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Principles for an Informed Retirement



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Seven Principles for an Informed Retirement

- ☐ Create a retirement plan that fits your true needs and goals
- ☐ Seriously save for income needs spanning a long life time
- ☐ Make informed decisions about when to take Social Security
- ☐ Make allowance for rising health care costs during retirement
- ☐ Let markets and time work for you when saving and investing
- ☐ Use tax leverage and enhance returns with tax-qualified investing
- ☐ Have a sensible lifestyle and stay disciplined spending



Retirement Savings Checkpoints

	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$300,000
Current Age	Checkpoint (x current household income)							
30	-	0.4	1.1	1.3	1.8	2.1	2.3	2.4
35	0.3	0.8	1.6	1.9	2.4	2.8	3.1	3.2
40	0.6	1.2	2.2	2.6	3.2	3.7	4.1	4.2
45	1.0	1.8	3.0	3.4	4.2	4.8	5.3	5.5
50	1.5	2.5	3.9	4.5	5.4	6.2	6.7	7.0
55	2.1	3.3	5.1	5.7	6.9	7.9	8.5	8.8
60	2.9	4.3	6.5	7.3	8.8	9.9	10.7	11.1
65	3.9	5.6	8.4	9.4	11.3	12.7	13.7	14.2

MODEL ASSUMPTIONS

Pre-retirement investment return: **6.5%**

Post-retirement investment return: **5.0%**

Retirement age: **65**

Years in retirement: **30**

Inflation rate: **2.25%**

Confidence level represented: **80%**

Assumed annual contribution rate: **5%**

How to use:

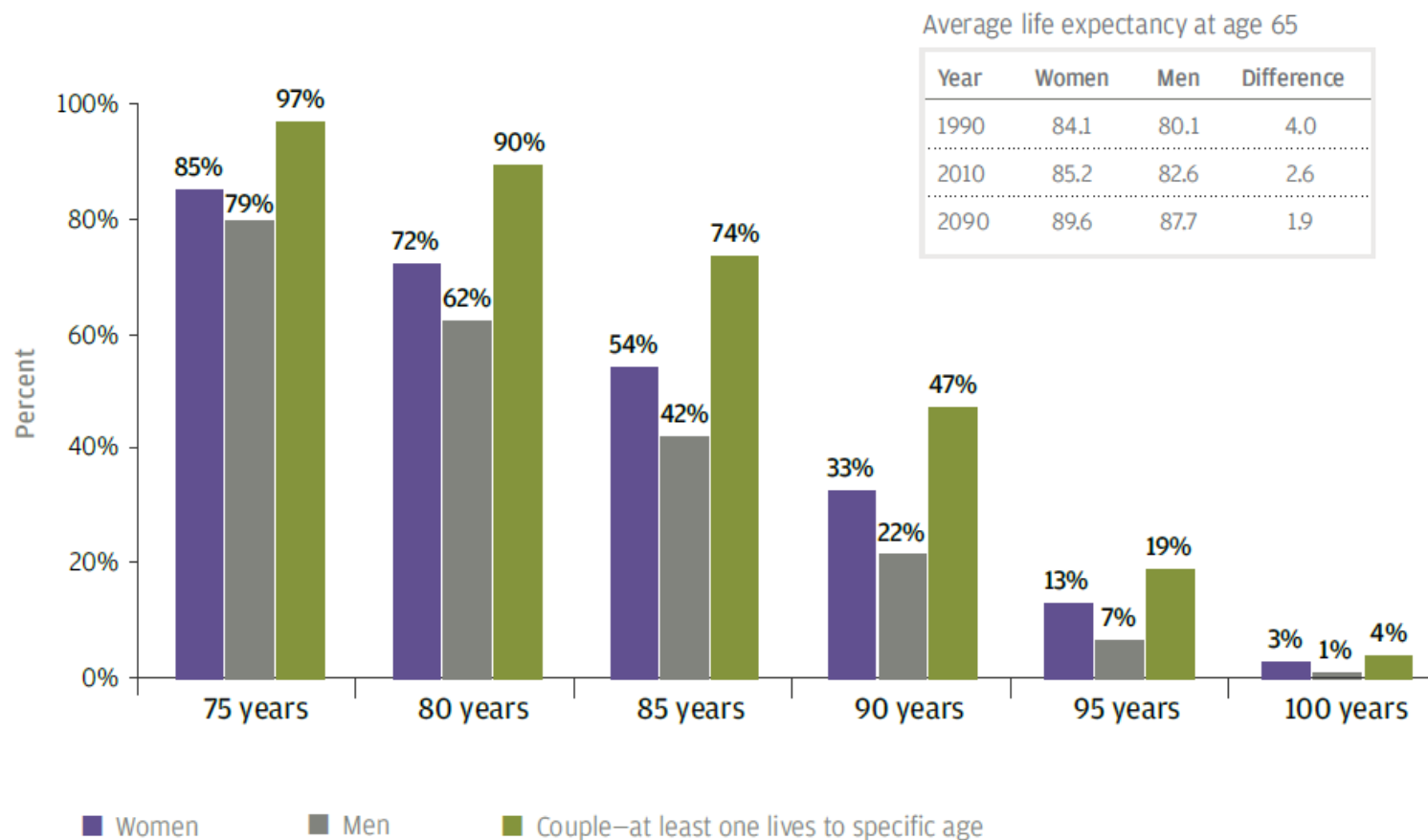
- Go to the intersection of your current age and your closest household income.
- Multiply your household income by the checkpoint shown to get the total amount your household should have invested today, assuming you continue to save 5% going forward.
- Example: For a 40-year-old with a household income of \$100,000: $\$100,000 \times 2.6 = \$260,000$.

This chart is for informational purposes only. The model underlying this chart is based on long-term capital market assumptions for global asset allocations ranging from 60% equity in the pre-retirement period to 40% equity in the post-retirement period. Returns are derived from conventional indexes over the 1996-2015 historical period based on global model portfolios from FinaMetrica Pty Limited corresponding with their investor risk preference methodology (ANZCUS version with REITs). Performance data for models represents past performance from indexes. Indexes are not available for direct investment. Return histories are developed through the retroactive application of an underlying asset allocation index strategy. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. No representation is made that results associated with a particular asset class or asset allocation strategy will be obtained. Allocations, assumptions and expected returns are illustrative only are not promises or even estimates of actual returns a portfolio may achieve.

Household income replacement rates are derived from an inflation-adjusted analysis of: Consumer Expenditure Survey (BLS) data (2011-2014); Social Security benefits using modified scaled earnings in 2016 for a single wage earner at age 65 and a spousal benefit at age 62 reduced by Medicare Part B premiums; and 2016 OASDI and FICA taxes. Households earning \$30,000 will need to replace at least 16% of their pre-retirement income; \$50,000 23%; \$75,000 34%; \$100,000 38%; \$150,000 45%; \$200,000 51%; \$250,000 55%; \$300,000 57%. Income replacement needs may be lower for households in which both spouses are working and the second spouse's individual benefits are greater than their spousal benefit. Single household income replacement needs may vary as spending is typically less than a two-spouse household; however, loss of the Social Security spousal benefit may offset a spending reduction. Consult a Certified Financial Planner™ for professional advice regarding your personal situation, needs and goals.

Life Expectancy Probabilities

If you're 65 today, the probability of living to a specific age or beyond



COUNT ON LONGEVITY

Average life expectancy continues to increase and is a mid-point not an end-point. Plan on the probability of living much longer—perhaps 30 plus years in retirement—and invest a portion of your portfolio for growth to maintain your purchasing power over time.

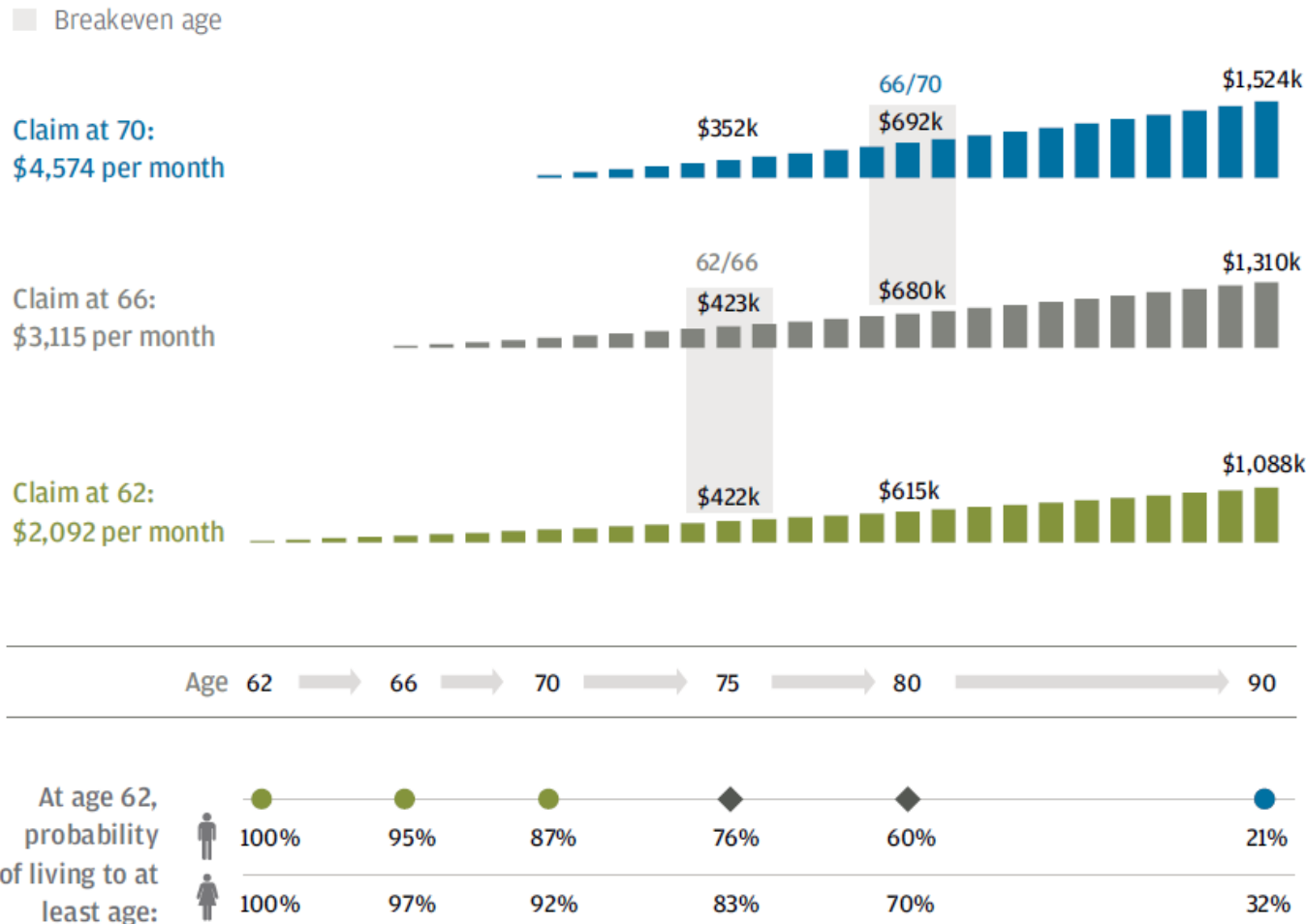
Chart: Social Security Administration, Period Life Table, 2011 (published in 2015), J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Table: Social Security Administration 2015 OASDI Trustees Report.



Maximizing Social Security Benefits

Cumulative benefit by claim age



PLANNING OPPORTUNITY

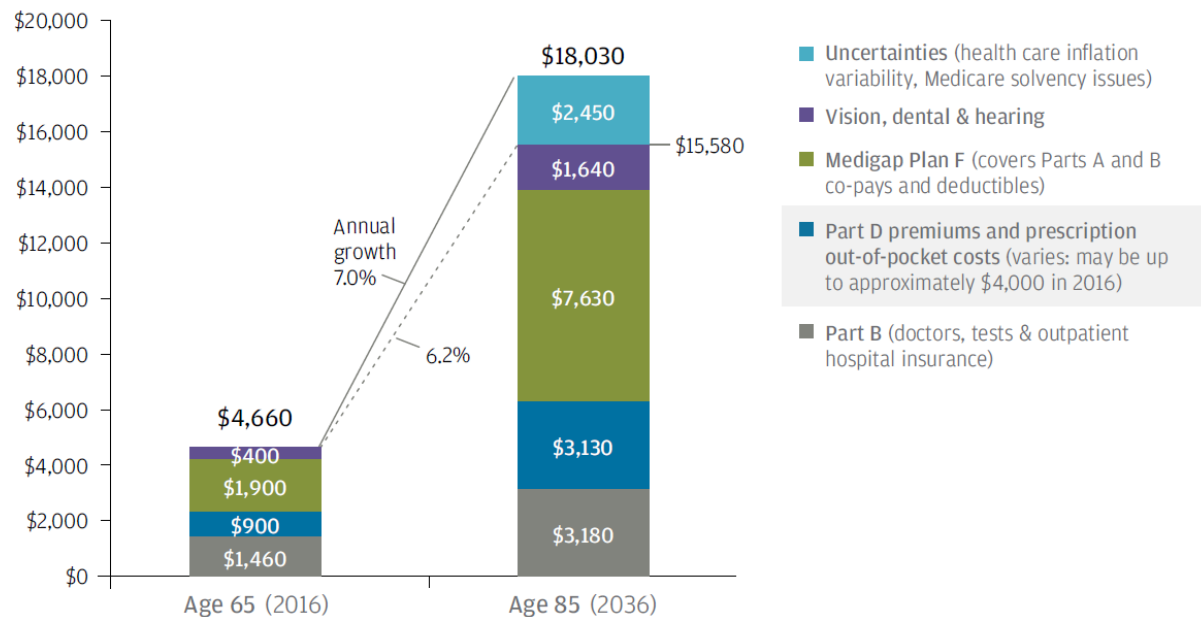
Delaying benefits means increased Social Security income later in life, but your portfolio may need to bridge the gap and provide income until delayed benefits are received.

Source: Social Security Administration, J.P. Morgan.

Assumes maximum benefits are received for individuals born in 1954 and turning 62 and 1 month, 66 and 70 and assumes the benefit will increase each year based on the Social Security Administration 2015 Trustee's Report "intermediate" estimates (starting with a benefit increase of 3.1% in 2017 and 2.7% thereafter). Monthly amounts without the cost of living adjustments (not shown on the chart) are: \$2,092 at age 62; \$2,788 at age 66; and \$3,680 at age 70. Breakeven age for choosing between claiming at 62 and 70 is age 78. Life expectancy per Social Security Administration and J.P. Morgan analysis.

Rising Annual Health Care Costs in Retirement (Traditional Medicare)

Estimated median health care costs per person



A GROWING CONCERN

Given the variability of health care costs, it may be prudent to assume an inflation rate of 7.0%, which means that you may need growth as well as current income from your portfolio in retirement.

2016 additional premium per person for Modified Adjusted Gross Incomes (MAGI) of:

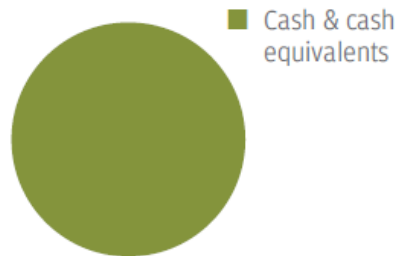
FILING SINGLE	MARRIED FILING JOINTLY	ADDITIONAL PREMIUM	TOTAL MEDIAN COSTS
> \$85,000 - \$107,000	> \$170,000 - \$214,000	\$737	\$5,397
> \$107,000 - \$160,000	> \$214,000 - \$320,000	\$1,855	\$6,515
> \$160,000 - \$214,000	> \$320,000 - \$428,000	\$2,972	\$7,632
> \$214,000	> \$428,000	\$4,091	\$8,751

Notes: In most states, older individuals have higher Medigap premiums. Exceptions: AR, CT, MA, ME, MN, NY, VT and WA have the same Medigap premiums for all ages. Most Medigap policies in AZ, FL, ID and MO will have the same premium for all those who first purchased Medigap at the same age of first purchase. Analysis includes Medigap Plan F (the most comprehensive plan). Parts B and D premiums are calculated from federal tax returns 2 years prior; individuals may file for an exception if they reduce or stop work. Age 85 estimated total median cost in 2016 is \$7,490 (includes more prescription expense and higher Medigap premiums based on age). Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) is calculated by taking Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) and adding back certain deductions such as foreign earned income, tax-exempt interest, taxable IRA contributions and Social Security payments.

Goals-Based Wealth Management

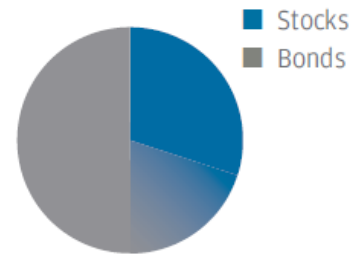
Short-term needs

3-6 months, e.g. emergencies



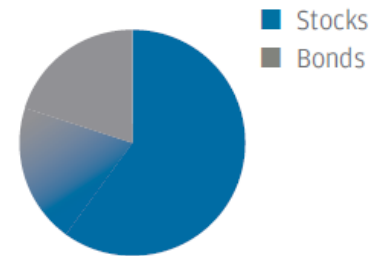
Medium-term goals

5-10 years, e.g. college, home



Long-term goals

15+ years, e.g. retirement

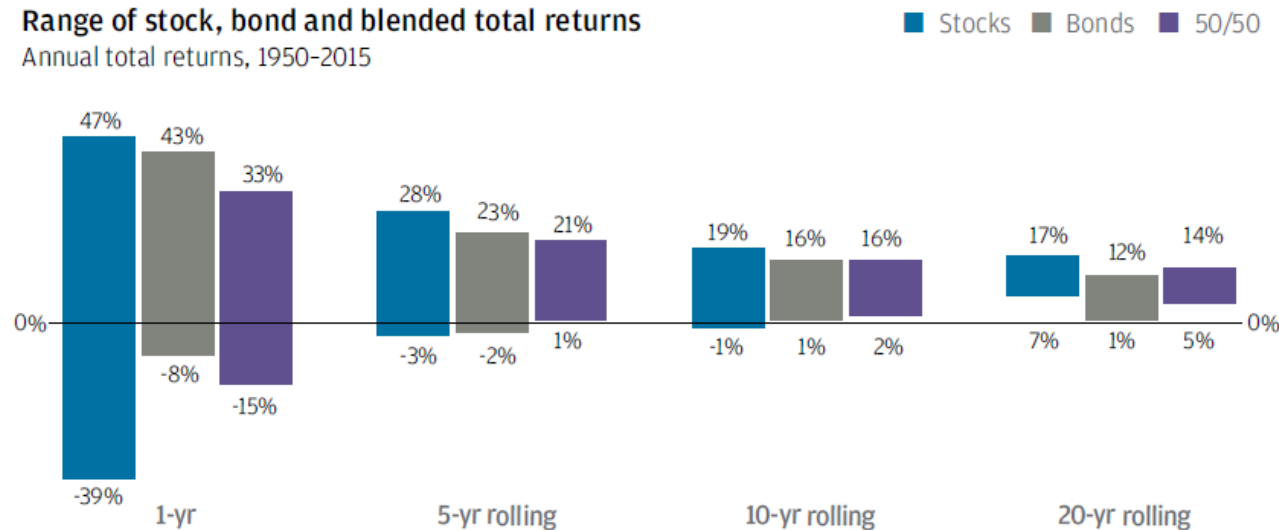


DIVIDE AND CONQUER

Aligning your investment strategy by goal can help you take different levels of risk based on varying time horizons and make sure you are saving enough to accomplish all of your goals—not just the ones that occur first.

Range of stock, bond and blended total returns

Annual total returns, 1950-2015



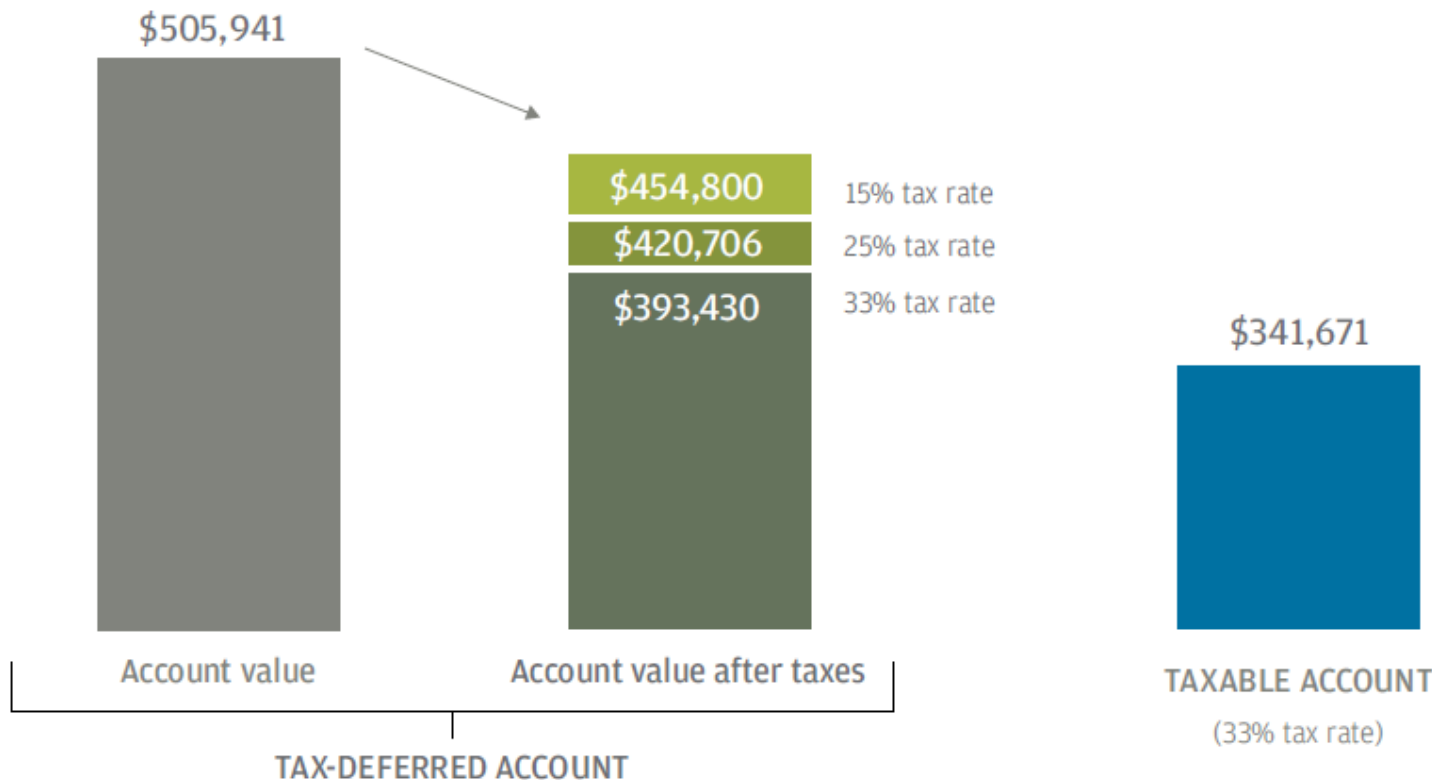
Source (top chart): J.P. Morgan Asset Management.

Source (bottom chart): Barclays Capital, FactSet, Federal Reserve, Robert Shiller, Stategas/Ibbotson, J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Returns shown are based on calendar year returns from 1950 to 2015. Stocks represent the S&P 500 and Bonds represent Stategas/Ibbotson for periods from 1950 to 1980 and Barclays Aggregate after index inception in 1980.

Note: Portfolio allocations are hypothetical and are for illustrative purposes only. They were created to illustrate different risk/return profiles and are not meant to represent actual asset allocation.

The Power of Tax-deferred Compounding

Taxable vs. tax-deferred investing over a 30-year timeframe



ASSET LOCATION

Tax-advantaged accounts can shelter income-producing investments from current income taxation and result in greater long-term growth than taxable accounts.

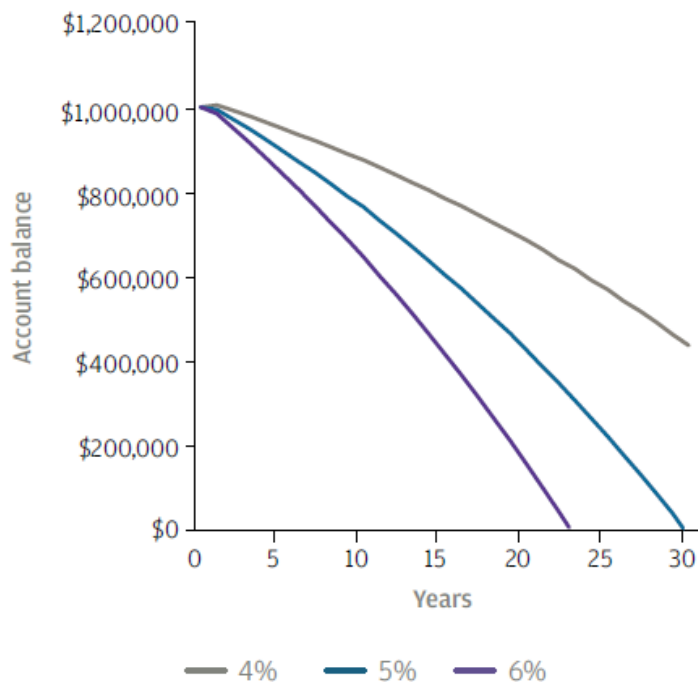
Source: J.P. Morgan Asset Management. Assumes \$5,500 after-tax contributions at the beginning of each year for 30 years and 6.5% annual investment return that is assumed to be subject to ordinary income taxes (capital gains and qualified dividends are not considered in this analysis). Tax-deferred account balance is taken as lump sum and taxed at the 15%, 25% and 33% federal tax rate, respectively, at time of withdrawal. Taxable account contributions are after tax and assume a 33% federal tax rate during accumulation. This hypothetical illustration is not indicative of any specific investment and does not reflect the impact of fees or expenses. This chart is shown for illustrative purposes only. Past performance is no guarantee of future results..



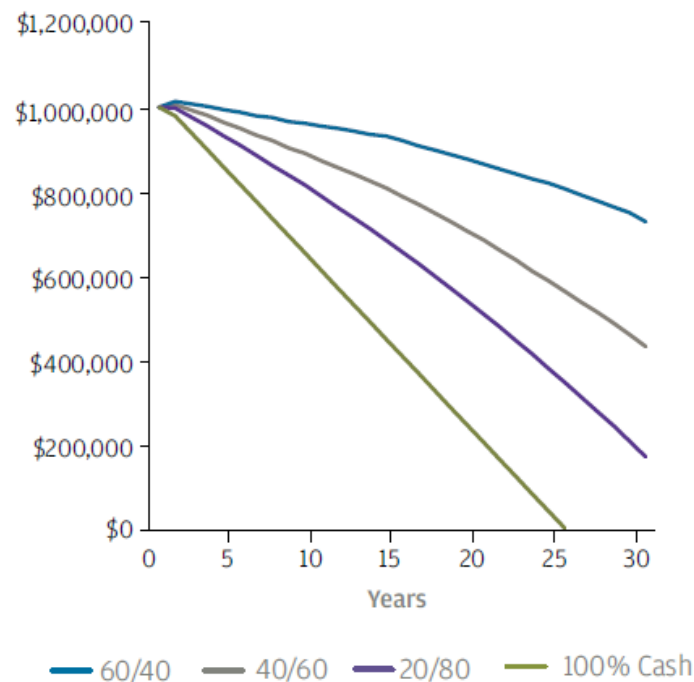
Effects of Withdrawal Rates and Portfolio Allocations

Years of sustainable withdrawals for a portfolio for typical markets
(50th percentile)

Projected outcomes for 40/60 portfolio at various initial withdrawal rates



Projected outcomes for various portfolios at 4% initial withdrawal rate



ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL

Higher initial withdrawal rates or overly conservative portfolios can put your retirement at risk. However, setting your spending at retirement too low and not adjusting along the way may require unnecessary lifestyle sacrifices in retirement. Consider a dynamic approach that adjusts over time to more effectively use your retirement savings.

50th percentile means that 50% of the time you'll have better outcomes. Based on the high percentage of outcomes that tend to be clustered near the median, this may be considered the most likely potential outcome.

These charts are for illustrative purposes only and must not be used, or relied upon, to make investment decisions. Portfolios are described using equity/bond denotation (e.g. a 40/60 portfolio is 40% equities and 60% bonds). Hypothetical portfolios are composed of US Large Cap for equity, Global Aggregate Hedged Bonds for fixed income and US Cash for cash, with compound returns projected to be 7.00%, 3.25% and 2.25%, respectively. Returns are derived from conventional indexes over the 1996-2015 historical period based on global model portfolios from FinaMetrica Pty Limited corresponding with their investor risk preference methodology (ANZCUS version with REITs). Performance data for models represents past performance from indexes. Indexes are not available for direct investment. The yearly withdrawal amount is set as a fixed percentage of the initial amount of \$1,000,000 and is then inflation adjusted over the period. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. No representation is made that results associated with a particular asset class or asset allocation strategy will be obtained. Allocations, assumptions and expected returns are illustrative only and are not promises or even estimates of actual returns a portfolio may achieve.

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Index Definitions and Disclosure

Indexes are unmanaged and an individual cannot invest directly in an index. Index returns do not include fees or expenses.

The **S&P 500 Index** is widely regarded as the best single gauge of the U.S. equities market. This world-renowned index includes a representative sample of 500 leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy. Although the S&P 500 Index focuses on the large cap segment of the market, with approximately 75% coverage of U.S. equities, it is also an ideal proxy for the total market. An investor cannot invest directly in an index.

The **S&P MidCap 400 Index** tracks a diverse basket of medium-sized U.S. firms. A mid cap stock is broadly defined as a company with a market capitalization ranging from about \$2 billion to \$10 billion.

The **S&P SmallCap 600 Index** invests in a basket of small cap equities. A small cap company is generally defined as a stock with a market capitalization between \$300 million and \$2 billion.

The **Russell 2000 Index®** measures the performance of the 2,000 smallest companies in the Russell 3000 Index.

The **MSCI® EAFE (Europe, Australia, Far East) Net Index** is recognized as the pre-eminent benchmark in the United States to measure international equity performance. It comprises 21 MSCI country indexes, representing the developed markets outside of North America.

The **MSCI Emerging Markets IndexSM** is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance in the global emerging markets. As of June 2007, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index consisted of the following 25 emerging market country indices: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech Republic, Egypt, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Israel, Jordan, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand and Turkey.

The **CS/Tremont Equity Market Neutral Index** takes both long and short positions in stocks with the aim of minimizing exposure to the systematic risk of the market (i.e., a beta of zero).

*Market Neutral returns for November 2008 are estimates by J.P. Morgan Funds Market Strategy and are based on a December 8, 2008 published estimate for November returns by CS/Tremont in which the Market Neutral returns were estimated to be +0.85% (with 69% of all CS/Tremont constituents having reported return data). Presumed to be excluded from the November return are three funds, which were later marked to \$0 by CS/Tremont in connection with the Bernard Madoff scandal. J.P. Morgan Funds believes this distortion is not an accurate representation of returns in the category. CS/Tremont later published a finalized November return of -40.56% for the month, reflecting this mark-down. CS/Tremont assumes no responsibility for these estimates.

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WEALTH MANAGEMENT CONSULTING PROCESS

Step 1

Discovery
meeting

Step 2

Investment
planning
meeting

Step 3

Mutual
commitment
meeting

Step 4

Organizational
meeting

Step 5

Regular
progress
meetings

*Source: Russ Allen Prince and David A. Geraciotti, *Cultivating the Middle-Class Millionaire*, 2005.



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CONSULTATIVE WEALTH MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT

- Wealth preservation
- Goal monitoring
- Risk analysis
- Portfolio structuring
- Manager due diligence
- Performance evaluation

ADVANCED PLANNING

- Wealth enhancement, including cash flow, tax minimization, and liability management

- Wealth transfer
- Wealth protection
- Charitable giving

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