

## Consider Your Dream Retirement and What It Will Take to Get There.

Working toward specific short- and long-term investment goals can help you pursue the retirement you desire. This guide will help you evaluate where you are today so you can plan for tomorrow.

### Be Intentional as You Invest for Retirement

Long-term investing in a retirement plan is a great way to prepare for your future. But how much do you need to invest today in order to have the tomorrow you dream of?

Many experts suggest investing 10% to 15% of your income; however, retirement is not one-size-fits-all. It's a good idea to perform a calculation based on *your* situation.

According to a recent survey, fewer than half of all investors have tried to calculate how much they will need in retirement. Those who have are considerably more confident about their retirement prospects.\*

\* 2013 Retirement Confidence Survey, Employee Benefits Research Institute and Mathew Greenwald and Associates.



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## Decide How Much to Invest for Retirement.

# Reach for Your Goals.

A long-term goal like retirement can be more achievable by breaking it down into short-term investment goals.



## Step 1: Gather Information

Before going online to use the Retirement Planning Calculator, there's some prep work you'll want to do:

- Collect the account statements for all of your financial accounts.
- Confirm the amount you're putting in each account per year.
- Verify your current annual salary.
- Decide at what age you hope to retire.

## Step 2: Identify Your Future Needs

What percentage of your current income might you need when you retire? Many experts suggest that an 80% "replacement rate" is often sufficient, but everyone's needs are different. Ask yourself:

- What type of lifestyle do I hope to enjoy?
- Will I travel extensively or work a part-time job?
- Will I pay rent or owe mortgage payments?
- What other costs, such as medical care, do I need to bear in mind?



**Get help determining how to prepare for your retirement.**

Call your plan's financial professional today.

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## Step 3: Calculate Success

Next, visit [americanfundsretirement.com](http://americanfundsretirement.com) to use the Retirement Planning Calculator. For best results, opt for the "Detailed Analysis," which will take you through the following stages:

- Your age and financial background
- Estimates for the future
- Investment summary
- Projected results

## Step 4: Make Adjustments

After you submit the requested information, the calculator will project your hypothetical balance at retirement. Are you on track, or do you need to make adjustments to improve your outlook?

If the calculator projects that you will fall short of your anticipated retirement needs, experiment with different contribution amounts. What would happen if you increased the amount you were able to invest each pay period?

By editing the inputs and viewing the projected results, you can then set short-term investment goals. Determine how much you want to invest per year and per month. Making adjustments now may help you get closer to reaching your long-term goals.

### Adjust your course today.

Talk to your employer to find out how to invest more for retirement.

## Use Our Online Retirement Calculator

**American Funds® Retirement Planning Calculator**

Use this calculator to find out how much money you might need in retirement and whether your current savings plan could get you to your goal.

The calculator results will provide a chart that compares your projected savings to your retirement goal. You'll then be able to try different scenarios to see how changes in your savings plan might affect your results.

Calculator tips:

- You can click on each question for help and additional information.
- Revisit the calculator each year, since your financial situation and goals may change.
- Discuss your results with your financial professional. The calculator is for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to provide investment advice or portray actual investment results.

When you're ready to start:

Select a version of the calculator:

- Quick analysis — 4 questions (about 5 minutes)**  
Use this version for a quick look at your retirement outlook. It's best for those who don't have a lot of different investments.
- Detailed analysis — 15 questions (about 15 minutes)**  
Use this version if you want to enter more details about your personal situation and retirement investments.

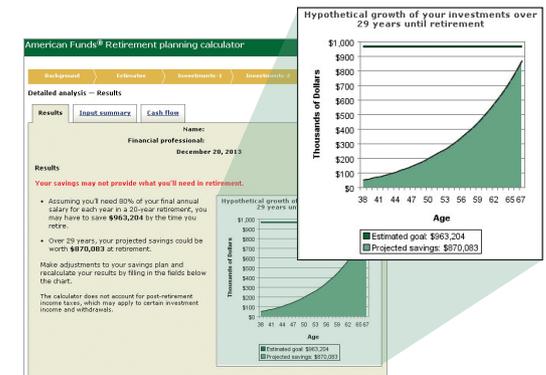
**Select a version of the calculator:**

**Quick analysis**       **Detailed analysis**

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## Review Your Projection



When using this online tool, be sure to read all important disclosures and discuss your results with your financial professional.