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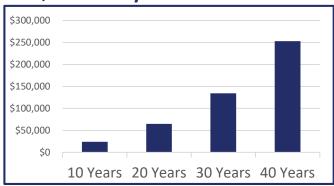
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1%	\$23	\$17	\$600
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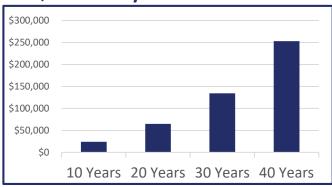
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It's inexpensive.

Let's face it, retirement is going to be expensive. It's estimated that a couple will need over \$220,000 in retirement just for healthcare costs. The good news is that saving for retirement can be affordable, especially if you start early. You can save as little or as much of your pay as you can afford; just choose a contribution level that fits your current budget. Then you can increase your contributions whenever you get a pay raise. You also have the ability to contribute to your 401(k) on a pre-tax basis and defer taxes on your 401(k) contributions to retirement.

An early start is profitable.

Many employees that don't save for retirement explain that it's so far away; they'd rather focus on today's expenses and short-term savings goals. But delaying your retirement savings means you'll need to save up a lot more to catch up when you're in your later working years. Your contributions benefit by compounding and the longer your money is invested, the more you can take advantage of this financial concept. Interest, dividends and capital gains within your account build and can create a "snowball effect" over time, allowing your account to grow in size. The best way to take advantage of compounding is to start saving as early as possible.







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