

Worked example — bridge funded from cash + brokerage

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Currency	USD	Filing status	Single
Residence	United States	Retirement start age	62
Plan horizon	Age 90		

Headline metrics

TOTAL STARTING WEALTH \$605,000	AVERAGE NET INCOME \$5,298/mo
PROJECTED ENDING WEALTH (AGE 90) \$173,746	LIFETIME FEDERAL TAX TO AGE 90 \$88,347
CONFIDENCE SCORE 78/100 Viable · 6/9 checks ✓	

✦ PLAN IN PLAIN ENGLISH — AI-GENERATED COMMENTARY

Starting at age 62 with \$605,000 total wealth, this plan projects net income averaging \$5,298/month across five phases through age 90, with portfolio drawdowns offsetting income dips in phase 2. Ending wealth reaches \$173,746 by age 90, supported by a 78/100 confidence score reflecting strong foundational resilience.

Phase-by-phase plan

Phase 1 — ages 62–65 · 36 months	
401k withdrawal	\$1,200/mo
Cash withdrawal	\$1,400/mo
Equity withdrawal	\$3,000/mo
Gross income	\$5,600/mo
Federal tax	−\$140/mo
ACA premium est.	−\$159/mo
MAGI headroom to 250% FPL Silver-CSR ceiling	\$7,552
Net income (nominal)	\$5,301/mo
in today's money	\$5,071/mo
Ending balances — 401k: \$420,596 · Cash: \$13,876 · Equity: \$70,141 · Roth: \$24,659	

Phase 2 — ages 65–67 · 24 months	
401k withdrawal	\$2,200/mo
Cash withdrawal	\$500/mo
Equity withdrawal	\$1,800/mo
Gross income	\$4,500/mo
Federal tax	−\$178/mo
ACA premium est.	−\$197/mo
△ MAGI headroom (near cliff)	\$3,055 below 250% FPL Silver-CSR ceiling
Net income (nominal)	\$4,125/mo
in today's money	\$3,665/mo
Ending balances — 401k: \$427,105 · Cash: \$2,514 · Equity: \$37,995 · Roth: \$28,353	

Phase 3 — ages 67–73 · 72 months

401k withdrawal	\$3,500/mo
Equity withdrawal	\$400/mo
US Social Security	\$2,562/mo
Gross income	\$6,462/mo
Federal tax	–\$474/mo
Medicare Part B est.	–\$234/mo
Net income (nominal)	\$5,694/mo
in today's money	\$4,495/mo

Ending balances — 401k: \$337,181 · Cash: \$3,147 · Equity: \$29,815 · Roth: \$43,099

Phase 4 — ages 73–80 · 84 months

401k withdrawal	\$3,500/mo
Equity withdrawal	\$400/mo
US Social Security	\$3,028/mo
Gross income	\$6,928/mo
Federal tax	–\$470/mo
Medicare Part B est.	–\$284/mo
Net income (nominal)	\$6,102/mo
in today's money	\$3,975/mo

Ending balances — 401k: \$171,607 · Cash: \$4,090 · Equity: \$11,485 · Roth: \$70,251

Phase 5 — ages 80–90 · 120 months

401k withdrawal	\$1,900/mo
Equity withdrawal	\$100/mo
US Social Security	\$3,771/mo
Gross income	\$5,771/mo
Federal tax	−\$45/mo
Medicare Part B est.	−\$365/mo
Net income (nominal)	\$5,268/mo
in today's money	\$2,669/mo

Ending balances — 401k: \$16,012 · Cash: \$5,947 · Equity: \$10,607 · Roth: \$141,180

Balance trajectory

Projected account balances at the end of each phase, based on your withdrawal strategy and growth assumptions. A zero balance in an income-producing phase is flagged — see notes below.

PHASE	401K	CASH	EQUITY	ROTH	TOTAL
Starting (age 62)	\$380,000	\$60,000	\$145,000	\$20,000	\$605,000
Phase 1 (ages 62–65)	\$420,596	\$13,876	\$70,141	\$24,659	\$529,271
Phase 2 (ages 65–67)	\$427,105	\$2,514	\$37,995	\$28,353	\$495,966
Phase 3 (ages 67–73)	\$337,181	\$3,147	\$29,815	\$43,099	\$413,242
Phase 4 (ages 73–80)	\$171,607	\$4,090	\$11,485	\$70,251	\$257,434
Phase 5 (ages 80–90)	\$16,012	\$5,947	\$10,607	\$141,180	\$173,746

Asset allocation

Portfolio composition at plan start vs. end (age 90). This is a high-level account-mix view, not a holdings-level rebalancing analysis — the planner does not track individual funds.

BY ACCOUNT TYPE (START → END)

401k	63% → 9%
Cash	10% → 3%
Equity	24% → 6%
Roth	3% → 81%

BY TAX TREATMENT (START → END)

Tax-deferred (401k/Super)	63% → 9%
Taxable accounts (cash + equity)	34% → 10%
Tax-free (Roth)	3% → 81%

You hold a healthy mix across tax treatments — tax-free Roth assets give the surviving spouse and your heirs valuable flexibility.

Balance & legacy considerations

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Healthy Roth balance at plan end

\$141,180 in the Roth at age 90 is a tax-free legacy asset — heirs inherit it income-tax-free, and it carries no RMD obligation during your lifetime. This is one of the most tax-efficient assets to pass on.

✦ AI COMMENTARY

Roth balance grows steadily from \$24,659 at age 65 to \$141,180 by age 90, reflecting tax-efficient accumulation in later phases. This residual provides a tax-free legacy asset and demonstrates successful Roth positioning in the plan.

⚠️ Low cash liquidity at end of plan

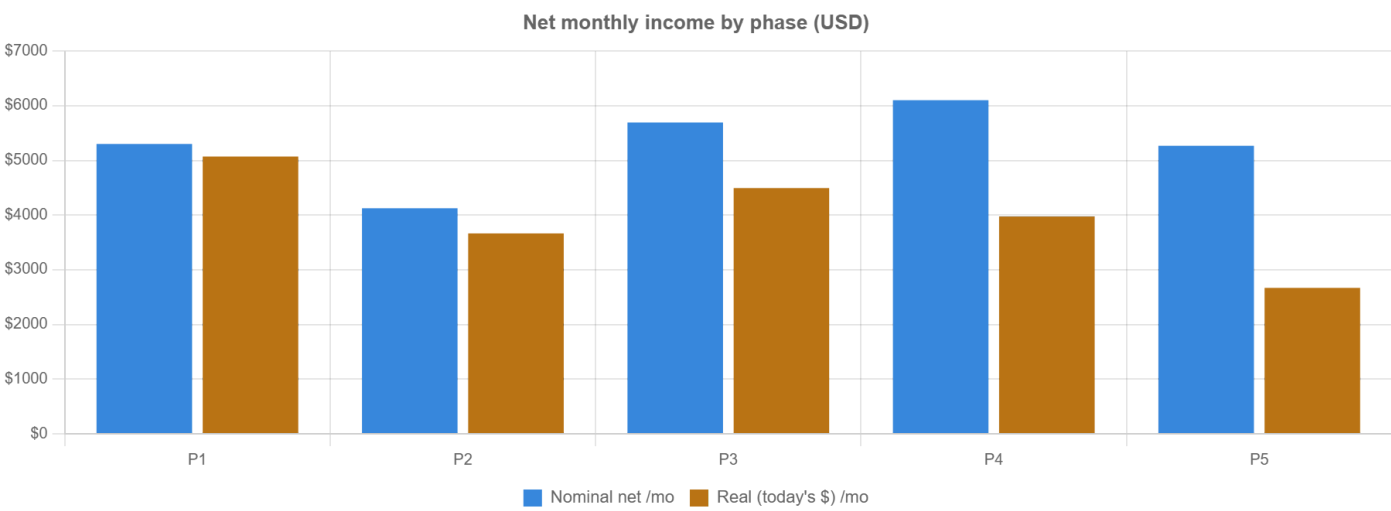
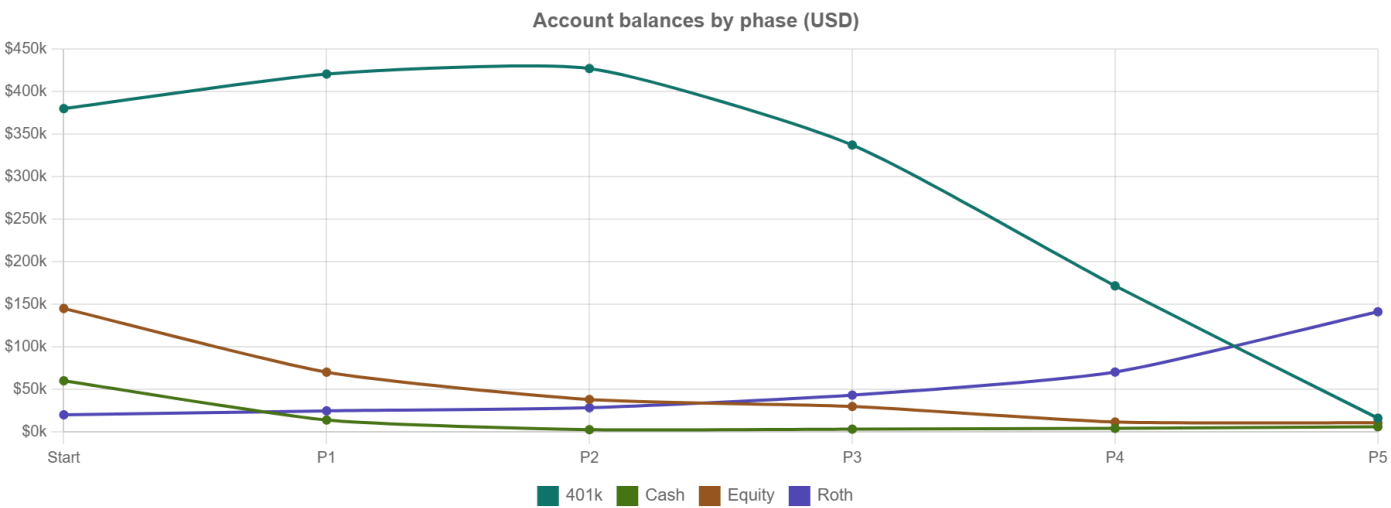
Only \$5,947 in cash remains at plan end (age 90). While total wealth of \$173,746 looks healthy, most of it is in less-liquid accounts (401k, equity). Late-retirement unexpected costs — care, home modification, health events — typically require quick access. Maintaining a minimum cash buffer of 6–12 months' expenses is generally advisable.

🌟 AI COMMENTARY

Cash reserves decline from \$13,876 at age 65 to \$5,947 by age 90. At the plan's end, this represents minimal liquidity cushion for unexpected expense or market timing adjustments in the final years.

Portfolio charts

Visual summary of how your account balances and net income evolve across the plan.



Plan strengths

Confidence 78/100 — Viable. One resilience gap worth closing: Income Floor Foundation. 6 of 9 applicable checks are passing. Checks are tiered by importance (Essential, Recommended, Optimization, Optional) — a plan can be complete without every check green; the items below are working in your favour:

✓ Income Adequacy **ESSENTIAL**

All phases show positive income and real purchasing power remains above 50% of the starting phase.

✦ AI COMMENTARY

All five phases maintain positive net income with real purchasing power staying above 50% of phase 1 levels (\$5,071/month real). Even phase 2's dip to \$3,665/month real sustains adequate living standards across the full 28-year horizon.

✓ Tax Bracket Efficiency **OPTIMIZATION**

All phases keep taxable income within efficient bracket territory.

✦ AI COMMENTARY

Income across all phases remains positioned within efficient tax brackets, avoiding bracket creep and excess withholding. This alignment preserves more of each dollar earned throughout the plan.

✓ ACA Subsidy Protected **OPTIMIZATION**

ACA subsidies are protected across all pre-Medicare phases — MAGI sits between 100% and 400% FPL, within the 250% Silver-CSR ceiling.

✦ AI COMMENTARY

Modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) stays between 100% and 400% of federal poverty line across pre-Medicare phases, within the 250% Silver-CSR ceiling. This protects ACA subsidies and cost-sharing reductions during ages 62–65.

✓ IRMAA Not Triggered **OPTIMIZATION**

MAGI stays below IRMAA thresholds in all phases — no Medicare surcharges triggered.

🌟 **AI COMMENTARY**

MAGI remains below IRMAA thresholds (Medicare income-related monthly adjustment amount surcharges) throughout all phases. No Medicare premium surcharges are triggered by income in this plan.

✓ **Portfolio Survives to End** **ESSENTIAL**

Portfolio balances remain healthy through all phases.

🌟 **AI COMMENTARY**

Total portfolio balances decline steadily from \$605,000 to \$173,746 by age 90 without depletion. All four account types (401k, cash, equity, Roth) remain solvent across the full 28-year timespan.

✓ **RMD Compliance** **RECOMMENDED**

No RMD shortfall detected — withdrawals meet required minimum distribution rules.

🌟 **AI COMMENTARY**

Withdrawals across all phases meet required minimum distribution (RMD) rules by age 73 onward. No shortfall or penalty exposure exists from failing to withdraw legally mandated amounts.

Top risks

⚠️ **Income Floor Foundation** **RECOMMENDED**

Guaranteed floor covers 45% of average income — a reasonable foundation, but the portfolio still funds the majority. Delaying SS claiming is the easiest way to strengthen this.

🌟 **AI COMMENTARY**

Guaranteed income sources cover only 45% of the average \$5,298/month income need. The portfolio funds the remaining 55%, creating dependence on portfolio longevity. Claiming delay is the primary lever to strengthen this floor.

X Stress Test Resilient RECOMMENDED

The accounts you actually withdraw from deplete before target age under bear conditions (−3% returns, 5% inflation). Consider a larger cash buffer, lower early withdrawals, delayed SS, or planned withdrawals from currently-idle accounts (e.g. Roth/Super).

✦ AI COMMENTARY

Under bear-market conditions (−3% returns, 5% inflation), the accounts being withdrawn from deplete before age 90. Current withdrawal sequencing does not absorb this stress without either larger cash buffers, lower early phase withdrawals, or delayed claiming.

△ CSR / Subsidy Headroom OPTIMIZATION

1 phase sits just under the 250% FPL Silver-CSR ceiling — as little as \$3,055 of MAGI headroom. Unexpected income (qualified/ordinary dividends, interest, year-end fund capital-gains distributions) could push you over and forfeit cost-sharing or the premium subsidy. Estimate that income in the per-phase [Rental, div. & passive income](#) field so your MAGI — and your CSR/ACA/IRMAA position — is accurate.

✦ AI COMMENTARY

One phase sits just under the 250% FPL Silver-CSR ceiling with only \$3,055 of MAGI headroom remaining. Unexpected passive income (dividends, interest, year-end distributions) risks pushing MAGI over the cliff and forfeiting ACA subsidies.

Recommended next actions

1. Build resilience to bear-market scenarios: larger cash buffer, lower early withdrawals, or planned access to currently-untouched accounts.

2. Strengthen guaranteed income — delay SS claiming to 70 for a larger lifetime cheque, or model a fixed annuity using the Annuity Calculator tab.

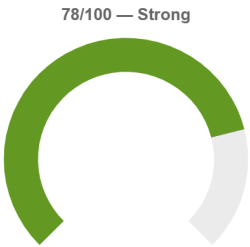
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4. Consider Roth conversions in low-income years. You have a Roth balance but no conversions scheduled — converting during lower-bracket phases moves money to tax-free for life at minimal cost.

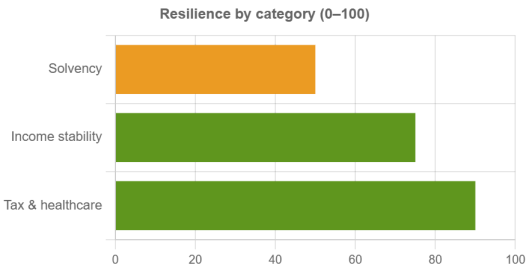
Plan resilience

How the plan holds up under uncertainty — random return sequences (Monte Carlo) and combined inflation / return stress scenarios. These are scenario analyses, not guarantees.

CONFIDENCE SUMMARY



78/100 Strong
Viable — One resilience gap worth closing: Income Floor Foundation.



Your plan passes **6 of 9** Plan Health checks (2 warnings). In Monte Carlo it stays solvent in **100%** of randomized runs to age 90. Against real market history it survived **71 of 71** retirements since 1928 (**100%**); the toughest start year was 1930. Main thing to watch: **Stress Test Resilient.**

Three independent lenses — a Plan Health checklist, a random Monte Carlo simulation, and a replay against real market history — viewed together. Agreement across all three is a stronger signal than any one alone. The 0–100 score is an educational estimate, not a guarantee; because checks are tiered by importance, a plan can be complete without every check green.

MONTE CARLO SIMULATION

Across **500** randomized simulations to age 90, your plan ended solvent (money still remaining) in **100%** of runs — a strong result.

PROBABILITY SOLVENT 100%	WORST 10% (P10) AT 90 \$54,122
MEDIAN (P50) AT 90 \$795,777	BEST 10% (P90) AT 90 \$6,535,936

Each simulation draws annual returns for each account from a normal distribution around your assumed rates, and applies your cash lump-sum events (windfalls in / one-time expenses out). Because the simulation is random, this percentage may vary by a point or two between reports.

STRESS TEST — 12 COMBINED SCENARIOS

Real (today's money) net monthly income and ending portfolio at age 90, across four inflation levels × three return outcomes. Blue = your base case; red = portfolio depleted before plan end.

	Bear (−3%)	Base returns	Bull (+3%)
Low inflation (2%)	\$3,914/mo \$61,183	\$4,352/mo \$173,746	\$4,345/mo \$2,474,631
Base inflation (3%)	\$3,606/mo \$61,183	\$3,975/mo \$173,746	\$3,969/mo \$2,474,631
High inflation (5%)	\$3,105/mo \$61,183	\$3,376/mo \$173,746	\$3,361/mo \$2,474,631
Very high inflation (8%)	\$2,564/mo \$61,183	\$2,736/mo \$173,746	\$2,732/mo \$2,474,631

HISTORICAL BACKTEST

Replayed against every overlapping 28-year period of actual US market returns since 1928 (data through 2025; growth buckets 60% stocks / 40% bonds), the plan stayed solvent in **100%** of historical retirements (71 of 71). The toughest start year was **1930** (ended \$113,102); median ending balance \$978,159.

Historical returns replay the actual sequence of past markets (Damodaran/NYU Stern) — a complement to the Monte Carlo above, not a guarantee of future results.

Key assumptions

INVESTMENT RETURNS

401k annual growth	7.0%
Cash annual growth	3.8%
Equity annual growth	10.0%
Roth annual growth	7.0%

INFLATION & PENSION GROWTH

General inflation	3.0%/yr
US SS COLA	2.6%/yr

TAX PARAMETERS (CURRENT VALUES)

Standard deduction (single)	\$15,000
Age 65+ additional deduction	\$2,050
12% bracket ceiling (single)	\$49,000
22% bracket ceiling (single)	\$104,000
IRMAA threshold (single)	\$109,000
ACA 400% FPL cliff (single)	\$60,240
Medicare Part B / D est.	\$185/mo / \$47/mo
IRMAA Tier-1 surcharge (if triggered)	\$88/mo
NIIT threshold (single)	\$200,000

PHASE BOUNDARIES

Phase 1 ends → Phase 2 starts	Age 65
Phase 2 ends → Phase 3 starts	Age 67
Phase 3 ends → Phase 4 starts	Age 73

Phase 4 ends → Phase 5 starts	Age 80
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Phase 5 ends	Age 90
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SOCIAL SECURITY

Claiming age	67
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Monthly amount	\$2,400/mo
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How Phase 1 was calculated

Age 62–65 · every figure below is the working behind this phase's card, in USD.

INFLATING THE TAX THRESHOLDS TO THIS PHASE

Phase midpoint age	63.5
Years from the start of the plan	1.5
Inflation rate	3.00%
Inflation multiplier	×1.045
Approximate calendar year	2028
10% bracket ceiling (from \$12,400)	\$12,962/yr
12% bracket ceiling (from \$49,000)	\$51,221/yr
22% bracket ceiling (from \$104,000)	\$108,715/yr
Standard deduction (from \$15,000)	\$15,680/yr
IRMAA threshold (from \$109,000)	\$113,942/yr
100% federal poverty level (from \$15,060)	\$15,743/yr
400% FPL (ACA cliff) (from \$60,240)	\$62,971/yr

WHAT COUNTS AS TAXABLE INCOME

401k withdrawals	\$14,400/yr
Taxable equity gains	\$17,405/yr
= gross taxable income	\$31,805/yr

FROM GROSS INCOME TO TAXABLE INCOME

Gross taxable income	\$31,805/yr
– standard deduction	–\$15,680/yr
= taxable income	\$16,125/yr

FEDERAL INCOME TAX, BRACKET BY BRACKET

10% on the first \$12,962	\$1,296/yr
12% on the next \$3,163	\$380/yr
= total federal tax	\$1,676/yr

WHAT GOES INTO YOUR MAGI

401k withdrawals	\$14,400/yr
Taxable equity gains	\$17,405/yr
= MAGI for the ACA	\$31,805/yr
= MAGI for IRMAA	\$31,805/yr

Roth and cash withdrawals — Neither counts toward MAGI — this is the main lever for controlling ACA cost and IRMAA.

HOW YOUR ACA PREMIUM IS ESTIMATED

Your MAGI	\$31,805/yr
400% FPL subsidy cliff	\$62,971/yr
as a share of the poverty level (of \$15,743)	202.03%
Premium capped at this share of income	6.00%
= estimated premium	\$159/mo

WHAT YOU ASKED FOR VS WHAT THE ACCOUNTS COULD SUPPLY

401k — you set	\$1,200/mo
Cash — you set	\$1,400/mo
Equity — you set	\$3,000/mo

FROM GROSS INCOME TO WHAT YOU KEEP

Total income	\$5,600/mo
– income tax	–\$140/mo
– healthcare	–\$159/mo

= net income	\$5,301/mo
= in today's money	\$5,071/mo

How Phase 2 was calculated

Age 65–67 · every figure below is the working behind this phase's card, in USD.

INFLATING THE TAX THRESHOLDS TO THIS PHASE

Phase midpoint age	66
Years from the start of the plan	4
Inflation rate	3.00%
Inflation multiplier	×1.126
Approximate calendar year	2030
10% bracket ceiling (from \$12,400)	\$13,956/yr
12% bracket ceiling (from \$49,000)	\$55,150/yr
22% bracket ceiling (from \$104,000)	\$117,053/yr
Standard deduction (from \$15,000)	\$16,883/yr
IRMAA threshold (from \$109,000)	\$122,680/yr
100% federal poverty level (from \$15,060)	\$16,950/yr
400% FPL (ACA cliff) (from \$60,240)	\$67,801/yr

WHAT COUNTS AS TAXABLE INCOME

401k withdrawals	\$26,400/yr
Taxable equity gains	\$12,920/yr
= gross taxable income	\$39,320/yr

FROM GROSS INCOME TO TAXABLE INCOME

Gross taxable income	\$39,320/yr
– standard deduction	–\$16,883/yr
– age-65 additional deduction	–\$2,307/yr

= taxable income	\$20,130/yr
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FEDERAL INCOME TAX, BRACKET BY BRACKET

10% on the first \$13,956	\$1,396/yr
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12% on the next \$6,174	\$741/yr
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= total federal tax	\$2,136/yr
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WHAT GOES INTO YOUR MAGI

401k withdrawals	\$26,400/yr
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Taxable equity gains	\$12,920/yr
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= MAGI for the ACA	\$39,320/yr
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= MAGI for IRMAA	\$39,320/yr
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HOW YOUR ACA PREMIUM IS ESTIMATED

Your MAGI	\$39,320/yr
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400% FPL subsidy cliff	\$67,801/yr
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as a share of the poverty level (of \$16,950)	231.98%
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Premium capped at this share of income	6.00%
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= estimated premium	\$197/mo
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WHAT YOU ASKED FOR VS WHAT THE ACCOUNTS COULD SUPPLY

401k — you set	\$2,200/mo
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Cash — you set	\$500/mo
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Equity — you set	\$1,800/mo
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FROM GROSS INCOME TO WHAT YOU KEEP

Total income	\$4,500/mo
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– income tax	–\$178/mo
– healthcare	–\$197/mo
= net income	\$4,125/mo
= in today’s money	\$3,665/mo

How Phase 3 was calculated

Age 67–73 · every figure below is the working behind this phase's card, in USD.

INFLATING THE TAX THRESHOLDS TO THIS PHASE

Phase midpoint age	70
Years from the start of the plan	8
Inflation rate	3.00%
Inflation multiplier	×1.267
Approximate calendar year	2034
10% bracket ceiling (from \$12,400)	\$15,708/yr
12% bracket ceiling (from \$49,000)	\$62,072/yr
22% bracket ceiling (from \$104,000)	\$131,744/yr
Standard deduction (from \$15,000)	\$19,002/yr
IRMAA threshold (from \$109,000)	\$138,078/yr
100% federal poverty level (from \$15,060)	\$19,078/yr
400% FPL (ACA cliff) (from \$60,240)	\$76,310/yr

WHAT COUNTS AS TAXABLE INCOME

401k withdrawals	\$42,000/yr
Taxable Social Security (of \$30,738)	\$26,127/yr
Taxable equity gains	\$3,488/yr
= gross taxable income	\$71,615/yr

HOW MUCH OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY IS TAXABLE

Other ordinary income	\$45,488/yr
+ half your Social Security	\$15,369/yr

= provisional income	\$60,857/yr
lower threshold	\$25,000/yr
<i>Fixed in statute — NOT inflation-indexed, so more of your SS becomes taxable over time.</i>	
upper threshold	\$34,000/yr
= taxable Social Security	\$26,127/yr
= share of SS that is taxable	85.00%

FROM GROSS INCOME TO TAXABLE INCOME

Gross taxable income	\$71,615/yr
– standard deduction	–\$19,002/yr
– age-65 additional deduction	–\$2,597/yr
= taxable income	\$50,016/yr

FEDERAL INCOME TAX, BRACKET BY BRACKET

10% on the first \$15,708	\$1,571/yr
12% on the next \$34,308	\$4,117/yr
= total federal tax	\$5,688/yr

WHAT GOES INTO YOUR MAGI

401k withdrawals	\$42,000/yr
Social Security (in FULL, not the taxable share)	\$30,738/yr

MAGI counts all of your Social Security, even though only part of it is taxable income.

Taxable equity gains	\$3,488/yr
= MAGI for the ACA	\$76,226/yr
– the untaxed part of your Social Security (of \$30,738)	–\$4,611/yr

IRMAA reads your tax return, which contains only the taxable part of Social Security. The ACA adds the untaxed part back, so the two figures differ.

= MAGI for IRMAA	\$71,615/yr
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Roth and cash withdrawals — Neither counts toward MAGI — this is the main lever for controlling ACA cost and IRMAA.

HOW YOUR MEDICARE COST IS ESTIMATED

Part B premium (from \$185)	\$234/mo
Part D premium (from \$47)	\$60/mo
= healthcare before any surcharge	\$294/mo
IRMAA MAGI from two years earlier	\$39,320/yr
IRMAA threshold	\$138,078/yr

No IRMAA surcharge — Your lookback MAGI stayed below the threshold, so you pay the standard premium.

WHAT YOU ASKED FOR VS WHAT THE ACCOUNTS COULD SUPPLY

401k — you set	\$3,500/mo
Equity — you set	\$400/mo

FROM GROSS INCOME TO WHAT YOU KEEP

Total income	\$6,462/mo
– income tax	–\$474/mo
– healthcare	–\$294/mo
= net income	\$5,694/mo
= in today's money	\$4,495/mo

How Phase 4 was calculated

Age 73–80 · every figure below is the working behind this phase's card, in USD.

INFLATING THE TAX THRESHOLDS TO THIS PHASE

Phase midpoint age	76.5
Years from the start of the plan	14.5
Inflation rate	3.00%
Inflation multiplier	×1.535
Approximate calendar year	2041
10% bracket ceiling (from \$12,400)	\$19,035/yr
12% bracket ceiling (from \$49,000)	\$75,220/yr
22% bracket ceiling (from \$104,000)	\$159,652/yr
Standard deduction (from \$15,000)	\$23,027/yr
IRMAA threshold (from \$109,000)	\$167,327/yr
100% federal poverty level (from \$15,060)	\$23,119/yr
400% FPL (ACA cliff) (from \$60,240)	\$92,475/yr

WHAT COUNTS AS TAXABLE INCOME

401k withdrawals	\$42,000/yr
Taxable Social Security (of \$36,332)	\$30,234/yr
Taxable equity gains	\$4,109/yr
= gross taxable income	\$76,344/yr

HOW MUCH OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY IS TAXABLE

Other ordinary income	\$46,109/yr
+ half your Social Security	\$18,166/yr

= provisional income	\$64,275/yr
lower threshold	\$25,000/yr
<i>Fixed in statute — NOT inflation-indexed, so more of your SS becomes taxable over time.</i>	
upper threshold	\$34,000/yr
= taxable Social Security	\$30,234/yr
= share of SS that is taxable	83.22%

FROM GROSS INCOME TO TAXABLE INCOME

Gross taxable income	\$76,344/yr
– standard deduction	–\$23,027/yr
– age-65 additional deduction	–\$3,147/yr
= taxable income	\$50,170/yr

FEDERAL INCOME TAX, BRACKET BY BRACKET

10% on the first \$19,035	\$1,904/yr
12% on the next \$31,135	\$3,736/yr
= total federal tax	\$5,640/yr

WHAT GOES INTO YOUR MAGI

401k withdrawals	\$42,000/yr
Social Security (in FULL, not the taxable share)	\$36,332/yr
<i>MAGI counts all of your Social Security, even though only part of it is taxable income.</i>	
Taxable equity gains	\$4,109/yr
= MAGI for the ACA	\$82,442/yr
– the untaxed part of your Social Security (of \$36,332)	–\$6,098/yr

IRMAA reads your tax return, which contains only the taxable part of Social Security. The ACA adds the untaxed part back, so the two figures differ.

= MAGI for IRMAA	\$76,344/yr
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Roth and cash withdrawals — Neither counts toward MAGI — this is the main lever for controlling ACA cost and IRMAA.

HOW YOUR MEDICARE COST IS ESTIMATED

Part B premium (from \$185)	\$284/mo
Part D premium (from \$47)	\$72/mo
= healthcare before any surcharge	\$356/mo
IRMAA MAGI from two years earlier	\$71,615/yr
IRMAA threshold	\$167,327/yr

No IRMAA surcharge — Your lookback MAGI stayed below the threshold, so you pay the standard premium.

HOW YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION IS ESTIMATED

401k balance entering this phase	\$337,181
RMD start age	73
Age used for the divisor	73
IRS Uniform Lifetime Table divisor	26.5
= required minimum distribution	\$1,060/mo
Your achievable 401k draw	\$3,500/mo

WHAT YOU ASKED FOR VS WHAT THE ACCOUNTS COULD SUPPLY

401k — you set	\$3,500/mo
Equity — you set	\$400/mo

FROM GROSS INCOME TO WHAT YOU KEEP

Total income	\$6,928/mo
– income tax	–\$470/mo
– healthcare	–\$356/mo
= net income	\$6,102/mo
= in today's money	\$3,975/mo

How Phase 5 was calculated

Age 80–90 · every figure below is the working behind this phase's card, in USD.

INFLATING THE TAX THRESHOLDS TO THIS PHASE

Phase midpoint age	85
Years from the start of the plan	23
Inflation rate	3.00%
Inflation multiplier	×1.974
Approximate calendar year	2049
10% bracket ceiling (from \$12,400)	\$24,472/yr
12% bracket ceiling (from \$49,000)	\$96,706/yr
22% bracket ceiling (from \$104,000)	\$205,253/yr
Standard deduction (from \$15,000)	\$29,604/yr
IRMAA threshold (from \$109,000)	\$215,121/yr
100% federal poverty level (from \$15,060)	\$29,722/yr
400% FPL (ACA cliff) (from \$60,240)	\$118,889/yr

WHAT COUNTS AS TAXABLE INCOME

401k withdrawals	\$22,800/yr
Taxable Social Security (of \$45,253)	\$15,168/yr
Taxable equity gains	\$1,124/yr
= gross taxable income	\$39,093/yr

HOW MUCH OF YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY IS TAXABLE

Other ordinary income	\$23,924/yr
+ half your Social Security	\$22,627/yr

= provisional income	\$46,551/yr
lower threshold	\$25,000/yr
<i>Fixed in statute — NOT inflation-indexed, so more of your SS becomes taxable over time.</i>	
upper threshold	\$34,000/yr
= taxable Social Security	\$15,168/yr
= share of SS that is taxable	33.52%

FROM GROSS INCOME TO TAXABLE INCOME

Gross taxable income	\$39,093/yr
– standard deduction	–\$29,604/yr
– age-65 additional deduction	–\$4,046/yr
= taxable income	\$5,443/yr

FEDERAL INCOME TAX, BRACKET BY BRACKET

10% on the first \$5,443	\$544/yr
= total federal tax	\$544/yr

WHAT GOES INTO YOUR MAGI

401k withdrawals	\$22,800/yr
Social Security (in FULL, not the taxable share)	\$45,253/yr

MAGI counts all of your Social Security, even though only part of it is taxable income.

Taxable equity gains	\$1,124/yr
= MAGI for the ACA	\$69,178/yr
– the untaxed part of your Social Security (of \$45,253)	–\$30,085/yr

IRMAA reads your tax return, which contains only the taxable part of Social Security. The ACA adds the untaxed part back, so the two figures differ.

= MAGI for IRMAA	\$39,093/yr
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Roth and cash withdrawals — Neither counts toward MAGI — this is the main lever for controlling ACA cost and IRMAA.

HOW YOUR MEDICARE COST IS ESTIMATED

Part B premium (from \$185)	\$365/mo
Part D premium (from \$47)	\$93/mo
= healthcare before any surcharge	\$458/mo
IRMAA MAGI from two years earlier	\$76,344/yr
IRMAA threshold	\$215,121/yr

No IRMAA surcharge — Your lookback MAGI stayed below the threshold, so you pay the standard premium.

HOW YOUR REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTION IS ESTIMATED

401k balance entering this phase	\$171,607
RMD start age	73
Age used for the divisor	80
IRS Uniform Lifetime Table divisor	20.2
= required minimum distribution	\$708/mo
Your achievable 401k draw	\$1,900/mo

WHAT YOU ASKED FOR VS WHAT THE ACCOUNTS COULD SUPPLY

401k — you set	\$1,900/mo
Equity — you set	\$100/mo

FROM GROSS INCOME TO WHAT YOU KEEP

Total income	\$5,771/mo
– income tax	–\$45/mo
– healthcare	–\$458/mo
= net income	\$5,268/mo
= in today's money	\$2,669/mo

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