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What is an annuity? An annuity is an obligation of an insurance company. If an annuity makes a guarantee it is always based solely on the ability of that insurance company to pay its claims. An annuity is not a bank obligation and is not insured by FDIC or any other federal agency.

There are many types of annuities. They can accomplish different goals. An annuity, for example, may provide tax-deferred growth or immediate income. An annuity may guarantee a steady income for life or for a specified period of time. Examples of income annuities would be immediate annuities and deferred income annuities. Some annuities combine both growth and income features.

The annuities covered in this buyer's guide include: Immediate annuities, Multiyear Fixed Interest annuities, Fixed Indexed annuities, and Deferred Income annuities. If you are new to annuities, may I suggest you read the "Tips for Buying..." articles for each type of annuity.

Are annuities subject to taxes? Annuity earnings and pre-tax payments are subject to income taxes at withdrawal. Annuity withdrawals or payments prior to age 59-1/2 may be subject to a 10% federal penalty tax.

Does the *Annuity Shopper* recommend I buy an annuity? No, you should consult with a competent financial planner to determine whether an annuity is recommended or suitable for your financial situation.

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# 17 Tips for Buying a Top Rated Annuity

Chances are good that you have a very simple goal in mind when shopping for your immediate annuity: to make the right choice at the right price and rest assured you've done the right thing.

Sounds easy enough, but for many consumers the annuity shopping process can feel quite overwhelming.

To help you get organized I've broken it down into 17 key tips. By tending to each of these, you will be well on your way to making an informed and successful annuity decision.

Your "Before" Strategy. This is the "getting started" phase and includes ways to help ensure your annuity shopping is off to a good start.

**Tip #1 — Take your time.** An annuity purchase is a big decision. Be sure you have a good reason to buy, and then avoid anything that feels like pressure to rush. Planning for your retirement takes patience and a carefully executed strategy. We understand that it may take months or years to move from your first contact to being ready to sign an application.

**Tip #2 — Shop around.** The first annuity you see may not be the annuity you buy. We'll explain to you how to compare the various types of annuities and their options (and be sure that you're comparing "apples to apples"). We can also point you in the direction of the "top contenders" and break down the differences to help you hone in your buying decision. Then take your time to investigate the marketplace.

**Tip #3 — Consult with your Spouse and/or Beneficiaries.** This is a significant decision, and it's usually wise to include family members in the conversation. Some people find that retirement and estate planning details are uncomfortable to discuss, but your family may be relieved to understand exactly what you're thinking of buying and how it will work. What's more, they may have insights and ideas that you may not have considered.

**Tip #4 — Work with a professional.** Don't go it alone or hesitate about asking any questions. We can help you evaluate whether an annuity meets your needs better than alternative investments. We'll never say to you that an annuity is the "only way to go." Nowadays, insurance companies and agents are obliged by law to recommend only products that are suitable for their customers' financial situations. That determination should always be made on an individual, case-by-case basis.

**Tip #5 — Don't put everything into an annuity.** An annuity can be right for a portion of your savings – but not all of it. You want to be sure to have "emergency funds" on hand that you can access at any time. Consider any other expenses that you can anticipate that would require extra cash. These could include a dream vacation, for example, or helping a family member pay for education.

**Tip #6 — Diversify your purchases.** Hopefully you will look to highly-rated insurance companies for your annuity purchase – and 99% of these have performed impeccably over the years through all kinds of economic ups and downs. Nevertheless, your investment is not FDIC insured and can be vulnerable in the unlikely event that the insurance company goes bankrupt. For this reason, it is wise to spread your investment across two or three different companies and reduce your exposure in the unlikely event one company should fail.

**Tip #7 — Don't believe everything in the media.** All writers have a point of view, and this is certainly true of financial writers. While some may have a goal of helping the consumer, many other stories you encounter will be sponsored by someone who is looking to sell a certain type of investment or even a specific company. Sad as it is to say, some may even have a goal of scaring investors into or away from particular products. Take any ideas and concerns you may have to your advisor.

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Questions to Ask. As you get closer to a plan to purchase an annuity, you will likely have lots of questions. I have clients come to me with a list of them. Do not hesitate to get the answers you need. Some of the more important questions to cover include:

Tip #8 — What type of annuity is right for me? There are a number of different types of annuities, and each is designed for a very specific purpose. Be sure you understand how they compare, and understand the reasons for choosing yours. The various types include Single Premium Immediate Annuities (SPIA), Deferred Multiyear Annuities, Deferred Income (Longevity) Annuities and Fixed Index Annuities.

Tip #9 — How will the premium work? Is it a single or a flexible premium? Which is best for me? Typically, immediate annuities are single premium purchases. However, you can buy a series of these annuities over time which would replicate flexible premium purchases.

Tip #10 — What is the initial interest rate and how long is it guaranteed? Interest rates are structured very differently across the various types of annuities. Be sure you are clear on what you are buying and about all the different ways it can change across the life of the contract. With an immediate annuity you generally lock in today's rate for life. A few companies, however, will let you revisit the rate under certain conditions.

Tip #11 — Will my beneficiaries receive a benefit in the event of my death? This is a critical question. When choosing to provide for beneficiaries, some build this into an annuity, others choose an annuity that does not include a death benefit but use other types of investments to provide for beneficiaries.

Tip #12 — What are the withdrawal rules and surrender fees? Simply put, understand what will happen if you choose to get out of your annuity. Immediate annuities are typically irrevocable purchases and offer very limited liquidity besides your regular monthly payments.

Tip #13 — How will the interest earnings from the annuity be taxed? Of course, your accountant is the best person to ask for tax advice and to help you un-

derstand this piece of annuity-buying strategy. Ask us and we'll lay out the differences between the various annuities. That'll get you started for your meeting with a CPA.

Tip #14 — How are the companies I am considering rated? You should buy from a company with high financial ratings. This will help ensure that your money is safe and that your investment will continue to provide for you.

The "after" list. Once you've purchased an annuity, your work is almost done. But here are a few more important things to remember:

Tip #15 — Your annuity policy offers a limited time money back guarantee. If you have "buyer's remorse" for any reason, you have 10 to 30 days (depending on the contract and your state of residence) to change your mind. This is called a "free look" period and it is backed up by state law. Most annuities offer a full refund during this period.

Tip #16 — Understand your contract. Before you sign a delivery receipt, be sure you read and understand absolutely everything about your annuity. If there are sections that are not clear to you, ask us to explain them or have another person you trust help you review them. Be sure that the contract reflects your expectations about the annuity you are buying.

Tip #17 — Review your annuity annually. Often, you can exchange your annuity if you are not happy with its performance or if circumstances in your life change. While there may be fees or tax consequences associated with this, there are times when making a switch can be the best choice. After your purchase, mark your calendar to contact us for a yearly review.

Many people have found that owning an annuity provides a more secure financial future. But, as with any major purchase, you need to thoroughly understand what you're about to buy. I'm here to educate you and to help you be a more informed consumer. Please feel free to call me with any questions or even to chat about your goals for this annuity (800-872-6684). I'm happy to listen.

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# CPI-U Inflation Adjustments

## Fixed Income Increase Option — Keeping Up With Inflation

If you are concerned that the purchasing power of your fixed income annuity payments will decline due to inflation, you might want to consider selecting the Inflation Adjustment increase option.

### Inflation Adjustments

Our fixed income annuity offers inflation adjustments tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U), which enable you to receive an inflation-indexed stream of income that is guaranteed for life.<sup>1</sup>

Your income payments will be adjusted each year on January 1 to correspond with changes in the non-seasonally adjusted Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. These adjustments can either raise or lower the payments for the next year, depending upon changes in the CPI-U.

When the CPI-U moves upward, the annual adjustment will increase your payment amount and there is no limitation on the annual increase. Conversely, when the CPI-U falls, your annual payment adjustment decreases the amount you receive. However, be assured that any decrease will not reduce the payment below the initial benefit amount, as illustrated in the table below (Year 3). Because of this guaranteed minimum payment level, any negative movements in the CPI-U that are not applied to the annuity income amount will be used to offset future CPI-U increases (Year 4).

### Sample Adjustment

The table below is based upon an initial monthly payment of \$500. Increases or decreases in the movement of the CPI-U are reflected in the second column. The third column represents the adjustments made to the monthly payments every January 1. It also illustrates how payments will not fall below the initial premium (floor) and excess declines are applied (offset). This table is for illustrative purposes only.

Year	Change in CPI-U <sup>2</sup>	Change in Monthly Payment	Resulting Monthly Payment Amount
1	—	—	\$500.00
2 <sup>3</sup>	+ 2.4%	+ 2.4%	\$512.00
3	- 3.4%	- 2.4% (floor)	\$500.00
4	+ 4.2%	+ 3.072% (offset <sup>4</sup> )	\$515.36
5	+ 3.7%	+ 3.7%	\$534.43
6	+ 6.2%	+ 6.2%	\$567.56
7	+ 12.1%	+ 12.1%	\$636.23
8	+ 6.9%	+ 6.9%	\$680.13
9	- 1.2%	- 1.2%	\$671.97
10	+ 1.9%	+ 1.9%	\$684.74

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A SINGLE PREMIUM IMMEDIATE ANNUITY, also known as an SPIA, is typically purchased with a single lump sum (called a premium) and begins making payments to you one month after you pay the premium. An immediate annuity can be purchased with funds from a variety of sources, such as a maturing Certificate of Deposit (CD), monies which have accumulated in a Deferred or Variable Annuity, funds from a tax-qualified retirement plan, or from an IRA account.

The key element to understanding an immediate annuity is the nature of the transaction which takes place between the insurance company and the buyer: In exchange for a lump-sum payment, the insurance company agrees to make regular payments according to a specified schedule. Typically, this might be for the life of one or two annuitants or for a specified number of years, or for a combination of both. This transaction is irrevocable once the contract is delivered to the buyer and the "right to examine" or "free-look" period has ended. An immediate annuity generally has no cash value though some companies offer limited liquidity or accelerated payment options.

### Some of the Advantages of An Immediate Annuity

- (1) **Simplicity**—the annuitant does not have to manage his investments, watch markets, or report dividends;
- (2) **Security**—the annuity can provide stable income for one or two annuitants' lifetimes or for a specified period of years or for a combination of both;
- (3) **Returns**—since a portion of the premium is returned with each payment, the monthly payout amount is greater than would be provided by withdrawing interest alone;
- (4) **No Initial Sales Fees or Annual Administrative Charges.**  
Uses of an Immediate Annuity

SPIAs may be particularly useful when providing a steady stream of income in the following situations:

- (1) Retirement (at the end of full- or part-time employment)
- (2) Annuitizing a deferred annuity via a Section 1035 Exchange to spread out taxes on the accumulated deferred interest
- (3) Settling an Estate or Divorce obligation
- (4) Guaranteeing pension plan or deferred compensation benefits



## Forms of Annuity

In its simplest form, an immediate annuity guarantees to make payments over the lifetime of one person. This type, called a "Straight Life," "Life Only," or "Non-refund" annuity, insures the recipient against outliving his financial resources and is an important instrument in planning for retirement. Given a fixed deposit amount, the monthly payments which derive from a "Straight Life" annuity are always greater than those derived from other forms of the lifetime annuity, such as the "Life with Period Certain" annuity, or the "Joint and Survivor" annuity. The insurer of a single life annuity calculates its obligation only until the last regular payment preceding the annuitant's death. With other more extended forms of annuity, the insurer calculates its risk over a longer period than the one life expectancy, and reduces proportionately the monthly payment amount. However, since the payments on a single life annuity terminate when the annuitant dies, selecting this form of annuity is tantamount to betting that you will live longer than the average person. Life expectancy data can be found in the section titled "Life Expectancy Tables" (see Table of Contents).

When you extend the range of a life annuity by continuing payments to a second person ("Joint and Survivor" annuity) or for a guaranteed minimum period of time ("Period Certain" annuity), the extra coverage will usually reduce the monthly payment. Some situations where these "extended" forms of immediate annuity would be appropriate are: (1) when the income needs to be guaranteed over the lifetimes of a husband and wife ("Joint and Survivor" annuity); (2) when payments must continue for a specified period (e.g. 5 or 10 years or more) to a designated beneficiary ("Certain and Continuous" annuity); or (3) when the annuitant wants to make sure that, if he should die before his full investment has been distributed in monthly payments, an amount equal to the balance of the deposit continues to a named beneficiary ("Installment Refund" annuity).

Source of Funds—

*Qualified vs. Non-Qualified*

The term *qualified* (when applied to Immediate Annuities) refers to the tax status of the funds used

for purchasing the annuity. These are premium dollars which until now have "qualified" for IRS exemption from income taxes. The whole payment received each month from a qualified annuity is taxable as income (since income taxes have not yet been paid on these funds). Qualified annuities may either come from corporate-sponsored retirement plans (such as Defined Benefit or Defined Contribution Plans), Lump Sum distributions from such retirement plans, or from such individual retirement arrangements as IRAs, SEPs, and Section 403(b) tax-sheltered annuities. Generally speaking, insurance companies use male/female (sex-distinct) rates to price qualified annuities in situations where the purchaser and/or owner is an individual. When the annuity is being purchased by a corporation, annuity rates are generally unisex. Some states, however, require that unisex rates be used for all qualified annuities.

*Non-qualified* immediate annuities are purchased with monies which have not enjoyed any tax-sheltered status and for which taxes have already been paid. A part of each monthly payment is considered a return of previously taxed premium and therefore excluded from taxation. The amount excluded from taxes is calculated by an Exclusion Ratio, which appears on most annuity quotation sheets. Non-qualified annuities may be purchased by employers for situations such as deferred compensation or supplemental income programs, or by individuals using their after-tax savings accounts or money market accounts, CD's, proceeds from the sale of a house, business, mutual funds, other investments, or from an inheritance or proceeds from a life insurance settlement. While most insurance companies apply their male/female (sex-distinct) tables to non-qualified annuities, some states require the use of unisex rates for both males and females.

## Shopping for the Best Rate

We offer a comparison shopping service which closely monitors the interest rates of all the most competitive companies, and provides this information at no charge with a single, toll-free phone call (800-872-6684). With more than thirty years' experience in this specialized field, we are the nation's leading shopping service for immediate income annuities.

The immediate annuity factors (also called “purchase rates”) shown in Tables 1 through 14 illustrate the amounts of monthly income \$100,000 of premium will purchase from the listed insurance companies. These immediate annuities provide a first income payment 30 days after the date premium is received by the insurance companies. The factors shown are net of all fees except state premium taxes, if applicable.

In Table 1 we report the purchase rates for Period Certain Annuities, which have no life contingency. These are simply installment payments which continue for a fixed period of years (5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 respectively) and then cease. Neither the age or sex of the annuitant affects the quotes.

Tables 2 through 10 illustrate purchase rates for Single Life Annuities. In separate tables we report the factors for males and females ranging from age 50 through age 90 in 5 year intervals. Each table distinguishes between purchase rates for males and females, and reports figures for four annuity payment options or plans: Life Only (“Life Only”), Life with 10 Years Certain (“10 yr C&C”), Life with 20 Years Certain (“20 yr C&C”), and Life with Installment Refund (“Install.Rfd.”).

In some cases, the tax status of the funds used to buy an annuity may influence the purchase rates an insurance company applies to your premium. Our rate tables are based on the assumption the premium is “Non-Qualified.” Note, some companies pay different income amounts for “Qualified” premium.

The term non-qualified funds, also known as “after-tax monies” — such as money from a CD or savings account — refers to funds which have not enjoyed the tax-qualified status of IRAs or pension monies. Because these funds have already been taxed once before, that portion of each monthly check which is considered a return of the purchaser’s investment (or principal) is not taxed again (ie., it is excluded from income).

Qualified funds, on the other hand, are monies which until now have enjoyed special tax treatment. Because no taxes have yet been paid on such funds, each monthly payment received from an annuity which was purchased with such deposits is fully taxable as income when received.

In addition to the tax status of the funds being used to purchase an annuity, the annuitant’s age and

gender as well as the payment option or plan (also known as the “form” of annuity) will directly affect the monthly payment amount. Age and sex relate to life expectancy and thus ultimately to the insurance company’s cost to provide its guarantees. Therefore, when insurance companies employ sex-distinct rates, female annuitants — who have longer life expectancies than males of the same age — should expect to receive less annuity income from their premium dollars. Obviously, the number of possible age, sex, and form combinations are too many to present in this kind of format. So we’ve illustrated immediate annuity income at five-year intervals, beginning at age 50 and continuing through age 90. You may also call us toll-free at 800-872-6684 to receive a free calculation for an annuity not shown.

A “Straight Life” or **Life Only** annuity is one which makes periodic payments to an annuitant for the duration of his or her lifetime and then ceases. There are no payments to beneficiaries.

A **Life with 10 Years Certain (10 Yr C&C)** annuity guarantees that payments will be made for at least ten years, regardless of whether the annuitant survives over that period. If he/she does not survive, the remainder of the 10-year payments will be made to beneficiaries. If the annuitant survives beyond the 10-year guarantee period, payments will continue for the duration of his/her lifetime and then cease. A **Life with 20 Years Certain Annuity (20 yr C&C)** is administered in the same way as the 10 yr C&C annuity, except that the guarantee period covers twenty years instead of ten.

Tables 11 through 14 provide the purchase rates for Joint and Survivor Annuities (“J&S”) for a male/female couple ages 65/60 to ages 80/75.

In these four Joint and Survivor tables we illustrate the rates for the Joint & 100% Survivor Annuity which does not reduce on either death but continues in full so long as one of the annuitants is living. Additionally, we show the rates for Joint life annuities with **10-Years Certain and 20-Years Certain**. These payment plans guarantee that payments will be made to beneficiaries for the first ten or twenty years, respectively, if both joint annuitants die during these guarantee periods. If both annuitants live beyond the guarantee periods, payments continue for the duration of their lifetimes. Please call us toll-free at 800-872-6684 if you have any questions about how these annuities work.

**Table 1. Period Certain (AKA Term Certain) Annuities**

This annuity pays for the duration of the specified period only, not for the annuitant's lifetime. If the annuitant should die before the end of the period, payments continue to beneficiaries. Quotes shown are monthly income per \$100,000.

Insurance Company	5 Years Period Certain	10 Years Period Certain	15 Years Period Certain	20 Years Period Certain	25 Years Period Certain	30 Years Period Certain
Allianz	N/A	\$ 888	\$ 664	\$ 562	\$ 501	\$ 464
American General (AIG)	\$ 1692	\$ 914	\$ 669	\$ 553	\$ 483	\$ 440
American National	N/A	\$ 887	\$ 667	\$ 578	\$ 535	\$ 491
Equitrust Life	\$ 1689	\$ 929	\$ 703	\$ 575	N/A	N/A
Genworth	N/A	\$ 911	\$ 667	\$ 541	\$ 467	\$ 425
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 1670	\$ 877	\$ 632	\$ 522	\$ 441	\$ 387
ING USA	\$ 1675	\$ 921	\$ 687	\$ 577	\$ 515	\$ 473
Integrity Life	N/A	\$ 914	\$ 675	\$ 560	\$ 494	\$ 458
Jackson National	N/A	\$ 846	\$ 611	\$ 509	\$ 432	\$ 381
Kansas City Life	\$ 1677	\$ 897	\$ 620	\$ 482	\$ 399	\$ 344
Mass Mutual Life Ins.	\$ 1683	\$ 905	\$ 671	\$ 558	\$ 491	\$ 448
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MetLife Investors	N/A	\$ 879	\$ 662	\$ 557	\$ 501	\$ 463
Minnesota Life	N/A	\$ 896	\$ 673	\$ 544	\$ 467	\$ 417
Nationwide LIC	\$ 1667	\$ 901	\$ 664	\$ 548	\$ 483	\$ 442
New York Life	\$ 1689	\$ 917	\$ 666	\$ 557	\$ 485	\$ 441
No. Amer. Co. Life & Health	\$ 1677	\$ 918	\$ 665	\$ 552	N/A	N/A
Pacific Life & Annuity Co.	N/A	\$ 906	\$ 677	\$ 577	\$ 507	\$ 456
Penn Mutual	N/A	\$ 913	\$ 677	\$ 544	\$ 486	N/A
Principal Financial	\$ 1671	\$ 912	\$ 677	\$ 562	\$ 498	\$ 453
Symetra Financial	\$ 1695	\$ 924	\$ 678	\$ 560	\$ 495	\$ 455
United Omaha	\$ 1666	\$ 890	\$ 650	\$ 535	N/A	N/A
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 1679</b>	<b>\$ 902</b>	<b>\$ 664</b>	<b>\$ 550</b>	<b>\$ 482</b>	<b>\$ 437</b>
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**Table 2. Single Life Annuities - Age 50**

Column Headings: **Life Only:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime. **Life with 3% COLA:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime. Monthly income increases annually by 3% on every policy anniversary date. **Life with 10 Years Guaranteed:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies within the first 10 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 10th year. **Life with 20 Years Guaranteed:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies within the first 20 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 20th year. **Life with Installment Refund:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies before receiving an amount equal to the premium, payments continue to beneficiaries until the total amount paid equals the premium. Quotes shown are per \$100,000 of non-qualified money with monthly income beginning 30 days after purchase.

Insurance Company	MALE					FEMALE				
	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund
Allianz	\$ 457	N/A	\$ 454	\$ 443	N/A	\$ 437	N/A	\$ 436	\$ 430	N/A
American General	\$ 453	\$ 290	\$ 447	\$ 431	\$ 432	\$ 431	\$ 271	\$ 427	\$ 418	\$ 418
American National	\$ 453	\$ 291	\$ 449	\$ 439	\$ 442	\$ 431	\$ 270	\$ 429	\$ 424	\$ 425
Equitrust Life	\$ 446	N/A	\$ 443	\$ 432	N/A	\$ 422	N/A	\$ 421	\$ 415	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	\$ 413	\$ 404	\$ 403	N/A	N/A	\$ 402	\$ 396	\$ 395
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 432	N/A	\$ 429	\$ 421	\$ 418	\$ 413	N/A	\$ 412	\$ 407	\$ 405
ING USA	\$ 427	\$ 275	\$ 424	\$ 416	\$ 415	\$ 411	\$ 259	\$ 410	\$ 404	\$ 404
Integrity Life	\$ 432	N/A	\$ 434	\$ 427	\$ 427	\$ 416	N/A	\$ 420	\$ 416	\$ 416
Jackson National	\$ 370	\$ 228	\$ 367	\$ 358	\$ 353	\$ 347	\$ 206	\$ 346	\$ 341	\$ 336
Kansas City Life	\$ 382	N/A	\$ 379	\$ 370	\$ 367	\$ 361	N/A	\$ 360	\$ 355	\$ 353
Mass Mutual Life	\$ 435	\$ 281	\$ 432	\$ 423	\$ 424	\$ 417	\$ 264	\$ 415	\$ 410	\$ 410
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MetLife Investors	\$ 435	N/A	\$ 432	\$ 424	\$ 424	\$ 427	N/A	\$ 425	\$ 420	\$ 420
Minnesota Life	\$ 412	N/A	\$ 409	\$ 399	\$ 397	\$ 387	N/A	\$ 386	\$ 381	\$ 379
Nationwide LIC	\$ 415	\$ 272	\$ 429	\$ 419	N/A	\$ 411	\$ 268	\$ 420	\$ 415	N/A
New York Life	\$ 397	N/A	\$ 397	\$ 397	\$ 397	\$ 392	N/A	\$ 390	\$ 385	\$ 384
No. Amer. Co.	\$ 397	N/A	\$ 394	\$ 384	\$ 381	\$ 371	N/A	\$ 370	\$ 364	\$ 362
Pacific Life	\$ 436	\$ 271	\$ 434	\$ 426	\$ 426	\$ 422	\$ 258	\$ 421	\$ 415	\$ 415
Penn Mutual	\$ 440	\$ 283	\$ 436	\$ 426	\$ 426	\$ 416	\$ 260	\$ 414	\$ 408	\$ 408
Principal Financial	\$ 422	\$ 265	\$ 420	\$ 412	\$ 412	\$ 411	\$ 255	\$ 410	\$ 404	\$ 404
Symetra Financial	\$ 430	\$ 277	\$ 391	\$ 418	\$ 418	\$ 412	\$ 260	\$ 411	\$ 405	\$ 405
United Omaha	\$ 436	\$ 294	\$ 434	\$ 424	\$ 425	\$ 416	\$ 273	\$ 415	\$ 410	N/A
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 425</b>	<b>\$ 275</b>	<b>\$ 421</b>	<b>\$ 413</b>	<b>\$ 410</b>	<b>\$ 407</b>	<b>\$ 258</b>	<b>\$ 406</b>	<b>\$ 401</b>	<b>\$ 396</b>

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## Rated Age Immediate Annuity

A person with a serious medical condition may qualify for an annuity which pays them a greater than normal income. This occurs when an insurance company determines that the person's actuarial age is older than their chronological age. The level of income calculated based on a so-called "rated age" is usually greater because the insurance company expects the duration of the income stream to be shorter, i.e., the company expects to make fewer payments.

**What constitutes a "Ratable Medical Condition"?** The following are examples of "ratable" conditions. This is not an exhaustive list. There are other conditions which may qualify for "rated age" underwriting. To discuss your specific situation please call (800) 872-6684. We would be glad to help in any way we can.

Alzheimer's	Emphysema/COPD	Mental Illness
Alcoholism	Heart Attack or Angina	Multiple Sclerosis
ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)	Heart Valve Disease	Muscular Dystrophy
Angioplasty or Heart Surgery	Hodgkin's Disease	Organic Brain Syndrome
Cancer (except for basal cell)	Injury from Falls or Imbalance	Paraplegia or Quadriplegia
Congestive Heart Failure	Leukemia	Stroke
Cirrhosis of the Liver	Lymphoma	Transient Ischemic Attack

### How do I obtain a "Rated Age" quotation?

It is a lot simpler to apply for a rated age determination than to apply for a life insurance policy. You do not have to meet with a paramedic or undergo any special physical examinations. Just send us a copy of your doctors' recent reports written at the time of significant examinations, hospitalizations, surgeries, or rehabilitation. You may also send us copies of reports obtained from hospital admissions and discharge departments. **Keep in mind that your chances for obtaining a more favorable rating will increase with the number of detailed reports you submit!** If you do not have access to any of these reports you may send us a summary of your significant medical information on the attached form. Note, however, that the insurance companies prefer reading copies of your **doctors'** reports. They will often decline to underwrite an annuity when they only receive information from the person who is purchasing the policy.

When sending the requested information please also include a signed **Authorization to Release Information** form. Call 800-872-6684 to request a copy of the **Authorization** form be sent to you.

**To receive a rated age quotation**

call **Hersh Stern**  
General Agent

at **800-872-6684** (toll-free)

**Table 3. Single Life Annuities - Age 55**

Column Headings: **Life Only:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime. **Life with 3% COLA:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime. Monthly income increases annually by 3% on every policy anniversary date. **Life with 10 Years Guaranteed:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies within the first 10 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 10th year. **Life with 20 Years Guaranteed:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies within the first 20 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 20th year. **Life with Installment Refund:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies before receiving an amount equal to the premium, payments continue to beneficiaries until the total amount paid equals the premium. Quotes shown are per \$100,000 of non-qualified money with monthly income beginning 30 days after purchase.

Insurance Company	MALE					FEMALE				
	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund
Allianz	\$ 486	N/A	\$ 480	\$ 461	N/A	\$ 460	N/A	\$ 458	\$ 446	N/A
American General	\$ 481	\$ 322	\$ 473	\$ 451	\$ 456	\$ 461	\$ 303	\$ 455	\$ 440	\$ 442
American National	\$ 485	\$ 325	\$ 479	\$ 462	\$ 469	\$ 458	\$ 300	\$ 455	\$ 445	\$ 448
Equitrust Life	\$ 482	N/A	\$ 476	\$ 458	N/A	\$ 452	N/A	\$ 449	\$ 439	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	\$ 444	\$ 429	\$ 430	N/A	N/A	\$ 430	\$ 419	\$ 419
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 465	N/A	\$ 460	\$ 446	\$ 445	\$ 443	N/A	\$ 440	\$ 431	\$ 426
ING USA	\$ 459	\$ 311	\$ 454	\$ 440	\$ 442	\$ 440	\$ 292	\$ 437	\$ 428	\$ 428
Integrity Life	\$ 460	N/A	\$ 461	\$ 448	\$ 450	\$ 440	N/A	\$ 443	\$ 435	\$ 436
Jackson National	\$ 407	\$ 264	\$ 403	\$ 386	\$ 382	\$ 378	\$ 238	\$ 375	\$ 366	\$ 362
Kansas City Life	\$ 419	N/A	\$ 414	\$ 398	\$ 396	\$ 388	N/A	\$ 385	\$ 377	\$ 374
Mass Mutual Life	\$ 465	\$ 314	\$ 460	\$ 444	\$ 448	\$ 443	\$ 293	\$ 440	\$ 431	\$ 432
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MetLife Investors	\$ 470	N/A	\$ 465	\$ 451	\$ 452	\$ 460	N/A	\$ 456	\$ 446	\$ 447
Minnesota Life	\$ 449	N/A	\$ 443	\$ 426	\$ 427	\$ 419	N/A	\$ 416	\$ 406	\$ 406
Nationwide LIC	\$ 446	\$ 304	\$ 464	\$ 449	N/A	\$ 438	\$ 297	\$ 451	\$ 441	N/A
New York Life	\$ 433	N/A	\$ 432	\$ 426	\$ 427	\$ 422	N/A	\$ 419	\$ 409	\$ 409
No. Amer. Co.	\$ 437	N/A	\$ 432	\$ 414	\$ 413	\$ 405	N/A	\$ 402	\$ 392	\$ 390
Pacific Life	\$ 471	\$ 307	\$ 467	\$ 453	\$ 455	\$ 454	\$ 292	\$ 452	\$ 442	\$ 443
Penn Mutual	\$ 474	\$ 318	\$ 468	\$ 452	\$ 456	\$ 446	\$ 292	\$ 443	\$ 433	\$ 434
Principal Financial	\$ 456	\$ 301	\$ 451	\$ 437	\$ 439	\$ 441	\$ 286	\$ 437	\$ 427	\$ 428
Symetra Financial	\$ 463	\$ 312	\$ 458	\$ 442	\$ 445	\$ 440	\$ 291	\$ 438	\$ 428	\$ 429
United Omaha	\$ 464	\$ 324	\$ 461	\$ 443	\$ 447	\$ 439	\$ 300	\$ 438	\$ 429	\$ 430
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 458</b>	<b>\$ 309</b>	<b>\$ 454</b>	<b>\$ 438</b>	<b>\$ 437</b>	<b>\$ 436</b>	<b>\$ 289</b>	<b>\$ 434</b>	<b>\$ 424</b>	<b>\$ 421</b>

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## New Momentum: Rising Rate Opportunity

# Now and Later

## Guaranteed Rate **Now**. Higher Rate Potential **Later**.

Rick, a 65-year-old, purchased a \$100,000 New Momentum flexible premium deferred annuity<sup>1</sup>. The product gave him the flexibility to lock in a guaranteed rate NOW and transfer his money to a higher rate LATER. Here's how ...

### NOW...

At purchase, Rick took advantage of the short-term Quarterly Interest Option (QIO). He locked in the guaranteed QIO rate as a "holding strategy" to wait for potentially higher interest rates later<sup>2</sup>.

### LATER ...

Rates rose. At the end of year three, Rick transferred his money into the 7-year Guaranteed Rate Option (GRO) with a higher rate, without a penalty. The chart shows account values after 10 years at different potential rates:



Call NOW to learn more about how your clients can benefit NOW and LATER.

For more information contact:

Hersh Stern

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<sup>1</sup> Single premium deferred annuity in Oregon.

<sup>2</sup> First-year QIO rate 2.75%, effective 7/19/13. GMIR in years 2 and 3.

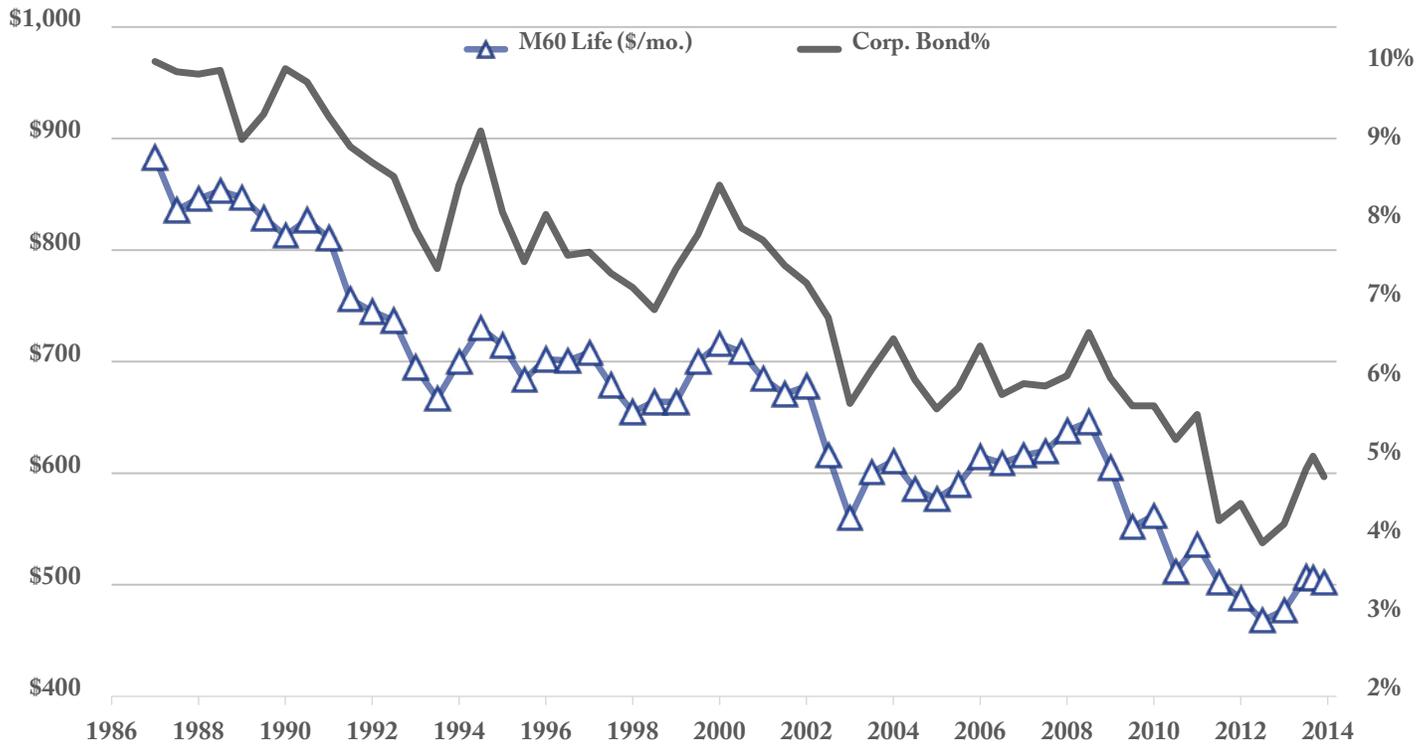


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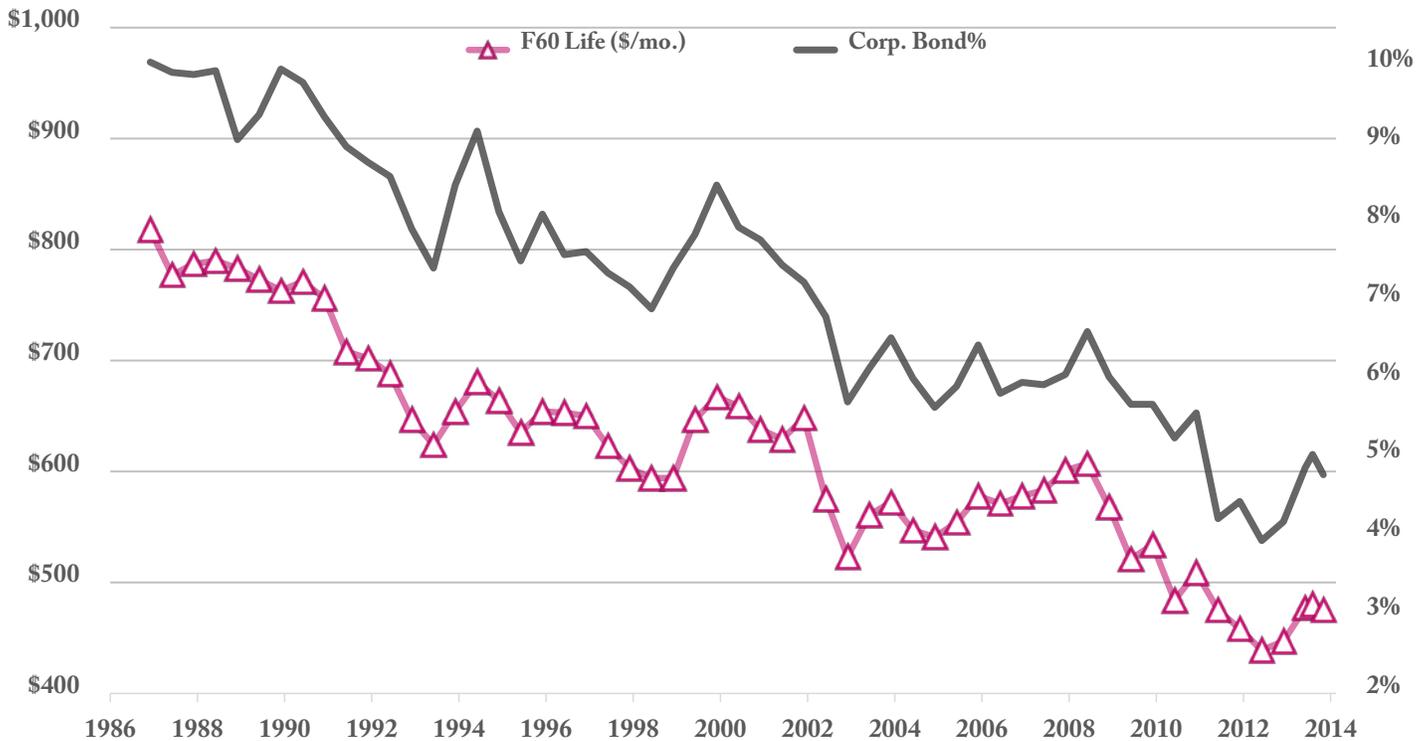
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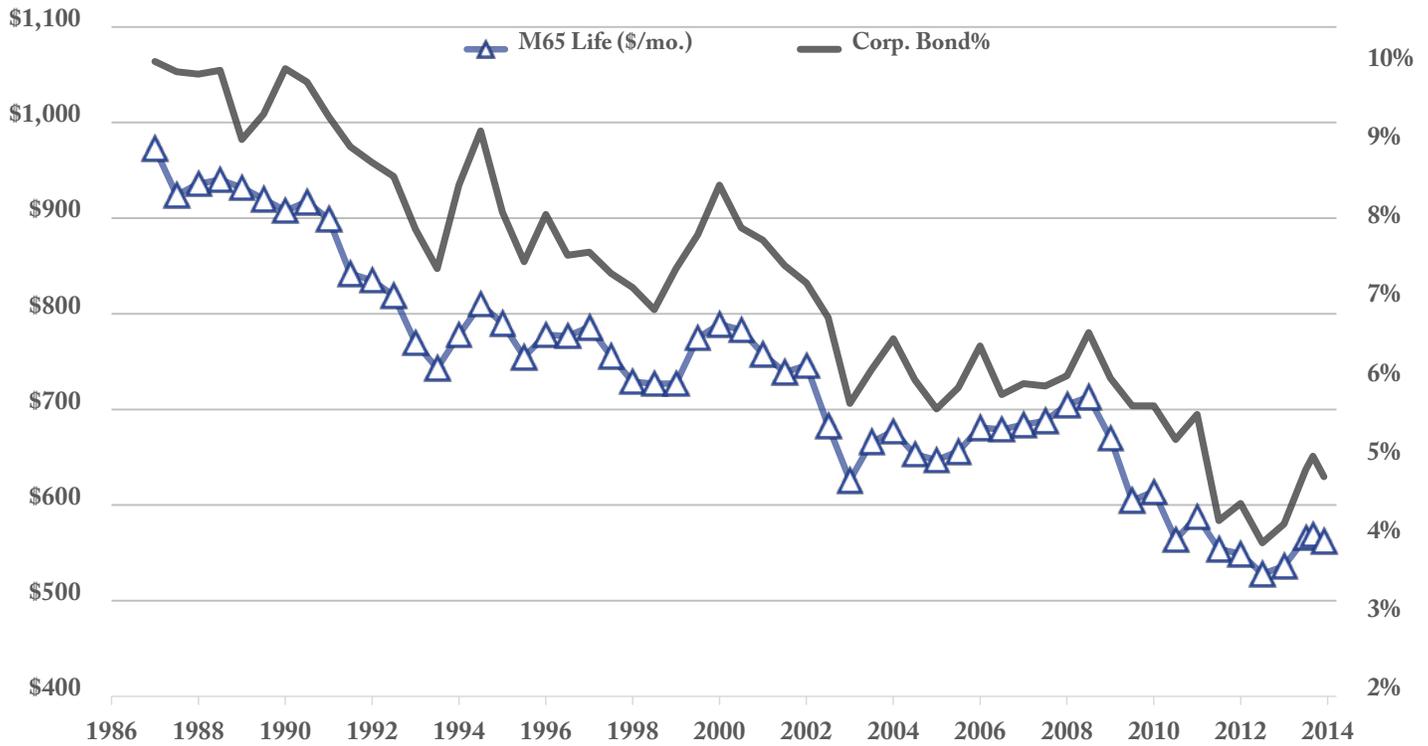
**Table 4. Single Life Annuities - Age 60**

Column Headings: **Life Only:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime. **Life with 3% COLA:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime. Monthly income increases annually by 3% on every policy anniversary date. **Life with 10 Years Guaranteed:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies within the first 10 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 10th year. **Life with 20 Years Guaranteed:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies within the first 20 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 20th year. **Life with Installment Refund:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies before receiving an amount equal to the premium, payments continue to beneficiaries until the total amount paid equals the premium. Quotes shown are per \$100,000 of non-qualified money with monthly income beginning 30 days after purchase.

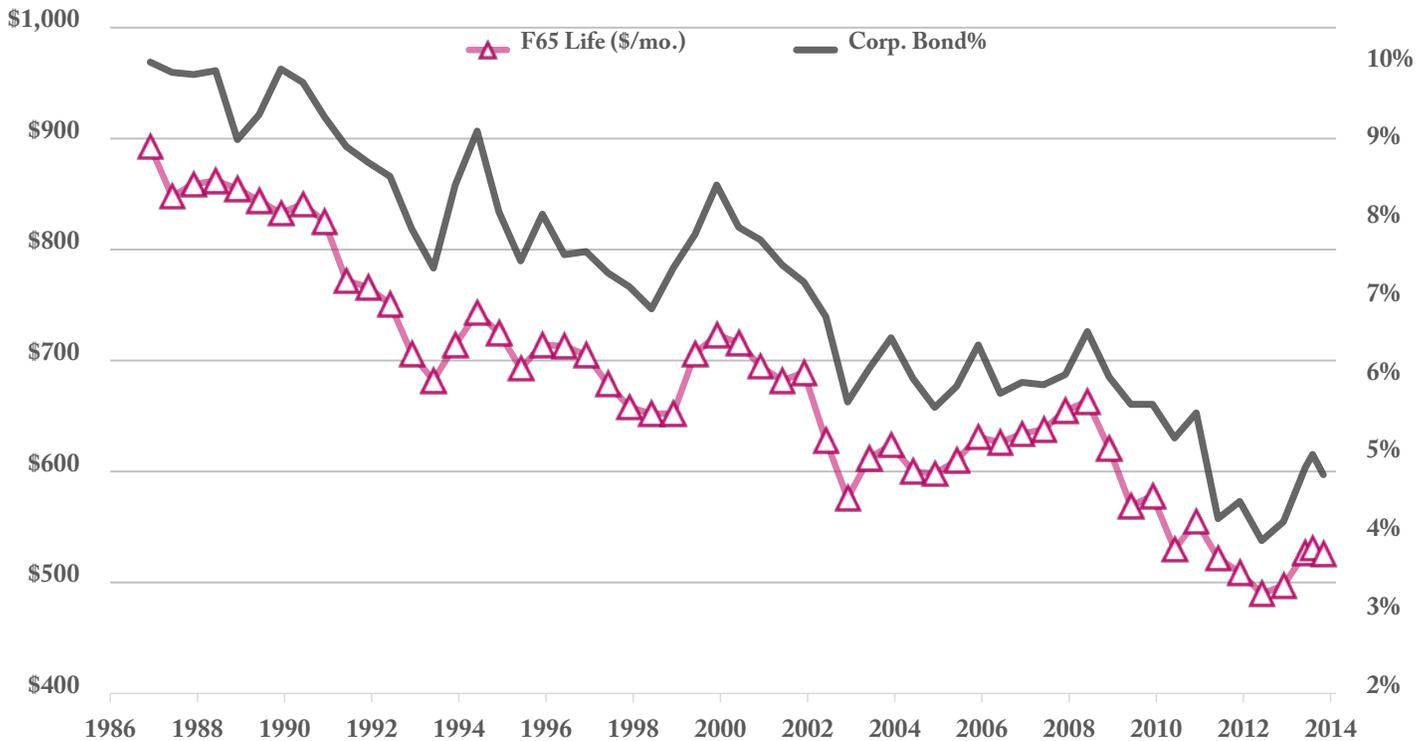
Insurance Company	MALE					FEMALE				
	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund
Allianz	\$ 529	N/A	\$ 518	\$ 482	N/A	\$ 495	N/A	\$ 489	\$ 469	N/A
American General	\$ 522	\$ 365	\$ 511	\$ 477	\$ 488	\$ 499	\$ 344	\$ 491	\$ 466	\$ 473
American National	\$ 508	\$ 351	\$ 498	\$ 469	\$ 481	\$ 474	\$ 320	\$ 468	\$ 451	\$ 457
Equitrust Life	\$ 530	N/A	\$ 519	\$ 487	N/A	\$ 493	N/A	\$ 487	\$ 468	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	\$ 486	\$ 458	\$ 465	N/A	N/A	\$ 467	\$ 447	\$ 451
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 508	\$ 346	\$ 500	\$ 474	\$ 478	\$ 481	\$ 321	\$ 476	\$ 459	\$ 460
ING USA	\$ 501	\$ 356	\$ 492	\$ 468	\$ 475	\$ 479	\$ 333	\$ 472	\$ 455	\$ 459
Integrity Life	\$ 498	\$ 355	\$ 496	\$ 472	\$ 480	\$ 472	\$ 331	\$ 473	\$ 459	\$ 463
Jackson National	\$ 456	\$ 312	\$ 447	\$ 417	\$ 417	\$ 420	\$ 279	\$ 415	\$ 398	\$ 395
Kansas City Life	\$ 466	N/A	\$ 457	\$ 428	\$ 431	\$ 428	N/A	\$ 424	\$ 407	\$ 407
Mass Mutual Life	\$ 504	\$ 356	\$ 495	\$ 467	\$ 477	\$ 478	\$ 331	\$ 473	\$ 455	\$ 460
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MetLife Investors	\$ 514	\$ 368	\$ 504	\$ 479	\$ 485	\$ 499	\$ 354	\$ 492	\$ 473	\$ 478
Minnesota Life	\$ 498	N/A	\$ 488	\$ 456	\$ 465	\$ 460	N/A	\$ 455	\$ 436	\$ 439
Nationwide LIC	\$ 487	\$ 347	\$ 501	\$ 474	N/A	\$ 475	\$ 335	\$ 484	\$ 465	N/A
New York Life	\$ 480	\$ 338	\$ 478	\$ 456	\$ 464	\$ 461	\$ 316	\$ 456	\$ 438	\$ 440
No. Amer. Co.	\$ 490	N/A	\$ 480	\$ 446	\$ 454	\$ 450	N/A	\$ 444	\$ 425	\$ 427
Pacific Life	\$ 517	\$ 355	\$ 510	\$ 484	\$ 495	\$ 497	\$ 335	\$ 492	\$ 473	\$ 478
Penn Mutual	\$ 517	\$ 363	\$ 506	\$ 476	\$ 488	\$ 484	\$ 332	\$ 479	\$ 460	\$ 465
Principal Financial	\$ 500	\$ 347	\$ 491	\$ 466	\$ 473	\$ 478	\$ 326	\$ 472	\$ 454	\$ 458
Symetra Financial	\$ 506	\$ 357	\$ 497	\$ 469	\$ 477	\$ 477	\$ 330	\$ 472	\$ 455	\$ 459
United Omaha	\$ 503	\$ 365	\$ 496	\$ 464	\$ 474	\$ 471	\$ 334	\$ 468	\$ 450	\$ 454
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 501</b>	<b>\$ 352</b>	<b>\$ 493</b>	<b>\$ 465</b>	<b>\$ 470</b>	<b>\$ 473</b>	<b>\$ 328</b>	<b>\$ 469</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>	<b>\$ 451</b>

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 Monthly Income per \$100,000 Premium (in left margin) and  
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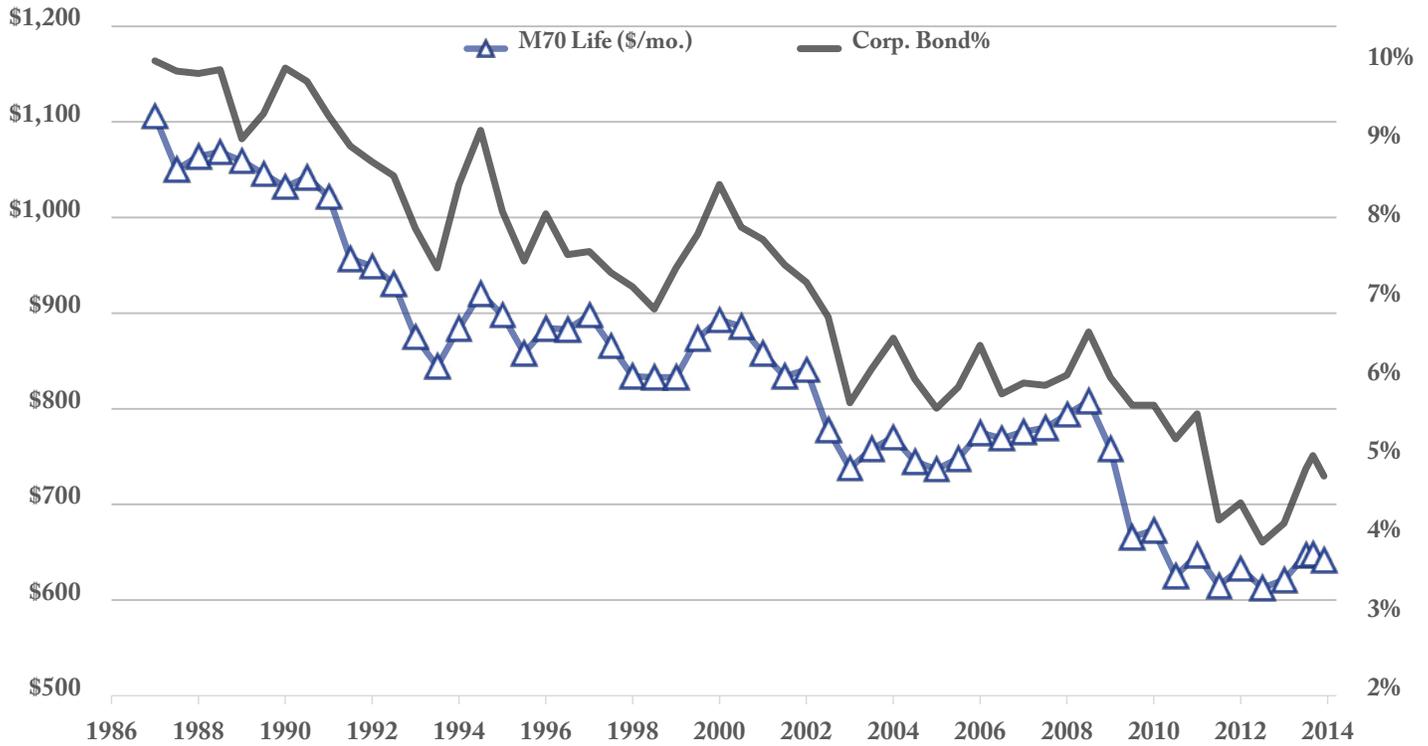
**Table 5. Single Life Annuities - Age 65**

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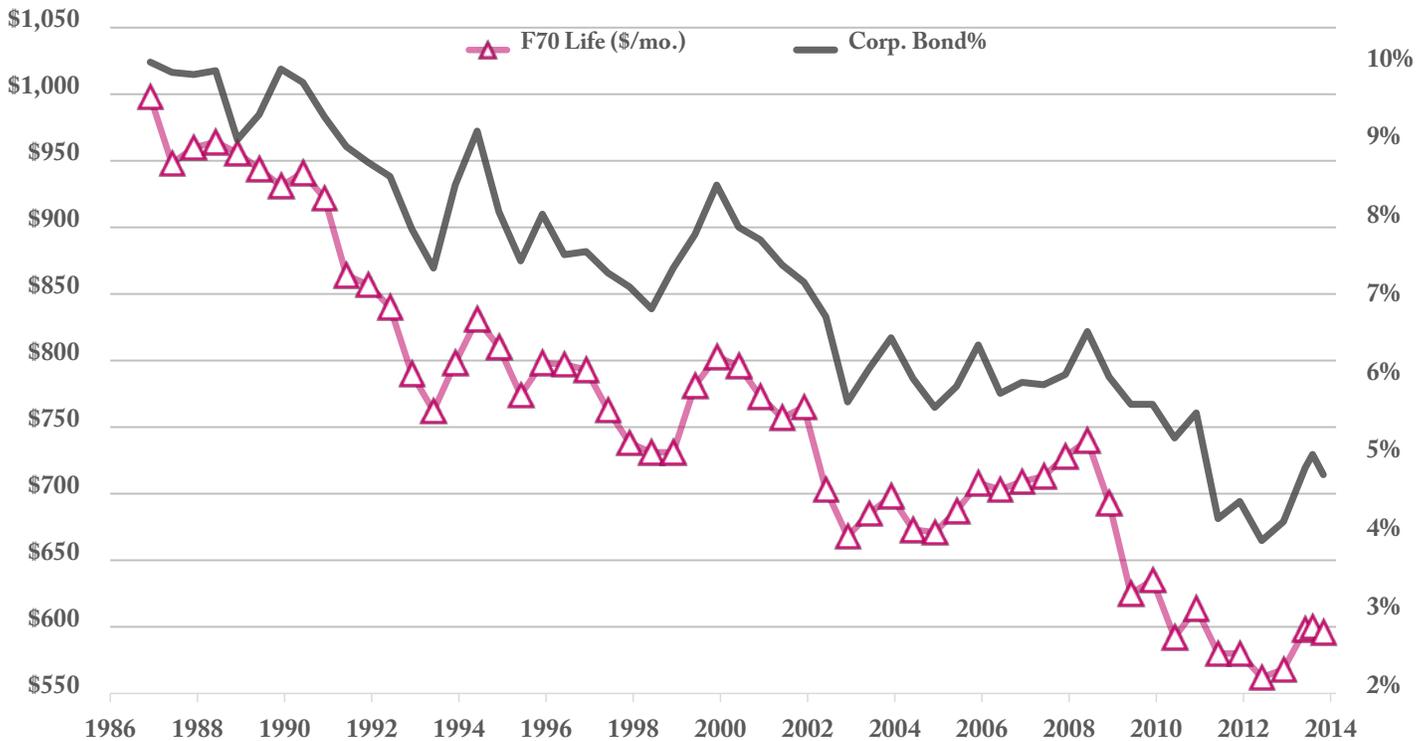
Insurance Company	MALE					FEMALE				
	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund
Allianz	\$ 590	N/A	\$ 566	\$ 504	N/A	\$ 542	N/A	\$ 531	\$ 493	N/A
American General	\$ 579	\$ 425	\$ 561	\$ 505	\$ 532	\$ 553	\$ 399	\$ 539	\$ 496	\$ 515
American National	\$ 574	\$ 414	\$ 553	\$ 500	\$ 530	\$ 528	\$ 373	\$ 517	\$ 484	\$ 501
Equitrust Life	\$ 597	N/A	\$ 575	\$ 516	N/A	\$ 548	N/A	\$ 536	\$ 500	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	\$ 541	\$ 488	\$ 510	N/A	N/A	\$ 515	\$ 478	\$ 491
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 568	\$ 405	\$ 552	\$ 504	\$ 519	\$ 533	\$ 373	\$ 523	\$ 491	\$ 499
ING USA	\$ 557	\$ 414	\$ 540	\$ 497	\$ 516	\$ 529	\$ 385	\$ 517	\$ 485	\$ 497
Integrity Life	\$ 554	\$ 411	\$ 544	\$ 499	\$ 520	\$ 519		\$ 516	\$ 487	\$ 499
Jackson National	\$ 524	\$ 378	\$ 505	\$ 448	\$ 462	\$ 476	\$ 335	\$ 466	\$ 432	\$ 436
Kansas City Life	\$ 534	N/A	\$ 515	\$ 458	\$ 477	\$ 486	N/A	\$ 473	\$ 441	\$ 448
Mass Mutual Life	\$ 555	\$ 410	\$ 538	\$ 492	\$ 514	\$ 525	\$ 381	\$ 514	\$ 483	\$ 496
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MetLife Investors	\$ 573	\$ 430	\$ 554	\$ 507	\$ 527	\$ 550	\$ 409	\$ 537	\$ 501	\$ 514
Minnesota Life	\$ 566	N/A	\$ 546	\$ 487	\$ 513	\$ 517	N/A	\$ 506	\$ 470	\$ 483
Nationwide LIC	\$ 531	\$ 393	\$ 551	\$ 501	N/A	\$ 512	\$ 374	\$ 529	\$ 492	N/A
New York Life	\$ 542	\$ 402	\$ 537	\$ 488	\$ 510	\$ 513	\$ 370	\$ 504	\$ 470	\$ 481
No. Amer. Co.	\$ 563	N/A	\$ 542	\$ 479	\$ 506	\$ 511	N/A	\$ 500	\$ 462	\$ 474
Pacific Life	\$ 558	\$ 418	\$ 545	\$ 497	\$ 520	\$ 540	\$ 393	\$ 531	\$ 494	\$ 508
Penn Mutual	\$ 579	\$ 426	\$ 560	\$ 503	\$ 529	\$ 535	\$ 385	\$ 524	\$ 489	\$ 503
Principal Financial	\$ 563	\$ 411	\$ 546	\$ 497	\$ 520	\$ 532	\$ 381	\$ 520	\$ 485	\$ 499
Symetra Financial	\$ 566	\$ 417	\$ 548	\$ 496	\$ 519	\$ 527	\$ 381	\$ 517	\$ 484	\$ 497
United Omaha	\$ 558	\$ 421	\$ 549	\$ 496	\$ 521	\$ 522	\$ 386	\$ 517	\$ 485	\$ 499
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 561</b>	<b>\$ 411</b>	<b>\$ 546</b>	<b>\$ 493</b>	<b>\$ 513</b>	<b>\$ 524</b>	<b>\$ 380</b>	<b>\$ 515</b>	<b>\$ 481</b>	<b>\$ 491</b>

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**Female Age 70 Single Life Annuity**  
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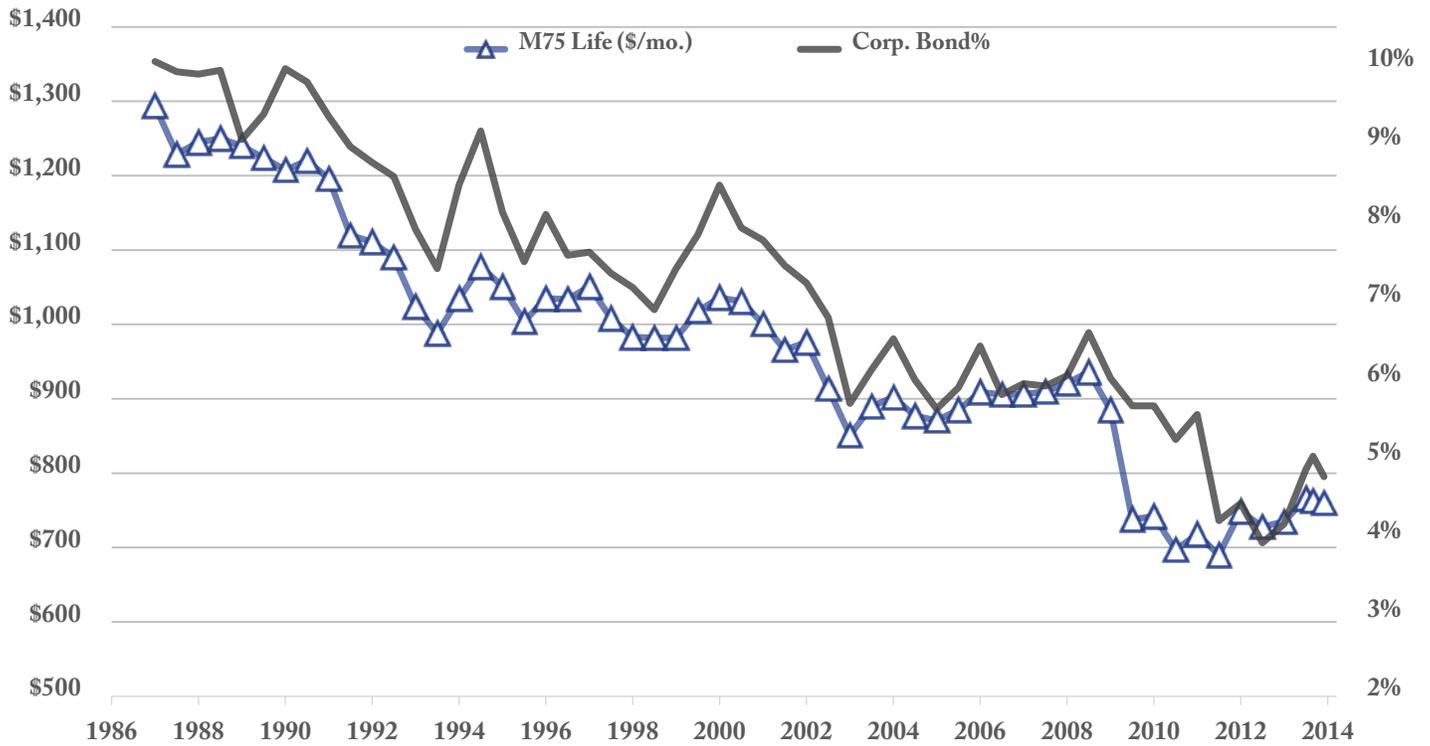
**Table 6. Single Life Annuities - Age 70**

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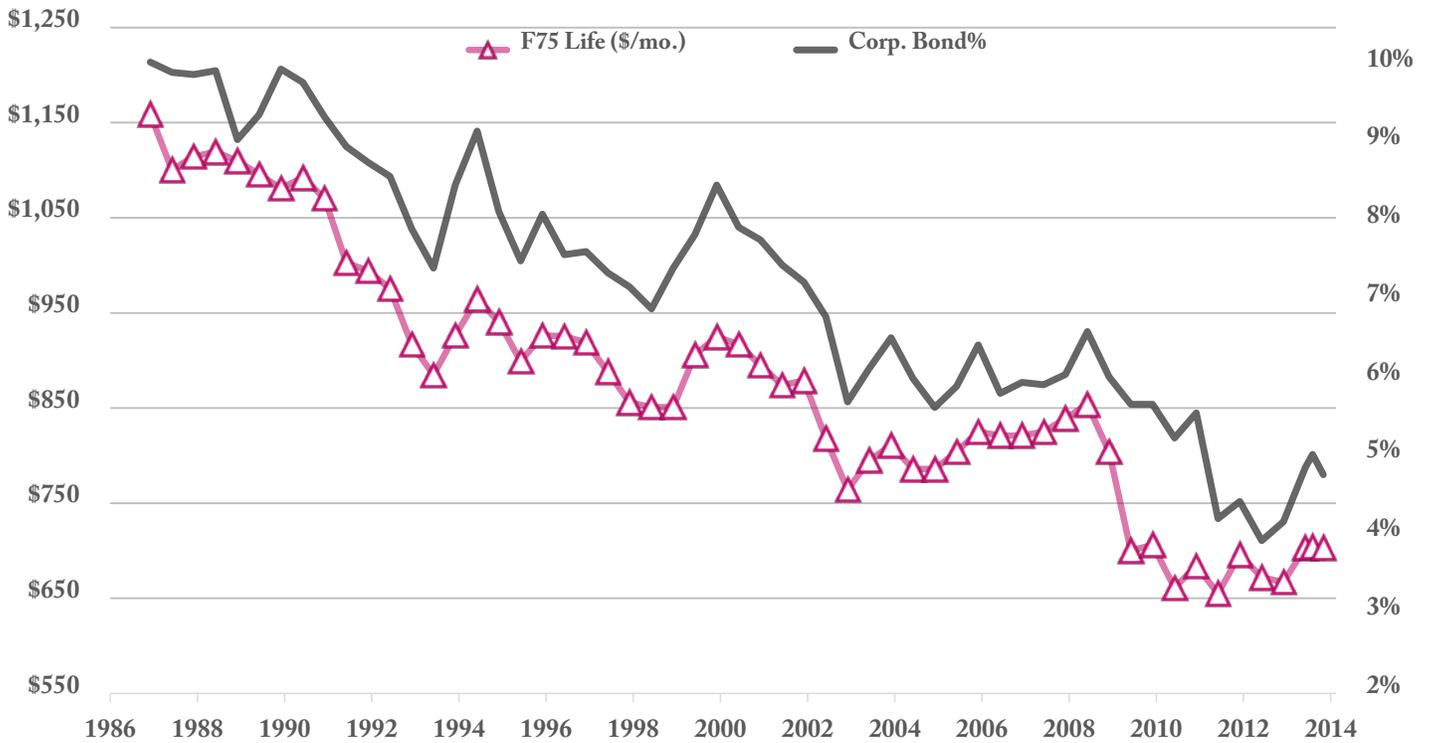
Insurance Company	MALE					FEMALE				
	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund
Allianz	\$ 680	N/A	\$ 629	\$ 525	N/A	\$ 618	N/A	\$ 590	\$ 517	N/A
American General	\$ 647	\$ 496	\$ 618	\$ 525	\$ 582	\$ 617	\$ 466	\$ 595	\$ 517	\$ 562
American National	\$ 660	\$ 501	\$ 617	\$ 524	\$ 586	\$ 600	\$ 447	\$ 577	\$ 514	\$ 553
Equitrust Life	\$ 689	N/A	\$ 644	\$ 542	N/A	\$ 625	N/A	\$ 604	\$ 431	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	\$ 611	\$ 513	\$ 567	N/A	N/A	\$ 578	\$ 506	\$ 544
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 654	\$ 489	\$ 621	\$ 534	\$ 575	\$ 610	\$ 449	\$ 589	\$ 524	\$ 544
ING USA	\$ 636	\$ 495	\$ 603	\$ 524	\$ 569	\$ 597	\$ 456	\$ 574	\$ 514	\$ 546
Integrity Life	\$ 635	\$ 493	\$ 608	\$ 522	\$ 573	\$ 588	\$ 449	\$ 575	\$ 514	\$ 549
Jackson National	\$ 595	\$ 448	\$ 555	\$ 475	\$ 488	\$ 534	\$ 393	\$ 572	\$ 465	\$ 461
Kansas City Life	\$ 627	N/A	\$ 585	\$ 486	\$ 535	\$ 559	N/A	\$ 540	\$ 473	\$ 502
Mass Mutual Life	\$ 628	\$ 486	\$ 596	\$ 521	\$ 565	\$ 592	\$ 451	\$ 572	\$ 513	\$ 547
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MetLife Investors	\$ 653	\$ 512	\$ 614	\$ 526	\$ 571	\$ 618	N/A	\$ 592	\$ 523	\$ 560
Minnesota Life	\$ 661	N/A	\$ 617	\$ 513	\$ 574	\$ 596	N/A	\$ 573	\$ 503	\$ 541
Nationwide LIC	\$ 618	\$ 478	\$ 616	\$ 526	N/A	\$ 586	\$ 448	\$ 589	\$ 518	N/A
New York Life	\$ 628	\$ 490	\$ 614	\$ 516	\$ 573	\$ 587	\$ 446	\$ 568	\$ 502	\$ 536
No. Amer. Co.	\$ 643	N/A	\$ 599	\$ 507	\$ 545	\$ 575	N/A	\$ 552	\$ 496	\$ 511
Pacific Life	\$ 623	\$ 491	\$ 597	\$ 519	\$ 559	\$ 595	\$ 472	\$ 577	\$ 511	\$ 540
Penn Mutual	\$ 671	\$ 516	\$ 626	\$ 526	\$ 587	\$ 609	\$ 459	\$ 585	\$ 518	\$ 556
Principal Financial	\$ 644	\$ 492	\$ 607	\$ 514	\$ 567	\$ 597	\$ 449	\$ 574	\$ 505	\$ 542
Symetra Financial	\$ 648	\$ 499	\$ 610	\$ 519	\$ 571	\$ 597	\$ 452	\$ 576	\$ 512	\$ 547
United Omaha	\$ 644	\$ 505	\$ 613	\$ 513	\$ 570	\$ 592	\$ 456	\$ 576	\$ 507	\$ 544
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 644</b>	<b>\$ 492</b>	<b>\$ 609</b>	<b>\$ 517</b>	<b>\$ 564</b>	<b>\$ 594</b>	<b>\$ 449</b>	<b>\$ 577</b>	<b>\$ 503</b>	<b>\$ 538</b>

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**Table 7. Single Life Annuities - Age 75**

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Insurance Company	MALE					FEMALE				
	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund
Allianz	\$ 797	N/A	\$ 689	\$ 537	N/A	\$ 724	N/A	\$ 658	\$ 534	N/A
American General	\$ 700	\$ 552	\$ 653	\$ 541	\$ 603	\$ 700	\$ 552	\$ 653	\$ 541	\$ 603
American National	\$ 708	\$ 555	\$ 655	\$ 537	\$ 626	\$ 708	\$ 555	\$ 655	\$ 537	\$ 626
Equitrust Life	\$ 816	N/A	\$ 722	\$ 560	N/A	\$ 739	N/A	\$ 683	\$ 555	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	\$ 659	\$ 526	\$ 614	N/A	N/A	\$ 659	\$ 526	\$ 614
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 705	\$ 543	\$ 659	\$ 543	\$ 602	\$ 711	\$ 548	\$ 664	\$ 549	\$ 609
ING USA	\$ 697	\$ 557	\$ 648	\$ 536	\$ 608	\$ 697	\$ 557	\$ 648	\$ 536	\$ 608
Integrity Life	\$ 692	\$ 552	\$ 655	\$ 534	\$ 615	\$ 692	\$ 552	\$ 655	\$ 534	\$ 615
Jackson National	\$ 627	\$ 485	\$ 578	\$ 489	\$ 494	\$ 627	\$ 485	\$ 578	\$ 489	\$ 494
Kansas City Life	\$ 762	N/A	\$ 672	\$ 509	\$ 613	\$ 679	N/A	\$ 629	\$ 504	\$ 578
Mass Mutual Life	\$ 687	\$ 546	\$ 643	\$ 539	\$ 611	\$ 691	\$ 549	\$ 647	\$ 542	\$ 615
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MetLife Investors	\$ 726	N/A	\$ 667	\$ 542	\$ 618	\$ 726	N/A	\$ 667	\$ 542	\$ 618
Minnesota Life	\$ 713	N/A	\$ 658	\$ 527	\$ 617	\$ 713	N/A	\$ 658	\$ 527	\$ 617
Nationwide LIC	\$ 687	\$ 547	\$ 664	\$ 538	N/A	\$ 687	\$ 547	\$ 664	\$ 538	N/A
New York Life	\$ 689	\$ 549	\$ 647	\$ 524	\$ 604	\$ 691	\$ 550	\$ 648	\$ 525	\$ 606
No. Amer. Co.	\$ 767	N/A	\$ 672	\$ 526	\$ 606	\$ 685	N/A	\$ 629	\$ 521	\$ 571
Pacific Life	\$ 697	\$ 553	\$ 655	\$ 536	\$ 608	\$ 697	\$ 553	\$ 655	\$ 536	\$ 608
Penn Mutual	\$ 786	\$ 629	\$ 701	\$ 619	\$ 658	\$ 719	\$ 567	\$ 664	N/A	\$ 626
Principal Financial	\$ 702	\$ 554	\$ 648	\$ 516	\$ 601	\$ 702	\$ 554	\$ 648	\$ 516	\$ 601
Symetra Financial	\$ 699	\$ 554	\$ 651	\$ 533	\$ 611	\$ 668	\$ 554	\$ 651	\$ 533	\$ 611
United Omaha	\$ 758	\$ 616	\$ 683	\$ 524	\$ 630	\$ 695	\$ 557	\$ 650	\$ 522	\$ 603
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 720</b>	<b>\$ 556</b>	<b>\$ 660</b>	<b>\$ 535</b>	<b>\$ 607</b>	<b>\$ 697</b>	<b>\$ 548</b>	<b>\$ 650</b>	<b>\$ 530</b>	<b>\$ 601</b>

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**Table 8. Single Life Annuities - Age 80**

Column Headings: **Life Only:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime. **Life with 3% COLA:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime. Monthly income increases annually by 3% on every policy anniversary date. **Life with 10 Years Guaranteed:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies within the first 10 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 10th year. **Life with 20 Years Guaranteed:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies within the first 20 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 20th year. **Life with Installment Refund:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies before receiving an amount equal to the premium, payments continue to beneficiaries until the total amount paid equals the premium. Quotes shown are per \$100,000 of non-qualified money with monthly income beginning 30 days after purchase.

Insurance Company	MALE					FEMALE				
	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund
Allianz	\$ 970	N/A	\$ 754	\$ 543	N/A	\$ 885	N/A	\$ 733	\$ 543	N/A
American General	\$ 899	\$ 751	\$ 743	\$ 558	\$ 705	\$ 812	\$ 666	\$ 715	\$ 554	\$ 675
American National	\$ 894	\$ 727	\$ 725	\$ 558	\$ 683	\$ 814	\$ 654	\$ 698	\$ 556	\$ 653
Equitrust Life	\$ 992	N/A	\$ 802	\$ 571	N/A	\$ 907	N/A	\$ 775	\$ 569	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	\$ 774	N/A	\$ 731	N/A	N/A	\$ 750	N/A	\$ 704
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 892	\$ 723	\$ 763	\$ 568	\$ 706	\$ 838	\$ 674	\$ 740	\$ 565	\$ 686
ING USA	\$ 938	\$ 796	\$ 767	\$ 549	\$ 727	\$ 854	\$ 713	\$ 733	\$ 547	\$ 688
Integrity Life	\$ 896	\$ 748	\$ 769	\$ 546	\$ 730	\$ 820	\$ 678	\$ 746	\$ 545	\$ 704
Jackson National	\$ 856	\$ 704	\$ 683	N/A	\$ 544	\$ 774	\$ 629	\$ 655	N/A	\$ 527
Kansas City Life	\$ 943	N/A	\$ 756	\$ 519	\$ 705	\$ 848	N/A	\$ 724	\$ 517	\$ 670
Mass Mutual Life	\$ 881	\$ 740	\$ 751	\$ 558	\$ 716	\$ 827	\$ 685	\$ 727	\$ 556	\$ 692
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MetLife Investors	\$ 947	N/A	\$ 765	\$ 547	\$ 710	\$ 888	N/A	\$ 750	\$ 547	\$ 702
Minnesota Life	\$ 924	N/A	\$ 740	\$ 539	\$ 678	\$ 839	N/A	\$ 712	\$ 537	\$ 643
Nationwide LIC	\$ 923	\$ 776	\$ 777	\$ 550	N/A	\$ 851	\$ 707	\$ 748	\$ 548	N/A
New York Life	\$ 939	\$ 799	\$ 787	N/A	\$ 755	\$ 844	\$ 703	\$ 740	N/A	\$ 696
No. Amer. Co.	\$ 947	N/A	\$ 747	\$ 536	\$ 685	\$ 854	N/A	\$ 718	\$ 534	\$ 651
Pacific Life	\$ 888	\$ 736	\$ 766	\$ 553	\$ 717	\$ 842	\$ 689	\$ 742	\$ 549	\$ 699
Penn Mutual	\$ 949	\$ 789	\$ 773	N/A	\$ 742	\$ 871	\$ 717	\$ 748	N/A	\$ 714
Principal Financial	N/A	N/A	\$ 760	\$ 515	\$ 709	N/A	N/A	\$ 733	\$ 513	\$ 679
Symetra Financial	\$ 914	\$ 762	\$ 755	\$ 545	\$ 715	\$ 848	\$ 702	\$ 735	\$ 544	\$ 695
United Omaha	\$ 927	\$ 782	\$ 756	\$ 530	\$ 705	\$ 854	\$ 713	\$ 733	\$ 529	\$ 681
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 922</b>	<b>\$ 756</b>	<b>\$ 757</b>	<b>\$ 546</b>	<b>\$ 703</b>	<b>\$ 845</b>	<b>\$ 686</b>	<b>\$ 731</b>	<b>\$ 544</b>	<b>\$ 675</b>

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**Table 9. Single Life Annuities - Age 85**

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Insurance Company	MALE					FEMALE				
	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund
Allianz	\$ 1221	N/A	\$ 807	\$ 546	N/A	\$ 1140	N/A	\$ 798	\$ 545	N/A
American General	\$ 1060	\$ 918	\$ 822	\$ 560	\$ 813	\$ 944	\$ 802	\$ 794	\$ 559	\$ 765
American National	\$ 1172	\$ 984	\$ 826	\$ 580	\$ 840	\$ 1091	\$ 911	\$ 813	\$ 579	\$ 815
Equitrust Life	\$ 1232	N/A	\$ 872	\$ 577	N/A	\$ 1154	N/A	\$ 858	\$ 576	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	\$ 837	N/A	\$ 841	N/A	N/A	\$ 824	N/A	\$ 814
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 1089	\$ 918	\$ 841	N/A	\$ 805	\$ 1033	N/A	\$ 827	N/A	\$ 788
ING USA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Integrity Life	\$ 1125	\$ 972	\$ 830	N/A	\$ 827	\$ 1049	\$ 901	\$ 819	N/A	\$ 806
Jackson National	\$ 1081	\$ 924	\$ 756	N/A	N/A	\$ 1003	\$ 851	\$ 743	N/A	N/A
Kansas City Life	\$ 1197	N/A	\$ 827	\$ 523	\$ 820	\$ 1099	N/A	\$ 810	\$ 523	\$ 788
Mass Mutual Life	\$ 1099	\$ 956	\$ 828	\$ 561	\$ 818	\$ 1028	\$ 884	\$ 804	\$ 561	\$ 785
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MetLife Investors	\$ 1184	N/A	\$ 828	\$ 549	\$ 785	\$ 1134	N/A	\$ 822	\$ 549	\$ 781
Minnesota Life	\$ 1108	N/A	\$ 822	N/A	\$ 646	\$ 1029	N/A	\$ 809	N/A	\$ 626
Nationwide LIC	\$ 1191	\$ 1037	\$ 842	\$ 553	N/A	\$ 1089	\$ 940	\$ 824	\$ 552	N/A
New York Life	\$ 1221	\$ 1076	\$ 850	N/A	\$ 879	\$ 1073	\$ 930	\$ 819	N/A	\$ 806
No. Amer. Co.	\$ 1156	N/A	\$ 822	\$ 644	\$ 676	\$ 1068	N/A	\$ 809	\$ 642	\$ 652
Pacific Life	\$ 1104	\$ 956	\$ 850	\$ 555	\$ 850	\$ 1052	\$ 890	\$ 824	\$ 554	\$ 789
Penn Mutual	\$ 1148	\$ 1021	\$ 836	N/A	\$ 836	\$ 1108	\$ 950	\$ 823	N/A	\$ 821
Principal Financial	N/A	N/A	\$ 827	\$ 507	\$ 818	N/A	N/A	\$ 813	\$ 507	\$ 789
Symetra Financial	\$ 1127	\$ 972	\$ 821	\$ 548	\$ 808	\$ 1067	\$ 916	\$ 811	\$ 547	\$ 794
United Omaha	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 1147</b>	<b>\$ 975</b>	<b>\$ 828</b>	<b>\$ 558</b>	<b>\$ 804</b>	<b>\$ 1068</b>	<b>\$ 897</b>	<b>\$ 812</b>	<b>\$ 557</b>	<b>\$ 774</b>

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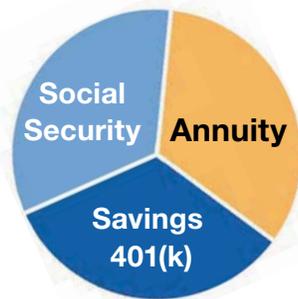
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**Table 10. Single Life Annuities - Age 90**

Column Headings: **Life Only:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime. **Life with 3% COLA:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime. Monthly income increases annually by 3% on every policy anniversary date. **Life with 10 Years Guaranteed:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies within the first 10 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 10th year. **Life with 20 Years Guaranteed:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies within the first 20 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 20th year. **Life with Installment Refund:** Pays for the remainder of the annuitant's lifetime; if the annuitant dies before receiving an amount equal to the premium, payments continue to beneficiaries until the total amount paid equals the premium. Quotes shown are per \$100,000 of non-qualified money with monthly income beginning 30 days after purchase.

Insurance Company	MALE					FEMALE				
	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund	Life Only	Life with 3% COLA	Life w/ 10 years Guar.	Life w/ 20 years Guar.	Life w/ Install Refund
Allianz	\$ 1544	N/A	\$ 844	\$ 546	N/A	\$ 1484	N/A	\$ 839	\$ 546	N/A
American General	\$ 1310	\$ 1176	\$ 885	\$ 560	\$ 982	\$ 1125	\$ 989	\$ 860	\$ 560	\$ 894
American National	\$ 1515	\$ 1319	\$ 884	\$ 582	\$ 1007	\$ 1456	\$ 1262	\$ 879	\$ 582	\$ 984
Equitrust Life	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 970	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 936
Guardian Life Ins.	N/A	N/A	\$ 877	N/A	\$ 873	N/A	N/A	\$ 869	N/A	\$ 856
ING USA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Integrity Life	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Jackson National	\$ 1398	\$ 1237	\$ 807	N/A	N/A	\$ 1338	\$ 1179	\$ 801	N/A	N/A
Kansas City Life	\$ 1197	N/A	\$ 827	\$ 523	\$ 820	\$ 1099	N/A	\$ 810	\$ 523	\$ 788
Mass Mutual Life	\$ 1435	\$ 1288	\$ 878	\$ 561	\$ 938	\$ 1302	\$ 1156	\$ 865	\$ 561	\$ 900
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MetLife Investors	\$ 1483	N/A	\$ 866	\$ 549	\$ 930	\$ 1455	N/A	\$ 864	\$ 549	\$ 926
Minnesota Life	\$ 1471	N/A	\$ 883	N/A	\$ 802	\$ 1410	N/A	\$ 877	N/A	\$ 782
Nationwide LIC	N/A	N/A	\$ 881	\$ 553	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 873	\$ 553	N/A
New York Life	N/A	N/A	\$ 879	N/A	\$ 1011	N/A	N/A	\$ 865	N/A	\$ 930
No. Amer. Co.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Pacific Life	\$ 1422	\$ 1272	\$ 911	\$ 556	\$ 966	\$ 1291	\$ 1137	\$ 885	\$ 555	\$ 931
Penn Mutual	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Principal Financial	N/A	N/A	\$ 870	\$ 502	\$ 966	N/A	N/A	\$ 863	\$ 502	\$ 934
Symetra Financial	\$ 1414	\$ 1256	\$ 867	\$ 547	\$ 912	\$ 1374	\$ 1217	\$ 863	\$ 547	\$ 902
United Omaha	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 1418</b>	<b>\$ 1258</b>	<b>\$ 868</b>	<b>\$ 547</b>	<b>\$ 931</b>	<b>\$ 1333</b>	<b>\$ 1156</b>	<b>\$ 858</b>	<b>\$ 547</b>	<b>\$ 896</b>

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I have recommended you and your company to other estate planners and financial advisors.

Very truly yours,



David D. Dunakey

**Table 11. Joint & Survivor Annuities — Male Age 65, Female Age 60**

Column Headings: **50% J&S**: Pays as long as both annuitants live; upon the death of either annuitant, the survivor's income is reduced to 50%. **100% J&S**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives. **100% J&S with 3% COLA**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives. Monthly income increases annually by 3% on every policy anniversary date. **100% J&S - 10 yr Certain & Continuous**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die within the first 10 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 10th year. **100% J&S - 20 yr C&C**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die within the first 20 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 20th year. **100% J&S - Installment Refund**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die before receiving an amount equal to the premium, payments continue to beneficiaries until the total amount paid equals the premium. Quotes shown are monthly per \$100,000.

Insurance Company	50% J&S	100% J&S	100% J&S w/3% COLA	100% J&S 10 yr C&C	100% J&S 20 yr C&C	100% J&S Install. Rfd.
Allianz	\$ 561	\$ 472	N/A	\$ 472	\$ 465	N/A
American General (AIG)	\$ 545	\$ 463	\$ 313	\$ 462	\$ 456	\$ 457
American National	\$ 537	\$ 458	\$ 299	\$ 458	\$ 453	N/A
Equitrust Life	\$ 539	\$ 458	N/A	\$ 457	\$ 452	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 420	\$ 418	\$ 418
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 539	\$ 461	\$ 304	\$ 461	\$ 457	N/A
ING USA	\$ 542	\$ 472	\$ 327	\$ 472	\$ 468	N/A
Integrity Life	\$ 528	\$ 465	\$ 324	\$ 464	\$ 461	\$ 462
Jackson National	\$ 466	\$ 388	N/A	\$ 387	\$ 382	N/A
Kansas City Life	\$ 480	\$ 402	N/A	\$ 401	\$ 396	N/A
Mass Mutual Life Ins.	\$ 511	\$ 454	\$ 311	\$ 454	\$ 451	\$ 450
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MetLife Investors	\$ 536	\$ 466	\$ 324	\$ 466	\$ 461	\$ 462
Minnesota Life	\$ 508	\$ 427	N/A	\$ 426	\$ 421	N/A
Nationwide LIC	\$ 518	\$ 450	\$ 313	\$ 450	\$ 445	N/A
New York Life	\$ 530	\$ 458	\$ 317	\$ 458	\$ 454	\$ 456
No. Amer. Co. Life & Health	\$ 515	\$ 429	N/A	\$ 502	\$ 464	N/A
Pacific Life & Annuity Co.	\$ 552	\$ 477	\$ 318	\$ 477	\$ 472	\$ 474
Penn Mutual	\$ 528	\$ 442	\$ 298	\$ 443	\$ 439	N/A
Principal Financial	\$ 534	\$ 457	\$ 309	\$ 457	\$ 452	\$ 454
Symetra Financial	\$ 530	\$ 459	\$ 315	\$ 458	\$ 454	\$ 455
United Omaha	\$ 508	\$ 444	\$ 311	\$ 445	\$ 442	N/A
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 525</b>	<b>\$ 450</b>	<b>\$ 313</b>	<b>\$ 451</b>	<b>\$ 445</b>	<b>\$ 454</b>

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**Table 12. Joint & Survivor Annuities — Male Age 70, Female Age 65**

Column Headings: **50% J&S**: Pays as long as both annuitants live; upon the death of either annuitant, the survivor's income is reduced to 50%. **100% J&S**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives. **100% J&S with 3% COLA**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives. Monthly income increases annually by 3% on every policy anniversary date. **100% J&S - 10 yr Certain & Continuous**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die within the first 10 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 10th year. **100% J&S - 20 yr C&C**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die within the first 20 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 20th year. **100% J&S - Installment Refund**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die before receiving an amount equal to the premium, payments continue to beneficiaries until the total amount paid equals the premium. Quotes shown are monthly per \$100,000.

Insurance Company	50% J&S	100% J&S	100% J&S w/3% COLA	100% J&S 10 yr C&C	100% J&S 20 yr C&C	100% J&S Install. Rfd.
Allianz	\$ 625	\$ 510	N/A	\$ 509	\$ 490	N/A
American General (AIG)	\$ 609	\$ 506	\$ 360	\$ 504	\$ 488	\$ 496
American National	\$ 605	\$ 501	\$ 344	\$ 500	\$ 487	N/A
Equitrust Life	\$ 610	\$ 503	N/A	\$ 501	\$ 486	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 457	\$ 449	\$ 451
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 603	\$ 502	\$ 347	\$ 501	\$ 490	N/A
ING USA	\$ 604	\$ 514	\$ 374	\$ 513	\$ 501	N/A
Integrity Life	\$ 589	\$ 502	\$ 364	\$ 501	\$ 489	\$ 495
Jackson National	\$ 538	\$ 435	N/A	\$ 434	\$ 419	N/A
Kansas City Life	\$ 551	\$ 448	N/A	\$ 447	\$ 433	N/A
Mass Mutual Life Ins.	\$ 566	\$ 491	\$ 352	\$ 490	\$ 483	\$ 483
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MetLife Investors	\$ 604	\$ 509	\$ 372	\$ 508	\$ 494	\$ 500
Minnesota Life	\$ 580	\$ 474	N/A	\$ 472	\$ 457	N/A
Nationwide LIC	\$ 583	\$ 490	\$ 354	\$ 488	\$ 474	N/A
New York Life	\$ 593	\$ 499	\$ 362	\$ 499	\$ 486	\$ 493
No. Amer. Co. Life & Health	\$ 592	\$ 480	N/A	\$ 567	\$ 496	N/A
Pacific Life & Annuity Co.	\$ 607	\$ 510	\$ 368	\$ 510	\$ 496	\$ 503
Penn Mutual	\$ 596	\$ 486	\$ 344	\$ 484	\$ 473	N/A
Principal Financial	\$ 604	\$ 502	\$ 357	\$ 501	\$ 487	\$ 494
Symetra Financial	\$ 592	\$ 497	\$ 357	\$ 496	\$ 483	\$ 489
United Omaha	\$ 579	\$ 492	\$ 359	\$ 492	\$ 497	N/A
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 591</b>	<b>\$ 492</b>	<b>\$ 358</b>	<b>\$ 494</b>	<b>\$ 478</b>	<b>\$ 489</b>

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**Table 13. Joint & Survivor Annuities — Male Age 75, Female Age 70**

Column Headings: **50% J&S**: Pays as long as both annuitants live; upon the death of either annuitant, the survivor's income is reduced to 50%. **100% J&S**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives. **100% J&S with 3% COLA**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives. Monthly income increases annually by 3% on every policy anniversary date. **100% J&S - 10 yr Certain & Continuous**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die within the first 10 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 10th year. **100% J&S - 20 yr C&C**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die within the first 20 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 20th year. **100% J&S - Installment Refund**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die before receiving an amount equal to the premium, payments continue to beneficiaries until the total amount paid equals the premium. Quotes shown are monthly per \$100,000.

Insurance Company	50% J&S	100% J&S	100% J&S w/3% COLA	100% J&S 10 yr C&C	100% J&S 20 yr C&C	100% J&S Install. Rfd.
Allianz	\$ 718	\$ 566	N/A	\$ 560	\$ 513	N/A
American General (AIG)	\$ 702	\$ 568	\$ 425	\$ 564	\$ 521	\$ 549
American National	\$ 699	\$ 562	\$ 406	\$ 557	\$ 524	N/A
Equitrust Life	\$ 707	\$ 565	N/A	\$ 561	\$ 521	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 508	\$ 484	\$ 496
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 689	\$ 558	\$ 405	\$ 555	\$ 521	N/A
ING USA	\$ 693	\$ 571	\$ 435	\$ 567	\$ 533	N/A
Integrity Life	\$ 679	\$ 558	\$ 423	\$ 554	\$ 519	\$ 542
Jackson National	\$ 637	\$ 501	N/A	\$ 496	\$ 546	N/A
Kansas City Life	\$ 649	\$ 512	N/A	\$ 508	\$ 470	N/A
Mass Mutual Life Ins.	\$ 646	\$ 545	\$ 410	\$ 543	\$ 521	\$ 529
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MetLife Investors	\$ 699	\$ 570	\$ 437	\$ 564	\$ 525	\$ 546
Minnesota Life	\$ 680	\$ 540	N/A	\$ 535	\$ 494	N/A
Nationwide LIC	\$ 679	\$ 550	\$ 416	\$ 545	\$ 505	N/A
New York Life	\$ 684	\$ 558	\$ 424	\$ 558	\$ 519	\$ 544
No. Amer. Co. Life & Health	\$ 676	\$ 529	N/A	\$ 623	\$ 523	N/A
Pacific Life & Annuity Co.	\$ 679	\$ 554	\$ 436	\$ 552	\$ 519	\$ 536
Penn Mutual	\$ 686	\$ 541	\$ 402	\$ 541	\$ 508	N/A
Principal Financial	\$ 702	\$ 563	\$ 421	\$ 559	\$ 519	\$ 544
Symetra Financial	\$ 678	\$ 552	\$ 414	\$ 548	\$ 513	\$ 534
United Omaha	\$ 667	\$ 547	\$ 417	\$ 545	\$ 504	N/A
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 682</b>	<b>\$ 550</b>	<b>\$ 419</b>	<b>\$ 549</b>	<b>\$ 514</b>	<b>\$ 535</b>
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**Table 14. Joint & Survivor Annuities — Male Age 80, Female Age 75**

Column Headings: **50% J&S**: Pays as long as both annuitants live; upon the death of either annuitant, the survivor's income is reduced to 50%. **100% J&S**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives. **100% J&S with 3% COLA**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives. Monthly income increases annually by 3% on every policy anniversary date. **100% J&S - 10 yr Certain & Continuous**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die within the first 10 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 10th year. **100% J&S - 20 yr C&C**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die within the first 20 years, payments continue to beneficiaries until the end of the 20th year. **100% J&S - Installment Refund**: Pays as long as either annuitant lives; if both annuitants die before receiving an amount equal to the premium, payments continue to beneficiaries until the total amount paid equals the premium. Quotes shown are monthly per \$100,000.

Insurance Company	50% J&S	100% J&S	100% J&S w/3% COLA	100% J&S 10 yr C&C	100% J&S 20 yr C&C	100% J&S Install. Rfd.
Allianz	\$ 853	\$ 649	N/A	\$ 631	\$ 524	N/A
American General (AIG)	\$ 832	\$ 653	\$ 512	\$ 638	\$ 542	\$ 613
American National	\$ 835	\$ 650	\$ 494	\$ 636	\$ 556	N/A
Equitrust Life	\$ 845	\$ 655	N/A	\$ 639	\$ 549	N/A
Genworth	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 577	N/A	\$ 553
Guardian Life Ins.	\$ 808	\$ 635	\$ 484	\$ 625	\$ 551	N/A
ING USA	\$ 826	\$ 655	\$ 523	\$ 642	\$ 558	N/A
Integrity Life	\$ 793	\$ 619	\$ 488	\$ 631	\$ 542	\$ 606
Jackson National	\$ 779	\$ 594	N/A	\$ 579	N/A	N/A
Kansas City Life	\$ 789	\$ 605	N/A	\$ 590	\$ 500	N/A
Mass Mutual Life Ins.	\$ 771	\$ 630	\$ 497	\$ 624	\$ 561	\$ 596
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MetLife Investors	\$ 842	\$ 659	\$ 529	\$ 639	\$ 547	\$ 610
Minnesota Life	\$ 824	\$ 634	N/A	\$ 618	\$ 523	N/A
Nationwide LIC	\$ 822	\$ 639	\$ 506	\$ 621	\$ 528	N/A
New York Life	\$ 817	\$ 645	\$ 513	\$ 636	\$ 543	\$ 611
No. Amer. Co. Life & Health	\$ 812	\$ 615	N/A	\$ 698	\$ 541	N/A
Pacific Life & Annuity Co.	\$ 803	\$ 640	\$ 503	\$ 630	\$ 549	\$ 606
Penn Mutual	\$ 818	\$ 623	\$ 486	\$ 615	N/A	N/A
Principal Financial	\$ 846	\$ 653	\$ 514	\$ 636	\$ 539	\$ 610
Symetra Financial	\$ 801	\$ 631	\$ 496	\$ 618	\$ 537	\$ 595
United Omaha	\$ 797	\$ 630	\$ 500	\$ 617	\$ 522	N/A
<b>Average</b>	<b>\$ 815</b>	<b>\$ 635</b>	<b>\$ 503</b>	<b>\$ 625</b>	<b>\$ 539</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>

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# Let Your Money Work for You with a Deferred Fixed Annuity

If your money is in a taxable investment, part of the interest earned each year will be lost to taxes. When you receive Form 1099, your interest is reported as income even if it's not interest you are spending. This chart helps to compare what you need to earn in a taxable investment to equal the tax-deferred security of a deferred fixed annuity purchased with after-tax dollars.

*For example, if your federal tax bracket is 28% and you earn 3.00% in a deferred fixed annuity, you would need to earn a rate of 4.17% in a taxable investment to match the earning of your annuity.*

If your federal tax bracket is →	15%	25%	28%	33%	35%
And your deferred fixed annuity rate is:	Comparable annual rate of return of a currently taxable investment would need to be:				
3.50%	4.12%	4.67%	4.86%	5.22%	5.38%
3.25%	3.82%	4.33%	4.51%	4.85%	5.00%
<b>3.00%</b>	3.53%	4.00%	<b>4.17%</b>	4.48%	4.62%
2.75%	3.24%	3.67%	3.82%	4.10%	4.23%
2.50%	2.94%	3.33%	3.47%	3.73%	3.85%
2.25%	2.65%	3.00%	3.13%	3.36%	3.46%
2.00%	2.35%	2.67%	2.78%	2.99%	3.08%
1.75%	2.06%	2.33%	2.43%	2.61%	2.69%
1.50%	1.76%	2.00%	2.08%	2.24%	2.31%

Fixed annuities are taxable, but only when you take a withdrawal or other distribution from your annuity. If you delay taking withdrawals, you may be in a lower tax bracket when you are ready to take income.

The rates above do not indicate the performance of any individual fixed annuity. Annuity withdrawals and other distributions of taxable amounts, including death benefit payouts, will be subject to ordinary income tax. For nonqualified contracts, an additional 3.8% tax may apply on net investment income beginning in 2013. If withdrawals and other distributions are taken prior to age 59½, an additional 10% federal tax may apply. A withdrawal charge and a market value adjustment (MVA) also may apply.

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## About Life Expectancy



### Understanding Life Expectancy

One of the biggest worries people approaching retirement age have is whether or not they will have sufficient financial resources to support themselves for the rest of their lives. These concerns are heightened as you reach retirement because for most people, once you stop working you no longer are able to add significantly to your existing assets. You rely upon whatever assets you have already accumulated, along with other sources of income which may become available, such as pension plan or Social Security benefits.

When thinking about how much income to plan for in retirement, it is helpful to consider the life expectancy projections for people in your age group.

Life expectancy is a concept which many people refer to but few understand. Technically, it is a statistical projection of a person's life span. It is based on probabilities of mortality, and assumptions about living conditions, medical advances, natural disasters and other factors affecting a group of people of the same age.

The life expectancy tables published in Annuity Shopper show the number of years remaining for persons at different ages, assuming the underlying mortality factors do not change. For example, in the "2001 CSO" table, the life expectancy of a 65-year-old woman (based on 2001 data) is shown as 20.12 years. This means, half the 65-year-old women (in the United States) in 2001, were ex-

pected to die before they reached age 85.12, and half were expected to live past age 85.12. However, as a 65-year-old woman becomes one-year older, her *remaining* life expectancy does not decrease by a full year.

In actuarial terms, the older a person is, the more likely she will live beyond what her life expectancy was at an earlier age. While the number of years she is expected to live decreases with age, it does not decrease in direct proportion to the number of years she continues to live.

This notion that life expectancy "expands" as one grows older leads many people to underestimate life expectancy when calculating their financial needs. Others err by using projected life expectancy at birth as their planning target (see *Retirement Planning - The Ongoing Challenge*, LIMRA International, 2003). According to SOA, one-third of retirees and nearly half of pre-retirees assume they will live to a specific age when planning the details of their retirement. These people do not account for the fact that the longer they live the longer they are likely to continue living (see *2003 Risks and Process of Retirement Survey*, Society of Actuaries, 2004).

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2001 Commissioners' Standard Ordinary Mortality Table ('2001 CSO')								
Adopted by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners in 2002								
Age	Male Life Exp.	Fem. Life Exp.	Age	Male Life Exp.	Fem. Life Exp.	Age	Male Life Exp.	Fem. Life Exp.
1	75.68	79.81	41	37.39	41.05	81	7.01	9.35
2	74.73	78.86	42	36.46	40.11	82	6.57	8.81
3	73.76	77.9	43	35.53	39.17	83	6.14	8.29
4	72.78	76.93	44	34.61	38.23	84	5.74	7.79
5	71.8	75.95	45	33.69	37.29	85	5.36	7.32
6	70.81	74.97	46	32.78	36.36	86	5	6.87
7	69.83	73.98	47	31.87	35.43	87	4.66	6.43
8	68.84	73	48	30.97	34.51	88	4.35	6.02
9	67.86	72.02	49	30.07	33.6	89	4.07	5.64
10	66.88	71.03	50	29.18	32.69	90	3.81	5.29
11	65.89	70.05	51	28.28	31.79	91	3.57	4.96
12	64.91	69.07	52	27.4	30.9	92	3.35	4.61
13	63.93	68.08	53	26.52	30.01	93	3.15	4.26
14	62.95	67.1	54	25.65	29.14	94	2.96	3.93
15	61.98	66.13	55	24.79	28.27	95	2.78	3.63
16	61.02	65.15	56	23.94	27.41	96	2.62	3.38
17	60.07	64.17	57	23.1	26.57	97	2.47	3.18
18	59.12	63.2	58	22.27	25.73	98	2.32	3.02
19	58.17	62.23	59	21.45	24.9	99	2.19	2.82
20	57.23	61.26	60	20.64	24.08	100	2.07	2.61
21	56.29	60.28	61	19.85	23.27	101	1.96	2.42
22	55.34	59.31	62	19.06	22.47	102	1.86	2.23
23	54.4	58.34	63	18.29	21.68	103	1.76	2.06
24	53.45	57.37	64	17.54	20.9	104	1.66	1.89
25	52.51	56.4	65	16.8	20.12	105	1.57	1.74
26	51.57	55.43	66	16.08	19.36	106	1.48	1.6
27	50.62	54.46	67	15.37	18.6	107	1.39	1.47
28	49.68	53.49	68	14.68	17.86	108	1.3	1.36
29	48.74	52.53	69	13.99	17.12	109	1.22	1.25
30	47.79	51.56	70	13.32	16.4	110	1.14	1.16
31	46.85	50.6	71	12.66	15.69	111	1.07	1.08
32	45.9	49.63	72	12.01	14.99	112	0.99	1
33	44.95	48.67	73	11.39	14.31	113	0.92	0.93
34	44	47.71	74	10.78	13.64	114	0.85	0.86
35	43.05	46.75	75	10.18	12.98	115	0.79	0.79
36	42.11	45.8	76	9.61	12.34	116	0.72	0.73
37	41.16	44.84	77	9.05	11.71	117	0.66	0.67
38	40.21	43.89	78	8.5	11.1	118	0.61	0.61
39	39.27	42.94	79	7.98	10.5	119	0.55	0.56
40	38.33	42	80	7.49	9.92	120	0.5	0.5

## Tips for Buying a MYGA Annuity

A FIXED DEFERRED MYGA (“MULTI-YEAR”) ANNUITY is a tax-favored wealth accumulation contract issued by an insurance company. Its chief advantage over a mutual fund or a bank Certificate of Deposit is that earnings grow in your account on a tax-deferred basis. This means you pay no income taxes until you withdraw money from the account. Because of this, the value of your account is able to increase more quickly since the entire amount of each year’s earnings works to create new earnings. You can fund a deferred annuity with personal savings (“after-tax” or “nonqualified” monies) or with a “rollover” from a qualified account such as an IRA or a lump sum distribution from a qualified pension plan. In this case, there is no tax advantage offered by the deferred annuity over the IRA, since monies in an IRA already grow tax-free.

In addition to compounded tax-deferred earnings, annuities may also offer a high degree of safety. Your premium and earnings are guaranteed by the claims-paying ability of the issuing insurance company. Insurance companies are required by law to set aside assets (known as “reserves”) in order to cover the claims of their policyholders. Companies are also regularly monitored by ratings agencies such as A.M. Best, Standard and Poor’s, and Moody’s. By reviewing the ratings an insurance company receives from the rating agencies you may determine if it is operating on a sound financial footing.

In the remainder of this article, we address the main features and benefits of “fixed interest” multi-year guarantee annuities (“MYGA”). The first thing to note is that so-called “fixed interest” annuities do not offer a selection of accounts (unlike “Variable” annuities, which typically offer a variety of accounts some of whose value can fluctuate up or down depending on the performance of such financial instruments as stocks and bonds). With a fixed interest MYGA, the insurance company credits your account with a fixed interest rate (hence the name) for periods that can range anywhere from three years to ten years.

The most common form of MYGA is a Single Premium (“SP”) annuity. “SPs” accept a one-time-only deposit and accrue interest until the contract is surrendered or annuitized. A Flexible Premium (“FP”) MYGA contract is one which accepts multiple deposits.

Virtually all MYGAs offer the contract holder a high degree of control over his investment. At the outset, there is a “right to examine” or “free look” period (10-20 days in most states) which allows you to return the policy for a full refund for any reason. Afterwards, you can cancel the contract at any time, although doing so will likely cause you to incur a surrender charge and also a market-value adjustment (a plus or minus “MVA”) charge.

### **Eight Reasons to Consider A Deferred Annuity**

#### **1. Gain Compounded Earnings While Deferring Income Taxes**

All the earnings in an annuity contract are tax-deferred. This means you don’t pay income taxes on the earnings until you withdraw interest from your account. There are no annual 1099 forms to file or earned-interest entries to make on your 1040. Tax deferral also means that annuity earnings do not offset Social Security benefits as do the earnings from bonds, CDs, and other investments. Even the income generated by tax-exempt municipal bonds (for which no federal income tax is due) must be counted to determine any offset to Social Security benefits. In short, people with large money market or CD balances should consider annuities for the extra earnings benefits which only this kind of tax deferral can provide. Over time, tax-free compounding produces a substantially greater overall return than other investments whose earnings are taxed each year. Studies show that from 15% to 40% more money is available with annuities. By not taking annuity income until you reach retirement age you can also remain in a lower tax bracket, adding further to the overall value of your original investment.

## 2. Earn Higher Interest Rates

Fixed interest deferred annuities may credit higher interest rates than available from bank CDs. The interest rates on deferred annuities are often closer to those of long-term bonds than short-term money market accounts.

## 3. Make Unlimited Contributions to Your Tax-Deferred Account

Even if you've maximized your yearly IRA and pension contributions, you are still permitted to invest any amount you wish into a tax-deferred annuity. There are no annual contribution limits with an annuity; you can deposit as much as you want and watch it grow tax-deferred, even up to age 90 and older with many insurance companies.

## 4. Protect Your Principal From Downturns in the Credit Markets

When interest rates trend higher annuity accounts are insulated from the risk of loss of principal which usually impact government bonds and bond mutual funds. Unlike bonds, which lose principal value during periods of rising interest rates, the account value of a fixed annuity is guaranteed. Not only will your principal escape such potential losses, if your annuity has an annually renewing interest rate (which is not true for MYGA annuities discussed here), your account may be credited with a higher declared interest rate which reflects the higher prevailing interest rates available in the bond market. In short, your principal and earnings are protected no matter what direction interest rates take.

## 5. Retire Early Without Penalty

Annuities can offer valuable tax-savings for employees under age 59½ who receive large lump-sum distributions from their 401(k) profit-sharing plans as part of an early retirement or severance package. Such amounts can be "rolled over" into an annuity policy without having to recognize any taxable income. Penalty-free withdrawals can then be taken by setting up a program known

as "Substantially Equal Periodic Payments" (SEPP). This exemption to the IRS pre-59½ early-withdrawal penalty allows you to withdraw funds from a tax-deferred account you thought couldn't be touched until retirement!

## 6. Satisfy Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

Retirees over age 70½ are required to begin taking withdrawals from their IRA or Pension plans. The IRS penalty for not doing so is a substantial 50% of any amount that falls short of the Required Minimum Distribution (MRD). For an IRA which you roll over into a deferred annuity the insurance company will administer for you the proper MRD amount free of charge. This can save you the annual fee that your accountant or attorney would otherwise charge for making these calculations.

## 7. Retire With Lifetime Income

Retirees concerned about making their profit sharing plan or money market savings last a lifetime can protect themselves with a guaranteed income stream, which pays for no matter how long they live. A healthy male age 65 has a 25% chance of living to age 90, and a 65 year-old woman is likely to live even longer. By "annuitizing" your IRA or deferred annuity, you can convert its value to an "immediate annuity" income stream in any of several forms (see earlier discussion on "Immediate Annuities"). This type of annuity can provide a monthly check which is guaranteed for life, regardless of swings in the economy.

## 8. Create Probate-Free Inheritance

The legal process of going through probate was established to protect a decedent's estate and insure that it is distributed according to his wishes. Probate can become a time-consuming and expensive experience for heirs. Purchasing an annuity is one way to protect your beneficiaries from having to undergo this costly delay. Your named beneficiary or beneficiaries are paid directly and promptly, as soon as the insurance company has been notified about your passing.

## MYGA Interest Rates

The Initial Interest Rate and the length of time for which this rate is guaranteed (called the “Rate Guarantee Period” or “RGP”) are two of the most important features of a MYG annuity. Most insurance companies credit interest daily, allowing earnings to compound on a basis known as “day of deposit to day of withdrawal.”

Some insurance companies offer “bonus” interest rates, which can tack on as much as 5% to the current first-year’s interest rate, boosting the yield to 9% or higher. As alluring as these bonus rates may seem, they can also be confusing. Some companies only pay the bonus if you eventually annuitize with that company and take your money in monthly installments over a period of at least 10 years. If you want to withdraw your money in a lump sum, the insurer may retroactively subtract the bonus as well as the interest attributable to that bonus.

In a MYG annuity, interest is credited at a declared rate for the full RGP. Some policies credit the same interest rate for the duration of the RGP. Other policies credit a bonus rate in the first year of the RGP and a lower rate for the following years. In either case, however, there is no uncertainty about the interest rate that your account will earn.

## Expenses

Fixed annuities have no upfront sales charges. It would also be unusual for fixed annuities to charge maintenance fees. Because of this, 100% of your deposit—without any deductions—goes directly to work for you in your account.

## Penalty-free Withdrawals and Surrender Fees

Almost all insurance companies let you withdraw interest as it is earned without having to pay a surrender penalty. Many also allow free withdrawals of up to 10% of your account value (principal plus accumulated earnings) each year. If you want to withdraw more than 10% of your contract value, you are likely be charged an Early Surren-

der Penalty. This is assessed as a percentage of the amount that exceeds the Penalty-Free Withdrawal amount. In financial services jargon, this is called a “back-end load.” These charges are not the same as the 10% early withdrawal penalty that the IRS imposes when you take funds out of an SPDA before you reach age 59½.

Surrender penalties vary from company to company, but may be as high as 10% in the first contract year. Typically, surrender charges reduce by 1% per year. Such fees are sometimes waived when the contract is “annuitized” under a payment option or in the event of the policyholder’s death. Many policies also waive surrender fees if the annuitant is confined to a nursing home.

MYGAs typically offer a 30-day window at the end of the Rate Guarantee Period (RGP) during which the full account value (principal plus interest) may be withdrawn without penalty. However, if the policy owner does not surrender or exchange or rollover his account during this 30-day period, the annuity is automatically renewed and surrender charges are reset to the same schedule as before.

## Market Value Adjustment (‘MVA’)

In addition to surrender charges, MYGA policies calculate a “Market Value Adjustment” (MVA), which may increase or decrease the total penalties incurred on “excess” withdrawals or early surrender of the policy. A typical MVA is determined by a formula which compares the base interest rate of the contract at the time it was issued and the base interest rate (of a similar contract) at the time of the withdrawal or surrender of the policy. Generally, if the base interest rate has declined, then the MVA will have a positive impact on the value of the policy. It may even offset some or all of the surrender charges. Conversely, if interest rates are higher at the time of withdrawal, the MVA will have a negative impact and add to the surrender charges to be deducted from the value of the policy.

### Other Withdrawal Options and Annuitization

It's essential to know what withdrawal options are available when your deferred annuity is no longer subject to surrender penalties. You can reinvest your money with the same company at the rate then being offered or switch your account to another insurer (called a "Section 1035 Exchange"). Or, you can simply pull your money out of the annuity in a lump sum, in which case you'll owe federal income tax on ALL the earnings in that single year. And, if you're younger than 59½ at the time of the withdrawal, you'll owe an additional penalty of 10% of the amount that is taxable income.

There are, however, two ways to postpone that tax bite, while still turning your annuity account into a reliable income stream. One is to "annuitize" your policy—which means to convert the accumulated value of your deferred annuity into an "immediate annuity." While your present company will certainly want you to annuitize your account with them, it's a good idea to "shop the market," since there may very well be other companies that offer more generous settlement rates. Settlement rates are the current, guaranteed purchase rates per \$1,000 of account value used to convert deferred annuity cash values into monthly income. These rates move up and down in tandem with fluctuations in the credit markets. If you do find better rates with another company, you can transfer your account balance using a procedure called a "Section 1035" exchange. Section 1035 is the portion of the IRS code that contains the rules governing such a tax-free exchange.

Annuitizing your deferred annuity may also offer a tax advantage, such as letting you postpone paying taxes on some of the earnings you've accrued. However, this is true only for annuities which were originally purchased with so-called "non-qualified" or after-tax dollars (that is, monies which were not previously exempt from taxes). Nonqualified monies include personal savings held in bank CDs or money market accounts, as well as securities and other investments held in your own name. If your immediate or deferred annuity represents a "qualified" or pre-tax in-

vestment—such as an IRA or IRA "rollover" of pension plan funds—then the whole monthly income check will be taxable. Be forewarned, however, that annuitizing a deferred annuity is an irrevocable transaction, meaning that once established it cannot be reversed or cashed in.

An alternative to annuitizing your deferred annuity would be to set up a systematic withdrawal plan. With this method, you tell the insurance company how much cash to send you from your account each month. The main advantage of systematic withdrawals is flexibility; you can raise, lower, or stop the payments at any time. And if you choose to do so at a later date, you can always annuitize the balance of your account value. However, unlike the annuitization option, your account could eventually run out of money if you withdraw more than the annual interest earnings each year. What's more, cash paid out in a systematic withdrawal program is usually fully taxable until all the earnings have been withdrawn from the account. Because the tax law governing annuities can be quite complex, you should consult a financial planner or tax adviser before going ahead with either annuitization or the systematic withdrawal option.

### Shopping for the Best Deferred Annuity

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**Table 15. MYGA (Multiyear) Guaranteed Deferred Annuities Update**

These are fixed annuities which can be cashed in subject to surrender charges & mva ("market value adjustment"), if applicable. You may also withdraw interest monthly and with some companies up to 10% each year. At the end of the rate guarantee period your deposit plus interest can be returned to you in a lump sum. If you have any questions please call Hersh Stern at 800-872-6684.

Int. Rate Guarantee Period	Effective Annual Yield	Company Name	1st Year Rate	Incl. 1-time bonus of..	2nd Year and Following Years' Rates	Minimum Premium	Product Name	AM Best	Surrender Charges (%) and mva (if applicable)		Insurance Co. Penalty-free Withdrawals**
10 Yrs	3.80%	Midland Nat'l	3.80%	-	3.80% in yrs 2-10	\$200,000	Guarantee Ultimate 10	A+	10,10,10,10,10,9,8,6,4,2 +mva	DB(AO)	INT
	3.75%	No. American Co.	3.75%	-	3.75% in yrs 2-10	\$200,000	Guarantee Choice 10	A+	10,10,10,10,10,9,8,6,4,2 +mva	DB(AO)	INT
9 Yrs	3.65%	Midland Nat'l	3.65%	-	3.65% in yrs 2-9	\$200,000	Guarantee Ultimate 9	A+	10,10,10,10,10,9,8,6,4 +mva	DB(AO)	INT
	3.60%	No. American Co.	3.60%	-	3.60% in yrs 2-10	\$200,000	Guarantee Choice 9	A+	10,10,10,10,10,9,8,6,4,2 +mva	DB(AO)	INT
8 Yrs	3.40%	Midland Nat'l	3.40%	-	3.40% in yrs 2-8	\$200,000	Guarantee Ultimate 8	A+	10,10,10,10,10,9,8,6 +mva	DB(AO)	INT
	3.30%	Guggenheim Life	3.30%	-	3.30% in yrs 2-8	\$10,000	Preserve MYGA 8	B++	7,6,5,4,3,2,1,1 +mva	DB(AO)	10% (2)
7 Yrs	3.30%	Sentinel Sec. LIC	3.30%	-	3.30% in yrs 2-7	\$2,500	Guarantee Choice Ann 7	B++	9,8,7,6,5,5,5	DB(A)	INT (1), 10% (2)
	3.20%	Guggenheim Life	3.20%	-	3.20% in yrs 2-8	\$10,000	Preserve MYGA 7	B++	7,6,5,4,3,2,1 +mva	DB(AO)	10% (2)
6 Yrs	3.15%	Guggenheim Life	3.15%	-	3.15% in yrs 2-8	\$249,999	Preserve MYGA 6	B++	7,6,5,4,3,2 +mva	DB(AO)	10% (2)
	3.00%	Equitrust Life	3.00%	-	3.00% in yrs 2-6	\$10,000	Certainty Select 6	B+	9,8,7,6,5,5,4,5 +mva	DB(O)	INT <sup>oo</sup>
5 Yrs	3.00%	Sentinel Sec. LIC	3.00%	-	3.00% in yrs 2-5	\$2,500	Guarantee Choice Ann 5	B++	9,8,7,6,5	DB(A)	INT (1), 10% (2)
	2.85%	Guggenheim Life	2.85%	-	2.85% in yrs 2-8	\$10,000	Preserve MYGA 5	B++	7,6,5,4,3 +mva	DB(AO)	10% (2)
4 Yrs	2.35%	Guggenheim Life	2.35%	-	2.35% in yrs 2-8	\$249,999	Preserve MYGA 4	B++	7,6,5,4 +mva	DB(AO)	10% (2)
	2.00%	Midland Nat'l	2.00%	-	2.00% in yrs 2-4	\$200,000	Guarantee Ultimate 4	A+	10,10,10,10 +mva	DB(AO)	INT
3 Yrs	2.00%	Equitrust Life	2.00%	-	2.00% in yrs 2-3	\$10,000	Certainty Select 3	B+	9,8,7 +mva	DB(O)	INT <sup>oo</sup>

C = continues to reduce to 0%; does not reset. F = Flexible Premium NR = surrender charges do not reset  
 NY = available only to New York residents. INT = Annual interest withdrawals only. 10% = 10% annual penalty free withdrawal  
 Int (1), 10% (2) = Interest withdrawals only in first year, 10% withdrawal available beginning in year 2.  
 DB = Death Benefit, which is the policy account value, is payable as a lump sum as follows:  
 (A) = Upon death of the annuitant. (AO) = Upon death of either annuitant or owner. (O) = Upon the death of the owner.  
 (Note: For the Equitrust Certainty Select annuity -choosing the optional rider will limit the death benefit)

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# Tips for Buying a Fixed Index Annuity

A FIXED INDEX ANNUITY is a tax-favored accumulation product issued by an insurance company. It shares features with fixed deferred interest rate annuities; however, with an index annuity, the annual growth is benchmarked to a stock market index (e.g., Nasdaq, NYSE, S&P500) rather than an interest rate. An index annuity's growth is subject to rate floors and caps, meaning it will not exceed or fall below the specified return levels even if the underlying stock indices fluctuate outside of those set parameters. In simplest terms, the insurance company bears the risk of a sharp stock market decline with this type of annuity. You cannot lose any of your principal with a fixed index annuity, and your potential gains are usually capped at a rate between 3% and 9%. Many fixed index annuities also offer premium bonuses, but usually at the expense of lower potential gains.

## Fixed Index Annuities Offer Tax Deferral

One advantage that a fixed index annuity has over a mutual fund or a bank Certificate of Deposit (CD) is that earnings grow on a tax-deferred basis. This means you pay no income taxes until you withdraw money from the annuity. This is especially important when you buy your index annuity with personal savings (so-called after-tax or "non-qualified" funds). Index annuities can also be purchased using rollover funds, funds transferred from a taxqualified plan (i.e. IRA), or with a lump sum distribution from a 401k or pension plan. There is no tax advantage.

## Annuities Offer Guarantees

Fixed index annuities also offer a high degree of safety. Your premium and earnings are guaranteed by the issuing insurance company. Insurance companies are legally required to set aside assets (known as "reserves") to cover potential claims made by their policy holders. Insurance companies are monitored by rating agencies such as A.M. Best, Standard and Poor's, and Moody's. By reviewing the ratings an insurance company receives from these agencies, you may be able to determine if it is operating on a sound financial footing.

In the remainder of this article, we address the primary features and benefits of fixed index annuities ("FIA").

The first thing to note is that many FIAs offer a variety of strategy accounts you can choose from. The insurance company will credit your account with a rate tied to the performance of the particular strategy chosen.

Most FIAs are flexible premium annuities, meaning they accept multiple deposits over time. A single premium FIA contract would be one which only accepted a one-time initial premium.

When you purchase an FIA there is a "free look" period (usually 10-30 days in most states) which gives you the right to return your policy for a full refund for any reason.

Afterwards, you can cancel the contract at any time, although doing so will likely cause you to incur a surrender charge and also a market-value adjustment (a plus or minus "MVA").

## Eight Reasons to Consider a Fixed Index Annuity

### 1. Gain Compounded Earnings While Deferring Income Taxes

Earnings within an annuity contract are tax-deferred. This means you don't pay income taxes on the earnings until you withdraw gains from your account. Therefore, there are no annual 1099 forms to file or earned-interest entries to make on your 1040. Tax deferral also means that annuity earnings do not offset Social Security benefits as with earnings from bonds, CDs, and other investments. Income generated by tax-exempt municipal bonds (for which no federal income tax is due) must be counted to determine any offset to Social Security benefits. Investors with investments currently allocated as "cash" should consider annuities for their tax deferral benefits. Over time, tax-deferred compounding may produce a greater overall return than other non-qualified investments.

## 2. Earn Higher Interest Rates

Fixed index annuities may credit higher interest rates than bank CDs or fixed interest rate deferred annuities.

3. Make Contributions to Your Tax-Deferred Account Investors who have maximized contributions to their qualified retirement plans (i.e. 401k, IRAs and pensions) are permitted to contribute without limit to a tax-deferred annuity.

## 4. Protect Your Principal from Downturns in the Credit Markets

When interest rates trend upward, annuity accounts are insulated from loss of principal; increasing interest rates often negatively impact government bonds and bond mutual funds. Unlike bonds which lose principal value during periods of rising interest rates, the account value of a fixed index annuity is guaranteed. In addition to offering loss protection, if your annuity contract offers annually renewing rates, you may be presented with higher cap rates or participation rates, reflecting increased prevailing interest rates. In short, your principal and earnings are protected no matter what direction interest rates may take.

## 5. Retire Early Without Penalty

Annuities can offer valuable tax-savings for employees under the age of 59½ who receive large, lump-sum distributions from their 401(k) profit-sharing plans as part of an early retirement or severance package. Such amounts can be “rolled over” into an annuity policy without having to recognize taxable income. Penalty-free withdrawals can then be taken by setting up a program known as “Substantially Equal Periodic Payments” (SEPP). This exemption to the IRS pre-59½ early-withdrawal penalty allows you to withdraw funds from a tax-deferred account you thought couldn’t be touched until retirement!

## 6. Satisfy Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs)

Retirees over the age of 70½ are required to begin taking withdrawals from their IRA or Pension

plans, known as Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs). The IRS penalty for not doing so is a substantial 50% of any amount that falls short of the Required Minimum Distribution. IRA funds rolled over into a fixed index annuity will be monitored for RMD amounts by the insurance company free of charge. This can save you the annual fee that your accountant or attorney would otherwise charge for making these calculations.

## 7. Retire With Lifetime Income

Today, a healthy 65 year old male has a 25% chance of living to age 90; a 65 year-old woman is likely to live even longer. Retirees concerned about outliving their investments can protect themselves by creating a guaranteed lifetime income stream.. By “annuitizing” your IRA or fixed index annuity, you can exchange its value for an “immediate annuity” income stream in any of several forms (see earlier discussion on “Immediate Annuities”). Many FIAs offer optional income riders which provide withdrawal benefits similar to immediate annuities. This type of annuity provides you with a monthly check, guaranteed to remain constant over the duration of your lifetime.

## 8. Create Probate-Free Inheritance

The legal process of going through probate was established to protect a decedent’s estate and to insure its proper distribution to designated heirs. Probate can be a time-consuming and expensive experience for heirs to endure. Purchasing an annuity is one way to protect your beneficiaries from having to undergo this costly delay in estate distribution. Your named beneficiary or beneficiaries are paid directly and promptly, as soon as the insurance company has been notified about your passing.

### FIA Interest Crediting

Fixed index annuities credit interest based upon the performance of a benchmark stock market index (S&P 500, Dow Jones, NASDAQ). There is zero downside risk in negative stock market years.

In return for that safety, your potential gains are normally "capped" (i.e., determined by a cap rate or participation rate).

### Cap Rates

A cap rate is the highest percentage gain that the insurance company will credit to your account during the specified period. Currently, cap rates range between 3% and 9%, depending on the duration of your annuity. This means that if your annuity has a cap rate of 6% and the benchmark S&P stock index goes up 12%, you will be credited with 6% interest.

### Participation Rates

A participation rate refers to the percentage of the benchmark index gain the insurance company will credit to your annuity for a specified period. For example, if the participation rate is 25% and the stock market index goes up 12%, you will be credited with 3% interest (i.e., 25% of the stock market index's gain).

### Premium Bonus

Many fixed index annuities offer premium bonuses, which are credited to your annuity at the moment premiums are added. Currently, premium bonuses range from 4% to 12%, depending on the duration of the annuity. As alluring as these premium bonuses may seem, they usually come with trade-offs. FIAs with premium bonuses generally offer lower cap rates and participation rates than FIAs without bonuses. Additionally, some companies only pay the bonus if you annuitize with that company at some point in the future. If you choose to withdraw your money in a lump sum before the surrender fee period is over, the insurer may retroactively remove a portion of your premium bonus.

### Expenses

Fixed index annuities do not have upfront sales charges. It would also be unusual for FIAs to charge maintenance fees. Because of this, 100% of your premium—without any deductions—goes directly to work for you in your account. Fees

will only be applied if you surrender the annuity early, or if you purchase riders (i.e. income rider).

### Penalty-free Withdrawals and Surrender Fees

Most insurance companies allow you to withdraw earned interest without having triggering a surrender fee. Some allow penalty-free withdrawals up to 10% of your account value (principal plus accumulated earnings) each year after the first year. If you want to withdraw more than 10% of your contract value, you will likely be charged an Early Surrender Penalty. This is assessed as a percentage of the amount that exceeds the Penalty-Free Withdrawal amount. In financial services jargon, this is called a "back-end load." These charges should not be confused with the 10% early withdrawal penalty the IRS imposes if you withdraw funds from an FIA before you reach the age of 59½.

Surrender penalties vary amongst insurance companies, but may be as high as 15% in the first contract year. Typically, surrender charges reduce by 1% per year. Such fees are sometimes waived when the contract is "annuitized" under a payment option or in the event of the policyholder's death. Many policies also waive surrender fees if the annuitant is confined to a nursing home.

FIAs typically offer a 30-day window at the end of the Rate Guarantee Period (RGP) during which the full account value (principal plus interest) may be withdrawn without penalty. However, if the policy owner does not surrender, exchange or rollover his account during this 30-day period, the annuity is automatically renewed and surrender charges are reset to the previous schedule.

### Market Value Adjustment ('MVA')

An early withdrawal from an FIA may trigger a "Market Value Adjustment" (MVA) which may increase or decrease total penalties incurred on "excess" withdrawals or an early surrender from your contract. A typical MVA is determined using a formula comparing the base interest rate of the contract at issued with the interest rate (of



a similar contract) when a withdrawal or surrender is requested. If the interest rate has declined during the period, the MVA will have a positive impact on the value of the policy. This means the MAV may offset some or all of the surrender charges. Conversely, if interest rates are higher at the time of the proposed withdrawal, the MVA will have a negative impact and add additional charges to the surrender fees deducted from the value of the policy.

#### Other Withdrawal Options and Annuitization

It's essential to know what withdrawal options are available when your fixed index annuity is no longer subject to surrender penalties. You can reinvest your money with the same company at the current rate or switch your account to another insurer (called a "Section 1035 Exchange"). Or, you can simply withdraw your money from the annuity in a lump sum, in which case you'll owe federal income tax on ALL the earnings in that single year. Additionally if you're younger than 59½ at the time of the withdrawal, you'll owe an

additional penalty of 10% of the amount that is taxable income.

There are three ways to postpone this potential tax bite while turning your annuity into a reliable income stream. One way is to "annuitize" your policy—exchange the accumulated value of your fixed index annuity into an "immediate annuity." While your present insurance company will certainly want you to annuitize your account with them, it's a good idea to "shop the market," since there may very well be other companies that offer more generous settlement rates. Settlement rates are the current, guaranteed purchase rates per \$1,000 of account value used to exchange deferred annuity cash values into monthly income. These rates move up and down in tandem with interest rate fluctuations in bond markets. If you do find better rates with another insurance company, you can transfer your account balance using a procedure called a "Section 1035" exchange. Section 1035 is the portion of the IRS code that contains the rules governing such a tax-free exchange.

Annuitizing your fixed index annuity may also offer a tax advantage, such as letting you postpone paying taxes on some of the earnings you've accrued. However, this is true only for annuities which were originally purchased with "non-qualified" or after-tax dollars (that is, monies which were not previously exempt from taxes). Non-qualified monies include personal savings held in bank CDs or money market accounts, as well as securities and other investments held in your own name. If your immediate or deferred annuity represents a "qualified" or pre-tax investment—such as an IRA or IRA "roll-over" of pension plan funds—then the entire monthly income check will be taxable. Be forewarned, however, that annuitizing a deferred annuity is an irrevocable transaction, meaning that once established it cannot be reversed or cashed in.

Similar to annuitization, many index annuities offer "income riders." For an additional annual fee, an income rider can be added to your annuity in order to provide a lifetime income stream that you can turn on in the future. Most income riders will grow at a rate specified in your annuity contract. Currently this "rollup" rate is usually between 5% and 10% per year. "Rollup" periods range anywhere from 7 to 20 years.

It is important to note that the "rollup" amount cannot be withdrawn as a lump sum or 1035-exchanged to another insurance company.

It is only used to generate lifetime income payments with the same insurance company. An alternative to annuitizing your fixed index annuity would be to set up a systematic withdrawal plan. With this method, you tell the insurance company how much cash to send you from your account monthly. The primary advantage of systematic withdrawals is flexibility; you can increase, lower, or stop the payments at any time. If you choose to at a later date, you can always annuitize the balance of your account value. However, unlike the annuitization option, your account could eventually run out of money if you

withdraw more than the annual interest earnings each year. What's more, cash paid out in a systematic withdrawal program is usually fully taxable until all the earnings have been withdrawn from the account. Because tax law governing annuities can be quite complex, you should consult with a financial planner or tax adviser before going ahead with either annuitization or systematic withdrawal options.

### Frequently Asked Questions about Fixed Index Annuities

**Q.** What's the difference between a fixed index annuity and a variable annuity?

**A.** The premium you pay to buy a fixed index annuity is not invested in stocks funds or bond funds as is true with a variable annuity. Rather your returns depend on the performance of a benchmark index. This means that on the anniversary date of your annuity, the insurance company will typically credit gains to your account based on the gains in an underlying benchmark index (e.g., S&P 500, Nasdaq, or Dow Jones Industrials). The amount credited to your annuity will be determined by a cap rate or participation rate as outlined in the contract documents (see below). The good news is that even if the underlying stock index experiences a 40% loss in a given year (as in 2008), your fixed annuity account balance will not suffer a loss. Even during a year in which the stock market tanks, your account simply receives a 0% credit, but no loss.

**Q.** How does the insurance company determine the amount of interest to credit to my annuity?

**A.** Fixed index annuities provide total protection against losses in years that the stock market drops. To provide this protection, the insurance company must retain some of the gains in years in which stocks move up. So in up years the insurance company credits you with only a percentage of the overall market gains. While in bad market years you never lose. The two most common methods for figuring this out are called the "cap rate" method and "participation rate" method.

Q. What is a cap rate?

A. A cap rate is the highest percentage gain that the insurance company will credit to your annuity in any period. For example, if your annuity has an annual cap rate of 7% and the underlying benchmark index grows by 10% that year; your annuity will be credited with a maximum of 7%. If the market only grew 4% that year, your annuity would be credited with 4%. You would receive gains up to the maximum percent limited by the cap rate.

Q. Which benchmark indices does this company offer?

A. The most common stock market index to be offered is the S&P 500. Some insurance companies also offer indices such as the Dow Jones Industrials, Nasdaq or Euro Stoxx 50.

Q. Does this annuity provide a Guaranteed Minimum Accumulation Value?

A. Some indexed annuities offer a guaranteed minimum accumulation value, which will be applied each year regardless of the benchmark performance over the life of the contract. For example, an index annuity might guarantee 107% of your initial premium, even if the benchmark index decreases year after year throughout your contract. (I.e., 100% of your initial premium plus a guaranteed minimum of 7% interest credits.)

Q. What fees will be charged for surrendering the contract and over what time period?

A. Most fixed index annuity contracts have pre-set, declining surrender fees that range in terms of time horizon (5-20 years). This means that if you make a withdrawal greater than the penalty-free amount (usually 10% annually), then you will be charged a surrender fee.

Q. Can I make penalty-free withdrawals?

A. Most insurance companies permit early withdrawals within certain guidelines that don't trigger surrender fees. For example, 10% of the contract value may be withdrawn annually without

charges being applied. Most contracts also allow you to withdraw Required Minimum Distributions free of surrender fees.

Q. What options do I have for generating income payments from my annuity?

A. The two methods for generating income payments are "income riders" and "annuitization." Adding an income rider to your fixed index annuity will allow you to decide when you would like to begin receiving income payments for life. Generally, your income rider will grow at a rate specified in your contract (currently between 5-10% annually). This rate is often referred to as a "rollup rate." Important to note is that income riders often come with an annual fee (usually between 0.50 and 1.00% annually). The term "annuitization" refers to converting your fixed index annuity to an immediate annuity. This opens up a variety of payout options, such as income over a single lifetime, joint lifetime, or for a specified period of years. Many fixed index annuities permit you to annuitize your contract after the first contract year.

Q. Will I be charged any fees for this annuity?

A. Most fixed index annuities come free of any fees. However, if you add certain income or withdrawal riders an annual fee will be deducted from your interest credits. Be sure to review the expenses and fees described in the contract.

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LIQUIDITY <sup>3</sup>		✓
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**Table 16. Fixed Index Annuities Update**

These are fixed index annuities which can be cashed in subject to surrender charges & mva ("market value adjustment"), if applicable. Most index annuities will allow you withdraw 10% penalty-free each year. At the end of the rate guarantee period your deposit plus interest can be returned to you in a lump sum. If you have any questions please call Hersh Stern at 800-872-6684.

Company Name	Product Name	Bonus	Cap Rate*	Income Rider**	Surrender Fee Period	Minimum Premium	AM Best	Penalty-Free Withdrawals**
<b>HIGHEST PREMIUM BONUS ANNUITIES</b>								
Equitrust Life	MarketTwelve Bonus Index	12.00%	3.00%	6.5% for 15 yrs	14 yrs	\$30,000	B++	10% each yr after the first contract yr
Midland Nat'l	Capstone 14	10.00%	3.85%	6.75% for 10 yrs	14 yrs	\$10,000	A+	10% each yr after the first contract yr
American Equity	Bonus Gold	10.00%	3.25%	6.5% for 20 yrs	16 yrs	\$5,000	A-	Interest after 30 days 10% after first year
Midland Nat'l	Endeavor 12 Plus	8.00%	3.85%	6.75% for 10 yrs	12 yrs	\$10,000	A+	10% each yr after the first contract yr
Genworth	SecureLiving Index 10 Plus *with bailout*	4.00%	4.45%	8% for 10 yrs	10 yrs	\$25,000	A	10% each yr after the first contract yr
<b>HIGHEST CAP RATE ANNUITIES</b>								
Midland Nat'l	Select Series 14	-	9.35%	6.75% for 10 yrs	14 yrs	\$10,000	A+	10% each yr after the first contract yr
Midland Nat'l	MNL Endeavor 12	-	6.75%	6.75% for 10 yrs	12 yrs	\$10,000	A+	10% each yr after the first contract yr
Genworth	SecureLiving Index 7 * with bailout *	-	6.00%	8% for 10 yrs	7 yrs	\$25,000	A	10% each yr after the first contract yr
Symetra	Edge Pro 7	-	6.00%	N/A	7 yrs	\$10,000	A	10% each year starting at issue
Protective	Indexed Annuity 5	-	5.00%	N/A	5 yrs	\$10,000	A+	10% each year starting at issue
<b>HIGHEST PREMIUM BONUS ANNUITIES</b>								
Security Benefit	Secure Income	8.00%	3.00%	7% for 20 yrs	10 yrs	\$25,000	B++	10% each yr after the first contract yr
Midland Nat'l	Capstone 14	11.00%	3.00%	6.75% for 10 yrs	14 yrs	\$10,000	A+	10% each yr after the first contract yr
Midland Nat'l	Income Vantage 14	5.00%	3.00%	5% for 20 yrs, plus interest on credits	14 yrs	\$10,000	A+	10% each yr after the first contract yr
American Equity	Bonus Gold	10.00%	3.00%	6.5% for 20 yrs	16 yrs	\$5,000	A-	Interest after 30 days 10% after first year

\* Annual point-to-point cap rates

\*\* Income riders usually come with an annual fee between 0.50-1.00%.

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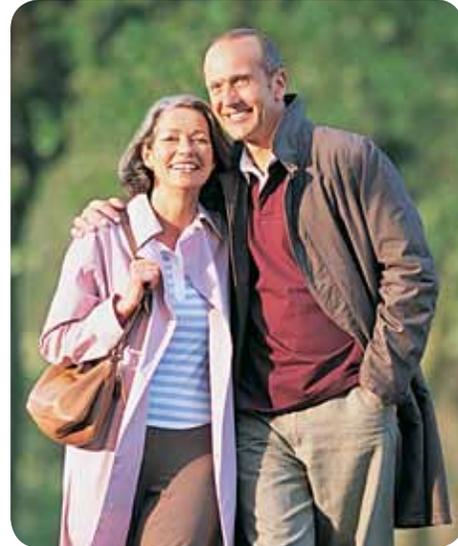
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Along with my best wishes, we're sending you the enclosed personalized plaque to commemorate your accomplishment. We hope you display it with pride and, in the years to come, we look forward to your continued participation in this elite group.

As always, we very much appreciate your hard work and support of Pacific Life. Rest assured that we place tremendous value on our business relationship with you, and congratulations once again on achieving this distinction. Here's to even greater success in the future.

Best personal regards,

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## Tips for Buying a Deferred Income Annuity

A DEFERRED INCOME ANNUITY (also known as a Longevity annuity or an Advanced Life Income annuity) is a newer type of annuity contract that allows you to guarantee a future income stream many years in advance of retirement. You can purchase a deferred income annuity with either a lump sum premium payment or with multiple payments over time (so-called flexible premium purchase). At the time of application the insurance company guarantees a specific income amount for life or for a specified period of time to begin at a pre-determined date you select.

Many deferred income annuities (DIA) are flexible premium annuities, meaning they accept multiple deposits over time. A single premium DIA contract would be one which only accepted a one-time initial premium. While most deferred income annuity contracts permit subsequent deposits (so-called "flexible premium" contracts) it is important to review the company's rules about how often you can contribute additional funds and how the company calculates the additional income that is purchased from these later premium deposits.

Most deferred income annuities guarantee income payments for the duration of the buyer's lifetime. Some companies also offer joint-life, period certain, and installment or cash refund payout options. Joint-life income options provide guaranteed income payments to you for life or for the life of the named survivor, whichever is longer. Period certain provides guaranteed income for a specified time frame. Should you die during this specified time the remaining income payments will be paid to your named beneficiaries.

**Benefits** - Why are investors drawn to deferred income annuities? First and foremost, by delaying the start date these annuities provide you a higher income payment than immediate annuities for the same premium deposit. The amount of income guaranteed is based on the premium amount invested, current interest rates, the length of the delay (deferral) period, and the particular payout income options chosen (period certain or lifetime).

Most deferred income annuity contracts offer

an optional feature which increases your income stream each year by changes in the Consumer Price Index or by a predetermined cost of living adjustment. Since your payments will begin years in the future an inflation protection rider may be worth consideration. With this rider, your guaranteed income payments will increase annually based upon the CPI or the percentage rate selected (1% to 6%) at the time of application. Another popular rider option provides for a death benefit payment to named beneficiaries should you die before the payments begin (i.e., before the deferral period ends). This allows for either a lump-sum return of the initial premium or a guaranteed income stream until the full premium has been returned. Without such a rider, your premium would be forfeited in the event of your untimely death prior to the time your income payments begin.

**Considerations** - As with any annuity type, there are advantages and considerations to evaluate prior to purchase. Deferred income annuities are considered illiquid investments, meaning they do not, generally, offer a cash-out option. While most companies treat the initial premium deposit as forfeited, meaning you cannot recover those funds in a lump sum or partial lump sum, some companies do provide limited liquidity or accelerated withdrawal options.

**Guarantees** - Guaranteed future income payments are the primary draw of a deferred income annuity. As with any investment option, it is important to consider your personal financial situation prior to purchasing an annuity to ensure that the contract is the right fit for your given needs and goals.

Deferred income annuities offer a high degree of safety. Your premium is guaranteed by the issuing insurance company. Insurance companies are monitored by rating agencies such as A.M. Best, Standard and Poor's, and Moody's. By reviewing the ratings an insurance company receives from these agencies, you may be able to determine if it is operating on a sound financial footing.

For quotes and answers to your annuity questions call **800-872-6684**.

**Table 17. Deferred Income ('Longevity') Annuities**

This annuity is purchased at your present age and starts making payments for your lifetime beginning at the deferred ages shown below. Quotes shown are based on a \$100,000 purchase.

Insurance Company	Male Pays \$100,000 at Age 45 and Receives \$xx,xxx Annually for Life Starting at...					Female Pays \$100,000 at Age 45 and Receives \$xx,xxx Annually for Life Starting at...				
	Age 65	Age 70	Age 75	Age 80	Age 85	Age 65	Age 70	Age 75	Age 80	Age 85
American Gen.	\$ 17,299	\$ 25,549	\$ 40,101	\$ 68,779	\$ 136,208	\$ 15,680	\$ 22,742	\$ 34,905	\$ 58,300	\$ 110,720
Guardian Life	\$ 16,781	\$ 23,415	\$ 33,113	\$ 49,602	\$ 77,625	\$ 15,721	\$ 21,618	\$ 30,112	\$ 44,583	\$ 69,438
Mass Mutual	\$ 18,709	\$ 28,349	\$ 44,021	N/A	N/A	\$ 16,933	\$ 25,049	\$ 37,956	N/A	N/A
Metlife	\$ 15,681	\$ 23,243	\$ 36,240	\$ 60,636	\$ 112,647	\$ 14,851	\$ 21,717	\$ 33,372	\$ 54,870	\$ 100,206
New York Life	\$ 16,846	\$ 24,704	\$ 38,044	\$ 63,451	\$ 121,740	\$ 15,331	\$ 21,882	\$ 32,559	\$ 51,853	\$ 92,945
Symetra	\$ 17,704	\$ 24,909	\$ 38,296	\$ 62,083	\$ 109,079	\$ 16,210	\$ 22,227	\$ 33,203	\$ 52,403	\$ 90,214

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Insurance Company	Male Pays \$100,000 at Age 55 and Receives \$xx,xxx Annually for Life Starting at...					Female Pays \$100,000 at Age 45 and Receives \$xx,xxx Annually for Life Starting at...				
	Age 65	Age 70	Age 75	Age 80	Age 85	Age 65	Age 70	Age 75	Age 80	Age 85
American Gen.	\$ 11,020	\$ 16,302	\$ 25,590	\$ 43,875	\$ 86,858	\$ 10,261	\$ 14,897	\$ 22,862	\$ 38,172	\$ 72,467
Guardian Life	\$ 10,766	\$ 15,570	\$ 23,175	\$ 35,626	\$ 56,984	\$ 10,128	\$ 14,412	\$ 21,083	\$ 31,972	\$ 50,898
Mass Mutual	\$ 10,833	\$ 16,953	\$ 27,023	\$ 46,732	\$ 90,823	\$ 10,106	\$ 15,327	\$ 23,801	\$ 39,889	\$ 73,741
Metlife	\$ 9,736	\$ 13,979	\$ 21,118	\$ 34,048	\$ 59,526	\$ 9,208	\$ 13,082	\$ 19,596	\$ 31,376	\$ 54,929
New York Life	\$ 11,037	\$ 16,582	\$ 26,380	\$ 45,673	\$ 90,800	\$ 10,036	\$ 14,607	\$ 22,310	\$ 36,574	\$ 67,233
Symetra	\$ 10,939	\$ 16,747	\$ 27,487	\$ 47,634	\$ 94,281	\$ 10,100	\$ 15,038	\$ 23,851	\$ 39,880	\$ 76,624

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Insurance Company	Male Pays \$100,000 at Age 65 and Receives \$xx,xxx Annually for Life Starting at...					Female Pays \$100,000 at Age 45 and Receives \$xx,xxx Annually for Life Starting at...				
	Age 65	Age 70	Age 75	Age 80	Age 85	Age 65	Age 70	Age 75	Age 80	Age 85
American Gen.	N/A	\$ 9,786	\$ 15,769	\$ 27,427	\$ 54,391	N/A	\$ 9,187	\$ 14,445	\$ 24,431	\$ 46,445
Guardian Life	N/A	\$ 9,598	\$ 14,750	\$ 23,628	\$ 40,083	N/A	\$ 8,982	\$ 13,370	\$ 21,351	\$ 35,995
Mass Mutual	N/A	\$ 9,317	\$ 14,238	\$ 26,584	\$ 52,053	N/A	\$ 8,749	\$ 13,194	\$ 23,543	\$ 44,539
Metlife	N/A	\$ 8,889	\$ 13,132	\$ 20,056	\$ 32,238	N/A	\$ 8,299	\$ 12,208	\$ 18,687	\$ 30,737
New York Life	N/A	\$ 10,083	\$ 16,600	\$ 29,732	\$ 62,039	N/A	\$ 9,009	\$ 14,157	\$ 23,812	\$ 45,419
Symetra	N/A	\$ 9,540	\$ 15,393	\$ 27,503	\$ 56,171	N/A	\$ 8,732	\$ 13,601	\$ 23,314	\$ 45,817

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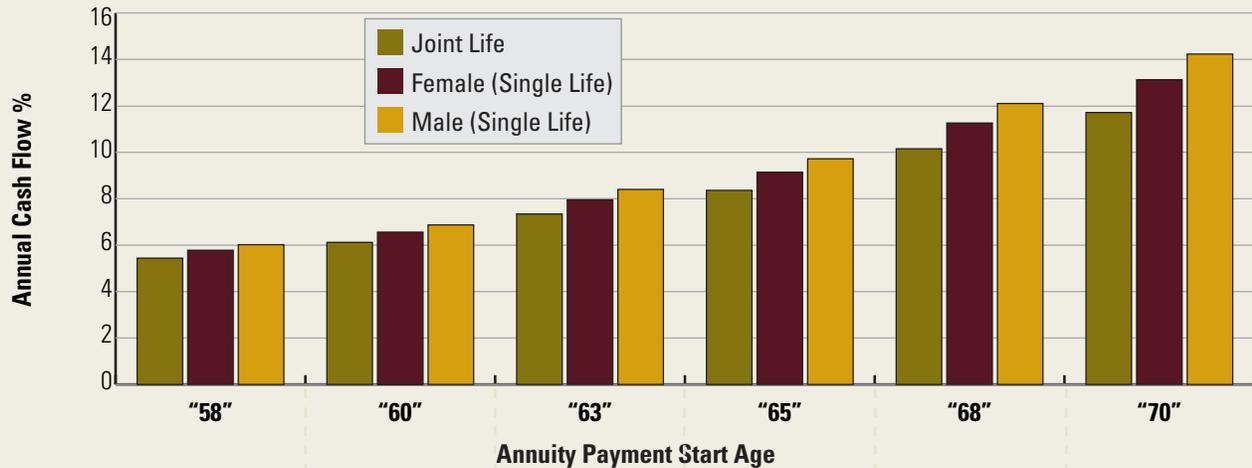
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Joint Life	5.44%	6.12%	7.34%	8.36%	10.15%	11.71%
Female	5.78%	6.56%	7.95%	9.14%	11.26%	13.12%
Male	6.02%	6.87%	8.40%	9.72%	12.10%	14.23%

This hypothetical example is for illustrative purposes only.

**Assumptions:**

Male: Life – Cash Refund Annuity  
 Female: Life – Cash Refund Annuity  
 Joint Life: Life – Cash Refund Annuity  
 Lump sum purchase payment: \$100,000  
 Purchase age for all scenarios is 55.

Annual Cash Flow %: The sum of 12 monthly deferred income annuity payments expressed as a percentage of the original \$100,000 purchase payment. Annual cash flow percentages are based on the length of the deferral period and assume the contract was purchased at age 55.

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# State Guaranty Associations (SGAs)

## What Happens When an Insurance Company Becomes Insolvent?

When an insurance company is declared insolvent the State Guaranty Associations ("SGAs") may become active in providing some policyholder protections. The existence of the SGAs, however, should not be a substitute for selecting an insurance company which is well-managed and financially stable. Additionally, insurance agents are prohibited from using the existence of the SGAs as an inducement to sell you insurance or annuities. Further information about the SGAs is available at [www.nolhga.com](http://www.nolhga.com) or at the links below.

State	SGA Phone Number	SGA Web Address
Alabama	(205) 879-2202	<a href="http://www.allifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.allifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Alaska	(907) 243-2311	<a href="http://www.aklifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.aklifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Arizona	(602) 364-3863	<a href="http://www.id.state.az.us/index.html">http://www.id.state.az.us/index.html</a>
Arkansas	(501) 375-9151	<a href="http://www.arlifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.arlifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
California	(323) 782-0182	<a href="http://www.califega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.califega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Colorado	(303) 292-5022	<a href="http://colorado.lhiga.com/Home/FAQs.aspx">http://colorado.lhiga.com/Home/FAQs.aspx</a>
Connecticut	(860) 647-1054	<a href="http://www.ctlifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.ctlifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Delaware	(302) 456-3656	<a href="http://www.delifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.delifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
District of Columbia	(202) 434-8771	<a href="http://www.dclifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.dclifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
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Hawaii	(808) 528-5400	<a href="http://www.hilifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.hilifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Idaho	(208) 378-9510	<a href="http://www.idlifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.idlifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Illinois	(773) 714-8050	<a href="http://www.ilhiga.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.ilhiga.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Indiana	(317) 636-8204	<a href="http://www.inlifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.inlifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Iowa	(515) 248-5712	<a href="http://www.ialifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.ialifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Kansas	(785) 271-1199	<a href="http://www.kslifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.kslifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
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Mississippi	(601) 981-0755	<a href="http://www.mslifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.mslifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Missouri	(573) 634-8455	<a href="http://www.mo-iga.org/forms/lnh.aspx">http://www.mo-iga.org/forms/lnh.aspx</a>
Montana	(262) 965-5761	<a href="http://www.mtlifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.mtlifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
Nebraska	(402) 474-6900	<a href="http://www.nelifega.org/faq.htm">http://www.nelifega.org/faq.htm</a>
Nevada	(775) 329-6171	<a href="http://www.nvlifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.nvlifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
New Hampshire	(603) 472-3734	<a href="http://www.nhlifega.org/faqprint.cfm">http://www.nhlifega.org/faqprint.cfm</a>
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# Insurance Company Ratings

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Insurance companies are graded by rating agencies (e.g., Standard & Poors, Moodys). These rating opinions are based on such factors as an insurance company’s ability to pay claims, quality of its investments, ability to withstand economic downturns, and similar financial criteria. Rating agencies’ assessments of the same company may differ. Analysts may disagree, for instance, about how much is too much when it comes to certain types of bonds, mortgages or real estate. Ratings are also subject to frequent change without notice. While we publish some ratings here, you are strongly urged to confirm the ratings on your own. We cannot be held responsible for the accuracy of any published ratings. You are strongly advised to call your state’s insurance department for information on the solvency of an insurer operating in your state.

The rating agencies assign alphabetical grades to the insurance companies they rate. Comparing these grades can be confusing. For example, a company rated A+ by A.M. Best has received that agency’s second highest grade. However, with Standard & Poors, an “A+” grade is its 5th highest rank and denotes a much weaker rating than it does for A.M. Best. We help you to compare the different grades by listing their position in the Distribution of Ratings table below.

**Distribution of Insurance Company Ratings (Rating Scales)**

A.M. Best		S & P		Moody's	
Category	Description	Category	Description	Category	Description
A+++	Superior	AAA	Extremely Strong	Aaa	Exceptional
A+	Superior	AA+	Very Strong	Aa1	Excellent
A	Excellent	AA	Very Strong	Aa2	Excellent
A-	Excellent	AA-	Very Strong	Aa3	Excellent
B++	Good	A+	Strong	A1	Good
B+	Good	A	Strong	A2	Good
B	Fair	A-	Strong	A3	Good
B-	Fair	BBB+	Good	Baa1	Adequate
C++	Marginal	BBB	Good	Baa2	Adequate
C+	Marginal	BBB-	Good	Baa3	Adequate
C	Weak	BB	Marginal	Ba1	Questionable
C-	Weak	B	Weak		
		CCC	Very Weak		

Insurance Company	NAIC #	Assets in \$ Billions	A.M. Best	S & P	Moody's
Allianz LIC of N. America	90611	\$ 94.3	A	AA	A2
American Equity Investment Life Ins. Co.	92738	\$ 28.0	A-	BBB+	-
American General LIC (AIG)	60488	\$ 149.6	A	A+	A2
American National LIC	60739	\$ 17.8	A	A	-
ELCO Mutual Life & Annuity	84174	\$ 0.55	B+	BBB+	-
Equitrust LIC	62510	\$ 11.4	B++	BBB+	-
Fidelity & Gurantee LIC	63274	\$ 16.7	B++	-	Ba1
Fidelity & Gurantee LIC (NYS only)	69434	\$ .47	B++	-	Ba1
First MetLife Inv. IC (NYS only)	60992	\$ 5.5	A+	AA-	-
First Symetra National Life Ins. NY	78417	0.72	A	A	-
Genworth Life Insurance Co.	70025	\$ 36.7	A	A	A2
Genworth Life Ins. Co. NY (NYS only)	72990	\$ 7.8	A	A	A2
Great American LIC	63312	\$ 13.9	A	A+	
Guardian Life	78778	\$ 12.0	A++	AA+	Aa2
Guggenheim Life & Annuity Co.	83607	\$ 9.1	B++	-	-
ING USA Annuity & LIC	80942	\$ 68.1	A	A-	A3
Integrity LIC	74780	\$ 6.0	A+	AA+	Aa3
Jackson National Life	65056	\$ 136.8	A+	AA	A1
Jackson National Life NY	60140	\$ 6.3	A+	AA	A1
Kansas City Life	65129	\$ 3.3	A	-	-
Lafayette Life	65242	\$ 3.3	A+	AA+	-
Lincoln Benefit Life	65595	\$ 2.0	A+	A+	A1
Mass Mutual Life Ins.	65935	\$ 155.6	A++	AA+	Aa2
MetLife Investors Ins. Co.	61050	\$ 86.0	A+	AA-	Aa3
Metropolitan LIC	65978	\$ 360.5	A+	AA-	Aa3
Midland National Life	66044	\$ 32.8	A+	A+	-
Minnesota LIC	66168	\$ 28.4	A+	A+	Aa3
National Integrity LIC (NYS only)	75264	\$ 4.7	A+	AA+	Aa3
Nationwide Life	66869	\$ 106.5	A+	A+	A1

**Insurance Company Ratings**

Insurance Company	NAIC #	Assets in \$ Billions	A.M. Best	S & P	Moody's
New York Life I&A	91596	\$ 109.5	A++	AA+	Aaa
No. Am. Co. Life & Health (NACOLAH)	66974	\$ 13.0	A+	A+	-
Pacific Life & Annuity Co.	97268	\$ 5.3	A+	A+	A1
Penn Mutual LIC	67644	\$ 14.3	A+	AA-	Aa3
Principal Financial	61271	\$ 130.0	A+	A+	A1
Protective LIC	70335	\$ 36.3	A+	AA-	A2
Security Benefit Life	68675	\$ 10.5	B++	A-	-
Sentinel Security LIC	68802	\$ .38	B++	-	-
Standard Insurance Co.	69019	\$ 17.2	A	A-	-
Symetra Financial	68608	\$ 25.4	A	A	A3
United of Omaha	96868	\$ 16.7	A+	A+	A1
U.S. Life Ins. NY (AIG) (NYS Res. Only)	70106	\$ 24.5	A+	A+	A1

**Legend:****Company Names:**

Insurance companies are listed according to legally registered names. Many companies are part of a larger group affiliation, which may include subsidiaries with similar-sounding names.

**NAIC #:**

An identifying number issued by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners to licensed and affiliated insurance companies. The NAIC is an organization that helps in the creation of similar or uniform policies across various insurance companies and organizations.

**Admitted Assets \$ Billions:**

Is the dollar value of all assets reported in a company's statutory annual statement and admitted or accepted by state regulators. Includes invested assets plus amounts receivable and separate account assets.

**- ("dash") in rating columns:**

Company may not be rated by that agency. Insurance companies must pay to be rated by the rating agencies. Some insurers decline to pay and therefore are not rated.

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## A.M. Best Company

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The rating scale uses letter grades ranging from A++ (Superior), the highest, to F (In Liquidation), the lowest. The letter grade can also have a modifier that qualifies it. The A++ highest rating is based on a company's favorable comparison of profitability, leverage, and liquidity with industry norms; favorable experience from mortality, lapses, and expenses; quality and diversification of investment portfolio; strong policy reserves and a surplus to risk ratio that is above that for the average life insurance company. Also examined are the amount and soundness of its reinsurance and the competence and experience of management.

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### Rating Categories

A++, A+	Superior
A, A-	Excellent
B++, B+	Good
B, B-	Fair
C++, C+	Marginal
C, C-	Weak
D	Poor
E	Under Regulatory Supervision
F	In Liquidation
S	Suspended

### Rating Modifiers

u	Under Review
pd	Public Data
s	Syndicate

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## Standard & Poor's

Standard and Poor's, which began companies in the mid 1980s, assesses a company's Claims-Paying Ability—that is, its financial capacity to meet its insurance obligations. S&P forms its opinion by examining industry-specific risk, management factors, operating performance and capitalization. Industry-specific risk addresses the inherent risk in and diversity of the insurance business being underwritten. Management factors include how management defines its corporate strategy and the effectiveness of its operations and financial controls. Operating performance focuses on a company's trend for current and future earnings. For capitalization, S&P looks at the company's capital structure, its ability to raise capital, liquidity, and cash flow.

S&P charges an insurer between \$15,000 and \$28,000 to receive a claims-paying ability rating. (Contact: Standard and Poor's, 25 Broadway, New York, NY 10004.) S&P's rating scheme uses a letter grade scale that ranges from AAA (highest) to R (lowest), (ie., AAA, AA, A, BBB, BB, B, CCC, R). The "AAA" rating, for example, represents a company's extremely strong capacity to honor its obligations and to remain so over a long period of time. "AAA" companies offer superior financial security on both an absolute and relative basis. They possess the highest safety and have an overwhelming capacity to meet policyholder obligations.

As a group, the claims-paying ability ratings are divided into two broad classifications. Rating categories from 'AAA' to 'BBB' are classified as "secure" and indicate insurers whose financial capacity to meet policyholder obligations is viewed on balance as sound. Ratings categories from 'BB' to 'CCC' are classified as "vulnerable" and indicate insurers whose financial capacity to meet policyholders obligations is viewed as vulnerable to adverse economic and underwriting conditions. Plus (+) and minus (-) signs show

relative standing within a category; they do not suggest likely upgrades or downgrades.

For certain companies, the S&P rating includes a 'q' subscript, which indicates that the rating is based solely on quantitative analysis of publicly available financial data. In the case of claims-paying ability ratings, this is the statutory financial data filed with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Annuity Shopper does not include the 'q' subscript rating.

### Secure Range

AAA	Superior financial security. Highest safety.
AA	Excellent financial security. Highly safe.
A	Good financial security. More susceptible to economic change than highly rated companies.
BBB	Adequate financial security. More vulnerable to economic changes than highly rated companies.

### Vulnerable Range

BB	Financial security may be adequate, but capacity to meet long-term policies is vulnerable.
B	Vulnerable financial security.
CCC	Extremely vulnerable financial security. Questionable ability to meet obligations unless favorable conditions prevail.
R	Regulatory action. Placed under an order of rehabilitation and liquidation.

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Moody's uses a letter grade scale that ranges from Aaa ("Exceptional") for the highest rating to C ("Lowest") for the least favorable rating (ie., Aaa, Aa, A, Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca, C). For classes Aa to B, Moody's adds a numerical modifier, from 1 (at high end of category) to 3 (at the lower end) to indicate the approximate ranking of a company in the particular classification.

### Secure Range

AAA	Exceptional security. Unlikely to be affected by change.
AA	Excellent security. Lower than Aaa because long-term risks appear somewhat larger.
A	Good Security. Possibly susceptible to future impairment.
Baa	Adequate security. Certain protective to future impairment.
Ba	Questionable security. Ability to meet obligations may be moderate.
B	Poor security. Assurance of punctual payment of obligations is small over the long run.
Caa	Very poor security. There may be elements of danger regarding the payment of obligations.
Ca	Extremely poor security. Companies are often in default.
C	Lowest security. Extremely poor prospects of offering financial security.

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