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Retirement Calculator – (Single Life)

Overview

Our Retirement Calculator is designed to help you understand how your current savings might grow between now and your chosen retirement age. It then estimates the income those savings could provide in retirement and compares this to your target income.

The result?

A simple view of whether you are *on track*, ahead of schedule, or may need to make adjustments.

How the Calculator Works

This is a dynamic tool, meaning you can adjust the figures and immediately see the impact — making it ideal for exploring different scenarios and planning with confidence.

Step 1: Income & Expenses (Your “Target Income”)

Before we project your savings forward, we first need to work out how much income you want *in retirement*.

This is your **target income**.

You don’t need to enter every item of expenditure unless you want to. A simple estimate is often enough.

All figures here are in **today’s terms** (before inflation).

Step 2: Assets Used to Generate Retirement Income

The calculator only needs information about the assets that will actually provide income:

Savings & Investments

We group savings into five categories:

1. Pension
2. Stocks & Shares ISA
3. Cash
4. Cash ISA
5. Other savings (non-ISA)

For the purpose of the calculator, pensions and “other savings” count as *investments*.

Guaranteed Income

This includes:

- State Pension
- Final Salary / Defined Benefit pensions
- Any other guaranteed future pension income

If these do not start at your chosen retirement age, leave these fields as zero.

We do NOT need information about property or other non-income assets.

Step 3: Cash Flow – The Key Section

This is where the calculator brings everything together: your target income, your assets, expected returns, and inflation.

Ignore the shaded areas — these are automatically calculated.

Left-hand side inputs (the assumptions):

- **Current age & retirement age**
Straightforward — these define the projection timeframe.
- **Expected inflation rate**
Used to increase your target income over time so that we are comparing like-for-like (today’s income vs. future income).
- **Expected growth on investments**
The average annual return you expect on pensions and investment funds *after charges*.

- **Expected growth on cash**
The average return on general cash savings.
- **Expected growth on cash ISA**
The average return on cash ISAs.
- **Future increases in guaranteed pensions**
For example, State Pension increases.

These assumptions help the calculator project forward the value of your savings and what income they may be able to support.

Step 4: Funding Required

Once your assumptions are entered, the next step is the “funding required” section, which contains just two input fields:

1. **Percentage of the fund used to deliver your income**
This is not an annuity — it assumes you draw income directly from your investments.
The example uses 5%, but you can choose any rate.
2. **Annual savings**
Any regular contributions you are adding.
This is the **gross annual figure**, and does not assume future increases.

What Happens Next

Once all data is entered, the calculator shows:

1. **Total projected value of savings at retirement**
2. **Estimated monthly income from drawing down your investments**
3. **Estimated monthly State Pension**
4. **Any other guaranteed monthly pension income**

It then:

- Splits your retirement income into **taxable** and **non-taxable** sources
- Calculates your **net (take-home) retirement income**
- Compares this to your **inflation-adjusted target income**
- Shows whether you have a **surplus** (ahead of target) or **shortfall** (gap to close)

Visual Overview

The Overview tab provides a simple visual summary for clients, including:

- **Current vs projected future value of assets**
- **Target vs forecast retirement income**

This makes it easy to see whether your retirement plan is on track.

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