# GET TO KNOW MO DEFERRED COMP



Your State of Missouri Retirement Savings Plan

# **Key Plan Features**

## **THE BASICS**

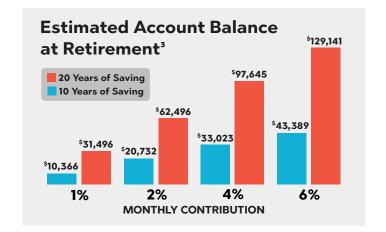
- Your income in retirement will come from three primary sources: your defined benefit pension, Social Security, and personal retirement savings.
- Deferred comp is one of the lowest-cost plans in the nation!
- You have the opportunity to contribute to deferred comp and receive the state match up until you retire.
- You can withdraw your 457 contributory source funds **penalty-free** after you leave state employment.

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

If you are a state employee, you are immediately eligible to save with the MO Deferred Comp Plan. **To help you get started, new full- or part-time employees automatically begin contributing 1% pretax per paycheck to their deferred comp account.**<sup>1</sup>



The average state employee<sup>2</sup> saves roughly 6% per paycheck.





Use the *Grow Your Retirement Savings* calculator at <u>modeferredcomp.org</u> to estimate your balance.

#### **PLAN COSTS**

- Administration: \$1.75 a month, plus 0.08% of assets
- Investment Management: 0.08% to 0.21%

# **Contributing to Your Retirement Savings Account**

#### **CONTRIBUTION OPTIONS**

With deferred comp, you have the opportunity to **save** with pre-tax and Roth (after-tax) contributions.





2 Roth contributions are taxed <u>now</u> instead of when you withdraw your money.



## 2025 IRS Annual Contribution Limits

Maximum Deferral — Under Age 50	\$23,500
Age 50 and Over Catch-Up	\$31,000
Age 60-63 Catch-Up	\$34,750
Pre-Retirement Catch-Up	\$47,000

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- You can save with either a flat-dollar or a percent-of-pay contribution.
- You may roll money into deferred comp from a qualified retirement plan 457(b), 401(a), 401(k), 403(b), traditional IRA, and BackDROP. Roth IRA assets cannot be rolled into a 457(b) plan.
- If your agency allows it, you can contribute your comp time pay to your deferred comp account at any point in your career.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Automatic enrollment excludes universities and previous temporary or seasonal non-benefit eligible employees. <sup>2</sup> Data refers to the average 25-year employee.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Assumes starting salary of \$35,000, 2% annual salary increases, 6% annual rate of return, and a monthly match up to a maximum of \$75. Illustration is for hypothetical purposes only. Your return could be higher or lower.

# The Match

If you contribute at least \$25 a month to your deferred comp account, the **state of** Missouri will match your contributions dollar for dollar up to a maximum of \$75 each month.4

Your Monthly Contribution	Monthly State Match	TOTAL Monthly Contribution	Balance in 10 Years⁵	Balance in 25 Years⁵
\$20	\$0	\$20	\$3,278	\$13,850
\$25.67	\$25.67	\$51.34	\$8,414	\$35,578
\$50.89	\$50.89	\$101.78	\$16,680	\$70,533
\$75	\$75	\$150	\$24,582	\$103,949
\$104.56	\$75	\$179.56	\$29,426	\$124,434
\$302	\$75	\$377	\$61,783	\$261,259

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> The match is subject to annual approval of the state's budget. College and university employees are not eligible to receive the match. <sup>5</sup> Assumes 6% annual return. Illustration is for hypothetical purposes only. Your return could be higher or lower.

# **Investment Options**



### 1) TARGET DATE FUNDS

MO Deferred Comp has 13 target date funds, each containing a mix of stocks, bonds, and other investments. The funds automatically **rebalance** from higher levels of risk to more conservative as you move to — and through retirement.



## STABLE INCOME FUND

The stable income fund is a fixed-income, cashlike investment option for those with a low tolerance for risk. This option seeks to protect your principal balance and aims for steady growth over time without experiencing daily market fluctuations.

# 3 SELF-DIRECTED BROKERAGE **ACCOUNT**

This option is for hands-on investors who prefer to build their own portfolio. Through your brokerage account, you will have access to most individual stocks and bonds and more than 13,000 mutual funds. There is **no charge** to open an account. Restrictions do apply.

Need help? Visit modeferredcomp.org to schedule a short 30-minute meeting with your local financial education professional. Get answers to your retirement savings questions, review your account, learn about your investment options, and more.



Saving with a percent of pay instead of a flat-dollar amount can help you save more for retirement.

# Withdrawing Your Money

#### WHILE EMPLOYED

You may **not** withdraw money from deferred comp while employed with the state, unless:

- You experience and meet the IRS criteria for an unforeseeable emergency withdrawal.
- If your account balance is \$5,000 or less and you have not made a contribution for two years, you may take a onetime, in-service withdrawal.
- If you have attained the age of 70 ½, you can take up to two withdrawals in a calendar year.

#### AFTER LEAVING THE STATE

- You may take a full or partial withdrawal, set up recurring payments, or roll your balance to an IRA or another employer plan.
- The IRS requires you to begin taking **required minimum distributions** from your tax-deferred accounts no later than April 1 following the year you turn 73. Roth assets are excluded.
- You will receive a payout from MO Deferred Comp if your 457(b) account balance is less than \$1,000 and you have not made a contribution in two years OR if your 401(a) account is less than \$1,000.

## **TAX CONSEQUENCES & PENALTIES**

- You can withdraw your 457 contributory source funds penalty-free after you leave the state.
- All withdrawals from the plan will be subject to federal and state income taxes, with the exception of a rollover to another eligible retirement plan and some Roth 457 contributions.
- Deferred comp will withhold 20% for federal tax purposes at the time of payment on all withdrawals that cannot be
- Withdrawals made prior to age 59 ½ from your 401(a) state incentive account may be subject to a 10% early