



# Brighthouse Shield® Level II Annuity

## Historical Price Returns



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# Understanding Your Index Choices

Over the long term, history has shown that equities can be a powerful way to help grow your assets and keep pace with inflation. But caution is warranted. Over the short term, equities don't always travel in an upward direction and may stumble.

A Brighthouse Shield® Level II Annuity can help you invest for the long term and feel more comfortable with the amount of risk you're taking. With a Shield Level II Annuity, you can help protect a portion of your retirement assets and participate in growth opportunities by tracking the performance of well-known market indices. These indices are diversified among large-cap, small-cap, and international stocks.<sup>1</sup> You can use this guide to help familiarize yourself with the indices a Shield Level Annuity can track and review their historical annual price returns.<sup>2</sup>

## Historical Annual Price Returns



Source: Bloomberg, January 2025.

## You can choose from:

■ S&P 500® Index<sup>A</sup> ■ Russell 2000® Index<sup>B</sup> ■ MSCI EAFE Index<sup>C</sup> ■ Nasdaq-100® Index<sup>D</sup>

A Shield Level II Annuity immediately puts money to work and allows participation in some of the growth opportunities the market offers up to the rate crediting type. At the end of each term, the index value at the beginning and end of the term will be compared – factoring in the Shield Rate (level of protection) as well as the rate crediting type – which will result in a new account value. See the fact card for more details. Your financial professional can also tell you which options and indices are available with your Shield Level Annuity.

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## S&P 500 Index

This index represents 500 large-cap stocks from leading companies in leading industries of the U.S. economy, capturing approximately 80% coverage of U.S. equities. The S&P 500 Index does not include dividends declared by any of the companies in this index.

### Historical Performance Since 1957

Year	Starting Value	Ending Value	Annual Price Return	Year	Starting Value	Ending Value	Annual Price Return
1957	46.67	39.99	-14.31	1991	330.22	417.09	26.31
1958	39.99	55.21	38.06	1992	417.09	435.71	4.46
1959	55.21	59.89	8.48	1993	435.71	466.45	7.06
1960	59.89	58.11	-2.97	1994	466.45	459.27	-1.54
1961	58.11	71.55	23.13	1995	459.27	615.93	34.11
1962	71.55	63.10	-11.81	1996	615.93	740.74	20.26
1963	63.10	75.02	18.89	1997	740.74	970.43	31.01
1964	75.02	84.75	12.97	1998	970.43	1229.23	26.67
1965	84.75	92.43	9.06	1999	1229.23	1469.25	19.53
1966	92.43	80.33	-13.09	2000	1469.25	1320.28	-10.14
1967	80.33	96.47	20.09	2001	1320.28	1148.08	-13.04
1968	96.47	103.86	7.66	2002	1148.08	879.82	-23.37
1969	103.86	92.06	-11.36	2003	879.82	1111.92	26.38
1970	92.06	92.15	0.10	2004	1111.92	1211.92	8.99
1971	92.15	101.95	10.79	2005	1211.92	1248.29	3.00
1972	101.95	118.05	15.63	2006	1248.29	1418.30	13.62
1973	118.05	97.55	-17.37	2007	1418.30	1468.36	3.53
1974	97.55	68.56	-29.72	2008	1468.36	903.26	-38.49
1975	68.56	90.19	31.55	2009	903.26	1115.10	23.45
1976	90.19	107.46	19.15	2010	1115.10	1257.64	12.78
1977	107.46	95.10	-11.50	2011	1257.64	1257.60	0.00
1978	95.10	96.11	1.06	2012	1257.60	1426.19	13.41
1979	96.11	107.94	12.31	2013	1426.19	1848.36	29.60
1980	107.94	135.76	25.77	2014	1848.36	2058.90	11.39
1981	135.76	122.55	-9.73	2015	2058.90	2043.94	-0.73
1982	122.55	140.64	14.76	2016	2043.94	2238.83	9.54
1983	140.64	164.93	17.27	2017	2238.83	2673.61	19.42
1984	164.93	167.24	1.40	2018	2673.61	2506.85	-6.24
1985	167.24	211.28	26.33	2019	2506.85	3230.78	28.88
1986	211.28	242.17	14.62	2020	3230.78	3756.07	16.26
1987	242.17	247.08	2.03	2021	3756.07	4766.18	26.89
1988	247.08	277.72	12.40	2022	4766.18	3839.50	-19.44
1989	277.72	353.40	27.25	2023	3839.50	4769.83	24.23
1990	353.40	330.22	-6.56	2024	4769.83	5881.63	23.31

Over the past 68 calendar years, the S&P 500 Index has experienced losses at the end of 18 of those years. Of those 18 down years:

- 5 years experienced a loss of greater than 15%
- 7 years experienced a loss of 10-15%
- 6 years experienced a loss of less than 10%

Historical annual price returns are not representative of past or future performance for any Shield Option. Actual performance may be greater or less than what is shown. Performance may differ due to the level of protection and rate crediting type. 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. Performance does not include the reinvestment of dividends.

## Russell 2000 Index

This index captures the performance of the small-cap segment of U.S. equities and includes approximately 2,000 of the smallest securities based on a combination of their market cap and current index membership. The Russell 2000 Index does not include dividends declared by any of the companies in this index.

### Historical Performance Since 1979

Year	Starting Value	Ending Value	Annual Price Return	Year	Starting Value	Ending Value	Annual Price Return
1979	40.52	55.91	37.98	2002	488.50	383.09	-21.58
1980	55.91	74.80	33.79	2003	383.09	556.91	45.37
1981	74.80	73.67	-1.51	2004	556.91	651.57	17.00
1982	73.67	88.90	20.67	2005	651.57	673.22	3.32
1983	88.90	112.27	26.29	2006	673.22	787.66	17.00
1984	112.27	101.49	-9.60	2007	787.66	766.03	-2.75
1985	101.49	129.87	27.96	2008	766.03	499.45	-34.80
1986	129.87	135.00	3.95	2009	499.45	625.39	25.22
1987	135.00	120.42	-10.80	2010	625.39	783.65	25.31
1988	120.42	147.37	22.38	2011	783.65	740.92	-5.45
1989	147.37	168.31	14.21	2012	740.92	849.35	14.63
1990	168.31	132.20	-21.45	2013	849.35	1163.64	37.00
1991	132.20	189.94	43.68	2014	1163.64	1204.70	3.53
1992	189.94	221.01	16.36	2015	1204.70	1135.89	-5.71
1993	221.01	258.59	17.00	2016	1135.89	1357.13	19.48
1994	258.59	250.36	-3.18	2017	1357.13	1535.51	13.14
1995	250.36	315.97	26.21	2018	1535.51	1348.56	-12.18
1996	315.97	362.61	14.76	2019	1348.56	1668.47	23.72
1997	362.61	437.02	20.52	2020	1668.47	1974.86	18.36
1998	437.02	421.96	-3.45	2021	1974.86	2245.31	13.69
1999	421.96	504.75	19.62	2022	2245.31	1761.25	-21.56
2000	504.75	483.53	-4.20	2023	1761.25	2027.07	15.09
2001	483.53	488.50	1.03	2024	2027.07	2230.16	10.02

**Over the past 46 calendar years, the Russell 2000 Index has experienced losses at the end of 14 of those years. Of those 14 down years:**

- 4 years experienced a loss of greater than 15%
- 2 years experienced a loss of 10-15%
- 8 years experienced a loss of less than 10%

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## MSCI EAFE Index

This index includes over 1,000 international stocks intended to measure major developed international equity markets in Europe, Australasia, and the Far East (EAFE). As of the date of the prospectus, the MSCI EAFE Index consists of the following 21 developed market country indices: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. The MSCI EAFE Index does not include dividends declared by any of the companies in this index. Index value and index performance are calculated without any exchange rate adjustment.

### Historical Performance Since 1970

Year	Starting Value	Ending Value	Annual Price Return	Year	Starting Value	Ending Value	Annual Price Return
1970	100.00	85.87	-14.13	1998	1188.39	1405.04	18.23
1971	85.87	108.32	26.14	1999	1405.04	1760.04	25.27
1972	108.32	144.37	33.28	2000	1760.04	1492.41	-15.21
1973	144.37	120.09	-16.82	2001	1492.41	1154.96	-22.61
1974	120.09	89.35	-25.60	2002	1154.96	952.65	-17.52
1975	89.35	117.24	31.21	2003	952.65	1288.77	35.28
1976	117.24	116.81	-0.37	2004	1288.77	1515.48	17.59
1977	116.81	133.88	14.61	2005	1515.48	1680.13	10.86
1978	133.88	172.59	28.91	2006	1680.13	2074.48	23.47
1979	172.59	175.72	1.81	2007	2074.48	2253.36	8.62
1980	175.72	209.13	19.01	2008	2253.36	1237.42	-45.09
1981	209.13	198.99	-4.85	2009	1237.42	1580.77	27.75
1982	198.99	189.78	-4.63	2010	1580.77	1658.30	4.90
1983	189.78	229.47	20.91	2011	1658.30	1412.55	-14.82
1984	229.47	240.98	5.02	2012	1412.55	1604.00	13.55
1985	240.98	368.64	52.98	2013	1604.00	1915.60	19.43
1986	368.64	614.89	66.80	2014	1915.60	1774.89	-7.35
1987	614.89	757.45	23.18	2015	1774.89	1716.28	-3.30
1988	757.45	959.40	26.66	2016	1716.28	1684.00	-1.88
1989	959.40	1047.86	9.22	2017	1684.00	2050.79	21.78
1990	1047.86	788.98	-24.71	2018	2050.79	1719.88	-16.14
1991	788.98	869.35	10.19	2019	1719.88	2036.94	18.44
1992	869.35	748.62	-13.89	2020	2036.94	2147.53	5.43
1993	748.62	976.90	30.49	2021	2147.53	2336.07	8.78
1994	976.90	1037.86	6.24	2022	2336.07	1943.93	-16.79
1995	1037.86	1135.63	9.42	2023	1943.93	2236.16	15.03
1996	1135.63	1185.56	4.40	2024	2236.16	2261.81	1.15
1997	1185.56	1188.39	0.24				

**Over the past 55 calendar years, the MSCI EAFE Index has experienced losses at the end of 18 of those years. Of those 18 down years:**

- 9 years experienced a loss of greater than 15%
- 3 years experienced a loss of 10-15%
- 6 years experienced a loss of less than 10%

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## Nasdaq-100 Index

This index measures the performance of 100 of the largest Nasdaq-listed non-financial companies. The Nasdaq-100 Index does not include dividends declared by any of the companies in this index.

### Historical Performance Since 1986

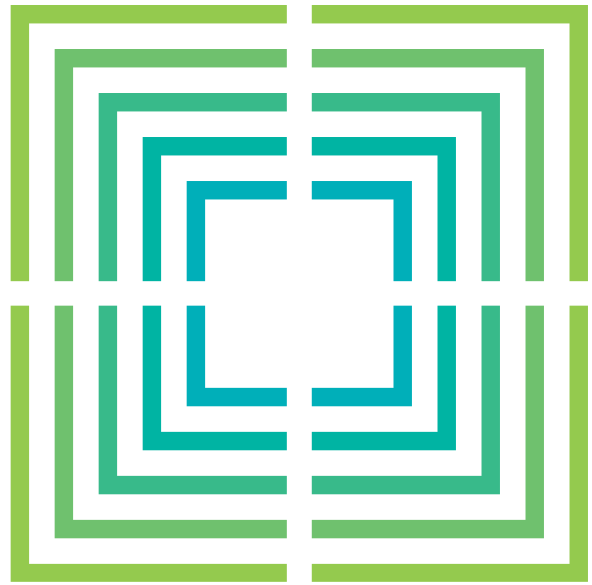
Year	Starting Value	Ending Value	Annual Price Return	Year	Starting Value	Ending Value	Annual Price Return
1986	132.29	141.41	6.89	2006	1645.20	1756.90	6.79
1987	141.41	156.25	10.49	2007	1756.90	2084.93	18.67
1988	156.25	177.41	13.54	2008	2084.93	1211.65	-41.89
1989	177.41	223.84	26.17	2009	1211.65	1860.31	53.54
1990	223.84	200.53	-10.41	2010	1860.31	2217.86	19.22
1991	200.53	330.86	64.99	2011	2217.86	2277.83	2.70
1992	330.86	360.19	8.86	2012	2277.83	2660.93	16.82
1993	360.19	398.28	10.58	2013	2660.93	3592.00	34.99
1994	398.28	404.27	1.50	2014	3592.00	4236.28	17.94
1995	404.27	576.23	42.54	2015	4236.28	4593.27	8.43
1996	576.23	821.36	42.54	2016	4593.27	4863.62	5.89
1997	821.36	990.80	20.63	2017	4863.62	6396.42	31.52
1998	990.80	1836.01	85.31	2018	6396.42	6329.96	-1.04
1999	1836.01	3707.83	101.95	2019	6329.96	8733.07	37.96
2000	3707.83	2341.70	-36.84	2020	8733.07	12888.28	47.58
2001	2341.70	1577.05	-32.65	2021	12888.28	16320.08	26.63
2002	1577.05	984.36	-37.58	2022	16320.08	10939.76	-32.97
2003	984.36	1467.92	49.12	2023	10939.76	16825.93	53.81
2004	1467.92	1621.12	10.44	2024	16825.93	21012.17	24.88
2005	1621.12	1645.20	1.49				

Over the past 39 calendar years, the Nasdaq-100 Index has experienced losses at the end of 7 of those years. Of those 7 down years:

- 5 years experienced a loss of greater than 15%
- 1 year experienced a loss of 10-15%
- 1 year experienced a loss of less than 10%

Rolling annual returns were used to provide the calculations above beginning with the Nasdaq inception date of 02/04/1985.

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# Brighthouse Shield Level II Annuity



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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

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