

The Multigenerational Workforce: Life, Work, and Retirement Catherine Collinson, President and CEO, Transamerica Institute®

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1 in 7 workers are planning to live to age 100+.

Workers are planning to live to age 88 (median).

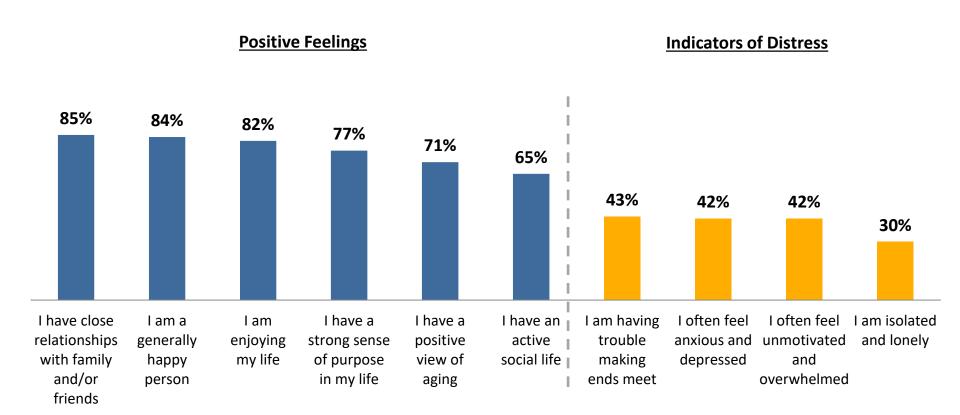
34% of workers are "not sure."



## 3 in 4

workers have close relationships with family and friends, consider themselves to be happy, and are enjoying life.

#### Most are upbeat, but many are distressed



77% of workers consider themselves to be in excellent or good health.

67% are concerned about their physical health.

59% are concerned about their mental health.



#### **Healthy behaviors**

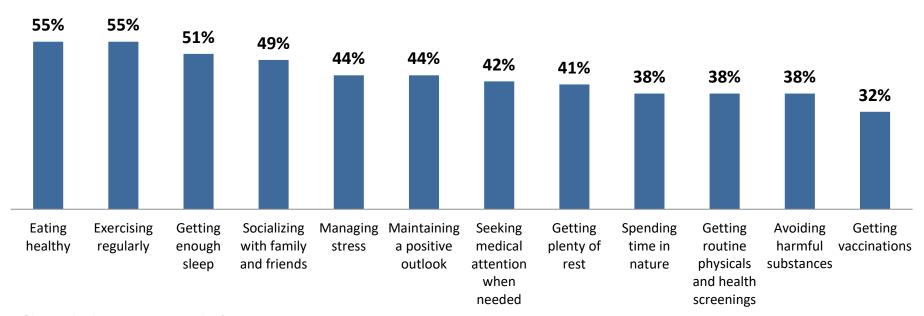
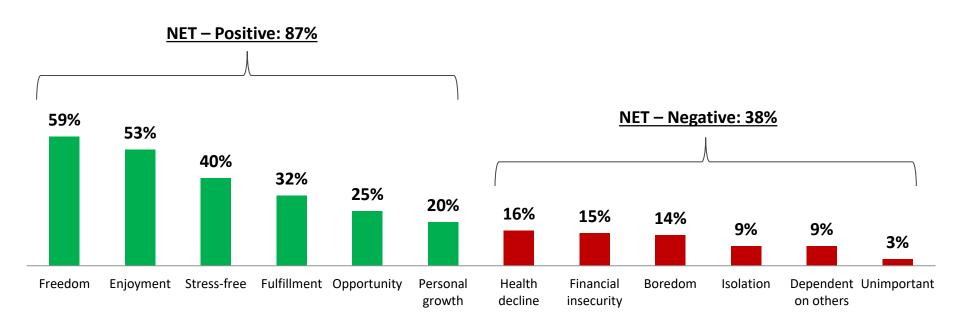


Chart only shows responses >30%

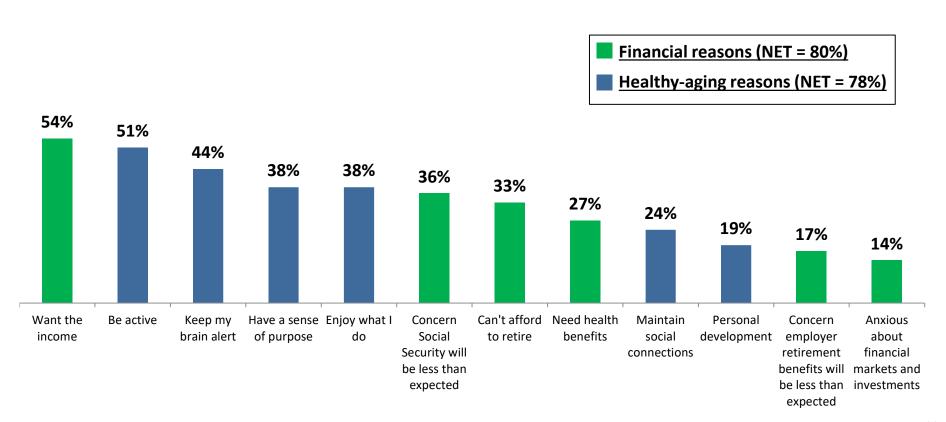
#### Retirement word associations





48% of workers expect to work past age 65 or do not plan to retire.

#### Reasons for working in retirement

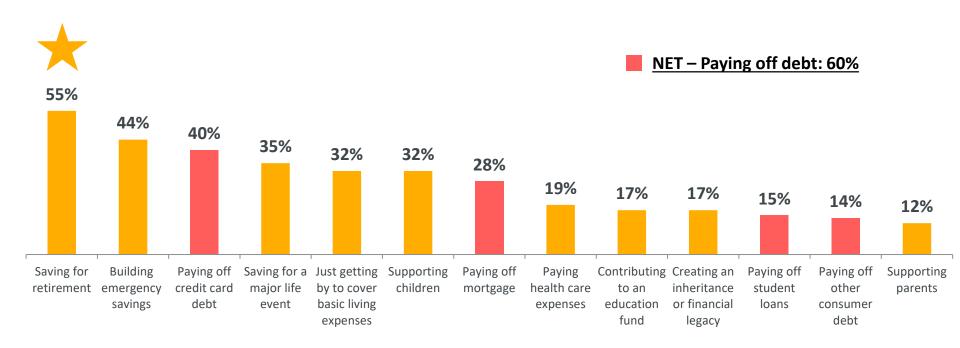


# Few workers are taking steps needed for success...

- 59% are staying healthy
- 50% are keeping their job skills up to date
- 28% are networking and meeting new people



#### **Current financial priorities**



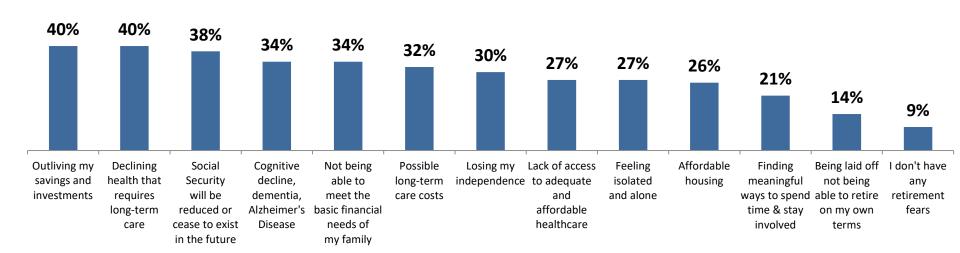


81% of workers are saving for retirement through their current employer's plan and/or outside of work.

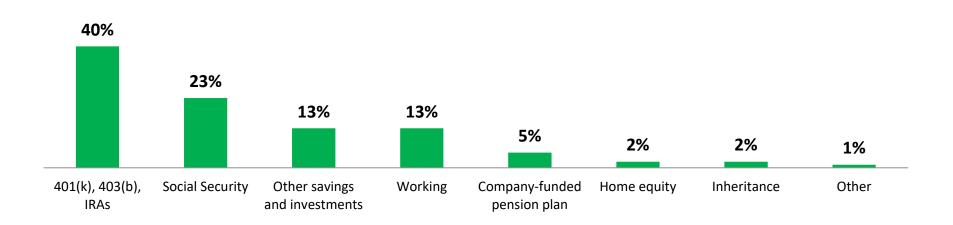
# **Only 20%** of workers are very confident they will be able to fully retire with a comfortable lifestyle.



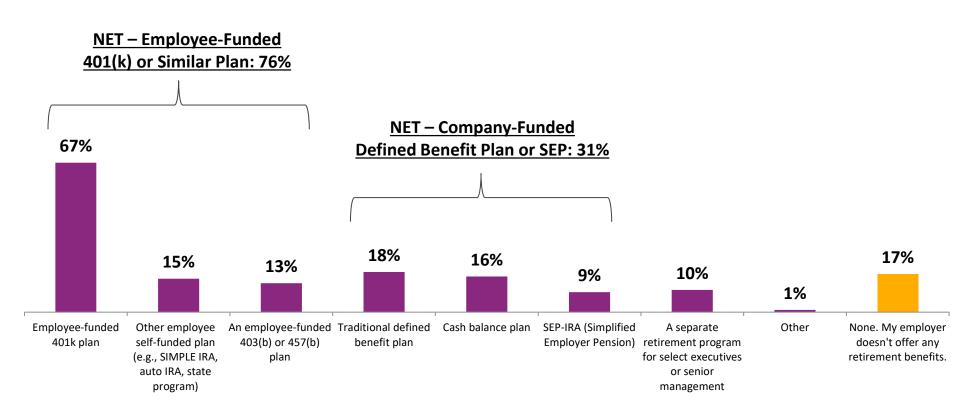
#### **Greatest retirement fears**



#### **Expected primary source of retirement income**



#### Retirement benefits offered by employer

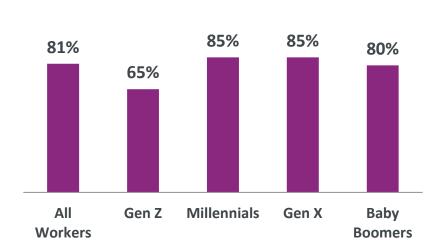


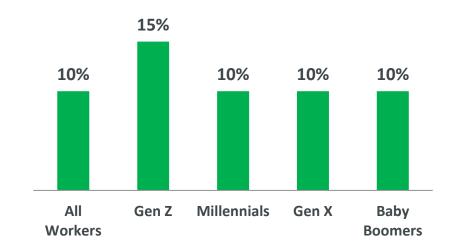
#### **Super Savers**

Among workers offered a 401(k) or similar plan ...

Participate in the Plan: Yes

% of Annual Salary Saved in Plan (median)

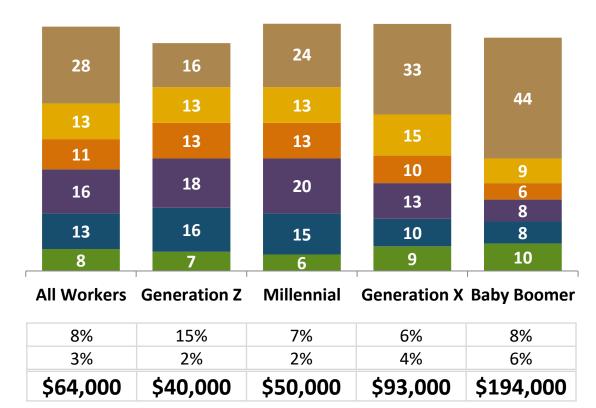




#### Household retirement savings in 2023

- \$250k or more
- \$100k to less than \$250k
- \$50k to less than \$100k
- \$10k to less than \$50k
- ■\$1 to less than \$10k
- None (\$0)

Not sure
Decline to answer
<b>Estimated median</b>



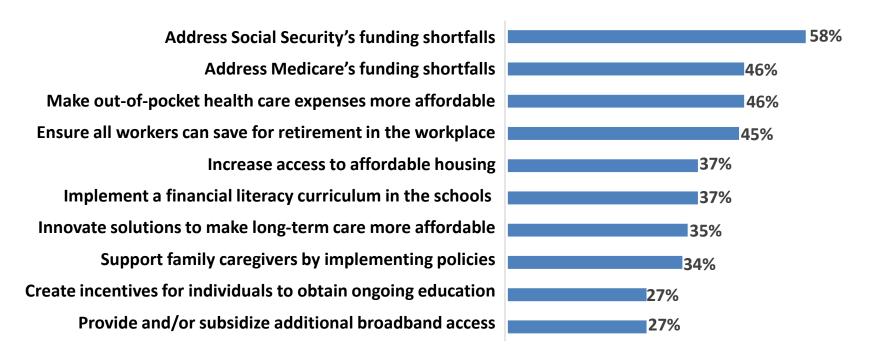
#### Opportunities for strengthening savings

21% of workers have "a lot" of working knowledge about personal finance 66% would like more information and advice from their employers on reaching retirement goals

**47%** have "guessed" their retirement savings needs

35% have taken a loan, hardship withdrawal, and/or early withdrawal

# Priorities for the President and Congress to help people have a financially secure retirement



#### 5 key takeaways

- 1. Public policy is essential for fostering an environment in which individuals can live healthy, purposeful, economically productive, and financially secure lives.
- 2. Workers understand the imperative of saving for retirement, but many are at risk of falling short.
- 3. To create an environment in which everyone can achieve a secure retirement, key stakeholders must educate and equip workers with the tools and resources they need to save an invest for retirement.
- 4. Employers play a critical societal role by providing employment and offering health, retirement, and other benefits to help their employers enhance and protect their health, employability, and finances.
- 5. To strengthen the U.S. retirement system, we must also address issues Social Security, Medicare, health care and long-term care, and more.

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