Understanding the Roth 401(k)

	Before-Tax 401(k)	Roth 401(k)
Taxes	Reduces taxable income	Does not reduce taxable income
IRS Salary Deferral Limits	\$19,500 \$26,000 (Age 50+)	\$19,500 \$26,000 (Age 50+)
Total Employee & Employer Contribution Limits ¹	\$57,000 if under age 50 \$63,500 if 50 and over	\$57,000 if under age 50 \$63,500 if 50 and over
Distributions	Distributions after age 59½ taxed as current income	Qualified distributions tax-free
Penalties	Prior to age 59½ subject to 10% early withdrawal penalty	Prior to 59½ subject to 10% early withdrawal penalty on earnings
Rollovers	Eligible for rollover to Traditional or Roth IRA	Eligible for rollover to Roth IRA

Roth 401(k) vs. Roth IRA

- A 401(k) is an employer-sponsored retirement plan that allows Roth contributions. An IRA is an individual retirement account established independent from your employer
- The Roth 401(k) has no income limitations, higher contribution limits, and is subject to required minimum distributions

Common Reasons for Choosing

Before-Tax: Do you need the tax break today? Do you believe you will be in a lower tax bracket in the future? Do you intend to roll this money to a Traditional IRA?

Roth: Do you prefer to pay taxes today at known rates? Do you believe you will be in a higher tax bracket in the future? Do you intend to roll this money to a Roth IRA?

Roth IRA Income Limits

Single Filers - Income thresholds

Full Phased Out No Contributions Allowed

\$124,000 \$139,000

Joint Filers – Income thresholds

Full Contributions Allowed Phased Out None \$196,000 \$206,000

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I contribute to Roth and Before-tax at the same time? Yes. Remember contribution limits are on a combined basis.

Can I invest Roth balances differently from Beforetax? Your contributions will be invested on a pro-rata basis across your investment elections.

Can I borrow from the Roth 401(k)? Yes.

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¹ Total plan contribution includes before-tax, Roth, after-tax and employer contributions.

