

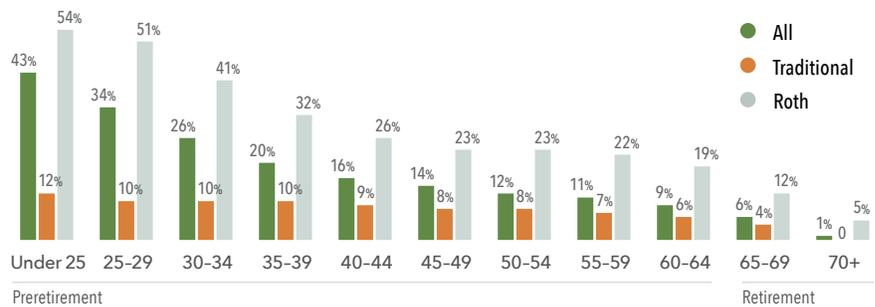
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# IRA Contribution, Withdrawal, and Asset Allocation Behavior by Age

## CONTRIBUTIONS

The percentage of Traditional IRAs receiving a contribution did not differ dramatically by age. Younger Roth IRA owners were materially more likely to contribute to their Roth IRA than were older Roth IRA owners.

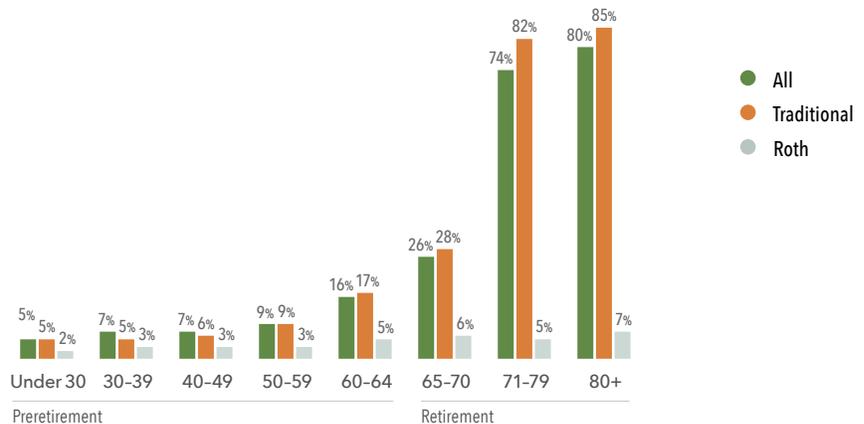
Percentage of IRAs That Received a Contribution, by Age in 2017



## WITHDRAWALS

Conversely, the percentage of Traditional IRA owners taking a withdrawal increased with age. The percentage of Roth IRA owners with a withdrawal increased negligibly as account owners aged. The sharp increase in the 71-or-older age group is consistent with the RMD<sup>1</sup> rules.

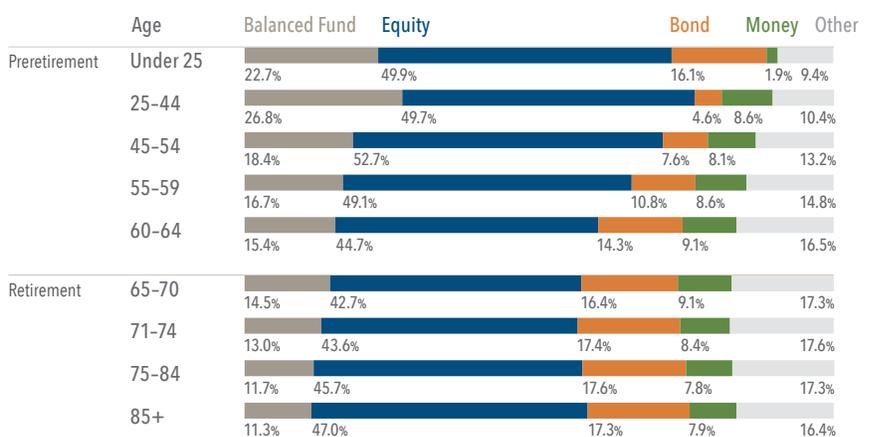
IRA Owners Taking a Withdrawal, by Age in 2017



## ASSET ALLOCATION

IRA equity allocations peaked by ages 45-54. Equities, including the equity portion of balanced funds, peaked for accounts owned by those ages 25-44. Those allocations then declined through ages 65-70.

IRA Asset Allocation, by Age in 2017



1. RMD = required minimum distribution.

SOURCE: Craig Copeland, "EBRI IRA Database: IRA Balances, Contributions, Rollovers, Withdrawals, and Asset Allocation, 2017 Update," EBRI Issue Brief, no. 513 (Employee Benefit Research Institute, September 17, 2020).