



The 1% difference: How small changes can lead to big savings

Did you know that contributing an additional 1% of your salary each year to your 401(k) can make a difference? Here are three ways to help frame how you think about saving.

Think about adding 1% as saving "little treats" for your future

Would you skip a few trips to the coffee shop if it meant you could potentially have more to enjoy in the future? A 1% increase in your 401(k) contribution can be a manageable change that can fit into most budgets without much sacrifice. To put it into perspective, if you're earning \$60,000 annually, increasing your contribution by 1% (\$600 a year) is the equivalent of saving about \$50 per month – roughly the cost of foregoing one lunch out, three lattes, and two bottled waters per month.¹



Consider adding 1% every year and see potential growth

When you save money in a 401(k), <u>compound growth</u> can help your savings grow over time because the interest earned on your contributions also earns interest. It can be a great example of the snowball effect: how small actions carried out over time can lead to big results.

The snowball effect

How average market returns and compound growth can help your retirement savings snowball.

	• 1 Year	• 5 Years	10 Years	15 Years	20 Years
Cash:	\$600	\$3,000	\$6,000	\$9,000	\$12,000
401(k):	\$726.86	\$3,721.41	\$8,855.21	\$16,133.01	\$26,450.21

The potential difference between saving \$50 per month in cash and saving the same amount of money in a 401(k)²

Know when (and how) to adjust your contributions

You can review and adjust your contributions anytime, but you should make it a priority to do so at the start of each year and during significant milestones, such as



Receiving a raise



Changing jobs

Getting married



Adding to your family

Human Interest makes adjusting your contributions easy through our user-friendly dashboard. With just a few clicks, you can quickly increase your contribution percentage.

Save more for retirement with your Human Interest 401(k)

Small changes can lead to big savings. From skipping a few weekly treats to upping your contribution percentage by 1% a year (and taking advantage of the potential for compound growth), if you've ever wondered where to start with <u>long-term investing</u> for your future, your 401(k) can be a great place to start.

With your Human Interest 401(k), increasing your contributions is easy to manage. Check out our resources to learn more about maximizing your 401(k) savings. ►

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