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Retirement Planning: An Action Plan for Women

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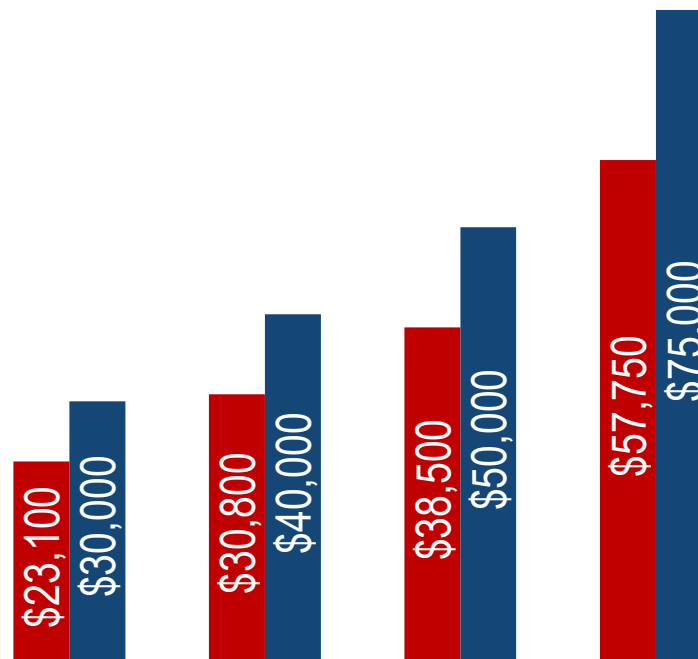
Myth, perception or reality?

- Is saving for retirement different for women than men?
- What are the facts?
- If you're in a relationship...
 - Are you an equal partner in financial decisions?



The facts: women earn less

- Women average \$.77 for every \$1 earned by men.¹
- Median income for women is \$37,791 per year.¹



“Don’t spend time beating on a wall, hoping to transform it into a door.” - Coco Chanel

¹ Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2012, Issued September 2013, www.census.gov

The facts: women spend less time in the workforce

- Working women are more likely than men to interrupt their careers to take care of family members.¹
- Women who interrupt their careers end up working fewer years and contributing less toward their retirement, resulting in lower lifetime savings.¹

“I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.” - Phyllis Diller

¹ <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/women.html>, December 2013



The facts: some women can lack investing confidence

- 43% of women say they don't know if they are on course for retirement.¹
- 20% of women overall feel they are on course for a secure retirement.¹

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

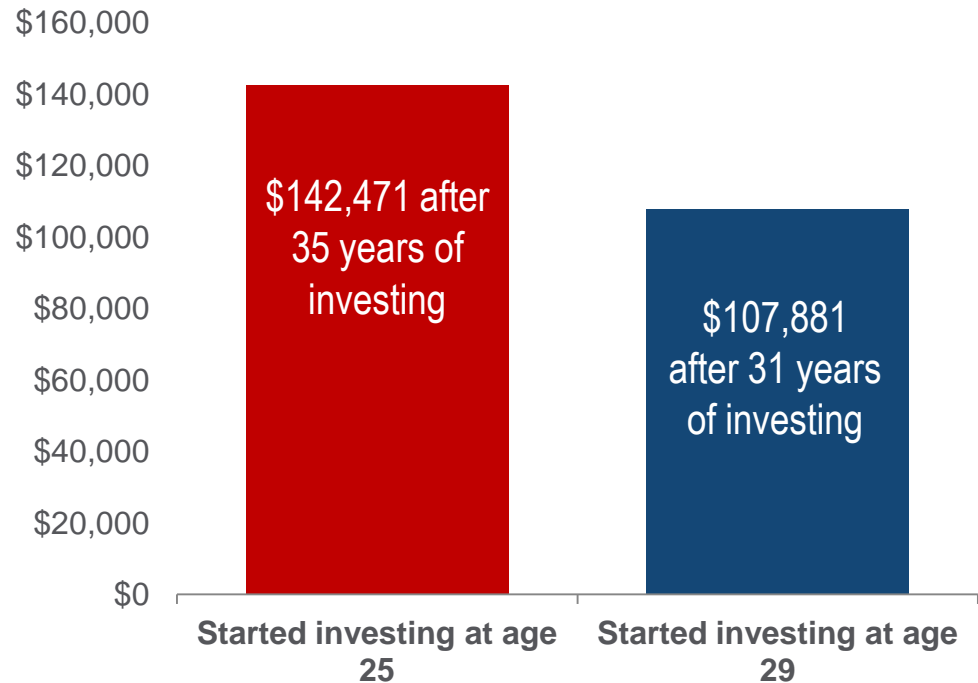


¹ Source:
http://www.plansponsor.com/efforts_needed_to_address_womens_retirement_readiness_obstacles.aspx, November 2014

The facts: women fail to invest or don't invest enough

- Only 45% of women (age 21 to 64) participated in a retirement plan.¹

“The dread of doing a task uses up more time and energy than doing the task itself.”
– Rita Emmett



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¹ Source: <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/women.html>, January 2015

The facts: or women don't invest at all

- Women are more likely to work in part-time jobs that don't qualify for a retirement plan.¹



¹ Source: <http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/publications/women.html>, January 2015

The facts: women have longer retirements

- On average, a female retiring at age 65 can expect to live another 20 years, 5 years longer than a man retiring at the same age.¹



¹ The Center for Health Statistics. Health, United States, 2011: With Special Feature on Socioeconomic Status and Health. May 2012.

Adding it up

Women may be saving less:

- Because of lower earnings.
- Because of less time in the workforce.
- Women may not be investing appropriately for their retirement income needs.
- Women may need retirement income for a longer period than men typically do.



Retirement and relationships

- How does your relationship affect the way you plan and save for retirement?
- Is one of you the designated financial decision maker?
- Do you share the same retirement income goals and risk tolerance?
- Would you know where you stand financially in the event of the death of your spouse or divorce?



Taking charge with your employer-sponsored plan

- It puts you in charge of your own retirement income.
 - It offers tax-deferred savings.
 - It's automatic.
 - It makes retirement planning a priority.



“Focus on what is actually in your power to control today.” – Suze Orman

Personal retirement savings: why it matters

- We may need about 70% of pre-retirement income per year during retirement!¹
- Women are less often covered by private retirement plans.²
- Women are more dependent on Social Security—for a longer period of time.²
- Women are more likely to earn less over their lifetimes than men.²



1 <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/planners/benefitcalculators.htm>, 2015

2 "What Every Woman Should Know", Social Security Administration, June 2013, <http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/EN-05-10127.pdf>

Take the next step on your journey

- If you're already enrolled, think about increasing your contribution.
- If you've been contributing for a while, take a fresh look at your investment mix.
- And remember . . .
 - It's never too early to start.
 - It's never too late to start.

“The question isn't who's going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.” - Ayn Rand

Tools you can use

- Internet sites
- Financial articles
- Website¹
 - www.stlouis457.com
- Phone¹
 - 1-800-701-8255



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