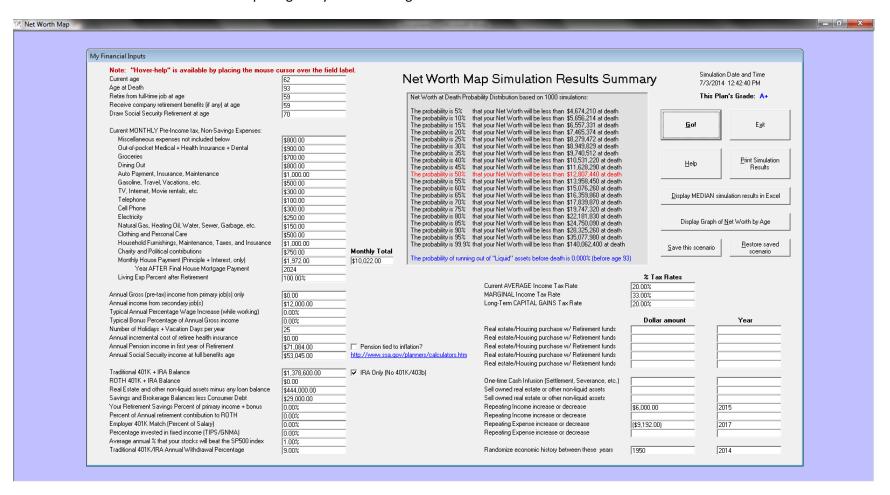
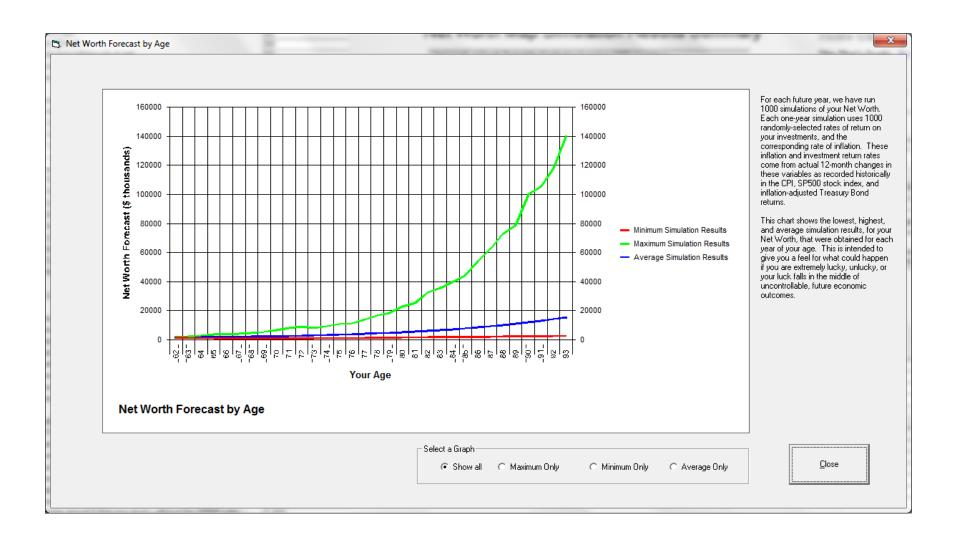
NetWorthMap™ Screen Shots

This is the main screen where you input your personal information and see the results of 1000 market history-based simulations. The simulation result in red is the median of all 1000 projections of your net worth at death.

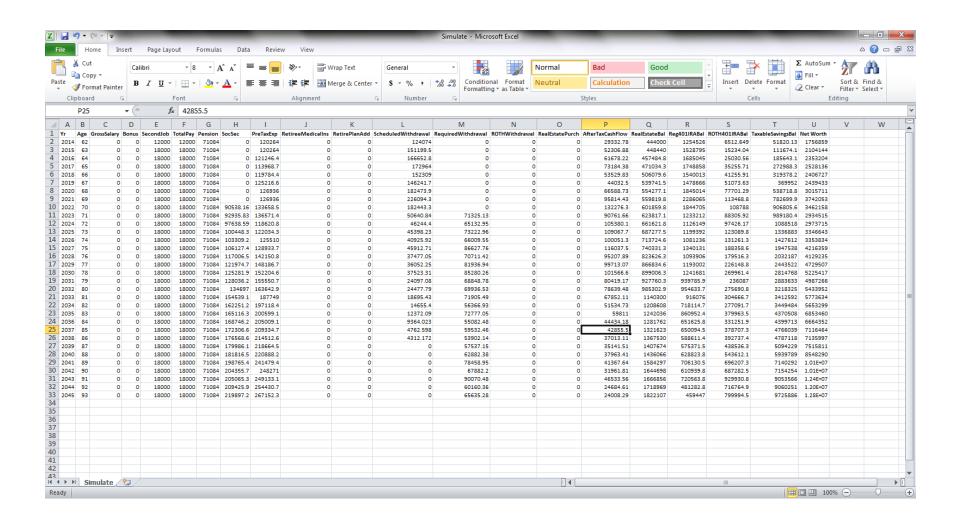
Note that each field label has "hover help" to guide you in entering correct information.



Clicking the "Display Graph of Net Worth by Age" button will display the following chart. Please refer to the explanation on the right side of this page to help you interpret your results.



Clicking the "Display MEDIAN simulation results in Excel" button will show you detailed calculations by year for the median simulation result (in red). Note that you do not need to have Excel on your computer for NetWorthMap to function, but it is necessary to see these year-by-year details.



Pressing the "Help" button displays the following screen. Note that there is a link at the bottom of this page to an online investment primer that will help you get the most out of NetWorthMap™.

Background information

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There are elements of your financial life over which you have a relatively large amount of control (expenditures), some control (earnings), and little or no control (inflation, interest rates, and overall stock market returns). NetWorthMap lets you experiment with the elements that you can control, and then determines the odds that your financial plan will lead to your financial success both during your working years and in retirement. It does this by analyzing the actual year-over-year stock market returns and inflation rates that have occurred since 1950. NetWorthMap uses Monte Carlo simulation to randomize the historical sequence of good and bad years for financial markets, but all analysis is based upon the historical probability of different stock market returns and the corresponding inflation rate.

We urge you to take the time to enter realistic and accurate personal expenditure and investment balance information in order to avoid "garbage-in, garbage-out" results. In addition, we urge you to revisit NetWorthMap every six months at a minimum as several of your inputs may have changed, and some of these changes may be significant enough to cause important changes to the financial plan that NetWorthMap helps you create.

How it works:

NetWorthMap determines your after-tax (A.T.) cash flow for each future year based upon your current income and expenditure inputs. If your A.T. cash flow for the year is positive and if you have earned income, the positive A.T. cash flow is added to your ROTH accounts (up to the maximum allowed by law.) Any amount in excess of that added to your ROTH account(s) is assumed to be added to a taxable savings/brokerage account. If your A.T. cash flow is negative and you are not yet retired, funds are assumed to be withdrawn from your taxable savings/brokerage account. If A.T. cash flow is negative and you are retired, the order of withdrawal is: taxable savings/brokerage account, then traditional IRA/401K, and finally ROTH 401K/IRA. However, if you are over 70 years old, withdrawals come automatically, and first, from the traditional IRA/401K balance. If more withdrawals are needed to meet your A.T. cash requirements, ROTH withdrawals are always last, and occur only if you run out of money to withdraw from your taxable investment and savings accounts.

What do the results mean?

The "Simulation Results" table gives you a probability distribution of your Net Worth at death. Net Worth is defined as the total of what you are expected to have in ALL of your investment accounts and in tangible real estate. (Tangible Real Estate does not include REITs, which should appear in your investment accounts.)

We also calculate the probability that you will run out of the cash you need to meet day-to-day living expenses. Even though you might have a substantial Net Worth at death, some of the simulations we run might show that the balance in your investment accounts dips to zero at some point in the future because required savings withdrawals to meet your cash flow needs exceed your projected savings balance. Note that we disregard the value of your tangible Real Estate when making this calculation because it is difficult to sell small chunks of your Real Estate in order to meet day-to-day living expenses. If the probability that you will run out of cash is greater than 5.0%, you should modify your spending plan and possibly increase the fixed income portion of your investments.

NetWorthMap investing tutorial:

http://www.flexaccounts2.com/NetWorthMap/Invest.pdf

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