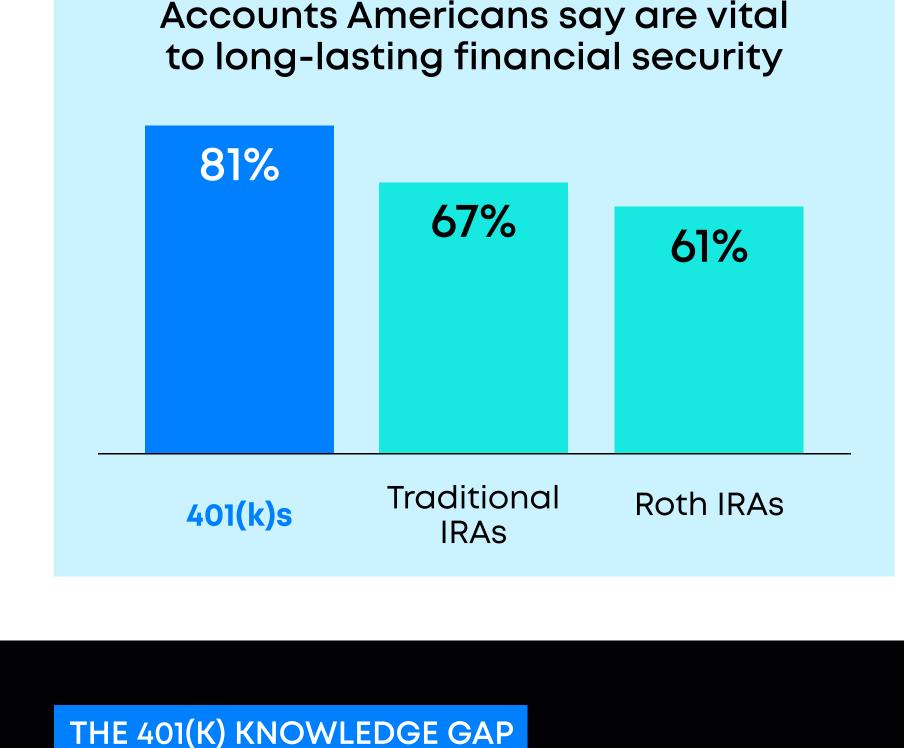
Bridging the 401(k) knowledge gap

Why professional guidance matters

THE IMPORTANCE OF 401(K)S

85 million+

US workers have employer-sponsored retirement plans¹ – with many holding a large portion of their assets in these accounts² – making 401(k)s pivotal for long-term financial security.



are paramount to achieving a stable financial future.3

Retirement savers

believe their 401(k)s

There's a lack of financial literacy that undermines

savers' ability to obtain a secure retirement. While 6 in 10 retirement savers believe they're financially literate, only 15% can accurately answer

Percentage of savers who struggled with

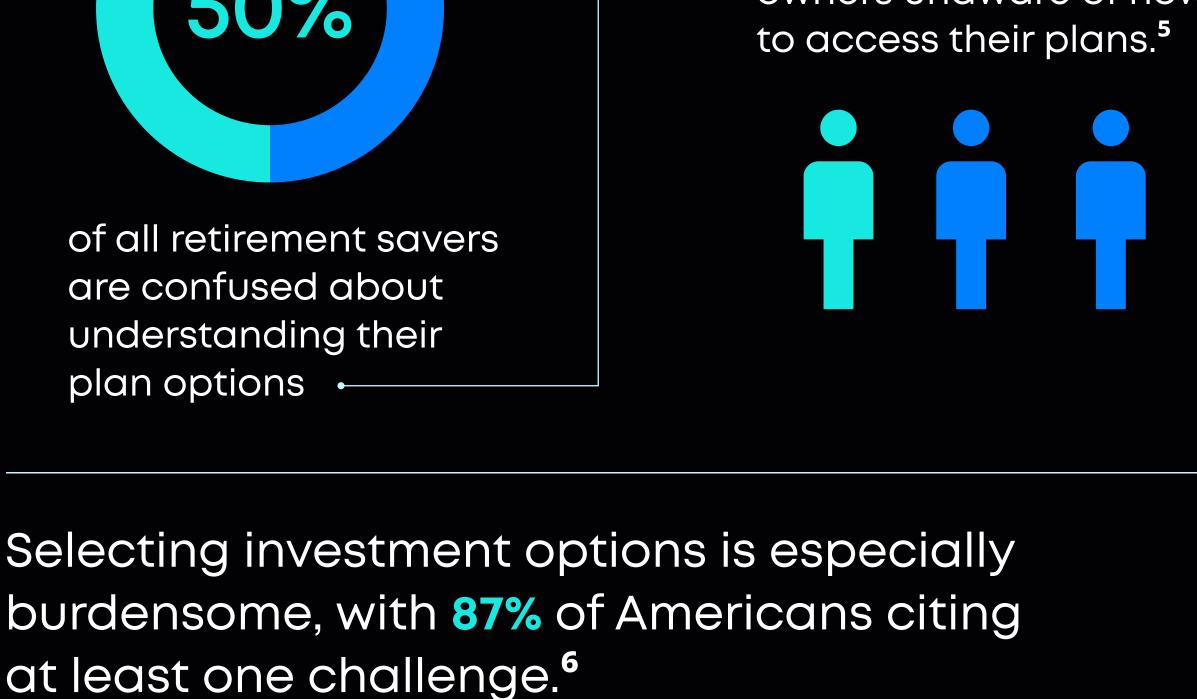
basic information about their 401(k)s.4



with **one in three** plan owners unaware of how

by plan information and question their decisions

when making allocation changes.

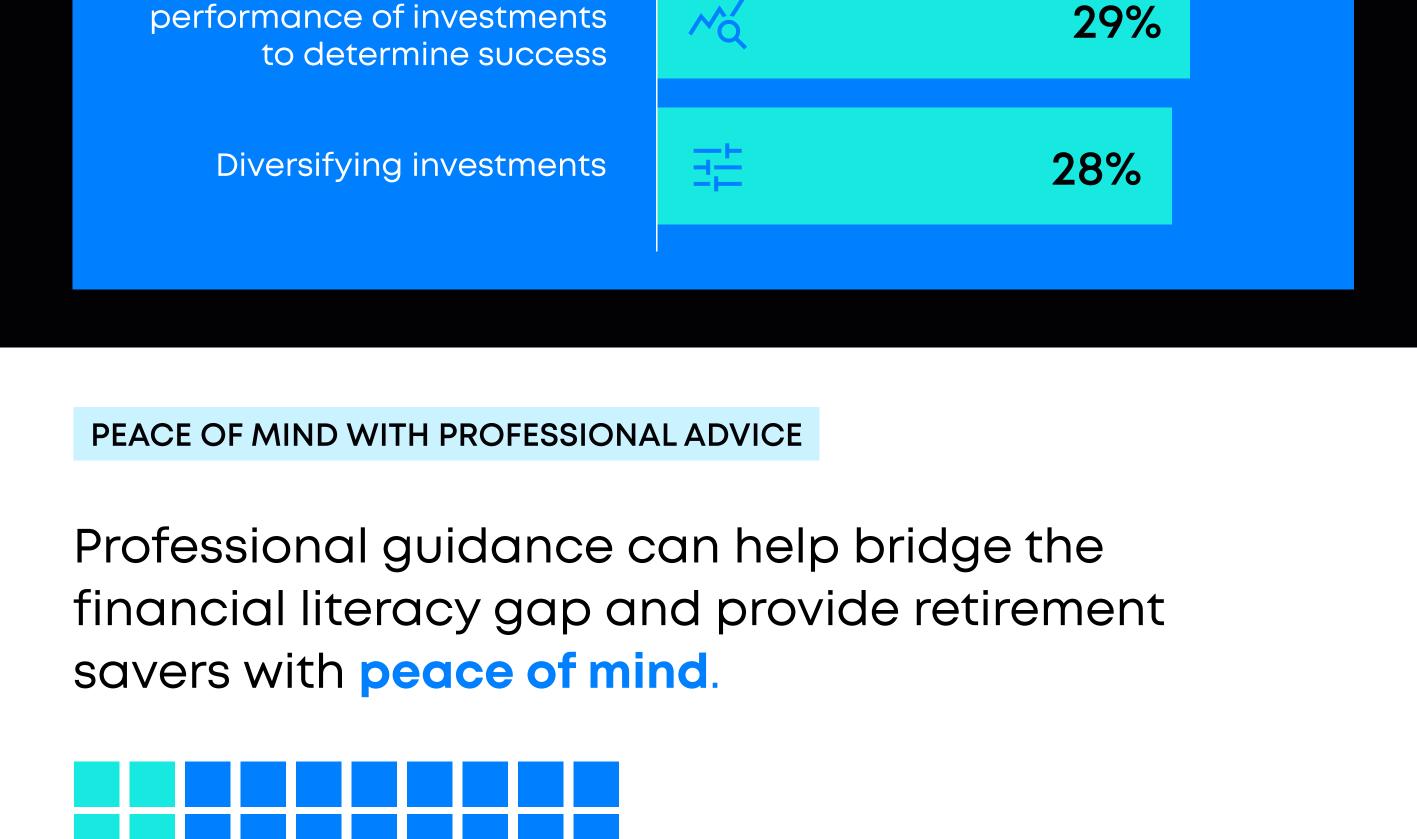


Top 3 challenges savers face

when selecting plan options

33%

Determining how much risk to take on Relying on past



Participants report fewer challenges with their 401(k) accounts when they have an advisor.7 Individuals who find tasks difficult With advisor 41% 37% 30% 25%

+12%

Integrating

401(k) with

financial plan

Without advisor 38%

84%

of individuals who have an

advisor feel highly confident

about their financial future.6

33% 27% +10% +11% **Evaluating tax** Rolling funds Determining risk implications from previous tolerance employer

Professionally managed accounts can

perform up to 4% better annually, net

of fees, than self-directed accounts.8

43%

Pontera helps savers receive professional guidance on their retirement account from their trusted financial advisor.

UNLOCK YOUR WEALTH POTENTIAL

+11%

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Your advisor manages your 401(k)

according to your financial goals.

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