WHY YOU SHOULD SAVE MORE NOW TO ENSURE YOU ARE ON THE RIGHT PATH TO RETIREMENT



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If you haven't done so already, you may want to consider setting up a retirement account through one of the many available organizations offering retirement planning assistance. You should consistently contribute an amount of money that you can afford to your retirement account and slowly increase the amount you invest as it fits within your budget. Invest your money in a diversified portfolio that provides an appropriate level of risk for you, and remember to check your retirement account from time to time to assess whether you are meeting the saving objectives that you set.

What that means for you...

ANNUAL SALARY	TOTAL RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION GOAL*
\$25,000	\$168,750
\$50,000	\$337,500
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- Step 2: Aim to contribute 15% of income from each paycheck to your retirement account, or consistently contribute what you can afford and slowly increase the amount if possible.
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