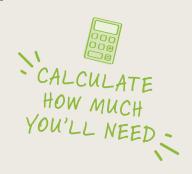


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Let's find out...



HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH FOR MY RETIREMENT?

Planning for retirement can be daunting. Thinking about how you'll fund it and whether you can afford to do the things you want can be a worry.

You may be thinking "I'm going to retire therefore I'd better stop spending."
However, with proper financial planning it's possible to see how your finances can be used to fund the life you want in retirement.

Over the course of this guide you'll discover some of the important things you really need to consider when it comes to calculating how much income you'll need for your retirement.

So, let's get started.



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WHERE SHOULD I START?_

You may be thinking it's simply about working out how much you have, how long it needs to last and dividing one from the other to allow an annual income.

That seems reasonable, right?

After all you know what's in your ISA, bank account and with a bit of investigation, your pension pot. At some point you'll receive your state pension and that'll top you up.

Plus, you've considered what age you might live to, based on your own health and family history – putting aside Coronavirus concerns.

- LET'S DO A QUICK CALCULATION -



YOU HAVE AROUND £250,000 IN ASSETS



YOU'RE 55 AND THINK YOU'LL LIVE TO 80



£250,000 ÷ 25 YEARS = £10,000 PER YEAR

£10,000 a year sounds ok, doesn't it? But is this the best way to work out how much you'll need in retirement?

Read on to find out what else you really need to consider.









OK, WHAT ELSE SHOULD I COST FOR?

The problem with the method on the previous page is it gives you a limited lifestyle and doesn't account for so many important factors.



What about inflation?

Costs rise every year, so you'll need to consider that outgoings will go up yearly. So, even to maintain the same lifestyle you'll need to factor in inflation.



Do you want to live the same life for the next 25 years?

Experience tells us your retirement will progress through different stages depending on when you're most active and when you want to slow down.

In your active years you'll enjoy more hobbies and holidays (lockdown allowing) whereas when you slow down it's likely you'll spend less.



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Have you counted the cost of care?

The cost of support to continue living independently in your home in later years or the added need for residential care, needs to be factored in. The government assumes that people will pay for their own care, so this can be very costly.



What about your big one offs?

What have you been working your whole life for if not to buy that dream car, take a once in a lifetime post lockdown trip, help your children or finally get that new kitchen fitted?

By restricting yourself to a fixed annual sum, you're not allowing any level of flexibility and are in fact denying yourself so many of the things you might want to do in retirement.



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WHAT WILL MY RETIREMENT LIFESTYLE LOOK LIKE?

To make things easier to work out, the Pension and Lifetime Savings Association (PLSA) has benchmarked three levels of everyday lifestyle costs.

Split across **Minimum**, **Moderate** and **Comfortable**, these show what you can expect to spend in retirement.

And, when PLSA figures say that 77% of pension savers have no idea how much they'll need in retirement and only 16% can give any kind of figure, hopefully the information on the next few pages should help give a clearer picture of how much income you'll need for the retirement lifestyle you want.



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CAN I SEE FIGURES FOR A SINGLE PERSON?

	Minimum	Moderate	Comfortable
SINGLE PERSON	£10,200 per year	£20,200 per year	£33,000 per year
Standard of Living	Covers all expenses with some left over for the fun stuff	More financial security and flexibility	More financial freedom and some luxuries
House	DIY maintenance and decorating one room annually	Some help with maintenance and decorating annually	Replace kitchen and bathroom every 10-15 years
Food and Drink	A £38 a week food shop	A £46 a week food shop	A £56 a week food shop
Transport	No car	3-year old car replaced every 10 years	2-year old car replaced every five years
Holidays and Leisure	A week and a long weekend in the UK every year	Two weeks in Europe and a long weekend in the UK annually	Three weeks in Europe annually
Clothing and Personal	£460 for clothing and footwear annually	£750 for clothing and footwear annually	£1,000 - £1,500 for clothing and footwear annually
Helping Others	£10 for each birthday present	£30 for each birthday present	£50 for each birthday present

Figures sourced from PLSA. All these assumed figures are based people living outside of London. Figures for London are; minimum £12,400, moderate £24,100, comfortable £36,300. These findings are not financial advice.









WHAT ABOUT FOR A COUPLE? =

	Minimum	Moderate	Comfortable
COUPLE	£15,700 per year	£29,100 per year	£47,500 per year
Standard of Living	Covers all expenses with some left over for the fun stuff	More financial security and flexibility	More financial freedom and some luxuries
House	DIY maintenance and decorating one room annually	Some help with maintenance and decorating annually	Replace kitchen and bathroom every 10-15 years
Food and Drink	A £67 a week food shop	A £74 a week food shop	A £91 a week food shop
Transport	No car	3-year old car replaced every 10 years	2-year old car replaced every five years
Holidays and Leisure	A week and a long weekend in the UK annually	Two weeks in Europe and a long weekend in the UK annually	Three weeks in Europe annually
Clothing and Personal	£460 per person for clothing and footwear annually	£750 per person for clothing and footwear annually	£1,500 per person for clothing and footwear annually
Helping Others	£10 for each birthday present	£30 for each birthday present	£50 for each birthday present

Figures sourced from PLSA. All these assumed figures are based people living outside of London. Figures for London are; minimum £19,800, moderate £33,300, comfortable £49,300. These findings are not financial advice.









OK, I CAN SEE THINGS CLEARER NOW.

Hopefully this guide has given you some useful information about totting-up what you'll need to fund your retirement.

From factoring in things like inflation and residential care, to looking at some key facts and figures around different lifestyle costs, you should be in a better position to start working out what enough means to you.

What if I still need help?

A Financial Adviser's job is to help you make good decisions, but if they're doing their job properly, what they're actually giving you is peace of mind.

Over the long term, the services of a quality financial planning business can help you make good choices and, maybe more importantly, avoid costly financial mistakes.



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has access to the financial planning that
will really free them to love the retirement
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As a 60+ team of Independent Financial Advisers, we're here to help you make the right choices for your money.

But, there's more to it than just financial advice.

Using the unique PlanHappy Lifestyle Financial Planning process we'll help you work out what you want to do in the future then do the money bit to work out how to get you it.

So, all you need to do is get on with enjoying life.

After all, isn't that what it's all about?













Ready to talk? Our friendly team are here to help.

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