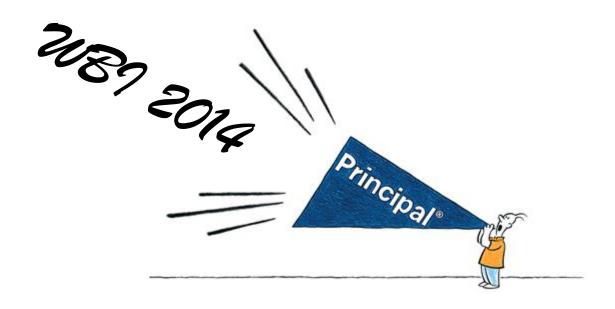
# The Principal Financial Well Being Index 2014 Indian Households





### Introduction

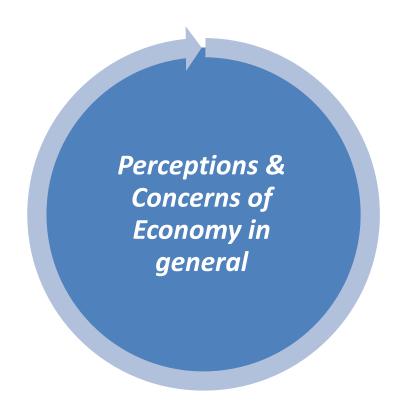
- The **Principal Financial Well-Being Index** is a very important initiative of the **Principal Financial Group (PFG)\*** in the US and is currently in its 13<sup>th</sup> year running.
- The Principal Financial Well Being Index (US) is targeted to keep a finger on the pulse of the financial well- being of American households /workers and gauges their concerns, attitudes and behaviors as related to the topic of financial security.
- Principal Retirement Advisors, part of the Principal Financial Group, introduced "The Principal Financial Well Being Index" in India in January, 2014 with an aim to gauge the financial well being of Indian households / workers.
- This is the second edition of the annual study and the study attempts to highlight the Indian Household's perception of their own Financial health & economy in general and how these perceptions have changed over the last year
- The study has been conducted with our research partner Nielsen & Company during the last quarter of 2014.



# **Featured Key Information Areas**

- Perceptions & Concerns about Economy in general
- Household Spending, Saving & Investment Attitude & Trends
- Financial Priorities and Attitude towards Finances
- Availing services of Financial Advisors
- Perceptions & Attitude towards Retirement Planning
- Employee Benefits & Satisfaction Levels

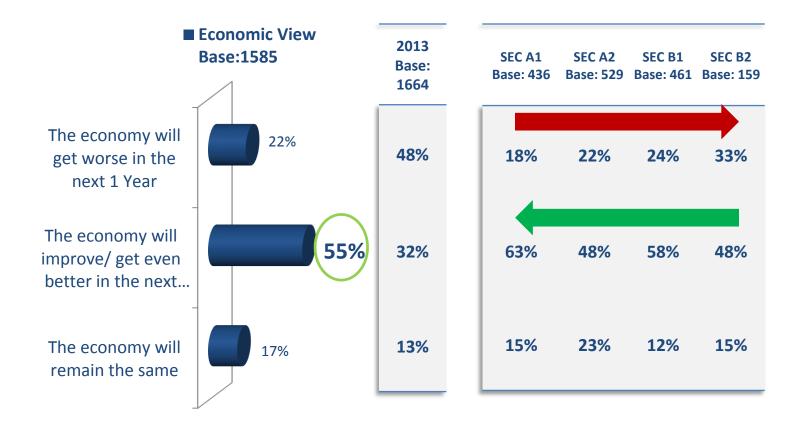






### **General Economic Outlook**

- Overall optimism on the economy has increased in the last 1 year
- Pessimist view exhibited increases as we go lower down the SEC

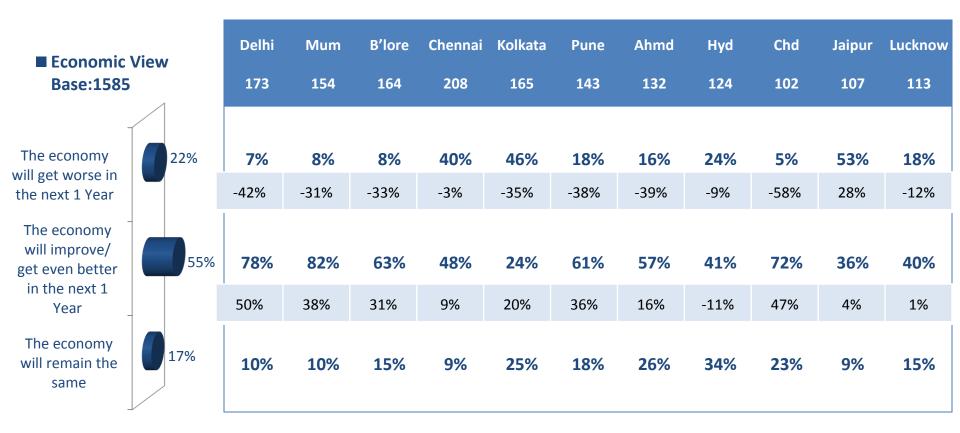


# Could you please tell me what do you think will happen to the economy?



### **General Economic Outlook**

Except Jaipur, optimism about improved economic outlook has increased across all 10 centres. Significant improvement in Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore, Pune & Chandigarh



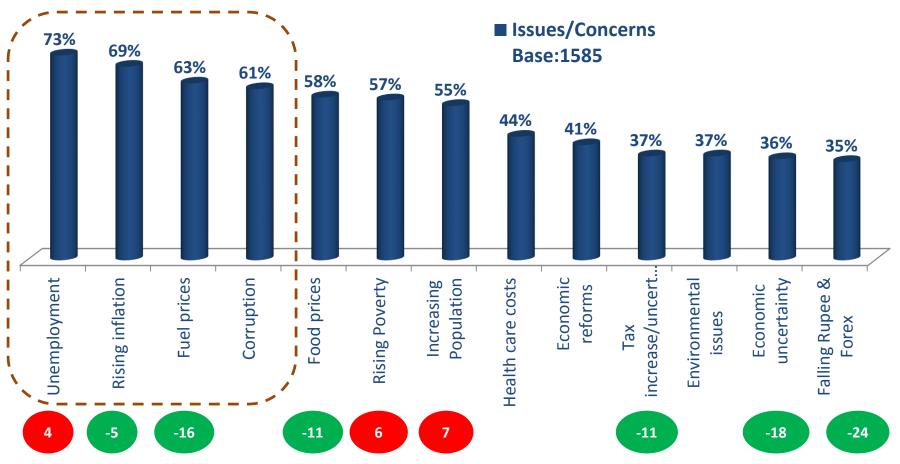
# Could you please tell me what do you think will happen to the economy?

Change over last year



### **Top Concern Areas in Economy**

Unemployment, rising inflation and fuel inflation continue to be top concerns in the economy in the next 1 year.



#According to you what are the issues/concern areas for the economy in the next 1 year?





### **Expectations of Prices of Household Items**

Overall 52% respondents feel that the prices of groceries, fuel and other household items will go up I in next one year. This is a drop of 25% from previous year

Concerns on food and beverages continue to top the list while others have reduced

	All Base: 1585	2013 All Base: 1664
Prices will definitely go up	18%	34%
Prices might go up	34%	43%
Prices will remain the same	27%	16%
Prices might go down	14%	3%
Prices will definitely go down	2%	1%

	All Base:	2013 All
	1585	<b>Base: 1664</b>
Food & Beverages	<b>72</b> %	72%
Children Education (Tuition fee, books, school fee etc.)	62%	62%
Utilities (Electricity, water charges, etc.)	58%	63%
Transportation (Fuel, driver etc.)	56%	69%
Healthcare (Medicine, Doctor Fees, Reports etc.)	51%	53%
Housing & Maintenance (Rent, Society Charges etc.)	49%	53%

# Could you please share your view about prices of groceries, fuel & other household items in next one year will go up or down?

# For which of the products in general, increase in prices will affect your budget seriously?

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### INR Vs. US\$

A positive perception of the Indian Rs. Vs the US \$ observed compared to last year. 22% believe the Rs. will gain compared to only 9% last year

	Movement of Indian Rupee				
	Rupee will fall more vis-a-vis US\$	Rupee will fall a little vis a vis US\$	Rupee will remain the same vis a vis US\$	Rupee will gain a little vis a vis US\$	Rupee will gain more vis a vis US\$
2014 Base: 1585	8%	27%	29%	19%	3%
2013 Base: 1664	24%	33%	21%	8%	1%







## Attitude towards spending

# There is a slight increase in conservativeness when it comes to spending as compared to last year

# Taking Top 2 boxes

spending as compared to last year	All Base: 1585	Change from last year
The ability to buy new things makes me happy	<b>72</b> %	3
I buy less in quantity, but pay more for quality	71%	0
I never spend money on myself until the needs of my family are first met	69%	4
I prefer to save money than to spend it	69%	4
I concentrate my spending on the few categories that matter most to me	69%	3
The desire and ability to buy new things progresses or moves our economy and culture forward	68%	2
In the areas where I spend more for quality, I know all the product details	67%	2
I feel I have enough things and feel less the need to buy new ones	66%	12
I feel that our culture has become too focused on consuming and buying new things	66%	-2
I feel financially secure	65%	NA
It seems like every year, there are more things I want to buy	65%	0
I save, and cut back in order to have enough money for the places where I like to splurge	60%	4
Even when the economy is bad, I'll spend on affordable luxuries	52%	3

# We are now going to show you some statements relating to attitudes some people have towards saving and spending. Please indicate how much you agree or disagree with each statement considering you and your own attitudes towards saving and spending.



### **Household Spending trends**

Increase in Household spending - Both actuals and expectations have come down vis-à-vis last year

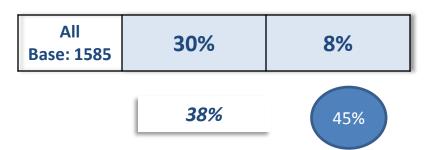


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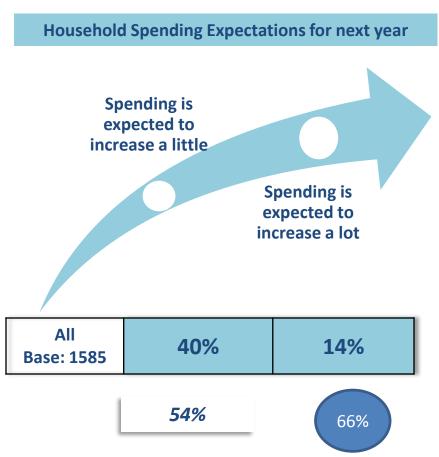


Spending increased slightly compared to last year

Spending increased significantly compared to last year



#Could you please tell me If your spending has increased/decreased this year in comparison to last year?



# Considering factors such as rising food prices, inflation etc., could you please tell how are you expecting your overall spending to change in the near future?



### Household spending across categories

### Most Households expect spending to increase across all categories

<b>Expense Categories</b>	All Base: 1585		
	Increase	Decrease	
Education	81	19	
Family care	78	22	
Food products	76	24	
Apparels and accessories	73	27	
Fitness and wellness	72	28	
House/Home/Apartment	71	29	
Cars & automobiles	70	30	
Health	69	31	
Financial services	69	31	
Home decor and furnishings	69	31	
Electronics	66	34	
Vacation/leisure	65	35	
Agriculture/commercial	63	37	

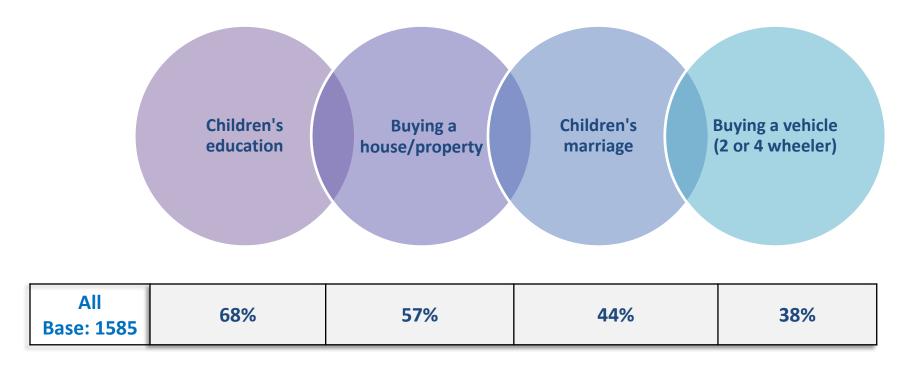
2013		
All Base	e: 1664	
Increase	Decrease	
75	25	
79	21	
83	17	
69	31	
71	29	
68	32	
68	32	
64	36	
68	32	
64	36	
68	32	
63	37	
57	43	

#Kindly have a look at the card and tell me the categories where you expect to increase/decrease the spending?



# **Key Big Ticket Expenses**

Children expenses (education & marriage) and Buying a House/property continue to be big ticket expenses expected in 2015



#Thinking about your spending activities, could you please tell me which are the big tickets expenses expected in the next 12 months?

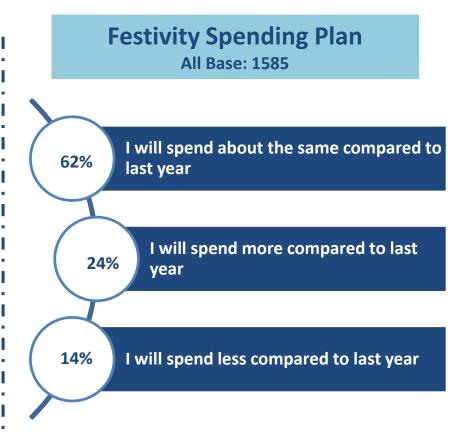


### **Holiday & Festivities Spending Plan**



- 59% people say they are not planning a holiday in 2015
- The number has decreased from 73% in the last year

# Now thinking about your holiday plans, could you please tell me if you are planning for a holiday in the next 1 year?, Could you please tell me in the upcoming holidays, you intend to?



62% people say they will spend the same amount as last year in the upcoming festivities

# Compared to last year, could you please tell me how much are you willing to spend on the upcoming festivities?

# **Planning for Unexpected Expenses**

Redeeming investments/savings, Borrowing from friends or family, selling property still continue to be the top avenues for coping with unexpected expenses

#### Only 28% said that they had some kind of emergency corpus available

All Base: 1585

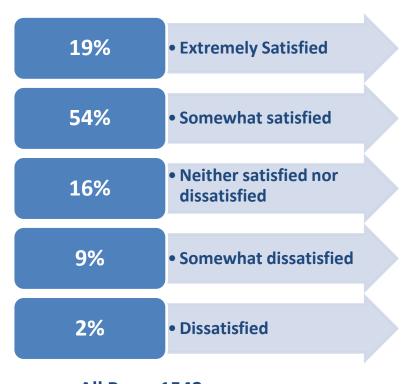
	2014	2013
I have good amounts of savings	49	41
I'll borrow from family/friends/colleagues	42	33
I will redeem my investments	41	36
I'll cut down expenses on non-essential items	38	42
I'll sell off property	32	28
I have an emergency corpus available	28	NA
Credit cards	14	10
Base	1585	1664

# In case of any unexpected expenses, how do you plan to cope up with them?



### **Current HH\* Savings – Trend & Satisfaction Levels**



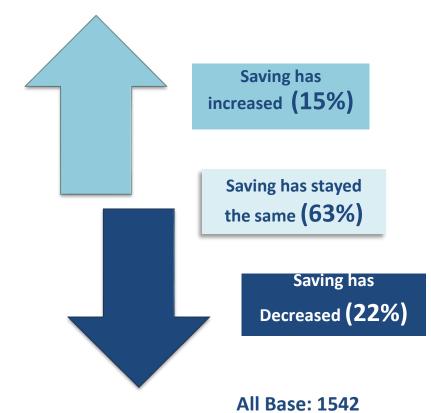


All Base: 1542

\*HH - Household

#How satisfied are you with your current level of savings?

63% Households say that their savings have stayed the same in past 1-2 years

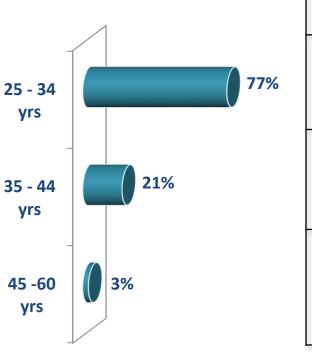


# Has your level of savings changed in the past 1-2 years?



### **Current HH\* Investments - Satisfaction Levels**

77% respondents say that they started investing before the age of 35 years



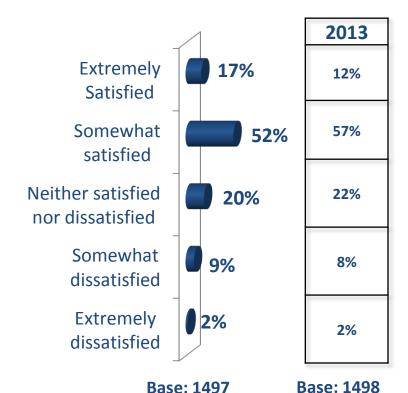
\*HH - Household
# Could you please tell me the age
when you started investing

Base: 1497



Base: 1498

69% Households are satisfied with their current level of investments



# How satisfied are you with your current level of investments?







### **Attitude towards current Financial Situation**

Overall respondents feel that they are financially prepared for retirement showing an increase in savings and investments.

	All Base: 1585	2013 All Base:1664
I believe I will be financially prepared for a comfortable retirement	70%	57%
I usually feel in control of my personal financial situation	68%	63%
I believe I am making good progress towards achieving my long-term financial goals	68%	63%
I am happy with my current financial situation	68%	62%
I worry about my long term financial future	67%	58%
I have good health insurance coverage	66%	58%
I often worry about my job security	65%	52%
I have enough life insurance coverage to help protect my family in the event of my premature death	64%	61%
I rely on the help of financial professionals when making important financial decisions	64%	54%
I feel stressed about my current financial situation	63%	51%

# Please indicate how much do you agree/disagree with each statement considering yourself and your own attitude towards financial situations?



# **Top Financial Priorities**

#### Children's Goals & Buying a House are the top financial priorities across age-groups

		25- 30 years	31-40 years	41 -50 years	> 50 years
	2013	355	521	536	173
Children's education 64%	61%	52%	71%	65%	61%
Buying a house/property 57%	52%	61%	55%	57%	55%
Children's marriage 45%	42%	33%	45%	52%	53%
Buying a car 43%	35%	48%	43%	42%	37%
Planning retirement 38%	35%	34%	37%	42%	35%
Investing to safeguard against financial concerns	33%	41%	38%	31%	31%
Planning a holiday 21%	20%	29%	22%	16%	17%

# Out of these, could you please tell me which are your Top 5 financial priorities?

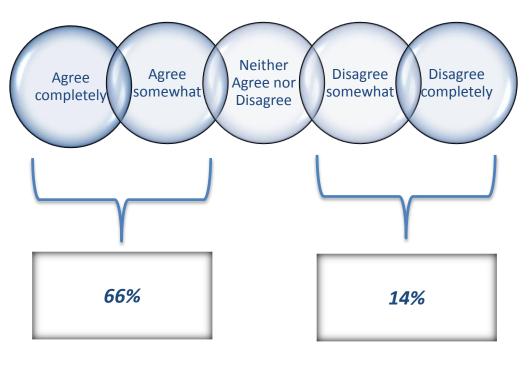






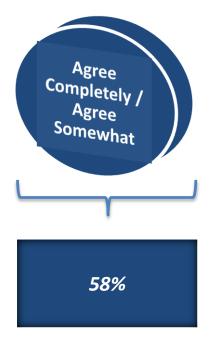
### Confidence of taking own financial decisions

# "I feel confident in my abilities to make important financial decisions"



All Base: 1585

"I rely on the help of financial professionals when making important financial decisions



All Base: 1585

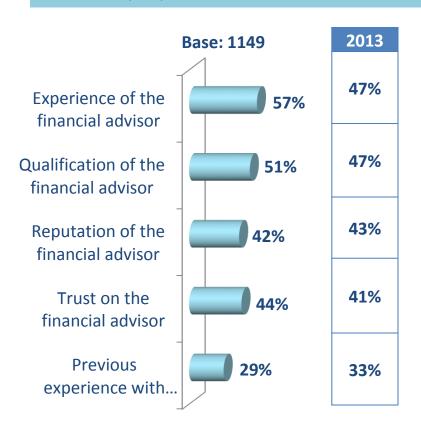
# Please rate your level of agreement with the following statements:

- "I feel confident in my abilities to make important financial decisions."
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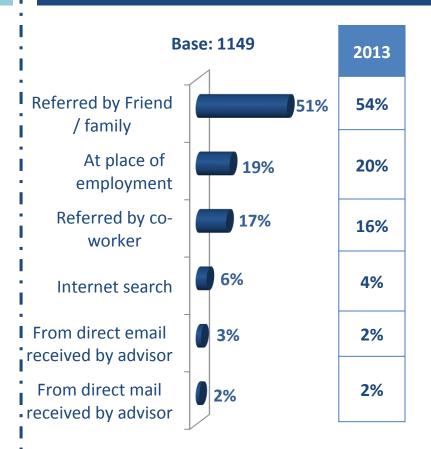
### Financial Advisors: Most Desirable Attributes

Experience (57%), Qualification (51%), Trust (44%) & Reputation (42%) are the key attributes that people look for in an advisor



# While consulting a financial advisor for investment decisions, what all attributes you look in an advisor?

Almost 70% people consult financial advisors referred by their friend / family & co-workers



# How did you find your financial advisor?



### Areas where financial advisor support needed

- Setting Financial Goals (54%), Tax Saving / planning (47%) & investment advice (46%) are the top 3 reasons for consulting a financial advisor
- Retirement planning also figures prominently with 41% respondents consulting financial advisor for the same

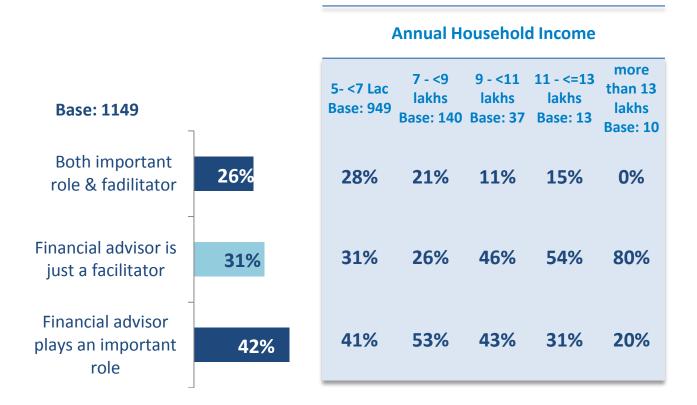
	Base: 1149	2013 Base: 1014
I consult my financial advisor for setting financial goals	54%	51%
I consult my financial advisor for tax saving	47%	47%
I consult my financial advisor to plan investments/for investment tips	46%	42%
I consult my financial advisor to plan retirement	41%	35%
I consult my financial advisor for filling tax returns	39%	35%
I consult my financial advisor to gain market knowledge	38%	34%
I consult my financial advisor to increase returns on my investments	35%	38%
I consult my financial advisor to invest for children's education, marriage etc.	30%	23%
I consult my financial advisors for completing financial transaction related formalities e.g. signing form etc.	16%	24%

# Could you please tell me in what areas does your financial advisor helps you or what areas would like you him/ her to help you?



### Perception of Role of Financial Advisor & Benefits

# Overall 68% respondents feel that Financial Advisor plays an important role



# Do you feel financial advisor plays an important role in your financial decisions or is he / she just a facilitator?



### Perception of Role of Financial Advisor & Benefits

Overall 61% respondents feel more financially confident after availing services of Financial Advisor

**Somewhat** financially confident (39%)Much more financially confident (22%)Base: 1585 61%

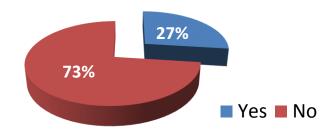
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### Reasons for not consulting a financial advisor

	Base: 357	2013 Base: 546
Know enough on my own	57%	55%
Don't want to pay a fee	54%	52%
Don't think I have enough savings or investments	37%	40%
Don't trust financial professionals	33%	37%
Rely on family, friends and/or coworkers for financial advice, guidance and/or products	34%	37%
Haven't taken the time to find one	25%	21%
Not sure how to go about finding a financial professional	21%	14%
Haven't been able to find a financial professional I can relate well with	16%	14%
Requires too much time	12%	11%

#### Willingness to Pay Fees (Base: 357)

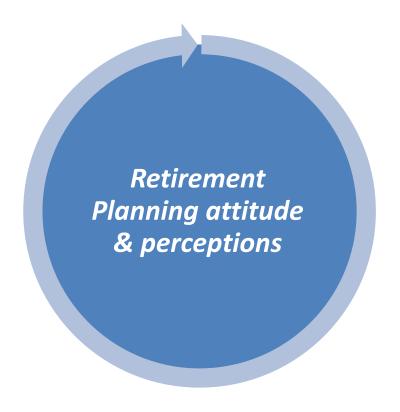


57% people cite knowledge (know enough on their own) as the foremost reason for not consulting a financial advisor

27% of those not consulting a financial advisor are willing to pay fees for financial advice in future

# You mentioned you do your own investments, could you please share the top 3 reasonss for not consulting a financial advisor? # What if you decide to consult a financial advisor, will you be willing to pay a fee for the financial advice?







### **Outlook on Post Retirement Finances**

Staying happy & stress free (56%) and having enough savings (49%) are the main thoughts for post retirement finances

	All Base: 1585	2013 All Base: 1664
I want to save enough for my retirement	56%	45%
I want to be happy and stress free post retirement	49%	48%
I have never thought about it truly speaking	48%	44%
I have already started investing/ saving for my retirement	39%	34%
I have enough family wealth/ property which will take care of my needs during retirement	32%	23%
I expect my children to partially help me at the time of retirement	27%	16%
I expect my children to take care of my retirement	12%	12%



### **Targeted Age of Retirement**

### 65% plan to retire between 56-60 years of age







### **Retirement Planning Start Age**

Overall 49% people claim to have started investing for retirement at age of 26 – 30 years

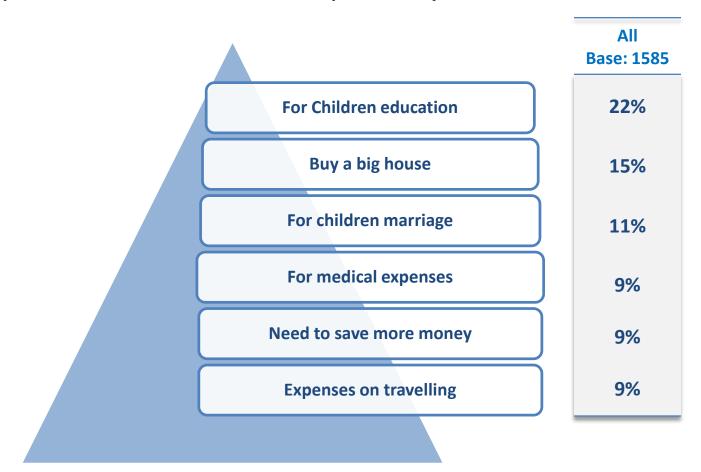


All Base: 1585 All Base: 1664



### **Top Aspirations Post Retirement**

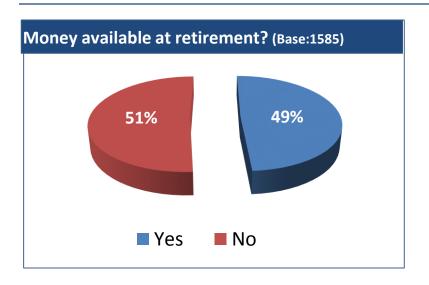
Children education (22%), Buying a house (15%) & children marriage are the Top 3 aspirations post retirement. Travel also features prominently in the list

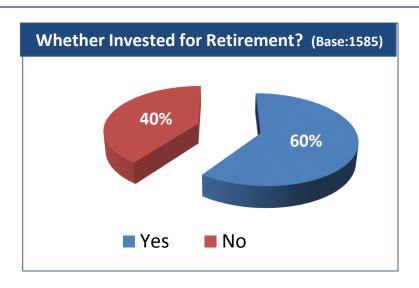


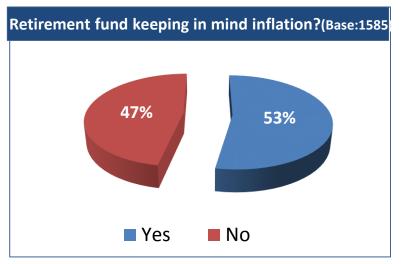
#Can you please tell me what your top 3 aspirations after retirement are? By aspirations I mean, what are all the things which you want to do after you retire? Please mention your top 3 aspirations.



### **Perceptions of Preparedness for Post Retirement Finances**







- 49% people claim to know how much money they require post retirement
- 60% people say they have invested for their retirement
- Only 53 % people keep inflation in mind for retirement funds



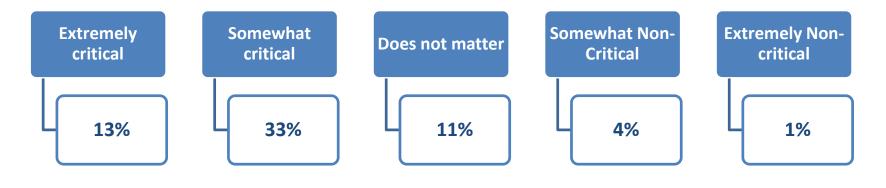






### **Importance of Employee Benefits**

**46%** respondents feel that employee benefits are critical for employee retention / better performance

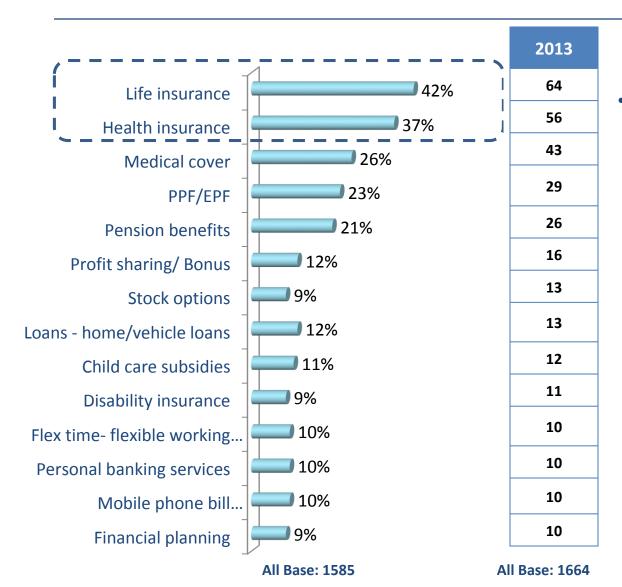


All Base: 1585

# Thinking about overall employee benefits, according to you how critical are employee benefits for employee retention / better performance etc. Kindly use the rating scale as shown?



### **Key Employee Benefits Offered by the Employer**



- Life Insurance (42%) and Health Insurance (37%) are the most commonly offered employee benefits by employer
- Few Employers have begun offering financial planning benefits to their employees



# Could you please tell me what all benefit programs is your employer currently providing/offering you?

### Satisfaction Levels with Key Employee Benefits Offered

	All	2013	
Education Program to improve health & reduce health risks	70%	42%	<ul> <li>Health Education Programs, Tuition reimbursement, Mobile Reimbursement, Lega services, and Loans are the top 5 benefits with highest satisfaction levels</li> </ul>
Tuition re-imbursement	61%	45%	
Mobile phone bill reimbursement	61%	40%	
Legal services	59%	49%	
Loans- home/ vehicle loans	59%	37%	
Financial planning	56%	58%	
Parking facility	54%	54%	Financial Planning benefit
Profit sharing/ Bonus	53%	55%	also scores very highly amongst the employee benefits with highest satisfaction levels
Medical Cover	<b>52%</b>	47%	
Health Insurance	<b>52%</b>	46%	
Disability Insurance	50%	62%	
Child care subsidies	49%	49%	
Personal banking services	49%	49%	
Pension benefits	48%	43%	
Flexible working hours	47%	43%	
Life Insurance	46%	47%	
PPF/ EPF	45%	43%	
Stock options	43%	51%	

# Out of these, could you please tell me how satisfied/dissatisfied are you with each of the benefits offered by your employer?



### Research Methodology & Design

- The Principal Financial Well Being Index: Indian Households has been conducted with Nielsen & Company during the last quarter of 2014.
- The study was conducted in 11 cities Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Pune, Chandigarh, Lucknow & Jaipur and a total of 1585 Indian households were interviewed.
- The respondent profile is:
  - Age 25 to 60 years,
  - SEC A & B, Annual household income of INR 5 lac+
  - Salaried or self-employed professionals & employed full time/part time with either a small\*/medium\*/large\* sized company
- Quantitative research conducted using a structured questionnaire in a CAPI (Computer Aided Personal Interview) format.
- Interviews conducted at respondents' home. In a given household, only one member was interviewed.
- A given market has been divided into several zones and these have been further split by different starting points, in order to ensure sufficient randomness in the sample
- Quotas maintained for demographic parameters namely Age, SEC, Gender & Employment Status



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