



# STATE PENSION CHANGES ON THE HORIZON

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## **UNDERESTIMATING STATE PENSION VALUES**

Although most of the respondents underestimated the value of their State Pension and admitted to not knowing the details of the reforms, two thirds of men and women regard it as important to their retirement income planning.

Of those surveyed, just under half of 55 to 64-year-olds were unsure as to whether or not they would be better off under the new State Pension system compared to the current one.

## **KEY PART OF GOVERNMENT REFORMS**

The flat rate State Pension is a key part of government reforms to the UK's retirement planning and will benefit savers by demonstrating the value of pension saving. But just under half of those aged between 55 and 64 who are about to retire have no understanding of whether or not they will be better off.

Women are more likely not to know the detail of the flat rate pension reforms – which require people to have worked and paid National Insurance contributions for

35 years – than men. Around 57% of women admitted to not knowing the details, compared with 43% of men.

Source: [1] Research for MetLife conducted online between 21–22 May among a nationally representative sample of 2,038 adults by independent market research firm ICM

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