

### Retirement Income

Solutions aimed to provide a predictable stream of income to participants throughout retirement

#### 88.5 Million

Projected number of people aged 65+ by 2050

83%

The percentage of participants interested in a guaranteed benefit solution

**50%** 

Percentage of participants that would contribute to a guaranteed benefit solution

- Shift from DB plans to DC plans as primary savings vehicle
- Most plans help address accumulation and portfolio diversification, but few address distribution strategies
- The SECURE Act provided greater flexibility and fiduciary protections for in-plan income solutions

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# **Participant Concerns**

Having control over day-to-day, month-to-month finances

Having the capacity to absorb a financial shock

Being on track to meet your financial goals

Having the financial freedom to make the choices that allow you to enjoy life

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#### Market Risk

- Tolerance for volatility substantially reduces for near-retirement participants
- Many look for a stable source of income that does not fluctuate with markets

## Longevity Risk

- Fear of outliving assets in retirement
- Valid concern for participants without guaranteed benefit

## Flexibility and Control

- Variability in access to savings across solutions
- Most guaranteed solutions offer less liquidity and may include surrender charges

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## Retirement Income Solution Types

 An evolving marketplace for retirement income solutions includes a variety of services and products to address the differing decumulation needs of participants.

## Managed Payout Vehicles/ Services

- Mutual fund or CIT designed to be liquid and fully accessible
- Provide income over preset periods
- Service constructed to manage decumulation of assets using existing plan investments
- · Exposure to market and longevity risk
- · Ongoing fiduciary responsibility to monitor plan investments

## Annuitybased solutions

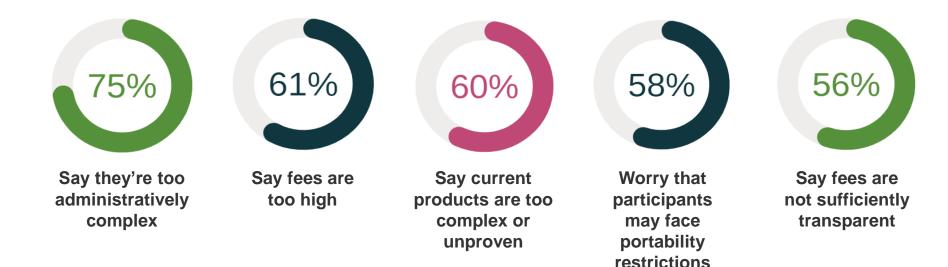
- · Guaranteed income solutions to provide consistent income stream
- Insurance
- Offerings both in and out of plan
- Enhanced protections from SECURE Act

#### **GLWB**

- · Subset of annuity-based solutions
- "High watermark" locks in value of benefit base
- Access to account value during accumulation but subject to surrender fees and reduced payouts during withdrawal phase
- · Very costly due to guarantee portion



# Plan Sponsor Challenges



# Complexity

- Each type of solution includes different levels of complexity
- Additional contracts, infrastructure, portability restrictions, etc. can make integration and administration complex

#### Fees

While some plans disclose the explicit fees, plan sponsors must also consider implicit costs

## Transparency

- Many annuity-based solutions lack transparency with fees and structure
- Challenging for plan sponsors to accurately understand and evaluate products
- Increased fiduciary risk

2019 Willis Tower Watson Retirement Income Study



### Considerations

- Developing market
  - From interest to integration
- Demographics
  - Participant education
  - Expectation to implement solutions to plan
- Fiduciary Liabilities
  - Increased responsibility to monitor plan investments
  - SECURE 2.0
  - Does current legislation offer enough protection to take on additional responsibilities?
- Personalized needs
  - Participant complexities increased as retirement approaches



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