IRS contribution limits for 2026

The IRS set the 2026 standard retirement account contribution limit at $24,500.

Those who are turning age 50 or older in 2026 are eligible to make additional catch-up contributions. You can contribute an additional $8,000 above the standard limit for a total contribution amount of $32,500.

New in 2026: If your 2025 wages* were more than $150,000 from your current employer, the IRS requires catch-up contributions to be made on a Roth after-tax basis.

Below are the total contribution amounts employees can make to an employer-sponsored retirement account in 2026.

Age in 2026	IRS contribution limit
under 50	$24,500
50 and above	$32,500

Why save more?

Your money has the potential to grow through the power of compounding interest. That growth can help offset increases in the cost of living. Saving more may bring you closer to the kind of retirement you want and deserve.

Starting or increasing your plan contributions is easy.

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- To increase your contributions, visit your employer's **online salary reduction form.**

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*Wages are defined as W2-Box 3, Social Security wages.

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