

#### Benchmarking and Monitoring Retirement Readiness

401(k) Workshop: Financial Wellness and Beyond

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#### Retirement Readiness

Investopedia's Definition

The state and/or degree of being ready for retirement.

Retirement readiness typically refers to being financially prepared for retirement, or the degree to which an individual is on target to meet his or her **retirement-income goals** so that the standard of living enjoyed while working will be maintained after retirement.



#### A Benchmark

Investopedia's Definition

A benchmark is a standard against which the performance of a security, mutual fund or investment manager can be measured...

...Setting a benchmark can help an investor communicate with their portfolio manager what they're hoping to achieve with their investment, so that the portfolio manager will make decisions with the investor's goals in mind. While a benchmark can help a portfolio manager, it's important that the benchmark being set is right for the investors goals...

http://www.investopedia.com/terms/b/benchmark.asp



#### Types of Target Date Fund Benchmarks

Single index-relative benchmark

Custom benchmark

Blended index benchmark

Peer group (universe) benchmark



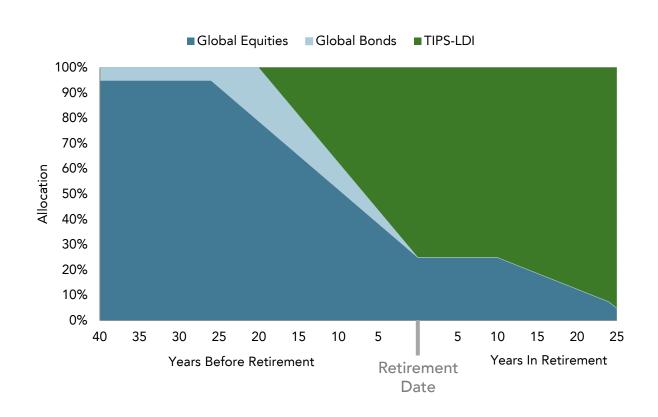
#### Today's Topics

- Present a framework for evaluating, monitoring and benchmarking retirement readiness
- Introduce an index series designed to benchmark income focused retirement solutions
- Evaluate the performance of an income focused retirement solution
  - ...in terms we are all familiar (account balance units)
  - ...and in this new retirement income framework



#### **S&P STRIDE Indices**

A target date glide path focused on retirement income risk management



- The S&P STRIDE Indices combine a target date glide path with a new risk management framework to serve as a benchmark for investors saving to fund consumption in retirement.
- Over time, each index in the series increases its allocation to hedging assets designed to support a stream of inflationadjusted retirement income.<sup>1</sup>
- It includes twelve multi-asset class indices, each corresponding to a particular target retirement date.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1. &</sup>quot;Introducing the S&P STRIDE Index Series," S&P Global, 2015.

<sup>2.</sup> See S&P STRIDE Index Series Methodology. For each series, the following vintages (at 5 year intervals) are calculated: 2005, 2010, ..., 2060. Each date correspond to a target retirement date. See "S&P STRIDE Index Series Description and Disclosures" in Appendix.



#### The Case Study

Compare an income focused approach to traditional method of investing for retirement

#### Average 2010 Target Date Funds

Designed to focus on wealth accumulation within risk constraints:

- Easy-to-use, comprehensive, and well-diversified investment solution
- Generally not designed to manage uncertainty of in-retirement income
- Most do not bridge the savings and consumption phases of retirement planning

# S&P Shift to Retirement Income DEcumulation (STRIDE) 2010 Index

Designed to help grow the value of investors' savings and manage income uncertainty as investors prepare for retirement by seeking to:

- Provide savings growth potential through value-added global equity and fixed income solutions
- Manage market, interest rates, and inflation risks during both the accumulation and decumulation phase
- Provide better estimates of expected retirement income
- Encourage better retirement decision making

There is no guarantee the strategy will be successful.



#### Understanding Sources of Differences in Performance

When comparing two investment alternatives

# Differences in equity vs. fixed income ratios

- At retirement<sup>1</sup>...
  - Average 2010 TDF held 51% of assets in equity
  - S&P STRIDE 2010 Index held 25% of assets in equity

# Composition of fixed income

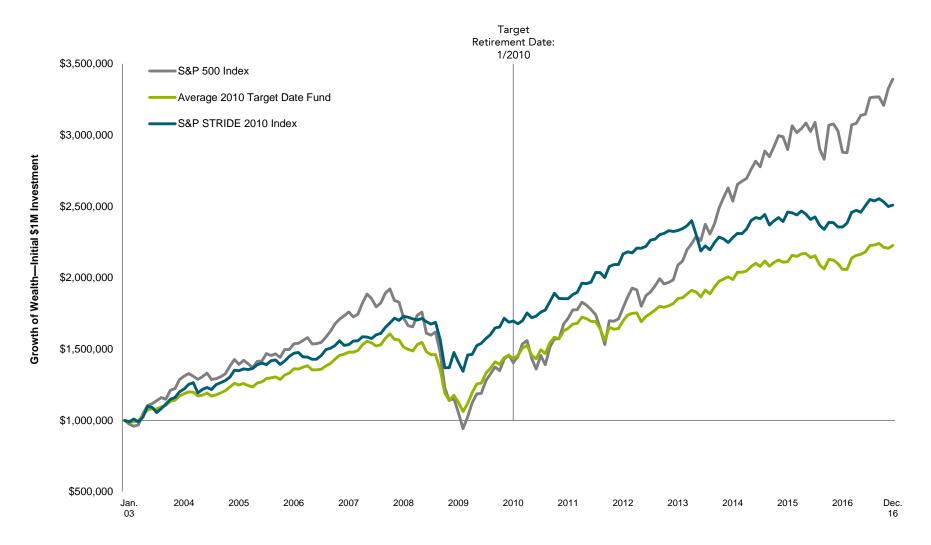
- Average 2010 TDF utilizes shorter term fixed income to manage volatility of wealth
- S&P STRIDE 2010 implements a inflation-protected liability-driven approach to manage volatility of income in retirement

1. Based on 12/1/2009 data.



#### Growth of Wealth—Initial \$1M Investment

#### 2010 Vintage Target Date Series



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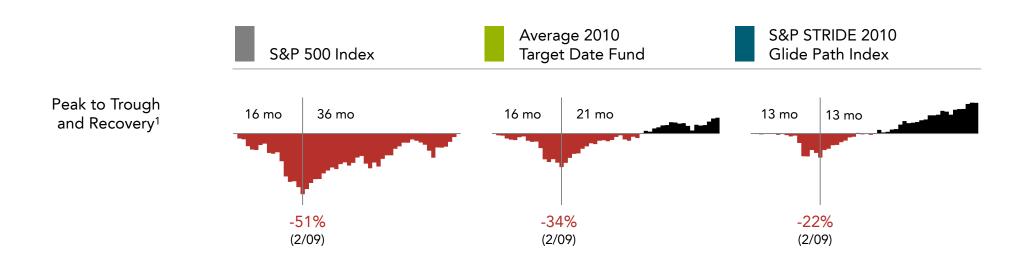


#### Impact of Equity vs. Fixed Income Allocation

Comparing 2010 Vintage Target Date Funds (2003–2016)

In February 2009...

49% of the Average 2010 Target Date Fund was invested in equity. 27% of S&P STRIDE 2010 Index was invested in equity.



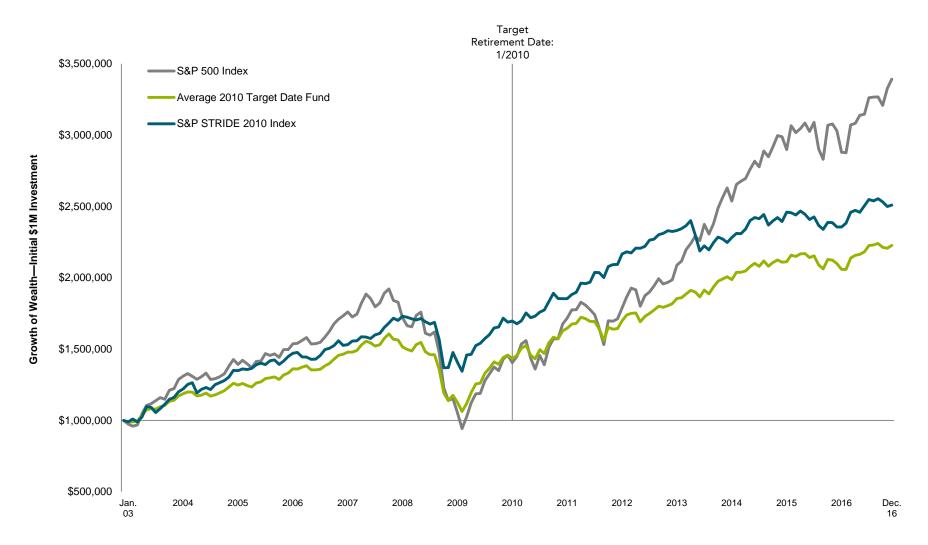
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<sup>1.</sup> Represents maximum loss/drawdown for peak to trough of each index over the time period January 2003–December 2016.



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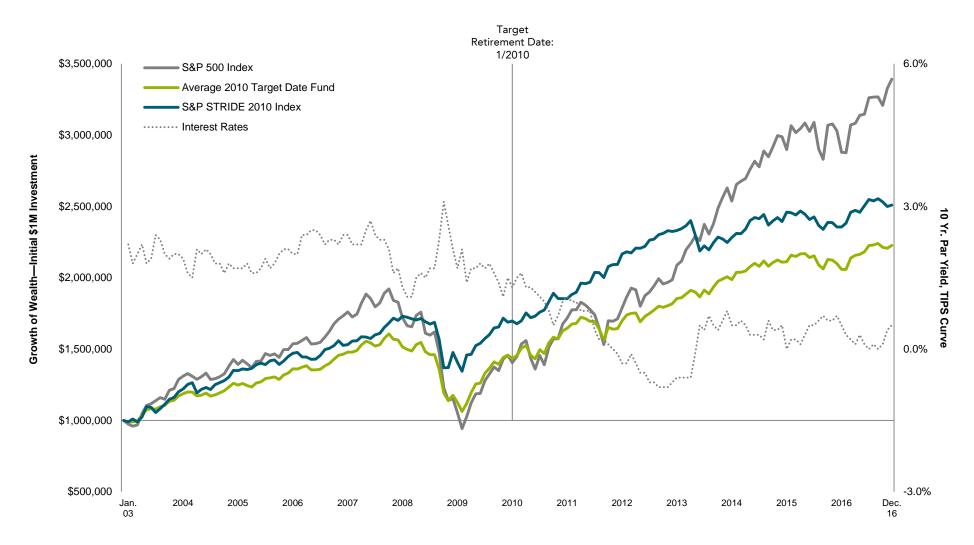
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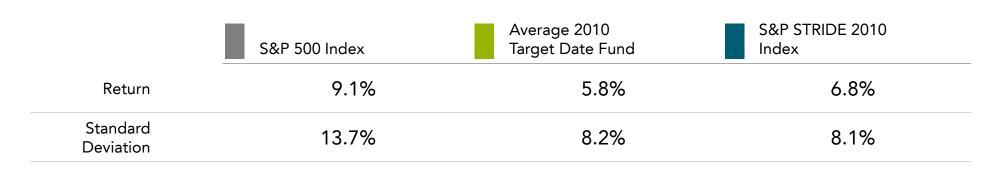
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#### Summary Statistics: Account Balance Units

Comparing 2010 Vintage Target Date Funds (2003–2016)







# Reframing the Conversation



#### Relating Performance to the Goal

If the goal is to provide retirement income...

How should we evaluate performance?

In units consistent with the goal, income units



#### The Goal

Case Study: Retirement Income

# 25 years of equal annual inflation-adjusted payments



#### Converting an Account Balance into an Income Stream

Step 1:

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25 years of \$1 inflation-adjusted income

Step 2:

Calculate the Cost of Income

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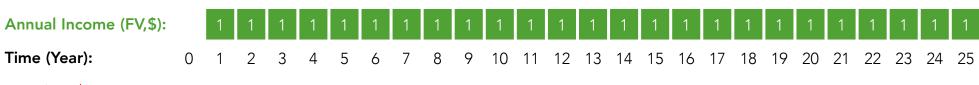


#### The Question

Hypothetical Case Study

# If I want to retire in one year... What does my \$1M in savings mean in terms of income?





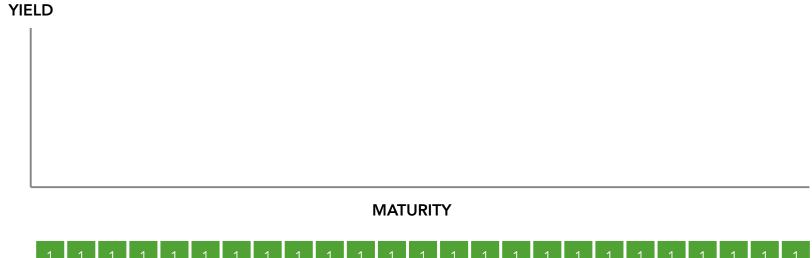
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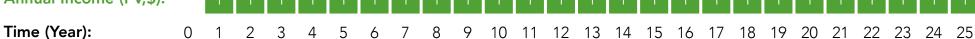


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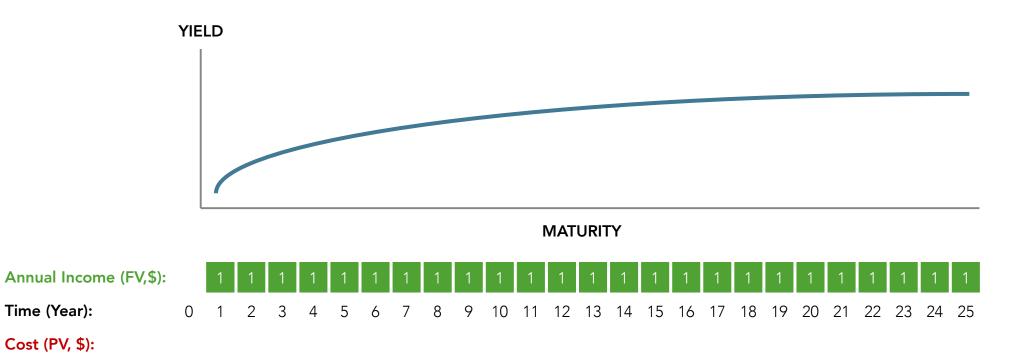


Annual Income (FV,\$):



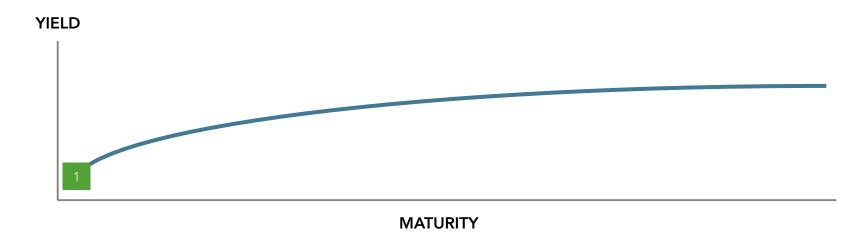
Cost (PV, \$):







Year 1





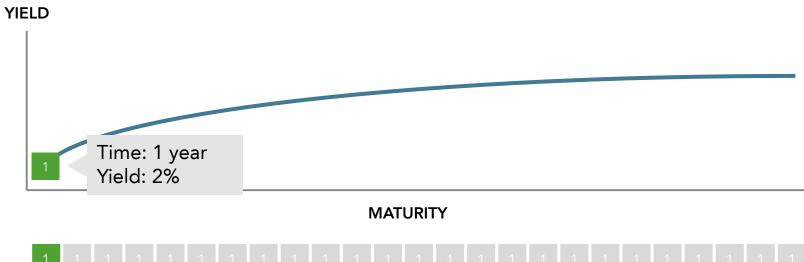
Time (Year):

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Cost (PV, \$):



Year 1



Annual Income (FV,\$):

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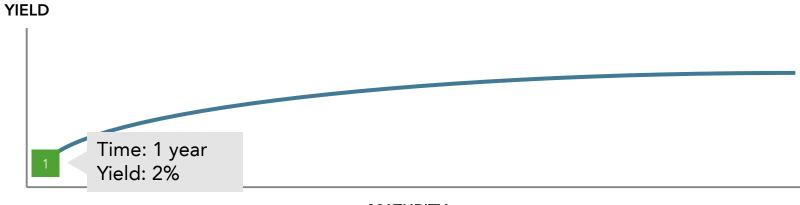
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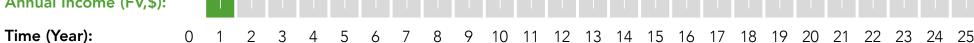
# Calculating the Cost of Income

Year 1



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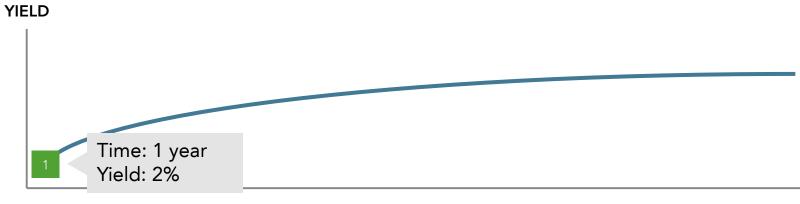


Cost (PV, \$):

Present Value = 
$$\frac{\$1.00}{(1+2\%)^1}$$



Year 1



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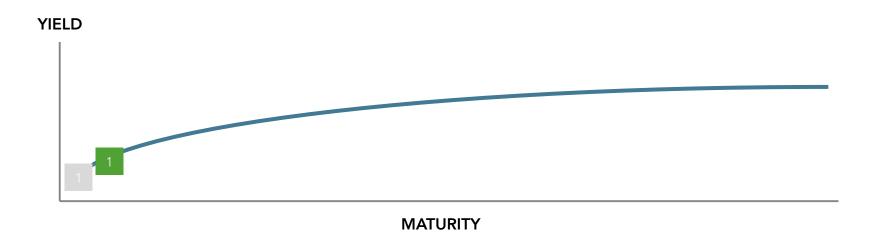
Cost (PV, \$):

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Present Value = 
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Year 2



Annual Income (FV,\$):

Time (Year):

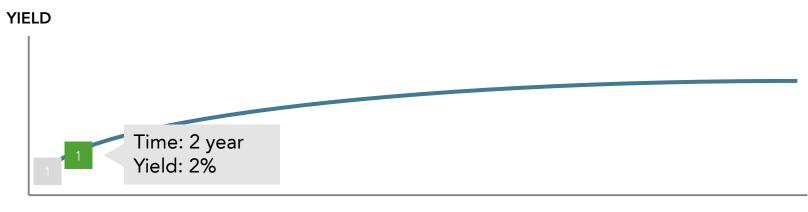
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Cost (PV, \$):

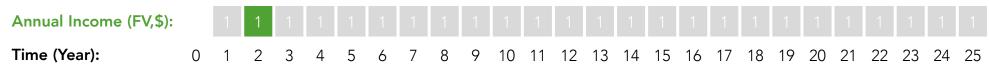
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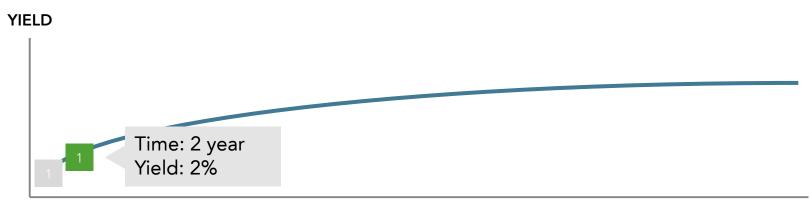
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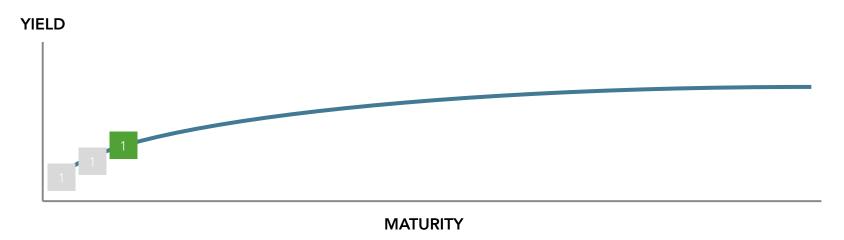
Cost (PV, \$):

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Year 3



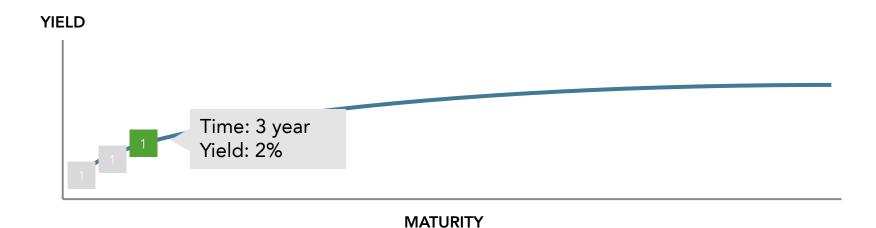
Annual Income (FV,\$):

Time (Year):

Cost (PV, \$):



Year 3



Annual Income (FV,\$):

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Cost (PV, \$):

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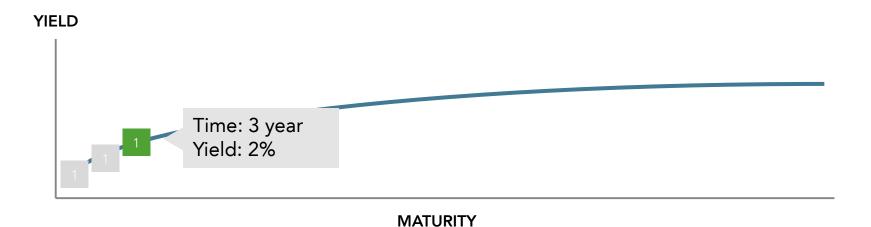


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## Calculating the Cost of Income

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Year 3



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Time (Year):

Cost (PV, \$):

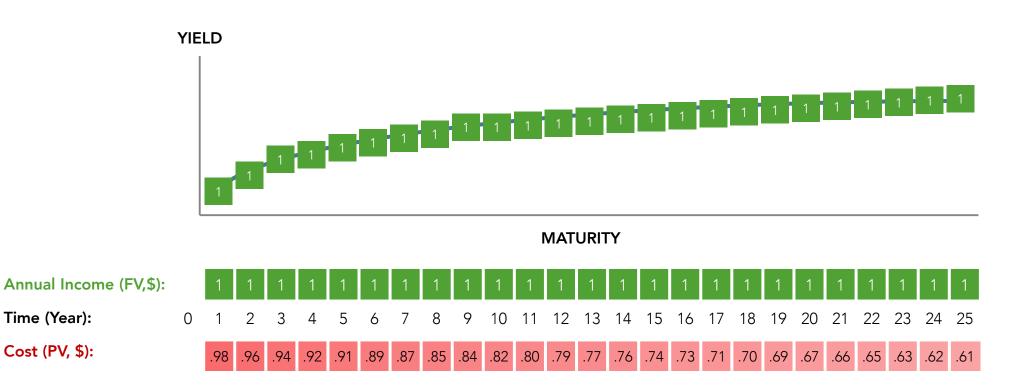
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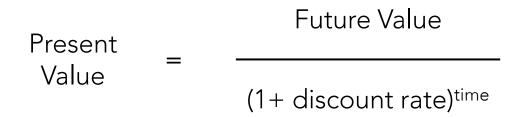
Present Value = 
$$\frac{\$1.00}{(1+2\%)^3}$$
 =  $\$0.94$ 



Time (Year):

Cost (PV, \$):











#### Converting an Account Balance into an Income Stream

# Step 1:

Define the Relevant Income Stream

25 years of \$1 inflation-adjusted income

#### Step 2:

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Total cost today:

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Estimated Annual Income Stream:



#### Converting an Account Balance into an Income Stream

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Total cost today:

\$19.52

present value of the stream of income

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Estimated Annual Income Stream:

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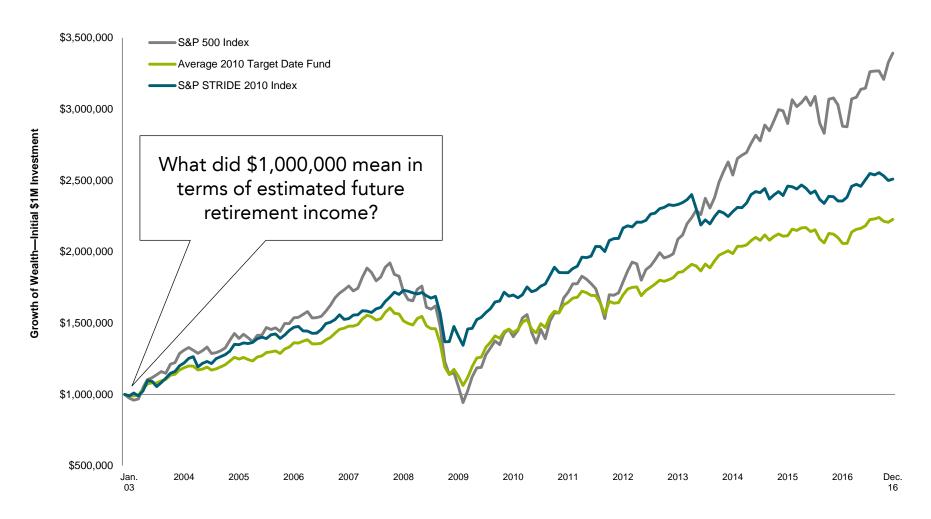
\$51,220

$$$51,220 = \frac{$1,000,000}{$19.52}$$



### Assessing Retirement Readiness

Plan to retire in 2010, need \$75,000 per year in retirement to maintain standard of living



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Assuming Target Retirement Date of 2010 & the Goal is 25 Years Inflation-Adjusted Income Account Balance ÷ Cost of Income = Estimated Annual Retirement Income

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Account Balance (Wealth Units)				
S&P 500 Index	\$1,000,000			
Average 2010 Target Date Fund	\$1,000,000			
S&P STRIDE 2010 Index	\$1,000,000			

Account balance.

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S&P 500 Index	\$1,000,000	
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Cost of Income	\$15.26	Present value of a 25-year \$1 inflation- adjusted income stream starting at retireme

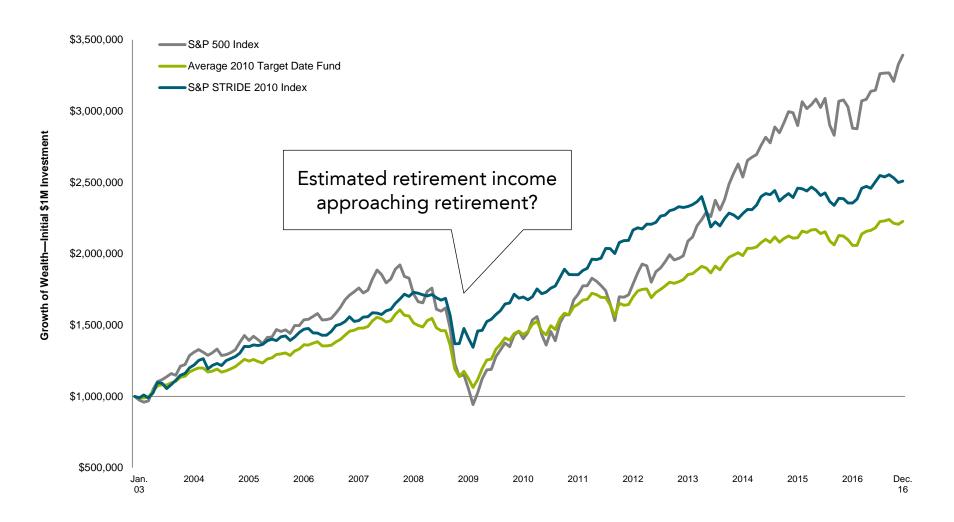


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S&P STRIDE 2010 Index	\$1,000,000	
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Estimated Retirement Income <sup>1</sup>		
S&P 500 Index Average 2010 Target Date Fund S&P STRIDE 2010 Index	\$65,514 \$65,514 \$65,514	Based on account balance and cost of income. Represents estimated 25 years of inflation- adjusted income the balance could provide starting in retirement.



### Monitoring Progress Over Time

Plan to retire in 2010, need \$75,000 per year in retirement to maintain standard of living



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Account Balance (Wealth Units)		
S&P 500 Index	\$1,000,000	\$1,921,831
Average 2010 Target Date Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,603,879
S&P STRIDE 2010 Index	\$1,000,000	\$1,682,908
Cost of Income	\$15.26	
Estimated Retirement Income <sup>1</sup>		
S&P 500 Index	\$65,514	
Average 2010 Target Date Fund	\$65,514	
S&P STRIDE 2010 Index	\$65,514	

Account balances changed.

<sup>42</sup> 



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Average 2010 Target Date Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,603,879	Account balances changed.
S&P STRIDE 2010 Index	\$1,000,000	\$1,682,908	
Cost of Income	\$15.26	\$18.40	Cost of income changed.
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Average 2010 Target Date Fund	\$65,514	\$87,157	Estimated retirement
S&P STRIDE 2010 Index	\$65,514	\$91,452	income changed.

<sup>1.</sup> Estimated retirement income represents 25 years of inflation-adjusted income consumed from the accumulated balance starting at retirement.



	12/2002	10/2007	2/2009
Account Balance (Wealth Units)			
S&P 500 Index	\$1,000,000	\$1,921,831	\$942,686
Average 2010 Target Date Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,603,879	\$1,059,498
S&P STRIDE 2010 Index	\$1,000,000	\$1,682,908	\$1,343,495
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Estimated Retirement Income <sup>1</sup>			
S&P 500 Index	\$65,514	\$104,435	\$52,068
Average 2010 Target Date Fund	\$65,514	\$87,157	\$58,520
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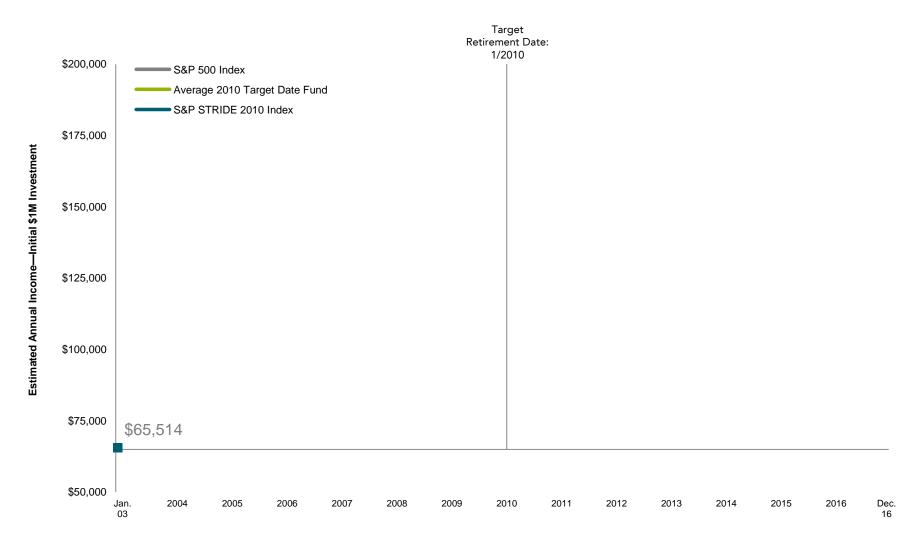
Income goal is \$75,000 per year.



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S&P STRIDE 2010 Index	\$1,000,000	\$1,682,908	\$1,343,495	\$1,696,534
Cost of Income	\$15.26	\$18.40	\$18.10	\$20.27
Estimated Retirement Income <sup>1</sup>				
S&P 500 Index	\$65,514	\$104,435	\$52,068	\$69,285
Average 2010 Target Date Fund	\$65,514	\$87,157	\$58,520	\$70,652
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2010 Vintage Target Date Series

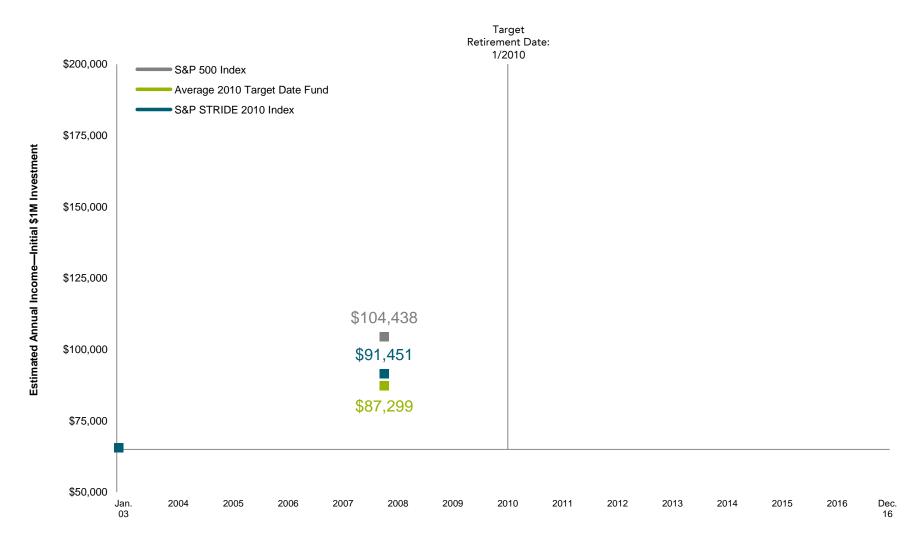


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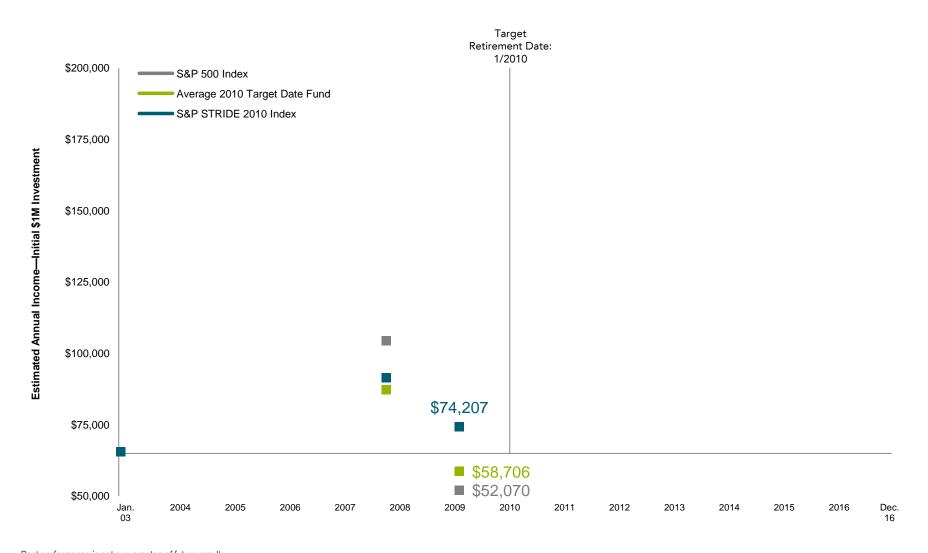


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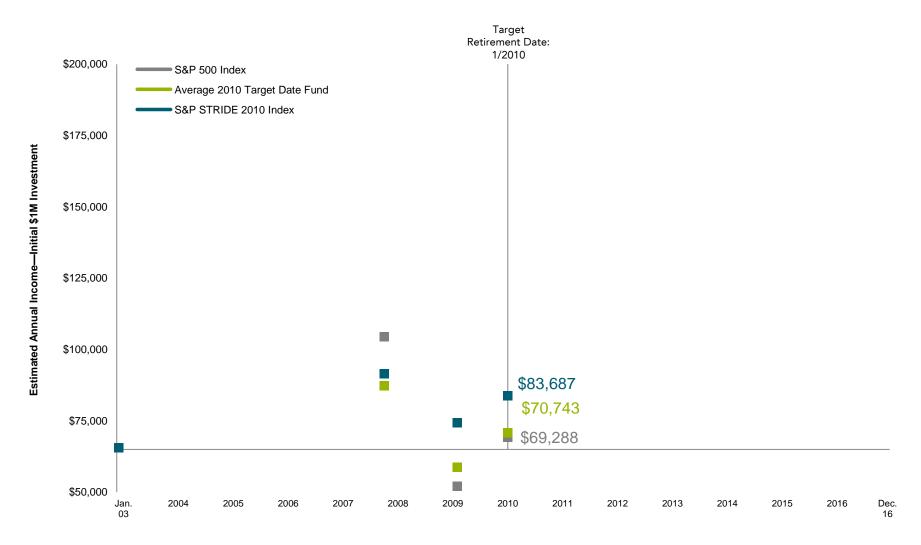


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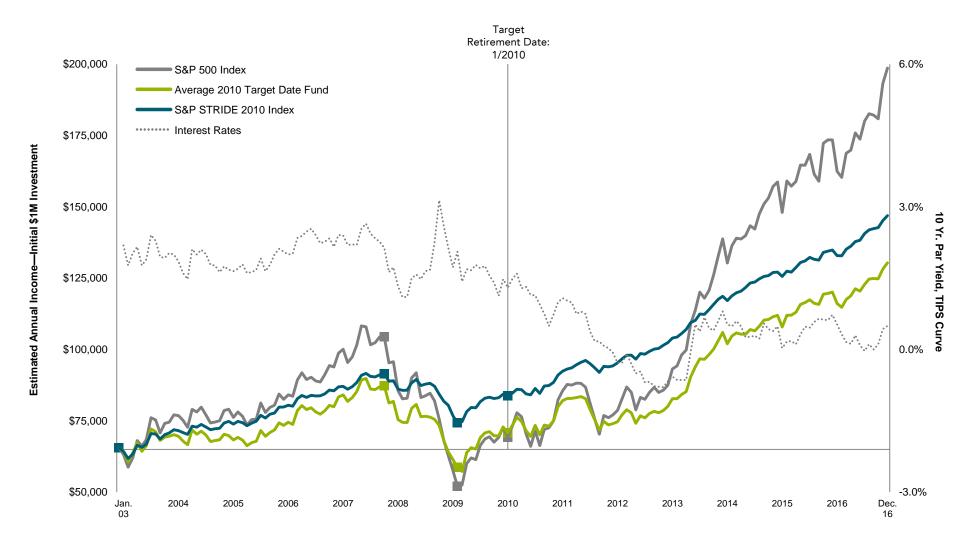


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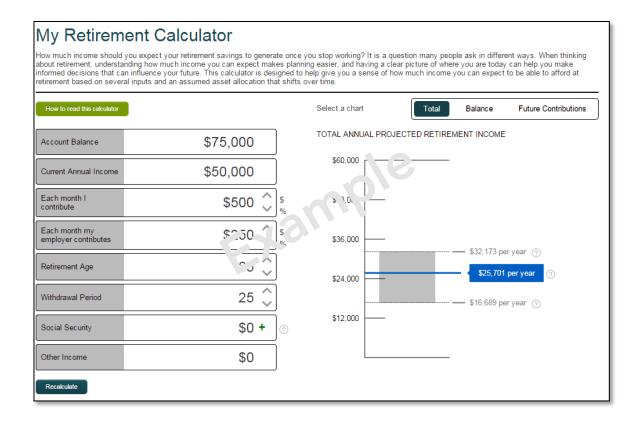
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## Tools and Resources



### Enabling Meaningful Engagement

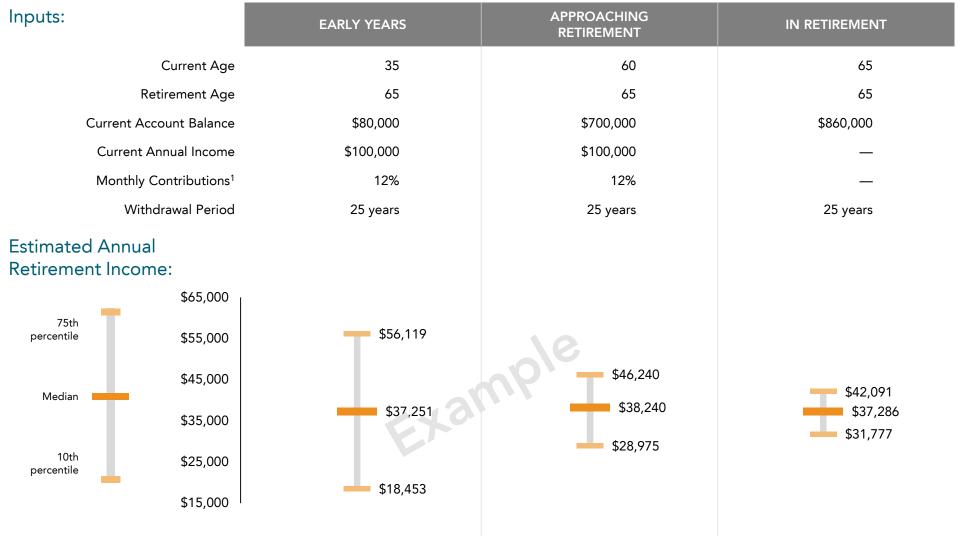






### My Retirement Income Calculator

Increasing levels of clarity around how much income your savings may provide in retirement



As of March 31, 2016. For illustrative purposes only. The estimated retirement income projections of the calculator are hypothetical in nature and are not a guarantee of future results. Since past performance is not an accurate predictor of the future and reliance on historical and current data involves inherent limitations, it is important to understand that the estimates are only a tool to be used in evaluating your retirement portfolio. Actual results will vary.

1. Includes employee contributions of 8% and employer contributions of 4%.

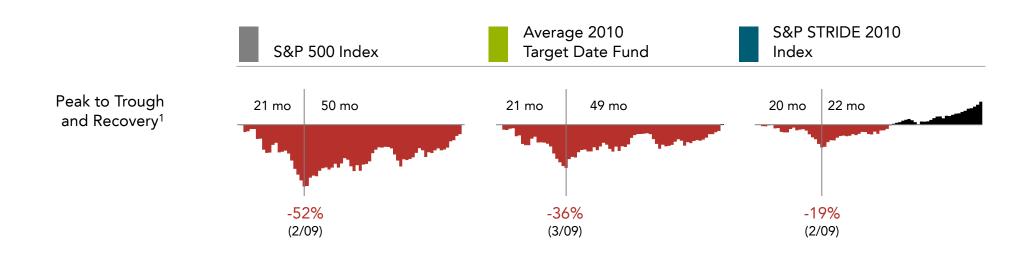


# Appendix



### Estimated Income: Peak to Trough and Recovery

Comparing 2010 Vintage Target Date Funds (2003–2016)



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<sup>1.</sup> Represents performance of each index over the period of the maximum peak to trough loss of the S&P 500 Index over the time period January 2003—December 2016.

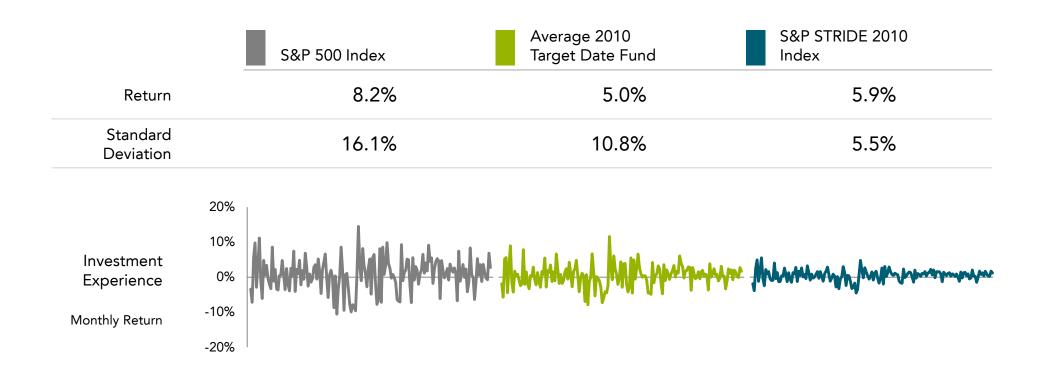
Notes and Sources: Growth of income computed by dividing growth of wealth by the S&P STRIDE 2010 Cost of Income. S&P 500 Index and S&P STRIDE data from S&P Dow Jones Indices. Average 2010 Target Date Fund is the asset weighted average across the 2010 target date fund families included in the Morningstar universe. As of December 2016 the data included 57 target date fund families. Data from Morningstar.

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### Summary Statistics: Income Units

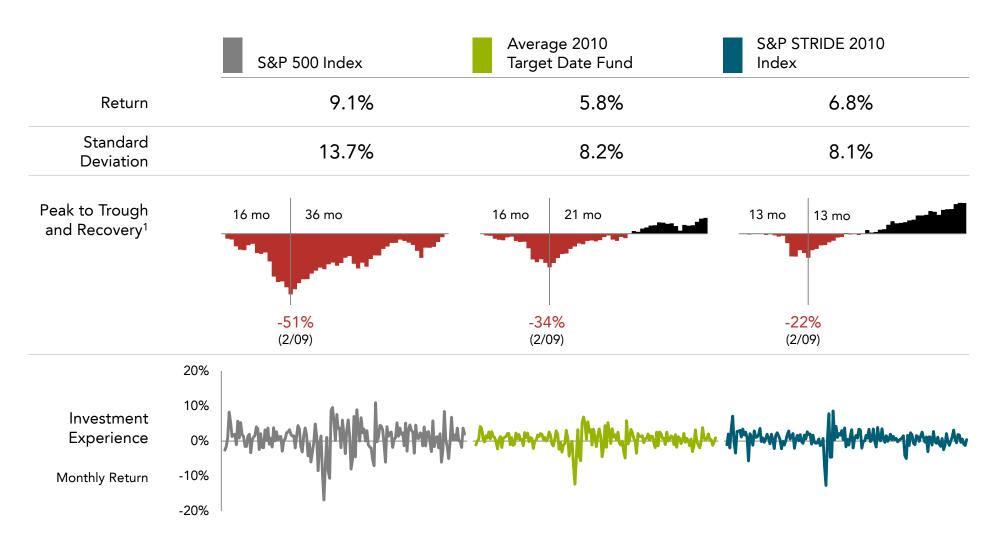
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### Summary Statistics: Wealth Units

Comparing 2010 Vintage Target Date Funds (2003–2016)



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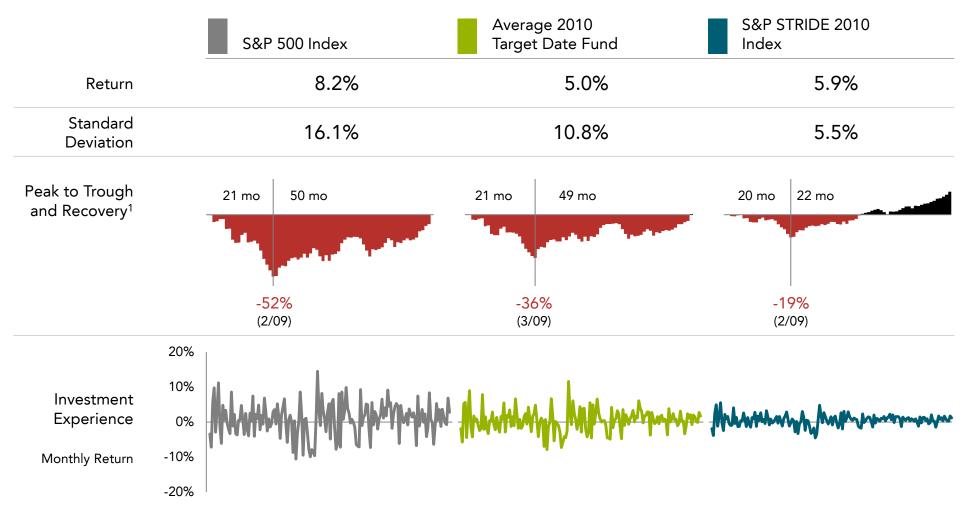
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### Summary Statistics: Income Units

Comparing 2010 Vintage Target Date Funds (2003–2016)



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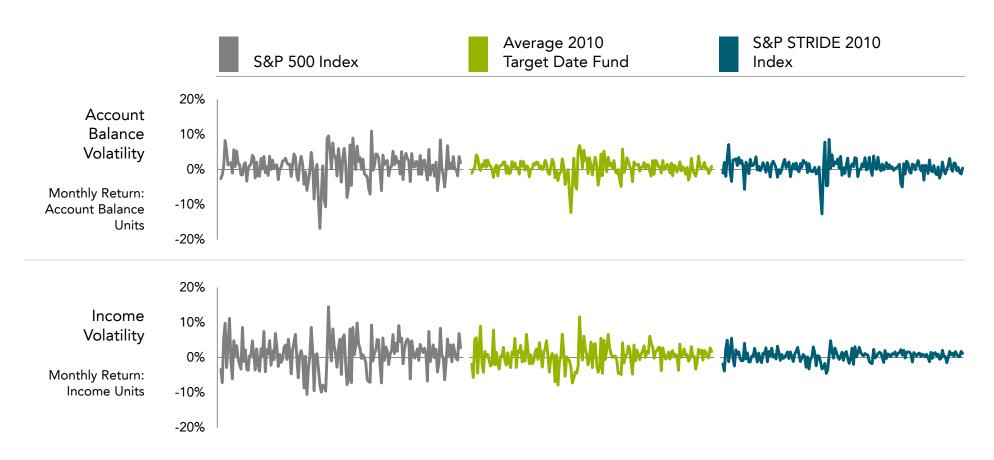
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### Account Balance vs. Income Volatility

Comparing 2010 Vintage Target Date Funds (2003–2016)





### S&P STRIDE Index Series Description and Disclosures

In response to the need for income-focused benchmarks within defined contribution plans, on January 11, 2016 S&P Dow Jones Indices (S&P DJI) launched the S&P Shift to Retirement Income and DEcumulation (STRIDE) Index Series .<sup>1</sup>

The series features multi-asset class income-based indices tied to target retirement dates. Dimensional Fund Advisors worked collaboratively with S&P DJI to develop the glide path, inflation hedging, and duration hedging techniques used in these indices.

#### INDEX SERIES DESCRIPTION

The S&P Shift To Retirement Income and Decumulation (STRIDE) Index Series comprises twelve multi-asset class indices, each corresponding to a particular target retirement date. The asset allocation for each index in the series is based on a predetermined life-cycle glide-path. Each index is fully investable, with varying levels of exposure to equities, nominal fixed income securities and inflation-adjusted bonds.

The S&P STRIDE Index Series represents a strategy that builds a portfolio of assets to support a hedged stream of inflation-adjusted retirement income. The indices also provide a new framework for benchmarking target date funds that focus on delivering similar results. The indices are individually composed of asset class indices (an index of indices), and the index series includes target date years in five-year increments (vintages). Each index vintage covers a full life cycle of accumulation (during what are generally considered working years), and decumulation in retirement years. Beginning 20 years before each target date, the indices gradually re-allocate some of their weight from accumulation constituents to inflation-adjusted income constituents. This process is analogous to dollar cost averaging into income producing assets. The income portion consists of a duration-hedged combination of Treasury Inflation Protection

Securities (TIPS) indices. The duration of the combined TIPS indices is matched monthly to the duration of a hypothetical retirement income cash flow stream that begins at the target date and lasts for twenty five years.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION

General: http://us.spindices.com/index-family/multi-asset/sp-stride

#### Index Series Methodology:

http://us.spindices.com/documents/methodologies/methodology-sp-stride-index-series.pdf?force\_download=true

Example and more data: <a href="http://us.spindices.com/indices/multi-asset/sp-stride-glide-path-2005-index-total-return">http://us.spindices.com/indices/multi-asset/sp-stride-glide-path-2005-index-total-return</a>

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Past performance of the Index is not an indication of future results. Prospective application of the methodology used to construct the Index may not result in performance commensurate with the back-test returns shown. The back-test period does not necessarily correspond to the entire available history of the Index. Please refer to the methodology paper for the Index, available at www.spdji.com for more details about the index, including the manner in which it is rebalanced, the timing of such rebalancing, criteria for additions and deletions, as well as all index calculations.

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