

Withdrawal Option 1: The 4% Rule

First Year

Retirement Savings at Retirement _____ (Total of all retirement accounts, tax-preferred and taxable)
Withdrawal Rate _____ (4%, or 4.5% if holding both large- and small-cap stocks)

Withdrawal Amount _____ (Withdrawal rate $\times$ retirement savings)

Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) _____ (Total for all applicable accounts for current year)

Amount (Below)/Above RMD _____ (Withdrawal from RMD accounts – RMD)

(If below, add excess RMDs to taxable accounts; if above, take planned withdrawal needed for living expenses)

Subsequent Years

Current Year Withdrawal _____ (Inflation-adjusted based on first year withdrawal)

Annual Inflation Adjustment _____ (Percent figure based on inflation)

Next Year's Withdrawal _____ [Current year $\times$ (1 + inflation adjustment)]

Withdrawal From Non-RMD Accounts _____ (Total from Roth IRAs, taxable accounts, etc.)

Withdrawal From RMD Accounts _____ [Total from traditional IRAs, 401(k) plans, etc.]

Required Minimum Distribution _____ (Total for all applicable accounts for next year)

Amount (Below)/Above RMD _____ (Withdrawal from RMD accounts – RMD)

(If below, add excess RMDs to taxable accounts; if above, take planned withdrawal needed for living expenses)

Market Considerations

Correction or Bear Market Occurring? _____ (Yes/No; If yes, avoid selling stocks if possible)

Withdrawal Reduction _____ (Reduction in withdrawals if a smaller distribution is desired)

Withdrawal Option 2: AAII Level3

Retirement Assets

Retirement Savings _____ (Total of all retirement accounts, tax-preferred and taxable)

Expected Expenses for Next Four Years _____ (Estimated)

Current Year Withdrawal Percentage _____ (Maximum of 5% of retirement savings suggested)

Current Year Withdrawal _____ (Withdrawal percentage $\times$ retirement savings)

Withdrawal From Non-RMD Accounts _____ (Roth IRA, taxable accounts, etc.)

Withdrawal From RMD Accounts _____ [Total from traditional IRAs, 401(k) plans, etc.]

Required Minimum Distribution _____ (Total for all applicable accounts for current year)

Amount (Below)/Above RMD _____ (Withdrawal from RMD accounts – RMD)

(If below, add excess RMDs to taxable accounts; if above, take planned withdrawal needed for living expenses)

Market Considerations

Market Within 5% of High _____ (Yes/No; If yes, withdraw from stocks; if no, withdraw from safe assets)

Amount to Add to Safe Assets _____ (If market within 5% of high, one-year of withdrawals plus half of replenishment amount needed to bring safe assets up to four years of living expenses)

The Excel version of this worksheet contains formulas to calculate some of the key numbers.

Find it here:

<https://www.aaii.com/latest/article/13094-retirement-withdrawal-planning-worksheet>