



# Solo 401(k) Retirement Plan

**A guide for owner-only businesses**



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## 1

## Bigger benefits for smaller companies

Solo 401(k)s offer greater savings potential starting at age 50.

Retirement plans have become a benefit no business can afford to ignore — even the smallest. The Invesco Solo 401(k) offers the same savings potential of a 401(k) plan for a large company, but without the compliance requirements or administrative costs. As the plan sponsor, you can select features such as Roth 401(k) to gain access to potential tax-free earnings and loans for access to your account balance while still saving for retirement.

If this appeals to you and the following criteria fit your situation, an Invesco Solo 401(k) could be the ideal retirement plan for your business.

- You are an owner-only corporation, partnership, sole proprietorship, or nonprofit entity
- Employ yourself and a spouse

It is important to note that the Invesco Solo 401(k) Plan is not designed for employers with long-term part-time<sup>1</sup> or full-time rank-and-file employees such as assistants, clerical workers and lower paid individuals.

### Retirement plans compared

The chart provided shows the maximum contribution allowed at various income levels for different retirement plans. Through employee deferrals and employer contributions, the Solo 401(k) plan allows the greatest savings potential at every income level.

Compensation (\$)	SIMPLE IRA (\$)²	SEP IRA (\$)	Solo 401(k) (\$)
45,000	18,350	11,250	35,750
85,000	19,550	21,250	45,750
100,000	20,000	25,000	49,500
185,000	22,550	46,250	70,750

**Chart assumptions for 2026:** In a SIMPLE IRA, the maximum annual contribution a business owner can make is a \$17,000 deferral plus a 3% matching contribution based on annual compensation. In a SEP IRA, the maximum annual contribution a business owner can make is 25% of annual compensation, up to \$72,000. With a Solo 401(k), the maximum annual tax-deductible contribution a business owner can make is 25% of income (20% for self-employment income) plus an additional \$24,500 in salary deferrals. Overall limits cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of income up to \$72,000. Employee catch-up contributions are permitted at age 50 for SIMPLE IRA and Solo 401(k) participants.

1. A Long-Term/Part-Time (LTPT) employee earns W-2 wages, is at least age 21 and has worked more than 500 hours but no more than 1000 hours per year for the 2 previous consecutive calendar years.
2. Contribution limits vary for a SIMPLE IRA depending on whether the employer employs 25 and fewer employees or 26 or more employees. The calculations provided are based on a plan with 26 or more employees.

This information is not intended as tax advice. Investors should consult a tax advisor.

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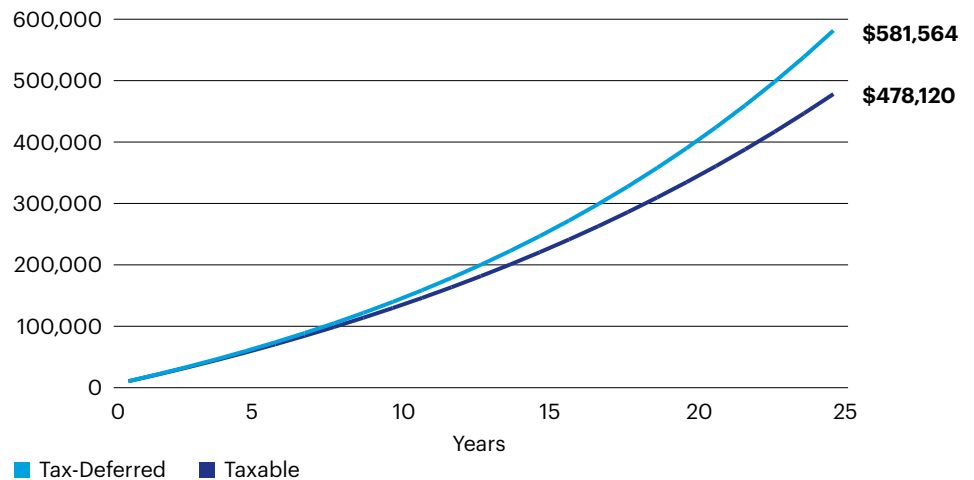
## Advantages of tax-deferred growth

Investing in a tax-deferred account could potentially mean \$103,444 more saved for retirement than if you invest in a taxable account.

You can potentially accumulate assets much faster in an Invesco Solo 401(k) plan than in a taxable savings account. Contributions plus earnings — reinvested interest, dividends, and capital gains — compound tax-deferred until you withdraw them as retirement income. Please keep in mind, withdrawals made prior to age 59½ will be taxed as ordinary income and may be subject to additional tax penalties. Also, consider your current and anticipated investment horizon and income tax bracket before making an investment.

### Deferring taxes on investment earnings may accelerate savings

Growth of \$10,000 invested annually at 6% for 25 years, tax-deferred vs. taxable at 22% (\$)



The hypothetical examples and estimates of a 6% average annual total return are for illustrative purposes only and are not intended to represent the performance of a particular investment product or a real investor. Your actual return and tax bracket aren't likely to be consistent from year to year, and there is no guarantee that a specific rate of return will be achieved. The example assumes an individual in the 22% tax bracket made annual \$10,000 contributions and did not adjust for increases in the annual IRS contribution limits and assumes no withdrawals. This illustration does not reflect the performance of fees and charges associated with any specific investment, nor does it take into account the effect of inflation. Tax rates and brackets are subject to change. The tax-deferred account will be taxed as ordinary income upon distribution, while the lower maximum tax rates on capital gains and qualified dividends would make the return on the taxable investment more favorable, thereby reducing the difference in performance between the two accounts shown. Investment returns fluctuate over time and losses can occur. This hypothetical is based on current tax laws, which are subject to change. This information is not intended as tax advice. Investors should consult a tax advisor.

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## The advantages of a 401(k) without the complexity

2. You and your spouse are immediately 100% vested.
3. When calculating the amount an employer can contribute as a self-employed person under a qualified plan, he or she must deduct from his or her earned income all contributions made for the year for all plans he or she may have. This has the effect of reducing the percentage limit for the employer's own deductible contributions to the plan to 20% of net profits. This is calculated after the self-employment tax deduction is taken but before the contribution is made on his or her behalf.
4. Contributions can begin January 1 of catch-up age. Effective 1/1/2026, any catch-up contributions that are made by a participants who earned more than \$150,000 in Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) wages in 2025 from the employer must make any catch-up contributions as Roth deferrals. The plan must also offer Roth for this option to be made available.
5. This includes the combined maximum 401(k) salary deferral, employer profit-sharing and applicable catch-up contributions.
6. Beginning January 1, 2025, participants ages 60 – 63 may make a higher catch-up contribution. Contributions may begin January 1 of the year the participant turns 60 and must cease by December 31 of the year they turn 63.
7. Before seeking a distribution, speak with your financial or tax professional about your unique situation as additional taxes or penalties may apply depending on your age or how long you've held the Roth 401(k) account.

The plan may be funded through participant salary deferrals and discretionary employer profit-sharing contributions.

### Participant 401(k) salary deferrals

The maximum permitted is the lesser \$24,500 or 100% of compensation plus catch-up contribution (if applicable). Salary deferrals can be deferred as traditional (pre-tax) and/or Roth (after-tax).

### Employer contributions<sup>2</sup>

- The maximum tax-deductible profit-sharing contribution is 25% of total compensation paid to plan participants.<sup>3</sup>
- When calculating profit-sharing contributions compensation is limited to \$360,000 (see <https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-25-67.pdf>).
- Profits are not required in order to make a contribution, however, you will need to have a set formula for determining how the contributions will be determined.

### Overall contribution amounts

Here is a breakdown of the maximum amount that can be deferred by age.

Age	Year of birth	Salary deferral (\$)	Catch-up (\$)⁴	Overall maximum (\$)⁵
Under age 50⁵	<b>1977 and later</b>	24,500	N/A	72,000
Ages 50-64	<b>1967 - 1976</b>	24,500	8,000	80,000
60-63⁶	<b>1963 - 1966</b>	24,500	11,250	83,250
64 and over	<b>1962 or earlier</b>	24,500	8,000	80,000

### Distributions

- **Qualified distributions:** Permitted when the participant has experienced a triggering event such as attainment of age 59½, separation from service, disability or death.
- **Required minimum distributions (RMDs):**
  - **5% owners or greater** must start withdrawing pre-tax balances by April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the participant has attained age 73. Subsequent RMDs must be taken by December 31 each year thereafter.
  - **Non-5% owners** must start withdrawing pre-tax balances by April 1 of the calendar year after turning age 73 or the year they retire, whichever occurs later. Subsequent distributions must be done by December 31 each year.

### Accessing your retirement savings while still working<sup>7</sup>

- **Loans:** Participants may borrow up to 50% of their retirement account balance or \$50,000, whichever is less. The minimum loan amount is \$1,000.
- **Rollover dollars:** May be accessed at any time unless the plan participant has an outstanding loan.
- **Premature distributions:** The plan allows for early distributions without penalty at age 59½ and for qualified life events such as birth and adoption and natural disaster. To learn more, see IRS 590-B.

### Rollovers

If you determine consolidating other retirement accounts into your Solo 401(k) plan is beneficial for your needs, rollovers and transfers are permitted from:

- Traditional IRAs (Roth IRAs are not permitted).
- SEP IRAs.
- SIMPLE IRAs (after two years).
- Qualified Plans (401(k) & Profit-sharing, 403(b) and 457).
- Designated Roth contributions from a 401(k), 403(b) and 457.

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## Roth 401(k): Tax-free earnings and catch-up guidelines

### Eligible requirements for tax-free distributions from a Roth 401(k):

- Held the account for at least five years from the first contribution date and,
- Experienced a triggering event: age 59½, disability or death.

If the Roth 401(k) feature is selected, it lets you fund your retirement account with money that's already been taxed, and withdraw contributed amounts and applicable investment earnings tax-free when certain requirements are met. So, instead of getting a tax break now, you get it later, when you take the money out.

### How do you decide?

When deciding whether to contribute on a pretax basis, Roth basis, or a combination of both, it's important to consider factors such as your age, current income, and what you expect your future tax bracket to be.

Additionally, beginning in 2026, if you earned more than \$150,000 in FICA wages in 2025, any catch-up contributions you make must be deferred as Roth, not pretax.

As shown in the hypothetical chart, if your tax rate is likely to be higher in retirement, Roth contributions may provide greater long-term value. If you expect a lower tax rate later, traditional pretax contributions may be more beneficial.

### Comparing potential tax advantages

	Traditional 401(k) (pretax)	Roth 401(k) (after tax)
Current tax rate	32%	32%
Funds available for retirement savings	\$200/month	\$200/month
Funds saved after income taxes	\$200/month	\$136/month
Assumed average annual total return	6%	6%
Account value in 30 years	\$201,124	\$136,764
Same tax rate in retirement	32%	32%
Account value after income taxes	<b>\$136,764</b>	<b>\$136,764</b>
Higher tax rate in retirement	35%	35%
Account value after income taxes	<b>\$130,731</b>	<b>\$137,297</b>
Lower tax rate in retirement	24%	24%
Account value after income taxes	<b>\$152,854</b>	<b>\$136,764</b>

This chart assumes a fixed average annual rate of return of 6%, on a tax-deferred basis, with dividends and distributions reinvested. Withdrawals prior to age 59½ are subject to taxes and penalties. The hypothetical ending values may be subject to income tax when withdrawn. This hypothetical example is not intended to show the performance of any Invesco fund for any period of time, or fluctuation in principal value or investment returns. Periodic investment plans do not guarantee profit or protect against loss in declining markets.

### Weighing the pros and cons

Feature	Traditional 401(k) (pretax)	Roth 401(k) (after tax)
<b>2026 salary deferral maximum<sup>8</sup></b>	\$24,500	Same
<b>Age 50+ catch-up</b>	\$8,000	Same
<b>Age 60 – 63 catch-up</b>	\$11,250	Same
<b>Contributions subject to federal income tax</b>	No	Yes
<b>State tax withheld from contributions</b>	No (in most states)	Yes (if state taxes apply)
<b>Taxation of distributions</b>	Ordinary income tax	Tax free if held five years and qualifying event occurs
<b>Rollovers permitted?</b>	Yes (to IRAs or other "workplace plans")	Yes to other Roth accounts (Roth 401(k), Roth 403(b), Roth IRA)
<b>Required minimum distributions</b>	Age 73	No

8. You may choose to make both traditional and Roth contributions. However, the combined total cannot exceed the maximum limits.

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## Plan establishment deadline and administration

### Start-up establishment deadline

Required plan documents must be completed, signed, dated and, depending on the state of the adopting employer, funded by the intended plan establishment date. While Invesco does not require the completed Adoption Agreement to be returned and does not track contribution periods, the plan establishment and funding deadlines are:

#### Sole proprietors

- Plan establishment permitted after the calendar year (12/31), but before the employer's tax filing deadline (no extensions).
- Retroactive employee salary deferrals permitted for the prior tax year up to the employee's tax filing deadline
- Employer profit-sharing contributions permitted up to the employer's tax filing deadline.

#### All other businesses

- December 31 if making salary deferrals.
- Tax filing deadline plus extension if making tax-deductible profit-sharing for the applicable tax filing year. Please consult with your tax and/or legal professional for guidance.

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### Administration

No compliance testing and no Form 5500 for plans that:

- Include only you and your spouse.
- Have assets under \$250,000 across all qualified plans.
- Are not part of a controlled group.

Please contact your qualified tax professional for assistance completing IRS Form 5500.

**Invesco does not provide Form 5500 support.**

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### Invesco's Retirement Plan Manager (RPM)

RPM is a fast and secure means of funding your plan and managing your retirement plan more efficiently. It provides access to plan information and multiple online resources, including payroll contributions and plan summary reporting.

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### Administrative costs

Expenses associated with Solo 401(k) are similar to those of other Invesco plans designed for small businesses.

- No plan establishment fees.
- Annual maintenance fee per participant:<sup>9</sup>
  - \$30 for account balances under \$50,000.
  - \$75 loan set-up fee (if applicable).
- Other account-related fees and fund expenses may apply.

While working with a Third Party Administrator (TPA) is not required, should you choose to utilize the support of a TPA, you may receive up to \$5,000 per year in a tax credit for startup costs for a period of three years. Invesco is not a TPA, but it does provide basic recordkeeping services, applicable plan documents and materials and certain regulatory notices applicable to your plan.

9. The annual fee is waived across all retirement account types if the total assets held by the participant in any retirement or non-retirement accounts held directly at Invesco, excluding 529 plans, is \$50,000 or greater on the date Fees are assessed. Fund expenses apply.



Get started

Once you have determined an Invesco Solo 401(k) is suitable for you, access the Solo 401(k) Plan Establishment Kit at [invesco.com/us](https://www.invesco.com/us) to get started.

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#### Comprehensive investments

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#### Investor services and support

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All data based on 2025 tax requirements.

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