

America's 50 Best Annuities: Guaranteed Income for Life

Whether you want the payouts to start immediately or some time in the future, these annuities offer income guaranteed to last as long as you do.

IMMEDIATE-INCOME ANNUITIES

These contracts turn a lump sum into a lifelong guaranteed income that begins right away. Figures assume a \$200,000 investment by a 60-year-old male.

IMMEDIATE "LIFE ONLY" ANNUITIES	Company	Rating	Monthly Income for Life	Percentage Paid on Investment	Total Income by Age 85
<i>Pays income for life; if investor dies before principal is paid out, the insurer keeps the remaining principal.</i>	American National	A	\$966.03	5.80%	\$289,809
	Guardian	A++	964.20	5.79	289,260
	Integrity	A+	959.48	5.76	287,844
	Penn Mutual	A+	958.76	5.75	287,628
	MetLife	A+	954.37	5.73	286,311

IMMEDIATE "10 YEAR CERTAIN" ANNUITIES	Company	Rating	Monthly Income for Life	Percentage Paid on Investment	Total Income by Age 85
<i>If investor dies within the first 10 years of establishing the contract, heirs get paid until the end of the 10-year period.</i>	American National	A	\$959.60	5.76%	\$287,880
	Integrity	A+	955.25	5.73	286,575
	Guardian	A++	949.36	5.70	284,808
	Penn Mutual	A+	945.64	5.67	283,692
	MetLife	A+	938.60	5.63	281,580

IMMEDIATE "CASH INSTALLMENT REFUND" ANNUITIES	Company	Rating	Monthly Income for Life	Percentage Paid on Investment	Total Income by Age 85
<i>When an investor dies, any remaining principal is paid out to heirs monthly.</i>	American National	A	\$924.43	5.55%	\$277,329
	Penn Mutual	A+	918.31	5.51	275,493
	Integrity	A+	917.97	5.51	275,391
	Pacific	A+	906.24	5.44	271,872
	Guardian	A++	895.91	5.38	268,773

DEFERRED-INCOME ANNUITIES

These contracts turn a lump sum into an income stream later.

PERSONAL PENSIONS	Company	Rating	Annual Income at Age 65	Total Income by Age 85
<i>Turns a lump sum into an income stream later. Assumes a 55-year-old male puts in \$200,000; income begins at age 65.</i>	Foresters	A-	\$19,528.00	\$390,560
	Mutual of Omaha	A+	19,461.00	389,220
	AIG	A	19,304.40	386,088

PERSONAL PENSIONS	Company	Rating	Annual Income at Age 65	Total Income by Age 85
<i>Assumes a 45-year-old male puts in \$200,000; income begins at age 65.</i>	Mutual of Omaha	A+	\$28,639.80	\$572,796.00
	Foresters	A-	28,203.96	564,079.20
	AIG	A	27,756.00	555,120.00

PERSONAL PENSIONS WITHIN IRA	Company	Rating	Annual Income at Age 84	Total Income by Age 90
<i>New rules allow up to \$125,000 of IRA assets to be converted to a deferred income annuity and be exempt from required minimum distributions. Payout must begin by age 85. Assumes a 70-year-old puts in \$125,000, income begins at age 84; any remaining principal upon death is paid to heirs.</i>	Foresters	A-	\$31,200.00	\$187,200.00
	Pacific Life	A+	28,551.72	171,310.32
	Principal Financial	A+	28,224.24	169,345.44

LONGEVITY INSURANCE	Company	Rating	Annual Income at Age 80	Total Income by Age 90
<i>Turns a lump sum into an income stream later in life, after a period of deferral. Assumes a \$200,000 investment by a 60-year-old male; income starts at age 80.</i>	Foresters	A-	\$61,903.92	\$619,039
	Mutual of Omaha	A+	59,435.76	594,358
	Lincoln National	A+	58,974.72	589,747

America's 50 Best Annuities: Indexed, Variable, and Tax-Deferred Investing

These annuities come with a variety of features and complexity that could make them more appealing—but only if the price is right. Fixed-indexed annuities offer a guaranteed rate, plus additional income when the market is rising. Variable annuities offer tax-deferred investing, and can come with a guarantee.

FIXED-INDEXED ANNUITIES WITH AN INCOME GUARANTEE

Assumes a \$200,000 investment at age 55, payout at 65.

LEVEL INCOME IN RETIREMENT

Company	Rating	Contract Name	10-Year Fixed Interest Rate	First-Year Bonus	Payout Rate	Annual Income Starting at Age 65	Total Income by Age 85	Total Income by Age 95
Athene	A-	Ascent 10 Bonus 2.0	10%	15%	5%	\$21,500	\$430,000	\$645,000
American General	A	Power Select Plus	7	5	5	21,000	420,000	630,000
Lincoln Financial	A+	Lifetime Income Edge	5	0	6	20,361	407,220	610,835
Global Atlantic Financial	A-	ForeIncome Option 1	10	0	5	20,000	400,000	600,000

RISING INCOME IN RETIREMENT *

Company	Rating	Contract Name	10-Year Fixed Interest Rate	First-Year Bonus	Payout Rate	Annual Income Starting at Age 65	Total Income by Age 85	Total Income by Age 95
Allianz	A+	Allianz 222	N.A.	N.A.	5%	\$16,127	\$433,388	\$767,249

*Annual income increases depend on stock market performance; investors participate partially in the market's upside; this scenario assumes a 2% increase per year.

VARIABLE ANNUITIES WITH INCOME GUARANTEE

Assumes a \$200,000 investment by a 55-year-old investor, payout at 65.

Company	Rating	Contract and Rider Names	Annual Contract and Rider Fee	Surrender Charge	Minimum Guaranteed Annual Income	Upside Potential
Jackson	A+	Perspective II Lifeguard Freedom 6 Net	2.80%	7 years	\$16,000	Adds to income 40% of gains up to \$10,672

ANNUITIES FOR TAX-DEFERRED INVESTING

TRADITIONAL VARIABLE ANNUITIES

Assets grow tax deferred in underlying mutual-fund-like investments. Assumes a \$200,000 investment.

Company	Contract Name	Annual Fee ¹	Number of Inv. Options	5-Year Annual Return for Top U.S. Growth Fund ²
Fidelity Investment Life Insurance	Personal Retirement	0.25% ³	57	11.35%
Great-West Financial	Smart Track Variable Annuity	0.25	101	12.38
Transamerica Premier Life	Vanguard Variable Annuity	0.29	17	12.08
TIAA	Intelligent Variable Annuity	0.35 ⁴	66	19.32
Northwestern Mutual	Fee Based Select	0.35	40	12.08
Pacific Life	Pacific Odyssey	0.40	105	10.67
Nationwide Life	Destination Architect 2.0	0.40	123	19.25
Ameritas	No-Load Variable Annuity	0.45	65	13.01
Prudential Life	Premier Advisor	0.55	78	14.34

VARIABLE ANNUITIES WITH ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS

These contracts come with both traditional and alternative investment choices.

Company	Contract Name	Annual Fee ¹	Number of Inv. Options Traditional vs. Alternative	5-Year Annual Return for Top U.S. Growth Fund ²
Jefferson National	Monument Advisor	\$240	361(288/73)	15.38%
Lincoln National	Investor Advantage Fee-based	0.30%	136(124/12)	12.04
Nationwide Life	marketFLEX Advisor	0.45	188(148/40)	25.47
Symetra	True Variable Annuity	0.60	117(102/15)	19.31
Guardian Life	ProStrategies	0.60	33(23/10)	11.44

FIXED ANNUITIES WITH GUARANTEED RATE

Assets accumulate at a fixed rate for a specified period, then the rate fluctuates.

Company	Rating	Contract Name	Guaranteed Period (years)	Guaranteed Rate
Midland National	A+	Guarantee Ultimate 5	5 years	2.90%
Royal Neighbors of America	A-	Royal Choice 7	7 years	3.10
Royal Neighbors of America	A-	Royal Choice 10	10 years	3.25

N.A. = not applicable. ¹ Includes mortality and expense fees, and any administration fees; fees can vary slightly in certain states. ² Through 5/31/16. ³ Drops to 0.10% on assets of \$1 million or more. ⁴ Drops to 0.25% when assets reach \$500,000; drops to 0.10% after 10 years. Sources: AnnuityAdvantage.com; Cannex; Annuity Rate Watch; ValMark Securities; company information