

## **Playing Catch Up?**

If you're behind on retirement savings, the worst thing you can do is nothing.

## Here are some strategies to help you catch up:



**Delay Retirement:** Consider postponing your retirement. This reduces the number of years you need your savings to last and allows more time for your investments to grow.

**Cut Expenses:** Review your budget and cut unnecessary costs. Focus on reducing bank charges, subscriptions, convenience food, entertainment, and impulse purchases.



Pay Off Debt: Prioritize paying off high-interest debts like credit cards. This frees up more money for savings and reduces the burden of interest.



**Review Insurance:** Assess your insurance needs with a financial advisor. As you build wealth, you might need less coverage, allowing you to save on premiums.



**Generate Additional Income:** Explore the gig economy for extra income through dog-walking, house-sitting, tutoring, or renting out space.

Save More: Redirect savings from reduced expenses and additional income into your retirement fund. Avoid lifestyle inflation and stick to your budget.



Automate Contributions: Set up automatic monthly contributions to your retirement savings to ensure consistency.



**Invest Aggressively:** With a delayed retirement, adjust your investment strategy to take on more risk and aim for higher returns.



**Take Care of Your Health:** Maintain your health insurance and gap cover. Medical costs increase with age, so prioritize your healthcare needs.

Taking these steps today can help you catch up on your retirement savings and secure your financial future.