

**RISKIER:** 

**23.1%** 

Average

20%

Mean

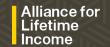
26% Not Sure

Base: Consumers Who Can Estimate Percentage of Needs In Safer vs. Riskier Investments (N=1884)
031. What percentage of your savings in retirement meant for your "needs" [NOT RETIRED: would / RETIRED: do] you want to be invested in safer investments vs. riskier investments?



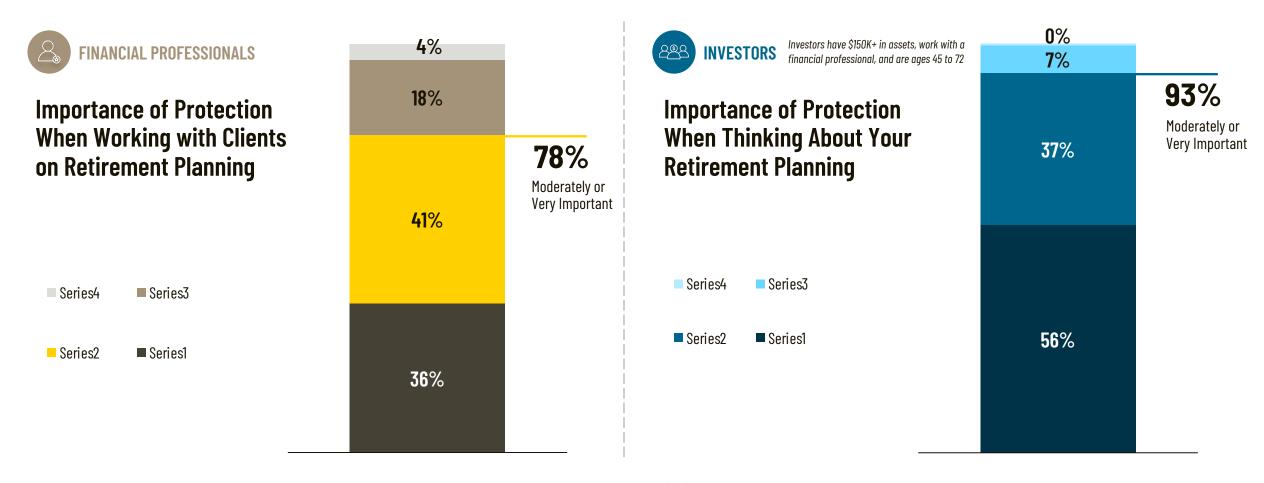


## Where do investors and financial professionals not align or disagree?





## More than 90% of investors believe protection of one's retirement assets is important compared to nearly 80% of financial professionals







## While financial professionals say they raise the topic of protection with their clients, investors say otherwise

BASE: FINANCIAL PROFESSIONALS (N=519)

Q23. Thinking again about protection when you work with your clients on retirement income. Who usually raises the topic of protection?

BASE: INVESTORS (N=546)

Q18: Thinking about the topic of protection when you talk with your financial professional about retirement income. Who usually raises the topic of protection? Please use this definition of protection: designed to provide a guaranteed income payment or reduce asset loss.





# WHO RAISES TOPIC OF PROTECTION?

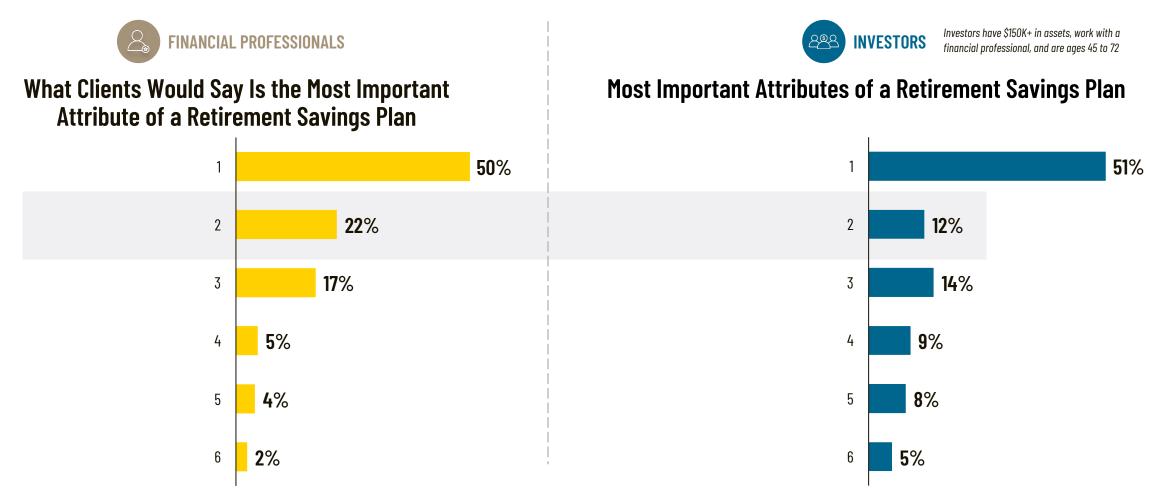
of financial professionals say they bring it up

VS.

of investors\* say financial professional brings it up

\*Investors have \$150K+ in assets, work with a financial professional, and are ages 45 to 72

# Financial professionals align with clients on the idea that retirement plans should ensure one doesn't outlive savings, but financial professionals identify a "license to spend" as being more important than investors do

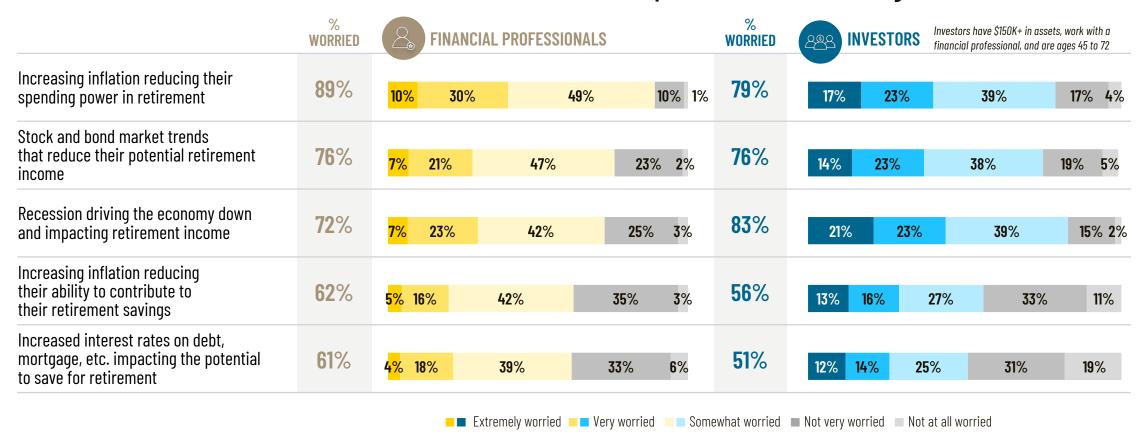






# Financial professionals are more worried about the impact of inflation on retirement spending power and ability to contribute to savings than investors

### **Worries Over Market Impact on Retirement Savings/Income**





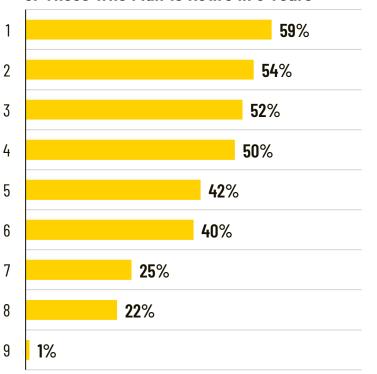


# Financial professionals consistently overestimate how much they talk about specific risks with their clients

Multiple responses accepted



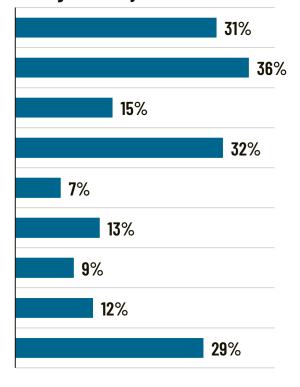
### Risks Regularly Discussed with Retired Clients or Those Who Plan to Retire in 5 Years





Investors have \$150K+ in assets, work with a financial professional, and are ages 45 to 72

### Risks Regularly Discussed with Financial Professionals Among Currently Retired or Plan to in 5 Years







# How do consumers and investors perceive annuities?

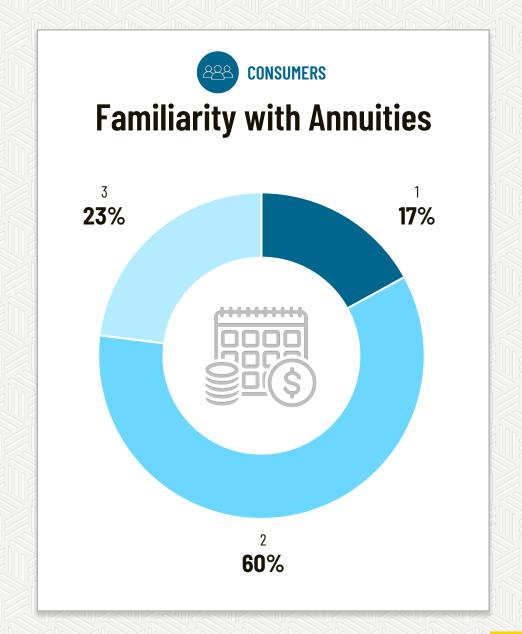


# Less than 20% of consumers are extremely familiar with annuities

Base: Total (N=2507) 047. How familiar are you with annuities?







# Consumers are interested in guaranteed lifetime income; half are interested in an annuity



### **Retirement Income**

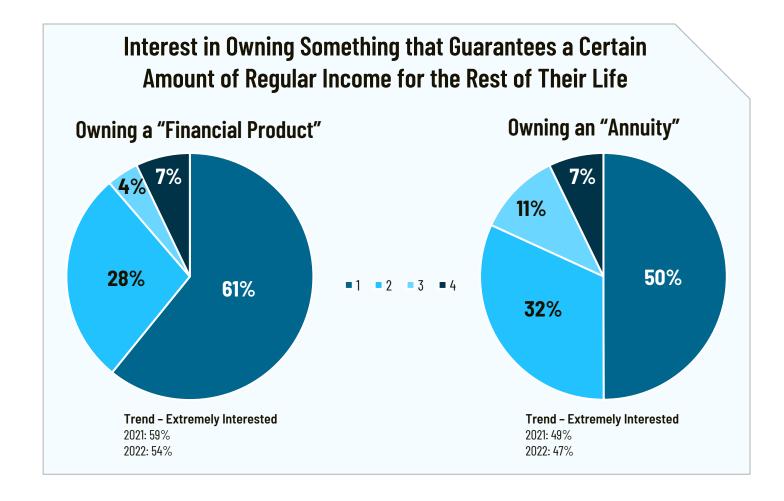
**97%** (3-7 rating)

### of Consumers

find having Guaranteed Lifetime Income in Addition to Social Security in Retirement Valuable

3% - Not Valuable (1/2 rating)

**Trend - Find it valuable** 2021: 94% 2022: 96%





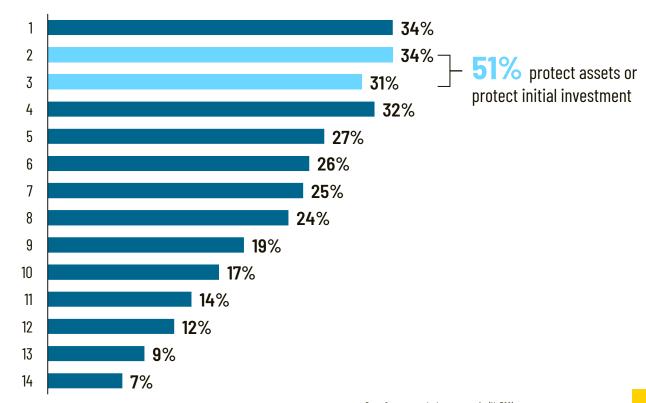


### Half of consumers with an annuity purchased it for protection of assets or the ability to protect initial investment; one third for diversification



### **Reasons for First Purchasing an Annuity**

Among those who have an annuity • Multiple responses accepted







# Nearly half of consumers believe financial professionals have a responsibility to present guaranteed lifetime income products to their clients



### **Agreement with Statements**

### **46%** AGREE

Financial professionals have a responsibility to present financial products that provide guaranteed lifetime income in retirement as an option to their clients

51% - Neutral 4% - Disagree

# Among those who have a financial professional

### **48%** AGREE

If your financial professional did not present all of the possible strategies for producing income in retirement to you, you would consider leaving that advisor

46% - Neutral 7% - Disagree

#### 2022:

42% - Agree (6/7) 50% - Neutral (3/4/5) 9% - Disagree (1/2)

#### 2022:

44% - Agree (6/7)

51% - Neutral (3/4/5)

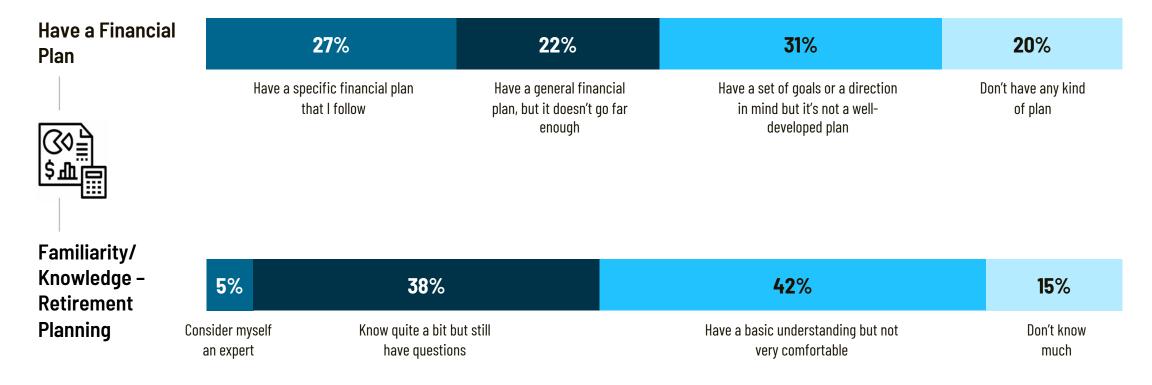
5% - Disagree (1/2)





# Only one quarter of consumers have a financial plan they follow; most have questions about retirement planning



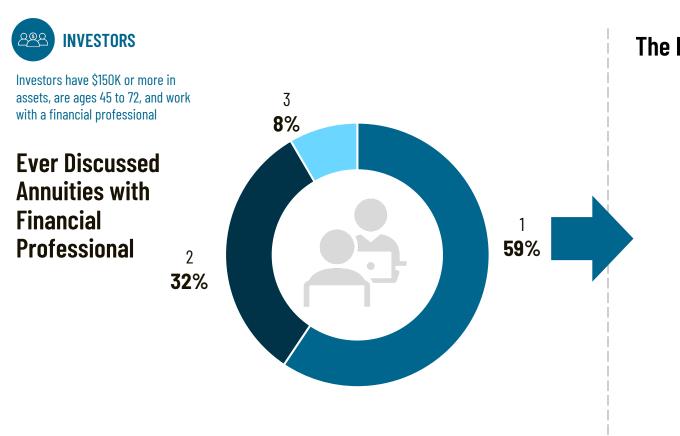






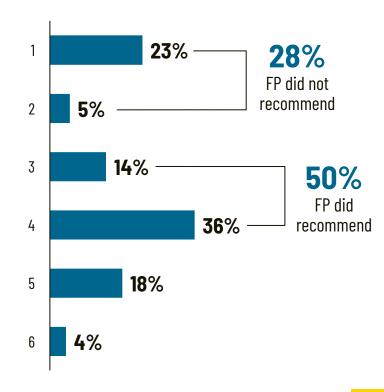
### Six out 10 investors discussed annuities with their financial professional.

### 50% of these financial professionals recommended annuities for their clients



### The Result of the Conversation with the Financial Professional

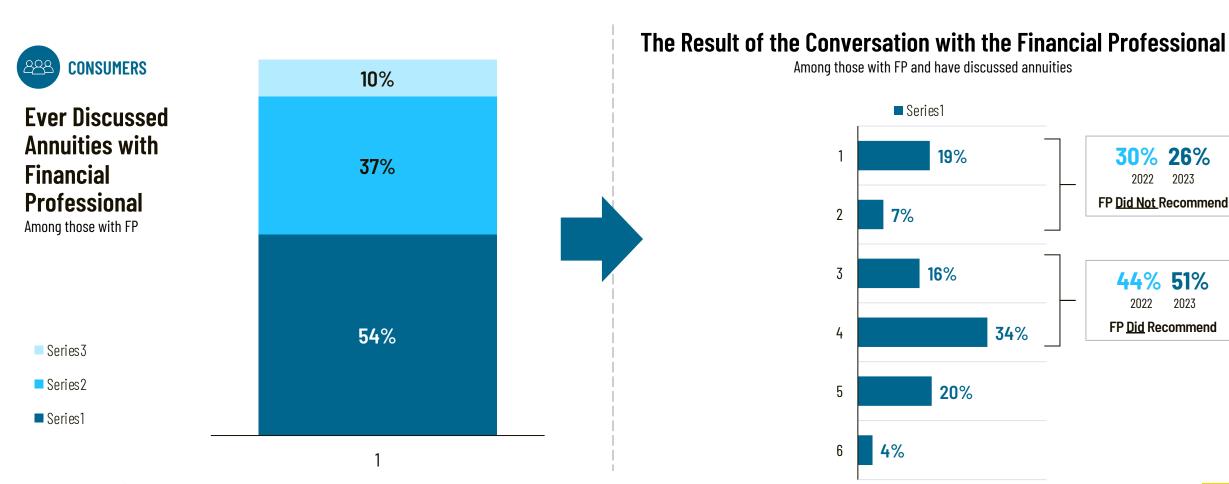
Among those who have discussed annuities with Financial Professional







# Five out of 10 consumers with a financial professional had a discussion about annuities







# Only 21% of people ages 45 to 75 are aware that the SECURE Act allows employers to offer annuities in employer-sponsored retirement plans, and 77% think that employers should offer them

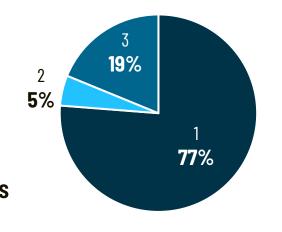


1 of 5 (21%)

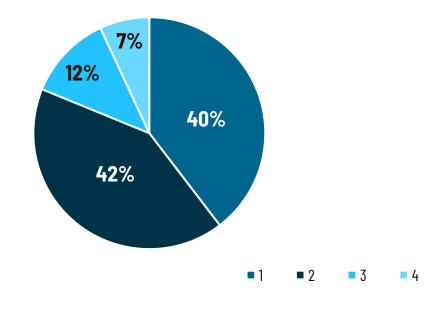
Aware that SECURE Act allows employers to offer protected retirement income (annuities)

77%

Think that employers should offer protected retirement income (annuities) in 401(k) and 503(b) employer-sponsored retirement plans



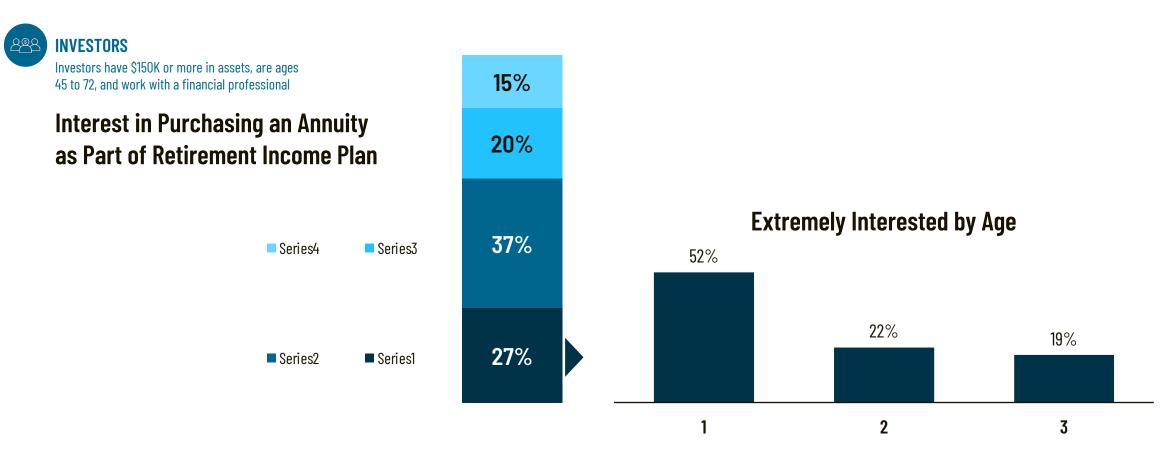
Interest in investing in annuities as part of the retirement savings plan provided by employer Among those with a 401(k)







# Nearly two-thirds of investors express interest in buying an annuity as part of their retirement income plan; younger investors are most interested





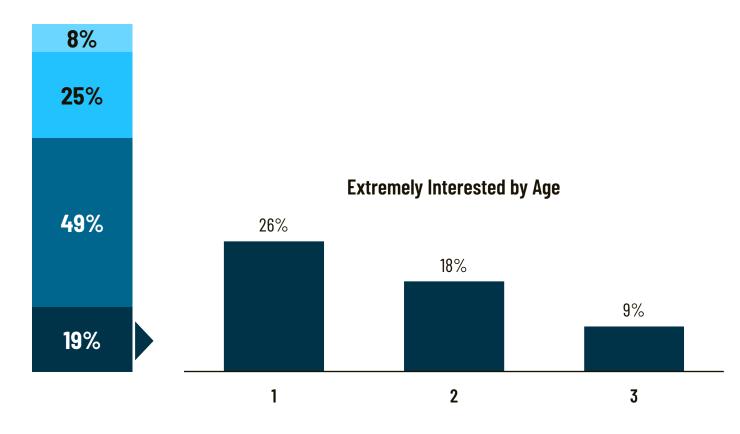


# Over a quarter of consumers ages 45 to 54 are interested in purchasing an annuity



Interest in Purchasing an Annuity as Part of Retirement Income Plan









# Consumers who are protected by a pension and/or an annuity have a significantly more positive outlook on their retirement prospects



	Protected	Not Protected
Optimistic about financial preparation for retirement	<b>75</b> %	50%
Believe savings/income will last lifetime	<b>67</b> %	36%
Confident will have income to cover your essential or basic monthly expenses in retirement	82%	57%
Feel a positive emotion about retirement outlook	82%	57%



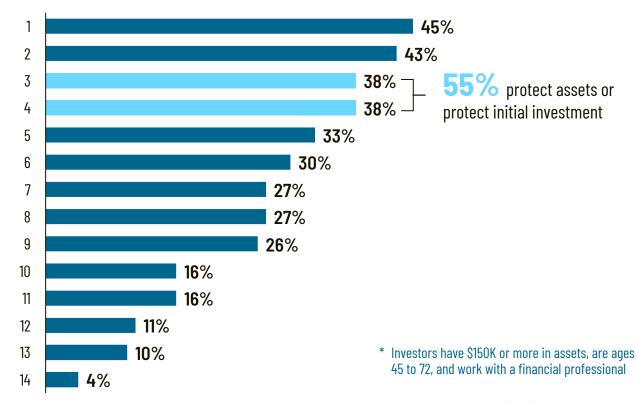


# Guaranteed income stream and portfolio diversification are top reasons investors who have an annuity first purchased an annuity



### Top Reasons for Purchasing an Annuity

Among investors who have an annuity • Multiple responses accepted





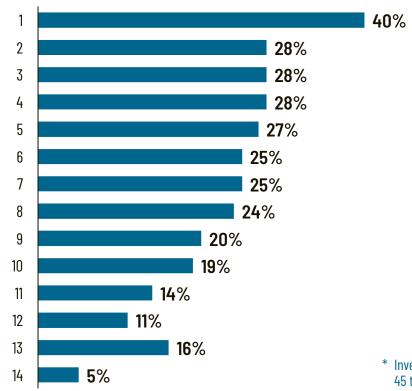


### The top drawback of annuities according to investors: money is tied up



### **Drawbacks of Annuities**

Multiple responses accepted







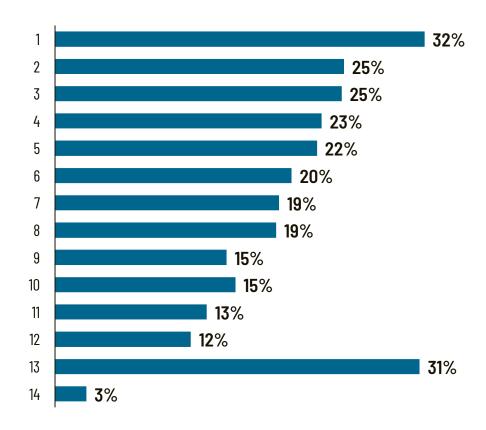


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### **Drawbacks of Annuities**

Multiple responses accepted







# **APPENDIX**



## Methodology



- This online survey of 2,507 Consumers includes 2,000 Consumers and an oversample of 507 respondents ages 61 to 65. The study was conducted by Artemis Strategy Group March 1 to 31, 2023. Respondents include people ages 45 to 75.
- Data is weighted to align with the population on age, income by gender, race/Hispanic ethnicity, region, work and retirement status, assets, and education. The oversample of ages 61 to 65 is weighted down to reflect their proportion in the population.



- Among the 2,507 Consumers surveyed, 546 are Investors who have \$150K+ in investable assets, work with a financial professional, and are ages 45 to 72. This group represents ALI's target audience.
- Data is weighted to align with the population on age, income by gender, race/Hispanic ethnicity, region, work and retirement status, assets, and education.



## Methodology



- This online survey of 519 financial professionals was conducted by Artemis Strategy Group February 27 to March 7, 2023, and represents major segments of professionals: (Unweighted n's)
  - RIA: Registered investment advisor (n=136)
  - IBD: Independent broker-dealer (n=136)
  - Nat BD: National wirehouse or full-service broker-dealers (n=122)
  - Reg BD: Regional broker-dealers (n=50)
  - Ins BD: Insurance broker-dealers (n=51)
  - Bank broker dealers are included in the total but not broken out separately due to the base of N=24, which is too small for analysis
- Data is weighted on advisor type to match the proportions of the PRIP Spring 2021 study.

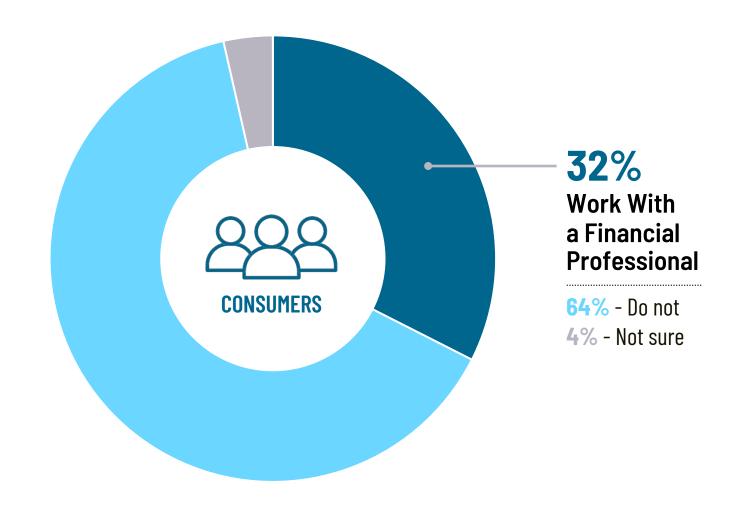


# One third of consumers work with a financial professional





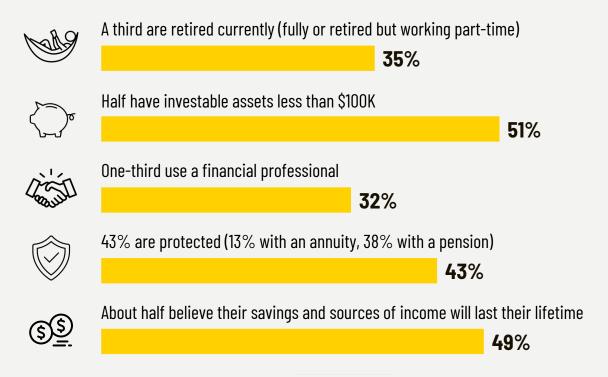




Base: Total (N=2507)
010. Thinking of a financial professional as a licensed professional who provides advice and guidance on your investments, insurance, and your total financial picture, do you work with a financial professional now?

# What we know about consumers ages 45 to 75









### Consumer Respondent Profile (n=2,507)



Gender	
Male	48%
Female	<b>52</b> %
Other, non-binary/-conforming, prefer not	<1%
to say	<1 <i>/</i> 0
Age	
45-54	<b>37</b> %
55-64	<b>36</b> %
65-75	<b>27</b> %
Region	
Northeast	<b>20</b> %
South	<b>22</b> %
Midwest	<b>35</b> %
West	<b>23</b> %
Race/Ethnicity	
White/Caucasian	80%
Black/African American	<b>12</b> %
Asian	<b>5</b> %
Amer. Indian / Alaska Native	1%
Other	<b>3</b> %
Hispanic/Latin Origin	<b>13</b> %

Married	<b>57</b> %
Living with partner	6%
Single, never married	13%
Divorced or separated	18%
Widowed	<b>5</b> %
Education	
High school or less	38%
Some college/Assoc. degree	<b>32</b> %
College graduate	16%
Graduate school (any)	14%
Current Employment Status	
Employed (full or part-time)	<b>59</b> %
Unemployed	2%
Homemaker or other	<b>3</b> %
Retired, but working part-time	<b>5</b> %
Fully retired	<b>32</b> %

Household	Income	for 2022	

<b>32</b> %	Less than \$50K
<b>29</b> %	\$50K < \$100K
<b>36</b> %	\$100K < \$250K
2%	\$250K or more

#### **Household's Total Investable Assets**

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11%	\$100K < \$150K
<b>15</b> %	\$150K < \$500K
<b>12</b> %	\$500K < \$1M
<b>7</b> %	\$1M < \$2M
<b>2</b> %	\$2M < \$3M
2%	\$3M or more

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### **Works with a Financial Professional**

Yes **32**% No or Uncertain **68**%





### **Investor Respondent Profile (n=546)**



Gender	
Male	<b>50</b> %
Female	<b>50</b> %
Other, non-binary/-conforming, prefer not	0%
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Age	
45-54	21%
55-64	<b>42</b> %
65-75	<b>37</b> %
Region	
Northeast	19%
South	<b>30</b> %
Midwest	<b>27</b> %
West	24%
Race/Ethnicity	
White/Caucasian	86%
Black/African American	10%
Asian	<b>5</b> %
Amer. Indian / Alaska Native	2%
Other	1%
Hispanic/Latin Origin	6%
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Married	<b>75</b> %
Living with partner	<b>5</b> %
Single, never married	4%
Divorced or separated	11%
Widowed	4%
Education	
High school or less	11%
Some college/Assoc. degree	28%
College graduate	26%
Graduate school (any)	<b>35</b> %
Current Employment Status	
Employed (full or part-time)	<b>59</b> %
Unemployed	<b>2</b> %
Homemaker or other	<b>3</b> %
Retired, but working part-time	<b>5</b> %
Fully retired	<b>32</b> %

Less than \$50K **5%** \$50K < \$100K **28%** \$100K < \$250K **58%** \$250K or more **10%** 

#### **Household's Total Investable Assets**

<\$100K **0%** \$100K < \$150K **0%** \$150K < \$500K **27%** \$500K < \$1M **33%** \$1M < \$2M **25%** \$2M < \$3M **7%** \$3M or more **8%** 

### **Work with a Financial Professional**

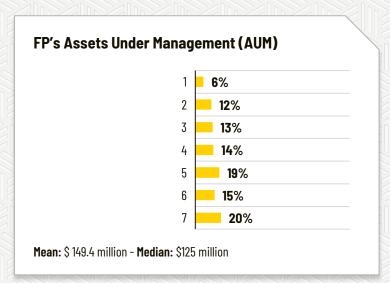
Yes **100%**No **0%**Not sure **0%** 

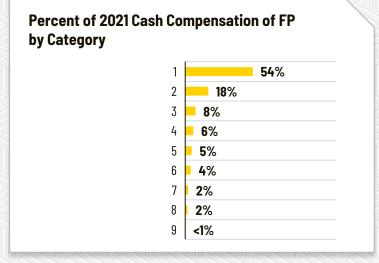


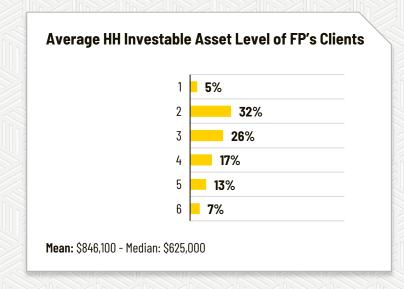


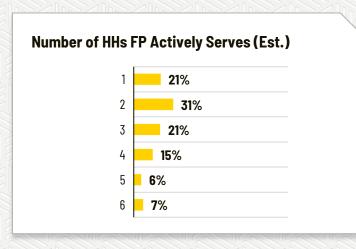
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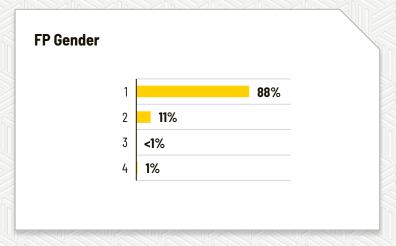


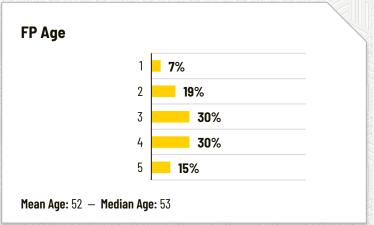






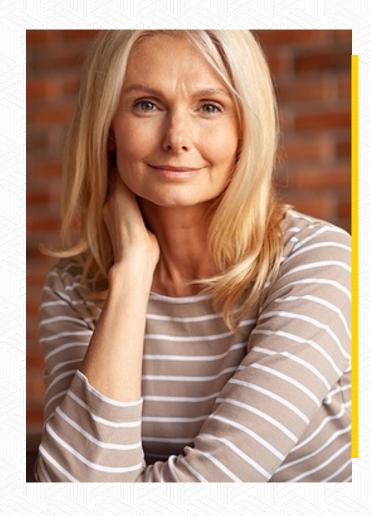












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