

## Late-Stage Retirement Calculator & Checklist

### Deciding if you're ready for retirement

What does a good retirement look like to you?

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What will you do from day-to-day, month-to-month, year-to-year?

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How much money (monthly cashflow/savings) do you need to retire (see the Magic Money Number Calculator below)?

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How committed and capable are you to sticking to your retirement budget now and in retirement?

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Are you on track to retire at the age you want to retire? If not, what must you do?

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Will you move? If so, where?

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How does your spouse/partner feel about your retirement goals?

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## Magic Money Number Retirement Calculator

### Step 1

How much money do you need each year to live comfortably today? \_\_\_\_\_

### Step 2

Multiply the amount from Step 1 by 75%, as the amount of money you'll need each year to live comfortably in retirement: \_\_\_\_\_ (eg. \$56,000 X .75 = \$42,000)

### Step 3

Multiply the amount from Step 2 by 25 for the net total you'll need to retire: \_\_\_\_\_ (eg. \$42,000 x \$1,050,000)

### Step 4

Total the money you currently have saved for retirement (401(k), 403(b), 457, Tradition and/or Roth IRAs, pensions, savings accounts): \_\_\_\_\_ (eg. \$38,000)

### Step 5

Calculate your number of years until retirement: \_\_\_\_\_ (eg. Expected Retirement Age of 63 - Current Age of 38 = 25 Years till Retirement)

### Step 6

Choose your annual interest rate:

- Conservative portfolio = 5.5%
- Moderate portfolio = 7.25%
- Aggressive portfolio = 9%

### Step 7

Calculate Your Magic Money Number

Copy and paste into your URL: [http://www.moneychimp.com/calculator/compound\\_interest\\_calculator.htm](http://www.moneychimp.com/calculator/compound_interest_calculator.htm)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In 'Current Principle' enter your total from Step 4</li> <li>2. Skip 'Annual Addition'</li> <li>3. In 'Years to Grow' enter your total from Step 5</li> <li>4. In 'Interest Rate' enter your total from Step 6</li> <li>5. Skip 'Compound Interest'</li> <li>6. Change 'Additions' to 'end of each compounding period'</li> <li>7. Click 'Calculate' to get an indication of how the money you have today will help in retirement</li> </ol>	<p><b>Compound Interest Calculator</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2">Inputs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Current Principal:</td> <td>\$ 38,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Annual Addition:</td> <td>\$ 0</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Years to grow:</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interest Rate:</td> <td>7.25 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Compound interest</td> <td>1 time(s) annually</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Make additions at</td> <td><input type="radio"/> start <input checked="" type="radio"/> end of each compounding period</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><input type="button" value="Calculate"/></td> </tr> <tr> <th colspan="2">Results</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Future Value:</td> <td>\$ 218,633.20</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Inputs		Current Principal:	\$ 38,000.00	Annual Addition:	\$ 0	Years to grow:	25	Interest Rate:	7.25 %	Compound interest	1 time(s) annually	Make additions at	<input type="radio"/> start <input checked="" type="radio"/> end of each compounding period	<input type="button" value="Calculate"/>		Results		Future Value:	\$ 218,633.20
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## Step 8

Write your Magic Money Number on a piece of paper and hang it where you'll see it daily to inspire and focus you.

## Step 9

Take a picture of your hung-up Magic Money Number and share it in the *Queer Money™* Facebook Group

## Late-Stage Retirement Plan Checklist

### Preparing late for retirement

- ☐ Create a plan to pay off debt
- ☐ Avoid taking on more debt
- ☐ Generate passive income
- ☐ Have your own hustle or side-hustle
- ☐ Have rental/real estate income
- ☐ Total and map all your assets (see the Magic Money Number Calculator above)
- ☐ Have an investment plan
- ☐ Make a budget
- ☐ Automate your money management
- ☐ Build a nest egg
- ☐ Automate your expenses
- ☐ Automate your savings
- ☐ Have sufficient emergency savings
- ☐ Max out retirement plan contributions, including catch-up contributions
- ☐ Stay away from your retirement money
- ☐ Work with a financial planner
- ☐ Become a student of money

### Retiring

- ☐ Have an income/expenses tracking strategy
- ☐ Negotiate severance pay and retirement package
- ☐ Use accrued benefits
- ☐ Try part-time employment before no-time employment
- ☐ Understand your pensions, annuities and Social Security benefits
- ☐ Have life insurance
- ☐ Have health insurance
- ☐ Review your risk tolerance and asset allocation
- ☐ Calculate your savings/retirement withdrawal and spending strategies
- ☐ Use the Social Security Calculator before claiming Social Security benefits to calculate when you should take them
- ☐ Understand the consequences of and the best time to withdraw from your pension, 401(k), 403(b), SEP, SIMPLE
- ☐ Complete your trust & estate planning
- ☐ Talk with a financial planner
- ☐ Get multiple opinions
- ☐ Talk with an accountant about your tax-consequences for everything above
- ☐ Take care of your health