

Preparing for Post-work Living

Would public pension alone be sufficient for me to live on in my post-work living?



It is commonly said that public pension alone would be insufficient to cover the cost of comfortable post-work living.

Cost of comfortable post-work living Married couple

361,000yen^{Note1}

Expenditure

Cost of comfortable living

Additional amount for comfortable living 140,000yen

The basic living expenses 221,000yen

Basic cost

Income

Difference Shortage

Amount required to prepare for post-work living

Earnings received

The public pension

The amount differs depending on whether you are a self-employed individual or a corporate employee, etc.

Monthly cost (unless indicated as annual)			Expenditure	Income	Difference	Shortage
		Cost of comfortable post-work living	The amount of public pension Note2	Monthly amount	Annual estimate	
Married couple	Self-employed individua	als	361,000yen	130,000yen	231,000yen	2,770,000yen
	Corporate employees, etc.		301,000yen	220,000yen	141,000yen	1,690,000yen
A single -person household	Self-employed individuals		253,000yen	65,000yen	188,000yen	2,260,000yen
	Corporate employees, etc.	Male	We calculated as 70% of the above cost for a married couple.	155,000yen	98,000yen	1,180,000yen
		Female		123,000yen	130,000yen	1,560,000yen

Note 1: Cost of comfortable post-work living: Japan Institute of Life Insurance, "Survey on Life Security in 2019" Note 2: The data was created by us based on "Mizuho Insights (January 22, 2021): Example of pension amount for pension recipients aged 67 years old and younger in 2021, Example of Monthly Pension Amount by Household in 2021" by Mizuho Research Institute. Married couple and a corporate employee: The husband works for 40 years at an average annual income (average monthly standard remuneration: 439,000 yen), and the wife remains a full-time housewife throughout the same period Single and a corporate employee: Works for 40 years at an average monthly standard remuneration of 439,000 yen (male) and 283,000 yen (female)



The difference between your total living expenses and the amount of public pension will be required to prepare for your future.

Which case matches your situation?



You can use the pension-projection calculator to estimate your pension benefits through the "Nenkin-Net" service provided by Japan Pension Service.

Information is also available through "Nenkin Teiki Bin, Pension Coverage Regular Notice" which will be sent to you by Japan Pension Service annually during your birth month.



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How much money do I need for my post-work living? (1)



First, consider the duration of life in your post-work living based on average life expectancy. Average life expectancy is a measure of the average years a person is expected to live, based on her/his current age.

Age 85.05

Duration of life in post-work living (e.g. for a person who is 65 years old)

Age 65

Male (Life expectancy at age 65: 20.05yrs)

Female (Life expectancy at age 65: 24.91yrs)

Age 89.91

The average life expectancy is getting longer.

For a married couple, the average male life expectancy is equivalent to the duration during which the couple lives together.

Age 65 Age 85.05 Age 89.91

Couple lives together (20.05yrs) Wife lives alone (4.86yrs)

Average life expectancy and life span by age

	Male		Female		
Current Age	Life expectancy	Life span by age	Life expectancy	Life span by age	
1	2	(1)+(2)	3	(1+3)	
0	81.64yrs	81.64	87.74yrs	87.74	
20	61.97yrs	81.97	68.04yrs	88.04	
40	42.57yrs	82.57	48.40yrs	88.40	
60	24.21yrs	84.21	29.46yrs	89.46	
65	20.05yrs	85.05	24.91yrs	89.91	
80	9.42vrs	89.42	12.28vrs	92.28	

At birth, the average life span is equivalent to the average life expectancy.

Source: We defined and calculated the life span by age based on "Summary: Abridged Life Table for Japan 2020" by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.



The duration of life in post-work living gets longer when your calculation is based on the average life expectancy rather than average life span.

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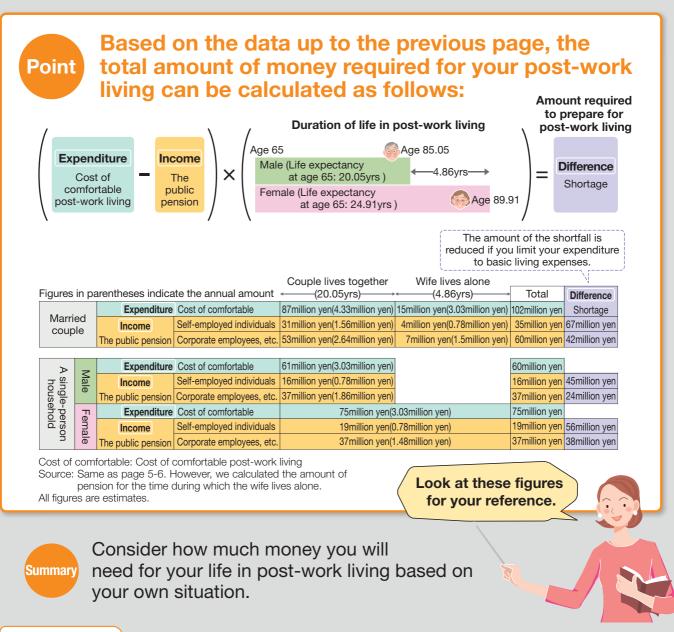
Increasing trend of average life expectancy It shows that the average life expectancy at 65 years (Years) (at 65 years old) old in 2020 becomes longer than that in 1947. 30 25 lives 2020 longer 15 Life expectancy | 10.16yrs 20.05yrs +9.89 Male 10 Life span by age 75.16 85.05 5 Life expectancy | 12.22yrs 24.91yrs +12.69 Female Life span by age 89.91 1990 20182020(Year) 1960 1970 1980 2000

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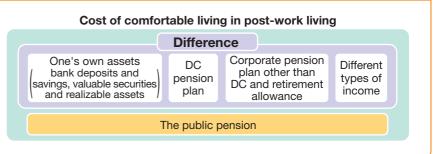
How much money do I need for my post-work living? (2)





Tips

In order to make up for the financial difference (shortfall), you will need to create a financial plan for your post-work living with consideration of the use of a DC pension plan. Your financial plan should be based on your life design (life plan).





Planning for Your Post-work Living

Need for Life and Financial Planning

There may be a gap between public pension benefits and the cost of living in old age. Let's think about a plan for retirement during one's working years. Various simulation tools* such as the "Life Planning Simulation" are available on the AnswerNet, which are designed to help you plan for retirement using a DC plan for determining target returns based on current lifestyle.

* The simulation tools are provided in Japanese only.

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You will be asked to enter information on your current status including family, financial assets, housing, etc.



Diagnosis and Suggestions

Displays an analysis and diagnosis of the financial asset situation at retirement and the income and expenditure situation over a lifetime.

Table of figures

Displays figures for income, expenses, taxes, social insurance, pensions, financial assets, etc. for every year from now until lifetime age.

Adjusting your financial plan

Imagine that a simulation has set the target balance of your assets at 10 million yen. If you invest 20,000 yen per month for 25 years at a yield of 2.0%, the balance will amount to only approx. 7.76 mil. yen. However, you will be able to achieve your target balance by adjusting your monthly contribution amount, accumulation period and/or investment yield.

	Monthly contribution	Accumulation period	Investment yield	Asset balance at the end of accumulation period	Target balance of 10 million yen
	20,000yen	25yrs	2.0%	Approx. 7.76mil. yen	Shortfall of approx. 2.24mil. yen
Increase the amount of contribution	26,000yen	25yrs	2.0%	Approx. 10.09mil. yen	Achieved
Extend the accumulation period	20,000yen	31yrs	2.0%	Approx. 10.26mil. yen	Achieved
Increase the investment yield			3.9%	Approx. 10.04mil. yen	Achieved

Taxes on investment returns are not considered.

The calculation above can be made by using the financial assets calculator, one of the money and life calculation tools in AnswerNet simulations.

^{*} The financial assets calculators are provided in Japanese only.