It Pays to Start
Investing Early

The one who put away the most money saves the most, right?

It's not always that simple.

Saving for your retirement early has clear advantages, thanks to the secret of compound returns. If you're young, time is your biggest ally when it comes to retirement savings, and here's why.

Shannon's Total Contributions

$20,000

25 years old — 10 yrs — **35** years old

Shannon started RRSP at **25**, with annual contributions of **$2,000**. Age **35**, stopped contributing.In **10 years** she contributed **$20,000**

Jack's Total Contributions

$60,000

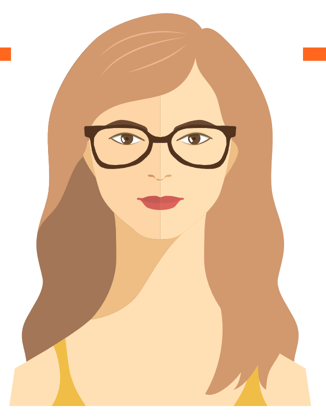
35 years old — 30 yrs — **65** years old

Jack started RRSP at **35**, with annual contributions of **$2,000**. Age **65**, stopped contributing.In 30 years he contributed **$60,000**

Jack contributed for 30 years, while his sister Shannon only contributed for 10. Surely, Jack must have more savings, right?

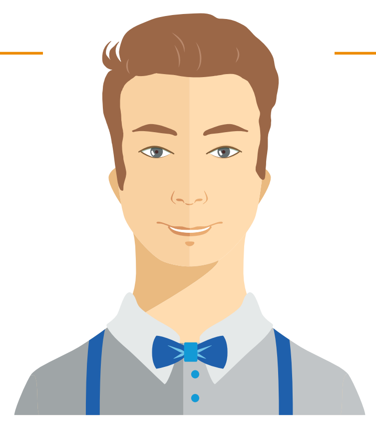
Wrong!

Assuming both RRSP accounts grew **at 8 per cent per year** with no fluctuations:



Shannon's Total at Retirement

$356,956



Jack's Total at Retirement

$220,975

As you can see, **the amount of time you hold the investment is key**. Even small contributions can get you on your way, especially if you start early.

If you are ready to take advantage of an early start on your investment plan, **speak with an ATB Wealth advisor today**.

**Assuming an annualized rate of return on 8%. Assumed rates are shown for illustrative purposes only, and are not a prediction of returns. Actual returns may be higher or lower than those shown and may vary substantially over shorter time periods.*