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Illinois Secure Choice Implementation Update

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INITIATIVES

as of January 31, 2024

- Illinois Secure Choice opened for statewide enrollment in November 2018 for the estimated 2.0 million workers who currently lack access to an employer-sponsored retirement savings plan across the state.
- 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 in May 2018.
- Individuals who are self-employed or gig workers are able to voluntarily join the program.



25,287 143,832 Total Employers Registered Total Funded Accounts

39.6%	Effective Opt-Out Rate
\$150	Average Monthly Contribution Amount
6.2%	Average Contribution Rate
\$158.8 million	Total Assets

- Employers with at least 5 employees, that have been in business for two or more years, and do not currently provide qualified savings plans must automatically enroll their employees into the program or select a qualified plan in the private market.
- Employees who do not opt out begin saving at a default rate of 5% of pay and, for the first 90 days after the initial contribution, funds are held in a money market fund and then defaulted into a target date fund.
- Employee participation is voluntary. Employees may opt-out, or choose to change their contribution level or investment fund option at any time.



Sources:

1: From Illinois Secure Choice. For more information about the program, go to the <u>IL Secure Choice</u> website.

2:. <u>Secure Choice Monthly Dashboard</u> from IL Secure Choice. Data as of January 31, 2024.