

The Credit Union Reporter

Preparing for an enjoyable retirement

How much is enough? If you're considering retiring in the near future, you've probably heard or read that you need about 70% of your end salary to live comfortably in retirement. Even though this estimate is frequently repeated does not mean that it is true for everyone. It may not be true for you.

We recommend that you consider the following factors:

Health: Most of us will face a major health problem at some point in our lives. Think, for a moment, about the costs of prescription medicines, and recurring treatment for chronic ailments. These costs can really take a bite out of retirement income, even with a great health care plan.

Heredity: If you come from a family where people frequently live into their 80s and 90s, you may live as long or longer. Imagine retiring at 55 and living to 95 or 100. You would need 40-45 years of steady retirement income.

Portfolio: Many people retire with investment portfolios that they haven't reviewed in years, with asset allocations that may no longer be appropriate. New retirees sometimes carry too much risk in their portfolios, with the result being that the retirement income from their investments fluctuates wildly with the vagaries of the market. Other retirees are super-conservative investors: their portfolios are so risk-averse that they can't earn enough to keep up with even moderate inflation, and over time, they find they have less and less purchasing power.

Spending habits: Do you only spend 70% of your salary? Probably not. If you're like many Americans, you probably spend 90% or 95% of it. Will your spending habits change drastically once you retire? Most likely not.

So, will you have enough? When it comes to retirement, a casual assumption may prove to be woefully inaccurate. You won't learn how much retirement income you will need by reading this article. We recommend meeting with a qualified financial professional who can help estimate your lifestyle needs and short-term and long-term expenses. Our financial advisor, Tony Delumen, will help manage your precious assets and make them work as hard as you do. Tony offers a complimentary financial review to all credit union members and has over fifteen years of experience. Give him a call at (925) 979-2354.

McClatchy Employees Credit Union will be closed on Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day. Please let us know in advance if you will need any assistance around this holiday.



Special Certificate at 1.11%

For a limited time we will be offering a 24-month share certificate at 1.11% APY. This rate applies to funds that are new to the credit union. Existing funds receive a rate of 0.90% APY. This special is good through May 15, 2017. We also have 12 and 18 month certificates with rates of 0.75% APY. Rates are subject to change at anytime.

1099-INT and 1098 forms

These documents were included as part of your December statement. If one was not included then you did not earn over \$10.00 in dividends or pay over \$600.00 in interest on your mortgage loan during 2016. Give us a call if you need those figures before tax day.

Great rates on mortgages

Through our partner, CU Homeland, we offer a variety of home loan products at some of the most competitive rates you can find. We offer fixed-rate loans and FHA financing for up to 30 years along with a variety of jumbo and adjustable rate options. The sooner you call the sooner you can start saving!

Personal loans starting as low as 5.99% APR now available!

Do you have a few high rate credit cards that you just can't seem to pay down, or maybe there are some home repairs that really need to get done now? A personal loan from McClatchy Employees Credit Union can save you money, time and stress. Loans are available for up to \$10,000 with four years to pay. Payments on \$10,000 start at just \$109.00 per pay period with no prepayment penalty. Stop by our office or visit our website to pick up your loan application and apply today.

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