

Assignments

Financial Plan Assignments

One of the most challenging aspects of retirement planning is deciding what kind of retirement you would like. This is where your vision of your retirement comes in. What would you like your retirement to be? What are you spending this year for basic needs? How much money will you need each year in retirement to maintain your lifestyle? Is this amount more or less than what you are currently spending? These are not easy questions, but they are important questions.

Your assignment is to make a first pass at answering these questions. Using [Retirement Planning Needs Spreadsheet](#) (LT06), determine how much you must save each month to achieve your specific lifestyle at retirement based on your estimates of years until retirement, expected return, inflation, and tax rates.

To see the impact of inflation on the amount you must save, increase your forecast for inflation by just one percent both before and during retirement and see how much this affects the amount you must save each month. Likewise, decrease your forecast for inflation by one percent both before and during retirement and see how much this affects the amount you must save each month.