

# TIAA Traditional Annuity Retirement Annuity (RA)

Guaranteed

As of 3/31/2017

## Account Description

The TIAA Traditional Annuity is a guaranteed annuity account backed by the claims-paying ability of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA). It guarantees your principal and a contractually specified minimum interest rate, plus it offers the opportunity for additional amounts in excess of this guaranteed rate. These additional amounts are declared on a year-by-year basis by the TIAA Board of Trustees.

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**A++**  
A.M. Best  
Company  
(as of 8/16)

**AAA**  
Fitch Ratings  
(as of 2/17)

**Aa1**  
Moody's Investors  
Service  
(as of 2/17)

**AA+**  
Standard & Poor's  
(as of 11/16)

For its stability, claims-paying ability and overall financial strength, TIAA is 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**, **Fitch** and **Standard & Poor's** and the second highest possible rating from **Moody's Investors Service**. There is no guarantee that current ratings will be maintained. The financial strength ratings represent a company's ability to meet policyholders' obligations and do not apply to variable annuities or any other product or service not fully backed by TIAA's claims-paying ability. The ratings also do not apply to the safety or the performance of the variable accounts, which will fluctuate in value.

## Learn More

For more information please contact:  
**800-842-2252**  
Weekdays, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. (ET),  
Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (ET),  
or visit [TIAA.org](http://TIAA.org)

## Performance

	Total Return		Average Annual Total Return				Since Inception
	3 Months	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
Retirement Annuity (RA)	0.97%	0.97%	4.10%	4.03%	4.04%	4.34%	-

Accumulations are credited with interest based on when contributions and transfers are received, and your performance will reflect your pattern of contributions. The returns shown in the table reasonably represent what an individual making level monthly premiums would have historically earned over the time periods. Returns for different time periods are calculated in two steps: monthly performance returns are calculated from an accumulation created by a series of level monthly premiums over the prior 10 years (or the inception date of the product if later), and those monthly returns are linked together to determine historical performance for each of the return periods shown.

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## Account Overview

TIAA Traditional is designed to be a core component of a diversified retirement savings portfolio. It has helped prepare millions of people like you with a solid foundation for retirement. Contributing to it gives you the peace of mind and certainty that you will have a "salary" in retirement that can help cover your basic, everyday living expenses without worrying about outliving your income. In up and down markets, TIAA Traditional preserves the value of your savings. In fact, your balance will grow every day – guaranteed. Our unique approach, consistent with TIAA's overall mission, may reward you with additional amounts of lifetime income the longer you have contributed to TIAA Traditional.

When you are ready, you can choose when and how much to convert to lifetime income so you can be certain you (and a spouse or partner you may choose to include) will have income you cannot outlive – a choice that only an annuity can provide. If you can cover your basic living expenses with a TIAA Traditional Annuity you will be able to use the other money you have saved for discretionary purposes.

For Retirement Annuity (RA) contracts, TIAA Traditional guarantees your principal and a 3% minimum annual interest rate for all premiums remitted since 1979. The account also offers the opportunity for additional amounts in excess of the guaranteed rate. When declared, additional amounts remain in effect for the twelve-month period that begins each March 1.

## Participant Transfers, Withdrawals and Income Options

TIAA Traditional is designed primarily to help meet your long-term retirement income needs; it is not a short-term savings vehicle. Therefore, some contracts require that benefits are paid in installments over time and/or may impose surrender charges on certain withdrawals. TIAA has rewarded participants who save in contracts where benefits are paid in installments over time instead of in an immediate lump-sum by crediting higher interest rates, typically 0.50% to 0.75% higher. Higher rates will lead to higher account balances and more retirement income for you.

For Retirement Annuity (RA) contracts lump-sum withdrawals are not available from the TIAA Traditional account. Subject to the terms of your employer's plan, all withdrawals and transfers from the account must be paid in ten annual installments.

After termination of employment additional income options may be available including income for life, interest-only payments, and IRS required minimum distribution payments. We provide a wide selection of income choices because we know that individual goals and needs differ. To find out more, call us at **800-842-2252**.



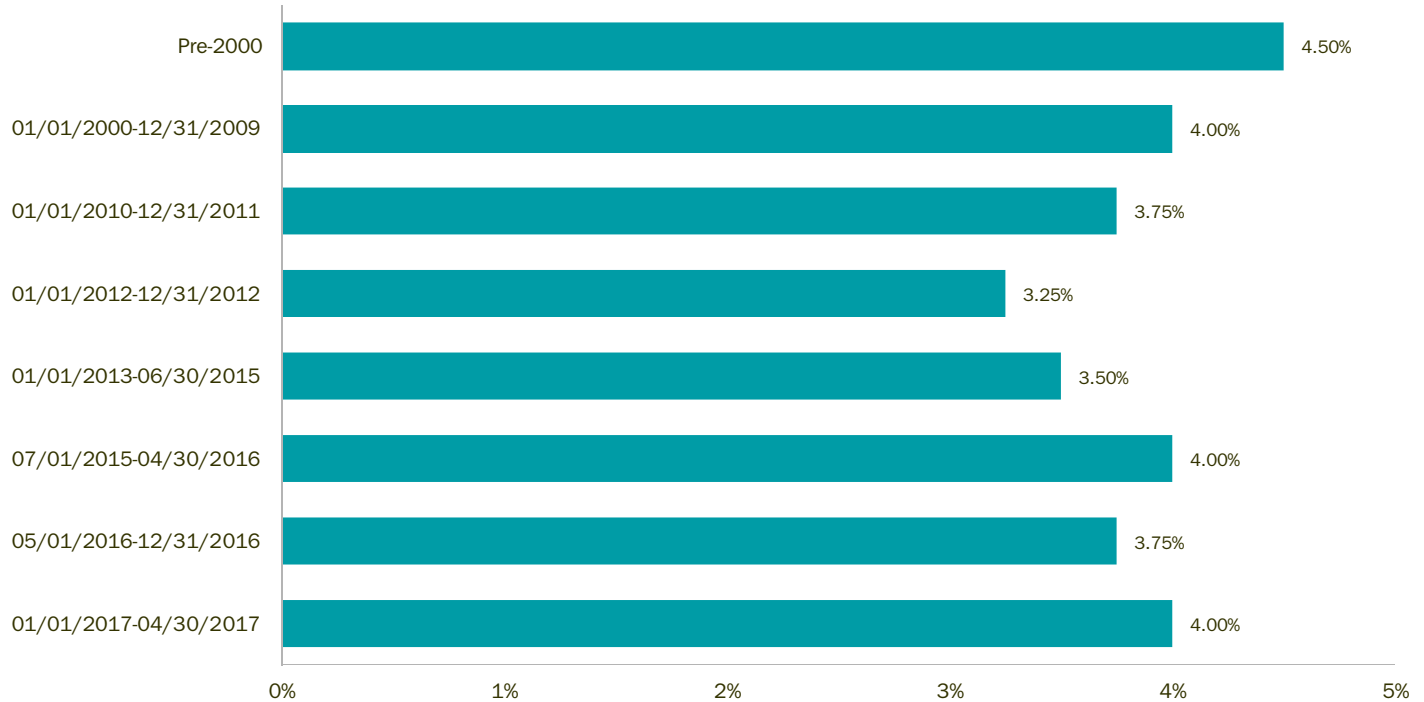
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### Accumulating Stage Total Rate (Guaranteed Plus Additional Amounts)



Rates for premiums applied during the dates above.<sup>1</sup>

The dates above specify “vintages”—periods in which TIAA received a premium or transfer or credited additional amounts. The rates shown are currently in effect for each vintage and will remain so through February 28, 2018. For current information on rates credited to TIAA Traditional Annuities, visit our website at [TIAA.org](http://TIAA.org). Additional amounts are not guaranteed for the future years.

## Important Information

<sup>1</sup> Interest on accumulations credited to TIAA Traditional Annuities in the accumulating stage includes a guaranteed amount (3% for current premiums in RA contracts), plus additional amounts that may be declared on a year-by-year basis and are not guaranteed for future years. For information about current rates on additional amounts, visit our website at [TIAA.org](http://TIAA.org). Guarantees under the TIAA Traditional Annuity are backed by TIAA's claims-paying ability.

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