

# Make Your IRA Work for Your Retirement

Do you know what it will cost to eat in retirement? Consider this example, at \$5 per meal, eating 3 meals a day, 365 days in the year, for a retirement period of 20 years, it will cost a retired couple \$219,000 just to eat in retirement. And that assumes there is no inflation on the cost of your meals during that 20-year retirement period!

It pays to contribute to your IRA or Roth IRA every year. As the example below of the early saver and late saver illustrates, maximizing your IRA contributions every year can help boost your chances of meeting your retirement goals.

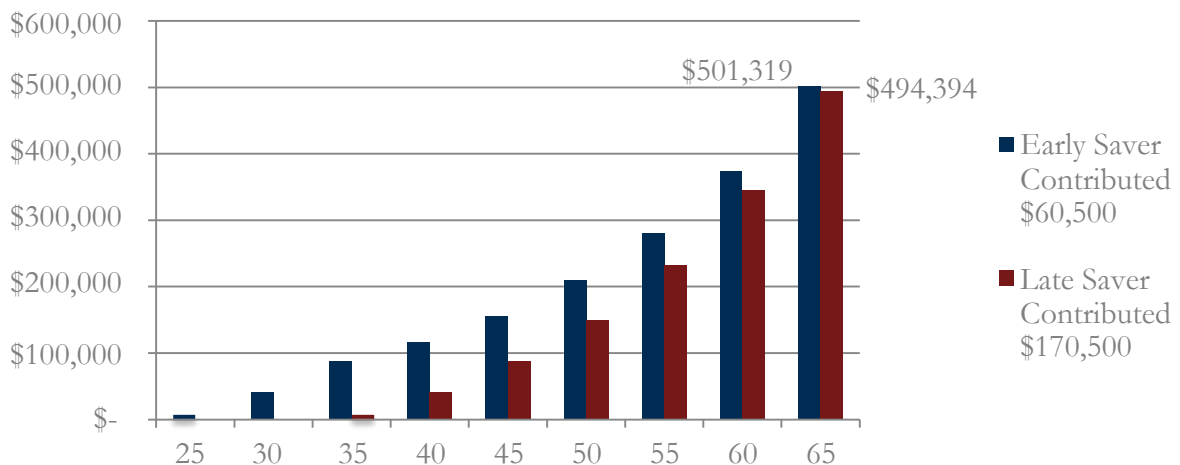


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**The Early Saver** Begins making IRA contributions (\$5,500 a year) at age 25 and continues until age 35. At age 35, the early saver stops making IRA contributions, but lets the IRA grow until retirement at age 65. Total IRA contributions for the early saver: 60,500.

**The Late Saver** Begins making IRA contributions at age 35 (\$5,500 a year) and continues making contributions until retirement at age 65. Total IRA contributions for the late saver: \$170,500.

**Results** The early saver contributed \$110,000 less than the late saver, but the early saver's IRA balance at age 65 is higher. Based on the assumptions in this illustration, if the early saver had continued making annual contributions until age 65, the IRA balance would have grown to \$962,228.



## Retirement Planning

### IRA CONTRIBUTION LIMITS AND DEADLINES

Type of Contribution	2016		2017	
	Contribution Limits	Deadline	Contribution Limits	Deadline
Traditional IRA (If not 70 ½ or older in contribution year)	\$5,500 or 100% of earned income, whichever is less (minus Roth IRA contributions)	April 18, 2017	\$5,500 or 100% of earned income, whichever is less (minus Roth IRA contributions)	April 17, 2018
Roth IRA (subject to income limits)	\$5,500 or 100% of earned income, whichever is less (minus traditional IRA contributions)	April 18, 2017	\$5,500 or 100% of earned income, whichever is less (minus traditional IRA contributions)	April 17, 2018
Catch-up Contribution (if age 50 or older by Dec. 31)	\$1,000 to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA or a combination of the two (\$6,500 maximum contribution)	April 18, 2017	\$1,000 to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA or a combination of the two (\$6,500 maximum contribution)	April 17, 2018

### TRADITIONAL IRA DEDUCTIBILITY

Tax Filing and Plan Participant Status	Year	Full Deduction If MAGI* is at or below:	Partial Deduction If MAGI is between:	No Deduction If MAGI is at or above:
Single or Head of Household NOT Retirement Plan Participant	2016	No MAGI limit		
	2017	No MAGI limit		
Single or Head of Household AND Retirement Plan Participant	2016	\$61,000	\$61,000- \$71,000	\$71,000
	2017	\$66,000	\$62,000- \$72,000	\$72,000
Married Filing Jointly NEITHER is Retirement Plan Participant	2016	No MAGI limit		
	2017	No MAGI limit		
Married Filing Jointly AND Retirement Plan Participant	2016	\$98,000	\$98,000- \$118,000	\$118,000
	2017	\$99,000	\$99,000- \$119,000	\$119,000
Married Filing Jointly NOT Retirement Plan Participant BUT Spouse is	2016	\$184,000	\$184,000- \$194,000	\$194,000
	2017	\$186,000	\$186,000- \$196,000	\$196,000
Married Filing Separately NEITHER is Retirement Plan Participant	2016	No MAGI limit		
	2017	No MAGI limit		
Married Filing Separately** EITHER is Retirement Plan Participant	2016	\$0	\$0- \$10,000	\$10,000
	2017	\$0	\$0- \$10,000	\$10,000

### ROTH IRA INCOME LIMITS

Tax Filing Status	Year	Full Contribution If MAGI* is at or below:	Partial Contribution If MAGI is between:	No Contribution If MAGI is at or above:
Single or Head of Household	2016	117,000	117,000 - \$132,000	132,000
	2017	118,000	118,000 - \$133,000	133,000
Married, Filing Jointly	2016	184,000	184,000 - \$194,000	194,000
	2017	186,000	186,000 - \$196,000	196,000
Married, Filing Separately**	2016	0	\$0 - \$10,000	10,000
	2017	0	\$0 - \$10,000	10,000

\* Modified Adjusted Gross Income

\*\* If married filing separately, and did not live with your spouse at any time during the year, see MAGI for Single or Head of Household

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