

The Iowa Retirement Investors' Club is your employer-sponsored voluntary retirement savings plan. You may enroll at any time and save automatically through payroll deduction. Explore this great employee benefit today at <https://das.iowa.gov/RIC>.

Should I stop saving while the market is so crazy?

Many investors have questions about whether to continue contributing to their retirement savings accounts when the news is often declaring drops in the market. It's difficult sometimes to not make knee-jerk decisions!

Generally, participants in RIC are investing in the market every paycheck through payroll deductions. This means they are **dollar cost averaging**. By investing the same amount multiple times a month/year, savers automatically:



- ✓ Buy fewer shares while the price is high (market going up) and
- ✓ Buy more shares while the price is low (market going down and shares are on SALE!)

Since we never know when the prices will be lowest or highest, buying many times a year at a variety of prices gives us the benefit of buying our mutual fund shares at the best average share price for the year!

Month	Contribution Amount	Share Price	# of Shares Bought	# of Shares Owned	Account Value
1	\$ 100	\$ 10.00	10	10	\$ 100.00
2	\$ 100	\$ 4.00	25	35	\$ 140.00
3	\$ 100	\$ 2.00	50	85	\$ 170.00
4	\$ 100	\$ 12.50	8	93	\$ 1,062.50
5	\$ 100	\$ 16.00	6.25	99	\$ 1,588.00
6	\$ 100	\$ 8.00	12.5	111.75	\$ 894.00
7	\$ 100	\$ 5.00	20	131.75	\$ 658.75
8	\$ 100	\$ 20.00	5	136.75	\$ 2,735.00
9	\$ 100	\$ 10.00	10	146.75	\$ 1,467.75
10	\$ 100	\$ 4.00	25	171.75	\$ 687.00
11	\$ 100	\$ 2.50	40	211.75	\$ 529.38
12	\$ 100	\$ 12.50	8	219.75	\$ 2,746.88

Average share price for 1 year = \$ 8.88 Shares were not lost!

Fixed Rate Account Investors: If you invest in the Fixed Rate Account, your contributions and interest earned do not fluctuate in the market.

Now is a good time to contact your advisor to review your investments and savings goals in order to make informed decisions. If you don't have your advisor's contact information, call your provider for assistance.