

Transamerica Center for Retirement Studies®
11th Annual Survey - Education (For-profit, Full & Part-time Employees)

Worker Retirement Behavior		Year	Overall	High School or Less	Some College or Trade School	College Graduate	Post Graduate
Q500. Greatest financial priority right now	Paying off debt/Just getting by	2009	55%	68%	60%	49%	41%
		2008	52%	60%	59%	47%	32%
		2007	52%	57%	63%	48%	34%
	Saving for retirement	2009	20%	12%	18%	22%	32%
		2008	21%	16%	14%	25%	37%
		2007	22%	17%	15%	24%	41%
Q501. In the next 12 months, expect the U.S. economy to:	Get worse	2009	25%	29%	25%	24%	20%
		2008	46%	48%	44%	45%	49%
	Stay the same	2009	42%	47%	42%	40%	37%
		2008	31%	33%	31%	31%	26%
Q502. In the next 12 months, expect their own financial situation to:	Get worse	2009	16%	19%	17%	14%	9%
		2008	18%	21%	16%	17%	15%
	Stay the same	2009	49%	53%	46%	48%	51%
		2008	50%	49%	48%	49%	57%
Q571-5. Feel a 401(k) or similar plan is <u>very</u> important		2009	59%	49%	58%	64%	70%
		2008	62%	54%	58%	69%	73%
		2007	65%	59%	62%	71%	73%
Q580. Company offers a 401(k) or similar plan (Net)		2009	71%	58%	68%	77%	83%
		2008	69%	58%	64%	80%	87%
		2007	68%	60%	58%	79%	78%
Q590. Currently participate in, or have money invested in their company's employee-funded retirement plan		2009	77%	62%	76%	83%	86%
		2008	78%	66%	68%	89%	92%
		2007	77%	69%	71%	82%	86%
Q600. Median percentage of salary they are saving for retirement through their company-sponsored plan		2009	6%	5%	6%	8%	7%
		2008	7%	6%	6%	8%	10%
		2007	8%	6%	8%	9%	10%
Q630. Company offers them a matching contribution		2009	68%	58%	67%	69%	75%
		2008	73%	66%	70%	77%	82%
		2007	73%	63%	71%	76%	81%
Q634. Aware of the fees associated with their company's retirement plan		2009	26%	14%	25%	30%	35%
		2008	29%	19%	27%	31%	43%
		2007	26%	16%	20%	30%	37%
Q635. If aware, consider themselves familiar with the fees associated with their company's retirement plan (very/somewhat familiar)		2009	72%	77%	62%	73%	82%
		2008	68%	58%	64%	75%	72%
		2007	70%	78%	71%	66%	73%
Q640. Changed the percentage of income that they put into their employee-funded plan, in the last 12 months	Increased	2009	16%	10%	17%	15%	20%
		2008	22%	19%	21%	25%	22%
		2007	27%	16%	27%	26%	36%
	Decreased	2009	11%	17%	9%	12%	7%
		2008	11%	7%	12%	11%	12%
		2007	5%	5%	5%	6%	2%
	Stopped	2009	3%	6%	4%	3%	1%
		2008	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%
		2007	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%
Q730. Aren't offered a retirement plan and are likely to leave their current employer for a similar job if that employer offered a retirement plan		2009	58%	57%	60%	59%	51%
		2008	59%	60%	58%	58%	50%
		2007	61%	55%	67%	60%	53%
Q760. Understand asset allocation principles as they relate to retirement investing: A great deal		2009	6%	3%	3%	7%	13%
		2008	8%	3%	5%	11%	21%
		2007	7%	1%	3%	10%	17%
Q800. Agree they are currently building a large enough retirement nest egg (strongly/somewhat agree)		2009	40%	29%	34%	48%	52%
		2008	40%	32%	32%	51%	59%
		2007	45%	35%	38%	51%	60%
Q830. Likely to choose excellent retirement benefits meeting minimum salary requirements over higher salary but poor retirement benefits in a theoretical job offer		2009	47%	47%	52%	44%	41%
		2008	47%	51%	46%	43%	44%
		2007	50%	59%	48%	46%	47%

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Q880. Confident in their ability to fully retire with a comfortable lifestyle		2009	50%	41%	47%	54%	63%
		2008	54%	45%	48%	62%	69%
		2007	59%	51%	54%	63%	69%
Q890. How much money do you believe you will need to have saved by the time you retire in order to feel financially secure (median)		2009	\$600K	\$400K	\$500K	\$1M	\$1M
		2008	\$750K	\$400K	\$550K	\$1M	\$1.5M
		2007	\$650K	\$500K	\$500K	\$1M	\$1M
Q910. Plan to work past age 70 or not retire at all		2009	40%	46%	43%	32%	38%
		2008	37%	41%	41%	33%	31%
		2007	39%	42%	42%	32%	42%
Q931-5. Agree they could work until age 65 and not have enough saved to meet their retirement needs (strongly/somewhat agree)		2009	68%	75%	73%	61%	60%
		2008	62%	69%	65%	60%	45%
		2007	60%	69%	64%	57%	47%
Q1300. Total amount saved in household retirement accounts (% Not Sure)		2009	13%	19%	15%	11%	5%
		2008	15%	22%	18%	8%	4%
		2007	13%	20%	18%	9%	4%
Q1435. In the last 12 months, their confidence in the ability to achieve a financially secure retirement has declined (a little/lot less confident)		2009	54%	52%	56%	53%	52%
		2008	57%	55%	56%	59%	58%
Q1480. Age that they expect to retire has changed in the last 12 months	Increased	2009	28%	25%	29%	28%	31%
		2008	29%	27%	28%	31%	30%
	Decreased	2009	6%	7%	7%	6%	5%
		2008	6%	7%	7%	6%	5%

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