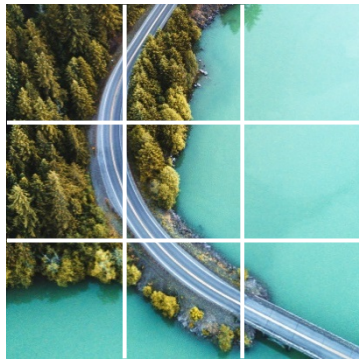


# ACHIEVING FINANCIAL GOALS



# Agenda



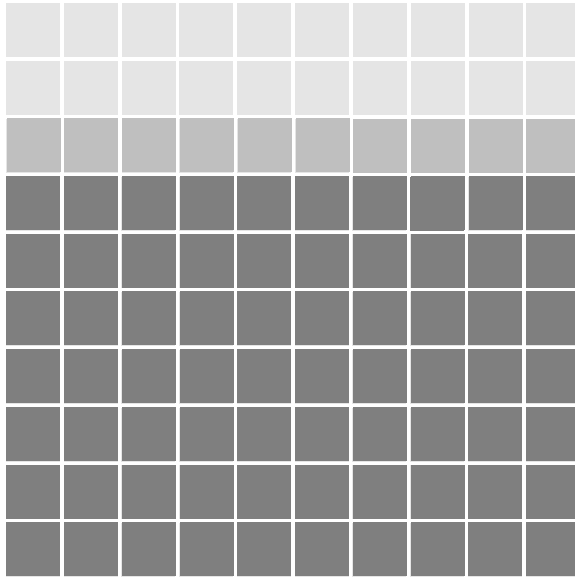
## Defining a Financial Goal



## Implementing a Savings Approach



## Competing Priorities



We believe that most investors  
should try to live on

**70%–80%**

of their salary while saving for  
their goals



# DEFINING A FINANCIAL GOAL



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**What you are  
saving for?**



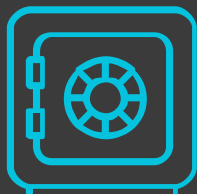
**When do you  
want to buy it?**



**How much will it  
cost at that time?**



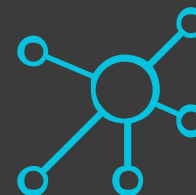
# PURSuing A FINANCIAL GOAL



**How much  
to save?**



**What account  
to use?**



**Investment  
strategy**



# **IMPLEMENTING A SAVINGS APPROACH**



# **RETIREMENT SAVINGS**



# RETIREMENT SAVINGS: HOW MUCH?



15%

If possible,

**INVESTORS SHOULD  
GET THE FULL MATCH**

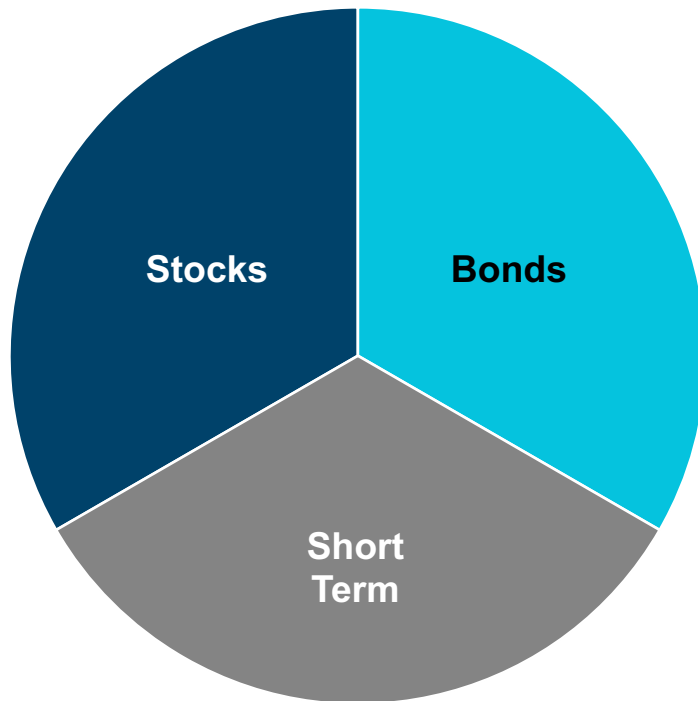
Consider increasing contributions  
gradually to build toward 15% target

Investors who are:	Typically should have:
30	half of your salary saved today
35	1x your salary saved today
40	2x your salary saved today
45	4x your salary saved today
50	6x your salary saved today
55	8x your salary saved today
60	10x your salary saved today
65	12x your salary saved today

Assumptions: Benchmarks are based on a target multiple at retirement age and a savings trajectory over time consistent with that target and the savings rate needed to achieve it. We assume the household starts saving 6% at age 25 and increases the savings rate by 1% annually until reaching the necessary savings rate. Household income grows at 5% until age 45 and 3% (the assumed inflation rate) thereafter. Investment returns before retirement are 7% before taxes, and savings grow tax deferred. The person retires at age 65 and begins withdrawing 4% of assets (a rate intended to support steady inflation-adjusted spending over a 30-year retirement). Savings benchmark ranges are based on individuals or couples with current household income between \$75,000 and \$250,000. Target multiples at retirement reflect estimated spending needs in retirement (including a 5% reduction from preretirement levels); Social Security benefits (using the SSA.gov Quick Calculator assuming claiming at full retirement ages and the Social Security Administration's assumed earnings history pattern); state taxes (4% of income, excluding Social Security benefits); and federal taxes (based on rates as of January 1, 2018). While federal tax rates are scheduled to revert to pre-2018 levels after 2025, those rates are not reflected in these calculations. "Dual income" means that the one spouse generates 75% of the income that the other spouse earns. Catch up contributions are not considered.



# Asset Allocation



## **GOAL:**

Provide an appropriate balance between short-term market volatility risk and inflation risk for a particular time horizon



# EMERGENCY RESERVES



# EMERGENCY reserves

Adequate savings can prevent the need to use credit cards or raid retirement accounts



Set aside



Build over time

3 to 6

**MONTHS OF EXPENSES**

20%

**OF INCOME**



# EMERGENCY reserves

Adequate savings can prevent the need to use credit cards or raid retirement accounts



Set aside



Build over time

**1 to 2 YEARS**



A black and white photograph of two rolled diplomas tied together with a dark ribbon, resting on a wooden surface. The lighting creates strong shadows and highlights the texture of the wood and the paper.

# **COLLEGE SAVINGS**



# COLLEGE SAVINGS

- Continue saving toward retirement
- Consider reducing retirement contributions **ONLY** if you have a well-funded retirement account
- Save for a down payment

# COLLEGE SAVINGS

Percentage of Total Costs for Average Four-Year, In-State Public University\*

Child's age	16	3%	4%	5%	6%	8%	9%	10%	11%	13%	14%	15%
	15	4%	6%	8%	9%	11%	13%	15%	17%	19%	21%	23%
	14	5%	7%	10%	12%	15%	17%	20%	22%	25%	27%	30%
	13	6%	9%	12%	15%	18%	21%	24%	27%	30%	33%	36%
	12	7%	11%	14%	18%	21%	25%	29%	32%	36%	39%	43%
	11	8%	12%	16%	20%	25%	29%	33%	37%	41%	45%	49%
	10	9%	14%	18%	23%	28%	32%	37%	41%	46%	51%	55%
	9	10%	15%	20%	25%	31%	36%	41%	46%	51%	56%	61%
	8	11%	17%	22%	28%	33%	39%	44%	50%	56%	61%	67%
	7	12%	18%	24%	30%	36%	42%	48%	54%	60%	66%	72%
	6	13%	19%	26%	32%	39%	45%	52%	58%	65%	71%	78%
	5	14%	21%	28%	35%	41%	48%	55%	62%	69%	76%	83%
	4	15%	22%	29%	37%	44%	51%	59%	66%	73%	81%	88%
	3	15%	23%	31%	39%	46%	54%	62%	70%	77%	85%	93%
	2	16%	24%	33%	41%	49%	57%	65%	73%	81%	89%	98%
	1	17%	26%	34%	43%	51%	60%	68%	77%	85%	94%	102%
	0	18%	27%	36%	44%	53%	62%	71%	80%	89%	98%	107%
		\$100	\$150	\$200	\$250	\$300	\$350	\$400	\$450	\$500	\$550	\$600
Monthly savings amount												

Highlighted cells represent percentages around 50% of tuition, room and board (46-54%).

\*College cost source: College Board Trends in College Pricing 2018, Figure 1 and Table 2.

Inflation estimate based on TRP general inflation assumption of 3% plus 2% average real college inflation per College Board (2009/10 to 2018/19).

This study is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent the return earned by any particular investment product. It assumes an investment return of 6% annually, net of fees. Investment returns are not guaranteed and could be higher or lower than in this example.

Note: Methodology does not attempt to model returns, withdrawals and inflation during college. (We do not believe that would materially change results.)

Methodology also does not reflect net price after grants.





# Taxable VS. TAX-ADVANTAGED ACCOUNTS

## TAXABLE ACCOUNT

- Contribute money to the account
- Invest in something
- Likely **pay taxes** on any earnings along the way
- **Pay taxes** on the rest of any earnings when you withdraw
- You get to spend **what's left over after paying taxes**

## TAX-ADVANTAGED ACCOUNT

- Contribute money to a 529
- Invest in something
- **Pay no taxes** on any earnings when you withdraw (if you spend the money on qualified educational expenses)
- You get to spend **the entire balance** since you pay no taxes on any earnings

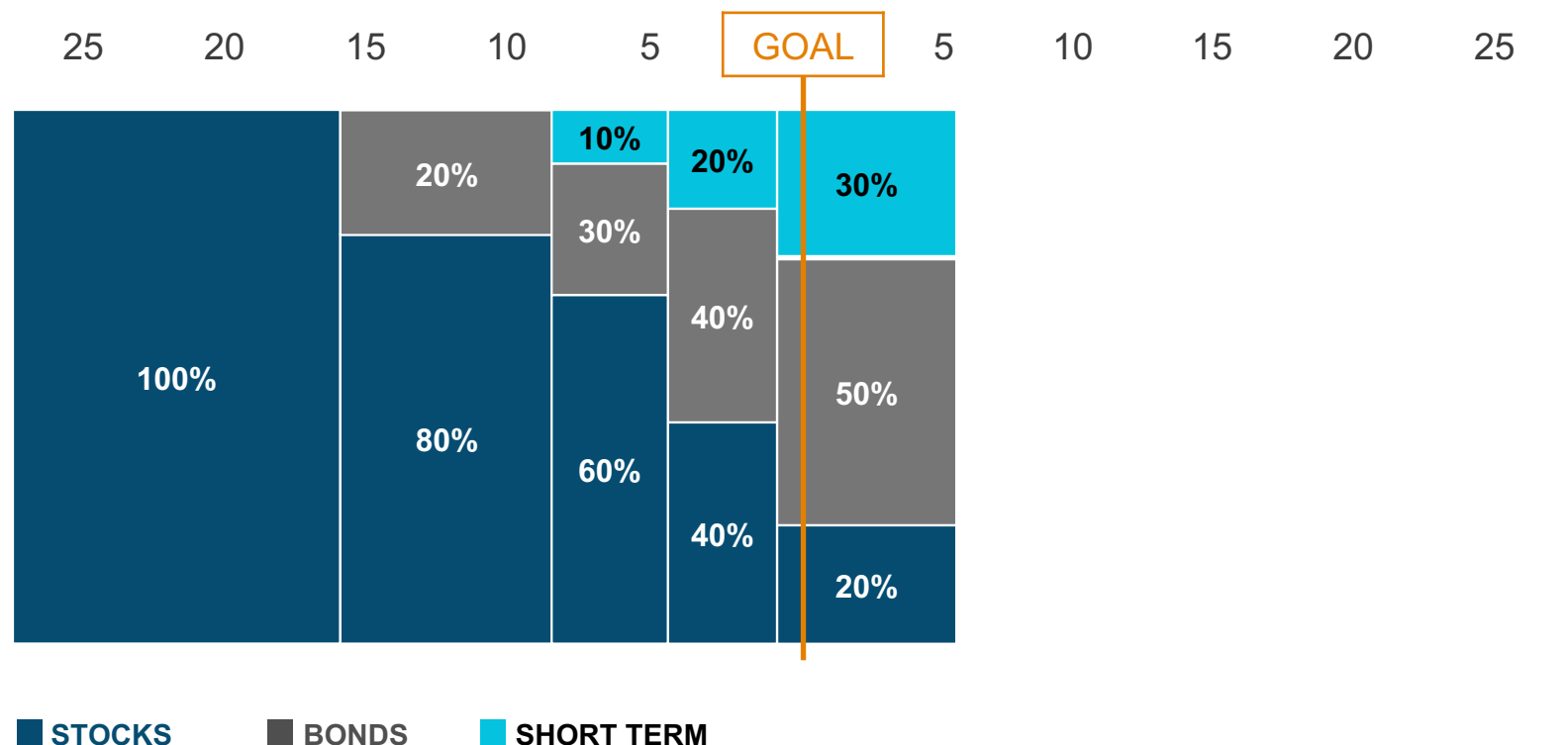
**Many states offer tax benefits for contributions to a 529 plan.  
That's just another added bonus.**

Please note that the availability of tax or other benefits may be conditioned on meeting certain requirements such as residency, purpose for or timing of distributions, or other factors as applicable.

# COLLEGE SAVINGS ALLOCATIONS

YEARS BEFORE  
GOAL REACHED

YEARS AFTER  
GOAL REACHED



This chart is age-based only and does not take into account personal risk tolerance.

# Mortgage Loan Agreement

(Borrower) are:

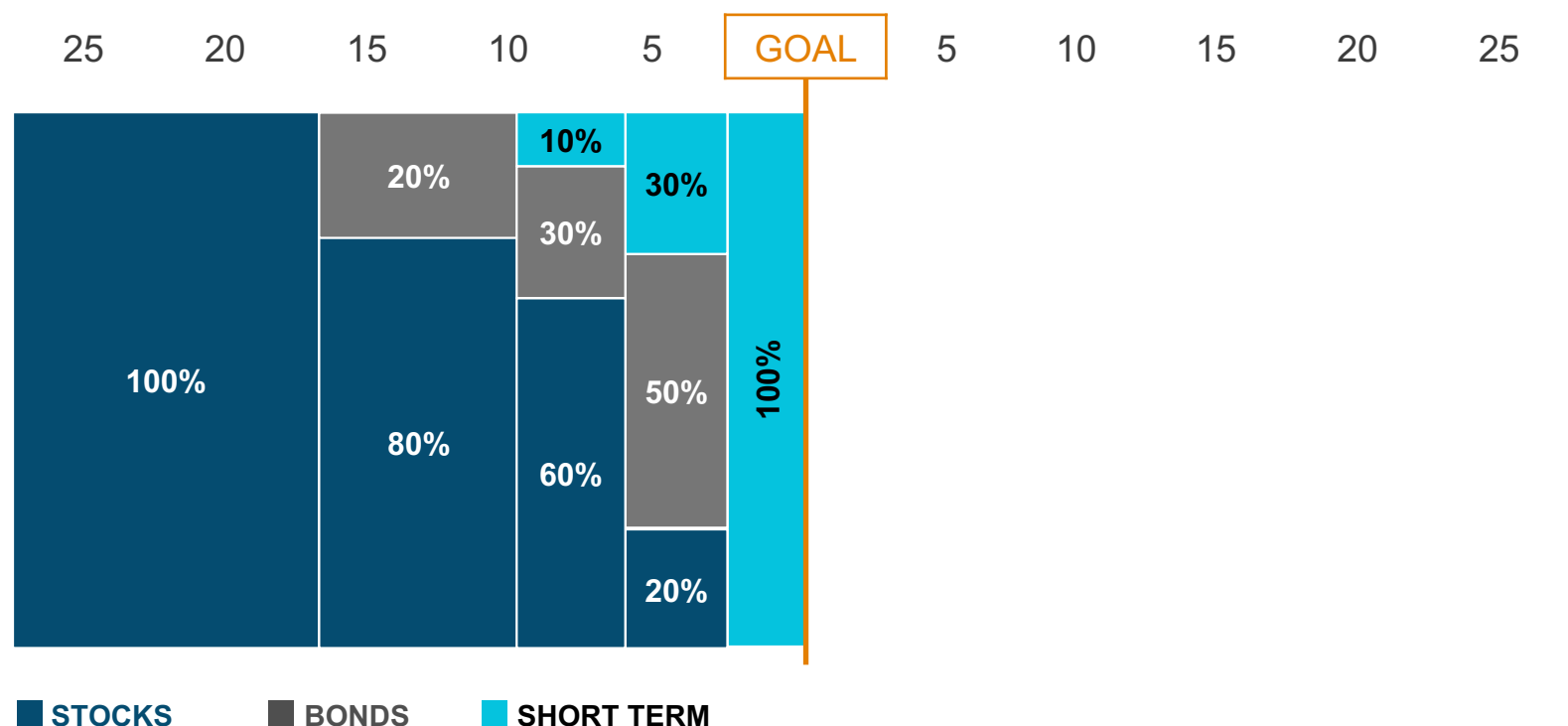
**SPECIFIC  
PURCHASE**



# SPECIFIC PURCHASE ALLOCATIONS

YEARS BEFORE  
GOAL REACHED

YEARS AFTER  
GOAL REACHED



The allocations above are based on time horizon and do not take risk tolerance into account.



# COMPETING PRIORITIES



# COMPETING PRIORITIES: CONSIDERATIONS

## IF POSSIBLE, KEEP SAVING FOR RETIREMENT!

### Retirement vs. Emergency Reserves

- Consider reducing retirement savings to the minimum
- Build emergency reserves over one to two years
- Consider increasing retirement savings back toward 15%

### Retirement vs. Debt

- Consider reducing retirement savings to the minimum
- Pay down credit card debt within three years
- Consider increasing retirement savings back toward 15%

### Emergency Reserves vs. Debt

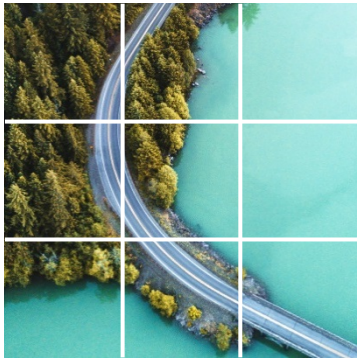
- Consider reducing retirement savings to the minimum
- First build emergency reserves over one to two years
- Then pay down credit card debt within three years
- Consider increasing retirement savings back toward 15%

### Retirement vs. College Savings

- Confirm that you are on track for retirement
- If close to recommended benchmarks, consider reducing retirement savings
- Contribute toward college down payment



# Summary



**Defining a  
Financial Goal**

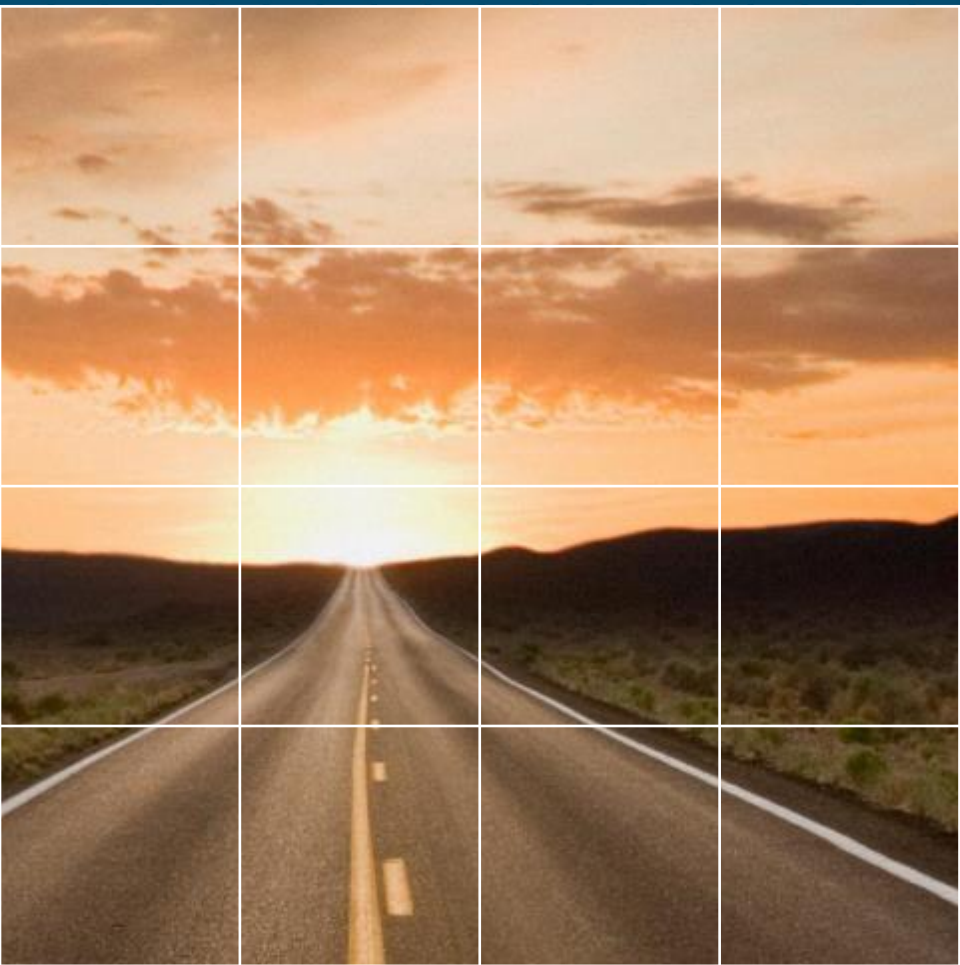


**Implementing a  
Savings Approach**



**Competing  
Priorities**





**IT'S YOUR  
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**THANK YOU**

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