

# Your Retirement Income Worksheet

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# Not All Retirement Expenses Are Created Equally

As you prepare for retirement, it is important to understand there are generally two kinds of retirement expenses.

## Essential:

These expenses you have to pay such as your mortgage and other related home expenses, food, cars, healthcare, etc.

## Discretionary:

These are your lifestyle expenses such as entertainment, travel, and other leisure activities.

A secure retirement is built on the foundation of having enough guaranteed income to meet your essential expenses. Of course all of us want to be able to live the lifestyle of our choice, but we know if we can at least meet our essential expenses, we will be able to sleep well at night.

Together we can use this worksheet to create a customized income strategy to help meet your individual needs and to ensure that your income will last for your entire life.

## Gap Finder

How to identify your retirement income needs in 4 easy steps:

### 1. ESTIMATE your expenses in retirement. Expenses measured annually

Essential Expenses	Lifestyle Expenses
Housing e.g., mortgage payments, rent, insurance, property tax	Entertainment e.g., movies, theatre, sporting events and restaurants
Utilities e.g., gas, water, electricity, telephone, cable	Travel and Recreation e.g., hotel, airfare, and RV/boat expenses
Food/Groceries/Meals	Memberships e.g., golf, health club and yoga
Transportation e.g., car payments, gas, car insurance, maintenance	Gifts and Donations
Personal e.g., clothing, haircuts, dry cleaning, toiletries	Other
Healthcare e.g., medical insurance, vision/dental, prescriptions and other out-of-pocket expenses	Annual Lifestyle Expenses
Life, Disability and Long-Term Care Insurance	Annual Essential Expenses
Other	Annual Lifestyle Expenses
Annual Essential Expenses	Total Annual Expenses (Essential + Lifestyle)

**Planning Tip:** Don't overlook your spouse's assets and guaranteed income. Group all assets and income together, or complete separate worksheets for you and your spouse.

## 2. DETERMINE your guaranteed sources of income.

Estimate the income you'll receive from Social Security, pensions, annuities and other guaranteed sources of retirement income. Expenses measured annually

Guaranteed Sources of Retirement Income	
Social Security	
Pensions	
Annuities	
e.g., guaranteed lifetime withdrawals or annuity payments	
Other	
	Total Annual Guaranteed Income

## 3. CALCULATE your essential income gap.

Take your Annual Guaranteed Income minus your Annual Essential Expenses.



Next, take your Annual Guaranteed Income minus your Total Annual Expenses (your essential expenses plus your lifestyle expenses) to see if you are facing a Total Income Gap.



If the result of either calculation above is negative, you are likely to face an essential income gap or a total income gap. You may want to consider repositioning a portion of your existing assets to generate additional guaranteed income to help cover your income gap.

#### **4. INVENTORY your investment portfolio.**

Now that we have determined whether or not you have a retirement income gap, we can review your portfolio to determine if any of your assets can be used to create income for your retirement. Be sure to include all of your assets, no matter where they're invested.

Sources measured at their current value.

If you're facing an Essential Income Gap or a Total Income Gap, you may want to consider repositioning a portion of these assets to generate the additional guaranteed income you need to help close the gap.

#### **Inventory of Personal Assets**

Stocks	
Bonds	
Mutual Funds	
Cash	
e.g., CD's, money market, checking, savings account	
IRAs	
e.g., Traditional and Roth	
Employer-Sponsored Retirement Plans	
e.g., 401(k)s, 403(b)s, SEP IRAs	
Annuities	
Other	
	Total Current Assets

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