

# Retirement Readiness

2014 AGF INVESTOR PERSPECTIVES SURVEY

## PREPARING FOR RETIREMENT

The AGF survey looked at how Canadians are progressing in saving for their retirement and how conscious they are of funding requirements. The average Canadian is living well into their 80s and this 'longevity risk' results in many people underestimating how much money is required for a retirement that may last 20 or even 30 years. As investors age, household income and investable asset amounts increase and a change in investment strategy occurs (albeit a gradual change). It is not surprising to see that they move from a strategy that focuses on accumulating their savings to one that focuses on protecting their retirement funding and income stream.



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## CANADIANS MORE FOCUSED ON THE NOW

- > Overall, two-thirds (66%) of respondents say that they are very/somewhat active in planning for their retirement
- > Most Canadians expect to work up to between age 63 and 65 and are expecting to depend on government pension plans as part of their annual retirement income.
- > Seven in 10 Canadians are concerned that they have not saved enough for retirement. It is not surprising to see that involvement in retirement planning increases as Canadians get closer to retirement – most likely as they make a final push to save.
- > On average, Canadians believe their retirement income and accumulated retirement savings will need to last 20 years.
- > Those with a financial advisor are significantly more likely to say they are very/somewhat active in planning for their retirement (75% versus 54% of those without an advisor).

Given the wealth of financial planning information that repeatedly states the importance of starting early and growing wealth through compounding and regular contributions, this is certainly a wake-up call for younger investors.

My investment strategy is focused on meeting my retirement goals

51%

49%

My investment strategy is focused on building my savings