



## Time for an Investment Checkup

The retirement you've dreamed of is finally in sight. Soon you may be ready to begin the next chapter in your life and start spending some of the savings you've accumulated in your retirement plan. Now is a good time to look at your investment strategy and make changes if necessary.

### Review Your Portfolio

Revisit your current asset allocation. If your primary focus has been asset growth, you may want to consider shifting your allocation strategy to help preserve any gains you've made over the years. That typically means reducing your exposure to stock investments and putting a greater share of your account in less volatile asset classes, such as bonds and cash.

Having a smaller allocation to stocks can help insulate at least part of your portfolio from the possibility of losses if the stock market falters. Your shorter investment horizon leaves you less time to ride out downturns in the market. Your situation may differ, however, so be sure to consult a professional before taking action.

If you are invested in a target date fund or a managed account, your asset allocation will be automatically changed as you near your retirement date.



## Some Typical Asset Allocation Mixes: Target Retirement Year 20XX

Conservative	Moderate	Aggressive
Stocks 33%	Stocks 49%	Stocks 67%
Bonds 49%	Bonds 36%	Bonds 23%
Inflation Hedge 13%*	Inflation Hedge 11%*	Inflation Hedge 8%*
Cash 4%	Cash 3%	Cash 2%

\* Not all plans offer Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS) or other inflation hedges as an investment option.

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### Watch Out for Inflation

However, it can be risky to abandon stocks completely. Why? In a word, inflation. Over time, even a low annual inflation rate can significantly reduce the buying power of your savings. What may appear to be an adequate amount of retirement savings could buy you far less than you think in 10 or 15 years' time.

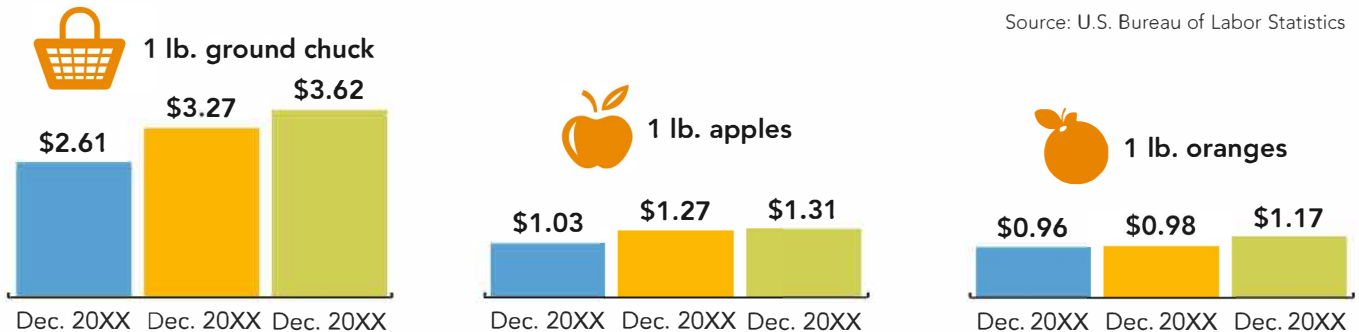
Inflation is one reason you may want to consider holding some stock investments in your retirement portfolio. While past performance is not a guarantee of future

results, historically, stocks have outpaced inflation and the long-term returns of other types of investments.

The possibility that you'll spend many years in retirement is another important reason to consider keeping a portion of your portfolio invested in stocks. Their potential for higher long-term returns could be helpful if your goal is to make your retirement savings last for *all* the years you're retired.

## THE COST OF LIVING KEEPS RISING

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



We're here to help you plan for retirement.