2023 401(k) Participant Study

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Retirement obstacles

Inflation is becoming a bigger obstacle to saving for a comfortable retirement, compounded by stock market volatility

Top Retirement Obstacles



Thinking about your own efforts to save for a comfortable retirement, which of the following are obstacles you face, if any? (Base: Total = 1,000)

Inflation and market volatility impact

Inflation, market volatility, and current economic conditions are impacting workers' spending and saving habits

Impact of Market Volatility, Inflation and Economic Conditions on Spending and Saving

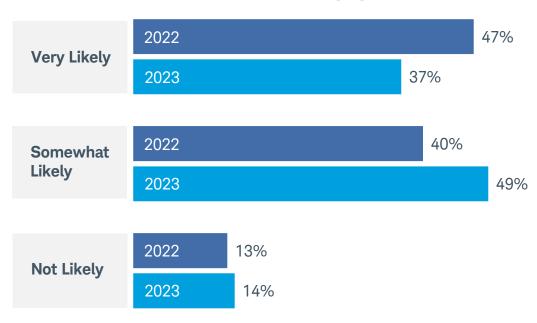


How are market volatility, inflation and economic conditions currently impacting your saving and spending habits, if at all? (Base: Total = 1,000)

Retirement goals

Workers are less certain they will reach their retirement savings goals this year. On average, workers think they need \$1.8 million saved for retirement

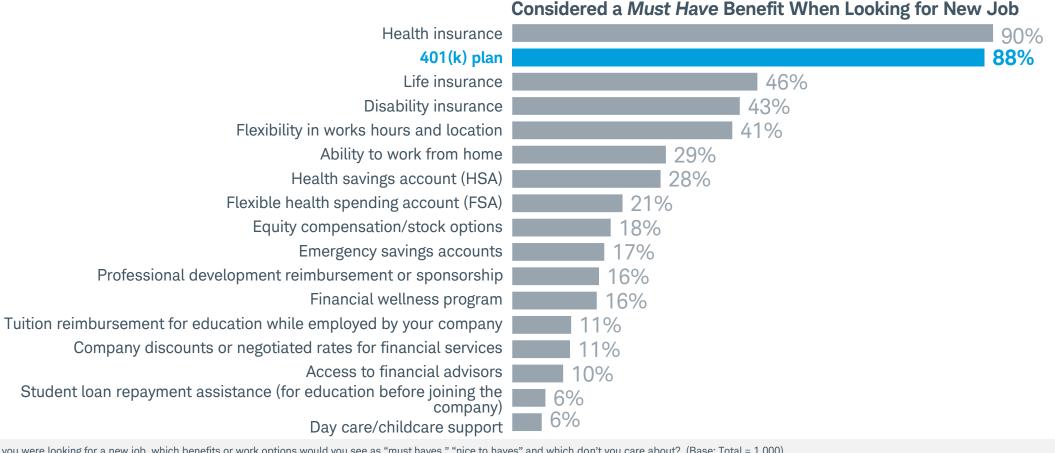
Likelihood to achieve retirement savings goals





401(k) a must-have benefit

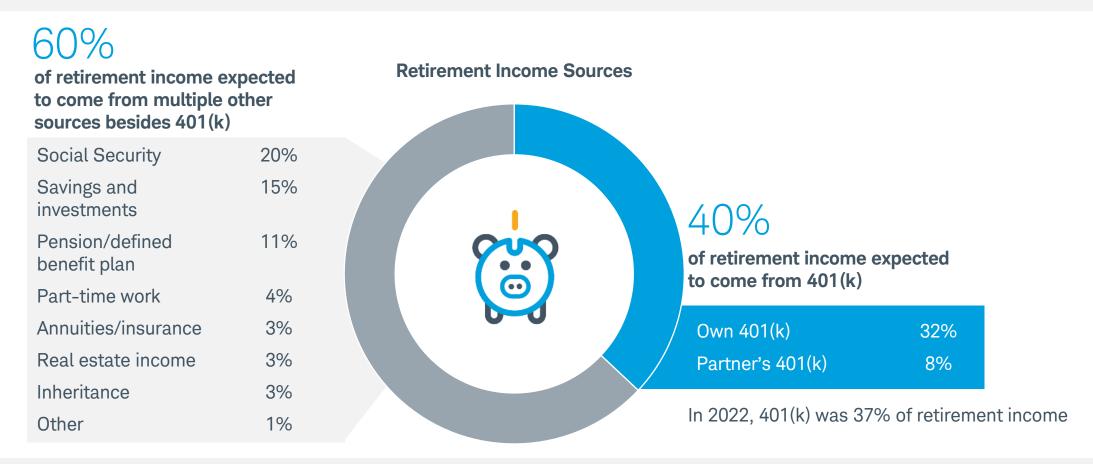
A 401(k) plan and health insurance are considered must-have benefits for more workers this year



If you were looking for a new job, which benefits or work options would you see as "must haves," "nice to haves" and which don't you care about? (Base: Total = 1,000)

Retirement income

More workers are expecting their primary source of retirement income to be their 401(k), followed by Social Security benefits



Thinking about the different sources of income for your retirement, what percentage do you expect to come from each source listed? (Base: Total = 1,000)

Methods for saving
Workers are diversifying their methods of saving and investing for retirement

Top Methods for Investing/Savings for Retirement

		2022	2023
Methods \$	1 Saving in savings account	61%	68%
	2 Investing in an IRA	33%	47%
	3 Investing in a brokerage account	29%	38%
	4 Saving in an HSA	44%	36%
	5 Investing in cryptocurrency	25%	14%

Which of the following methods are you using to save or invest for retirement? (Base: Total = 1,000)

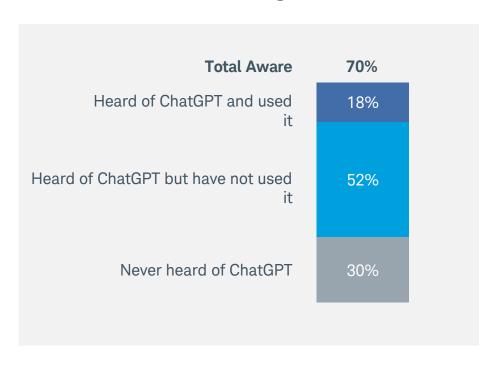
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Emerging tech and financial advice

Half of workers would feel comfortable asking artificial intelligence tools like ChatGPT for help with financial planning, but for now, adoption is low

ChatGPT Awareness and Usage



Comfort with AI Financial Planning



49%

are comfortable asking artificial intelligence (AI) tools for help with financial planning



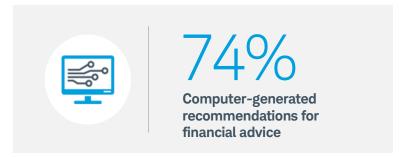
12%

never anticipate being comfortable asking artificial intelligence (AI) tools for help with financial planning

Workers prefer the human touch
Workers are more likely to follow financial advice from a human than computergenerated advice

Likely to Follow...





Advice and confidence

Confidence in workers' ability to make 401(k) investment decisions increases with the help of a financial professional

Confidence in Investment Decisions



Personalized advice

Almost three quarters of workers would like personalized investment advice, and over half want investments in their 401(k) to reflect their personal values

Personalization



73%

I would like personalized investment advice for my 401(k)



Where workers need help

Workers need the most help determining their retirement savings goal and optimizing their 401(k) investments

Areas Would Like Help with Retirement Planning

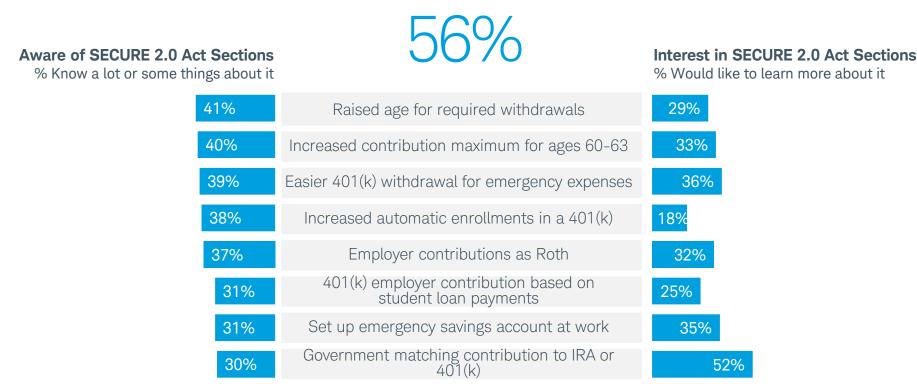


If you could get help with retirement planning, what would you like help with? (Base: Total = 1,000)

SECURE 2.0

Just over half of participants have heard of the SECURE 2.0 Act and most are familiar with sections that are related to required minimum distributions and increased catch-up contributions

Aware of SECURE 2.0 Act



How familiar are you with the SECURE 2.0 Act? (Base: Total = 1,000)

Methodology

- The 2023 401(k) Participant study is an online study conducted by Logica Research.
- The study was conducted from April 19 through May 2, 2023.
- 1,000 401(k) plan participants completed the survey.
 - Ages 21-70
 - Work for companies with 25+ employees that have 401(k) plans
 - Currently contribute to their companies' 401(k) plans
- Survey respondents include participants served by approximately 15 different retirement plan providers.
- The typical (median) survey length was 10 minutes.

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