

# S&P 500 6-Year Index Analysis

With a fixed-indexed or registered index-linked annuity from MassMutual Ascend Life Insurance Company, you can allocate funds to 6-year term indexed strategies that earn returns based on the S&P 500 Index. This index includes stocks issued by 500 of the top companies in leading industries in the U.S. economy. Let's take a closer look.

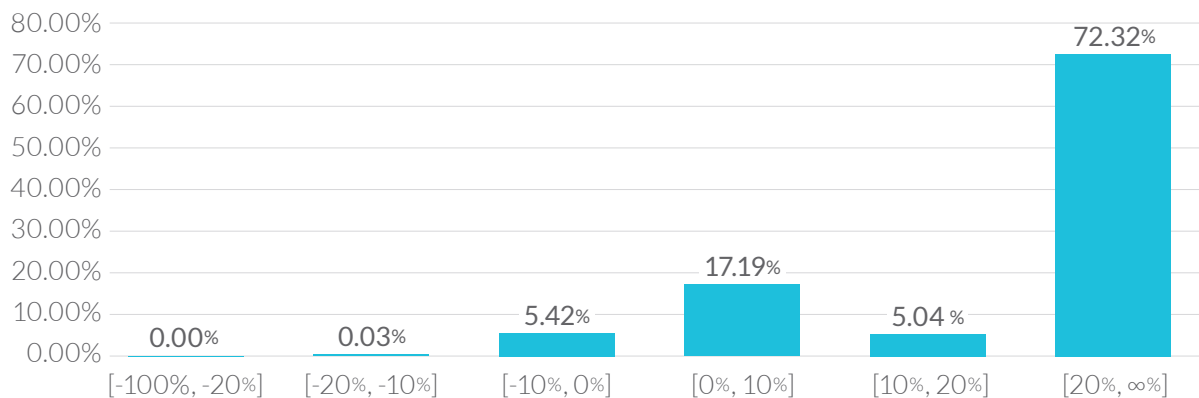
## S&P 500 returns using rolling periods

The data below uses 6-year rolling returns<sup>1</sup> of the S&P 500 price return index (SPX) from December 31, 2003 through December 31, 2023, for a total of 3,653<sup>2</sup> observations.

Average Performance			Positive Performance		Negative Performance	
Average Return	Average Gain	Average Loss	Maximum Return <sup>3</sup>	Num of Gains	Minimum Return <sup>4</sup>	Num of Losses
64.80%	68.74%	-3.39%	207.76%	3,454 (94.55%)	-10.39%	199 (5.45%)

## S&P 500 return distribution

Using the same data set and assumptions, the return distribution graph below illustrates how frequently the 6-year returns fell into specific ranges. The table below the graph shows the average return by range.



Return Range	[-100%, -20%]	[-20%, -10%]	[-10%, 0%]	[0%, 10%]	[10%, 20%]	[20%, ∞%]
Average S&P 500 Return by Range	N/A	-10.39%	-3.36%	5.34%	13.07%	87.68%

MassMutual Ascend first offered annuities with 6-year S&P 500 indexed strategies in May 2022.

<sup>1</sup>6-year rolling returns refers to every 6-year period that started on a business day after December 30, 2003 and ended before January 1, 2024.

<sup>2</sup>Zero flat 6-year periods, in which the S&P 500 return was 0%, are included in the number of total observations.

<sup>3</sup>Maximum return: 6-year period ending 3/5/2015

<sup>4</sup>Minimum return: 6-year period ending 10/3/2011

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