

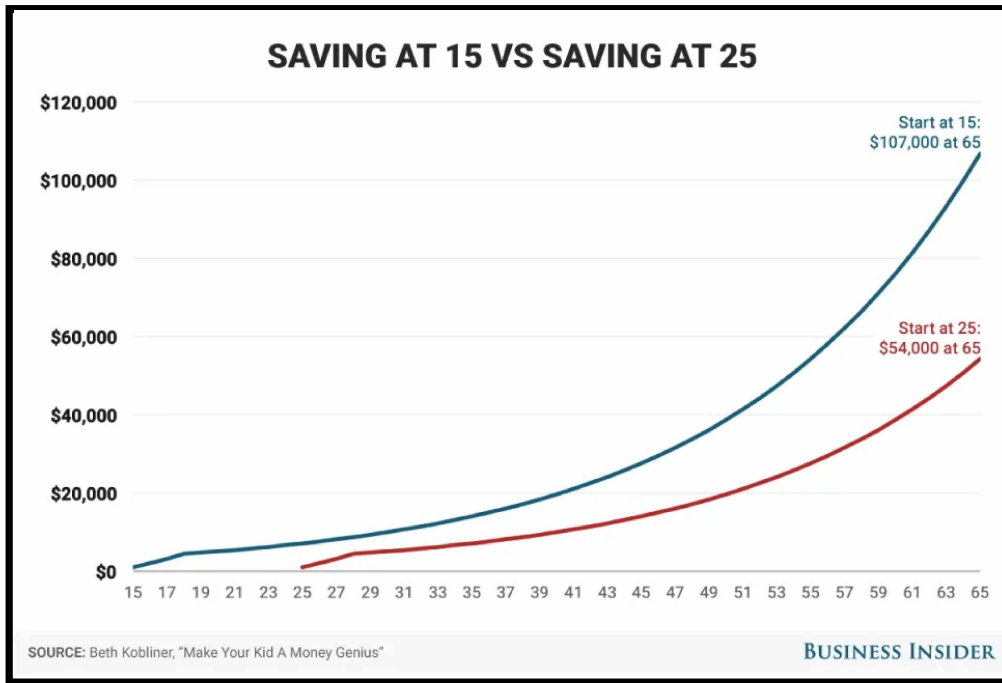
# Investing Early

The video “[Investing Early](#)” discusses the importance of investing early to build a solid financial foundation. No matter what you want to do in your life, beginning to invest early can help you to have a safe, secure financial future.

## Try This!

Use the following graph to discover the amazing difference between starting your investment journey today and waiting 10 years. Look at the graph below, then use the information to answer the following questions.

### Start Today!



Song Lynn - \$1,000/year for 4 years from 15-18 with no further contributions.

Olivia - \$1,000/year for 4 years from 25-28 with no further contributions.

\*Assume a 7% compounding interest rate

1. What does the blue line represent?

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2. What does the red line represent?

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3. How much money did Song Lynn invest?

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4. How much money did Olivia invest?

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5. How much more money does Song Lynn have at age 65 than Olivia? Why?

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## **Bonus**

A friend says, "I'm going to start investing when I graduate from college. Investing is really only for adults, and I have plenty of time to save money later." What would you say? Why?