



## **Gen Y Insights and Engagement**

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<sup>1</sup>Source: LIMRA, Not-for-Profit Market Survey, fourth-quarter 2012 results. Based on a survey of 29 companies. TIAA-CREF ranked first in total assets. Ranking does not reflect investment performance.

<sup>2</sup>Source: LIMRA, Not-for-Profit Market Survey, fourth-quarter 2012 results. Average assets per participant based on full-service business. Please note average retirement account balances are not a measure of performance of TIAA-CREF retirement offerings.

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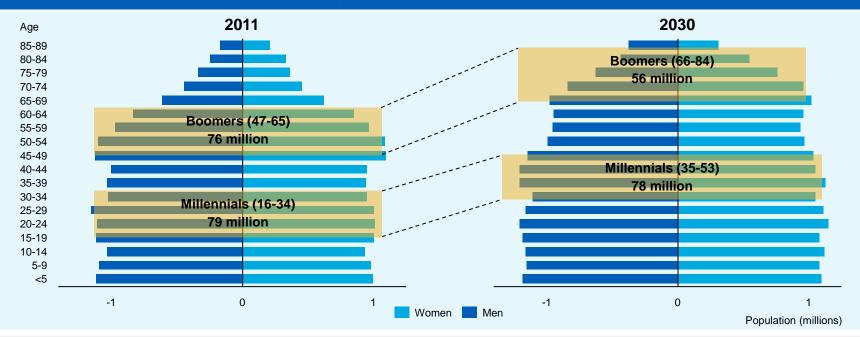


Student Loan	<ul> <li>Prevents young people from buying homes, starting businesses, preparing for retirement</li></ul>
Crisis	and impacts long-term economic spending and savings rates of the generation
Finding Solutions	<ul> <li>Ensuring that our future workforce is capable of competing in an increasingly competitive global marketplace</li> <li>Creating a dialogue that focuses on solutions: finding what works and putting those examples out there for others to build upon.</li> </ul>
Working with	<ul> <li>Focusing on developing the tools and resources needed to improve financial education</li></ul>
Council of	and planning skills, including debt management, among undergraduate and graduate
Graduate Schools	students
Role of	<ul> <li>The higher education community can take good ideas and make them larger, better, and</li></ul>
Institutions	repeatable.

## Today's Gen Y forms tomorrow's core



### Gen Y = Millennial, born 1978-1999 (aged 34 and under)



- Largest generation in US history is coming of age while the second-largest is retiring
- Will make up as much as **50% of US workforce by 2020**, doubling numbers in most industries
- Financial choices in early years have life-long impacts—now is the time to invest in Gen Y financial education and decision-making.

Source: U.N., Department of Economic and Social Affairs

## Challenging economy places focus on present needs



#### Employment is at lowest point since WWII...

- 1 in 2 recent grads unemployed or underemployed
- Gen Y employment rate has decreased nearly 20% since 2010
- 1 in 8 25-34 year olds (6M) living with parents; 25% increase since 2007

#### Unemployment rates by age, December 2012

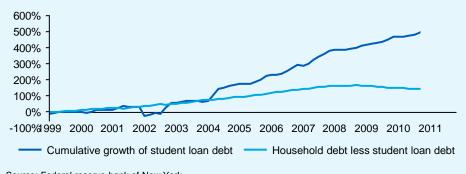


Sources: AP analysis, April 2012; Atlantic Monthly, Sept 2011

#### Student loans are at highest point in history...

- Outstanding student loan debt (\$1 trillion) now exceeds credit card debt
- Average loan debt of \$21,000; for graduate degreeholders, \$50,000, for medical, \$150,000+

Cumulative student debt growth since 1999



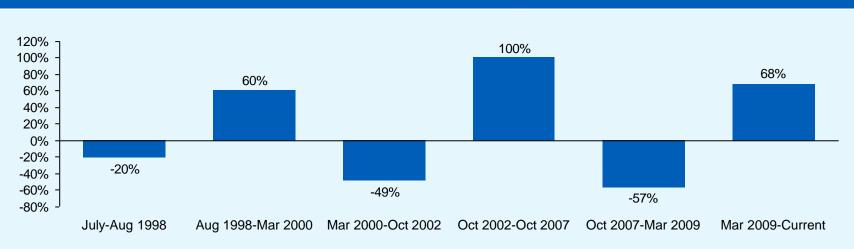
Sources: Student Loan Debt Clock, current; Project on Student Debt, 2011; Chronicle of Higher Ed, 2011; AAMC, Feb 2013. Loan debts are estimates; vary widely by institution and degree program.

Source: Federal reserve bank of New York

Source: Dëmos analysis of Bureau of labor statistics data

To build Gen Y retirement readiness, we must first solve their present-day concerns





Gen Y market experience: % change in S&P 500

- Not surprisingly, we must rebuild Gen Y investor confidence through education
  - 37% say they will never feel comfortable investing in the stock market compared to 29% of Gen X
  - 43% call themselves "conservative" investors, compared to 31% of Boomers
  - Low confidence drives Gen to hold 33% of their assets in cash

Addressing Gen Y financial confidence can have a big impact on long-term outcomes

Sources: Accenture report on "Generation D", Feb 2013; MFS Investing Sentiment Survey, Feb 2012

## Gen Y is diverse, but some common areas of influence



Their peers	Technology	Making a difference
<ul> <li>Highly social and connected, online and off</li> <li>Word of mouth, social are leading purchase influencers—little reliance on "company voice"</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Self-identified "defining characteristic."</li> <li>86% social media; 60% wireless internet; 40% cell only. Mobile is key</li> <li>Strong preference for online research/purchase and video-based information</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gen Y cultural norms are engaged/idealistic, particularly through social media</li> <li>49% Gen Y likely to make social investments (only 26% of Boomers)</li> </ul>
	Source: Boston Consulting Group, Apr 2013	Source: Spectrem, Feb 2013
Their parents	Online voice	Small rewards
<ul> <li>Their parents</li> <li>Frequent parental contact (daily/weekly.)</li> <li>68% say generational tensions weak/non-existent; 90% of parents say no major conflicts</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Online voice</li> <li>Online opinions from unknowns used as frequently as friends and family</li> <li>85% of online financial education happens in blogs and forums</li> <li>57% believe online financial advice equivalent to advisor</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Small rewards</li> <li>"Trophy" culture from an early age—all compete, all win</li> <li>67% of all Gen Y, virtually 100% of younger Gen Y, raised on video games</li> <li>Small "penalties" also effective</li> </ul>



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