Saving even a little for your retirement can really add up

Starting or increasing your retirement plan contributions by 1% may help you reach your long-term goals.

How much? Take a look at the following hypothetical example of someone who earns $50,000 and invests 1% of their salary in their retirement plan.

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After 20 years, investing just 1% could have added up to more than $20,000!

Next steps you can take:

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