Helping You Simplify Money

Guiding women of all cultures toward a strong financial future



Embracing and Promoting Options for Women to Enhance Retirement

Department of Employee Trust Funds
Summit Credit Union
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Why Focus on Women?

"The largest growing segment of our population is poor, elderly women."

-- Teresa Heinz Kerry





Issues Unique to Women

Earn less Time away from work

Parttime work Less in savings and pension

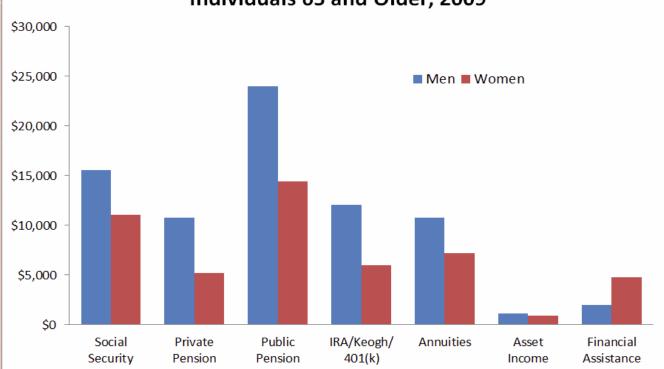
Live longer Living alone in retirement





Retirement Income

Figure 2. Median Retirement Income From Selected Sources for Individuals 65 and Older, 2009



Note: Data exclude individuals who do not receive income from the source. Private and public pension income does not include survivors' benefits. Financial assistance includes regular assistance from friends and relatives not living in the individual's household, but does not include public assistance. Source: Employee Benefit Research Institute (EBRI) calculations based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Current Population Survey.





Wisconsin

- Nearly two-thirds of all households in poverty in Wisconsin are headed by single women.
- Among older adults in Wisconsin, women outnumber men among the poor at a rate of more than two to one.





Wisconsin Retirement System Annuities WRS Average Monthly Annuity by Gender







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Goal Setting



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Goal Setting Advice

- 1. Determine the amount of money
- 2. Research costs + 10% more
- 3. Determine the timeframe
- 4. Divide the cost by the timeframe
- 5. Review current expenses
- 6. Reallocate money automatically



Creating a Plan



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Create Basic Categories

ALLOCATE EXPENSES



Daily Expense Worksheet

- Review categories
- Think about:
 - Goals
 - Values
 - True costs





Budget Worksheet

- Plan income
- Plan expenses
- Reduce expenses
- Increase savings
- Reduce debt





Play with the numbers

DIVIDE IT TO MEET YOUR GOALS



Start an Emergency Fund or Pay Down Credit Card Debt?

WHICH SHOULD I DO FIRST?



Review Your Credit Report

- Review for accuracy
- Review summary

Sample Credit Report

This sample report is intended for educational purposes and cannot be used for testing. The actual Credit Report you receive will be customized to meet your specific request.





Determine What You Owe

- List debt, rate and balance
 - (from highest rate to lowest rate)
 - (from lowest balance to highest balance)

Retail Store Card	21 %	<i>\$750</i>
Credit Card Name	9.9%	\$2,000
Credit Card Name	6.9 %	\$8,000
Car Loan	<i>3.9</i> %	\$24,000
Mortgage	<i>4.0</i> %	\$225,000



Refinance Advice

- Refinance to lower rates
- Review the equity in your home & vehicles
- Consolidate into one payment
- Extend terms for lower payments
- Create a plan to reduce debt over a specific time period



Refocus & Find Balance



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Joint Accounts

Fixed Bills

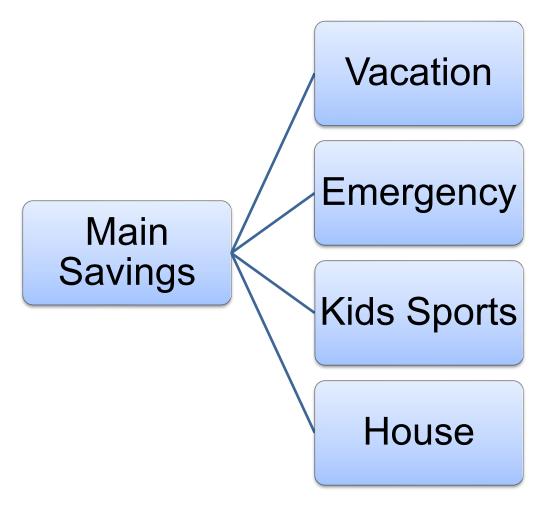
- Mortgage
- Car
- Phone/TV

Flexible Bills

- Food
- Gas
- Kids



Multiple Savings Accounts





Your Plan of Action

- Write down goals
 - Create a plan to achieve them
- Track spending
 - Identify spending weaknesses
- Talk about spending weaknesses
 - Work out solutions
- Cut back a bit here & there
 - Reallocate money to pay down debt & save
- Start with one good habit at a time
 - You'll see results!



Personal Action Plan

Action Item	Date for Completion	



Women are Positive About Retirement

Women hold positive retirement aspirations







Get To Know Your Sources of Retirement Income

- Social Security: http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount
- The WRS your employer-sponsored retirement plan: http://etf.wi.gov
- Other savings and investment accounts (like the WDC and 401(k)s, IRAs, etc.)
- What do you AND your spouse/partner have?







Get Help if You Need It

- Learn the basics of investing and retirement planning – good, basic information can go a long way!
- Work with someone who can help
 the WDC or your financial advisor.
- Talk to each other and share your experiences



