

## Charles Schwab survey: Who is the retail options trader?

An independent [study](#) commissioned by Charles Schwab takes a look at attitudes and behaviors of retail options traders.

### At-a-glance profile of options trader respondents:

**\$1.3M**

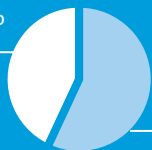
Average investable assets (mean)

**47**

Average age (mean)

Female:

43%



Male:  
57%

Working:

78%

Retired:

17%



Other:  
6%

**17 years**

Avg. length of time they've been investing

**10 years**

Avg. length of time they've been trading options

### At-a-glance view of respondents' options trading activity:

**71%**

Currently trade options

**45%**

Have traded options in month prior to survey

**62%**

Trade options at least once a month

**94%**

Expect options trading activity to increase or stay the same in next year

### Important disclosures

Full study is available [here](#). Options carry a high level of risk and are not suitable for all investors. Please read the options disclosure document titled [Characteristics and Risks of Standardized Options](#) before considering any option transaction. (0616-H90K)



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