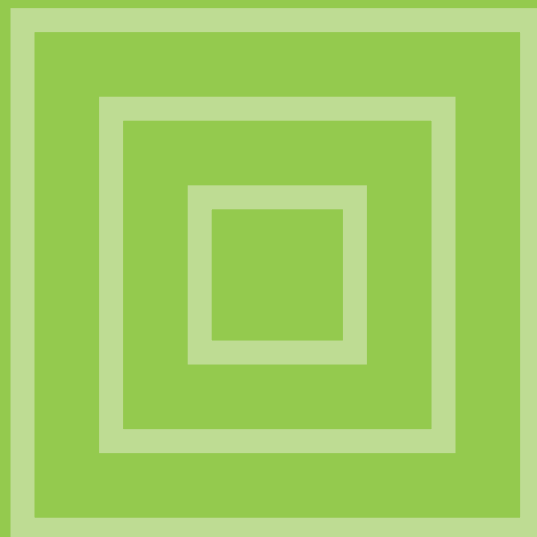




# Brighthouse Shield® Level II Annuity

Customize a Strategy



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# How a Brighthouse Shield Level II Annuity Can Diversify a Portfolio

A Brighthouse Shield® Level II Annuity offers growth opportunities by tracking the performance of well-known market indices. And with a level of downside protection, it can help limit the impact of market volatility.<sup>1</sup> Plus, a Shield Level II Annuity features no annual fees.<sup>2</sup>

Sound like a good strategy? This guide lets you plug in your numbers to see this annuity in action.



## Protect retirement assets

A Brighthouse Shield Level II Annuity provides a level of protection to help ensure that losses are limited when markets turn volatile.



## Participate in growth opportunities

With a Shield Level II Annuity, balance is built in. This means that even with a guaranteed level of protection, there are opportunities to take advantage of market growth.



## Pay no annual fees

Unlike many financial products, there are no annual fees with a Shield Level II Annuity.

# Let's Get Started

To see how a Shield Level II Annuity can be customized, refer to the information below and complete the worksheet on the next page.

- 01 **Purchase Payment** – Also known as the premium, this is the portion of retirement assets placed into the contract.
- 02 **Term** – This is the number of years that a Shield Option (associated term, index, level of protection, and rate crediting type) is in effect. Your financial professional can provide you with term lengths that are available within your contract.
- 03 **Index** – The annuity can track your choice of indices: S&P 500® Index, Russell 2000® Index, MSCI EAFE Index, and Nasdaq-100® Index.<sup>A,B,C,D</sup>
- 04 **Shield Rate (level of protection)** – This offers some protection for your investment up to a certain percentage. Your financial professional can provide the options available.
- 05 **Rate Crediting Type** – Growth opportunities are based on the elected rate crediting type. There are three rate options to choose from. Cap Rate is the maximum rate that can be earned at the end of the term based on index performance. For an uncapped Shield Option, the Performance Rate that may be credited is equal to the index performance, subject to the Shield Rate. Step Rate credits a predetermined percentage of growth if index performance is either flat or up at the end of the term. Step Rate Edge credits a predetermined percentage of growth, called the Edge Rate, if index performance is greater than or equal to the Shield Rate at the end of the term. In exchange for a predetermined percentage of growth, Step Rates and Edge Rates are generally lower than Cap Rates for the same Shield Options. Additionally, Edge Rates are generally lower than Step Rates for the same Shield Options. Rates will vary based on the selected term, index, and level of protection. The Performance Lock<sup>3</sup> feature allows the contract owner to lock the Interim Value of a Shield Option once during a term. Interim Value is the value of each Shield Option on any business day other than the term start date and term end date. The Interim Value is determined at the end of the business day when Performance Lock is exercised. The Interim Value, reduced by the dollar amount of any subsequent withdrawals (including any applicable withdrawal charges), will be used as the value of that Shield Option for the remainder of the term. Once Performance Lock is exercised, it is irrevocable for the remainder of the term and subject to transfers in accordance with the transfer rules.  
  
New contract rates can be obtained from your financial professional or on [www.brighthousefinancial.com/products/rates](http://www.brighthousefinancial.com/products/rates).
- 06 **Average Index Price Returns** – These are the historical 1-, 2-, 3-, and 6-year price returns of the available indices on a rolling monthly basis (referred to as observations). Reference the historical index price returns table on page 04 to find this percentage.
- 07 **Historical Success Rate** – Using historical price returns of the available indices, this is the likelihood that the investment will either stay flat because losses are fully protected by the Shield Rate or increase in value over the course of the term. This number can be found on page 04.



## See the numbers in action

Customize the Shield Level Annuity by filling in the numbered boxes using the information from the preceding page.

### 03 Index

- ☐ S&P 500 Index
- ☐ Russell 2000 Index
- ☐ MSCI EAFE Index
- ☐ Nasdaq-100 Index

01 Purchase Payment

02 Term

05 Rate Crediting Type

06 Average Index  
Price Return

07 Historical  
Success Rate

04 Shield Rate



## Shield Level II Annuities – built to help you reach your goals

Choosing a Shield Level Annuity for a portion of your retirement assets provides exposure to equities by tracking the performance of well-known market indices. And with the built-in level of protection offered, you can focus on staying invested for the long haul, knowing that a portion of your assets is protected should index loss occur.

Helping to smooth out the highs and lows that come with investing in equities can make a Shield Level Annuity a valuable part of your retirement portfolio.



## Historical index price returns

The table below reflects the historical 1-, 2-, 3-, and 6-year price returns of the available indices on a rolling monthly basis (referred to as observations) since their respective inception dates. Rolling monthly periods include returns in overlapping cycles starting the last day of each month. For example, Jan. 31, 2023 through Jan. 31, 2024, followed by Feb. 28, 2023 through Feb. 29, 2024, are overlapping 1-year rolling periods.

	S&P 500 Index Jan. 1957 – Dec. 2024				Russell 2000 Index Jan. 1979 – Dec. 2024				MSCI EAFE Index Jan. 1970 – Dec. 2024				Nasdaq-100 Index Feb. 1985 – Dec. 2024			
	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	6-Year	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	6-Year	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	6-Year	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	6-Year
Average Return	8.68%	17.57%	26.73%	59.74%	10.62%	20.25%	30.32%	66.14%	8.19%	17.43%	26.74%	59.30%	17.48%	37.57%	59.50%	152.80%
Total Observations	804	792	780	744	540	528	516	480	648	636	624	588	467	455	443	407
% of Total Gains	73.51%	82.07%	83.33%	87.10%	70.00%	81.06%	87.98%	99.58%	66.51%	68.08%	71.47%	87.24%	82.23%	85.27%	86.91%	93.37%
% of Total Losses	26.49%	17.93%	16.67%	12.90%	30.00%	18.94%	12.02%	0.42%	33.49%	31.92%	28.53%	12.76%	17.77%	14.73%	13.09%	6.63%

Source: Bloomberg, January 2025.

## Historical success rate

This table shows the percentage of times losses would not have exceeded the Shield Rate.

	S&P 500 Index Jan. 1957 – Dec. 2024				Russell 2000 Index Jan. 1979 – Dec. 2024				MSCI EAFE Index Jan. 1970 – Dec. 2024				Nasdaq-100 Index Feb. 1985 – Dec. 2024			
	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	6-Year	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	6-Year	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	6-Year	1-Year	2-Year	3-Year	6-Year
Shield 10	86.94%	89.52%	89.10%	95.16%	84.07%	89.20%	92.25%	100.00%	82.56%	81.92%	82.69%	92.18%	87.58%	89.89%	90.52%	93.61%
Shield 15	92.29%	91.41%	91.41%	97.85%	89.63%	92.99%	93.60%	100.00%	89.35%	86.79%	86.06%	93.88%	89.51%	90.77%	91.65%	93.86%
Shield 25	97.39%	–	–	99.19%	97.41%	–	–	100.00%	95.83%	–	–	99.49%	91.65%	–	–	94.35%

Source: Bloomberg, January 2025.

Past performance does not guarantee future results. Market indices referenced are not managed and are used as a measurement of the value of a section of the stock market. Information about indices is provided to illustrate historical market trends and does not represent the performance of any specific investment. Performance does not include dividends. Brighthouse Shield Level II Annuities are index-linked annuities, which means they track the performance of one or more market indices and do not invest directly in the markets.



# Build a Brighter Future

Your financial professional can help you determine if a Brighthouse Shield Level II Annuity can work for a portion of your retirement assets.

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- <sup>2</sup> Withdrawals may be subject to withdrawal charges.
- <sup>3</sup> Once Performance Lock is exercised, it is irrevocable for the remainder of the term. It is possible to lock the Interim Value when it is below the investment amount. If Performance Lock is exercised when the Interim Value is less than the investment amount, the contract owner will lock in any loss, which could be below the Shield Rate. The locked Interim Value could be less than if the contract owner chose not to exercise Performance Lock and waited for the Performance Rate adjustment to be applied on the term end date. The locked Interim Value will not fluctuate for the rest of the term, except for being reduced by withdrawals.

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