

## The sidelines aren't always safe. Here's what you can do now.

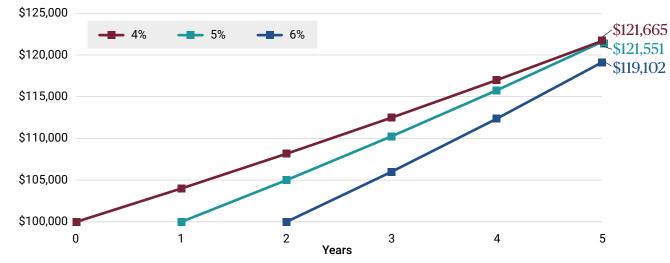
It's easy to see the risks of unpredictable rates – but if you wait to invest you may pay a big price in the hidden risk of lost opportunity.

# Your two most valuable assets

Today, you have a priceless asset that you will slowly lose over the years: time. Combined with the "magic of compounding interest," investments made today at a lower (actual) interest rate may reap bigger results than a higher (hoped for) future rate.

### What's the cost of waiting?

Take a look at the chart below, which shows a slow and steady investor, using time and compounded interest, who has a stronger outcome – even with a lower rate – than the investor who tries to catch up in a mad dash with a higher rate.



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### A \$100,000 investment with a 4% rate, held for five years, grows to \$121,665.

But what if you held out for a higher rate? If you waited just one year, and had a higher rate of 5%, you'd end up short with \$121,551. If you waited two years, with an even higher rate of 6%, you would still fall short at \$119,102.

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