Understanding stable value and money market funds



Stable value and money market funds are considered conservative investment options designed for investors with lower risk tolerance.

Stable value funds typically invest in bonds and interest-bearing contracts. Stable value funds may or may not be a registered fund; only registered funds are offered by prospectus.

Money market funds invest solely in short duration assets. Although nearly all money market funds seek to preserve the value of your investment at \$1.00 per share, it cannot guarantee it will do so. Money market funds are offered by prospectus.

The annual rate of return for these funds has historically been lower compared to bond and stock mutual funds. As a result, these funds may not keep pace with inflation.



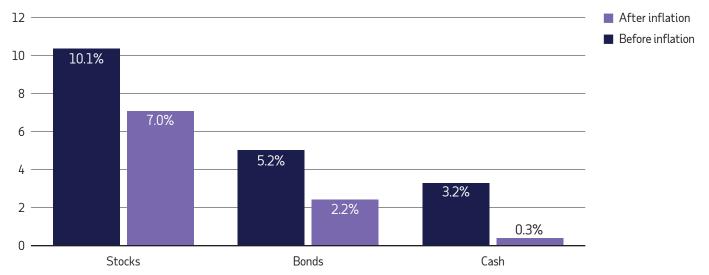
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Stable value/money market funds are on the conservative spectrum in a retirement plan investment line-up
- Like many investment options, the annual rate of return from these types of funds alone may not keep pace with inflation
- Your investment strategy should consider periods of increased inflation and interest rate fluctuation through retirement

Impact of inflation

Inflation is the increased cost of goods and services, and it can have a long-term impact on a financial savings strategy.

The chart below shows how inflation can influence the growth potential of your retirement savings. The first bars for each asset class represent the nominal or unadjusted returns. These do not consider inflation, but it's the percentage you might think of when you are discussing an investment's return. The second bars represent the real return, or the percent after being adjusted for inflation. This reflects your purchasing power.



Stocks are represented by the Ibbotson® Large Company Stock Index. Bonds are represented by the 20-year U.S. government bond, cash by the U.S. 30-day Treasury bill, and inflation by the Consumer Price Index. An investment cannot be made directly in an index.

Retirement planning tools

In addition to when you start saving for retirement, and how much you plan to save, making sure the investments in your retirement portfolio are properly allocated is an important factor in pursuing your long-term financial goals.

<u>Click here</u> or scan the QR code to take advantage of the retirement planning tools and resources available in the ADP Achieve Engagement Hub.



This website includes:

- Personal investor profile questionnaire with sample asset allocation models
- Investment videos
- Interactive calculators



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