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Tax Efficient Retirement Strategies: Making the Most of Your Money in Retirement

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Various Sources of Income in Retirement

- Social Security
- Employer-sponsored plan or IRA
- Other personal savings
- Pension Plan
- Brokerage accounts
- Home Equity
- Continued Work

Agenda

1. The Various Faces of Post-Retirement Risk
2. The “Tax” Buckets – Not All Retirement Savings are Created Equal
3. Social Security
4. Conventional Drawdown Strategies and Tax Risk
5. Strategies to Enhance Retirement Income

What is Post-Retirement Risk?

Any and all potential risks to financial security that an individual might encounter after retiring. A risk or risks that could cause unexpected costs or lower income in retirement. – Investopedia

Financial Risk:

- Inflation
- Market
- Sequence of Returns

www.investopedia.com/terms/p/post-retirement-risk.asp, Nov. 2019



Post-Retirement Risk – Health Care Expenses

- 65-year-old couple = \$369,000 in health care costs
- 250% higher at age 85

https://assets.milliman.com/ektron/Retiree_health_cost_estimates_supporting_information.pdf
<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/p/post-retirement-risk.asp> Nov 2019

Post-Retirement Risk - Longevity

Longevity Risk – The risk of outliving your assets

- Many retirees spend more time in retirement than they do saving for it
- Average life expectancy for a 65-year-old male = 84 years
- Average life expectancy for a 65-year-old female = 86.6 years
- The risk of living a long time is a risk MULTIPLIER

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Post-Retirement Risk – Changes to Public Policy

Public Policy Risk – Legislative changes that can affect taxes and sources of income in retirement

- Social Security Sustainability
- Medicare
- Tax Law Changes (SECURE Act, CARES Act)

How Sources of Retirement Income are Taxed

Source	Tax Consequences
401(k)	Ordinary Income*
IRA	Ordinary Income*
Social Security	As much as 85% taxed as ordinary income*
Bank Accounts/CDs	Ordinary Income*
Roth IRA	Qualified Distributions – Tax-Free
Permanent Life Insurance Loan	Tax-Free
Home Equity	Tax-Free
Wages	Ordinary Income*
Stocks and Mutual Funds	Capital gains rates upon sale on profit**

*based on your tax bracket **ordinary income on dividends

Tax Buckets – Not All Types of Retirement Savings are Created Equal

Taxable (Pay as You Go)

Stocks and Bonds
Mutual Funds
Bank Savings
CDs
Money Market

Tax-Deferred (Pay Later)

IRAs, SEP, SIMPLE
Qualified Plans
SEP IRAs
Annuities
Pension Plans
401(k)

Tax-Free (Never Pay)

Roth IRA
Roth 401(k)
Cash Value Life Insurance
Municipal Bonds

Social Security – America's Pension

- In 2020, nearly 65 million Americans will collect Social Security benefits
- Average monthly benefit for retired workers: \$1,503 per month
- 9 out of 10 individuals age 65 or older collect benefits
- 50% of married couples and 70% of unmarried people rely on Social Security for 50% or more of their income
- Went from being insurance for people living too long to a program that many Americans rely on in retirement

<https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/factsheets/basicfact-alt.pdf>

Social Security and Other Sources of Retirement Savings

Source of Retirement Income	Exposes Social Security Benefits to Taxation
Traditional IRA	Yes
401(k)	Yes
Pension	Yes
Roth IRA*	No
Roth 401(k)*	No
Municipal Bond Interest	Yes
Loan from Cash Value Life Insurance	No
Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds	Yes

*Qualified distributions that have been held for five years and met a qualifying event of 59 ½, death, disability, or first-time home purchase.

The Potential Ripple Effect of Taxes on Retirement Income

Pre-Tax Retirement Plans and Tax Risk:

- Exposure of Social Security benefits to taxes
- Higher Medicare premiums
- Less spendable income
- Less to leave to heirs

Conventional Drawdown Strategies and Tax Risk

The Three D's: Defer, Deduct, Delay

In the accumulation phase:

- **Defer** Taxes
- **Deduct** Always
- **Delay** Paying Taxes



In the distribution phase:

- Taxable First
- Tax-Deferred Second
- Tax-Free Third

Strategies to Enhance Retirement Income

Strategy #1: Consider delaying Social Security claiming and drawing down qualified savings first

Strategy #2: Consider Roth IRAs/Conversions

Strategy #3: Cash Value Life Insurance

Strategy #4: Tax advantage of Health Savings Accounts (HSAs)

www.investopedia.com Per Stirpes vs. Per Capita, September 2019.
<https://www.investopedia.com/terms/p/perstirpes.asp>





Final Thoughts

- Plan now for the various post-retirement tax risks that you could face in the future
- Consider diversifying your retirement savings into buckets
- Carefully consider how other sources of income could impact your Social Security benefits
- Have contingency plans in place to mitigate the “what if?” scenarios
- Work with a financial professional who understands your needs and goals
- Consider consulting your team of advisors (financial, tax, and legal professionals)