

Retirement Plans

Six Main Varieties of Retirement Plans

Type of Plan	Contribution Limit	Tax Deduction	Tax Shelter
DB Plan¹	Varies by age ⁸	Yes	Until distribution
401K PSP²	\$61,000 ^{3,4,5,8}	Yes	Until distribution
SEP IRA⁶	\$61,000 ^{5,8}	Yes	Until distribution
IRA	\$6,000 ^{7,8}	Yes	Until distribution
Roth IRA	\$6,000 ^{7,8}	No	Permanent

Terms Defined

Contribution Limit: Maximum annual contribution into account

Income Limit: Income limit for contribution

Tax Deduction: Lowers taxes in year of contribution

Tax Shelter: Taxes deferred until distribution or permanent

Strategy

Financial Plan: Determine retirement savings required to achieve financial goals

Cash Flow: Select optimal plan given required retirement savings

Example

Employee earns \$100,000.

Saves \$20,000 or 20% of salary for retirement

Tax savings of \$5,000 in current year (except Roth IRA)

In 30 years, the account will cover spending and be worth \$2.5 million.

Assumptions:

20% savings rate, 7% investment return and 3% inflation

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¹ Defined Benefit Pension Plan

² Profit Sharing Plan

³ Plus additional \$20,500 in elective deferrals and \$6,500 if 50 and over

⁴ Contribution limited to 100% for contributions from salary

⁵ Contribution limited to 25% of corporate income and 20% of partnership/proprietorship income

⁶ Simplified Employee Pension

⁷ Plus additional \$1,000 if 50 and over

⁸ Subject to income limits

Disclaimer: Consult an accounting or tax professional before implementing a strategy.