

# TEXAS RETIREES

## Retirement Confidence

- Nearly 4 in 10 Texas retirees are *very* confident that they will have enough money to live comfortably throughout retirement (37 percent). Another third are *somewhat* confident that they will have enough money (34 percent), while just one-fourth are not confident (26 percent). These confidence levels are very similar to those found among national retirees.
- Texas retirees' confidence about other financial aspects of retirement also closely mirrors that of retirees nationally. Four in 10 Texas retirees each are *very* confident that they will have enough money to take care of basic expenses during retirement (41 percent) and that they will have enough money for medical expenses in retirement (39 percent).
- Almost the same proportion are *very* confident that they did a good job of preparing financially for retirement (37 percent) and that they will not outlive their retirement savings (36 percent). Nearly three in 10 are *very* confident that they will have enough money to pay for long-term care (28 percent).

## Work and Retirement

- In general, Texas retirees tend to leave the work force sooner than Texas workers say they actually plan to retire. Three in 10 retirees each report retiring before the age of 60 (31 percent) and between the ages of 60 and 64 (31 percent). Only 1 in 10 indicate retiring at age 65 (11 percent) and 18 percent say they retired at age 66 or older. Texas retirees leave the work force at approximately the same age as national retirees (a median age of 62 years), but they are somewhat less likely to say that they never expected to retire (2 percent of Texas retirees vs. 9 percent of national retirees).
- Seventy-four percent of retirees say they have not worked for pay since they retired. Eighteen percent have worked part-time, 3 percent full-time, 3 percent both full and part-time, and 1 percent seasonally/sporadically.

## Saving in Retirement

- Seven in 10 Texas retirees say they have saved money for retirement (71 percent). This is not statistically different from retirees nationwide.
- Two-thirds of Texas retirees who have saved for retirement say they currently own tax-qualified retirement savings plans outside of work (65 percent), compared with a similar proportion of national retirees (59 percent).
- Almost two-thirds of Texas retirees who have saved for retirement or have other savings or investments say they own life insurance they purchased on their own (64 percent). Half report owning stock or bond mutual funds (50 percent), and 4 in 10 own certificates of deposit (41 percent). One-third say they have fixed or variable annuities (32 percent). These results are similar to the findings for national retirees.

## Knowledge of Saving and Investing

- Texas retirees also show the same level of financial sophistication as national workers overall. Fifteen percent rate their knowledge of retirement saving and investing as *comprehensive*, and one-third rate it as *general* (33 percent). Another third say they have a *limited* knowledge (32 percent vs. 28 percent), and 2 in 10 say they know nothing (20 percent).

## Who Texas Retirees Turn to For Financial Information

- While Texas retirees who have saved for their retirement are just as likely as workers to consult with their spouse when making retirement savings and investment decisions (81 percent), they are less likely to seek the advice of family, friends, and co-workers (38 percent).
- Just over half say they sought the advice of a financial professional (52 percent), while 4 in 10 each consulted periodicals (41 percent) or written material received at work (39 percent).