

Retirement Income in DC

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Why is the retirement income topic becoming a focus?

Why has retirement income become an emerging topic for defined contribution plans?

Growing number of Retirees	•	 An estimated 10,000 baby boomers in the US turn 65 each day.¹ In 2019, there were 54.1 million people age 65+. The population is projected to reach 81 million by 2040 and 95 million by 2060.²
Increased Reliance on DC Plans as primary retirement vehicle	•	 More and more retirees are relying on DC plan benefit as sole source of income in retirement, to supplement social security. Over 4 in 5 workers expect their workplace retirement savings plan to be a source of income in retirement, including over half who say it will be a major source.³
¹ Pew Research Center, February 25, 2019 ² Administration for Community Living, May 20. ³ EBRI 2022 Retirement Confidence Survey	22	 SECURE Act passed in 2019 provided safe harbor protection for the selection of annuity providers. SECURE 2.0 provided additional flexibility around qualified longevity annuity contracts and RMD requirements.

Is there a demand for retirement income solutions?

59%



of employees feel employers have a responsibility to help them adequately save for retirement¹ of workers expect a product that guarantees monthly income for life will be a source of income in retirement²

46%

of employees are confident they can turn retirement savings into consistent stream of lifetime income³

26%

of low-income workers are confident they can turn retirement savings into consistent stream of lifetime income³ Growing portion of participants are looking for guidance from plan sponsors on spending assets in retirement

¹ MetLife Employee Benefits Trends Survey 2023 ² EBRI Annual Retirement Income Survey 2022 ³ Mercer's 2022 Inside Employees' Minds[©] Study

Retirement income solutions landscape



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