

How much should I be paying into my pension?

Based on relief at source*

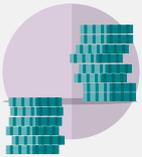
You might have to say goodbye to your take away coffees, but look at how much more you might end up with after investing this money into your pension instead. In this example we're assuming a contribution of 8% which includes 3% from your employer and 5% from you. We'll then look at the difference 1% increments make to the overall value.

Based on Median salary of **£31,285** (ONS 2021)

INVESTING 8% OF YOUR SALARY

INVESTING 9% OF YOUR SALARY

INVESTING 10% OF YOUR SALARY



Your Pension Contribution

£130.35

This is your contribution of **5%**

£156.43

This is your contribution of **6%**

£182.50

This is your contribution of **7%**



Your Employer's Pension Contribution (3% fixed)

£78.21

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Total put away (monthly)

£208.57

£234.64

£260.71



Actual monthly cost to you (Because of tax relief on your contribution)

£104.28

£125.14

£146.00



Take-Home Pay (after net pension contributions, tax and National Insurance deductions)

£1,973.71



£1,952.86



£1,932

£20.86 - that's about 9 coffees

£41.71 - that's about 17 coffees



Total contributions over 30 years

£75,084

£84,469.50

£93,855



Total after 30 years
Based on an investment growth rate of **4.6%** and a fund management charge of **1%**. These figures take into account **2%** inflation and are shown in today's money

£93,600

£105,000

£117,000

These figures are only for illustrative purposes and are not guaranteed.

Remember, investments can go down as well as up and you might not get back all the money you paid in. Tax treatment depends on circumstances and could change.

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*Relief at source means your contributions are taken from your net pay (after your wages are taxed). Then your pension provider automatically claim tax relief for you from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC), adding the basic tax rate of 20% to your pension contributions.

