Helping secure the future for millions

TIAA was founded in 1918 to help teachers retire with confidence. That mission grew to include those in healthcare and more, creating reliable income for their futures while they work to make a difference today.

Our commitment to doing the right thing—for our clients, employees and communities—has never wavered, and is why today, we’re an industry leader in building financially sound futures.

Recognized financial strength

- #1 not-for-profit retirement market provider in assets and participant accounts
- Among the highest rated insurance companies in the U.S. by four leading rating agencies
- TIAA has shared more than $79B in profits with our clients since 2000
- 600+ registered representatives

Proven performance

- Refinitiv Lipper has named TIAA a Best Mixed Assets Large Fund Company for five consecutive years
- TIAA Traditional Annuity has credited additional amounts every year since 1948
- TIAA is the largest manager of qualified plan stable value assets at $183.5 billion
- Ranked #1 for participant and life & annuity consumer websites

Morningstar ratings
- 90% of TIAA-CREF mutual funds and CREF annuities have expense ratios below the median in their respective categories
- 70% have received an overall rating of 4 or 5 stars across all asset classes

Real assets
- #1 manager of farmland assets and a Top 5 largest commercial real estate manager worldwide

Unmatched dedication

To our employees
- Named a World’s Most Ethical Company seven consecutive years
- Awarded a 100% rating on the Corporate Equality Index

To our communities
- #1 U.S. supporter of shareholder proposals on diversity, inclusion and social justice
- 24,600+ community volunteer hours logged by employees

And our planet
- Top 5 Sustainable Fund asset manager
- Committed to zero carbon emissions by 2050 for the TIAA General Account
1. Includes TIAA affiliate companies.

2. Includes unique institutional clients serviced by TIAA for either retirement or Keogh plans (prior versions of this fact-sheet utilized a more broadly inclusive definition of "institutions").

3. As of September 30, 2021 assets under management across Nuveen Investments affiliates and TIAA investment management teams are $1,331 billion.

4. As of December 31, 2020. Other benefits from TIAA include: surrender benefits and other withdrawals, death benefits, health insurance and disability insurance benefits, and all other policy proceeds paid.

5. Based on data from 53 providers in PLANSPONSOR magazine's 2020 DC Recordkeeping Survey, combined 457, 403(b) and money purchase plan data as of July 15, 2020.

6. For stability, claims-paying ability and overall financial strength, Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA) and TIAA-CREF Life Insurance Company (TIAA Life) are one of only three insurance groups in the United States to currently hold the highest possible rating from three of the four leading insurance company rating agencies: A.M. Best (A++ rating affirmed as of July 2021), Fitch (AAA rating affirmed as of November 2020) and Standard & Poor's (AA+ rating affirmed as of September 2021) and the second-highest possible rating from Moody's Investors Service (Aa1 rating affirmed as of May 2021). There is no guarantee that current ratings will be maintained. Ratings represent a company's ability to meet policyholders' obligations and do not apply to any product or service not fully backed by the issuer's claims-paying ability. The ratings also do not apply to the safety or the performance of the variable accounts or mutual funds, which will fluctuate in value.


8. Includes all Wealth Management Advisors and Financial Consultants

9. The Lipper Fund Awards are based on the Lipper Leader for Consistent Return rating, which is a risk-adjusted performance measure calculated over 36, 60 and 120 month periods. Lipper Leader fund ratings do not constitute and are not intended to constitute investment advice or an offer to buy or the solicitation of an offer to buy any security of any entity in any jurisdiction. For more information, see lipperfundawards.com. Lipper Fund Awards from Morningstar, ©2020 Morningstar. All rights reserved. Used under license. The award pertains only to the TIAA-CREF mutual funds in the mixed-asset category. Certain funds have fee waivers in effect. Without such waivers ratings could be lower. Past performance does not guarantee future results. For current performance, rankings and prospectuses, please visit the Research and Performance section on TIAA.org. The investment advisory services, strategies and expertise of TIAA Investments, a division of Nuveen, are provided by Teachers Advisors, LLC and TIAA-CREF Investment Management, LLC (TIAA-CREF Individual & Institutional Services, LLC, and Nuveen Securities, LLC, Members FINRA, distribute securities products).

10. Based on Morningstar Direct (as of September 30, 2021) expense comparisons by category, excluding Money Market products. Actual percentage is 90.2%. TIAA-CREF mutual fund and CREF variable annuity products are subject to various fees and expenses, including but not limited to management, administrative, and distribution fees; our variable annuity products have an additional mortality and expense risk charge. Excludes the class W shares, which are not available for purchase by retail investors.

11. Morningstar ratings are based on each mutual fund (institutional share class) or variable annuity account's (lowest cost) share class and include U.S. open-end mutual funds, CREF Variable Accounts and the Life Funds. The Morningstar Rating™—or "star rating"—is calculated for managed products (including mutual funds, variable annuity and variable life subaccounts, exchange-traded funds, closed-end funds and separate accounts) with at least a three-year history. Exchange-traded funds and open-ended mutual funds are considered a single population for comparative purposes. The rating is calculated based on a Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measure that accounts for variation in a managed product's monthly excess performance, placing more emphasis on downward variations and rewarding consistent performance. Morningstar ratings may be higher or lower on a monthly basis. The top 10% of funds or accounts in each product category receive five stars, the next 22.5% receive four stars and the next 35% receive three stars. The overall star ratings are Morningstar's published ratings, which are derived from weighted averages of the performance figures associated with the three-, five-, and 10-year (if applicable) Morningstar Risk-Adjusted Return measures for the period ended September 30, 2021. Morningstar is an independent service that rates mutual funds. Past performance cannot guarantee future results. For current performance and ratings, please visit TIAA.org/public/investment-performance.

12. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Any guarantees under annuities issued by TIAA are subject to TIAA's claims-paying ability. TIAA Traditional is a guaranteed insurance contract and not an investment for federal securities law purposes. Interest in excess of the guaranteed amount is not guaranteed for periods other than the periods for which it is declared.

13. LIMRA 3Q4Q Stable Value and Funding Agreement Product Survey. Based on a survey of 18 insurance companies and 2 banks reporting $760.4 billion in stable value assets associated with qualified stable value assets. TIAA ranked first in total values.

14. DALBAR’s WebMonitor program continuously analyzes financial services websites to evaluate their effectiveness in maximizing their online presence by incorporating content and functionality in a consistent, appealing and user-friendly manner. DALBAR regularly publishes key findings of competitive intelligence and benchmarking data, spotlighting notable trends, best practices, and industry leaders, as of end of Q2 2021.

15. Pensions & Investments, October 4, 2021. Rankings based on total worldwide farmland assets under management for the 12 months ending June 30, 2021 as reported by each responding asset manager.


17. 2015 - 2021. The World's Most Ethical Company assessment is based upon the Ethisphere Institute's Ethics Quotient® (EQ) framework which offers a quantitative way to assess a company’s performance in an objective, consistent and standardized way. The information collected provides a comprehensive sampling of definitive criteria of core competencies, rather than all aspects of corporate governance, risk, sustainability, compliance and ethics. Scores are generated in five key categories: ethics and compliance program (35%), corporate citizenship and responsibility (20%), culture of ethics (20%), governance (15%) and leadership, innovation and reputation (10%) and provided to all companies who participate in the process. The full list of the 2020 World's Most Ethical Companies can be found at: https://www.worldsmostethicalcompanies.com/honorees/.


21. One of DiversityInc’s Top 50 Companies for the eighth year in a row 2015-2021.


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