

A New Approach to Managing Risk for DC Members

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What are the risks?

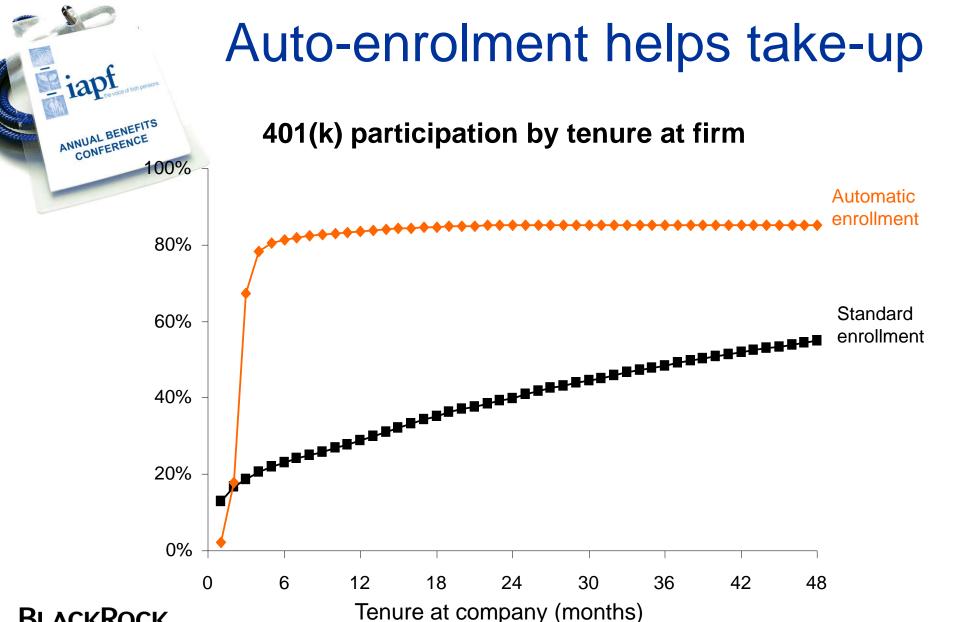
- Not joining
- Not enough money going in
- Low investment knowledge
 - Dislike seeing losses
 - May stop saving / will not pay more
- Thinking a £50K pot buys £20k a year
- Not knowing the answer to 'How much do I need in retirement?'



'DC is a dog that hasn't barked yet'

Brendan Kennedy
The Pensions Board



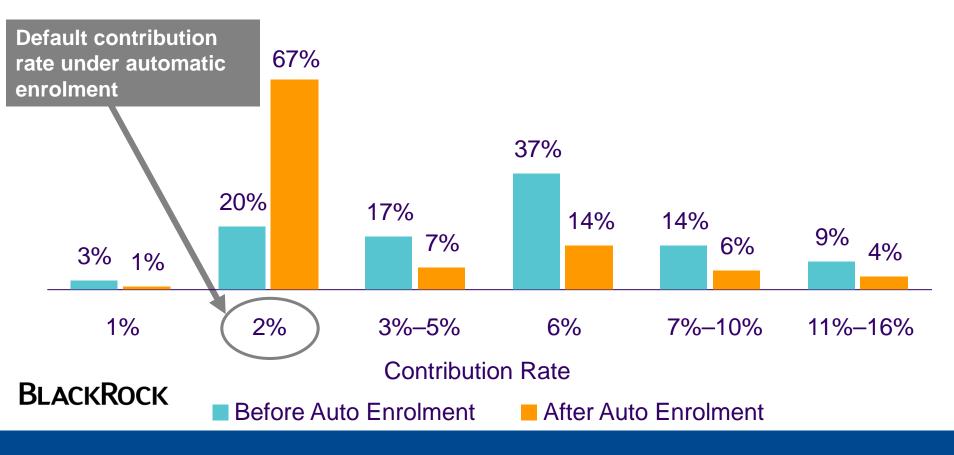


Source: Madrian and Shea (2001), Choi, Laibson, Madrian, Metrick (2004)



But Employees enrolled under automatic enrolment cluster at default contribution rate.

Fraction of Participants at different contribution rates:





Employees know they are not saving enough

Typical breakdown among 100 employees

Out of every 100 surveyed employees

68 self-report saving too little

24 plan to raise savings rate in next 2 months

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3 actually follow through





Members see Investment as a problem

How employees think	Investment issue
'Building Society outlook'	Low risk growth
Hate seeing their investments fall	Volatility
Want 'an expert to make the decisions'	Discretionary Management

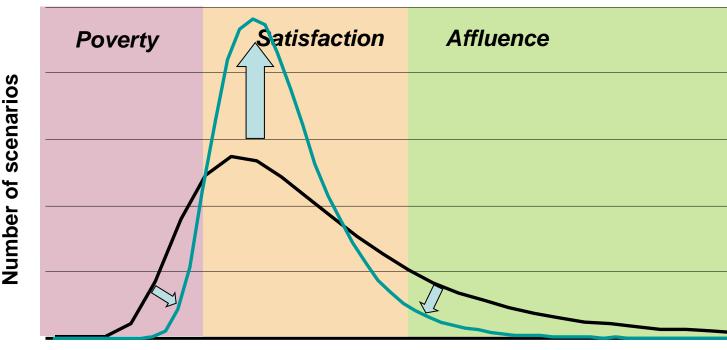
Need to get the Default Option right



Overall Impact on members' pensions

- Greater predictability of final outcomes
- Likelihood of bad outcomes much reduced

Likelihood of outcomes



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Source: BlackRock

Standard Lifestyle - higher equity allocation

Pension at retirement

With allocation to Diversified Growth



Diversified Growth increases satisfaction





But it's still about the biggest...



....Pension pot NOT Income!



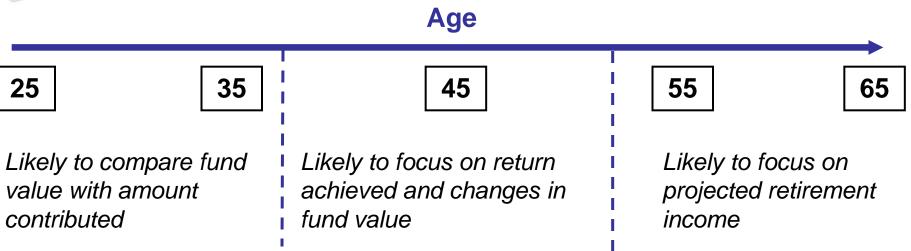
Can we help members focus on income?

- Contributions shown as a % of income
- Then it's all about the value of your pot
- What's my fund value?'
 - Most frequently asked question to helpline
 - Most visited web page
- Benefit statement does convert the pot:
 - Easily lost in the detail
 - It's all estimated / based on today's rates



Focus on income increases with age

Members' behaviours and needs evolve over time





Employees want to know about their income in retirement

What am I going to get per annum with what I am contributing (30 – 39)

If I only got information that I understood that said when you retire this is how much you will get (30 – 39: C1C2)

Having that in my life plan and being able to write down where I am at and being able to work out if I wanted say £2000 a month when I'm 70, what do I have to do now? (40 – 49: BC1)

You get this statement come through and I never understand them. Nobody understands pensions unless they work in that sector.

(50 - 65: C1C2)

You are this age – this is how much you need to live on and what you need to do about it (30 – 39)



US DC Thinking

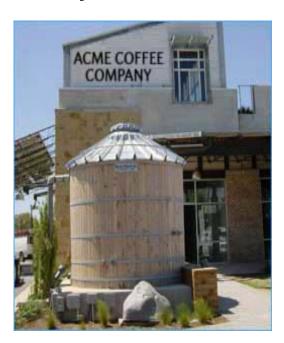
- No requirement to annuitise
- Encouragement to think about income

'The only problem with living longer is that you need more money to do it'



Let's relate it to coffee

1,000 gallons of coffee to last your retirement?



Or 3 cups of coffee a day throughout retirement?





US DC Products

- Many schemes now using Target Date funds
- Similar concept to Lifestyle
- Asset allocation changes over time within the fund
- BlackRock Target Date funds called 'Lifepath'



US DC Product Development

- Deferred annuities replace traditional fixed income investments: the 'income portfolio'
- Members also invest in a 'growth portfolio'
- Allocation to 'income portfolio' increases over time



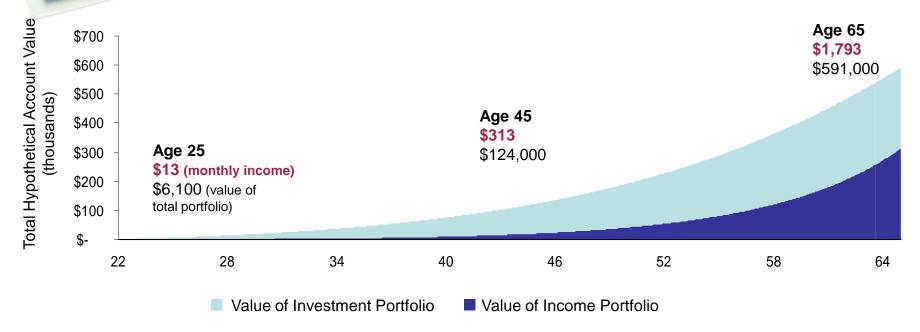
We called it

D]Lifepath Income ΓΗ



Jake is 22, Salary \$24,500, 4% contribution





The graph above displays the outcome if the Investment Portfolio Returns 7.75% per annum. There are other scenarios available for review that summarize the output at age 65 under different performance assumptions. All numbers reported in nominal dollars. Assumed Annual Fees = 0.50%. Real Annual Income Increases=0.65% per year. Annual Inflation = 2.5%. Annuity returns = 4.5%.

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Meet Jake at Retirement



Jake at age 65



Total Value \$591, 000

Annuity gives Jake a replacement ratio of 15%

^{*} Monthly income is equivalent to \$313,000 in a lump sum at retirement

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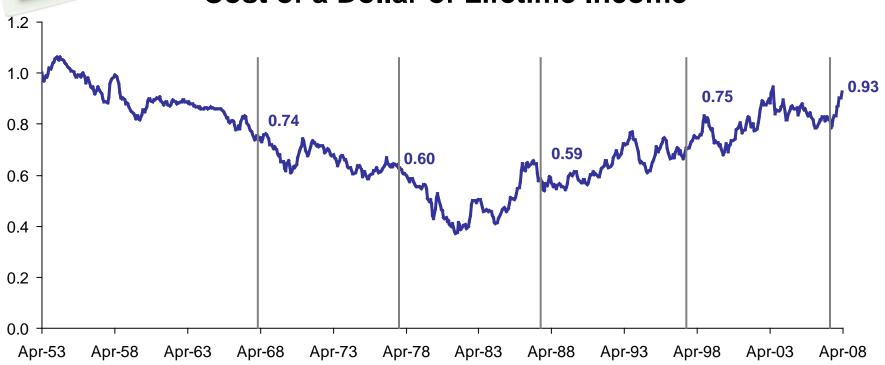
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Benefits of Buying Annuities over time

Cost of a Dollar of Lifetime Income*



^{*} Prices approximated based on flat yield curve set to the 10 year fixed maturity treasury rate for a 65 year old buying and immediate annuity in the absence of mortality drift, normalized to the 1953 price. Price is for \$1/month of income with 2.5% COLA



What are the benefits?

- Automatic increases in allocation to income portfolio over time
- £ cost averaging on annuity purchase
- Fund valued daily no penalties on selling
- Can convert to different type of annuity at retirement
- Can see income grow allows for better planning



What are the issues?

- Practical concerns not available outside US yet!
- Reality bites earlier
- It's not good news
- £1,000 of accumulated assets buys you £1 a week in Retirement'

Tim Jones of NEST

 Members need to think about how much they need



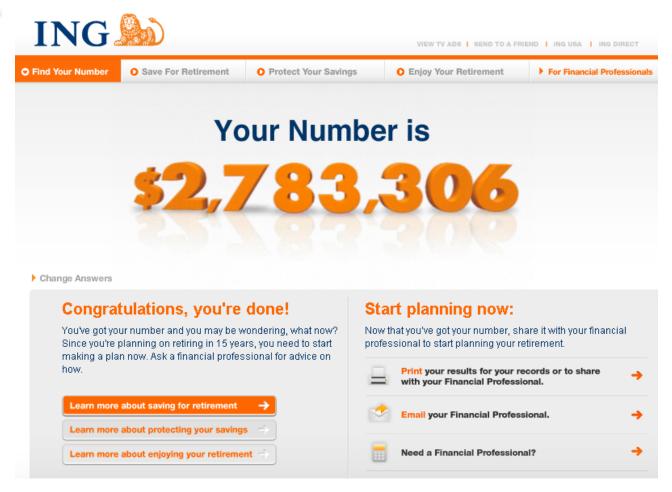


'What's my number?'

- Budgeting Tools
- Make it personal
- Not 'I'm retiring on 31st July 2041'
- When can you afford to retire?
- Do you need to keep working part-time?
- ING 'What's my number' campaign



What's your number?





Even better





Retirement - Not an age, not an attitude, it's a number



What's yours?