

Make Your IRA Work for Your Retirement

Do you know what it will cost to eat in retirement? Consider this example, at \$10 per meal, eating 3 meals a day, 365 days in the year, for a retirement period of 30 years, it will cost a retired couple \$657,000 just to eat in retirement. And that assumes there is no inflation on the cost of your meals during that 30-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.

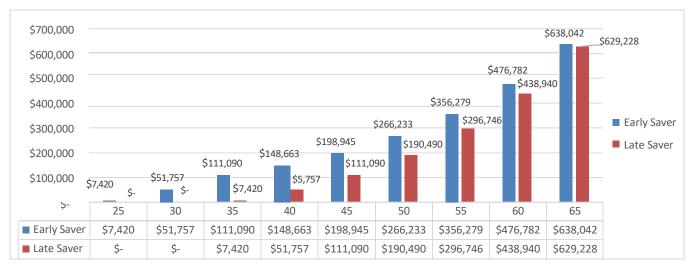


Chart is for illustrative purposes only and does not reflect the performance of any investment. Chart assumes a 6% hypothetical annual return and does not reflect taxes, fees or inflation. There is no guarantee that an investor will be able to attain a consistent rate of return.

The Early Saver

Begins making IRA contributions (\$7,000 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: \$77,000.

The Late Saver

Begins making IRA contributions at age 35 (\$7,000 a year) and continues making contributions until retirement at age 65. Total IRA contributions for the late saver: \$217,000.

Results

The early saver contributed \$140,000 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 \$1,224,654.

Retirement Planning

IRA Contribution Limits and Deadlines

| Type of Contribution | 2024 | | 2025 | |
|--|---|----------------|---|----------------|
| | Contribution Limits | Deadline | Contribution Limits | Deadline |
| Traditional IRA | \$7,000 or 100% of earned income, whichever is less (minus Roth IRA contributions) | April 15, 2025 | \$7,000 or 100% of earned income, whichever is less (minus Roth IRA contributions) | April 15, 2026 |
| Roth IRA (subject to income limits) | \$7,000 or 100% of earned income, whichever is less (minus traditional IRA contributions) | April 15, 2025 | \$7,000 or 100% of earned income, whichever is less (minus traditional IRA contributions) | April 15, 2026 |
| 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 (\$8,000 maximum contribution) | April 15, 2025 | \$1,000 to a traditional IRA, Roth IRA or a combination of the two (\$7,500 maximum contribution) | April 15, 2026 |

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 | 2024 2025 | No MAGI limit No MAGI limit | | |
| Single or Head of Household | 2024 | \$77,000 | \$77,000- \$87,000 | \$87,000 |
| AND Retirement Plan Participant | 2025 | \$79,000 | \$79,000- \$89,000 | \$89,000 |
| Married Filing Jointly NEITHER is Retirement Plan Participant | 2024 2025 | No MAGI limit No MAGI limit | | |
| Married Filing Jointly | 2024 | \$123,000 | \$123,000- \$143,000 | \$143,000 |
| AND Retirement Plan Participant | 2025 | \$126,000 | \$126,000- \$146,000 | \$146,000 |
| Married Filing Jointly | 2024 | \$230,000 | \$230,000- \$240,000 | \$240,000 |
| NOT Retirement Plan Participant BUT Spouse is | 2025 | \$236,000 | \$236,000- \$246,000 | \$246,000 |
| Married Filing Separately NEITHER is Retirement Plan Participant | 2024 2025 | No MAGI limit No MAGI limit | | |
| Married Filing Separately** | 2024 | \$0 | \$0- \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| EITHER is Retirement Plan Participant | 2025 | \$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 | 2024 | \$146,000 | \$146,000 - \$161,000 | \$161,000 |
| | 2025 | \$150,000 | \$150,000 - \$165,000 | \$165,000 |
| Married, Filing Jointly | 2024 | \$230,000 | \$230,000 - \$240,000 | \$240,000 |
| | 2025 | \$236,000 | \$236,000 - \$246,000 | \$246,000 |
| Married, Filing Separately** | 2024 | \$0 | \$0 - \$10,000 | \$10,000 |
| | 2025 | \$0 | \$0 - \$10,000 | \$10,000 |

^{*} Modified Adjusted Gross Income

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