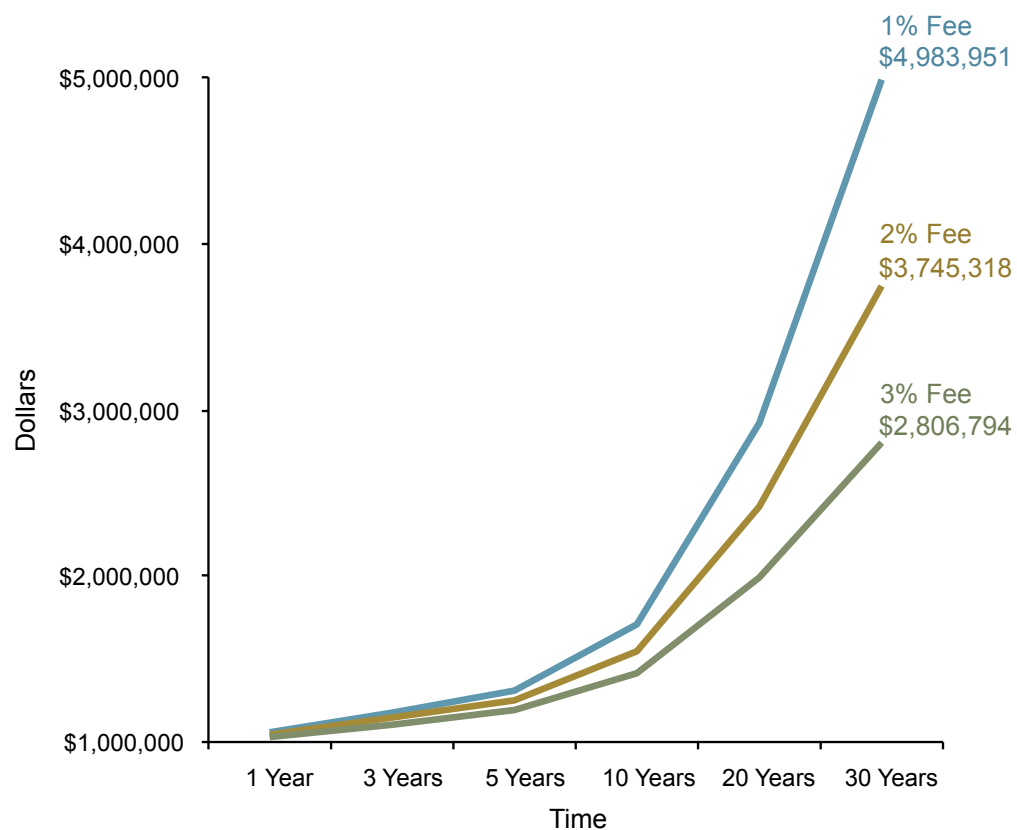


Fees Matter

- Fees matter.
- Over long time periods, high management fees and related expenses can be a significant drag on wealth creation.
- Passive investments generally maintain lower fees than the average actively managed investment by minimizing trading costs and eliminating the costs of researching stocks.

Assumed 6.5% Annualized Return over 30 Years



Active managers seek to beat the market through stock selection and market timing. They generally charge higher fees than passive managers as compensation for their perceived "skill."

These fees can inflict a significant penalty on net investment returns and terminal wealth, as the above graph demonstrates for various cost levels.