You can put time on your side by participating in your retirement plan. Contributing now instead of waiting can make a big difference in how much you may have on hand when you're ready to retire.

**Take a look at two investors**

- **Maria starts saving at age 25...**
  She contributes $200 a month to the retirement plan.

- **Robert starts saving when he is 35...**
  He also contributes $200 a month to the retirement plan.

Assuming a 6% annual return until the age of 65, Maria’s early start lets her retire with $187,542 more than Robert.¹

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**Invest in yourself with every paycheck**

- You can start with a small amount per pay period, using convenient payroll deductions.
- Pretax contributions mean you’ll have less in taxable income.
- Any earnings are tax deferred, so they have the potential to accumulate more quickly.

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