

ALLIANZ 2023 ANNUAL RETIREMENT STUDY

The new reality for financial professionals

Key findings from our 2023 Annual Retirement Study

Fewer Americans say they are working with a financial professional even as they navigate a new retirement reality – a major finding from the 2023 Annual Retirement Study from Allianz Life Insurance Company of North America (Allianz).

While the majority of Americans are not seeking the guidance of a financial professional, they do believe that their assistance would be helpful to ensure that they can financially support all the things they want to do in life.

The study also found that Americans are looking for a financial professional who acts as a partner – not only offering expert advice, but also providing holistic guidance based on a personal understanding of their values and priorities.



Allianz conducted an online survey, the 2023 Annual Retirement Study, in February and March 2023 with a nationally representative sample of 1,000 individuals age 25+ in the contiguous U.S. with an annual household income of \$50K+ (single) / \$75K+ (married/partnered) or investable assets of \$150K+.

44% of Americans **are currently working with a financial professional**



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Americans value the guidance of a financial professional

88% of Americans say that working with a financial professional would help to ensure they can financially support all the things they want to do in life.

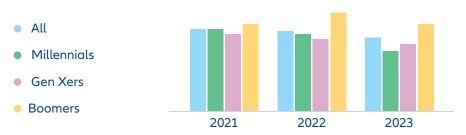


Americans who are not currently working with a financial professional, but are open to it, are interested in talking to them about various financial worries.



While fewer Americans in general are working with a financial professional, millennials saw the steepest drop.

"I currently have a financial professional"



What do Americans want to talk about?

Among people working with a financial professional, some are reluctant to discuss certain subjects.

Why haven't Americans discussed their worries with their financial professional?



Americans want to collaborate with a financial professional

Most Americans who are currently, or are interested in, working with a financial professional say they would prefer to collaborate on their strategy and don't want to give up control.



57% say they would prefer a financial advisor to propose solutions, but they are ultimately making most or all of their own financial decisions

25%

25% say they are more likely to work with an advisor who views their relationship as a partnership or consultation, where they drive the direction of the services provided Many Americans say they are more likely to work with an advisor who is empathic and personal.

What might make you more likely to work with a particular financial professional?



30%

Advisor is empathetic toward my financial struggles and meets me where I am at financially

39%

Makes recommendations that reflect my actual life and not some "financial ideal"



Knows me as a person, and my particular worries and values

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