

Income needs review

A critical step in building a retirement strategy is an assessment of your anticipated expenses and income. The following exercise will give us an idea of potential gaps you may have.

This list reflects common expenses (needs and wants) you may encounter during retirement.

Monthly expenses					
Housing expenses	Needs	Wants	Health care expenses	Needs	Wants
Mortgage/rent	\$	\$	Health insurance premiums	\$	\$
Home insurance	\$	\$	Prescriptions	\$	\$
Utilities (phone, electric, water, gas, etc.)	\$	\$	Long-term care insurance	\$	\$
Other housing expenses	\$	\$	Other health expenses	\$	\$
Living expenses	Needs	Wants	Living expenses	Needs	Wants
Groceries	\$	\$	Taxes	\$	\$
Clothing	\$	\$	Life insurance premiums	\$	\$
Auto payments	\$	\$	Charitable contributions	\$	\$
Auto insurance	\$	\$	Recreation (hobbies, dining out, movies, etc.)	\$	\$
Additional car expenses (gas, registration, etc.)	\$	\$	Gifts to family and others	\$	\$
Travel	\$	\$	Other living expenses (home improvements, pets, etc.)	\$	\$
A) Total monthly expenses (needs + wants)				\$	

Monthly income	
Predictable income sources	Estimated monthly income
Pension plan	\$
Social Security	\$
Guaranteed income	\$
Other _____	\$
B) Estimated monthly income	\$

Compare your total monthly expenses to your potential sources of retirement income to identify potential gaps in your retirement income.

Total monthly expenses (A)	\$
Total estimated monthly income (B)	\$
Monthly retirement income gap (A—B)	\$