

How much super is enough?

When it comes to superannuation, 'how much will I need?' is one of the most common questions.

As a general rule of thumb, it is estimated that in retirement you will need approximately 75% of your pre-retirement income.

Of course, individual circumstances vary. You may need more – or less – than this. If you want to be able to travel overseas every few years you'll probably need more money in retirement than someone who is happy to caravan around Australia for a couple of months.

To help you determine how much you'll need in retirement you should prepare a budget that takes into account your expected expenses, desired lifestyle, goals, and life expectancy.

- The information inside will give you a starting point to estimate various living expenses.
- Online calculators can help too. Visit **superguru.com.au**. By entering some of your details you can get an idea of whether you are on track for retirement.

What next?

Once you've worked out how much you need when you retire, the next step is to make it happen. You can influence how much you have at retirement through the investment option you choose in your super fund, the level of additional contributions you make and by consolidating your super accounts.

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The ASFA Retirement Standard

A good source of information to help you determine how much you'll need in retirement is the ASFA Retirement Standard. The ASFA Retirement Standard benchmarks the annual budget needed by Australians to fund either a modest or comfortable standard of living in their post-work years. It is based on the spending habits of actual retirees and updated regularly.

The most recent Retirement Standard shows that to afford a modest lifestyle (that is, better than the Age Pension, but still only able to afford fairly basic activities) a single person will need \$23,175 annually (\$33,358 for a couple). For a comfortable lifestyle – enabling an older, healthy retiree to be involved in a broad range of leisure and recreational activities and to be able to purchase household goods, private health insurance, travel, maintain a reasonable car, etc. – a single person will need \$42,158 (or \$57,665 for a couple) per year.

Will you have enough?

At Prime Super, we provide members with limited financial advice over the telephone. A planner may be arranged to help you determine which investment options are right for you, based on your individual circumstances and needs. And it won't cost you a thing. Call us today on **1800 675 839**.

If you feel further advice is needed we can refer you to a licensed financial planner for a full financial plan.

The ASFA Retirement Standard – Budgets for various households and living standards (December Quarter 2013)*

	Modest lifestyle		Comfortable lifestyle	
	Single	Couple	Single	Couple
Housing – ongoing only	\$63.40	\$60.86	\$73.48	\$85.18
Energy	\$42.98	\$57.09	\$43.62	\$59.16
Food	\$75.64	\$156.69	\$108.06	\$194.51
Clothing	\$17.96	\$29.15	\$38.87	\$58.30
Household goods and services	\$26.57	\$36.03	\$74.75	\$87.57
Health	\$38.59	\$74.48	\$76.56	\$135.12
Transport	\$95.78	\$98.49	\$142.73	\$145.44
Leisure	\$73.93	\$110.14	\$224.03	\$307.01
Communications	\$9.61	\$16.82	\$26.41	\$33.61
Total per week	\$444.46	\$639.74	\$808.51	\$1,105.91
Total per year	\$23,175	\$33,358	\$42,158	\$57,665

* The figures in each case assume that the retiree(s) own their own home and relate to expenditure by the household. This can be greater than household income after income tax where there is a drawdown on capital over the period of retirement. Single calculations are based on female figures. All calculations are weekly, unless otherwise stated.