

#### **UNDERSTANDING ROTH CONVERSIONS**



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#### What is a Roth Conversion

 Simplified Employee Pension (SEP)

Simple IRA

Defined-Contribution Plan
 (401(k)/403 (b))

Transfer...

**Roth IRA** 

#### What are the Benefits of a Roth Conversion

- ✓ Tax Free Growth
- ✓ Tax Free Wealth Transfer (Exceptions could be Estate Tax, Federal and State Tax)
- ✓ Could Reduce the Required Minimum Distribution
- ✓ NO RMD's!!
- ✓ Could Reduce Taxable Income in Retirement
- ✓ Reduces Government Legislative Risk

#### What are the 6 Rules to a Roth Conversion



1. No limit to how much you can convert.



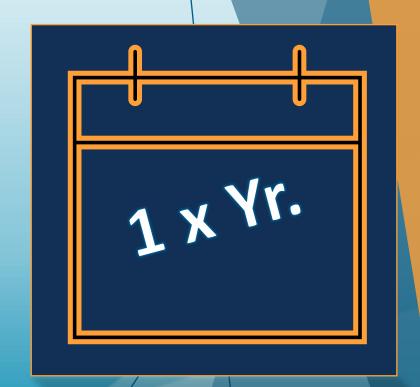
2. No age limit to doing a conversion.

#### ... More Rules to a Roth Conversion

3. You can do a Roth Conversion once a year per individual.



4. If under 59.5, you must pay tax from another source (consider regardless of age).



#### ... And More Rules...

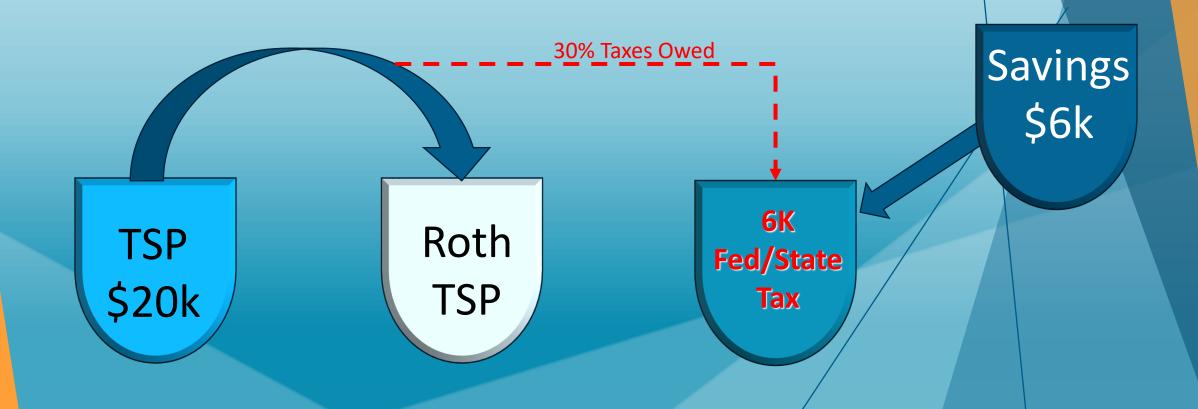


5. To receive tax-free growth on any Roth, you must own the Roth for 5 years.

\*Each Conversion starts a new 5yr term.

#### And More...

6. In 2026 a Traditional TSP can be converted to a ROTH TSP



# Does a Roth Conversion Makes sense for you?



Convert in a lower tax bracket (if you believe taxes will go up in the future).

Ideally, you will not need to use the converted monies for 10 yrs. or more.

(Break-even point!!!).

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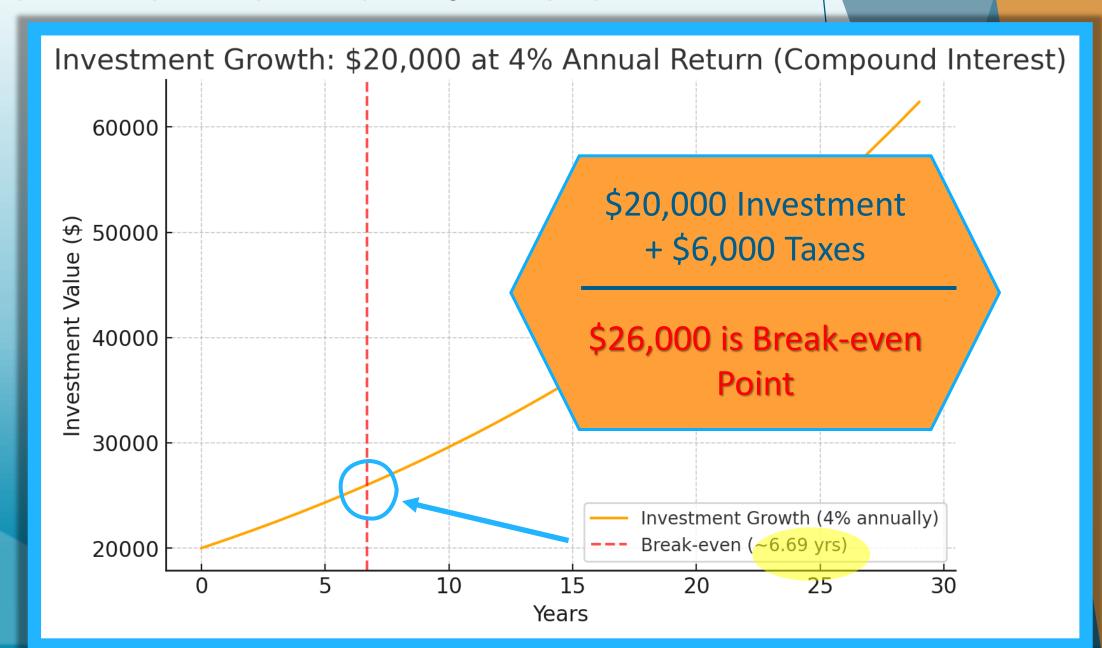


You have enough money from another source to pay the tax for the conversion.

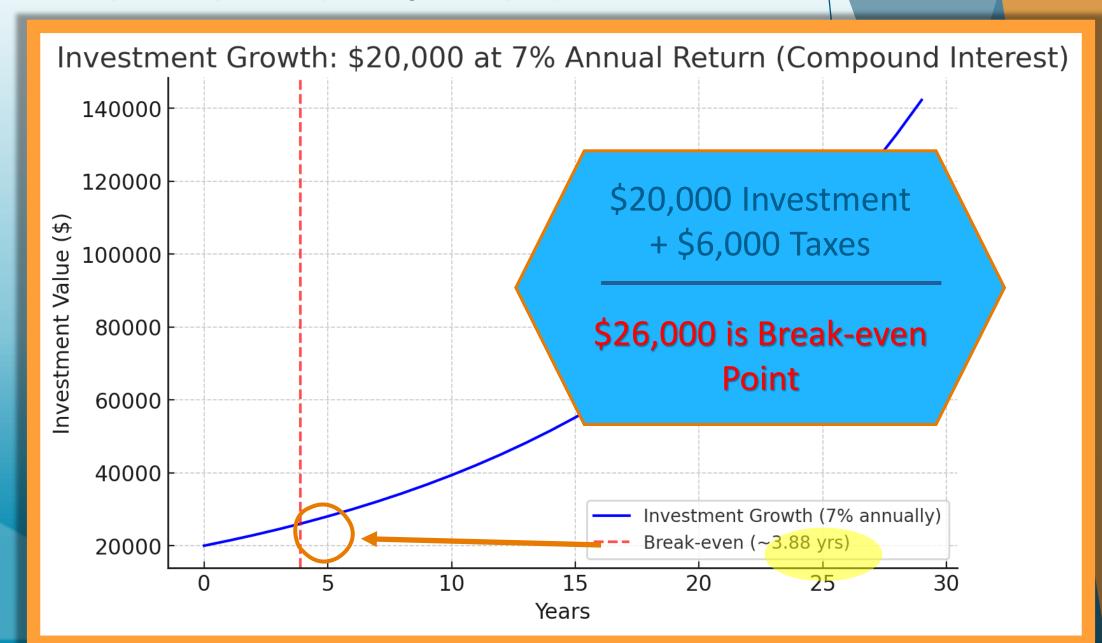
The conversion could impact Medicare Part B Premiums & tax credits w/ income phaseouts.



#### **Break-Even Point at 4% Return**



#### **Break Even Point at 7% Return**



#### How the One Big Beautiful Bill Act Changes Roth Conversions

(Effective 2025)

#### **TWO Deductions That Can Disappear After a Roth Conversion**

A Roth conversion adds to your taxable income which can quietly push you over deduction phaseout thresholds.

#### **Senior Deduction**

If you're 65 or older:

- Deduct \$6,000 if single
- Deduct \$12,000 if married

Phaseout range:

- Starts at \$150,000 MAGI
- Fully gone by \$250,000 MAGI



#### **SALT Deduction**

#### New cap:

 Up to \$40,000 in state/local tax deductions

#### Phaseout range:

- Begins at \$500,000 MAGI
- Shrinks down to \$10,000 by \$600,000

#### Future conversions should be modeled carefully, especially:

- Before/after age 65
- Around \$150K, \$250K, \$500K, and \$600K income thresholds

### To Clear Up Any Confusion:

<u>CONTRIBUTIONS</u> to a Roth IRA or Roth TSP are *deposits* you make.



CONVERSIONS are *transfers* you make from a taxable account to a tax-free account.



## To Clear Up the Confusion

#### ROTH TSP vs. ROTH IRA

ı		Roth TSP	Roth IRA	
ı	Required Minimum Distributions	No	No	Phase Out!!!!
	Income Limitation for Contributions	No	Yes	Single/Head of Household: \$150,000-\$165,000 Married Filing Joint: \$236,000 - \$246,000
	Annual Maximum Contributions	\$23,500	\$7,000	
	Catch Up Provision 50+	\$7,500	\$1,000	
	Total Potential Annual Contribution	\$31,000	\$8,000	

## Increased Catch-up Limits at Age 60, 61, 62, and 63

- Higher Catch-up is \$11,250 instead of \$7,500. That's a difference of \$4,250 for 4 years.
- Effective date: Calendar years beginning after December 31, 2024
- Applicable plans: 401(k), 403(b), and governmental 457(b) but cannot be used in addition to 457(b) special catch-up

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## Catch-Up Contributions: New Rules and Eligibility

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# Affects High TSP Earners

The new catch-up contribution rule affects high earners in TSP starting in January 2026 (per SECURE Act 2.0).

#### Age 50+ Earning >\$145K

Applies to those eligible for catch-up (age 50+ by Dec 31 next year) earning over \$145,000 in 2025.

## Threshold Adjusts

\$145,000
threshold
called 'Roth
catch-up wage
threshold';
adjusts annually
by CPI.

## **Implements Now**

rule in 2026; other 401(k)s not required until 2027.

## Non-federal Can't Follow

Non-federal 401(k)s may not follow this rule yet; requires verification.



## High Earner Rule Details and Employer-Specific Income









#### **FICA Wages**

2026 catch-up contribution rule uses \$145,000 FICA wages from 2025 W-2, box 3.

#### **Individuals Only**

Income threshold applies to individual, not combined spousal income.

#### Only Sponsoring Employer

Only wages from the employer sponsoring the 401(k)/TSP are counted; other employers' income excluded.

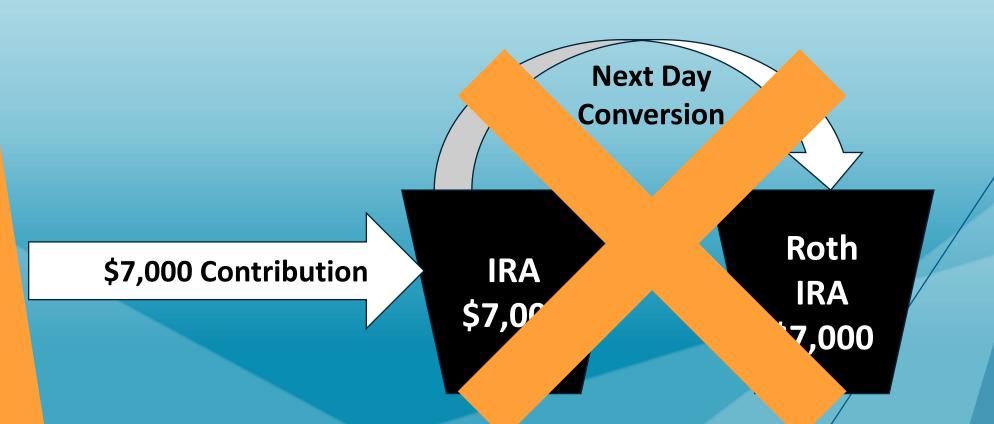
## CSRS Employees Not Subject

CSRS employees (non-offset) are not subject to this rule due to lack of FICA income.

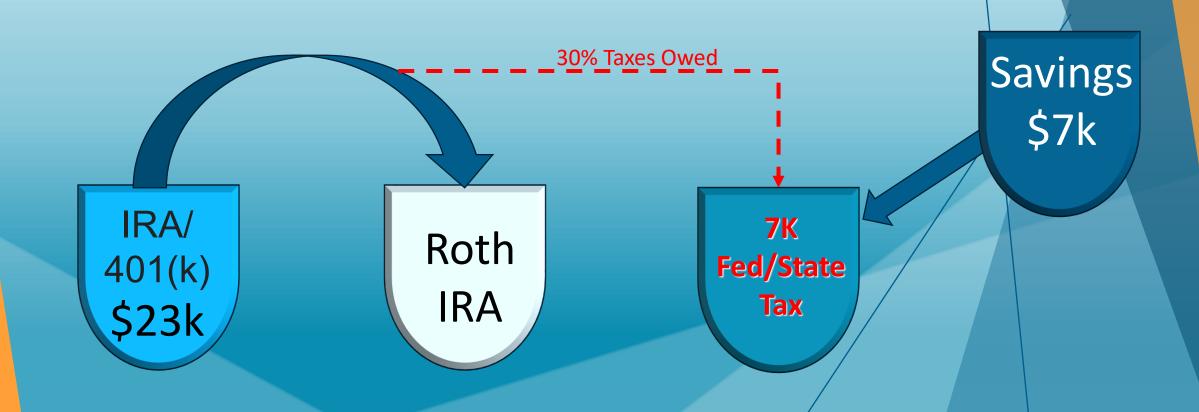


#### **Back Door Roth = Conversion**

Phase Out – Income Limits Too High



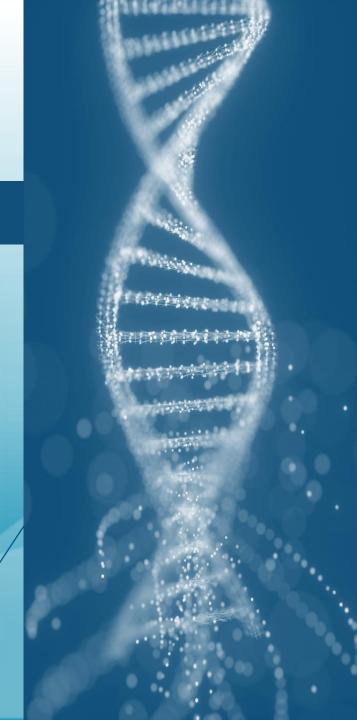
#### What Makes More Sense...



# Does a Roth Conversion Make Sense for You?

#### Understanding Your Financial Anatomy

- 1. Target Retirement Income
- 2. Retirement Projections
- 3. Discover: Higher, Same, Lower Tax Bracket
- 4. Understanding Your Tax Bracket & Medicare B Part B
- 5. Establish Your Opinion of the Future of Taxes
- 6. Must see yourself on a Financial Model to VERIFY and dispel sales hype and hearsay



# Step #1: Understanding Your Target Retirement Income



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## Step #2: Quantify Your Retirement Income Projections

Retirement Income Stool

Social Security
Pension

Savings/Investments

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## STEP #4: Understanding Your Tax Picture

Will you be in a



TAX BRACKET when you retire?

# IRS Form 1040

Taxable Income

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#### What is Your Tax Bracket?

How many of you think you will be in a lower tax bracket when you retire?

Tax	Brac	ket	20	25

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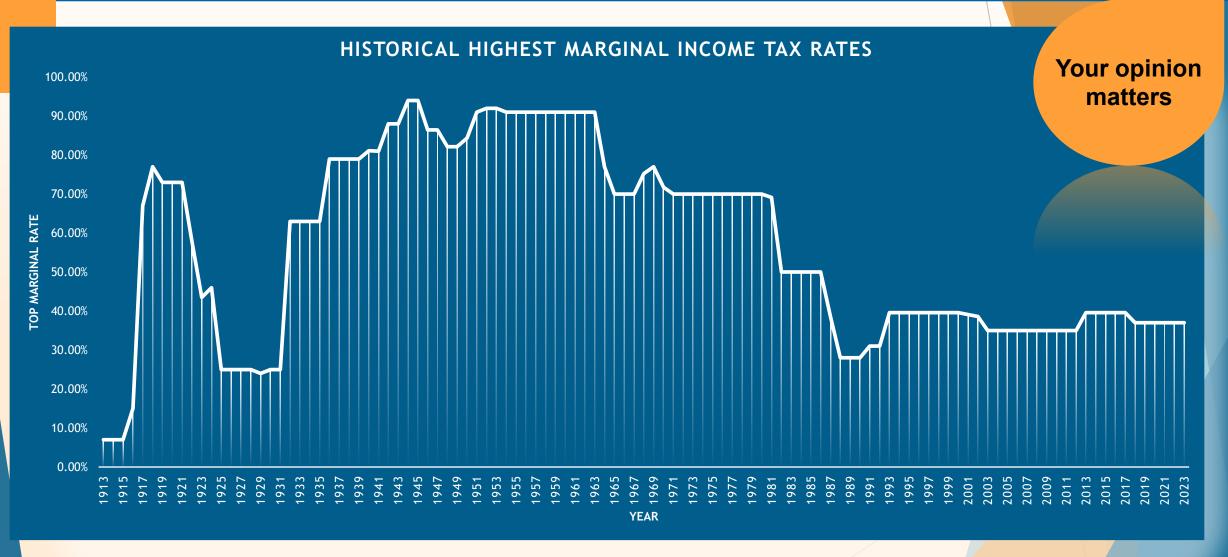
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#### **Medicare 2024 Part B Premiums By Income**

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## Where do you think taxes will be in your future?



- The data referenced in this chart we created is from the Tax Policy Center: https://taxpolicycenter.org/statistics/historical-highest-marginal-income-tax-rates
- This table contains a number of simplifications and ignores a number of factors, such as the amount of income or types of income subject to the top rates, or the value of standard and itemized deductions. Sources: IRS Revenue Procedures, various years. Also, Eugene Steuerle, The Urban Institute; Joseph Pechman, Federal Tax Policy; Joint Committee on Taxation, Summary of Conference Agreement on the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003, JCX-54-03, May 22, 2003.

# ROTH Conversion Solutions On a Financial Model



Roth

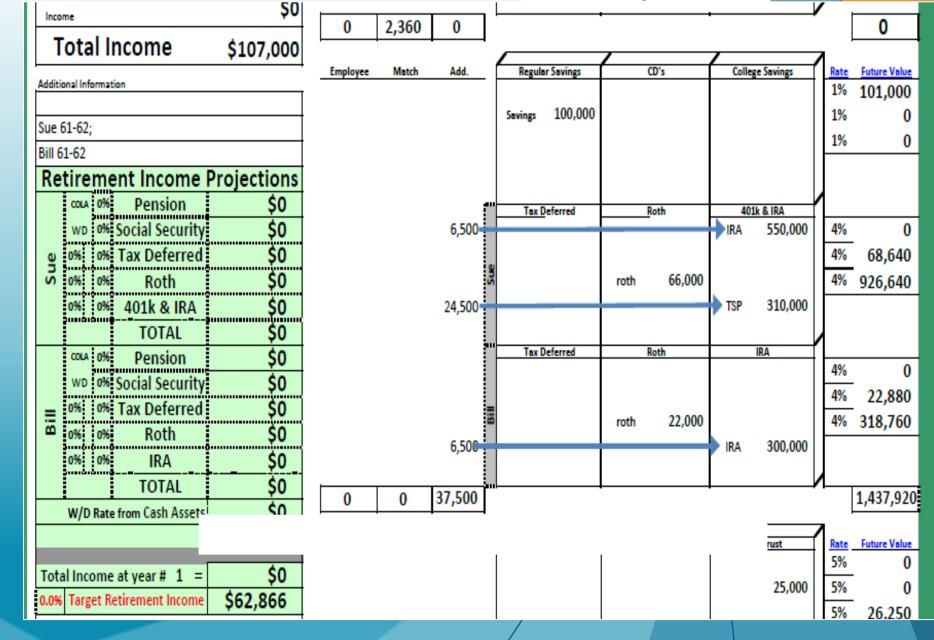
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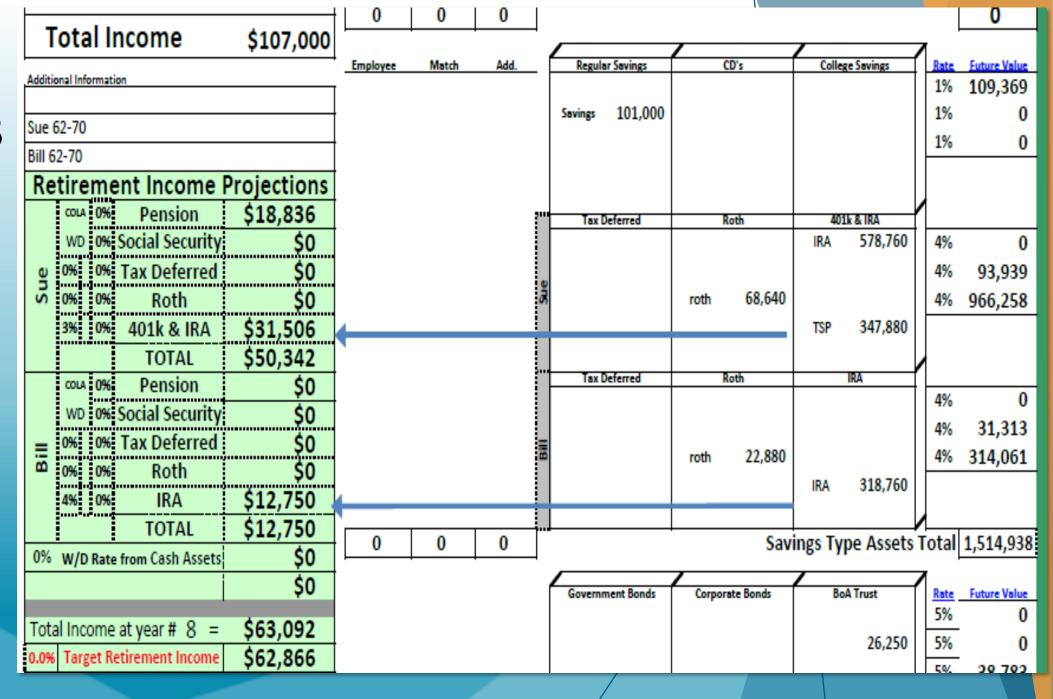
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**Present Position Financial Model** 

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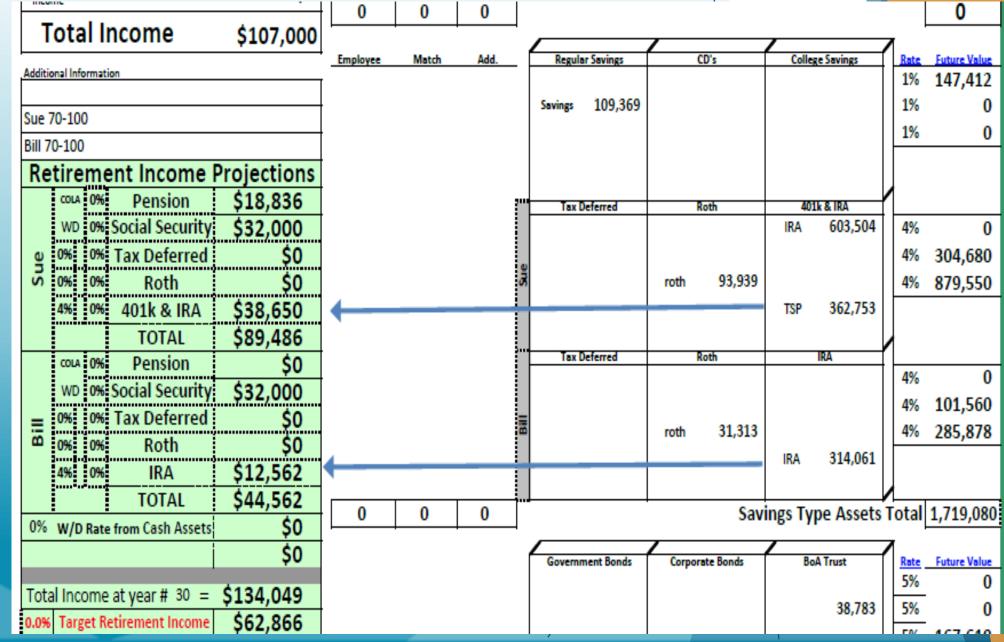
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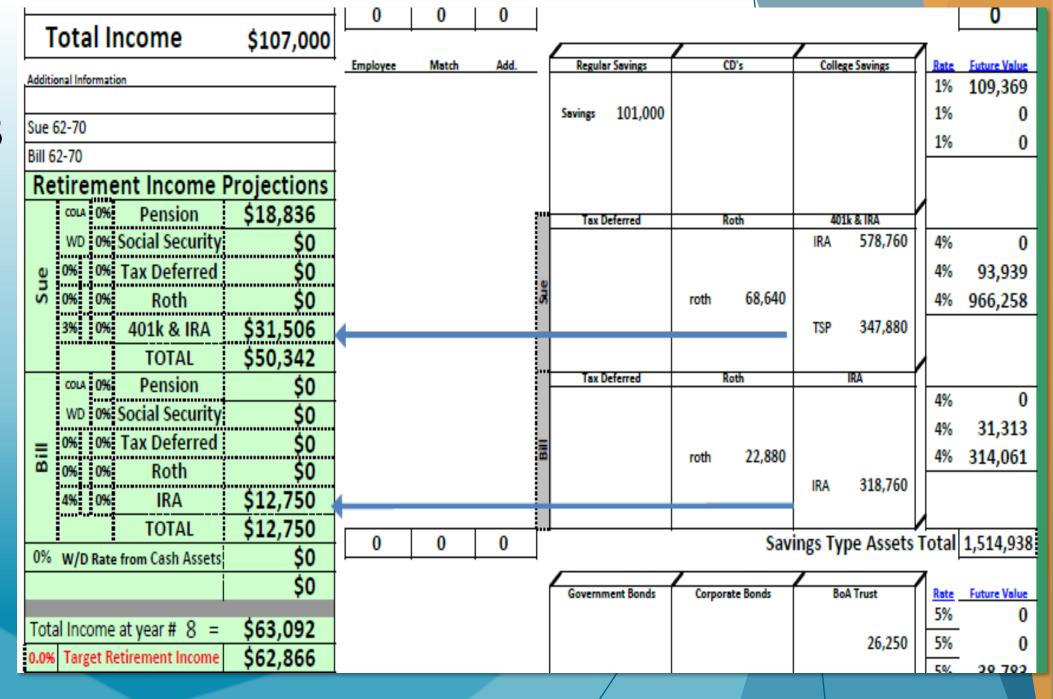
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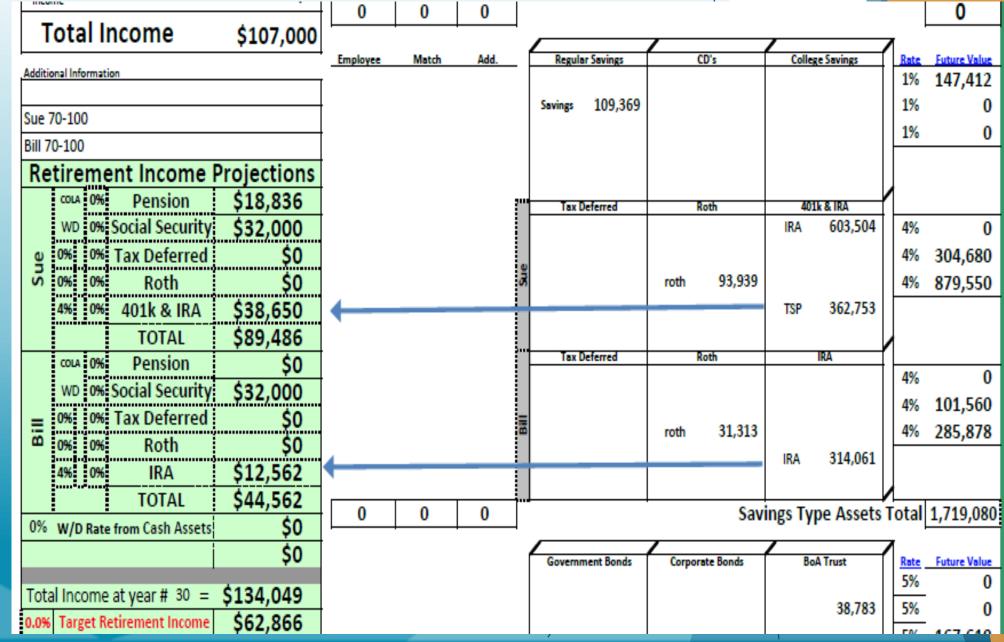
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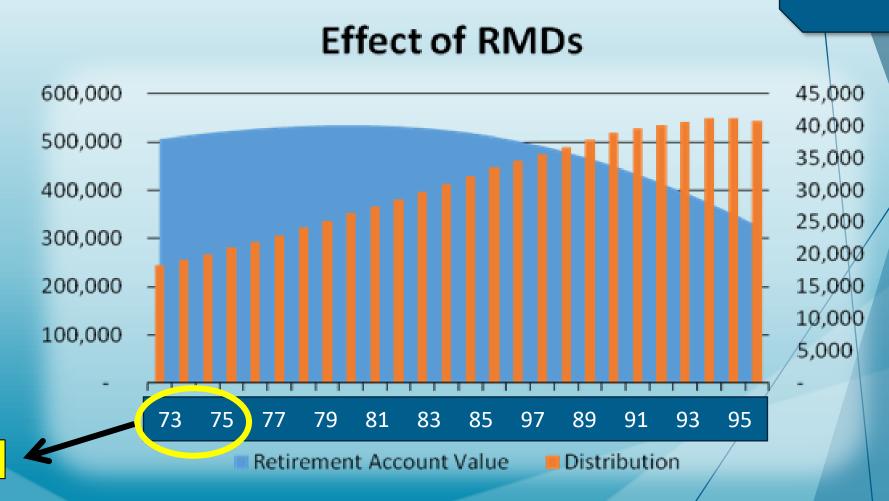
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#### RMDs Increase...

Assumes 5% annual return and starting value of \$500,000



#### **NOTE:**

**AGE 73...75** 

The age for withdrawing from retirement accounts was increased in 2020 to 72 from 70.5. (Note that the SECURE 2.0 Act will raise the age for RMDs to 73 for those who turn 72 in 2023.) Therefore, your first RMD must be taken by April 1 of the year after which you turn 72 (73 in 2023). After that your RMDs must be taken by December 31 of each year.

#### **Sue and Bill Model Inflation**

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	WD	3.0%	Pension	\$31,133	
	COLA	3.0%	Social Security	\$52,891	
			Tax Deferred	\$0	
	0.0%	0.0%	Tax Free	\$0	
	4.0%	3.1%	Tax Deductible	\$73,055	
			TOTAL	\$157,079	
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		TSP <b>408,048</b>	
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Tax Deferred	Tax Free	Tax Deductible	1
	Roth <b>43,228</b>		<b>4%</b> 0 <b>4%</b> 84,204 <b>4%</b> 339,881
		IRA <b>353,275</b>	
	Sav	ings Type Assets	Total 1,080,083

# Wealth Transfer: Pre-Tax Retirement Accounts

Ret.	To	Pre-Tax Accounts	Level B.o.Y.	Rate of Return	Total of	Federal+State
Age	Age	Initial Balance	Withdrawals	(Avg. Annual)	All Fees	Income Tax %
72	100	\$1,000,000	\$0	5.00%	0.00%	24%
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			Gross	Balance	All-Inclusive	Net of
Age		Balance	Withdrawal	Net of Fees	Tax Liability	Fed+State
D T.	Year	B.o.Y.	B.o.Y. ✓ RMD	E.o.Y.	E.o.Y.	Income Taxes
72	1	\$1,000,000	\$39,063	\$1,008,984	\$0	\$766,828
73	2	1,008,984	40,850	1,016,542	243,970	772,572
74	3	1,016,542	42,712	1,022,521	245,405	777,116
75	4	1,022,521	44,652	1,026,763	246,423	780,340
76	5	1,026,763	46,671	1,029,097	246,983	782,113
77	6	1,029,097	48,542	1,029,582	247,100	782,482
78	7	1,029,582	50,718	1,027,807	246,674	781,133
79	8	1,027,807	52,708	1,023,854	245,725	778,129
80	9	1,023,854	54,752	1,017,557	244,214	773,344
81	10	1,017,557	56,847	1,008,746	242,099	766,647
82	11	1,008,746	58,991	997,243	239,338	757,905
83	12	997,243	61,181	982,865	235,888	746,978
84	13	982,865	63,411	965,428	231,703	733,725
85	14	965,428	65,232	945,206	226,849	718,356
86	15	945,206	67,036	922,078	221,299	700,780
87	16	922,078	68,812	895,930	215,023	680,907
88	17	895,930	70,546	866,653	207,997	658,657
89	18	866,653	72,221	834,154	200,197	633,957
90	19	834,154	73,171	799,032	191,768	607,264
91	20	799,032	73,984	761,300	182,712	578,588
92	21	761,300	74,637	720,996	173,039	547,957
93	22	720,996	75,104	678,186	162,765	515,422
94	23	678,186	74,526	633,843	152,122	481,721
95	24	633,843	73,703	588,148	141,155	446,992
96	25	588,148	72,611	541,314	129,915	411,398
97	26	541,314	71,225	493,593	118,462	375,130
98	27	493,593	69,520	445,276	106,866	338,410
99	28	445,276	66,459	397,758	95,462	302,296



#### **Roth Conversions in Your TSP**

What We Know So Far

January 2026

Assess Taxable Income Use External Funds

Planned Roll Out You will need to assess your taxable income for the conversion year to determine potential tax liabilities

You must use external funds to pay the taxes incurred by the conversion (TSP assets cannot be used to cover taxes)



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