

Planning For Retirement

Be Prepared for Your Future

When to Start

Many people delay saving for retirement while focusing on more immediate financial priorities. It can be tempting to spend in the present, but the future is unpredictable. Building a retirement fund can provide you with security for the years you do not have a steady income. Truthfully, it is never too early to start saving. The earlier you start, the more prepared you will be.

Reasons to Start Saving

The Power of Compounding Interest

Saving early allows you to take advantage of compounding interest, which allows your money to grow over time.

For example, contributing \$100 a month beginning at age 25, with a 7% annual return, could grow to more than \$330,000 by age 65. In comparison, starting at age 35 with the same contribution and return would result in just \$150,000 by retirement.

Security and Peace of Mind

Having a retirement fund set aside can help reduce financial stress and provides a cushion for unexpected expenses. It also gives you confidence knowing you are better prepared for the future.

Flexibility and Freedom

Retirement looks different for everyone, but a strong retirement fund can give you more options. Want to explore hobbies, travel, spend time with loved ones, or simply enjoy a slower pace of life?

Once you identify what will fulfill you in retirement, it is essential to understand how to achieve it. Financial planning and personal goals play a crucial role in shaping someone's retirement. By starting to save early, you can make your dream retirement into a reality.

Healthcare Costs

Medical expenses often rise with age. By saving now, you can be better prepared to handle these costs without jeopardizing your financial stability.



Uncertainty of Social Security

Social Security benefits may not be enough to cover all retirement needs, especially with questions about the program's long-term future. Relying solely on it could put you at risk for financial uncertainty. It is important to also save independently.

APCI FCU and You

An Individual Retirement Account (IRA) is a good way to plan a more secure retirement by supplementing your pension plan and social security benefits. APCI FCU offers **Traditional and Roth IRAs** with no annual maintenance fees. For further information, please call 800-821-5104.

We have several free **retirement calculators** available on our website. Simply plug in numbers to calculate the answers for the following questions:

- How much will I need to save for retirement?
- How much will I receive in Social Security?
- I am retired, how long will my savings last?
- How much can I save with my 401(k)?
- Compare Roth 401(k) and Traditional 401(k) retirement savings plans.