

How to Save for Retirement

It pays to start early with retirement planning.

You may need up to 80% of your annual income today to retire comfortably.¹

Here are five ways to help get your retirement plan off the ground.

1 Determine How Much You Might Need to Retire Happily

It's time to crunch some numbers and review your expenses.



Let's say the total equals **\$3,000/MONTH**.

You'll likely need a minimum of this amount in retirement income to cover these expenses.

\$36,000 × **clock icon** = **SAVINGS GOAL**

total retirement income for the year

anticipated length of your retirement

2 Make Saving a Priority

After you have a savings goal, determine how much you should put aside each month.

A good rule of thumb is to set aside about **10-15% of your income² for retirement.**

3 Decide How You'll Prepare for Retirement

Here are some options:

401(k): Contribute a percentage of your income. Some employers even match a portion of your contributions.

Traditional or Roth IRA: Put pre-tax or after-tax dollars into a retirement account.

SEP IRA: Self-employed? Make tax-deductible contributions of up to 25 percent of your salary (for 2019).³

Simple IRA: Make tax-deductible contributions of up to \$13,000 (for 2019).⁴

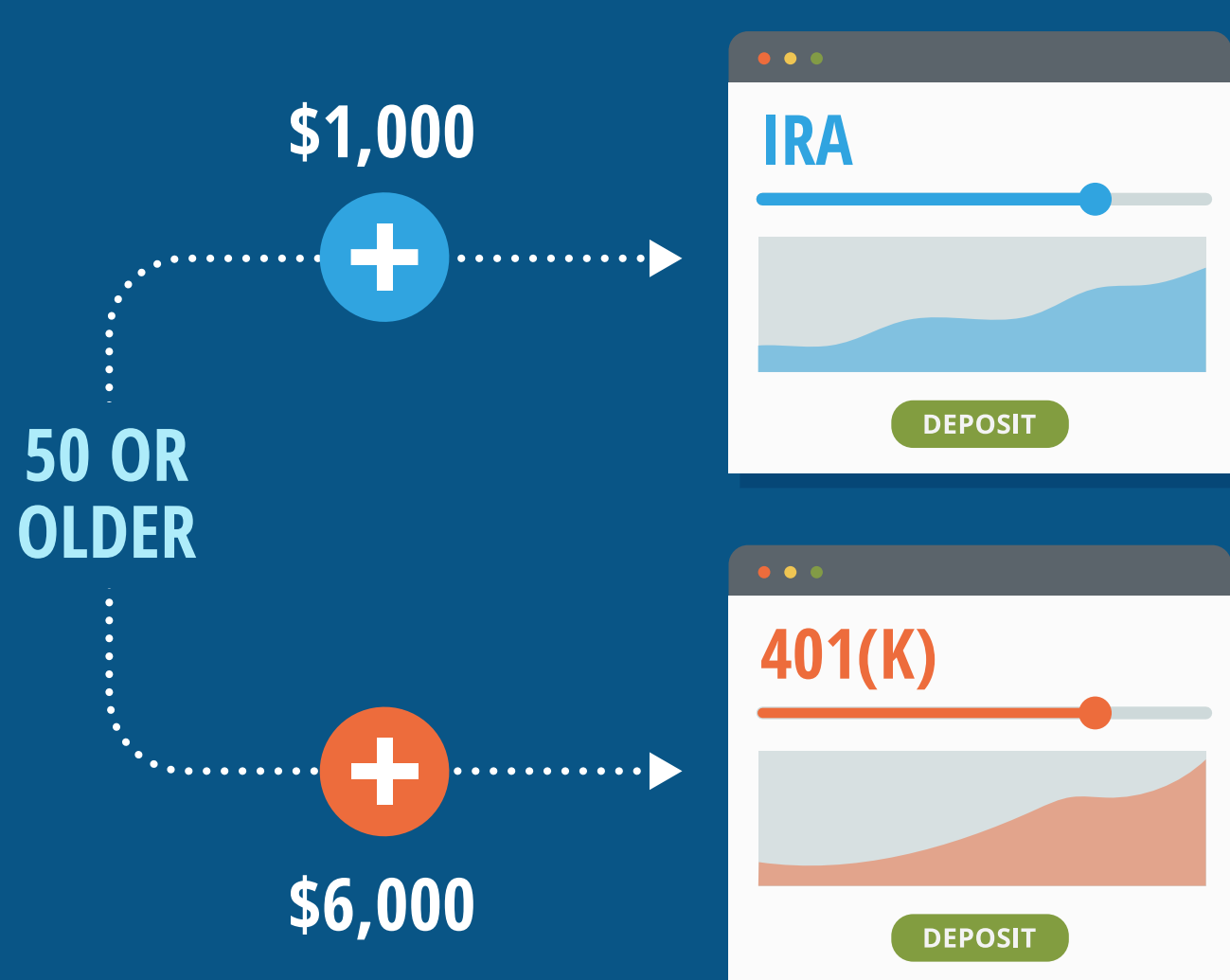
Annuity: Potentially earn interest and defer paying taxes on the earnings until you make a withdrawal.



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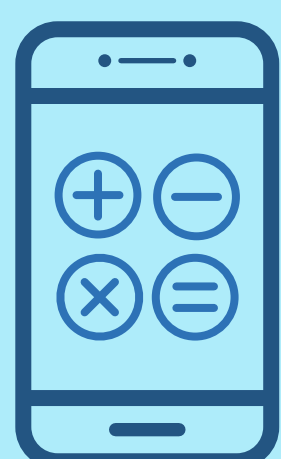
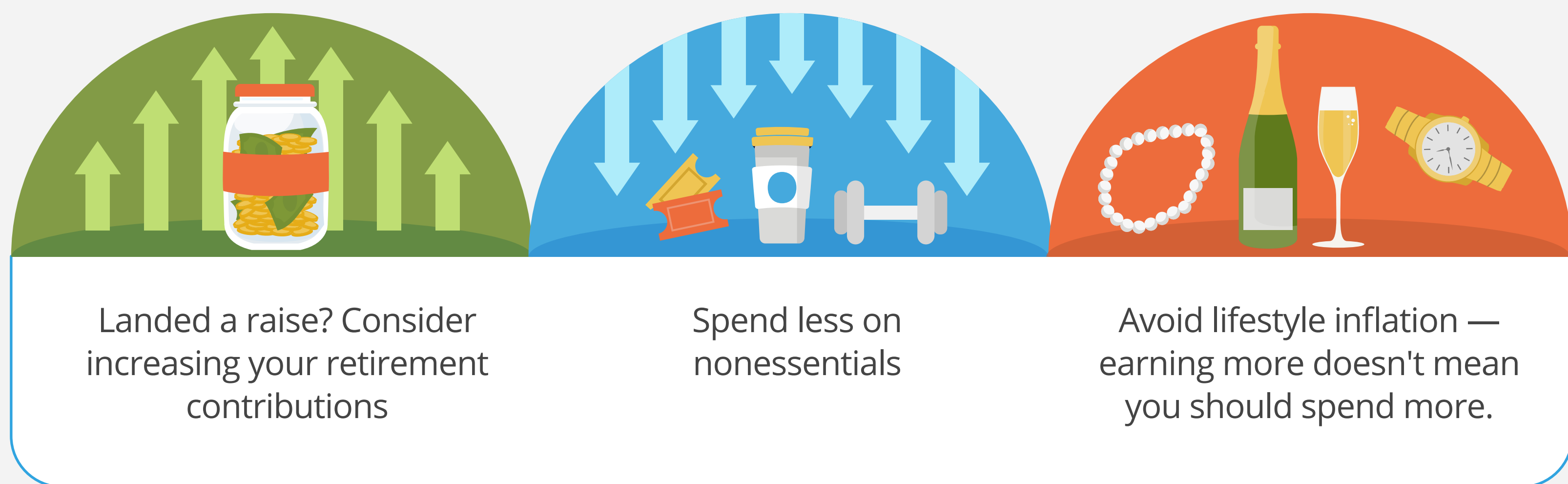
Behind on retirement savings? If you're 50 or older, making catch-up contributions can help you get closer to your goal.

For 2019, you can contribute an additional \$1,000 to an IRA or an additional \$6,000 to a 401(k).⁵



5 Put in the Work

Continue to save every month.



Do regular check-ins to make sure you're still on track.
Our Retirement Checkup Calculator may help.⁶

Start developing the road map to your retirement destination today.
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