

# Protection with greater flexibility

## 1-year term option – available with Lincoln registered index-linked annuities

A volatile market could be cause for concern, especially for those approaching retirement. Consider adding a level of protection to your portfolio plus opportunities to grow your savings with *Lincoln Level Advantage 2*®. You can choose from a range of indexed account options, including the 1-year term detailed below.

### Why a 1-year term may be right for you



You want the flexibility to reinvest or reallocate every year.



You want a range of protection level options, including 10%, 15%, and 20%.

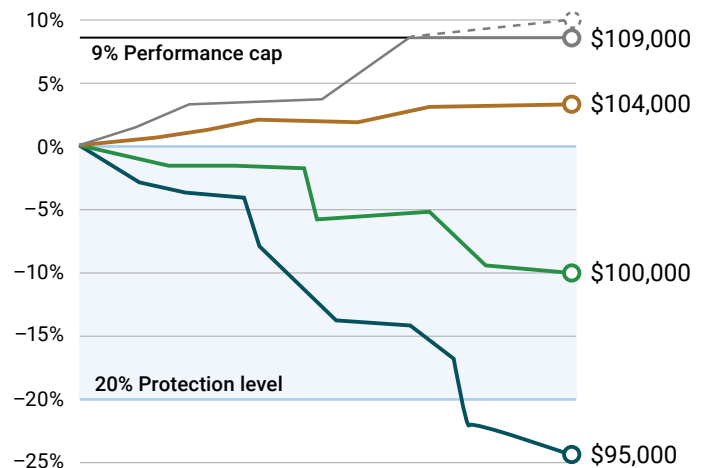


You want to capture market gains and are comfortable with a cap in exchange for downside protection.

### How it works

This example shows what would happen in four market scenarios if you invest \$100,000 in a 1-year indexed account. You can select a level of protection to guard against downside risk. In this example, the 20% protection level is used. The product also provides growth potential, which in this scenario is up to a 9% performance cap.

Scenario 1 – Market growth is capped	
Performance cap	9%
Index performance	10%
<i>Lincoln Level Advantage 2</i> result	9% (\$109,000)
Scenario 2 – Full market growth is captured	
Performance cap	9%
Index performance	4%
<i>Lincoln Level Advantage 2</i> result	4% (\$104,000)
Scenario 3 – Account value is protected	
Protection level	20%
Index performance	-10%
<i>Lincoln Level Advantage 2</i> result	0% (\$100,000)
Scenario 4 – Decline results in some loss	
Protection level	20%
Index performance	-25%
<i>Lincoln Level Advantage 2</i> result	-5% (\$95,000)



Example is hypothetical and for illustrative purposes only. It is not indicative of real results. A new cap is declared for each additional term. The value will grow up to the cap at a rate based on the market index chosen. Indexed accounts are tied to market performance, but they are not an actual investment in the stock market. You cannot invest directly in an index. The chart does not reflect the interim value.

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## How much downside protection do you actually need?

This table shows the frequency of gains and losses during a 1-year time period on a rolling monthly basis from December 1975 to December 2025, based on historical index price returns.

### Historical S&P 500® Index returns: 1-year term, December 1975 – December 2025

Average return	10%
Number of gains	456
Number of losses	133
Percentage of time loss occurred	23%
Percentage of time loss exceeded the 20% level of protection	3.9%

Over the past 50 years, the 1-year period's worst loss was -44.8% as of 2/28/2009. But losses only exceeded the 20% protection level 3.9% of the time.

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Index-linked annuity products are complex insurance and investment vehicles. Please reference the prospectus for information about the levels of protection available and other important product information.

Any distribution or transfer from an indexed account (other than on the term end date) is based on the interim value of each indexed segment. This value is based on a formula and may not correspond to the current performance of the index you selected. Any distribution or transfer during a term will have a negative impact on the value at the end of the term. This reduction could be larger than the dollar amount of the distribution or transfer. See prospectus for details.

The risk of loss occurs each time you move into a new indexed account. If the negative return is in excess of the protection level selected, there is a risk of loss of principal. Protection levels that vary based on the index, term, and crediting strategy selected are subject to change and may not be available with every option. Please see the prospectus for details.

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