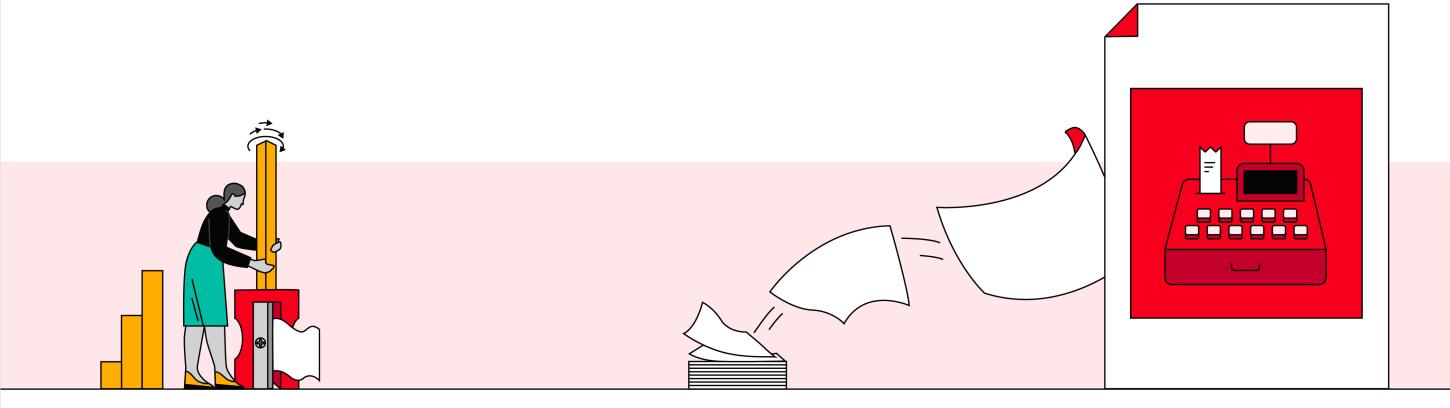
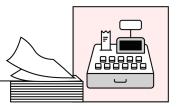


Custom DC plan benchmarks

Retail trade



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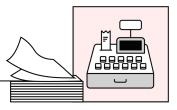


Benchmark population

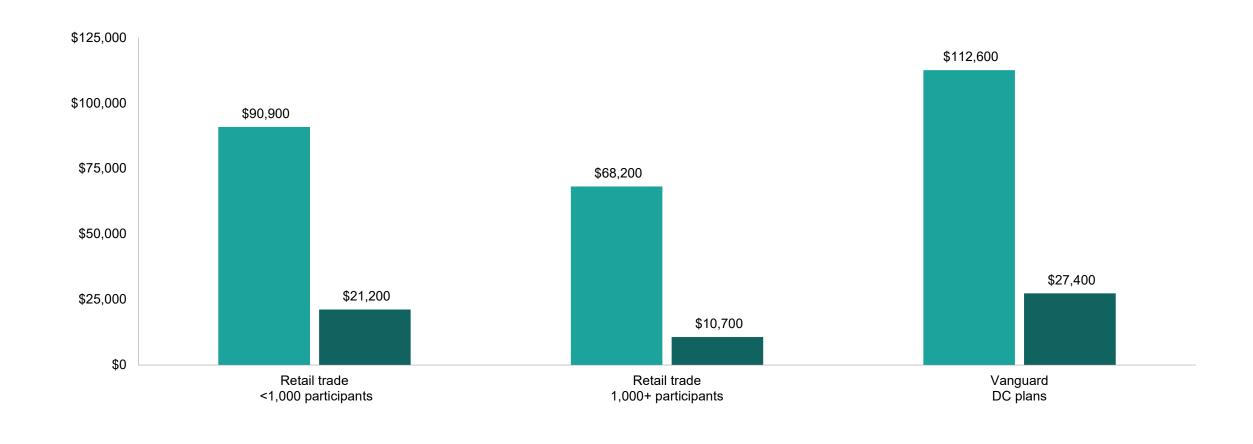
	Retail trade <1,000 participants	Retail trade 1,000+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Number of plans	18	20	1,650
Number of participants	7,322	469,349	4.9 million
Average number of participants	407	23,467	2,950
Median number of participants	393	5,298	565
Amount of assets	\$665.6 million	\$32 billion	\$550.2 billion
Average assets	\$37 million	\$1.6 billion	\$333.9 million
Median assets	\$31.5 million	\$254.9 million	\$65.5 million

The retail trade industry is defined by NAICS (North American Industry Classification System) sectors 44-45.





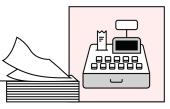
Participant balances



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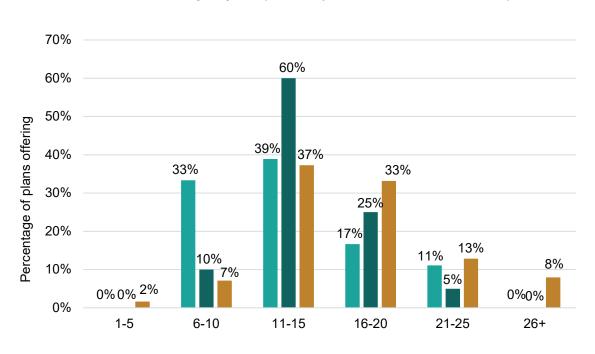
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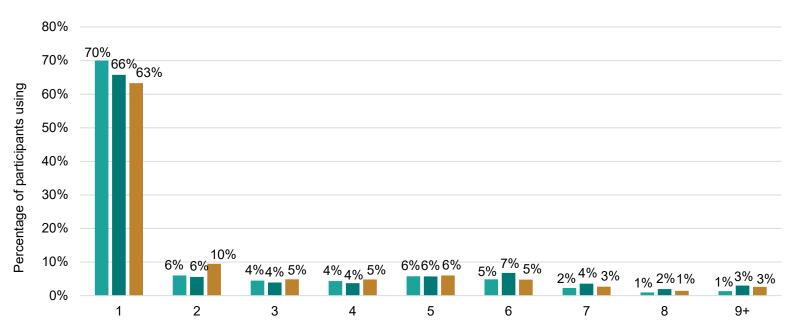


Number of fund options offered and used

Funds offered per plan (all life-cycle funds counted as one)



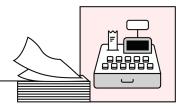
Funds used per participant



	Average funds offered	Median funds offered	Average funds used	Median funds used
Retail trade <1,000 participants	13.8	14	2.1	1
Retail trade 1,000+ participants	14.7	15	2.5	1
Vanguard DC plans	17.4	16	2.4	1

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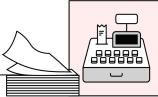
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Types of investment options offered and used*

	Retail trad	e <1,000 participants	Retail trac	le 1,000+ participants		Vanguard DC plans
	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*
Cash	100%	12%	95%	15%	99%	12%
Money market	56	6	40	1	70	6
Stable value / GIC	61	14	80	15	68	10
Bond	94%	17%	95%	20%	98%	17%
Active	61	7	90	7	80	7
Index	89	14	85	16	89	14
Inflation-protected securities	6	3	25	3	35	3
Multisector	0	0	5	<0.5	8	2
High-yield	22	2	10	5	17	3
International	11	2	10	2	19	3
Emerging markets	0	0	0	0	1	2
Balanced funds	100%	85%	100%	84%	99%	87%
Traditional balanced	61	15	30	7	62	12
Target-risk	6	26	5	1	13	10
Target-date	94	80	100	83	96	83
Company stock	0%	0%	10%	25%	8%	36%
Self-directed brokerage	0%	0%	5%	1%	20%	1%

^{*}Among participants offered the option.

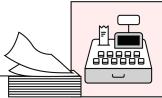


Types of investment options offered and used* (continued)

	Retail trad	le <1,000 participants	Retail trac	le 1,000+ participants		Vanguard DC plans
	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*
quity funds	100%	28%	100%	30%	99%	30%
Domestic equity funds	100%	28%	100%	29%	99%	29%
Large-cap index	100	23	95	10	98	23
Large-cap active	78	13	90	25	90	16
Large-cap value	89	8	95	11	87	9
Large-cap growth	83	9	90	5	91	13
Large-cap blend	100	22	100	23	98	23
Mid-cap index	94	12	90	17	83	14
Mid-cap active	33	3	65	7	52	7
Small-cap index	61	10	70	12	63	11
Small-cap active	56	4	60	5	63	7
Socially responsible	6	1	15	2	15	5
International equity funds	100%	15%	95%	22%	97%	19%
Index international	56	16	95	17	79	14
Active international	78	7	80	7	83	10
Emerging markets	17	1	35	19	35	8
Global equity funds	11%	11%	5%	10%	17%	3%

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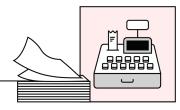




Types of investment options offered and used* (continued)

	Retail trad	Retail trade <1,000 participants		Retail trade 1,000+ participants		Vanguard DC plans	
	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	Percentage of plans offering	Percentage of participants using*	
Sector funds	39%	8%	40%	6%	38%	6%	
REIT	28	6	30	7	32	5	
Health care	17	3	5	8	8	7	
Energy	17	3	0	0	5	5	
Precious metals	0	0	0	0	2	2	
Technology	22	3	0	0	3	5	
Utilities	6	1	0	0	1	2	
Natural resources	0	0	0	0	1	4	
Financials	0	0	0	0	<0.5	1	
Communications	0	0	0	0	<0.5	1	
Consumer	6	1	0	0	<0.5	2	
Industrials	0	0	0	0	<0.5	1	

^{*}Among participants offered the option. Source: Vanguard, as of December 31, 2022.

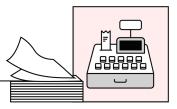


Target-date funds availability and use

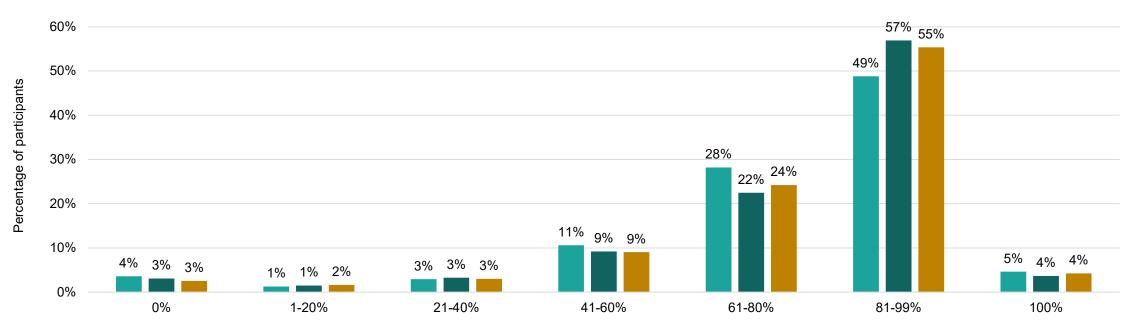
	Retail trade <1,000 participants	Retail trade 1,000+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Percentage of plans offering	94%	100%	96%
Plan assets invested*	42%	32%	40%
Percentage of plan assets*			
<10%	6%	0%	5%
10–19%	12%	0%	10%
20–29%	18%	15%	17%
30–39%	35%	0%	21%
40–49%	0%	30%	17%
50%+	29%	55%	30%
Percentage of participants using *	80%	83%	83%
Percentage of participant assets**	71%	52%	61%
Percentage of participant assets in target-date funds**			
1–24%	8%	10%	10%
25–49%	8%	8%	8%
50–74%	2%	3%	4%
75–99%	2%	4%	6%
100%	81%	75%	72%
Percentage of participants owning**			
One target-date fund only	80%	74%	71%
One target-date fund plus other funds	18%	23%	23%
Two or more target-date funds only	1%	1%	2%
Two or more target-date funds plus other funds	2%	2%	4%

^{*}Among plans offering target-date options.

^{**}Among participants owning target-date options.



Participant equity exposure



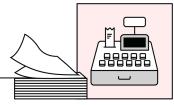
Percentage of assets in equities

	Average percentage in equities	Median percentage in equities
Retail trade <1,000 participants	75%	83%
Retail trade 1,000+ participants	76%	86%
Vanguard DC plans	77%	86%

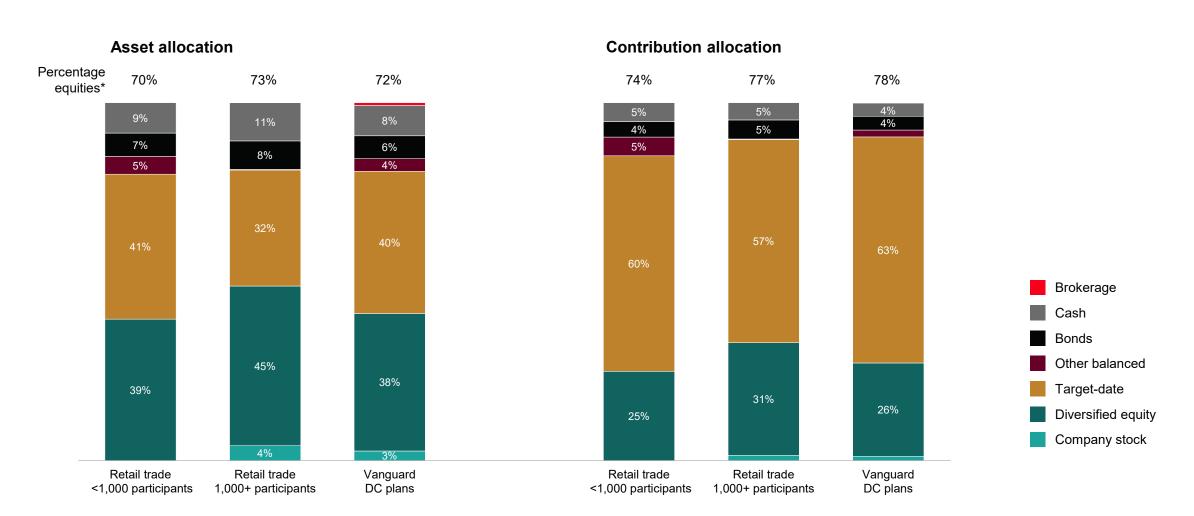
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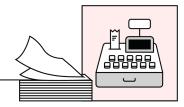
Asset and contribution allocations



^{*}Equities include company stock, diversified equity, and the equity portion of balanced funds.

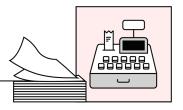
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Participants with professionally managed allocations

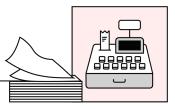
	Retail trade <1,000 participants	Retail trade 1,000+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
All participants			
Single target-date fund	63%	62%	59%
Single balanced fund	3%	<0.5%	<0.5%
Managed account program	7%	10%	7%
Total	73%	72%	66%
New plan entrants during the year			
Single target-date fund	90%	91%	87%
Single balanced fund	<0.5%	0%	<0.5%
Managed account program	2%	2%	2%
Total	92%	93%	89%



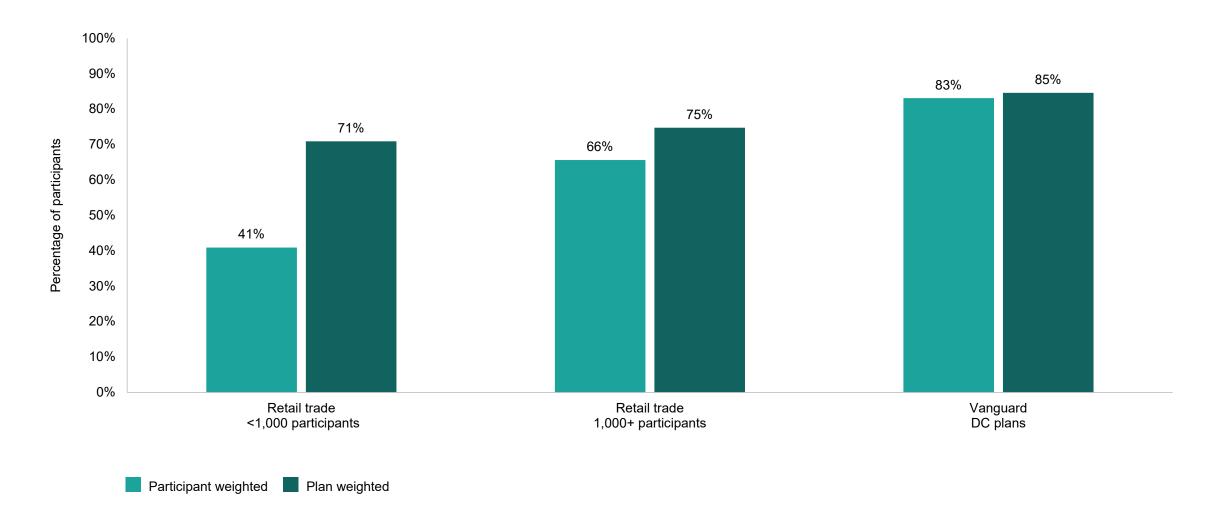
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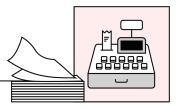
	Retail trade <1,000 participants	Retail trade 1,000+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Automatic enrollment*			
Number of plans	8	12	884
Percentage of plans	44%	60%	58%
Default automatic enrollment rate			
1 percent	0%	0%	2%
2 percent	0%	17%	5%
3 percent	50%	50%	34%
4 percent	0%	17%	14%
5 percent	13%	0%	17%
6 percent or more	38%	17%	28%_
Default automatic increase rate			
1 percent	88%	83%	66%
2 percent	13%	0%	3%
Voluntary election	0%	17%	25%
Service feature not offered	0%	0%	6%_
Default automatic increase cap			
<6 percent	0%	0%	2%
6 to 9 percent	25%	30%	17%
10 to 14 percent	25%	20%	48%
15 to 19 percent	25%	30%	22%
20+ percent	25%	10%	6%
No cap	0%	10%	5%
Default fund			
Target-date fund	100%	100%	98%
Other balanced fund	0%	0%	1%
Money market or stable value fund	0%	0%	1%

 $[\]star Limited \ to \ plans \ using \ Vanguard's \ automatic \ enrollment \ service.$



Participation rates

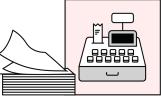




Participant deferral rates

	Retail trade <1,000 participants	Retail trade 1,000+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Deferral rates			
Average	7.6%	5.5%	7.4%
Median	6.4%	4.9%	6.4%
Distribution of rates			
<4.0%	22%	44%	25%
4.0% - 6.0%	21%	24%	19%
6.1% – 9.9%	33%	19%	32%
10.0% – 14.9%	16%	9%	17%
15.0%+	8%	4%	7%

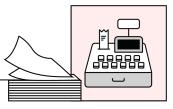
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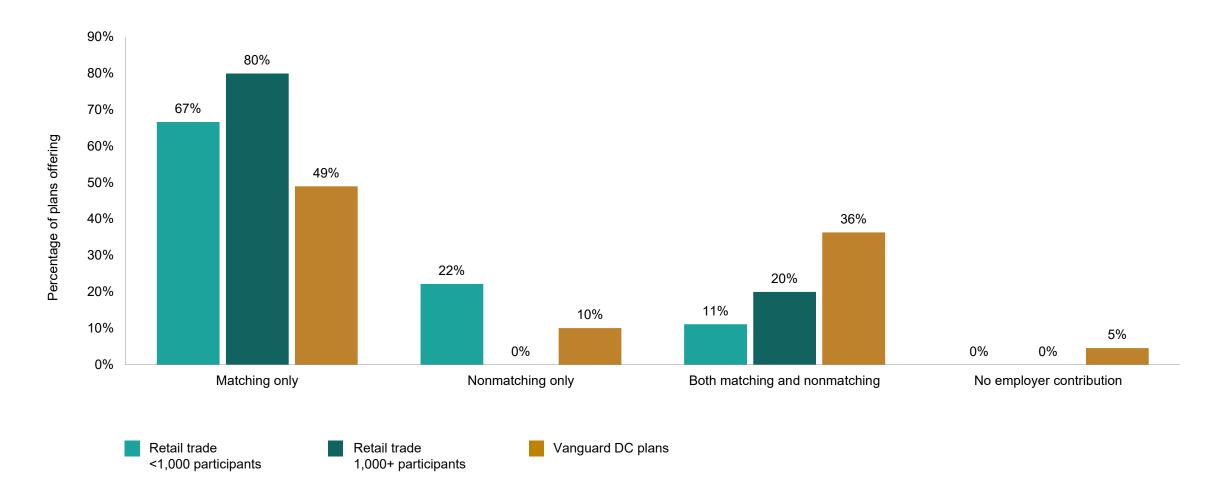
Aggregate participant and employer contribution rates

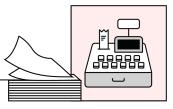
	Retail trade <1,000 participants	Retail trade 1,000+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Total saving rate			
Average	12.4%	7.8%	11.3%
Median	12.0%	6.6%	10.6%
Distribution of rates			
<5.0%	16%	41%	18%
5.0% - 8.9%	16%	17%	20%
9.0% – 11.9%	16%	23%	21%
12.0% – 14.9%	19%	9%	17%
15.0% +	32%	10%	23%

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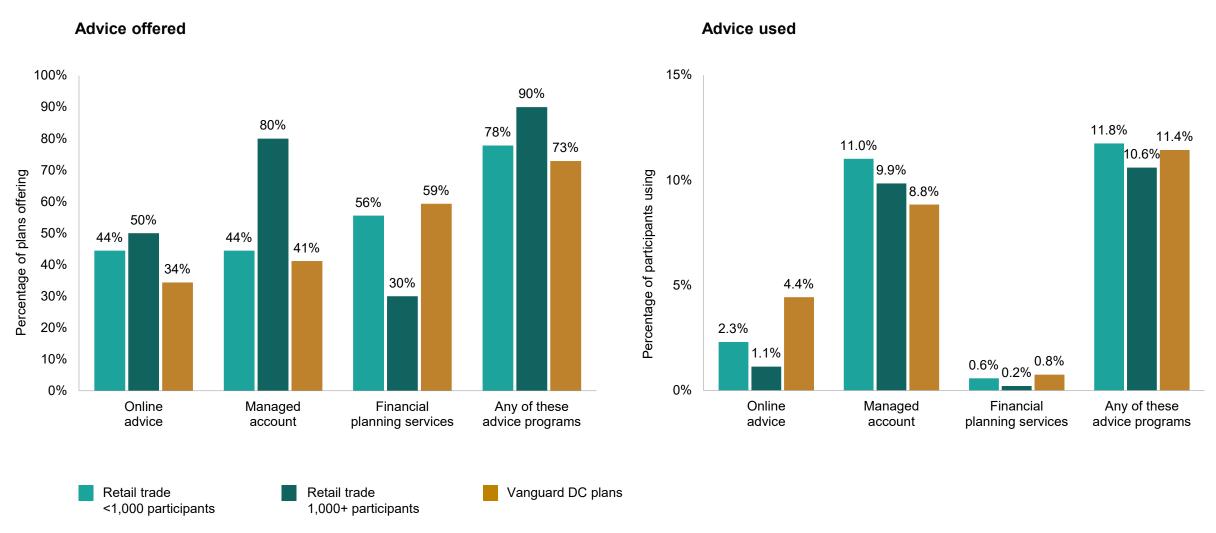


Types of employer contributions





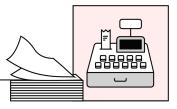
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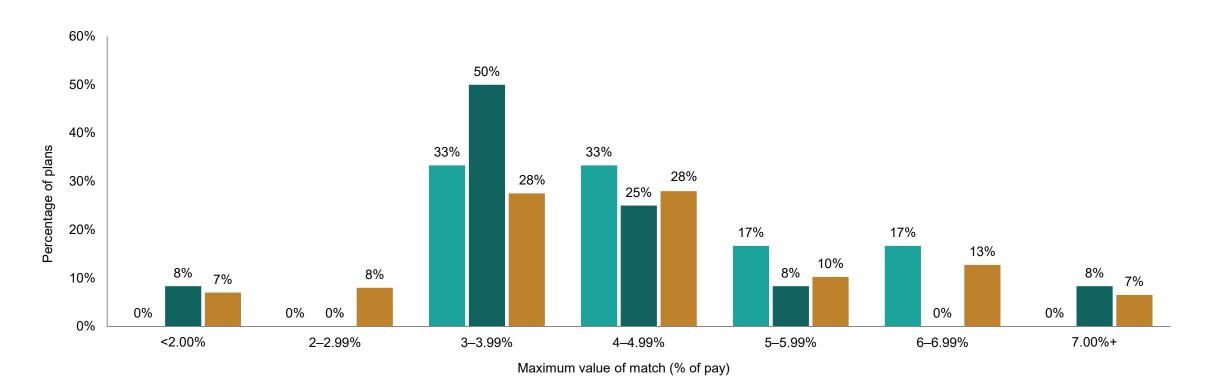
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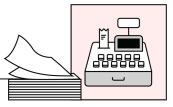
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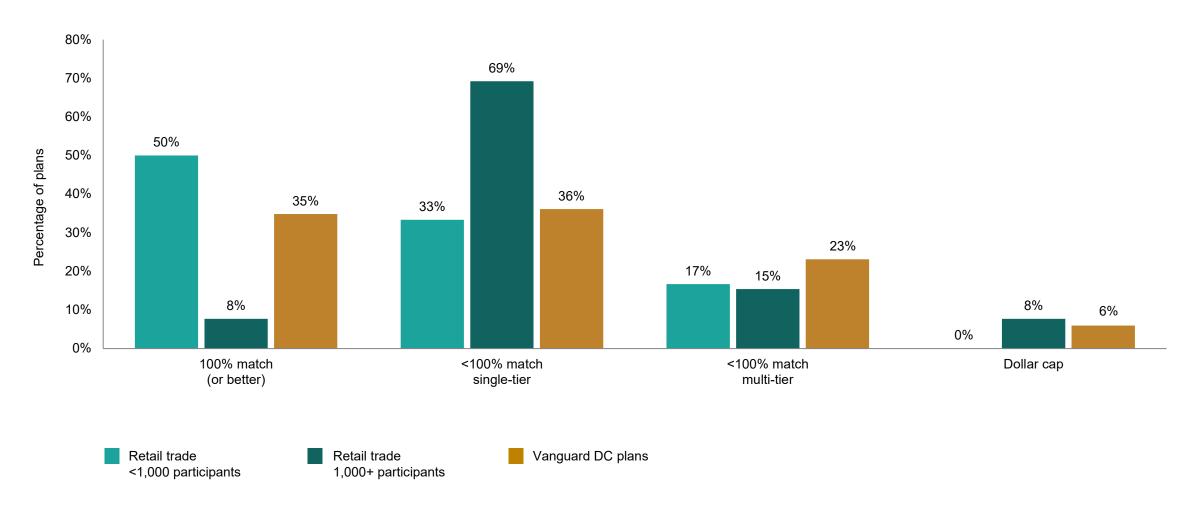
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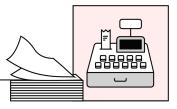


	Average value	Median value
Retail trade <1,000 participants	4.2%	4.0%
Retail trade 1,000+ participants	3.8%	3.5%
Vanguard DC plans	4.5%	4.0%

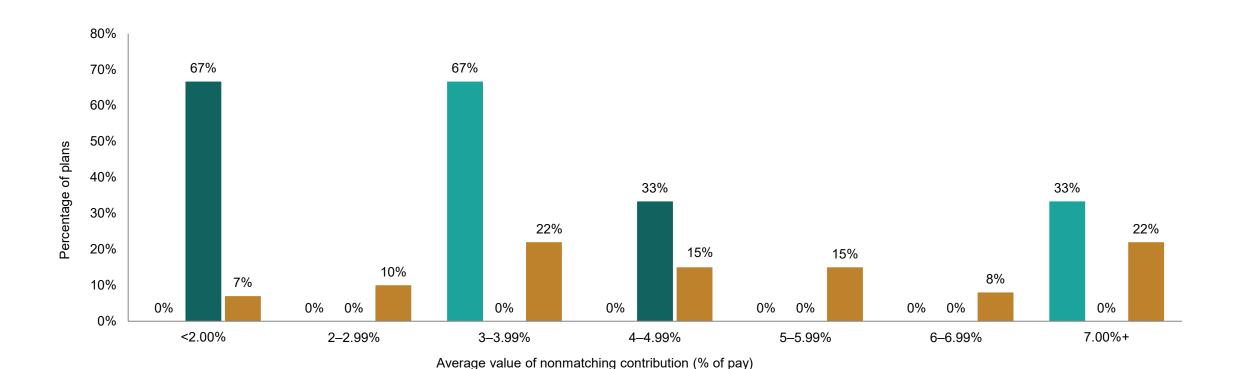


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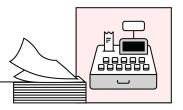




Nonmatching/Profit-sharing employer contributions



	Average value	Median value
Retail trade <1,000 participants	6.8%	3.3%
Retail trade 1,000+ participants	1.6%	0.2%
Vanguard DC plans	5.1%	4.1%



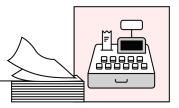
Roth availability and use

	Retail trade <1,000 participants	Retail trade 1,000+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Percentage of plans offering Roth (among plans with elective deferrals)	67%	95%	80%
Percentage of plan assets invested in Roth*	2.0%	2.8%	3.8%
Distribution of percentage of plan assets in Roth			
<1%	42%	16%	19%
1–2%	25%	53%	36%
3–5%	25%	16%	27%
6–9%	8%	11%	13%
10–14%	0%	5%	4%
15%+	0%	0%	2%
Percentage of participants with assets in Roth*	15%	14%	16%
Percentage of participant assets in Roth**	15%	14%	17%
Distribution of participant assets in Roth			
1–24%	47%	53%	54%
25–49%	23%	24%	23%
50–74%	24%	17%	14%
75–99%	4%	4%	6%
100%	2%	2%	3%
Percentage of participants making Roth contributions (past 12 mo)***	19%	13%	15%
Percentage of participant contributions going to Roth**	55%	51%	55%
Distribution of percentage of participant contributions to Roth			
1–24%	17%	22%	22%
25–49%	26%	29%	26%
50–74%	25%	17%	15%
75–99%	6%	6%	7%
100%	27%	26%	30%

^{*}Among plans offering Roth.

^{**}Among participants using Roth.

^{***}Among participants making elective deferrals.



Participant loans and in-service withdrawals

	Retail trade <1,000 participants	Retail trade 1,000+ participants	Vanguard DC plans
Outstanding loans*			
Percentage of participants with outstanding loans	14%	13%	12%
Percentage of account balance in loans	12%	13%	11%
Average loan balance	\$10,199	\$8,898	\$10,369
Number of outstanding loans per participant*			
No loans	86%	87%	88%
One loan	10%	9%	10%
Two loans	4%	4%	2%
Three+ loans	0%	0%	0%
Loans issued past 12 months*			
Average per 1,000 active participants	186	114	93
Average loan amount	\$8,815	\$7,905	\$10,701
Nonhardship withdrawals taken past 12 months**			
Average per 1,000 active participants	147	54	93
Average withdrawal amount	\$19,471	\$18,176	\$17,560
Hardship withdrawals taken past 12 months**			
Average per 1,000 active participants	97	46	49
Average withdrawal amount	\$4,791	\$5,148	\$5,126

^{*}Among plans allowing loans.

^{**}Among participants allowed in-service withdrawals.

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