

Compound Interest Good or Bad?



Compound Interest

Last year, we studied compound interest. Remember: $A = P(1+r)^t$ or

$A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$ where P is the amount you invest, r is the rate (as a percent), t is the time, n is the number of compounds and A is the amount you have at the end. We also studied $A = Pe^{rt}$, which is the formula we use for compounding continuously.

Amount

$A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$

Principal

rate of interest

time in years

number of times per year, interest is compounded

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The diagram shows the formula $A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$ with red arrows pointing to each variable: A (Amount), P (Principal), r (rate of interest), n (number of times per year, interest is compounded), t (time in years), and the entire expression (Amount).

Using the Financial Application

1. Open the Application:

Apps: Finance: Enter (tvm solver): Enter

2. Understand the variables:

N = the number of compounds

I% = annual interest rate (as a percent)

PV = the present value of the loan or investment

FV = future value of the loan or investment

P/Y = payments per year

C/Y = compounds per year (automatically fills in same as P/Y)

3. To perform a calculation:

- Move the cursor to the variable you want to calculate, then:
 - Alpha: Enter (Solve)
- The value will automatically calculate
- PV and FV will be opposite signs. Also PMT will be negative on loans



Compound Interest:

1. How much money will you have if you invest \$5,000 at 5% interest for 10 years compounded quarterly?

$$P/Y = 4$$

$$N = 10 \times 4$$

$$\$8218.10$$

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP

N=40
I%=5
PV=5000
PMT=0
FV=-8218.097317
P/Y=4
C/Y=4
PMT:END BEGIN

2. How much money will you have if you invest \$400 at 8% interest for 6 years compounded monthly?

$$P/Y = 12$$

$$\$645.40$$

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP

N=72
I%=8
PV=400
PMT=0
FV=-645.4008669
P/Y=12
C/Y=12
PMT:END BEGIN

3. How much money will you have to invest today in order to have \$1,000,000 in 30 years, compounded monthly at a 4% interest?

$$n = 30 \times 12 \quad P/Y = 12 \quad I$$

$$FV$$

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIAN MP

N=360
I%=4
PV=-301795.8652
PMT=0
FV=1000000
P/Y=12
C/Y=12
PMT:END BEGIN

$$301,795.87$$

4. If you start with \$100,000 today, how long until you have \$1,000,000 if invested at 5% compounded quarterly?
- PV N FV
 I $ply = 4$ 185.4 quarters
 $185.4/4 = 46.35 \text{ yrs}$

5. Re-calculate #1 if compounded continuously.

- How much money will you have if you invest \$5,000 at 5% interest for 10 years compounded quarterly?

6. Re-calculate #2 if compounded continuously.

- How much money will you have if you invest \$400 at 8% interest for 6 years compounded monthly?

Use the Finance App to Calculate Monthly Payments

- a) You found a nice car at a dealership for \$15,000 plus tax and \$125 DMV fees. You intend to make a \$1,000 down payment. How much will you need a loan for?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \text{car} \quad 15,000 \\
 \text{tax} \quad 15,000 (.08) = 1200 \\
 \text{DMV} \quad \underline{125} \\
 16,325 - 1,000 \text{ DP} = 15,325
 \end{array}$$

- b) What will be your monthly payments if you finance at 7.8% for 5 years? How much interest will you pay in 5 years?

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL Radian MP 

N=60
 I%=7.8
 PV=15325
 PMT=-309.2709562
 FV=0
 P/Y=12
 C/Y=12
 PMT: **END** BEGIN

\$309.27



- c) The dealership is running a 0% interest deal. Recalculate your monthly payments.

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADI AN MP 

N=60
I%=0
PV=15325
PMT=-255.4166667
FV=0
P/Y=12
C/Y=12
PMT:END BEGIN

255.42

- d) You can only afford \$300/month. What is the maximum interest rate you can afford?

Cars



Buying a Car

When buying a car, some people look at new cars as well as used cars. What information is needed before deciding which to buy?

New Car Purchases

What is the "Sticker Price"? *What the manufacturer suggests they sell for.*

Is this the price you will pay for the car?
NO!

What is the "Trade-In Allowance" and how does it affect the amount you pay for your new car?

When you buy your first car, someone (probably your parents) will have to co-sign for you. What does this mean?

$\text{Vehicle Cost} = \text{Negotiated Price} - \text{Trade-In Allowance} + \text{Sales Tax} + \text{Registration Fees}$

1. You negotiated a price of \$17,238 for the car with all of the options you wanted. You get a trade-in allowance of \$2,250 for your old car. You pay 8% sales tax and a registration fee of \$125. What do you owe the dealer?

Cost: 17,238
 Tax: $(17,238 - 2,250) \times 0.08 = 1,199.04$
 DMV = 125
 $\$18,562.04$

You have \$2000 to put down, what are your monthly payments if you finance for 5 years at 5.5% interest?

Borrow 16,562.04

What is the total amount paid for the vehicle?

What is the total interest you would pay?

NORMAL FLOAT AUTO REAL RADIANT MP

N=60
 I%=5.5
 PV=16562.04
 PMT=316.3542119
 FV=0
 P/Y=12
 C/Y=12
 PMT:END BEGIN

