

# By the Numbers

## Recovering from a recession-rocked 2009, 401(k) plan assets increase to hit record level in 2010, SPARK Institute finds

Assets in 401(k) plans reached a record **\$3.075** trillion in 2010, according to a report from the SPARK Institute. Assets in 401(k) plans increased approximately **13%** in 2010 because of favorable investment results and net cash flow higher than recent trend levels, say the authors. Other findings include:

TOTAL RETIREMENT  
PLAN ASSETS AT THE  
END OF 2010:

**\$16**  
TRILLION

TOTAL RETIREMENT  
PLAN ASSETS IN 2008  
AT THE PEAK OF THE  
FINANCIAL CRISIS:

**\$12.5**  
TRILLION

At the end  
of 2010:

*Individual retirement  
assets reached almost  
\$4.5 trillion.*

*Assets in 403(b)  
plans were \$795  
billion in 2010.*

*67% of  
assets in  
401(k) plans  
were in  
equities.*

UP  
15%  
FROM  
2009

UP  
7%  
FROM  
2009

UP  
5%  
FROM  
2009

Source: "2011 SPARK Marketplace Update"