

# Five reasons to participate

Joining your employer-sponsored retirement plan provides an easy and effective way to save for the retirement you envision. Your plan offers several exciting benefits:



**It's an investment in your future.** Thanks to the power of compounding, you have the ability to make money on your money and grow your savings.



**It's easy.** You'll contribute each pay period through automatic deductions. There are no checks to write or bills to pay.



**It's flexible.** You may suspend payments and restart them at a later date. You're never locked into a fixed contribution schedule.

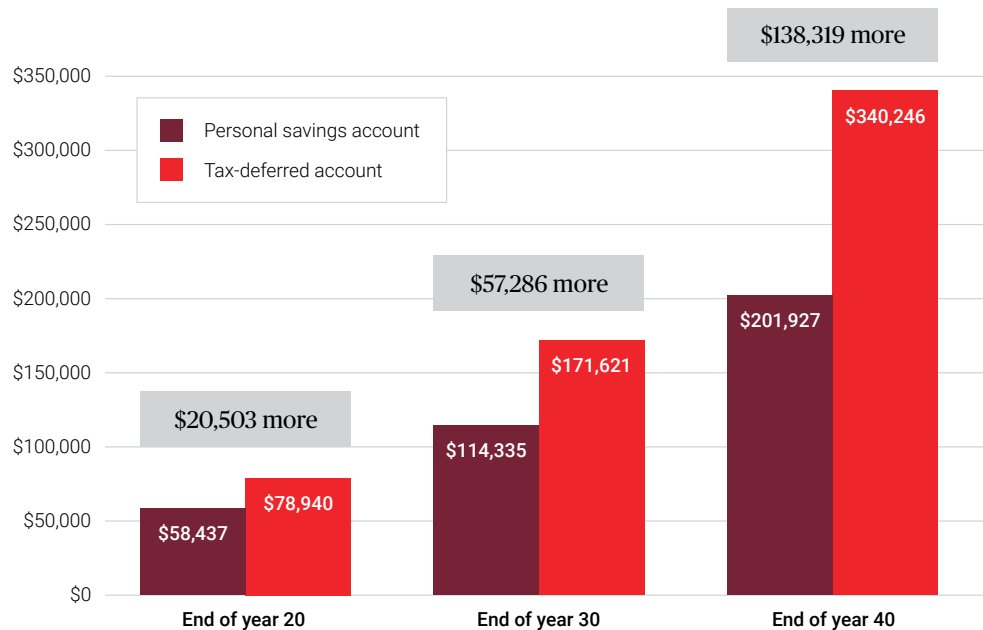


**It's tax-deferred.** You'll reduce your current federal and state income taxes<sup>1</sup> with each contribution.



**It's yours.** Any money you put into the plan is yours to keep – even if you change jobs. You may consolidate retirement accounts from previous employers and roll Individual Retirement Account (IRA) funds to your current employer's plan. (Please check with your previous retirement plan provider to see if any fees apply.)

## See the difference tax deferral can make on your savings.



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Contact your retirement plan representative to learn more.

<sup>1</sup> Depending on your state's rules and regulations, your contributions may be taxed.

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