



# the sequence of investment returns matters

In the three hypothetical scenarios below, Mr. Green, Mr. Blue, and Ms. Brown:

- Experience different sequences of returns in their retirement portfolios
- Have a portfolio average annual return of 6.0% that grows to the same value after 25 years of investing
- Are not taking withdrawals

Age	"Up" Market – Mr. Green		"Down" Market – Mr. Blue		"Average 6.0%" Market – Ms. Brown	
	Annual Return	Year End Value	Annual Return	Year End Value	Annual Return	Year End Value
65		\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000		\$1,000,000
66	5%	\$1,050,000	-25%	\$750,000	6.0%	\$1,059,964
67	28%	\$1,344,000	-14%	\$645,000	6.0%	\$1,123,523
68	22%	\$1,639,680	-10%	\$580,500	6.0%	\$1,190,894
69	-5%	\$1,557,696	16%	\$673,380	6.0%	\$1,262,304
70	20%	\$1,869,235	21%	\$814,790	6.0%	\$1,337,996
71	19%	\$2,224,390	5%	\$855,529	6.0%	\$1,418,228
72	23%	\$2,736,000	-16%	\$718,645	6.0%	\$1,503,270
73	9%	\$2,982,240	8%	\$776,136	6.0%	\$1,593,411
74	16%	\$3,459,398	14%	\$884,795	6.0%	\$1,688,958
75	23%	\$4,255,059	24%	\$1,097,146	6.0%	\$1,790,234
76	22%	\$5,191,172	14%	\$1,250,747	6.0%	\$1,897,583
77	-26%	\$3,841,468	5%	\$1,313,284	6.0%	\$2,011,370
78	-15%	\$3,265,247	-15%	\$1,116,291	6.0%	\$2,131,979
79	5%	\$3,428,510	-26%	\$826,056	6.0%	\$2,259,820
80	14%	\$3,908,501	22%	\$1,007,788	6.0%	\$2,395,327
81	24%	\$4,846,541	23%	\$1,239,579	6.0%	\$2,538,960
82	14%	\$5,525,057	16%	\$1,437,912	6.0%	\$2,691,205
83	8%	\$5,967,062	9%	\$1,567,324	6.0%	\$2,852,580
84	-16%	\$5,012,332	23%	\$1,927,808	6.0%	\$3,023,631
85	5%	\$5,262,949	19%	\$2,294,092	6.0%	\$3,204,939
86	21%	\$6,368,168	20%	\$2,752,910	6.0%	\$3,397,119
87	16%	\$7,387,075	-5%	\$2,615,264	6.0%	\$3,600,823
88	-10%	\$6,648,367	22%	\$3,190,623	6.0%	\$3,816,741
89	-14%	\$5,717,596	28%	\$4,083,997	6.0%	\$4,045,607
90	-25%	<b>\$4,288,197</b>	5%	<b>\$4,288,197</b>	6.0%	<b>\$4,288,197</b>
Average Return	6.0%		6.0%		6.0%	

Once they begin to take withdrawals, the sequence of their investment returns will affect their retirement income and their account value. Learn more on the next page.

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## the impact of withdrawals

Once **Mr. Green**, **Mr. Blue** and **Ms. Brown** begin to take withdrawals, the sequence of returns has a significant impact on their portfolio's overall value, even if the average return is the same.

- **Mr. Green** begins withdrawals in an up market, which gives him the optimal environment to maintain his portfolio value.
- **Mr. Blue** is not so lucky. Withdrawals in a down market may deplete investors' portfolios when they are not prepared.
- **Ms. Brown's** portfolio value is significantly less than **Mr. Green's**, even with a level 6.0% rate of return.

See below in these three hypothetical examples.

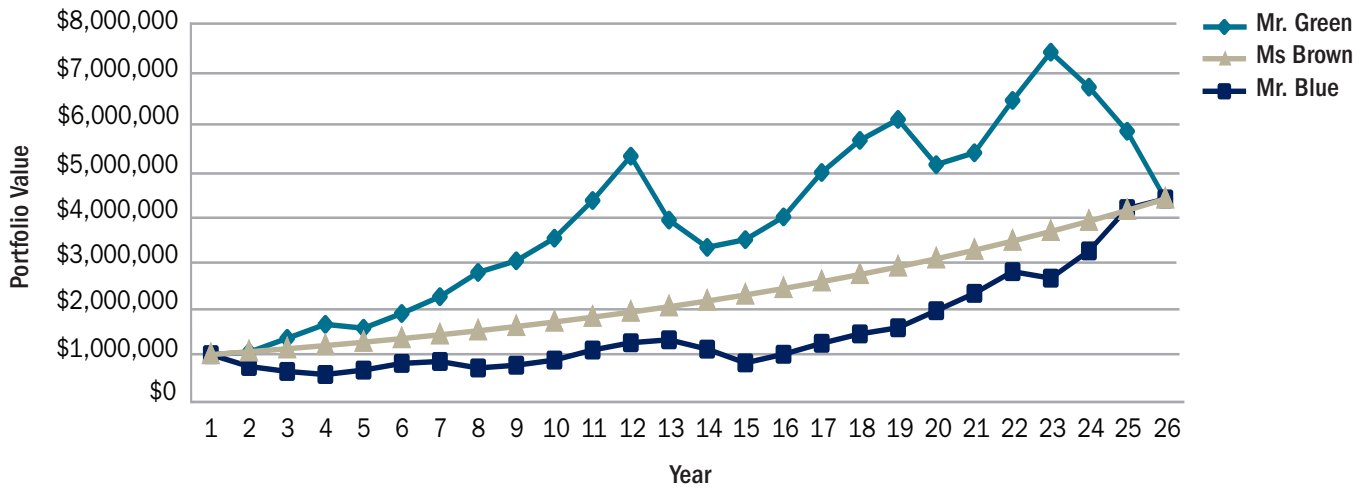
Age	"Up" Market – Mr. Green			"Down" Market – Mr. Blue			"Average 6.0%" Market – Ms. Brown		
	5% Annual Withdrawals	Annual Return	Year End Value	5% Annual Withdrawals	Annual Return	Year End Value	5% Annual Withdrawals	Annual Return	Year End Value
65			\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000			\$1,000,000
66	\$50,000	5%	\$1,000,000	\$50,000	-25%	\$700,000	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,010,000
67	\$50,000	28%	\$1,230,000	\$50,000	-14%	\$552,000	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,020,600
68	\$50,000	22%	\$1,450,600	\$50,000	-10%	\$446,800	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,031,836
69	\$50,000	-5%	\$1,328,070	\$50,000	16%	\$468,288	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,043,746
70	\$50,000	20%	\$1,543,684	\$50,000	21%	\$516,628	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,056,371
71	\$50,000	19%	\$1,786,984	\$50,000	5%	\$492,460	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,069,753
72	\$50,000	23%	\$2,147,990	\$50,000	-16%	\$363,666	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,083,938
73	\$50,000	9%	\$2,291,309	\$50,000	8%	\$342,760	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,098,975
74	\$50,000	16%	\$2,607,919	\$50,000	14%	\$340,746	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,114,913
75	\$50,000	23%	\$3,157,740	\$50,000	24%	\$372,525	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,131,808
76	\$50,000	22%	\$3,802,443	\$50,000	14%	\$374,679	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,149,716
77	\$50,000	-26%	\$2,763,808	\$50,000	5%	\$343,412	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,168,699
78	\$50,000	-15%	\$2,299,237	\$50,000	-15%	\$241,901	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,188,821
79	\$50,000	5%	\$2,364,199	\$50,000	-26%	\$129,006	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,210,151
80	\$50,000	14%	\$2,645,186	\$50,000	22%	\$107,388	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,232,760
81	\$50,000	24%	\$3,230,031	\$50,000	23%	\$82,087	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,256,725
82	\$50,000	14%	\$3,632,235	\$50,000	16%	\$45,221	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,282,129
83	\$50,000	8%	\$3,872,814	\$49,291	9%	\$0	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,309,057
84	\$50,000	-16%	\$3,203,164	\$0	23%	\$0	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,337,600
85	\$50,000	5%	\$3,313,322	\$0	19%	\$0	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,367,856
86	\$50,000	21%	\$3,959,120	\$0	20%	\$0	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,399,927
87	\$50,000	16%	\$4,542,579	\$0	-5%	\$0	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,433,923
88	\$50,000	-10%	\$4,038,321	\$0	22%	\$0	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,469,958
89	\$50,000	-14%	\$3,422,956	\$0	28%	\$0	\$50,000	6.0%	\$1,508,156
90	\$50,000	-25%	<b>\$2,517,217</b>	\$0	5%	<b>\$0</b>	\$50,000	6.0%	<b>\$1,548,645</b>
<b>Average Return</b>		<b>6.0%</b>			<b>6.0%</b>			<b>6.0%</b>	

### can you predict the next market cycle?

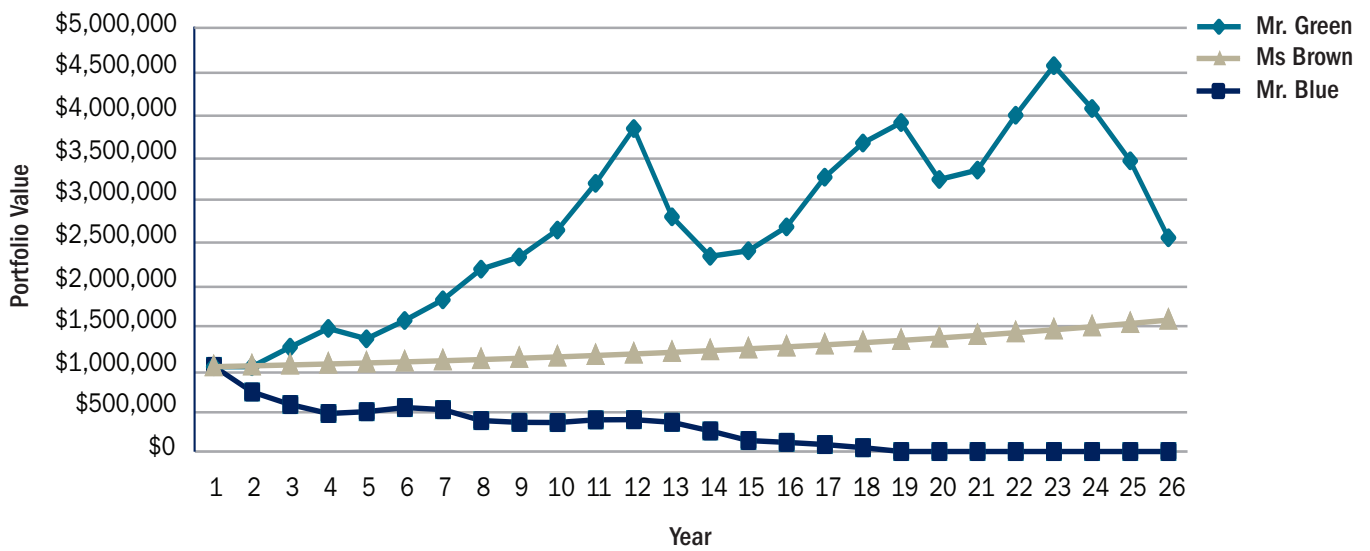
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### Three Hypothetical Return Scenarios: No Withdrawals



### Three Hypothetical Return Scenarios: Withdrawals



**The sequence of investment returns can significantly impact your retirement savings, once you take income.**

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