

Symetra Allocation Index (AI) Strategies

Understanding the VIX[®] Index



Licensed exclusively to Symetra for use in our indexed universal life insurance Allocation Index (AI) Strategies, the VIX Index is the gauge we use to direct client allocations to either the S&P 500[®] Index account (when volatility is lower) or JPMorgan ETF Efficient[®] 5 Index account (when volatility is higher).

Talk to your insurance professional to learn more about the VIX Index and Symetra AI Strategies.

A globally recognized gauge of U.S. equity market volatility

For many people, market volatility is an important consideration when it comes to their money. Volatility can be measured using actual historic price changes (realized volatility) or it can be a measure of expected future volatility that's implied by option prices. The Cboe Volatility Index[®]—more commonly known as the VIX[®] Index—is a financial benchmark designed to be a real-time measure of market sentiment and expectations of *future volatility*.

Key VIX Index features

- A real-time market index representing the market's expectations for volatility over the next 30 days.
- Derived from S&P 500 Index options over a wide range of strike prices.
- While it only measures S&P 500 Index volatility, it's also used as a benchmark for the entire U.S. stock market.
- Used by investors to measure the level of risk, fear or stress in the market when making investment decisions.
- A forward-looking measurement, as opposed to realized (or actual) volatility, which measures the variability of historical (or known) prices.
- Has historical data back to 1990.
- Created by the Chicago Board Options Exchange (Cboe) and is maintained by Cboe Global Markets.

How the VIX Index works

- Calculated in real-time using the prices of S&P 500 Index options.
- Only S&P 500 Index options with more than 23 days and less than 37 days to the Friday S&P 500 Index expiration are used in calculations.
- Estimates expected volatility by aggregating the weighted prices of the S&P 500 Index puts and calls over a wide range of strike prices.
- If the VIX value increases, the S&P 500 is likely falling (implying higher volatility). If its value decreases, the S&P 500 is likely experiencing stability (implying lower market volatility).

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