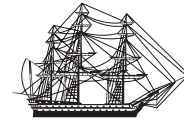


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# Investor Questionnaire

Answer the questions on the following pages, clicking the reply that most closely represents your situation. You should have one specific financial goal in mind, such as retirement. Don't use this questionnaire for goals that require you to spend all of your money for the goal within the next two years. Savings for short-term objectives should be invested in more stable investments—primarily short-term reserves.

To determine your investment approach for other goals, fill out the questionnaire as many times as you like, with a different goal in mind each time. You will need to click *Reset* at the end of the questionnaire each time you fill out a new version.

## *Terms and Conditions of Use for Vanguard's Investor Questionnaire*

*This questionnaire is designed to help you decide how to allocate your assets among different asset classes (stocks, bonds, and short-term reserves). You are under no obligation to accept the suggested allocations provided by this questionnaire.*

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*You should carefully consider all of your options before investing.*

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1. I plan to begin taking money from my investments in . . .

- A. Less than 1 year
- B. 1–2 years
- C. 3–5 years
- D. 6–10 years
- E. 11–15 years
- F. More than 15 years

2. As I withdraw money from these investments, I plan to spend it over a period of . . .

- A. 2 years or less
- B. 3–5 years
- C. 6–10 years
- D. 11–15 years
- E. More than 15 years

3. When making a long-term investment, I plan to keep the money invested for . . .

- A. 1–2 years
- B. 3–4 years
- C. 5–6 years
- D. 7–8 years
- E. More than 8 years

4. From September 2008 through November 2008, stocks lost more than 31% of their value.

If I owned a stock investment that lost about 31% of its value in three months, I would . . .

(If you owned stocks during this period, please select the answer that matches your actions at that time.)

- A. Sell all of the remaining investment
- B. Sell some of the remaining investment
- C. Hold on to the investment and sell nothing
- D. Buy more of the investment

5. Generally, I prefer an investment with little or no ups or downs in value, and I am willing to accept the lower returns these investments may make.

- A. I strongly disagree
- B. I disagree
- C. I somewhat agree
- D. I agree
- E. I strongly agree

6. When the market goes down, I tend to sell some of my riskier investments and put the money in safer investments.

- A. I strongly disagree
- B. I disagree
- C. I somewhat agree
- D. I agree
- E. I strongly agree

7. Based only on a brief conversation with a friend, coworker, or relative, I would invest in a mutual fund.

- A. I strongly disagree
- B. I disagree
- C. I somewhat agree
- D. I agree
- E. I strongly agree

8. From September 2008 through October 2008, bonds lost nearly 4% of their value. If I owned a bond investment that lost almost 4% of its value in two months, I would . . . (If you owned bonds during this period, please select the answer that matches your actions at that time.)

- A. Sell all of the remaining investment
- B. Sell some of the remaining investment
- C. Hold on to the investment and sell nothing
- D. Buy more of the investment

9. The chart to the right shows the highest one-year loss and the highest one-year gain on three different hypothetical investments of \$10,000.\* Given the potential gain or loss in any one year, I would invest my money in . . .

- A. Investment A
- B. Investment B
- C. Investment C

\*The maximum gain or loss on an investment is impossible to predict. The ranges shown in the chart are hypothetical and are designed solely to gauge an investor's risk tolerance.



10. My current and future income sources (such as salary, Social Security, pension) are . . .

- A. Very unstable
- B. Unstable
- C. Somewhat stable
- D. Stable
- E. Very stable

11. When it comes to investing in stock or bond funds (or individual stocks or bonds), I would describe myself as . . .

- A. Very inexperienced
- B. Somewhat inexperienced
- C. Somewhat experienced
- D. Experienced
- E. Very experienced

### Scoring the questionnaire

In the table below, each of your answers is automatically assigned a numerical value. For example, if you answered “C” to question 1, your score for that question is 4 points. Your overall score appears at the bottom of the **Points** column.

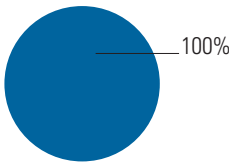
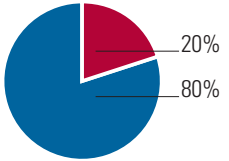
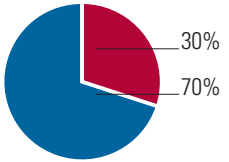
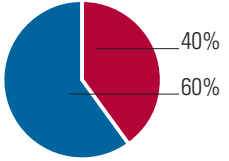
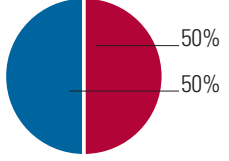
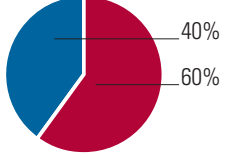
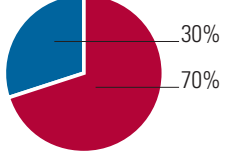
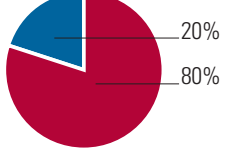
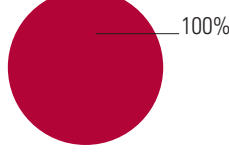
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4.	1	3	5	6	–	–
5.	6	5	3	1	0	–
6.	5	4	3	2	1	–
7.	5	4	3	2	1	–
8.	1	3	5	6	–	–
9.	1	3	5	–	–	–
10.	1	2	3	4	5	–
11.	1	2	3	4	5	–

Total:

Use your score to find your suggested investment mix on the next page.

## Vanguard's suggested investment mixes

Your suggested investment mix based on your score of

	Overall score	Suggested mix	Asset allocation
Income	7–22 points	 100%	100% bonds
	23–28	 20% 80%	20% stocks 80% bonds
	29–35	 30% 70%	30% stocks 70% bonds
Balanced	36–41	 40% 60%	40% stocks 60% bonds
	42–48	 50% 50%	50% stocks 50% bonds
	49–54	 40% 60%	60% stocks 40% bonds
Growth	55–61	 30% 70%	70% stocks 30% bonds
	62–68	 20% 80%	80% stocks 20% bonds
	69–75	 100%	100% stocks

● Stocks ● Bonds

## Assumptions

Investment returns for the asset allocations are based on the following benchmark indexes:

Asset class	Benchmark index
Short-term reserves	Citigroup 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index*
Bonds	Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index**
Stocks	MSCI US Broad Market Index***

Source: The Vanguard Group.

\* For U.S. short-term reserves, we use the Ibbotson U.S. 30-Day Treasury Bill Index from 1926 to 1977, and the Citigroup 3-Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index thereafter.

\*\* For U.S. bond market returns, we use the Standard & Poor's High Grade Corporate Index from 1926 to 1968; the Citigroup High Grade Index from 1969 to 1972; the Lehman Brothers U.S. Long Credit AA Index from 1973 to 1975; the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Bond Index through December 31, 2009; and the Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate Float Adjusted Index thereafter.

\*\*\* For U.S. stock market returns, we use the S&P 90 Index from 1926 to March 3, 1957; the S&P 500 Index from March 4, 1957, to 1974; the Dow Jones Wilshire 5000 Index from 1975 to April 22, 2005; and the MSCI US Broad Market Index thereafter.

Annual returns and inflation for a given asset allocation are based on historical data from 1926 through the last calendar year. Past performance is not a guarantee or a prediction of future results.

## Limitations

As you use the questionnaire, keep the following limitations in mind:

- The suggested asset allocations within the questionnaire depend on subjective factors such as your risk tolerance and financial situation. For this reason, you should view them only as broad guidelines for how you might consider investing your savings. It's important to review historical returns of short-term investments, bonds, and stocks carefully over various holding periods to see if you can accept the level of risk in a given investment mix.
- The asset allocations are limited to three broad classes of investments: short-term reserves (such as money market accounts and certificates of deposit), bonds, and stocks. They don't include other assets, such as real estate, personal property, or precious metals.
- The investment returns represented in the questionnaire are based on historical index returns from 1926 through the last calendar year, and are not intended to indicate future performance.
- Any modifications to your current mix of investments should be made gradually to lessen the impact of significant market changes and potential tax effects.
- The Investor Questionnaire is intended to provide guidelines to help you design a savings and investment program. It doesn't provide comprehensive investment advice, such as advice on buying a specific stock or bond, and shouldn't be considered the sole or primary basis on which you make investment decisions. You may wish to consult a professional investment advisor, accountant, attorney, or broker before making an investment.
- Your financial projections greatly depend on your assumptions, especially for inflation rate, investment expenses, taxes, and investment return. It's difficult to forecast such rates and returns accurately, especially over long periods. Therefore, it's critical that you update your projections periodically to accommodate any changes in your assumptions.
- The longer your time horizon, the more likely any change in your assumptions will have a significant impact on your results. Even small changes can lead to substantial variations in results over time. A 1% change in your investment return can have a significant impact on your ability to meet your retirement goals over the long term.
- Financial projections aren't mistake-proof and can't ensure specific future results. Changes in tax or benefit laws, investment markets, or your own financial situation can cause actual results to deviate substantially from your projection. To address this uncertainty, you should create several scenarios, with various sets of assumptions, to evaluate a wide range of possible outcomes.

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