



# Financial Strategies

**A lifestyle report prepared for**  
**Fred Alpert and Naomi Alpert**

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## Important Notes

This report illustrates your financial lifestyle, or your hypothetical cash flow and its effects on your net worth. This analysis provides only broad, general guidelines, which may be helpful in shaping your thinking about your financial needs. It can serve as a guide for discussions with your professional advisors. The quality of this analysis is dependent upon the accuracy of data provided by you.

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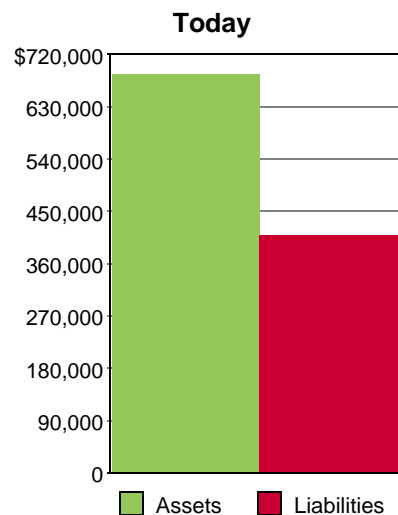
# Your Assets and Liabilities Today

Your net worth is a financial "snapshot"—a balance sheet of your finances at a particular moment.

The following is a financial analysis balance sheet for Fred Alpert, age 38, and Naomi Alpert, age 36.

## Net Worth Changes With Your Cash Flow

You receive incoming cash and make outgoing payments. The excess produces more assets and any shortage results in a decrease in assets. Of course, the value of your assets may grow. If you borrowed to provide needed cash flow, your liabilities increased. Cash flow affects your assets and your liabilities; therefore, net worth changes with cash flow.



### Assets

Liquid Assets	\$140,000
Retirement Plans	\$35,000
Residence	\$500,000
Educational Savings Plans	\$15,000
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$690,000</b>

### Liabilities

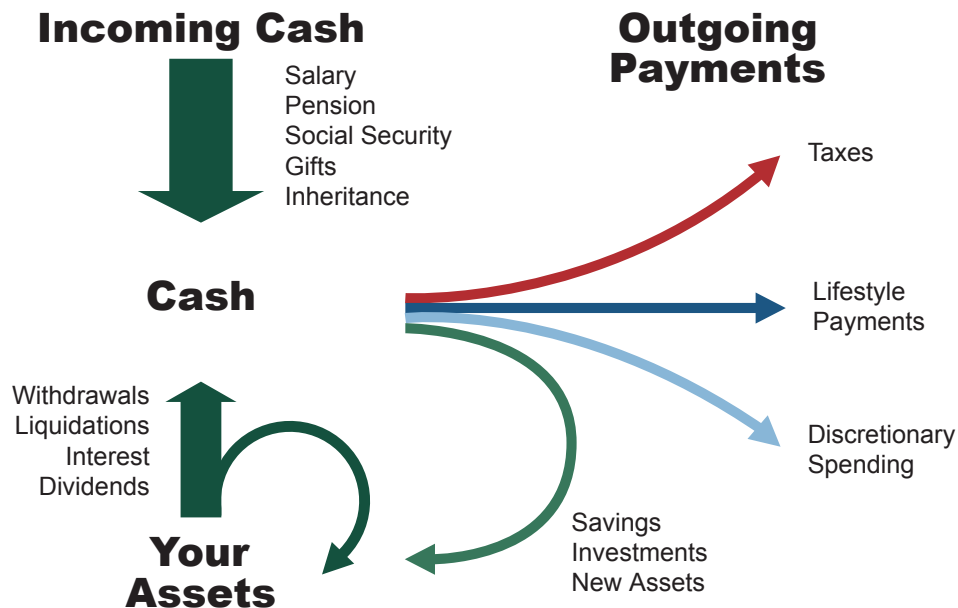
Mortgages	\$410,000
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$410,000</b>

<b>Net Worth Today</b>	<b>\$280,000</b>
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**Your future net worth is determined by your cash flow.**

# Cash Flow

A careful review of your cash flow is at the heart of any effective financial planning. Money comes to you from both outside sources (such as salary) and inside sources (such as cash dividends from your assets). This money is used for outgoing payments or expenses, and you either spend or save any money that's left once your expenses are covered. When you're short, you either borrow money or use some of your assets.



If outgoing payments exceed expected income, a portion of your assets must be used (based on your priorities) to provide any additional amount needed.

## Your Cash Flow Reflects Your Financial Lifestyle

- **Discretionary Spending**  
After all outgoing payments have been met each month, the portion of the money left over that is used for unspecified expenses
- **Shortfall**  
The portion of expenses that cannot be covered without the use of assets designated as "Do Not Use"

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

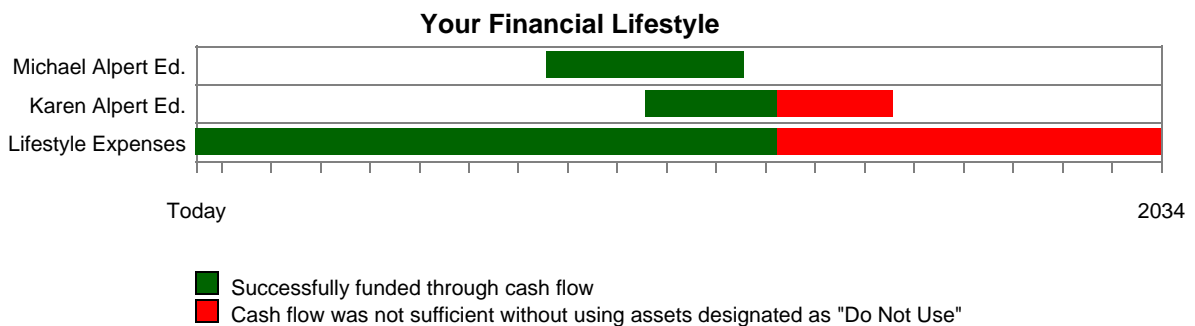
# Cash Flow Used to Maintain Your Lifestyle

You can answer your most important financial questions by analyzing your monthly cash flow. Will you have sufficient cash flow to maintain your lifestyle? Will your assets continue to grow, or will they decrease or become depleted? You must know answers to these questions before you can make proper financial plans.

### Cash Flow Objective

- Pay all lifestyle expenses and outgoing payments
- After applying education funds, pay any remaining education costs
- Make payments on all loans
- Under no circumstances use assets designated "Do Not Use" for cash flow

### Will you maintain your lifestyle?



**It appears your cash flow would be insufficient due in part to your education needs.**

Note: A cash flow failure occurred in April of 2027 with assets designated as "Do Not Use" equal to \$857,895.

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## Confirmation of Facts

*The right plan must start with the right facts.*

A financial plan must be dynamic; that is, able to change as quickly as your situation changes. Your plan is based on your facts and assumptions. You should be sure that all of the assumptions and facts listed here correctly reflect your situation and desires.

CONFIRMATION OF FACTS

# Your Facts

**Fred Alpert**

**Naomi Alpert**

**Age: 38 Male Born:** Sep. 28, 1976

**Age: 36 Female Born:** Jul. 18, 1978

Fred and Naomi are married.

**Home Phone:** 656-555-1231

**Business Phone:** 656-555-8989

## Mailing Address

566 Tulip St.  
Charlotte, NC, 28250

## Children and Dependents

Name	Date of Birth	Gender	Relationship	Dependent of
Michael Alpert	Jan. 25, 2004	Male	Child	Naomi, Fred
Karen Alpert	Mar. 25, 2006	Female	Child	Naomi, Fred

## Salaries

Employer	Employee	Current Salary	Frequency	Inflation Rate
ABC Corp.	Fred	\$12,000	Monthly	2.000%
Naomi's Dress Shop	Naomi	\$6,000	Monthly	3.000%

## Checking, Savings, CDs

Account Name	Owner	Current Balance	Balance As Of	Interest Rate	
Primary Checking	Naomi, Fred	\$10,000	May 07, 2014	0.000%	This asset is the Cash Account
All Other Assets	Naomi, Fred	\$80,000	May 07, 2014	3.000%	

## Mutual Funds

Name/ Symbol	Owner	Account Balance	Balance As Of	Basis	Rates		
					Qual. Div.	Cap. Gains	App.
Joint Investment Acct.	Naomi, Fred	\$50,000	May 07, 2014	\$45,000	0.000% <sup>1</sup>	0.000% <sup>1</sup>	4.000%

## Educational Savings

Name	Owner	Account Balance	Balance As Of	Growth Rate	Type
Michael's 529 Plan	Fred	\$9,000	May 07, 2014	4.000%	529
Karen's 529 Plan	Fred	\$6,000	May 07, 2014	4.000%	529

## Retirement Plans

Name	Owner	Current Balance	Balance As Of	Growth Rate	Owner Contrib.	Employer Contrib.
Fred's 401k	Fred	\$25,000	May 07, 2014	5.000%	2.000%	2.000%

## IRAs

Name	Owner	Current Balance	Balance As Of	Growth Rate	Type
Naomi's IRA	Naomi	\$10,000	May 07, 2014	5.000%	Deductible

<sup>1</sup> Dividends are assumed to be reinvested in similar investments.

CONFIRMATION OF FACTS

# Your Facts (Continued)

## Residences

### Primary Residence

Owner	Current Value	Balance As Of	Cost Basis	Appreciation Rate
Naomi, Fred	\$500,000	May 07, 2014	\$500,000	2.000%

Personal Loan Secured by this Asset

Balance as of	Mortgage Balance	Payment	Frequency	Interest Rate
May 07, 2014	\$410,000	\$3,000	Monthly	5.000%

## Life Insurance-Individual

Name	Insured	Owner	Beneficiary	Face Amount	Premium	Frequency	Cash Value
Fred's Life Policy	Fred	Fred	Naomi	\$200,000	\$100	Monthly	\$0

## Disability Insurance-Individual

Name	Insured	Owner	Monthly Benefit	Waiting Period	Benefit Period	Premium	Frequency
Fred's DI	Fred	Fred	\$6,000	60 Days	Age 65	\$200	Monthly

## Essential Living Expenses

Description	Amount	Frequency	Inflation	Tax Deductible <sup>1</sup>	Percent Continuing after First Death	Percent Continuing after First Disability	Percent Continuing after First Retirement
Joint General Living Expenses	\$7,000	Monthly	3%	No	100%	100%	80%

## Education Expenses

Description	Amount	Frequency	Percent of Estimated Aid
Clemson University	\$38,370	Annual	20%
UNC Chapel Hill	\$14,036	Annual	0%

## Debt

Liability Name	Owner	Payment Amount	Frequency	Current Balance	Balance As Of	Interest Rate
Loan for Primary Residence	Naomi, Fred	\$3,000	Monthly	\$410,000	May 07, 2014	5.000%

<sup>1</sup> Deductions for charitable contributions and medical/prescriptions are subject to limitations.

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## Financial Statements

*This is an overview of the Financial Analysis prepared just for you.*

This Executive Summary condenses numerous calculations into condensed, one-page summaries of the financial objectives. A one-page summary can never be complete, but it helps you determine areas of your finances that need further considerations. Before taking actions based on any item in this summary, you should examine the detailed analysis contained in the complete *Financial Analysis* that has been prepared for you.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Your Current Situation—Balance Sheet View

	Fred	Naomi	Joint	Total
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Liquid Assets</b>				
Primary Checking			\$10,000	\$10,000
All Other Assets			\$80,000	\$80,000
Joint Investment Acct.			\$50,000	\$50,000
<b>Retirement Plans</b>				
Fred's 401k	\$25,000			\$25,000
Naomi's IRA		\$10,000		\$10,000
<b>Residence</b>				
Primary Residence			\$500,000	\$500,000
<b>Educational Savings Plans</b>				
Michael's 529 Plan	\$9,000			\$9,000
Karen's 529 Plan	\$6,000			\$6,000
<b>Total Assets Today</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$640,000</b>	<b>\$690,000</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Mortgages</b>				
Loan for Primary Residence			\$410,000	\$410,000
<b>Total Liabilities Today</b>			<b>\$410,000</b>	<b>\$410,000</b>
<b>Net Worth</b>				
Your Assets				\$690,000
Less Your Liabilities				\$410,000
<b>Total Net Worth Today</b>				<b>\$280,000</b>

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

# Balance Sheet

## Values at End of Year

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
<b>Assets</b>					
<b>Liquid Assets</b>					
Primary Checking	\$7,669	\$9,447	\$13,826	\$18,301	\$22,851
All Other Assets	\$83,887	\$86,438	\$89,067	\$91,776	\$94,568
Joint Investment Acct.	\$53,203	\$55,332	\$57,545	\$59,847	\$62,240
<b>Retirement Plans</b>					
Fred's 401k	\$30,453	\$38,009	\$46,063	\$54,643	\$63,778
Naomi's IRA	\$11,524	\$13,364	\$15,334	\$17,442	\$19,695
<b>Residence</b>					
Primary Residence	\$515,925	\$526,244	\$536,769	\$547,504	\$558,454
<b>Educational Savings Plans</b>					
Michael's 529 Plan	\$9,937	\$10,945	\$11,994	\$13,085	\$14,219
Karen's 529 Plan	\$6,742	\$7,623	\$8,539	\$9,491	\$10,482
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$719,341</b>	<b>\$747,402</b>	<b>\$779,137</b>	<b>\$812,089</b>	<b>\$846,287</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
<b>Mortgages</b>					
Loan for Primary Residence	\$384,516	\$367,352	\$349,310	\$330,345	\$310,409
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$384,516</b>	<b>\$367,352</b>	<b>\$349,310</b>	<b>\$330,345</b>	<b>\$310,409</b>
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>\$334,825</b>	<b>\$380,050</b>	<b>\$429,827</b>	<b>\$481,745</b>	<b>\$535,878</b>

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## Cash Flow Analysis—Funding Your Lifestyle

*This analysis of the cash flow process illustrates your needs between now and retirement.*

In order to help you clearly see both the opportunities and obstacles within your current financial situation, this section of the analysis of your cash flow answers the following questions:

- What does "maintaining your lifestyle" mean?
- How does your cash flow process work?
- What incoming cash can you expect to receive?
- What outgoing payments can you expect?
- How will your cash flow handle unexpected payments and fluctuations?
- How will your cash flow affect your assets?
- How will your net worth (the result of your cash flow) change?

# Funding Your Lifestyle

This cash flow analysis examines all of the financial items that are part of your lifestyle. It simulates your typical spending and saving habits in order to determine (a) how you would meet your financial obligations and (b) what you would have left over for savings or investment.

## Maintaining Your Lifestyle

In financial terms, *maintaining your lifestyle* means being able to meet your expected outgoing payments so that you can live in the manner to which you are accustomed. Expenses typically increase with the general cost of living or inflation.

## Cash Flow Analysis

Examining your cash flow on a detailed monthly basis helps answer two essential questions: One, will I have enough money? And, two, if there is a problem, how severe is the shortfall?

While it's not a likely scenario, this section of your analysis assumes that everything goes as planned, which is helpful in evaluating your present situation. This section assumes that both of you live until retirement.

### **The following payments are necessary for you to maintain your lifestyle:**

- Basic lifestyle expenses
- Education for Michael Alpert
- Education for Karen Alpert
- Make payments on all loans

## Assumptions

You have defined retirement as the date when Fred reaches age 65.

General inflation rate for analysis: 3%.

Some assets are essential for your lifestyle. Successfully maintaining your lifestyle means not using any portion of the assets you designated as "Do Not Use" when defining your priorities.

- Primary Residence

# Your Cash Flow Process

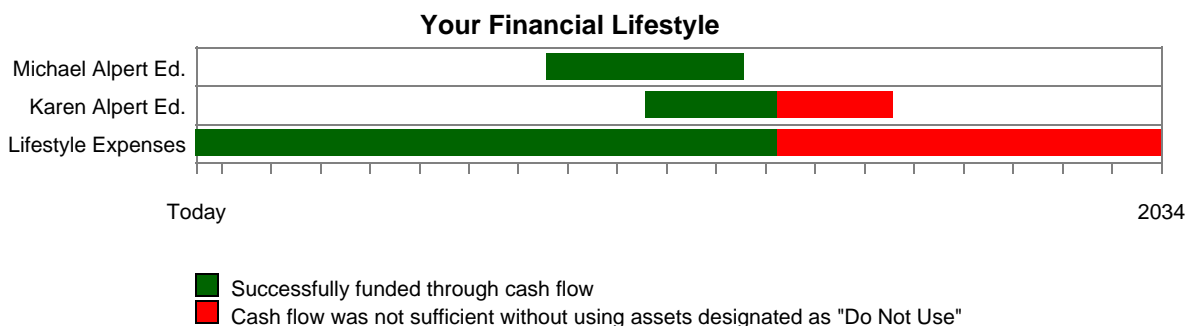
Cash flow is a simple, monthly process. You receive money from outside sources and deposit that money into your checking account. You use that account to pay your expenses and cover your lifestyle expenses. What you do not spend you save, invest, or use to purchase other assets. If your expenses exceed your income one month, you take some money out of the savings, sell an asset, or borrow the funds to pay the expenses. Cash flow analysis is the detailed study of this monthly process.

## Your monthly cash flow process involves the following steps:

- Determine your expected incoming cash
- Determine your expected outgoing payments
- Compare incoming and outgoing cash: if outgoing payments exceed incoming cash, use an asset or borrow money to cover the shortage
- Adjust asset values as necessary

## Discretionary Spending

Although your incoming cash can often exceed your outgoing payments, you might notice that there never seems to be much money left over at the end of the month. The reason for this might be that the excess money is being used for *discretionary spending*.



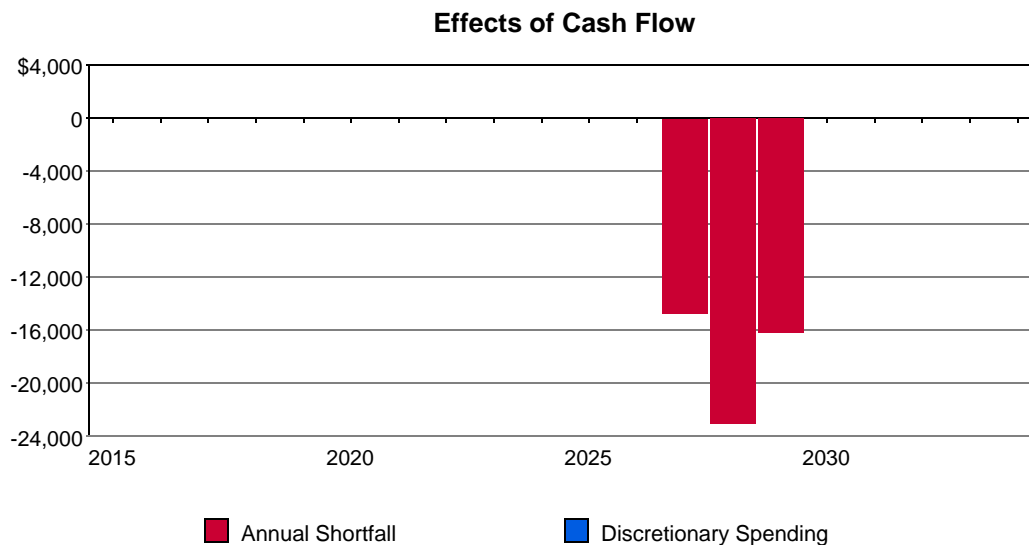
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**Your cash flow is insufficient. The value of the shortfall today invested at 5% is \$28,743.**

# Evaluating Shortfall

The cash flow process determined that your plan was likely to experience a cash flow failure in year 2027. This analysis can help you determine the severity of the failure and identify the solutions best suited for you.

- Annual Shortfall**  
 Annual shortfall is the portion of expenses that cannot be covered without using assets designated as "Do Not Use." Shortfalls are shown as negative values.
- Discretionary Spending**  
 After all outgoing payments have been met each month, discretionary spending is the portion of the money left over that is used for unspecified expenses. Adjusting these amounts may reduce the annual shortfalls.
- "Do Not Use" Assets**  
 The value of assets you designated as "Do Not Use" was \$857,895 in the year of the initial cash flow failure. You may want to re-consider the use of some of these assets.
- "Red" Numbers**  
 All values after the initial cash flow failure are printed in red to indicate these values are only possible if the shortfall amounts were provided.



**What adjustments should you make to your financial lifestyle?**

Note: Cash flow is calculated monthly with the net values for the year shown; therefore, discretionary spending may occur one month and an income shortage occur in another month all in the same calendar year.

# Assets Used for Cash Flow

## Priority and Sources of Funds

You have indicated your priorities and desired uses of certain assets. If there is not sufficient cash flow to pay your outgoing payments during a particular month, then these assets will be considered in the order shown below.

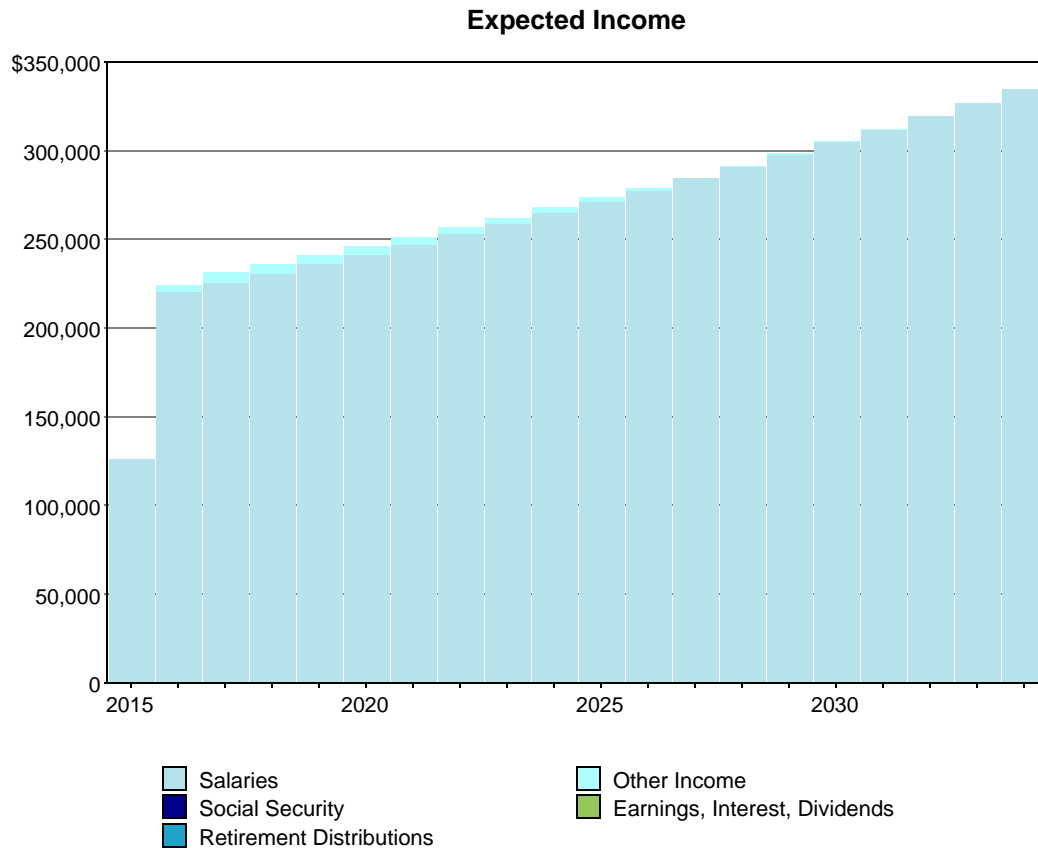
The use of some assets would cause a significant change in your lifestyle: such assets are marked "Do Not Use" or the desired use is indicated

Asset	Limit Uses to
Primary Checking	Unrestricted
All Other Assets	Unrestricted
Joint Investment Acct.	Unrestricted
Fred's 401k	Retirement
Naomi's IRA	Retirement
Michael's 529 Plan	Education
Karen's 529 Plan	Education
Primary Residence	Do Not Use

## Value of Assets

The cumulative effects of your cash flow change the value of your assets. The effects of cash flow include the addition of new assets or savings, the use of all or a portion of some assets to pay expenses, and appreciation or changes in the value of your assets.

# Incoming Cash Expected



A cash flow failure occurred in April of 2027 with assets designated as "Do Not Use" equal to \$857,895. The illustration assumes everything goes as anticipated. It does not reflect (a) liquidations or unplanned withdrawals from your assets or (b) new loan proceeds that may be necessary during any month that expenses exceed income.

# Incoming Cash Expected

## Incoming Cash Flow

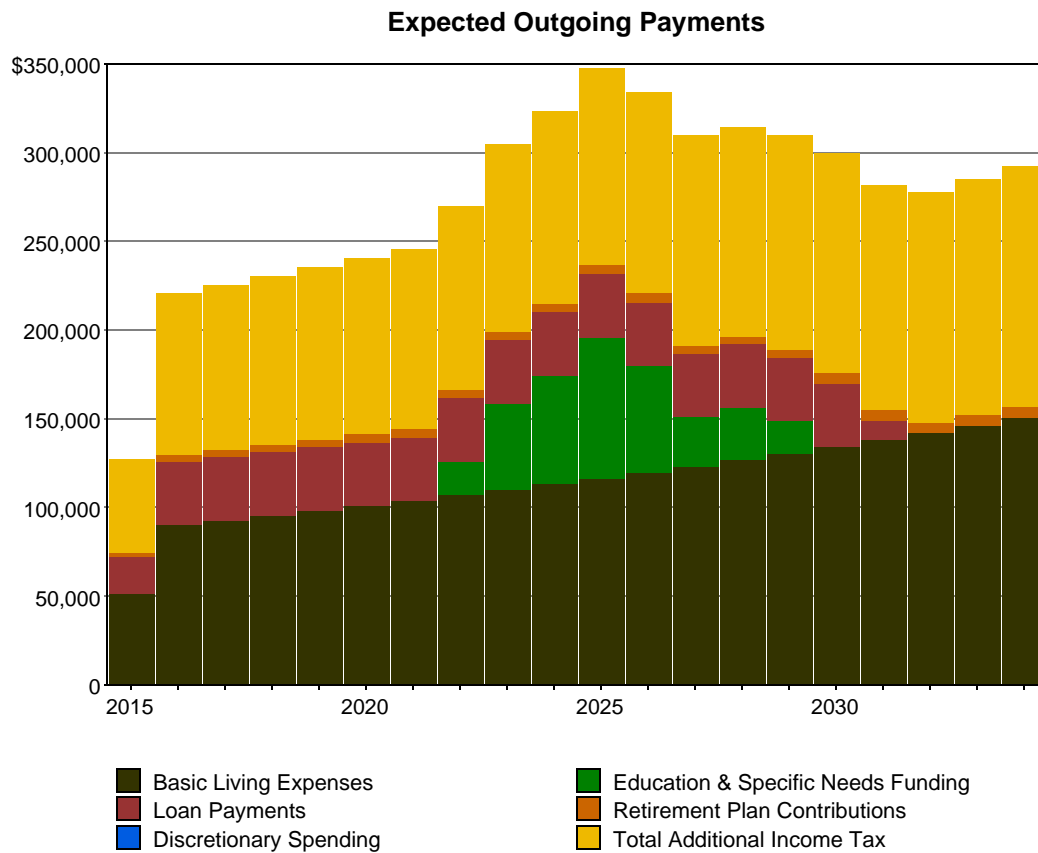
Year	Salary	Other <sup>1</sup> Income	Social <sup>2</sup> Security	Earnings (Cash, Dividends)	Retirement Plan Distributions	Total Expected Income
2015	\$126,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$126,000
2016	221,040	3,718	0	0	0	224,758
2017	226,202	5,846	0	0	0	232,048
2018	231,490	5,475	0	0	0	236,965
2019	236,907	5,087	0	0	0	241,993
2020	242,455	4,680	0	0	0	247,135
2021	248,139	4,254	0	0	0	252,394
2022	253,962	3,809	0	0	0	257,770
2023	259,926	3,342	0	0	0	263,268
2024	266,037	2,860	0	0	0	268,897
2025	272,297	2,694	0	0	0	274,991
2026	278,711	1,430	0	0	0	280,140
2027	285,282	0	0	0	0	285,282
2028	292,014	378	0	0	0	292,391
2029	298,911	839	0	0	0	299,751
2030	305,979	483	0	0	0	306,461
2031	313,220	221	0	0	0	313,441
2032	320,640	0	0	0	0	320,640
2033	328,243	0	0	0	0	328,243
2034	336,033	0	0	0	0	336,033

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<sup>1</sup> Other Income includes any estimated tax refunds for the prior year.

<sup>2</sup> Benefits may be reduced for earnings from current work prior to full retirement age (FRA). FRA for Fred is age 67 and FRA for Naomi is age 67.

# Expected Outgoing Payments



A cash flow failure occurred in April of 2027 with assets designated as "Do Not Use" equal to \$857,895. Outgoing payments begin with compulsory expenses (such as taxes) and continue through your discretionary spending.

# Expected Outgoing Payments

## Outgoing Payments

Year	Basic Expenses	Education & Specific Needs	Loan Payments	Retirement Plan Contributions	Discretionary Spending	Tax Payments and Withholdings <sup>1</sup>	Total Outgoing Payments
2015	\$51,100	\$0	\$21,000	\$2,380	\$0	\$53,151	\$127,631
2016	90,120	0	36,000	4,174	0	91,486	221,779
2017	92,716	0	36,000	4,269	0	93,485	226,470
2018	95,389	0	36,000	4,368	0	95,533	231,290
2019	98,143	0	36,000	4,468	0	97,633	236,243
2020	100,979	0	36,000	4,571	0	99,784	241,334
2021	103,900	0	36,000	4,676	0	101,989	246,565
2022	106,909	19,231	36,000	4,784	0	104,248	271,173
2023	110,009	48,925	36,000	4,895	0	106,564	306,392
2024	113,201	61,741	36,000	5,008	0	108,937	324,887
2025	116,489	80,108	36,000	5,123	0	111,370	349,090
2026	119,876	60,635	36,000	5,242	0	113,863	335,616
2027	123,364	28,243	36,000	4,080	0	119,616	311,303
2028	126,957	29,938	36,000	3,726	0	119,038	315,658
2029	130,658	18,512	36,000	4,556	0	121,722	311,448
2030	134,469	0	36,000	5,746	0	124,474	300,689
2031	138,395	0	10,993	5,879	0	127,295	282,563
2032	142,439	0	0	6,016	0	130,478	278,933
2033	146,604	0	0	6,156	0	133,327	286,087
2034	150,895	0	0	6,300	0	136,186	293,380

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<sup>1</sup> All payroll withholding taxes, including any FICA taxes, plus additional tax payments (income and capital gains tax). Refunds are shown as other income in the year received.

# Net Adjustments for Cash Flow

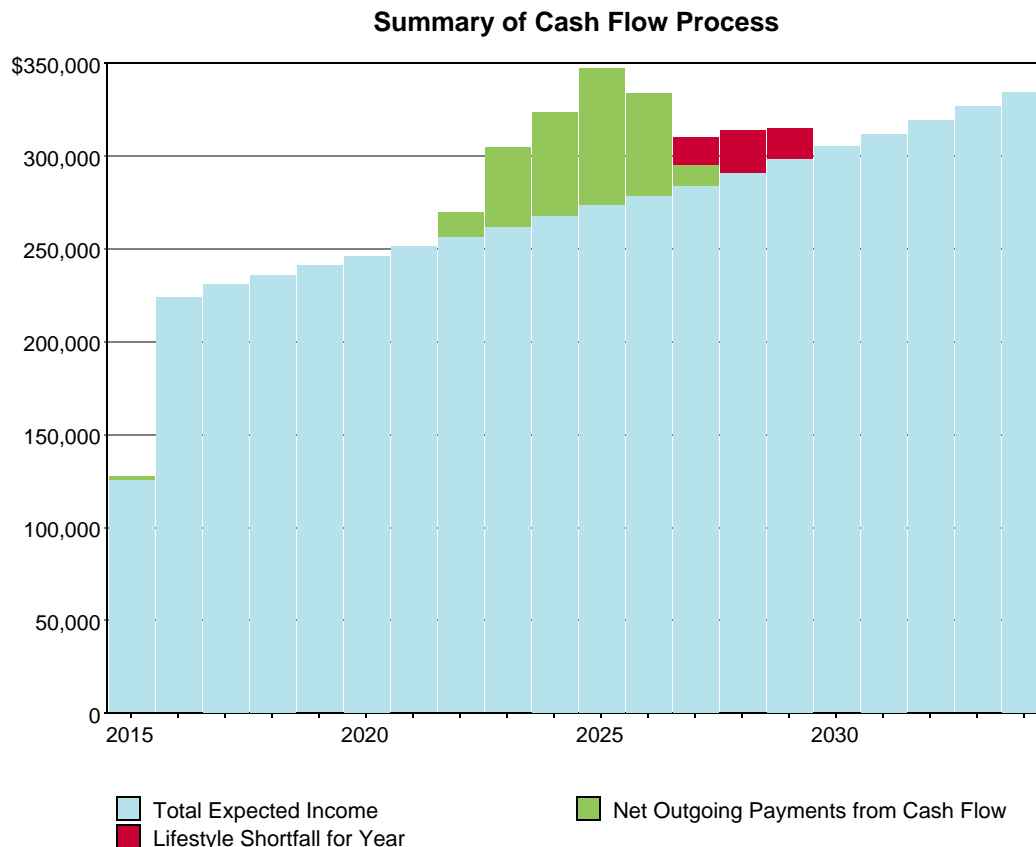
## Net Adjustments for Year Based on Monthly Cash Flow

Year	Expected Income	New Loan Proceeds	Net Assets Used for Cash Flow	Annual Shortfall	Total Outgoing Payments
2015	\$126,000	\$0	\$1,631	---	\$127,631
2016	224,758	0	0	---	221,779
2017	232,048	0	0	---	226,470
2018	236,965	0	0	---	231,290
2019	241,993	0	0	---	236,243
2020	247,135	0	0	---	241,334
2021	252,394	0	0	---	246,565
2022	257,770	0	13,403	---	271,173
2023	263,268	0	43,124	---	306,392
2024	268,897	0	55,990	---	324,887
2025	274,991	0	74,100	---	349,090
2026	280,140	0	55,476	---	335,616
2027	285,282	0	11,196	14,826	311,303
2028	292,391	0	0	23,266	315,658
2029	299,751	0	0	16,332	311,448
2030	306,461	0	0	---	300,689
2031	313,441	0	0	---	282,563
2032	320,640	0	0	---	278,933
2033	328,243	0	0	---	286,087
2034	336,033	0	0	---	293,380

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# Will Cash Flow Provide Needed Outgoing Payments?

By combining the information from the previous graphs, it is easy to see how your cash flow process works. Expected income is shown on top of the total outgoing payments. Any portion of payments remaining is paid by the cash flow process—using assets you have designated. When the cash flow process cannot provide the needed payments without using assets you designated as “Do Not Use,” then you have failure with the needed amount shown as a shortfall.



**Expected Income**—the sum of all income items before the cash flow process is applied to use any assets or new loans to meet outgoing payments

**Outgoing Payments from Cash Flow Process**—the portion of outgoing payments that were required to be paid from using various assets or new loans

**Shortfall**—the amount needed in a year to pay all desired outgoing payments to maintain your lifestyle, but without using any assets you designated as “Do Not Use”

# Cash Flow & Net Worth

## Cash Flow & Net Worth

Year	Expected Income	Total Outgoing Payments	Net Paid from Cash Flow Process <sup>1</sup>	End of Year Assets <sup>2</sup>	End of Year Liabilities	Cumulative Annual Shortfall	Net Worth
2015	\$126,000	\$127,631	\$1,631	\$719,341	\$384,516	---	\$334,825
2016	224,758	221,779	0	747,402	367,352	---	380,050
2017	232,048	226,470	0	779,137	349,310	---	429,827
2018	236,965	231,290	0	812,089	330,345	---	481,745
2019	241,993	236,243	0	846,287	310,409	---	535,878
2020	247,135	241,334	0	881,761	289,454	---	592,307
2021	252,394	246,565	0	918,539	267,426	---	651,113
2022	257,770	271,173	13,403	937,296	244,271	---	693,024
2023	263,268	306,392	43,124	927,112	219,932	---	707,180
2024	268,897	324,887	55,990	904,512	194,348	---	710,164
2025	274,991	349,090	74,100	863,040	167,455	---	695,586
2026	280,140	335,616	55,476	838,929	139,185	---	699,744
2027	285,282	311,303	11,196	857,895	109,470	14,826	733,599 <sup>3</sup>
2028	292,391	315,658	0	888,812	78,234	38,092	772,485
2029	299,751	311,448	0	926,433	45,400	54,424	826,609
2030	306,461	300,689	0	967,763	10,886	54,424	902,453
2031	313,441	282,563	0	1,035,786	0	54,424	981,362
2032	320,640	278,933	0	1,116,300	0	54,424	1,061,876
2033	328,243	286,087	0	1,199,005	0	54,424	1,144,581
2034	336,033	293,380	0	1,284,033	0	54,424	1,229,609

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## Cash Flow Affects the Value of Assets

When Outgoing Payments exceed the Expected Income, existing assets must be used. If Expected Income exceeds Outgoing Payments then the surplus creates additional assets. These cash flow transactions are reflected in your assets. Net Worth is the difference in Assets and Liabilities.

<sup>1</sup> Net change in existing assets due to appreciation, depreciation, reinvested earnings, and other changes.

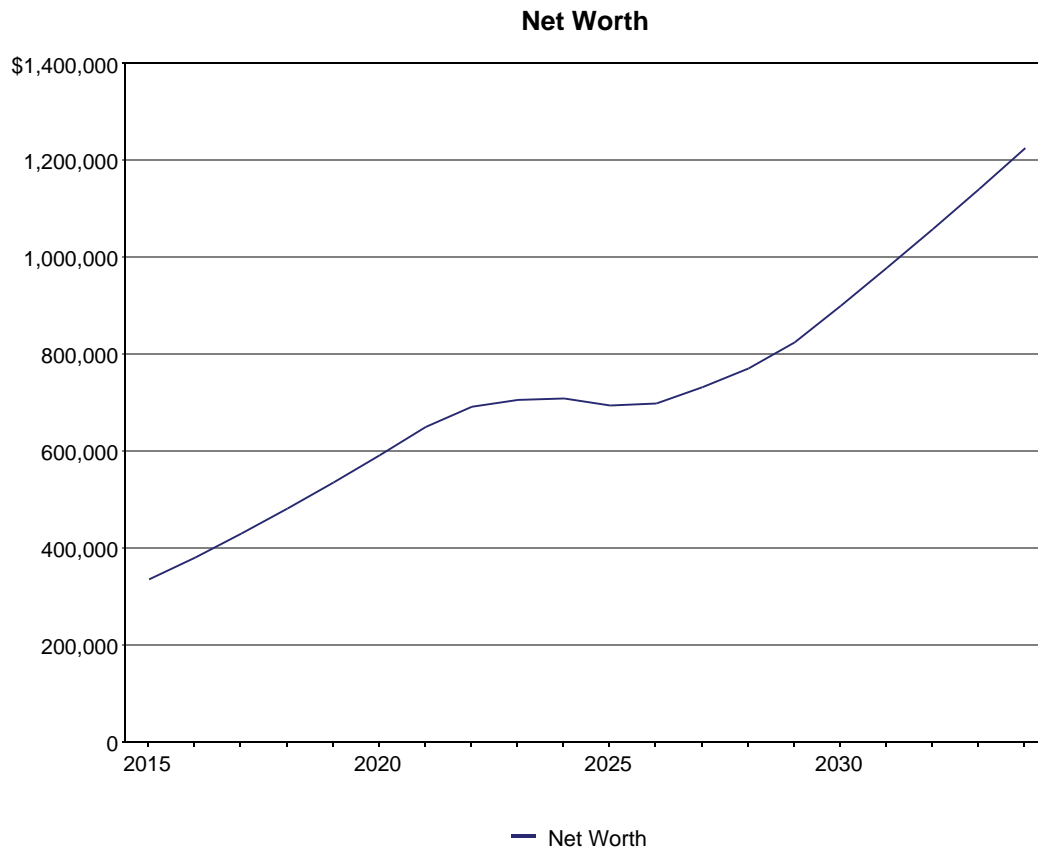
<sup>2</sup> Assets equal total income less outgoing payments plus net effects of cash flow plus existing assets.

<sup>3</sup> Cash Flow Failure-Incoming cash flow plus any available assets remaining were insufficient to pay outgoing payments. Any assets remaining are those assets that you marked "Do Not Use".

# Net Worth

## Net Worth Equals Assets Less Liabilities

- Net worth reflects the ongoing cash flow process
- Examining cash flow focuses on the monthly finances
- Examining net worth focuses on the long-term overall effects



A cash flow failure occurred in April of 2027 with assets designated as "Do Not Use" equal to \$857,895.

# Conclusions

Based on the expenses that you specified, your present plans would not be sufficient to maintain your lifestyle. The value of this shortfall today is \$28,743. The following options may help you optimize your cash flow:

## Reduce Expenses

- Determine whether you can comfortably reduce your expenses by reexamining each individual expense
- Consider increasing your savings
- Look for more ways to save taxes

## Refinance Loans

- You may reduce your monthly expenses by (a) refinancing a loan to obtain a lower rate or (b) extending the terms of a loan
- Consider the fees and any points associated with individual loans when comparing payments

## Pay Off Loans

- Reduce your monthly expenses by selling a slow growing asset and using the proceeds to pay off your loans

## Downsize

- Sell your current home and buy a home or condominium of lesser value
- Reduce or eliminate your mortgage payment
- Reduce other monthly expenses, such as home maintenance, insurance, and property taxes

## Change Some Investments

- Examine your investment portfolio and consider options that might increase your yields
- Consider differences in risk, returns, and your time horizons before making changes
- Consider all taxation, fees and other important investment characteristics

## Reexamine Your Sensitivity to Life's Major Uncertainties

- Is it possible that you will outlive your wealth during retirement?
- How would the unexpected death of you or your spouse affect the lifestyle of the survivors?
- What would happen to your plans if you or your spouse became disabled?
- Are you financially prepared for an extended nursing home stay during retirement?

## Consider:

Shortfall occurred in April of 2027.

The value of the shortfall today invested at 5%:

\$28,743

The value of this shortfall represents a very small adjustment to your outgoing payments each month.



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## Probabilities—Planning for Uncertainties

*Life's uncertainties may prevent the success of your planning.*

There are a number of factors that you cannot directly control, yet these uncertainties must be considered, especially the uncertainty of economic conditions. Although historical averages of investment yields can be good indicators of a plan's success over time and represent many years, some years will be better and some years will not be as good. Will your plan still work if several bad years are experienced early? What if several bad years precede your expected retirement? Could your plan succeed if several bad years occurred during your retirement? Is your plan likely to be successful regardless of the changes and uncertainties of the economic conditions?

# Maintaining Your Lifestyle

Success means not running out of money or using any of your assets you designated as "Do Not Use". If your plan runs out of money, it is considered a cash flow failure. In addition to basic lifestyle expenses, your plan considers your other specific needs. Your plan has a 9% chance of running out of money based on 1000 simulations for the next 20 years. The Cash Flow Analysis section shows details to help with further planning.

## What Are The Chances Of Running Out Of Money?



## Specific Needs Considered

Success for a specific need means that its funding was completed prior to running out of money. The funding of these specific needs is considered in the overall success of maintaining your lifestyle. The Cash Flow Analysis section and the Education Funding Section show details to help with further planning.

## When Will You Run Out of Money?



# Expected Values

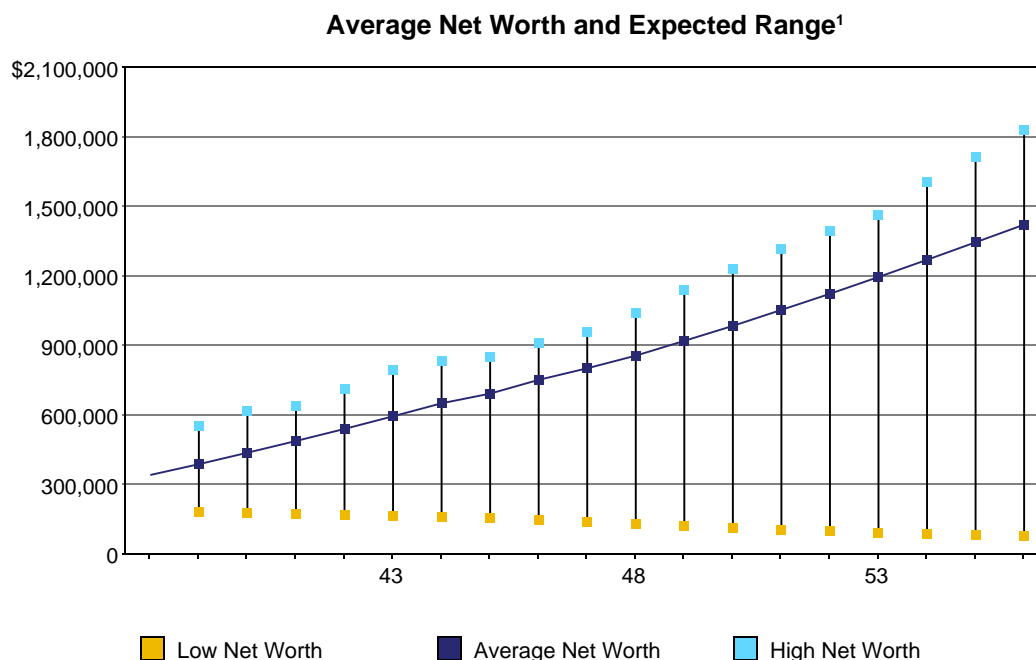
Financial events seldom, if ever go exactly as planned due to a number of uncertainties beyond your control. By using the probabilities of these uncertainties and making numerous simulations of your facts, it is possible to determine likely results and a range of those results. This provides you with a more realistic expectation.

## Uncertainties Considered

- Changes in the economy such as ups and downs of the stock market
- Cost of living changes
- Education inflation rate

## 1,000 Simulations

Your information was calculated 1,000 times exposing each year to the probability of these uncertainties, and the affects on the continuing calculations. As values varied, significant effects on cash flow could result. Each simulation was a realistic, possible result of your financial situation. Analysis of these simulations shows your expected results within a likely range.



**The average net worth of \$1,504,245 based on 1000 simulations has a relative error of 1.90%.<sup>2</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> For the 1000 simulations, 70% of the results were between the High Net Worth and the Low Net Worth. Eighty-five percent of the results were above the Low Net Worth.

<sup>2</sup> Average result equals the means of all results; high net worth result is the 85th percentile (85% of the results were less than this value); and low net worth is the 15th percentile (15% of the results were less than this value). Supported by standard statistical theory, the relative error indicates a probability of greater than 99% that these values represent the true average result. Results cannot be guaranteed but are statistical measures applied to the results of a large number of simulations. The relative error of the average net worth for an event relates to the number of simulations in which the event occurs. Increasing the number of simulations will reduce the relative error.



# 5

## Debt Management

*You can work for your money and pay interest or you can put your money to work and let it pay you interest.*

Interest enhances your net worth when it's working for you. Compound interest is a key element in building your wealth. However, when interest is working against you, it can prevent your successful accumulation of wealth. Debt management is an essential aspect of any financial plan. Dollars not used for interest payments on debts can be saved and used to grow your wealth. The rewards for better debt management can easily double.

# Managing Lifestyle Needs Using Debt

## Good Uses of Debt

There are situations where debt is not only a necessity, but potentially smart. Debt can actually provide flexibility and convenience that can help you manage your money and provide for your lifestyle needs. Good uses of debt may include purchasing assets or financing an education. Other favorable uses of debt may include:

- **Purchasing a Home**  
Mortgages often finance the purchase of a residence. A mortgage often provides a means to purchase what for many people is their most important asset. Interest payments are usually tax deductible.
- **Purchasing an Appreciating Asset or Investment**  
Debt may make it possible for you to acquire an appreciating asset or investment. Leverage for economic gain is possible when the interest rate for the debt is less than the appreciation rate of the asset. Interest payments may be tax deductible depending on the type of asset purchased and type of loan used. Leveraged investments have an additional risk of interest rate changes.
- **Investment in Education**  
Through student loans and other low interest loans, debt makes funding education more affordable. The interest rates on student loans are often below average interest rates, and interest payments are often tax deductible.

## Bad Uses of Debt

Bad uses of debt can be the biggest obstacle for achieving your desired lifestyle. Debt that spirals upward because of high interest charges and poor purchase decisions can strain monthly cash flow. Large interest payments perpetuate the debt and can consume the cash flow necessary to maintain your lifestyle and to accomplish your goals. Bad uses of debt include:

- **Using Credit Cards to Pay for Lifestyle Needs**  
Credit cards are convenient and helpful when the balance is paid in full each month. Credit cards let you pay for today's lifestyle expenses with future cash flow—but it's expensive! For example, if you have a credit card with an annual percentage rate of 15%, \$100 worth of groceries can really cost \$115 if the debt is not paid in a timely manner.
- **Using Credit Cards to Pay Credit Cards**  
Credit cards are not the best way to pay other credit cards that have become a problem. Instead of paying down high interest charges, it compounds your debt—the problem gets worse, not better. Your total monthly payments and payoff amounts increase when you use credit cards to pay credit card debt.
- **Using Credit Cards with High Interest Rates that are Not Tax Deductible**  
Debt with a high interest rate has a negative effect on your cash flow and lifestyle. Interest payments that are not income-tax deductible raise the overall effective cost of the debt.

**All debt, good and bad, must be analyzed together for proper debt management. Better debt management means better cash flow and better financial planning.**

# Analyzing Your Debt

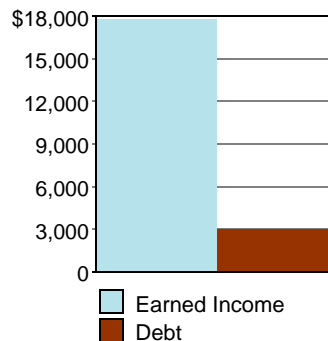
The effective use of debt can enhance your financial plans. Debt management starts with examining your existing debt. You should examine each individual debt as well as your total, overall debt. Total debt is often analyzed by comparing earned income to debt payments.

## Debt

### Existing

Name	Balance	Date of Balance	Interest Rate	Payment	Frequency	Maximum Credit
Loan for Primary Residence	\$410,000	May 07, 2014	5.000%	\$3,000	Monthly	n/a
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$410,000</b>			<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>Initial Monthly<sup>1</sup> Amount</b>	

### Monthly Earned Income vs. Monthly Debt Payment



### Finding the Right Ratio of Debt and Income

Total Monthly<sup>1</sup> Debt Payments \$3,000

Total Monthly<sup>1</sup> Earned Income \$18,000

**Debt-to-Earned Income Ratio 16.67%**

The lower your debt-to-earned income ratio, the better your financial flexibility. A debt-to-earned income ratio of 20% or below is considered average. Depending on your particular circumstances, a ratio of 20% or higher may be a sign that your credit is out of control. The consequences of a debt-to-earned income ratio above 20% include difficulty in obtaining future loans and lower credit ratings. You may also be unable to qualify for the best rates and terms. Earned income only includes salary. You have indicated that through the end of 2015, you expect no other income other than salary.

**Debt can help or hinder your financial success.**

<sup>1</sup> Existing debt payments and earned income are expressed on a monthly basis for the debt-to-income ratio analysis. Amounts that are entered on a frequency other than monthly are adjusted for comparative purposes only.

# Summary of Individual Debts

## Loan for Primary Residence

Balance	Date of Balance	Interest Rate	Payment	Frequency	Interest Deduction
\$410,000	May 07, 2014	5.000%	\$3,000	Monthly	Tax-Deductible

## Loan Schedule

Year	Annual Payments	To Interest	To Principal	Ending Balance
2015	\$21,000	\$11,376	\$9,624	\$384,516
2016	36,000	18,836	17,164	367,352
2017	36,000	17,958	18,042	349,310
2018	36,000	17,035	18,965	330,345
2019	36,000	16,064	19,936	310,409
2020	36,000	15,045	20,955	289,454
2021	36,000	13,972	22,028	267,426
2022	36,000	12,845	23,155	244,271
2023	36,000	11,661	24,339	219,932
2024	36,000	10,416	25,584	194,348
2025	36,000	9,107	26,893	167,455
2026	36,000	7,731	28,269	139,185
2027	36,000	6,284	29,716	109,470
2028	36,000	4,764	31,236	78,234
2029	36,000	3,166	32,834	45,400
2030	36,000	1,486	34,514	10,886
2031	10,993	107	10,886	0

# Managing Your Debt

Debt management starts with developing a strategy. The first step in developing a winning strategy is to examine your expenses and form a budget in order to cut spending. Next, consider consolidating bad debt into a loan with a lower interest rate that fits your budget.

## Common Strategies for Managing Debt

### Cut Spending and Stop Borrowing

Reducing your spending can provide the money to pay off your debt—provided you don't continue to add new debt.

### Manage Your Debt-to-Earned Income Ratio

Periodically use the debt-to-earned income ratio as a gauge to determine if you need to take additional action.

### Pay off the Right Debt First

Your first goal should be to pay off debt with the highest effective cost. In order to determine the effective cost of a debt, consider the interest rate on the debt and whether it is tax deductible.

### Consolidate Bad Debt into Better Debt at Lower Rate

In addition to interest rate, you must consider the term of the new debt, any fees required, and most importantly, how the payments fit your budget.

## Ways to Consolidate Debt

### If you own your home use a home equity loan or home equity line of credit

These generally offer interest rates that are lower than credit cards, and interest payments are generally tax deductible.

### If you don't own your home restructure your debts

Many financial institutions will work with you to restructure your debts at lower rates and over longer terms. Budget and discipline are key factors in reducing your debt over time.

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## Emergency Funds

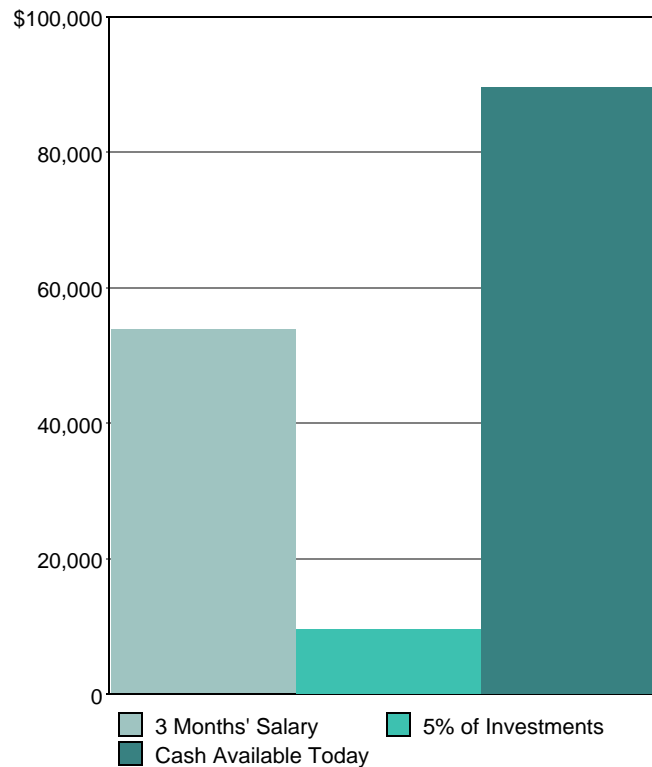
### *Planning for the unplanned need*

Unexpected and unplanned situations, often requiring cash, will occasionally occur. Are you financially prepared for these small emergencies? Could a small emergency have a big effect on your cash flow? Protecting your financial plans starts with planning for the unexpected.

## EMERGENCY FUNDS

# Emergency Funds

Your cash flow is an essential portion of any financial plan. When cash flow is not sufficient, assets must be sold or funds borrowed. The key to cash flow is having sufficient cash to cover any unexpected need.



Proper planning means that you build your plan to work even when unplanned events occur. These unexpected emergencies usually require cash. One way to prepare for unplanned events is to maintain cash reserves. The standard recommendation by financial services professionals is to have cash reserves for emergencies of between three months salary and 5% of your investment.

## Funds Available for Emergencies

### Checking, Savings, CDs

Account Name	Owner	Current Balance	Interest Rate
Primary Checking	Naomi, Fred	\$10,000	0.000%
All Other Assets	Naomi, Fred	\$80,000	3.000%

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## Investment Analysis & Asset Allocation

*Analysis of your investments starts with determining three things about your assets: what you have, how it works, and what to expect from it.*

Understanding your existing investments is a key to any analysis of your current financial situation. You should have a good understanding of what you have and how your investments work together, before considering any changes to these investments. Then, when you decide to make changes in your investments, you should consider how the changes will affect your overall portfolio. This includes determining whether the proposed changes align with your financial objectives and risk tolerances. In other words, you should consider whether the changed portfolio will reflect your particular investment philosophy.

# Classifying Your Investments

Your portfolio, a collection of assets held for investment purposes, can be viewed in several ways. Each view of your assets helps you answer different questions about your overall planning. There are three views, or ways to classify your investments.

## **Assets Classes—What you have**

Asset classes are groups of investments with similar characteristics and similar investment categories.

## **Investment Styles—How it works**

Investment styles are groups of assets that have similar cash flow characteristics.

## **Volatility Classes—What to expect**

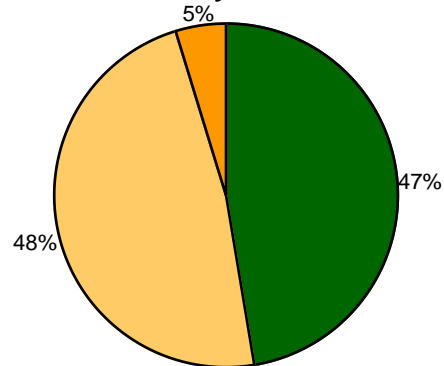
Volatility classes are groups of investments that have similar risk and return relationships and respond to economic market situations similarly.

The best analysis of your investments is achieved when your entire portfolio is viewed from each of these three perspectives separately. This method provides more insight than trying to combine all of these characteristics into one single analysis or view.

# What You Have

Asset classes are groups of investments or investment categories with similar characteristics.

**Investments by Asset Classes**

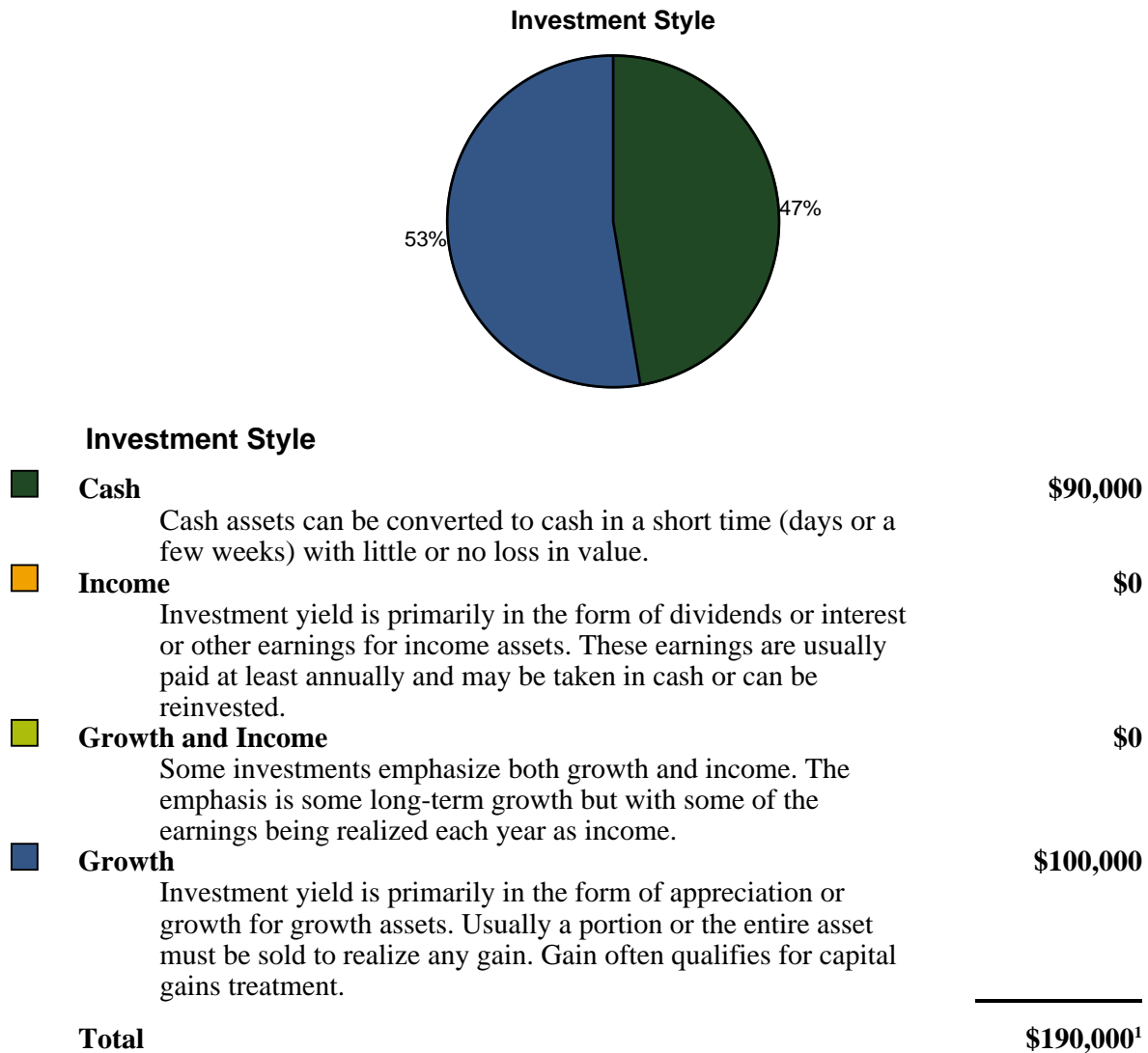


Asset Class	
<span style="color: green;">■</span> <b>Savings</b>	<b>\$90,000</b>
Cash, savings	
<span style="color: yellow;">■</span> <b>Large Company Stocks</b>	<b>\$91,000</b>
U.S. large cap growth or value, S&P 500	
<span style="color: orange;">■</span> <b>Small Company Stocks</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>
Small and mid cap stocks, closely held, Nasdaq	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$190,000<sup>1</sup></b>

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# How It Works

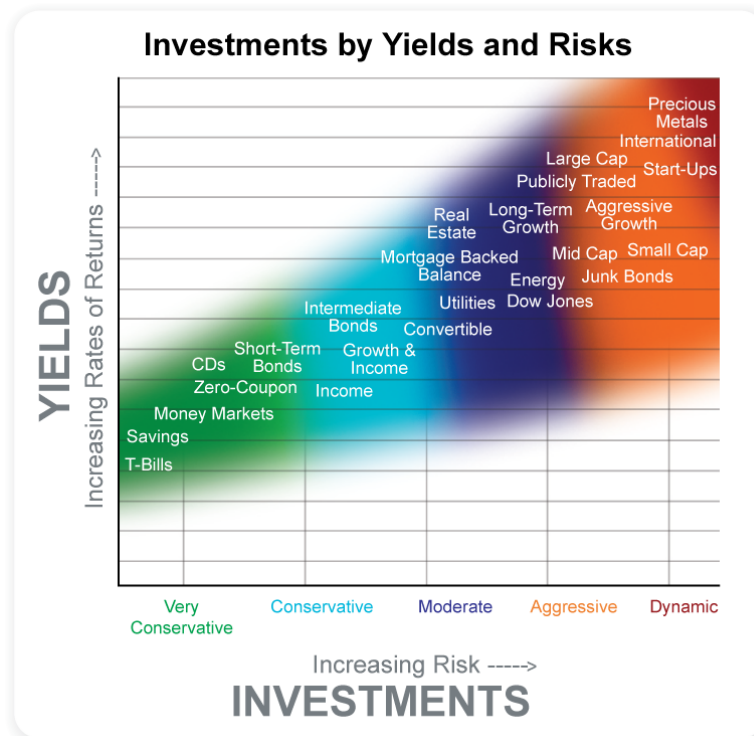
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# Analyzing Expected Risk and Return by Volatility

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## Investment Yields and Risk Classes (Volatility Classes)

Assets are classified based on anticipated yields and risk. Five classes are used to represent the different groups of investments—each class with a different volatility. Volatility<sup>1</sup> is the relationship between the mean and the deviation from that mean. Historical records are used to determine the relationship of yields and risk for each class. Assets within a class usually respond similarly to various economic conditions.

### Low Yields/Low Risk

The volatility class *Very Conservative* usually has low yields, but small variations from year to year.

### High Yields/High Risk

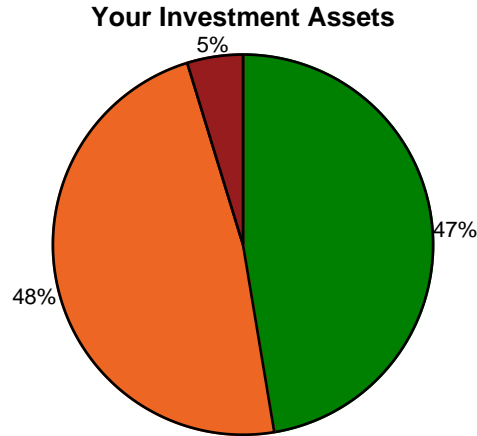
The volatility class *Dynamic* usually has high yields, but also may vary greatly from year to year. Some years may even have losses.






**Volatility class generally is the same for similar investments and investments within the same investment category.**

<sup>1</sup> The coefficient of variation is used to reflect the volatility of a class. It is the historical standard deviation divided by the mean of similar investments.

# Your Assets by Volatility

Volatility classes offer a risk/return view of your investments. The weighted-average yield (growth and income combined) for each volatility class is shown.



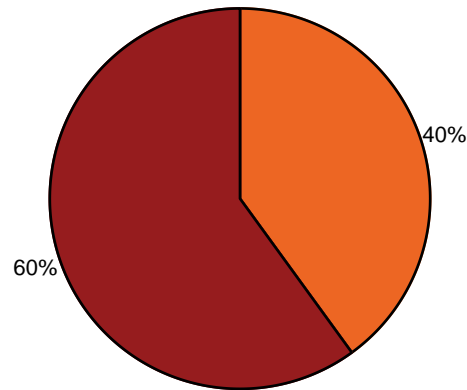
	Volatility Class	Initial Weighted-Average Yield	Amount
	Very Conservative	2.667%	\$90,000
	Conservative	0.000%	\$0
	Moderate	0.000%	\$0
	Aggressive	4.385%	\$91,000
	Dynamic	2.667%	\$9,000
	<b>Total</b>	<b>3.553%</b>	<b>\$190,000<sup>1</sup></b>






<sup>1</sup> Assets held for other purposes of \$500,000 are not included.

# Your Education Assets by Volatility

Volatility classes offer a risk/return view of the assets you have designated for education funding. The weighted-average yield (growth and income combined) for each volatility class is shown.

**Your Education Assets**



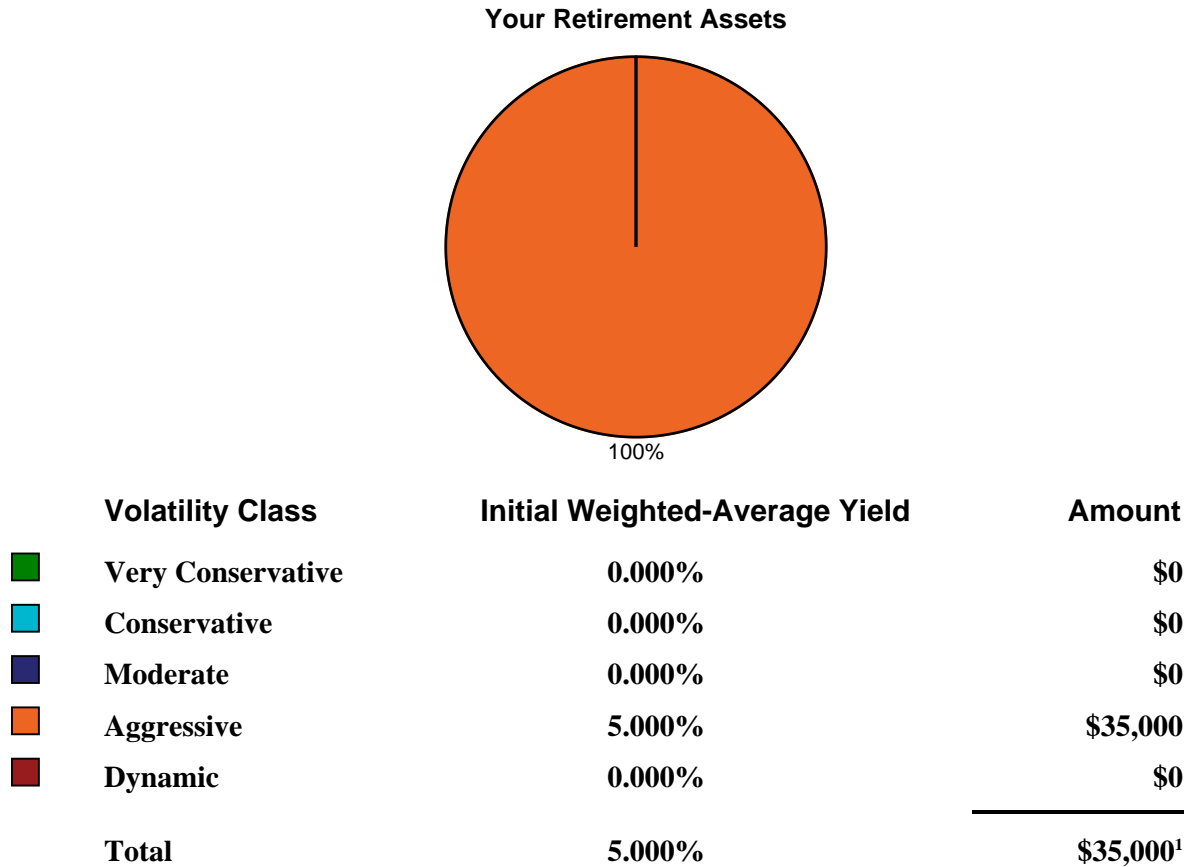
Volatility Class	Initial Weighted-Average Yield	Amount
 Very Conservative	0.000%	\$0
 Conservative	0.000%	\$0
 Moderate	0.000%	\$0
 Aggressive	4.000%	\$6,000
 Dynamic	0.000%	\$9,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>4.000%</b>	<b>\$15,000<sup>1</sup></b>

**You have 9 years until you need the education fund.**

<sup>1</sup> This amount only includes education savings plans and investments designed for education funding.

# Your Retirement Assets by Volatility

Volatility classes offer a risk/return view of the assets you have designated for retirement funding. The weighted-average yield (growth and income combined) for each volatility class is shown.



**You have 26 years until your designated retirement.**

<sup>1</sup> This amount only includes approved retirement plans and investments designated for retirement.

# Investments Profile & Allocation of Assets

Often it is helpful to compare your investment portfolio with the portfolios of people with similar risk tolerances, investment objectives, and time frames. These "typical" portfolios are referred to as investment profiles.

## Risk Tolerance

Risk tolerance is the relationship between the amount of risk you are willing to take to achieve the growth you desire. Your risk tolerance is unique.

## Asset Allocation

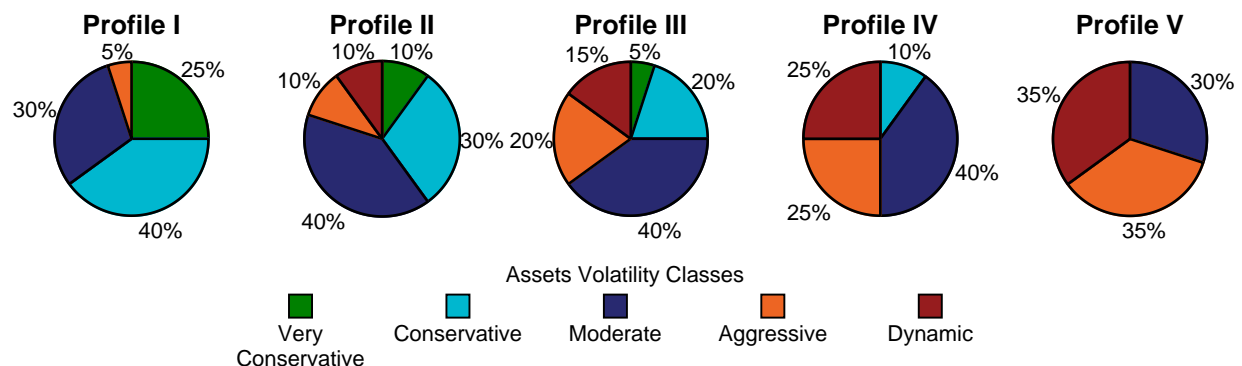
Asset allocation is the process of trying to maximize your mix of investments based on your risk tolerance, your purpose, and your investment time frame.

## Time Horizon

Time horizon is your investment time frame. A short time horizon makes you less able to withstand losses. It may limit the amount of risk that is prudent.

## Investment Profiles

Your profile should reflect your objectives, your risk tolerance, and your time horizon. These five profiles illustrate various classes of assets by volatility. Profiles may also be considered on an investment style basis, especially for cash flow analysis.



## Circumstances When Profile is Best Suited

<b>Profile I</b>	Risk averse, short time horizon, safety and income very important
<b>Profile II</b>	Slow and steady growth with emphasis on income and keeping what you have
<b>Profile III</b>	Balance between growth and income, limited time, not too many ups and downs
<b>Profile IV</b>	Long-term growth, usually 10 + years, good returns, willing to accept risk
<b>Profile V</b>	High level of risk while seeking high returns and growth over at least 10 years

**Which profile best describes you?**

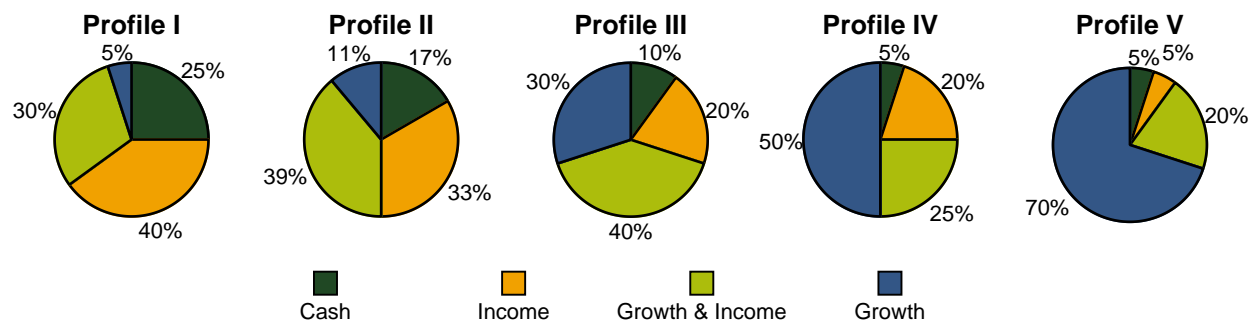
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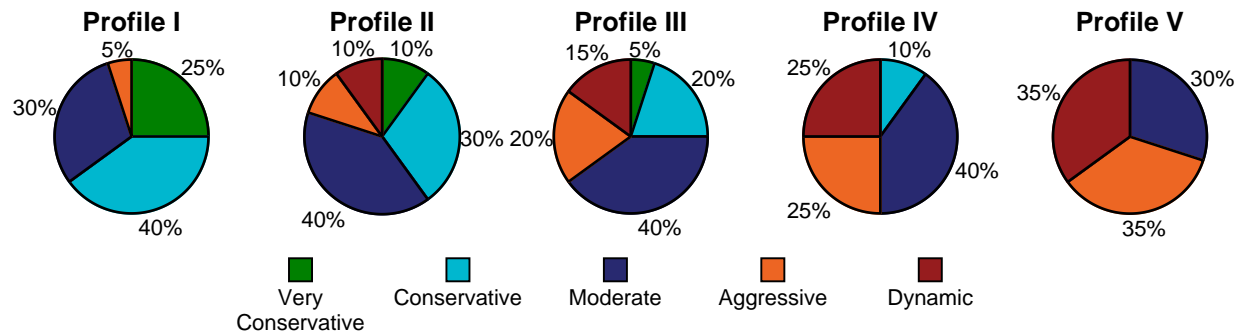
Items considered in each profile:

- Risk Tolerance
- Asset Allocation
- Time Horizon

## Investment Profiles by Investment Style



## Investment Profiles by Volatility Classes



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# Four Stages of Planning

*Now Through the Future*

## Lifestyle Expenses

Everyone has their personal lifestyle expenses – those expenses that must be met first for you to live your lifestyle. These expenses usually cover the essentials such as food, shelter and clothing, but may also include your transportation needs, and other items that you have become accustomed to. Determining if you can maintain your personal lifestyle is the first and most important step in the planning process.

## Protection Planning

As you accumulate items, especially those items that allow you to maintain your lifestyle, you want to protect them. You protect your home and possessions from fire and theft. You protect your car from accidents. You may protect your salary in the event that you become ill or disabled. Usually the first dollars you spend after providing for your basic lifestyle expenses are for protecting those things that make your lifestyle possible.

## Basic Savings

After maintaining and protecting your lifestyle, you begin saving for the future. It is recommended that savings start with accounts that are very safe and secure. Although it is not possible to predict exactly how your savings will grow, or if they grow at all, earnings on savings usually vary with the level of risk – the lower the risk, the lower the earnings or returns. Basic savings should consider safety first, and then the returns.

## Long-Term and Equity Investments

After basic savings have been established and you have a comfortable cushion, you may consider long-term investments that offer the possibility of larger returns, but have higher levels of risk. Equity investments usually consist of stocks, mutual funds, and real estate. Although these types of investments may go up in value they may also go down in value. Long-term and equity investments are best when you do not anticipate needing them for a number of years.

# Managing Investment Risk

Whether you're dedicated to planning for retirement, saving for a child's college education, or leaving a legacy for your heirs, identifying where you want to be in the future is the basis for determining how you plan to get there. When it comes to pursuing long-term goals, we all face similar challenges. For every investor, inflation and risk are two important issues that, if ignored, could hamper your ability to achieve financial success.

- **Inflation**—Inflation is the gradual increase in the cost of goods and services over time. Even a seemingly low inflation rate of 4% will erode the value of your assets by half over 15 years.
- **Risk**— Different types of investments, including stocks and bonds, have provided different returns over various times. Stocks may perform better one year, while bonds may provide superior returns the next. Stocks are considered riskier investments than bonds. However, over the longer time periods, stocks historically have provided investors with returns that have significantly outpaced inflation.

## Investment Considerations

Before making any investment, you need to consider the risks that may accompany that investment. The following considerations should be taken into account before moving ahead with your investment strategy:

- Marketability
- Liquidity
- Diversification
- Tax Management
- Rate of Return
- Interest Rate Risk

# Dollar-Cost Averaging

Dollar-cost averaging is a popular technique of investing a fixed dollar amount at set intervals.

Dollar-cost averaging provides two major benefits to most investors:

- **Reduce Investment Risk**— By investing gradually over time, dollar-cost averaging reduces the risk of a sudden downturn in the market.
- **Systematic Investment Plan**— The biggest problem that most investors face is not investing! After paying their general living expenses each month, many investors don't have a sizable lump sum left over to invest. Dollar-cost averaging provides a systematic plan to build that nest egg little by little through monthly contributions.

## How does it work?

You invest the same amount of money each month, quarter, or desired period. By spreading your investment contributions out over time, you don't face the risk of investing all of your money as a lump sum and the market falling. This means you automatically buy more shares when the price is low and fewer shares when the price is high, thus decreasing your average price per share. When the price is low, your dollars buy more for the same money.

## Dollar-Cost Averaging vs. Lump Sum Investing

Lump sum investing is making your investment contributions all at once. Lump sum investing has a higher market risk, because the market could fall after your investment contribution. However, because prices tend to rise in the long run, this leads to greater gains than does dollar-cost averaging. If you feel that the market is going to rise, then lump sum investing often produces the biggest gain but with a greater risk. Alternatively, dollar-cost averaging provides a systematic way to invest and may diminish the return and risk of the plan.

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## Protecting Assets

*Protect the assets that make your lifestyle possible.*

As you accumulate items, especially those items that allow you to maintain your lifestyle, you want to protect them. You protect your home and possessions from fire and theft. You protect your car from accidents. You may protect your salary from becoming ill or disabled. Usually the first dollars you spend after providing for your basic lifestyle expenses are for protecting those things that make your lifestyle possible.

# Protecting Your Assets

## Homeowner's Coverage

- **Insurance coverage is provided on the dwelling itself**  
The dwelling should be insured for the estimated cost of rebuilding it on its present site. The insured value may well exceed the appraised market value. The insured value should be reviewed and updated annually.
- **Your homeowner policy provides some, but limited coverage for personal property such as garages, outbuildings, jewelry, art, silver, antiques, collectibles, etc.**  
Outbuildings are usually limited to 10% of the house value. Be sure these items are covered for their full replacement value. A schedule with the appraised values can be added to your policy.
- **Personal liabilities at your home up to the policy limits**  
Personal liability may risk all of your assets as there is no limit to the potential cost. Coverage is usually recommended at the \$2,000,000 level with additional protection through an umbrella policy.

## Automobile Coverage

- **Liability coverage**  
Your risk has no limit. It is recommended that the minimum coverage required to secure an umbrella policy be carried, usually \$300,000.
- **Collision coverage**  
Coverage should be based on the current value of the car. Older cars may not be worth the cost of insuring them as no claim will pay more than the car is worth, less any deductibles applicable.
- **Professional help**  
Due to many discounts and various combination rates, you want to ensure you are getting all of the discounts for which you may be entitled: safe driving discounts, multiple car discount, anti-theft devices, air bags, etc. Be sure that bargains are not the omission of needed coverage such as underinsured and uninsured motorists coverage.

## Personal "Umbrella" Coverage

- **Liability coverage that picks up where homeowner and automobile coverage stop**  
The usual recommendation is for \$1,000,000, but due to the high court settlements these days, many people feel that larger amounts are necessary. Policies usually require high coverage on your homeowner and automobile policies.

# Protecting Your Assets (Continued)

## Medical Coverage

- **Major medical limits**  
Medical expenses are one of the fastest increasing expenses today. Minimum coverage is usually considered \$1,000,000.
- **Internal policy limits**  
The cost of services differs greatly with geographic location. Be sure your limits are based on the customary and usual charges in your area. This is often the source of large gaps.
- **Stop/Loss provisions**  
This is the total amount of out-of-pocket expense that you must pay in a year. Once you reach this amount, 100% of the expenses are paid for the balance of the year.
- **Deductibles and co-pays**  
The lower the deductibles and co-pays, the higher the premiums. Often you may have substantial savings by increasing the deductible and/or co-pay.
- **Supplemental policies**  
Policies are available that are intended to supplement your medical insurance coverage. These policies often relate to accidents, cancer, and heart attacks. These should always be considered supplemental to your medical coverage and never used as your primary coverage.
- **Emergency funds**  
You should be sure that your emergency funds—cash set aside for unplanned or unexpected expenses—are sufficient to cover your deductibles, co-pays, and stop/loss amount.
- **Employer group coverage**  
Often the provisions of your medical coverage are decided by your employer who is providing your medical coverage. Be sure that you are familiar with all of its provisions so that you can supplement it as necessary and determine the proper amount of emergency funds.

**Adequate general insurance protection is necessary to protect those assets that are essential to maintaining your lifestyle.**