

Special Report: Seeing Our Way to Financial Security in the Age of Longevity

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In the inaugural report of Sightlines, many trends were concerning in whether Americans will be able to properly ensure financial security across increasingly longer life spans. In 2016, we found that later born American generations are increasingly at risk for being ill-prepared for a lifetime of financial security. In the current report, which will be made publicly available in September 2018, we examine both major challenges to ensuring financial security as people live longer as well as the circumstances under which a more optimistic outlook is viable.

Part I: Updates in American Progress in Financial Security 2001 - 2016

We analyze the latest data from national surveys to build upon the Sightlines report. Special attention will be paid to sociodemographic variation in select indicators of financial security and other contextual factors that shape financial outcomes.

Chapter 1. Financial Security Shifts in America's Demographic Landscape

Chapter 2. Women's Pathways to Financial Security: The Roles of Financial Knowledge, Confidence, and Experience

Special Topics: Financial Literacy among Latinas; Affordable Food in King County

Part II: Current Outlook on Building Financial Security through Late Life

In the inaugural report of Sightlines, we found that later born American generations are increasingly at risk for being ill-prepared for a life time of financial security. We examine both major challenges to ensuring financial security as people live longer as well as special considerations that paint a less pessimistic outlook.

Chapter 3. Generational Shifts in Age and Predictors of Home Ownership

Chapter 4. Distinctions between Boomers' and Silent Generation's Financial Security

Special Topics: A Snapshot of Fraud Vulnerability in America; Health Policy Changes and Their Financial Impact on Families

Part III: Optimizing Financial Security through Re-evaluation and Education

As noted in our 2016 report, many trends are concerning in whether Americans will be able to properly ensure financial security across increasingly longer life spans. In this section, we examine variations in the meaning of adequate levels of security and interventions aimed at enhancing decisions to such ends.

Chapter 5. Evaluating the Retirement Crisis based on Contribution Levels

Chapter 6. A Critical Review of Financial Education Programs for All

Special Topics: Financial Education Among Youth; How to Reach Financial Milestones