## It Can Pay to Increase Your Savings Rate

In 2016, you can contribute up to $\$ 18,000$ to your retirement plan account. Now is the ideal time to evaluate your savings rate and increase your contribution to your plan. If you're age 50 or over, you may also be eligible for a catch-up contribution up to $\$ 6,000$.

## How Much Can You Contribute?

The IRS indexed dollar limits for contributions to qualified retirement plans are shown in the table below. ${ }^{1}$

| Contribution | 2015 Limit | 2016 Limit |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| $401(\mathrm{k}), 403(\mathrm{~b}), 457$ Contribution $^{2}$ | $\$ 18,000$ | $\$ 18,000$ |
| Catch-up Contribution | $\$ 6,000$ | $\$ 6,000$ |

1 This update is provided for informational purposes and is not intended as legal advice.
2 Employee deferrals to all 401(k) and 403(b) plans must be aggregated for purposes of this limit.

## See How Small Increases Add Up

Just a small increase in your retirement contribution level could mean thousands of dollars over time. Check out the chart below to see how:

| Contribution <br> Increase | 10 Yrs | 20 Yrs | 30 Yrs | 40 Yrs |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1 \%(\$ 29.17$ monthly) | $\$ 5,049$ | $\$ 15,195$ | $\$ 35,587$ | $\$ 76,566$ |
| $5 \%(\$ 145.83$ monthly) | $\$ 25,241$ | $\$ 75,967$ | $\$ 177,908$ | $\$ 382,777$ |

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[^1]It Can Pay to Increase Your Savings Rate RP 15995 (11/15)


[^0]:    This example is hypothetical and for illustrative purposes only and is not indicative of the performance of any specific investment. Investments are subject to market risk and fluctuate in value. All contribution amounts are based on a $\$ 35,000$ annual salary and assume an annual rate of return of 7 percent compounded monthly.

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