

Timing is often crucial when saving for your retirement. Starting to invest as soon as you can could make a huge difference - as this simple illustration demonstrates:



Jane saves **£2,500 pa** from age **21 to 32** then stops.

£30,000 total investment

Age 20 | 30 | 40 | 50 | 60 | 70



£82,500 total investment

Steven saves **£2,500 pa** from age **33 to 65** then stops.

By starting to invest earlier, Jane achieves a similar sized pension pot to Steven despite investing **£52,500** less:

Steven invested **£82,500** and ends up with **£210,167**

However, Jane invested **£30,000** and ends up with **£209,046** - only slightly less

Source: JM Finn. Calculations assume investment growth of 5% per annum.

The value of investments and the income from them can go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future results.