

What's in Your Financial Toolbox?

Based on the collected notes (and a few personal favorites I threw in) the most popular selections are listed by category. They are not in any kind of priority or preference sequence. Some selections and categories might overlap. The list is not meant to be exhaustive; there are literally thousands of possible resources. But a few good tools and a consistent strategy should work just fine. None of this constitutes a recommendation or offer to buy any products or services. Here's what people are using:

Budgeting and Spending

[Quicken](#)
[Mint](#)

Taxes

[Turbo-Tax On-line and Downloadable Excel 1040 Spreadsheet](#)

General Personal Finance Information

Check your local libraries! These are probably the most under-used and under-rated resources available per taxpayer dollar.

[Bogleheads.org](#)

Investment company websites such as Vanguard, Fidelity, T Rowe Price, Schwab.

Data Analysis and Decision-making

[Microsoft Excel](#)
[Google Sheets](#)

Retirement Planning

[Investnet: Money Guide](#)

Investment company websites such as Vanguard, Fidelity, T Rowe Price, Schwab.

[Morningstar](#)

Financial News

[MarketWatch](#)
[Motley Fool](#)
[Yahoo Finance](#)

Portfolio Management

Portfolio Analyzer from [Personal Capital](#)

[Portfolio Visualizer](#)

[Robinhood](#)

[Morningstar](#)

Investment company websites such as Vanguard, Fidelity, T Rowe Price, Schwab.

Robo-Advisor

[M1 Finance](#)

Real Estate

[Bigger Pockets](#)

Financial Podcasts

[Planet Money: NPR](#)

[Bogleheads on Investing](#)

[Money Matters](#)

[Animal Spirits](#)

Investment Entertainment

Jim Cramer

Bob Brinker

Dave Ramsey

Ric Edelman

Josh Brown, [Reformed Broker](#)

General Circulation

Kiplinger

The Economist

Various industry trade journals.

US Government Securities

[St Louis Federal Reserve \(FRED\)](#)

[Tom Duy's Fed Watch](#)

[TIPS Watch](#)

Aggregators

[Abnormal Returns](#)

[The Big Picture](#)

[Seeking Alpha](#)