

# Millennials & Money

ONE GENERATION, MANY GOALS & VALUES





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### THE BIGGEST GENERATION:

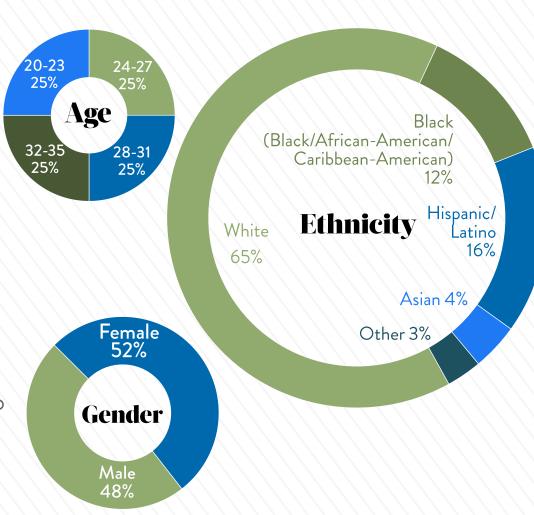
 Now 83.1 million representing more than one quarter of the nation's population\*

### THE MOST DIVERSE:

- 44.2% are part of a diverse community or ethnic group\*
- Ages 20-35

#### **COMING INTO MONEY:**

Approximately \$30 trillion of wealth
 will transfer from baby boomers to Generation X and Millennials in the next 10-40 years^



<sup>\*</sup>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, June 2015, census.gov

<sup>^</sup>Accenture Wealth and Asset Management Services Study, "The 'Greater' Wealth Transfer: Capitalizing on the Intergenerational Shift in Wealth," 2015



### Objective

- > Understand beliefs and attitudes towards money and financial services
- > Help the financial services industry partner with this group to achieve personal and societal success

### Audience

u.s. MILLENNIALS
ages 20-35

60% of respondents have an income level of \$25K - \$99K

### Ethnic differences

called out throughout this report are based on statistical comparisons between the groups Final sample sizes and

95% confidence interval

Total n = 1,503 + /- 2.5%

Online sample with four equal age cohorts, gender and ethnicity quotas as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau

### **Timing**

Interviews took place online between November 13 and 17, 2015



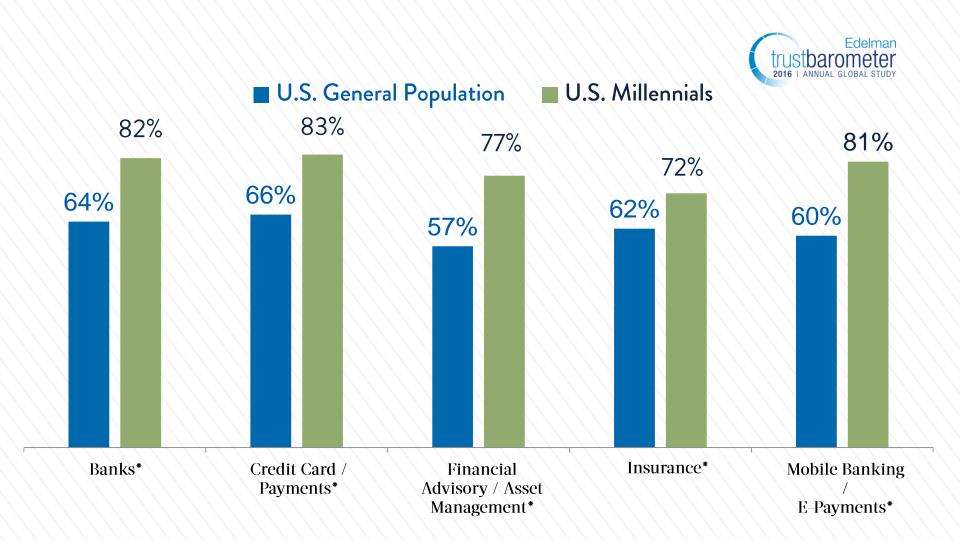
Yet they are marketed to as one homogenous group.

To reach them, we want to understand their goals and values based on where they have been and where they are going.

## Millennials more trusting of financial services



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Source: 2016 Edelman Trust Barometer Q45-429. Please indicate how much you trust businesses in each of the following industries to do what is right. Again, please use the same 9-point scale where one means that you "do not trust them at all" and nine means that you "trust them a great deal". (Top 4 Box, Trust) Q61A-65A. Now thinking about specific sectors within the financial services industry, please indicate how much you trust businesses in each of the following sectors to do what is right. Again, please use the same 9-point scale where one means that you "do not trust them at all" and nine means that you "trust them a great deal". General Population, U.S. and U.S. Millennials. Question asked of half of the sample.

\*Note: U.S. Millennials base sizes for Banks, Credit card/payments, Financial Advisory/Asset Management, Insurance, and Mobile banking/e-payments are (n=59)

1.

Believe their
American
Dream is
possible and
it's about
much more
than money

2.

Reaching key personal goals faster than financial goals

3.

Not confident about retirement, yet not saving for the longterm 4.

Know what they want from financial services companies and how they want to receive help

Key variations in each based on *ethnicity* 



## Here's what helps them be successful







#### TOP INDICATORS FOR PERSONAL SUCCESS

White Americans overwhelmingly cite Family (55%)

Hispanic Americans weighted toward Education (44%)

Blacks balance
Faith (39%)
& Education (39%)

Asian Americans index on Financial Wealth (30%)

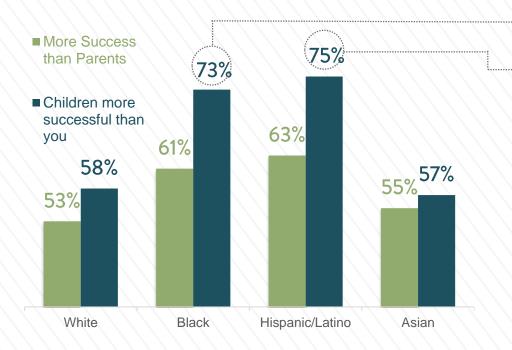
weighted with 4-10 point variance

Q20. Looking at the list below, which of the following do you believe make you successful?



### 6-IN-10 BELIEVE THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE MORE FINANCIALLY SUCCESSFUL THAN THEY ARE

PERCENT WHO AGREE THAT THEY WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THEIR PARENTS, AND THAT THEIR CHILDREN WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL THAN THEY ARE:



Black and Hispanic/Latino-American Millennials are much more positive about the financial success of their children.

Q24: Do you think you will be more financially successful than your parents? Q25: Do you think your children will be more financially successful than you?

# Financial stability impacts the new American dream

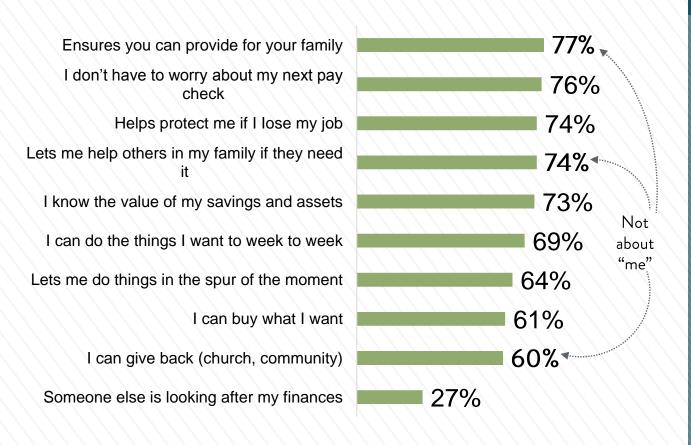


**BREAKDOWN** 

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## PERCENT WHO AGREE WITH EACH STATEMENT DEFINING FINANCIAL STABILITY



### more likely to cite... WHITE **AMERICANS** not worrying about their next pay check (81%) **BLACK AND HISPANIC/LATINO AMERICANS** providing for their family (70%) and (71%) respectively ASIAN **AMERICANS**

helping others in their family, if they need it (83%)

Q51. We would now like you to think about what financial stability means to you. Please indicate how much you agree with each of the statements below. [Top 4 Box]

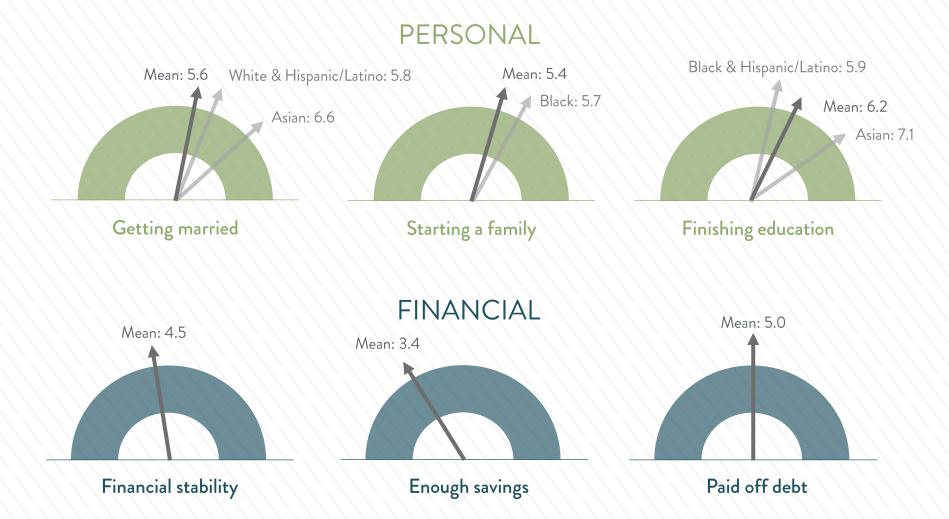


# Disconnect between personal & financial goals >



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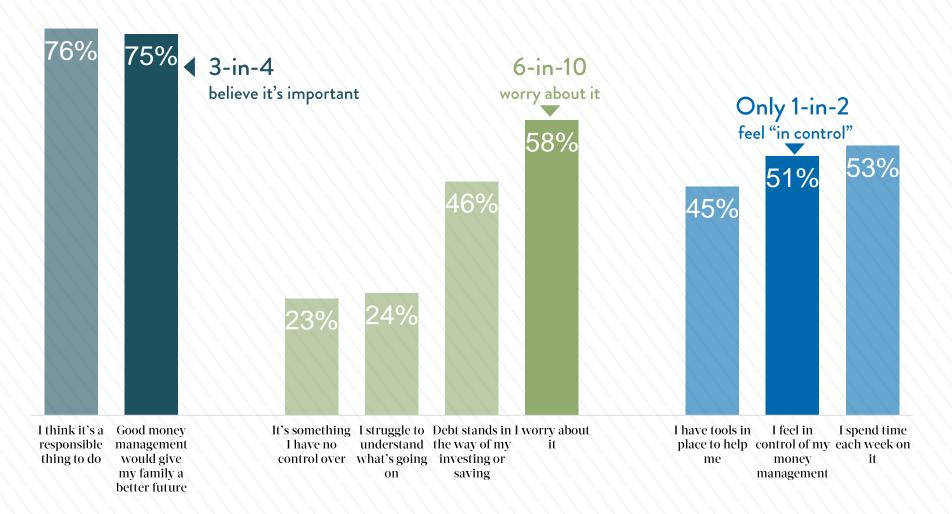


# Recognize importance of financial responsibility, yet inaction is causing anxiety



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## Universal understanding, universal worry







TOP 3 STATEMENTS ACROSS **EACH ETHNICITY:** 

"I think it's a responsible thing to do."

"Good money management would give my family a better future."

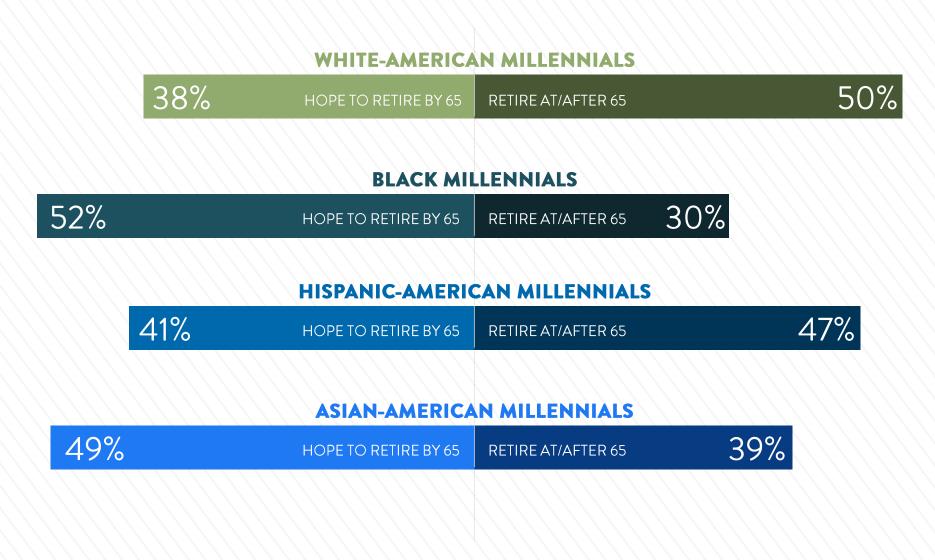
"I worry about it."

Q52: We would now like you to think about your own money management. How much does each of the following statements describe **you** personally? Please use a scale between 1 and 10 where 1 does not describe you at all and 10 completely describes you. (Top 4 Box)



## Divided on hopes for retirement

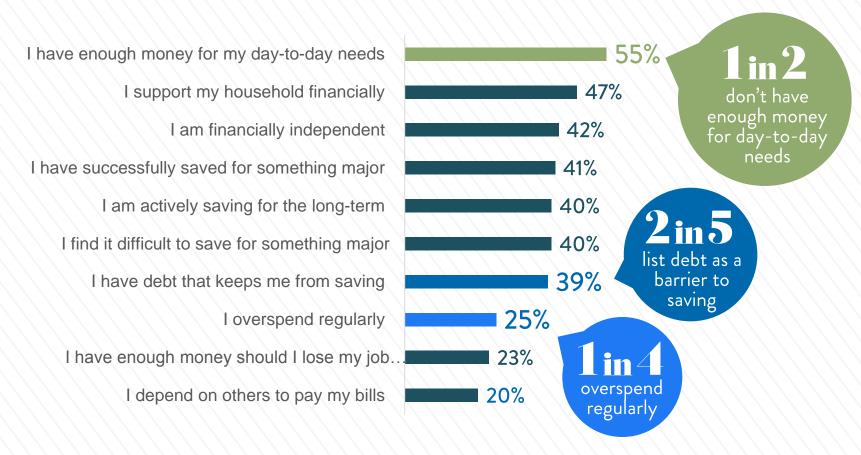






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# UNDERSCORES THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL EDUCATION TO INSPIRE SAVINGS





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THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS DESCRIBE MAJORITY VIEWS FROM EACH ETHNICITY

BLACK, ASIAN & HISPANIC/LATINO-AMERICAN MILLENNIALS

"I support my household financially"

(50%, 44% and 52%, respectively)

"I am able to meet my monthly budget."



Q28 How much do you agree that each of the following statements describes you personally? 1 is completely disagree and 10 is completely agree. [Top 4 Box]





# WHITE MILLENNIALS & ASIAN MILLENNIALS:

More likely to prefer online access (67%)

### **BLACK MILLENNIALS:**

Least likely to prefer online access (53%) and mobile apps (47%)

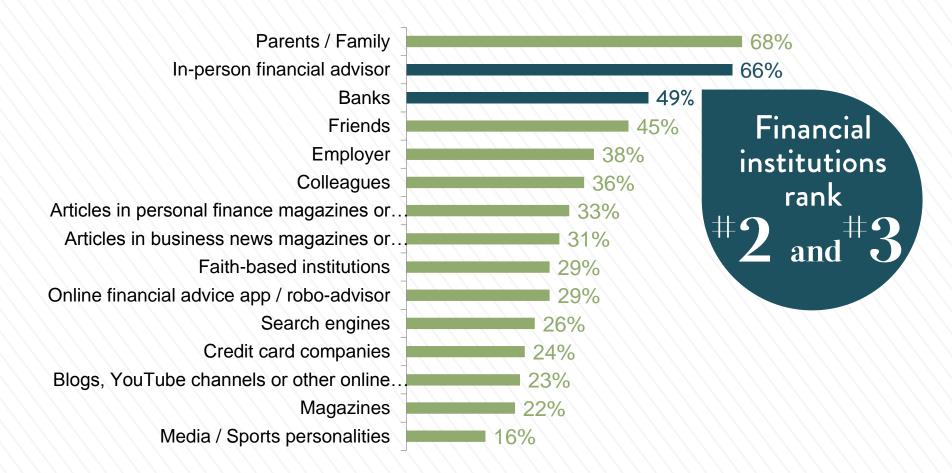
# Financial services rank high for trust and advice



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PERCENT WHO WOULD TRUST THE INFORMATION FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING FOR ADVICE WHEN MAKING DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR FINANCES:





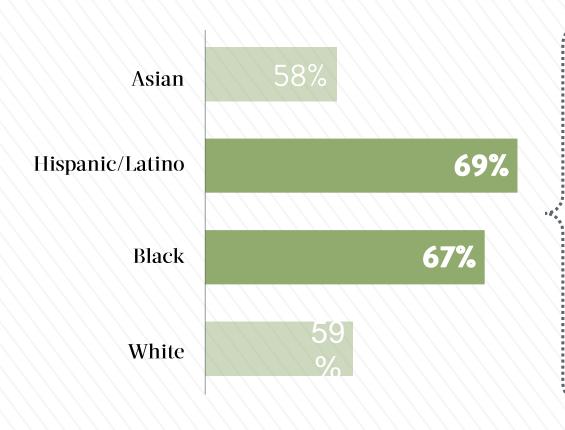
# When choosing a financial services company, social responsibility is table stakes for this generation



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### #1 CONCERN ACROSS THE BOARD



Close to 70% of Black and Hispanic/Latino – American Millennials cite social responsibility as a major concern



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> Remember they will not tolerate product marketing

> Recognize the demand for customization and personalized interaction

Use two-way communication and demonstrate shared values through achieving positive impacts

> Understand that financial information is key for every level of education, age, and income



# White-American U.S. Millennials: Path to Partnership



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- > Significantly less positive they will be more successful than their parents and that their children will be more successful than they are
- > Least confident about their financial stability in retirement. Financial stability means "not worrying about my next pay check"
- > Most can meet their monthly budget

### **KEY TAKEAWAYS:**

Value the freedom from worry that financial stability provides, but are the least confident about their financial futures. Show them a strong financial foundation is possible and sustainable with the right toolkit. Be sure to reach them where they are.





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- > More than half think they'll retire before 65. Financial stability is being able to provide for family
- > Positive they'll be more successful than their parents (61%) and even more confident their kids will be more successful than they are (73%)
- > Idea of success is centered on faith. Want financial partners that are committed to their community

### **KEY TAKEAWAYS:**

Believe retirement before age 65 and being successful overall are attainable. To make that a reality, arm them with tools and resources to help them get there. Investment in local communities will be key in gaining trust.



# Hispanic/Latino–American U.S. Millennials: Path to Partnership



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> Financial stability is being able to provide for family

> More than half support their household financially

> Financial partners must be socially responsible

> More think they will retire after age 65 than their peers

### **KEY TAKEAWAYS:**

Believe their financial futures are bright, but have daily competing priorities that prevent them from saving. Provide products and services that will help them mange their current responsibilities while beginning to aggressively save for an ideal retirement.



# Asian–American U.S. Millennials: Path to Partnership



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> Least likely to believe they will be more successful than their parents and that their children will be more successful than they are

> Believe financial stability is being able to help others in their family, if they need it

> The closest to reaching personal goals (getting married and finishing education), but falling short as far as reaching financial goals

#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS:**

Most reserved when it comes to projecting their success. They are making strides as far as reaching certain personal goals, but still only have enough money to meet their daily needs. Help them feel confident with financial planning to ensure they have enough money to meet everyday needs and then some.



## American dream possible for this generation



### **BUT REMEMBER:**

Each ethnicity views success through a different lens.

Contrary to conventional thinking, this is the "we" generation, not the "me" generation.

The role of money is more about traditional values and recognizing the nuances of cultural variances in goal-setting.