

Your lifestyle and income needs

How would you like to live once you stop working?



This leaflet has been designed to help you plan your long term savings. The examples below are designed to demonstrate what different levels of retirement income may provide.

	COMFORTABLE INCOME	MODEST INCOME	RELIANCE ON STATE PENSION
	No rent or mortgage payments	Small rent or mortgage payments	Large part of income spent on rent or mortgage
	An annual holiday abroad	One or two short breaks in the UK near where you live each year	Even shorter breaks or day trips
	Do not need to monitor use of utilities	Some monitoring of heating required	Less heating in winter
	Regularly eat out at restaurants. Good range and quality of food and drink	Infrequently eat out at restaurants that have cheap food and drink. Cheaper and less food than a 'comfortable' lifestyle standard	Basic home cooking with occasional inexpensive takeaway.
	Owning a reasonable car	Owning an older, less reliable car	No car or, if you have a car, it will be a struggle to afford repairs
	Regularly buys new clothes.	Needs to budget for new clothes and wait for the sales.	Only replace clothes when they are worn out and usually buys from charity shops.
	Afford regular haircuts at a good hairdresser	Afford regular haircuts only at a basic salon or pensioner special day	Less frequent haircuts or getting a friend to cut your hair
	Take part in a range of regular leisure activities	Take part in one paid leisure activity infrequently. Some trips to the cinema	Only taking part in no cost or very low cost leisure activities. Rare trips to the cinema
	A range of electronic equipment	Not much scope to purchase new equipment	No budget to replace old equipment
	Replace kitchen and bathroom over 20 years	No budget for home improvements. Can do repairs, but can't replace kitchen or bathroom	No budget to fix home problems like a leaky roof

A good way of helping to work out what your expenses might be once retired is to use a budget planner. Below is a link to a useful budget planner:

moneyadvice.service.org.uk/en/tools/budget-planner