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PRIVATE WEALTH

401(K) OR ROTH

SAVING FOR RETIREMENT STARTS NOW

YOUR FUTURE SELF WILL THANK YOU

Retirement may feel far off, but **planning today** helps you work toward more options tomorrow. Whether you choose Traditional or Roth contributions, your 401(k) is a powerful tool to work toward building long-term financial security. Not sure which option is right for you? **We're here to help.**



WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

Traditional 401(k):

Contributions are made pre-tax, which means they reduce your taxable income today. You'll pay taxes later—when you withdraw the money in retirement.

Good for: Those who want a tax break now or expect to be in a lower tax bracket in retirement.

Roth 401(k):

Contributions are made after-tax, so you pay taxes up front. But the big benefit? Withdrawals in Roth accounts are tax free if the account has been held for 5 years and the withdrawal is made after age 59 1/2.*

Good for: Younger employees, those early in their careers, or anyone who expects to be in a higher tax bracket later.

A Real Life Example

Let's say Taylor earns \$60,000/year and contributes 6% to their 401(k):

- With a Traditional 401(k), Taylor's taxable income drops to \$56,400, potentially lowering their current tax bill.
- With a Roth 401(k), Taylor pays taxes on the full \$60,000 now, but won't owe taxes on withdrawals later.*

If Taylor is early in their career and expects their income to grow, the Roth option could offer long-term tax savings.

If Taylor is closer to retirement and wants to reduce taxes today, Traditional might be the better fit.



HOW TO DECIDE

Here are a few questions to ask yourself:

1. Do I want a tax break now or later?
2. Am I early in my career or nearing retirement?
3. Do I expect my income (and tax rate) to rise over time?
4. Would I benefit from tax-free withdrawals in retirement?

Still unsure? You don't have to figure it out alone.

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

At Platte River, we believe financial confidence starts with clarity. Our advisors are here to walk you through your options, answer your questions, and help you make a choice that fits your life—not just your paycheck.

Whether you're just starting out or reevaluating your retirement strategy, we'll help you align your 401(k) contributions with your long-term goals.

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IMPORTANT DISCLOSURES

*Withdrawals in Roth accounts are only tax free if the account has been held for 5 years and the withdrawal is made after age 59 1/2.

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