



Start building a more financially secure future today

## More than a quarter of American workers have no money set aside for retirement<sup>1</sup>

For many Vermonters, easily setting money aside for retirement has been out of reach. Vermont Saves is here to change that and to help Vermont workers have a more secure financial future.

The Vermont Saves Program lets you contribute to your own Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA) through automatic payroll deductions. And you're in charge. You can choose how much to save from each paycheck, select the investment options that are right for you, and best of all, you keep your account even if you change jobs.

## Saving even a little now can potentially make a big difference later

If you're 25 now and save **\$150 a month**, by the time you retire you could have **over \$300,000<sup>2</sup>**



## There are two ways to participate

### 1. Save through your employer

If your employer participates in the program, you can choose to:

**Do nothing and save automatically.** Your employer will add you to the program. If you choose to do nothing, after 30 days you will be enrolled automatically with the default savings and investment options.

**Customize your account.** You can choose to customize your contribution amounts, investment options, and beneficiaries. Once enrolled, you'll start saving a percentage of your paycheck automatically in your own retirement savings account – a Roth IRA.

### 2. Save on your own

If you're self-employed or don't work for an employer registered with Vermont Saves, you can contribute directly to your own Roth IRA account. It's easy and takes only a few minutes to get started:

**Create an account.** You'll just need your Social Security number, date of birth, and residential address.

**Customize your savings choices.** Set up automatic contributions from your bank account to your account, or choose the initial minimum contribution and select your investment options.



## Take control of your financial future

For many of us, **Social Security payments won't be enough** when it comes time to retire. This is your opportunity to take an easy, small step to create a strong financial future for yourself and your family. And Vermont Saves will be there with you every step of the way with tools to help you maximize your savings in retirement.

## You're in charge

The default contribution savings rate starts at 5% and will then increase 1% annually until it reaches a maximum of 8%. You can adjust your savings rate to an amount that works for you, or opt out if you're not ready to save at this time.

## Learn more about the Vermont Saves Program

 Visit [VTSaves.Vermont.gov](https://VTSaves.Vermont.gov)

### References

1. "Your Evening Briefing" Bloomberg, 17 April. 2023, <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/newsletters/2023-04-17/bloomberg-evening-briefing-one-in-four-americans-have-no-retirement-savings>
2. Hypothetical example is based on a monthly contribution of \$150 for 40 years, at a 6% projected annual rate of return, compounded daily. Note this is just an example based on a retirement age of 65, your actual savings may be more or less.

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