

# ARE YOU KEEPING UP WITH DOWN MARKETS?

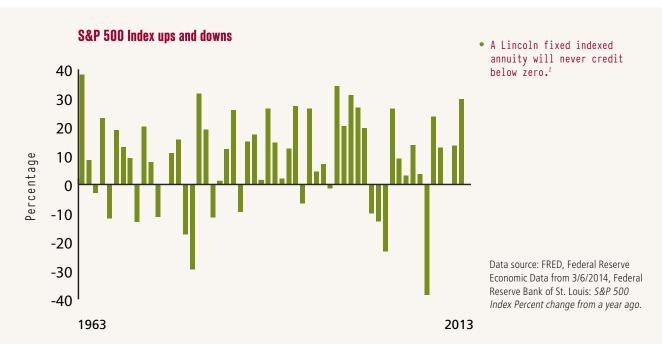
## Preserving principal in the face of volatility

Keeping your retirement savings intact doesn't mean avoiding market opportunity. It just means missing the downswings. Lincoln fixed indexed annuities are not invested in the stock market; however, they do credit interest based on the positive performance of the S&P 500 Index—a distinction that affords several advantages:

- It only realizes the positive turns in the S&P 500 Index
- Your contract will never receive a negative credit due to market performance
- You walk away with more than the initial premium by the end of the surrender period<sup>1</sup>

## Why is this so important?

Take a look at the chart below, which shows the annual percentage change that the S&P 500 Index has experienced over the past 50 years. Applying a Lincoln fixed indexed annuity would be like placing your hand over the bottom half of the chart. Wouldn't you prefer to dodge those down markets?



Now is the time to protect your assets. Take this opportunity to discover how a Lincoln fixed indexed annuity can help secure your financial future.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Assumes no withdrawals were made. This amount is known as the Guaranteed Minimum Cash Surrender Value.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>A fixed indexed annuity credits 0% in down years and has the potential to credit indexed interest in up years, as provided by the contract. You cannot directly invest in any index. Past performance does not guarantee future results.

# **Contact your representative for more information.**

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Not FDIC-insured

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Not guaranteed by any bank or savings association

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