Financial security for the long run®



How much life insurance do I need?

Assets & Income

To estimate the amount of life insurance you need, you'll want to determine what you must protect in the event of your death. Determine your needs today.

What would be available to your family now, if you werer	of here to provide for them?
Spouse's annual income x number of years to age 65	\$
Cash, savings bonds, stocks, securities (current value)	\$
Company savings plan (401(k), 403(b), other)	\$
Cash value of life insurance	\$
Other assets* or income (other than your own)	\$
*Equity in your home, if you plan to sell or borrow against it for cash.	
	A = \$
Basic Necessities	
What basic needs do you and your family have? (multiply the years required, if applicable)	e items below by the number of
Home – remaining mortgage or rent (120 months is a basic rule of thumb)	\$
Annual household operating expenses (utilities, food, clothing, insurance, repairs, property taxes, etc.)	\$
Childcare	\$
Health – health insurance premiums or medical/hospital expenses not covered by insurance	\$
Debt – balances on credit cards, car loans, etc.	\$
	B = \$

Comfort Zone	
What kind of special or one-time expenses may come along?	
Tuition	\$
Wedding	\$
New residence	\$
Elder care x number of years	\$
Estate taxes, probate fees, attorney fees	\$
Emergency fund	\$
Funeral expenses (average is \$7,000 - \$10,000)*	\$
Golden years (money put aside for survivor's retirement)	\$
C	= \$

^{*} Source: National Funeral Directors Association

Complete the Equation	
Complete the equation that most closely reflects your particular needs:	
Basic Necessities	B-A = \$ (Compare to current Life Insurance amount)
Comfort Zone	(B + C) - A = \$ (Compare to current Life Insurance amount)

Your calculation is based on today's costs and doesn't account for inflation or changes in annual earnings. Review your needs periodically – even annually – to ensure your needs will be met now and in the future.

QUESTIONS?

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