

Participant perspectives: Retirement savings to retirement income

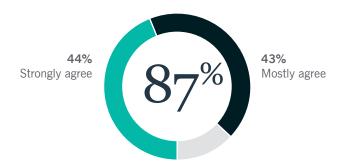
Lifetime income: a shared responsibility

The TIAA Institute and Nuveen surveyed 401(k) participants to hear their thoughts about converting retirement savings to retirement income. Among the findings: participants generally believe that employers have a responsibility to help employees achieve retirement income security.

Participants view retirement income security as a responsibility that employers share.

Agree or disagree?

Employers have a responsibility to help employees achieve an adequate and secure income throughout retirement.



This sentiment of shared responsibility is more common among younger generations.

Percent of participants who strongly agree

Generation Z	57%
Millennial generation	54%
Generation X	33%
Baby boom generation	29%

Participants think plans should offer guaranteed lifetime income distribution options

This mindset of shared responsibility is reflected in participant views on plan design—they want a way within their plan to convert retirement savings into retirement income.

Important?

Do you think it's important for 401(k) plans to provide participants with a way to turn some of their savings into fixed monthly payments that are guaranteed to last for life, like income from a pension?



Note: Data points in all figures of this report are rounded, so they may not appear to add correctly in some instances.



About the survey

The survey questionnaire was developed by the TIAA Institute in consultation with Nuveen and was fielded by Greenwald Research. More than 2,100 401(k) participants were surveyed online between October 23 and November 29, 2024.

For more information and to see the full results of the survey, go to Nuveen.com/partcipant-perspectives.

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Pension-like income refers to the income received from a guaranteed-interest annuity contract, not income provided by a defined benefit pension plan.

Converting some or all of your savings to income benefits (referred to as "annuitization") is a permanent decision. Once income benefit payments have begun, you are unable to change to another option.

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