



Helping You Turn
Over a New
Retirement Leaf

The Benefits of Enrolling in the Wisconsin Deferred Compensation Program (WDC)

Saving through the WDC is a simple way to help supplement your WRS retirement and Social Security benefits. It can help you bridge the gap between your financial situation now and your goals for retirement. It's important to plan for your future—but you don't have to do it alone. Take advantage of all the help available to you.

Get an early start

The sooner you start saving and investing, the more time your money may have to grow. Waiting even a few years can affect the amount you might have in your account when you retire. Take a look at what contributing just \$50 per month starting at age 25 versus age 45 could potentially mean for your monthly retirement income, thanks to the power of compound growth:

Starting Age	Potential Additional Monthly Retirement Income
25	\$713
35	\$360
45	\$166

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Save what you can

There is no minimum contribution amount to participate in the WDC. This means that even if you can't contribute much now, you can still get started saving for your future. Then, as you are able to save more, you may increase your contributions. You can contribute 100% of your salary or up to the annual limits set by the IRS, whichever is less. Check the News & Updates tile at wdc457.org for the current year's limits.

If you are over age 50 or are within three years of retirement, you may be able to take advantage of catch-up contribution limits, which are higher than the normal limits. Employees age 60, 61, 62, or 63 by the end of the 2026 calendar year can contribute a higher catch-up amount too. And there is generally no 10% early withdrawal federal tax penalty for distributions taken from your WDC account before age 59½ (except for distributions attributable to funds you may roll into the WDC Program from another type of retirement plan or IRA).

Please note: For the 2026 tax year, employees age 50 or older who earned more than \$150,000 in Federal Insurance Contributions Act (FICA) wages in 2025 are required to make age-based catch-up contributions on a Roth basis.

Potentially lower fees

With the WDC, you can take advantage of competitive administrative fees (ranging from \$0 to \$3.90 per month depending on your account balance) and low investment fees, thanks to the large number of state and local employees participating in the WDC.

Choose before-tax or after-tax Roth contributions

You have the freedom to choose before-tax traditional or after-tax Roth contributions. This means you can decide whether to pay taxes when you take a distribution, or pay them now to essentially lock in your current tax rate.

	Before-tax (Traditional)	After-tax (Roth)
Is my contribution taxable in the year I make it?	No	Yes
Is my contribution taxed when distributed?	Yes ¹	No
Are potential earnings on my contributions taxed when distributed?	Yes ¹	No, provided the distribution occurs after age 59½, death, or disability, and no earlier than five years after your first Roth contribution ²

¹ Withdrawals are subject to ordinary income tax.

² A withdrawal from a Roth account is not subject to federal taxation as long as it is qualified as defined under IRS regulations. However, state and local taxes may still apply.

Build your own investment portfolio, or get help from professionals

With the WDC, you can choose from a wide variety of investment options, no matter your level of comfort or interest making investment decisions.

1. Build your own portfolio—Create your own investment portfolio from the core options available in the WDC, ranging from conservative to more aggressive, including access to a self-directed brokerage account.
2. Choose a pre-mixed portfolio—Select one of the pre-mixed target date funds based on your target retirement date (the date you will turn 65) and your risk tolerance. The allocation of these funds is designed to become more conservative as you get closer to your target date, although the principal value of the funds is not guaranteed at any time (including the target date).
3. Get professional assistance with Empower Advisory Services, provided by Empower Advisory Group, LLC, a registered investment adviser. These services include Online Advice and My Total Retirement™. *There is no guarantee provided by any party that participation in any of the advisory services will result in a profit.*

³ The Retirement Readiness Review is provided by an Empower representative registered with Empower Financial Services, Inc. and may provide tailored retirement education and guidance at no additional cost to participants.

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Local Retirement Plan Advisors available to meet with you

Seven local, salaried representatives are dedicated to helping WDC participants work toward their retirement goals. You can attend group presentations or one-on-one meetings, including a Retirement Readiness Review, all at no additional cost to you.³ You can schedule a meeting online at wdc457.org—just click on *Schedule a Meeting*, then follow the prompts for either a group or one-on-one session.

Enroll today!

Go to wdc457.org

- Click on the *REGISTER* button
- Click on *I have a plan enrollment code*
- Enter Group ID:
- Enter Plan Enrollment Code:

- Select Division/Employer Name:

Code Expiration Date

The website will guide you through the enrollment process. Continue the process until you receive your confirmation number (keep this for your records), and you are on your way to a more comfortable retirement!

More information about the WDC, including Program Highlights, is available online at wdc457.org or by calling (877) 457-WDCP (9327).