Americans are worried about their retirement savings – but not talking about it with their financial professional

Key findings from our Retirement Risk Readiness Study

As Americans evaluate their finances in response to recent events, financial professionals may be missing opportunities to shift retirement conversations from accumulation to protection.

A recent study examined risks to retirement security, and surveyed three groups: those who are already retired, near retirees who are within 10 years of retirement, and pre-retirees who are more than 10 years from retirement.

Those not yet retired understand how various risks – like market volatility, inflation, and outliving your money – can derail their retirement plan. Yet our study found that most of these people aren’t turning to their financial professional for help.

THOUGH MARKET VOLATILITY IS TOP OF MIND WITH AMERICANS, NOT ENOUGH ARE TALKING TO THEIR FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL ABOUT THIS RISK.

There are significant gaps in how financial professionals are helping non-retirees with their retirement plans. The study found:

- 55% of non-retirees are worried they won’t have enough saved for retirement
- 31% think they’re too far behind on retirement goals to catch up in time
- 12% say setting long-term financial goals is a top priority
- 6% say making a formal financial plan with a financial professional is a top priority

A MAJORITY OF NON-RETIREES FEAR GOING BROKE IN RETIREMENT – BUT FAR FEWER ARE TALKING TO THEIR FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL ABOUT IT.

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Yet just two in 10 are having discussions with their financial professional about the impact of inflation and how it can prevent them from enjoying their retirement.