

How To Become a Millionaire - Joining the Double Comma Club

✘ They call it the double comma club and membership is open to anyone. Well, it's open to anyone that is willing to practice simple disciplines of saving, investing, and living below their means. Let me clarify that when I say "living below their means", I am not saying you have to live like a college student, instead you simply need to spend less than you earn and invest the difference. Ideally you should be **saving and investing at least 20%** of your income (although I recommend saving 50% as you build your income).

J. Money over at Budgets are Sexy has started "[The Million Dollar Club](#)" for anyone who desires to become a millionaire can join. It started out of his own desire and pursuit of reaching a net worth of \$1M dollars. Then in order to add some accountability and support he opened up the club to anyone else that was serious about joining the double comma club.

As many of you that have been reading for any length of time, I want to join the Million Dollar Club 10 times over with my goal to reach a [net worth of \\$10M](#) by the time I am 48 (I am 28 now). However, you don't get to \$10M without hitting the \$1M milestone along the way. This is my official pledge to become a millionaire.

How to become a millionaire

When you break it down to a few simple practices, it's really not nearly as hard as so many think to become a millionaire.

Here are the 3 activities that will get me to the all coveted millionaire status (and the can get you there too):

1. Max out all pre-tax accounts every year: 401K, IRA, HSA
2. Pay off the mortgage, [following an accelerated plan](#).
3. [Save and invest 50% of our gross income less taxes](#) (inclusive of retirement contributions and extra mortgage payments)

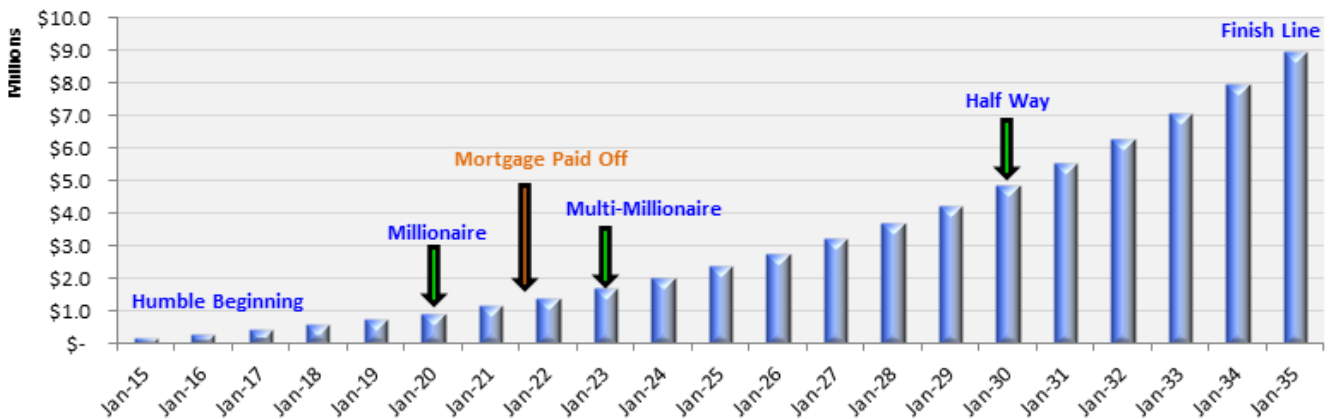
That's right it's only 3 simple activities and millionaire status is achievable. The time it takes to reach that status will depend on many different variables, both controllable and uncontrollable. But over long enough time-frame you can join the Million Dollar Club by following these 3 simple disciplines consistently over time. Based on the plan I put together [to reach \\$10M](#) following these simple practices, my estimated initiation into the club will be in January of 2020.

You can go read the detailed plan for the details ([linked here](#)), but in the meantime let me share with you the outline of my milestones:

Annual Income Increase	\$ 20,000
Savings Rate	50%
Annual Rate of Return	8.8%

Check Point	Age	Income	Contributions	Net Worth		YoY % Growth	
				Start	End		
Jan-15	28	178,800	89,400	195,141	301,688	54.6%	Humble Beginning
Jan-16	29	198,800	99,400	301,688	427,597	41.7%	
Jan-17	30	218,800	109,400	427,597	574,570	34.4%	
Jan-18	31	238,800	119,400	574,570	744,457	29.6%	
Jan-19	32	258,800	129,400	744,457	939,272	26.2%	
Jan-20	33	278,800	139,400	939,272	1,161,205	23.6%	Millionaire
Jan-21	34	298,800	149,400	1,161,205	1,412,639	21.7%	
Jan-22	35	318,800	159,400	1,412,639	1,696,166	20.1%	
Jan-23	36	338,800	169,400	1,696,166	2,014,607	18.8%	Multi-Millionaire
Jan-24	37	358,800	179,400	2,014,607	2,371,029	17.7%	
Jan-25	38	378,800	189,400	2,371,029	2,768,769	16.8%	
Jan-26	39	398,800	199,400	2,768,769	3,211,458	16.0%	
Jan-27	40	418,800	209,400	3,211,458	3,703,047	15.3%	
Jan-28	41	438,800	219,400	3,703,047	4,247,830	14.7%	
Jan-29	42	458,800	229,400	4,247,830	4,850,484	14.2%	
Jan-30	43	478,800	239,400	4,850,484	5,516,092	13.7%	Half Way
Jan-31	44	498,800	249,400	5,516,092	6,250,186	13.3%	
Jan-32	45	518,800	259,400	6,250,186	7,058,785	12.9%	
Jan-33	46	538,800	269,400	7,058,785	7,948,435	12.6%	
Jan-34	47	558,800	279,400	7,948,435	8,926,257	12.3%	
Jan-35	48	578,800	289,400	8,926,257	10,000,000	12.0%	Finish Line
Totals		7,954,800	3,977,400		10,000,000		

Net Worth: Journey to \$10M



Note: My next check in on my journey to \$10M is in January of 2016, where I need to be at \$301,688, which based on my current forecast is doable. In fact I am actually forecasting a Net Worth of \$305,000 by then. The rate of return has not been anything near 8.8% in 2015 on any of our investments, but we have been on fire with respect to increasing our income.

If you want to follow along I am documenting every step of the way right here on the blog. There is an entire page dedicated to tracking all my [financial stats](#) and I publish a detailed financial report each and every month ([example here](#)). You will also notice the most current net worth reading in the top right corner of the side bar.

Do you want to join the million dollar club? How do you plan to get there? When do you plan to gain entry into the double comma club? Lastly, are your goals bigger than \$1M? I would love to hear from you in the comments below.

- Gen Y Finance Guy

PS: Here are my favorite ways to track this stuff:

- The “Financial Stats” spreadsheet – a simple Excel template I created to provide the tables and charts you see in this post as well as on the [Financial Stats Page](#). If you would like a copy of this spreadsheet, sign up for my email list below or at the top of the page and I will send you a copy.
 - [Mint.com](#) (free) – Mint is great for setting up budgets and automating the tracking of your actual spending habits vs. the budgets you set.
 - [PersonalCapital.com](#) (free) – This is like Mint, but is geared towards investments and net worth tracking.
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Hey, I'm Dom - the man behind the cartoon. You'll notice that I sign off as "Gen Y Finance Guy" on all my posts, due to the fact that I write this blog anonymously (at least for now). I like to think of myself as the *Chief Freedom Officer* here of my little corner of the internet. In the real world, I'm a 30-something former C-Suite executive turned entrepreneur turned capital allocator. I am trying to humanize finance by sharing my own journey to Financial Freedom. I believe in total *honesty* and *transparency*. That is why before I ever started blogging, I decided that I would share all of my own [financial stats](#). I do this not to brag, but instead to inspire motivate, and also to hold myself accountable. My goal is to be a beacon of hope, motivation, and inspiration for *you*, the reader, by living life by example and sharing it **all** here on the blog. My sincere hope is that you will be able to learn from me - both from my successes and my failures! [Read More](#)