



Cruising to a solid retirement where you can be confident about your money

How annuities can help you meet your retirement goals

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Retirement means different things for different people.

No matter what your dreams may be, planning for a solid retirement means making smart decisions when it comes to challenges like fluctuating interest rates, market volatility, and longer life expectancies.



“I want to **travel abroad.**”



“I want to **spend more time with the grandkids.**”



“I want to **relax more with family** at home.”

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Avoiding road blocks to a successful retirement



Fluctuating interest rates

Today's low interest rate environment can be a challenge when planning a dependable retirement income. As an example, the average CD rate is just 1.92% versus over 10% decades ago.¹



Stock market volatility

Downturns in the market can mean significant drops when it comes to your retirement money. If you're concerned about how much money you'll have at your retirement, think about solutions that can help insulate your savings against significant losses as you near retirement.



Longer life expectancies

Everyone wants to live longer to spend more time with their loved ones. But living longer means more money for retirement. That's why it's so important to plan for a retirement that lasts 30 years or more.

¹ Source: As of 1/2/2025, Bankrate survey <https://www.bankrate.com/banking/cds/historical-cd-interest-rates>.

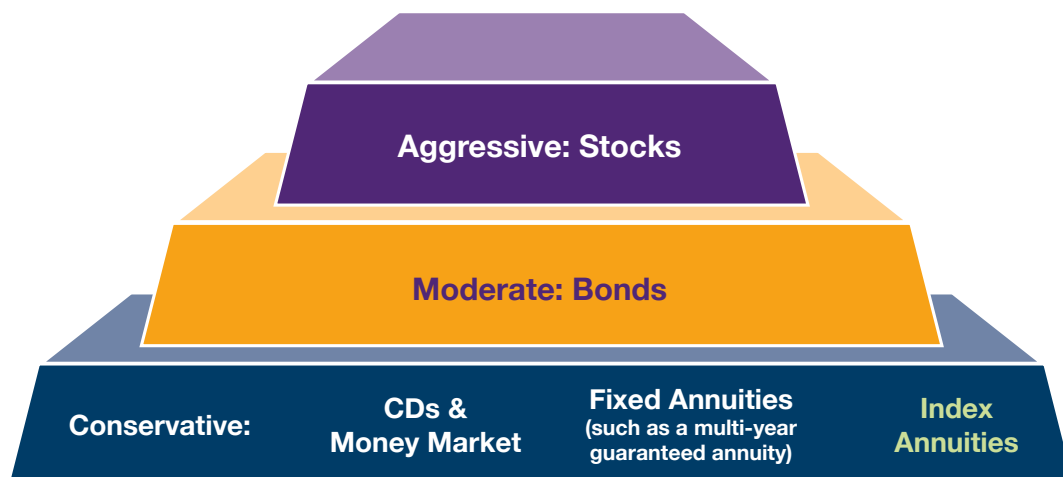
How annuities can help you drive away from retirement challenges

As far as retirement priorities, everyone's risk tolerance is different. But when you're trying to plan for a solid retirement, you need a strategy that helps you drive around "pot holes" in the road while still delivering the income you'll need to turn your dreams into tomorrow's game plan.

That's why flexible plan options are so important. You can take advantage of valuable growth potential while still locking in important risk guarantees. Think of it as your road map to a retirement that works for you:

- **Growth potential:** You can choose options to help take advantage of stock market gains without investing directly into the market
- **Downturn guarantees:** If the market gets bumpy, you confidently relax ... knowing you won't lose your principal to market downturns
- **Steady stream of lifetime income:** Your payments will never run out no matter how long you live, even if your account value is depleted

Map out a dependable retirement income



How the power of tax deferral revs up your retirement income

No one wants to overpay on their taxes. When it comes to your retirement savings, that's especially true. Every dollar you pay in taxes today means that's another dollar that's NOT working toward building a solid retirement for you tomorrow.

Here are the potential benefits of tax deferral on retirement savings:

Benefit #1

The money you've saved for your retirement stays in your account where it has the potential to keep growing.

Benefit #2

The earnings on your retirement savings stays in your account where it has the potential to keep growing.

Benefit #3

The money you would have paid in taxes on those earnings stays in your account, giving you even more potential earnings.

It all adds up to a valuable strategy to help you build an even bigger foundation for your retirement savings.

Plus, once you decide to retire, you might also be able to take advantage of additional tax savings because many Americans shift into a lower tax bracket at retirement.

Lock in market gains, with no worries about losing your original premium

Living longer can be a great thing, until you think about the impact on your retirement savings. That's where an annuity could give you an advantage. You can more confidently build your retirement savings based on a market index, without the risk of actually participating in the stock market. That means you won't lose sleep worrying about market corrections.

Here's why:

- **If the market goes up, your annuity may also go up.** This can help you build an even more solid retirement savings foundation.
- **If the market goes down, you can avoid the emotional roller coaster.** Your initial premium will not be reduced due to market fluctuations. The money you earned in previous years, based on a market index, stays locked in your account and is protected from future dips.

66%¹

of investors say they are worried about retirement income, compared to 60% in 2020, highlighting that investors' concerns are growing.

So you won't stay awake worrying if market volatility will eat into your hard-earned savings.

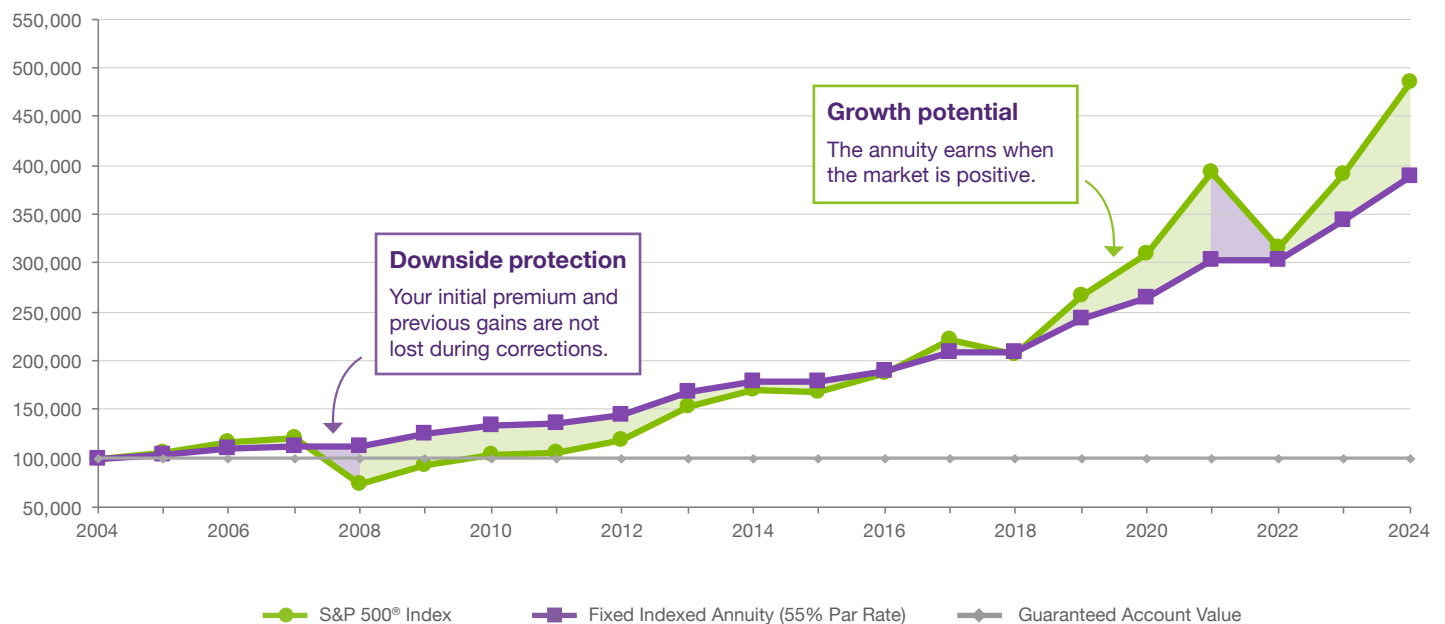
¹ This percentage is from a survey that was conducted online by ROI Rocket, a MarketOnce company and an industry leader in consumer and B2B research. It was fielded from August 22 to September 9, 2024 among a nationally representative sample of 1,678 U.S. adults 30 years of age and older who have sole or shared financial decision-making responsibility for their household, and own financial products valued at \$10,000 or more. Survey results can be found here: <https://success.fglife.com/risk-tolerance-tracker-2024>

Take advantage of the market going up, while you sleep easy if it goes down

Over the past 30 years, the S&P 500® Index has been down 23% of the time¹. But when you're counting on the market for your retirement income, those years during downturns can bring a bumpy ride. That's where an annuity could help you confidently ride out market ups and downs.

No making up for market losses

Downside protection and growth potential work together to ensure you don't have to worry about market volatility.



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¹ As of 1/2/2025 <https://www.macrotrends.net/2526/sp-500-historical-annual-returns>.

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