

Safe Bucket Builder Worksheet

Episode 4: Building Your Safe Bucket

Calculate Your Retirement Income Foundation

STEP 1: Calculate Your Essential Monthly Expenses

List all non-negotiable expenses that don't go away in retirement. Be honest and thorough.



Housing Cost

Mortgage/Rent Payment	\$ _____
Property Taxes	\$ _____
Homeowners/Renters Insurance	\$ _____
HOA Fees	\$ _____
Housing Subtotal	\$ _____



Utilities

Electric	\$ _____
Gas	\$ _____
Water/Sewer	\$ _____
Internet	\$ _____
Phone (Cell/Landline)	\$ _____
Utilities Subtotal	\$ _____



Food & Household

Groceries	\$ _____
Basic Household Supplies	\$ _____
Food & Household Subtotal	\$ _____

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Insurance Premiums

Health insurance/Medicare Supplements	\$ _____
Life Insurance	\$ _____
Long-term Care Insurance	\$ _____
Auto Insurance	\$ _____
Insurance Subtotal	\$ _____



Transportation

Car Payment	\$ _____
Gas	\$ _____
Maintenance/Repairs	\$ _____
Registration/Licensing	\$ _____
Transportation Subtotal	\$ _____



Healthcare Costs

Medicare Premiums	\$ _____
Prescription Medications	\$ _____
Regular Copays/Deductibles	\$ _____
Dental/Vision	\$ _____
Healthcare Subtotal	\$ _____

TOTAL ESSENTIAL MONTHLY EXPENSES

This is your Income Floor Target

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STEP 2: Identify Your Guaranteed Income Sources

List all income sources that will pay you reliably each month, regardless of market performance.



Social Security

“Get your official
projection at
ssa.gov”

Your Projected Monthly Benefit \$ _____

Spouse's Projected Monthly Benefit \$ _____

Social Security Total \$ _____



Pension Benefits

Your Pension (if applicable) \$ _____

Spouse's Pension (if applicable) \$ _____

Pension Total \$ _____



Existing Annuities

Annuity #1 Monthly Payment \$ _____

Annuity #2 Monthly Payment \$ _____

Annuity Total \$ _____



Other Sources

Rental Income (Debt-Free Property) \$ _____

Business Sale Payments \$ _____

Other \$ _____

Other Total \$ _____

TOTAL GUARANTEED MONTHLY INCOME \$ _____

STEP 3: Determine Your Income Gap

Essential Monthly Expenses: \$ _____

MINUS Guaranteed Monthly Income: \$ _____

EQUALS Monthly Income Gap: \$ _____

Annual Income Gap: \$ _____ x 12 = \$ _____

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STEP 4: Calculate Capital Requirements

Instructions: Determine how much money you need to allocate to fill your income gap.

Payout Rate Guidelines



Estimated Payout Rates (examples - actual rates vary)

- Age 60-65: Approximately 5.0-6.5% annually
- Age 65-70: Approximately 6.0-7.5% annually
- Age 70+: Approximately 7.0-8.5% annually"

Annual Income Gap: \$ _____

DIVIDED BY Estimated Payout Rate: _____ %

EQUALS Capital Needed: \$ _____

Example: \$12,000 ÷ 0.06 (6%) = \$200,000

STEP 5: Your Safe Bucket Summary

✓ Essential Expenses Covered: \$ _____ /mo

✓ Guaranteed Income Sources: \$ _____ /mo

✓ Capital Allocated for Gap: \$ _____

TOTAL MONTHLY INCOME FLOOR: \$ _____

Remaining Assets Calculation

Total Retirement Savings: \$ _____

MINUS Safe Bucket allocation: \$ _____

EQUALS Available for Growth/Freedom: \$ _____



Next Steps

Important Notes

- ☐ Visit ssa.gov to get your official Social Security projection
- ☐ Contact pension administrators for exact benefit amounts
- ☐ Research guaranteed income options that fit your situation
- ☐ Consider professional guidance for implementation
- ☐ Download Episode 5 to learn about sequence of returns risk

Disclaimer

- ☐ This worksheet provides estimates - actual products and rates will vary
- ☐ Market conditions affect available payout rates
- ☐ Professional guidance recommended for implementation
- ☐ Review annually and adjust as needed
- ☐ Consider tax implications of different strategies

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