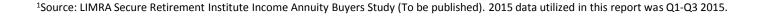


# ANNUITIES HELP SOLVE THE RETIREMENT PUZZLE FOR MANY PRE-RETIREES & RETIREES

Individuals are turning to annuity products to help solve many of the uncertainties involved in retirement planning. A majority of individuals purchasing annuities are seeking guaranteed lifetime income solutions to supplement pension and/or Social Security income.

This report provides insight into <u>income</u> annuity buyers looking at 2015 retail new premiums. Twenty-two companies participated in this report, representing 83 percent of 2015<sup>1</sup> retail indexed annuity sales.







#### INDIVIDUALS HAVE DIFFERENT PRIORITIES IN RETIREMENT

A recent LIMRA Secure Retirement Institute study found that individuals have different priorities in retirement. Many are seeking the guarantee of lifetime income while others are looking to grow and protect their assets.







#### Top Attitudinal Priorities (in order of importance)

- inflation-adjusted payouts
- 1. Upside potential in the form of investment growth
- 2. Control over how investments are managed and allocated
- 3. Flexibility in determining income amounts over time
- 1. Preservation of the principal a primary goal
- 2. Income generated limited to interest and dividends

#### Other Characteristics

- More likely to be female Investment risk tolerance.
- Moderately wealthy: 15 percent have \$1 million or more in investable assets
- Trust in advisors and financial institutions is high. They are likely to agree that advisors/ companies provide good value for the fees they charge.

- More likely to be male
- Investment risk tolerance. is high
- Wealthiest segment: 30 percent have \$1 million or more in investable assets.
- Trust in advisors and financial institutions is high, but cautious. One quarter say advisors do not provide value beyond what they could achieve on their own.

- More likely to be single
- Investment risk tolerance
- Moderately wealthy: 20 percent have \$1 million or more in investable assets.
- Trust in advisors and financial institutions is generally high. Yet, half disagree with the statement that companies provide good value for the fees they charge.



# INCOME ANNUITIES ARE FOCUSED ON GUARANTEED INCOME STREAMS

Income annuities come in two flavors: fixed immediate for buyer looking for income now, and deferred income annuities for buyers looking for income later. These annuity products are focused on guaranteed income and provide some of the most efficient guaranteed income streams at the expense of some flexibility.

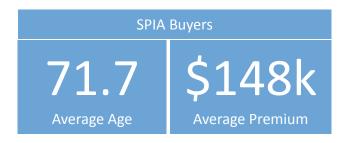
2015 Retail Income Annuity Market Sales by Investment Objective (in billions)



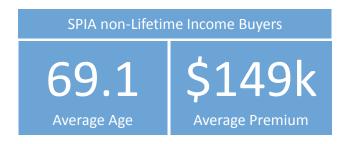
Source: U.S. Individual Annuities Sales Report, VA GLB Election Tracking Report & Indexed GLWB Election Tracking Report, LIMRA Secure Retirement Institute, 2015. Note: Totals are for retail sales only. This analysis excludes sales in employer plans and structured settlements.



### FIXED IMMEDIATE (SPIA) ANNUITY BUYER HIERARCHY







SPIA Lifetime IRA Buyers

69.4 \$149k

Average Age Avg. Premium

76.0 \$146k
Average Age Avg. Premium

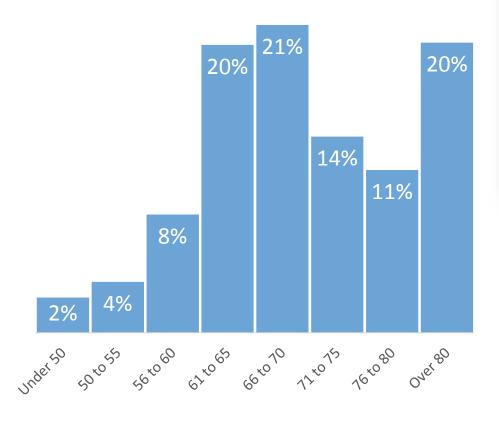
67.6 \$121k
Average Age Avg. Premium

70.1 \$168k
Average Age Avg. Premium



#### FIXED IMMEDIATE ANNUITY BUYERS

Guaranteed Income





71.7

Average Age

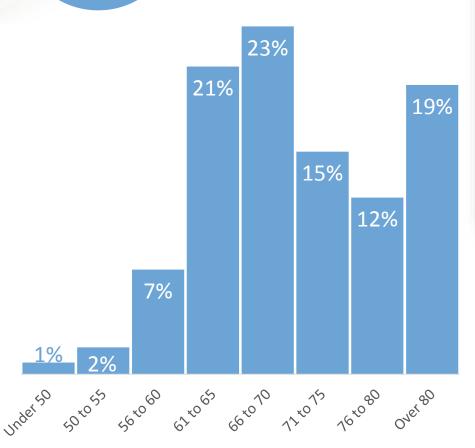
\$148k

Average Initial Premium

4% Overall Retail Annuity Sales



### FIXED IMMEDIATE ANNUITY <u>LIFETIME INCOME</u> BUYERS





72.6

Average Age

\$148k

Average Initial
Premium



# FIXED IMMEDIATE ANNUITY – IRA LIFETIME INCOME BUYERS

- Highest average initial premium for IRAs indicates a more affluent buyer.
- With the average initial age just under 70, many of these buyers are likely utilizing a fixed immediate annuities as a RMD strategy.
- Displays Guarantee Seeker characteristics



69.4

Average Age

\$149k

Average Initial Premium

40%



### FIXED IMMEDIATE ANNUITY - NONQUALIFIED LIFETIME INCOME BUYERS

- The oldest buyer of individual annuities
- These buyers have likely utilized their qualified retirement savings and are providing supplemental income as a hedge against longevity.
- Attracted to the tax benefits of fixed immediate income streams
- **Displays Guarantee Seeker** characteristics



76.0

Average Age

\$146k

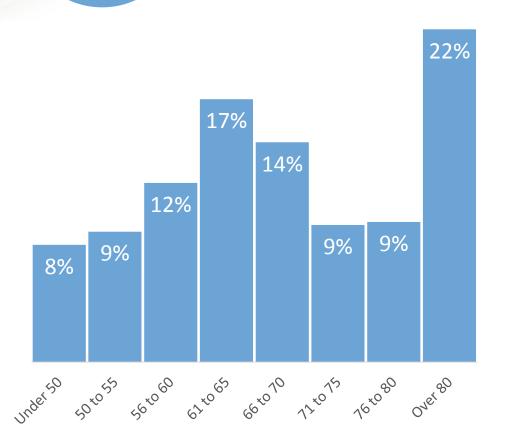
Average Initial Premium

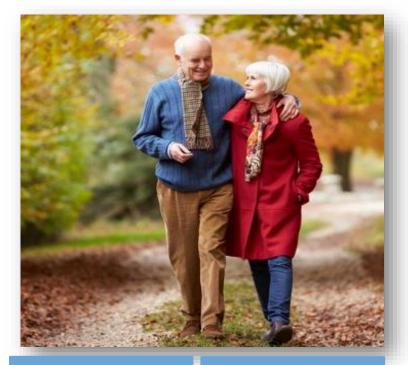
36%



FIXED IMMEDIATE ANNUITY NON-LIFETIME

**INCOME** BUYERS





69.1
Average Age

\$149k
Average Initial
Premium



# FIXED IMMEDIATE ANNUITY — IRA NON-LIFETIME INCOME BUYERS

 The youngest of fixed immediate annuity buyers

- Many of these buyers may be using non-lifetime income streams as a bridge or a supplement to other lifetime income sources
- Displays Guarantee
   Seeker characteristics



67.6

Average Age

\$121k

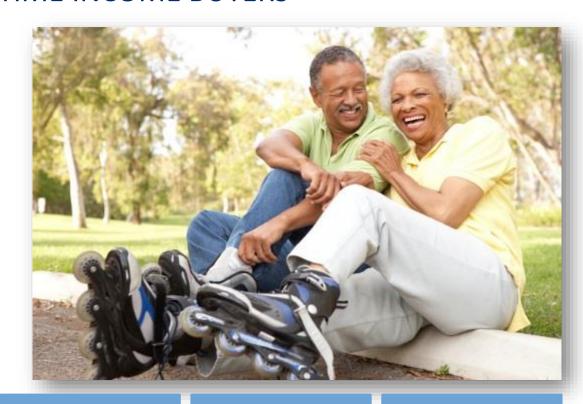
Average Initial Premium

8%



### FIXED IMMEDIATE ANNUITY - NONQUALIFIED NON-LIFETIME INCOME BUYERS

- These buyers value a guaranteed income stream and are utilizing their nonqualified savings to supplement other sources of retirement income.
- Attracted to the tax benefits of fixed immediate income streams
- Displays Guarantee Seeker characteristics



70.1

Average Age

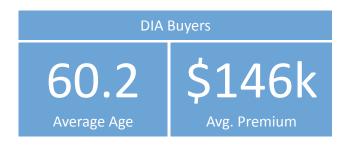
\$168k

Average Initial Premium

16%



### **DEFERRED INCOME ANNUITY (DIA) BUYER HIERARCHY**



DIA IRA Buyers

60.1 \$138k

Average Age Avg. Premium

DIA Nonqualified Buyers

60.5 \$168k

Average Age Avg. Premium

DIA IRA (non-QLAC) Buyers

58.8 \$144k

Average Age Avg. Premium

DIA IRA QLAC Buyers

69.6

Average Age

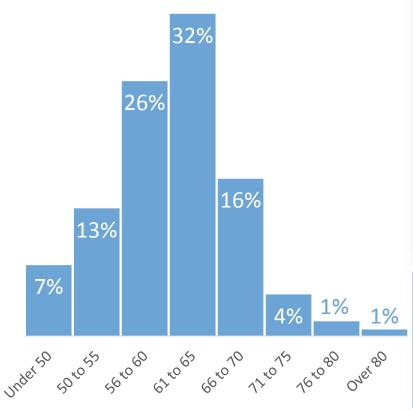
\$94k

Avg. Premium



#### **DEFERRED INCOME ANNUITY BUYERS**

Guaranteed Income





60.2

Average Age

\$146k

Average Initial Premium

7.5

Avg. Deferral Period (Years)

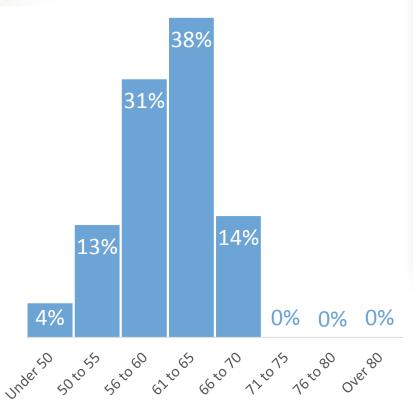


Age distributions based on Q1-Q3 2015 new premium Average age based on number of contracts sold Q1-Q3 2015

**Income** 

## **DEFERRED INCOME ANNUITY IRA NON-QLAC BUYERS**

Guaranteed





58.8

Average Age

\$144k

Average Initial Premium

7.1

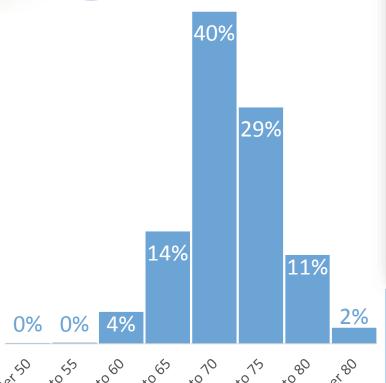
Avg. Deferral Period (Years)



Age distributions based on Q1-Q3 2015 new premium Average age based on number of contracts sold Q1-Q3 2015

#### **DEFERRED INCOME ANNUITY IRA QLAC BUYERS**

Guaranteed Income





69.6

Average Age

\$94k

Average Initial Premium

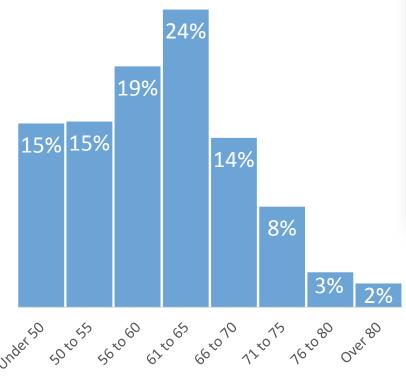
11.2

Avg. Deferral Period (Years)



Age distributions based on Q1-Q3 2015 new premium Average age based on number of contracts sold Q1-Q3 2015

# DEFERRED INCOME ANNUITY NONQUALIFIED BUYERS





60.5

Average Age

\$168k

Average Initial Premium

7.2

Avg. Deferral Period (Years)



Age distributions based on Q1-Q3 2015 new premium Average age based on number of contracts sold Q1-Q3 2015