# It’s your future. Save for it.

## Focus on your savings goals.

You’re participating in your employer’s retirement plan, a convenient way to save for your future. But are you saving enough to have the retirement you envision?

### Why save more?

With retirements lasting longer than ever, you may need enough money for at least 20 to 30 years. Social Security isn’t likely to be enough to cover all your expenses. If you’re like most people, your workplace retirement plan may be your primary source of income in retirement. That’s why it’s important to make the most of it by saving as much as you can now.

### How much will you need?

Think about the lifestyle you envision in retirement and how you’ll pay for it. Consider your future annual expenses. You may spend more on healthcare but less on housing or commuting. Be sure to plan for higher costs due to inflation.

The bottom line? You may need 85% of your pre-retirement income to meet your annual retirement spending needs. Everyone is different, so choose an estimate based on your situation.

### Rule of thumb

Save 10% to 15% of your pay — or more — for retirement!

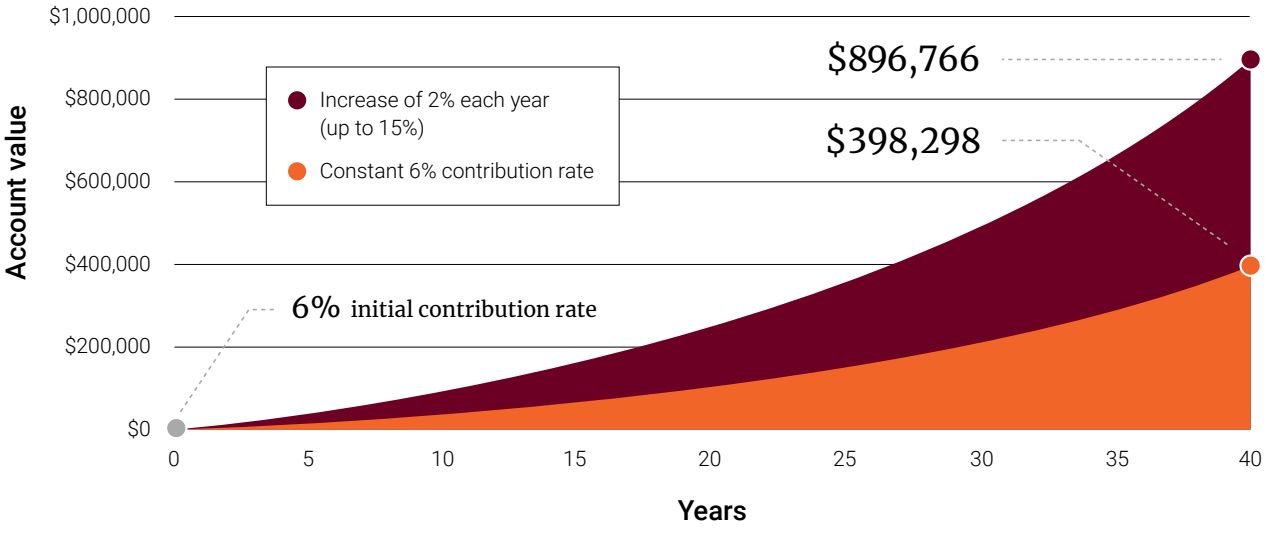
## The power of compounding

Saving a little more now may be easier than trying to save a lot more later. That's because every extra dollar you save today has an increased opportunity to grow over time. And you'll never have more time than you do today.

### Meet Emma and Joe

Emma and Joe, both age 25, start working for their employer at the same time. They immediately join the company's retirement plan at a contribution rate of 6%. Emma increases her contribution 2% each year until she reaches 15% and stays at that level until retirement. Joe maintains a steady 6% contribution rate for 40 years.

By bumping up her savings, Emma may be able to save **nearly $500,000 more** than Joe. Increasing your contribution rate today may be more rewarding down the road.

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## Finding more money to save may be easier than you think.

Setting aside more money for retirement doesn't have to mean big sacrifices. Consider these simple adjustments to free up extra dollars.

### Save newly found funds.

Put aside money from a pay increase or a tax refund before you miss it.

### Manage your monthly expenses.

Shop around for better deals on your cell phone plan, cable, or insurance.

### Watch your casual spending.

Trim impulse buying, cut back purchases of specialty drinks, and eat out less often.

## Save more today!

Take just a few minutes and start saving more for your future.

### Increase your contributions.

Try to bump up your rate by at least 2% each year.

### Make catch-up contributions.

If you're age 50 or older, you may be able to save even more.

### Log in to your online account.

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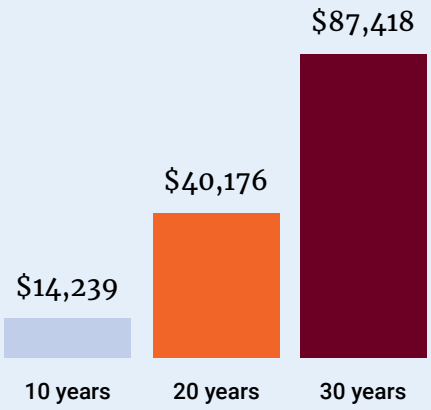


## Is your daily cup of java costing you more than $85,000?

It could be. The $20 you spend every week on coffee drinks may add up to $87,418 over 30 years.

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