

## Did you know?

- ▶ **In the U.S., 56% of individuals lack a rainy day fund to cover expenses for 3 months.**

*Source: Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). 2015 FINRA Foundation National Financial Capability Study.*

- ▶ **About half of households age 55 and older have no retirement savings.**

*Source: Government Accountability Office (GAO). GAO-15-419 report published May 12, 2015.*

- ▶ **Children with small amounts saved for college, are 3 times more likely to enroll and 4 times more likely to graduate.**

*Source: Corporation for Enterprise Development: Scholarly Research on Children's Savings Accounts (2014).*

## Why is it important to save?

Saving money early can help you become financially secure, give you peace of mind and provide a safety net in case of an emergency.

Start saving today by opening a savings account at a federally insured financial institution. Savings accounts make it simple and easy for you to save regularly.

To locate a federally insured credit union near you, visit [MyCreditUnion.gov](http://MyCreditUnion.gov) and click on the Credit Union Locator.

## Educating youth about the importance of saving

The NCUA's interactive learning tools provide a fun platform for teaching young people about the importance of saving and spending wisely.



**World of Cents** - For ages 5-10, this is an engaging, kid-friendly tool that helps teach the value of money through the concepts of earning, saving, and spending money, while incorporating basic math concepts. Choose a character, select one of three math and matching skills levels, and participate in a vibrant world full of whimsical playhouses.

**Hit the Road** - For ages 10-15, this is a fun and interactive platform for teaching young people money management skills. While on a virtual road trip across the country, you must save and spend your money wisely to complete challenges along the way.



## How do I start Saving?



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Office of Consumer Financial Protection  
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**MyCreditUnion.gov**  
800-755-1030  
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# What's your priority?

**Save more, pay less.** Loans and credit cards charge interest, and borrowing can be expensive. Avoid these costs by saving regularly.



Visit **MyCreditUnion.gov** for resources and helpful tips on how to build your savings plan.

# Want to start today?

**Helpful hints.** Take simple steps to improve your financial future.

**Set financial goals**

- ▶ Build an emergency fund
- ▶ Form a savings habit

**Open a savings account**

- ▶ At a local financial institution that meets your needs

**Save Regularly**

- ▶ Pay yourself first
- ▶ Set up auto-transfers

**Track**

- ▶ Your savings and investments

# How can **credit unions** help me save?

## Credit unions typically offer:

- ↑ Higher savings rates
- ↓ Fewer fees
- ↓ Lower loan rates

Credit unions are not-for-profit, cooperative institutions owned by their members. For information on how to become a member of a credit union and to locate one near you visit **MyCreditUnion.gov**.

**NCUA** Federally insured credit unions offer a safe place for you to save your money. The National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund provides individual depositors up to \$250,000 in coverage at each federally insured credit union.

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