

Sample article for organizations and employers to use to reach customers

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Know your 2016 retirement plan contribution amounts

There are many benefits of participating in your employer's retirement plan. For example, you can:

- decrease your taxable income by making pre-tax salary deferral contributions if allowed by the plan; and
- increase your retirement savings.

For 2016, the maximum annual salary deferral contributions allowed are:

- \$18,000 to 401(k) or 403(b) plans
- \$12,500 to SIMPLE plans

If you will be 50 or older by the end of 2016, your retirement plan may allow you to make additional catch-up contributions. For 2016, you can make catch-up contributions of:

- \$6,000 to 401(k) or 403(b) plans
- \$3,000 to SIMPLE plans

You can find additional information on both employer and employee contribution limits to common types of retirement plans in [Publication 560](#), *Retirement Plans for Small Business (SEP, SIMPLE, and Qualified Plans)*.

NOTE TO EDITOR: Below are helpful resources on retirement topics found on IRS.gov.

- [Plan Participant/Employee](#) – links to various topics, including benefits of saving for retirement, how life events can affect retirement savings and types of retirement plans.
- [Types of Retirement Plans](#) – information on the different types of plans, including the amount and type of contributions you can make to the plan.
- [Retirement Plans Frequently Asked Questions](#) – answers to commonly asked questions on various retirement plan topics.
- [Saver's Credit \(Retirement Savings Contributions Credit\)](#) – explains who is eligible to take the credit, the amount of the credit and how to claim it.

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