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- CalSavers opened for statewide enrollment on July 1, 2019 for the 7.4 million private-sector workers in the state who do not have access to an employer-sponsored retirement savings plan.
- The program offers participants a simple, portable, low-cost way to save via a Roth IRA account with a set of investment options.
- A small group of employers participated in a pilot program conducted in two waves, the first in late November 2018 and the second in mid-April 2019.
- Individuals who are self-employed or gig workers are able to voluntarily join the program.



	484,859	funded accounts
	36.8%	effective opt-out rate
	\$190	average monthly contribution amount
	5.2%	average contribution rate
	\$766.0 million	total assets

- Effective January 1, 2023, employers with at least 1 employee that currently do not provide qualified savings plans must use the CalSavers program or select a qualified plan in the private market by December 31, 2025 (change from 5 or more employees).
- Employees who do not opt out begin saving at a default rate of 5% of pay. Contribution rates for participants will automatically increase 1% beginning on the first day of each year until they reach 8% of gross pay.³
- For the first 30 days, funds are held in a capital preservation fund and then moved into the age-appropriate default TDF investment option (funds not held if an investment option is selected).⁴
- Employee participation is voluntary. Employees may opt-out, or choose to change their contribution level or investment fund option at any time.

Source:

From CalSavers. For more information about the program, go to the CalSavers Homepage.
Participation & Funding Snapshot from CalSavers, Data as of January 31, 2024.
The automatic increase only applies to participants who have been contributing for six months or more, are currently contributing less than 8 percent, and have not opted out of automatic contribution increases. Participants may opt out or back in to automatic contribution increases at any time.
Former default option directed first \$1,000 of contributions into a capital preservation fund then into TDF.