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## What does compounded semi annually mean

**How much is compounded semi annually. What does compounded semi annually mean in math. What does it mean when something is compounded semi annually. What does compounded semi-annually not in advance mean. What does compounded semi annually mean mortgage. What is compounded semi-annually. What does it mean if something is compounded semi annually.**

Semiannual is an adjective that describes something that is paid, reported, published, or otherwise takes place twice each year, typically once every six months. For example, a ten-year general obligation bond issued by the Buckeye City, Ohio Consolidated School District in 2020 will pay interest on a semiannual basis each year until the bond's maturity date in 2030. Investors who buy these bonds will receive interest payments twice in each of those years; in this case, once in June and once in December.

The school district will also publish a semiannual report on its finances, once in February and once in November. Semiannual is an adjective that describes something that is paid, reported, published, or otherwise takes place twice each year. Interest payments on bonds can be distributed semiannually as can company dividends. U.S. Treasury bonds pay a yield semiannually. Semiannual is often confused with the word biennial, which means something that happens every other year.

### Compound interest

**Example 1.4** An amount of money of \$ 9000 is invested at a rate 6% annual interest compounded semi-annually for 4 years. How much interest will be earned?

**Solution** In this case  $r = 0.06$ ,  $n = 2$ , and  $t = 4$ , so the compound amount is

$$A(t) = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{tn} = 9000 \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{2}\right)^{(2)(4)} = 11,400.93.$$

The interest amount is: \$ 11,400.93 - \$ 9,000 =

\$2,400.93.

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Semiannual is simply a word that denotes an occurrence twice a year. For example, a company could have company parties semiannually, a couple could celebrate their marriage semiannually, a family could go on vacation semiannually. Anything that happens twice a year happens semiannually. If a corporation pays a semiannual dividend to its shareholders, the shareholders will receive dividends twice yearly. (A corporation can choose how many dividends to distribute each year—if any.) Financial statements or reports are frequently published on a quarterly (four times per year) basis.

yearly	$(1 + \frac{1}{1})^1$	= 2
semi-annually	$(1 + \frac{1}{2})^2$	= 2.25
quarterly	$(1 + \frac{1}{4})^4$	= 2.44140625
monthly	$(1 + \frac{1}{12})^{12}$	= 2.61303529022...
weekly	$(1 + \frac{1}{52})^{52}$	= 2.69259695444...
daily	$(1 + \frac{1}{365})^{365}$	= 2.71456748202...
hourly	$(1 + \frac{1}{8760})^{8760}$	= 2.71812669063
minute	$(1 + \frac{1}{525600})^{525600}$	= 2.7182792154...
second	$(1 + \frac{1}{31536000})^{31536000}$	= 2.71828247254...
$n$	$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$	$e$

It is rare that corporations publish financial statements only semiannually. They do, however, publish an annual report, which per the definition, occurs once every year. Semiannual is important to understand when purchasing bonds. A bond is usually described in the yield that it pays the bondholder. For example, a \$2,000 bond could have a yield of 5%. It is important to know that this 5% is paid annually or semiannually to understand the payment you would receive as the bondholder. For example, if the bond paid the yield annually, the bondholder would receive \$100 a year. Now, if the bond paid the yield semiannually, the bondholder would receive \$200 a year. This is an important distinction to note when purchasing bonds. U.S. Treasury bonds pay a yield semiannually. While semiannual is an adjective that describes something that happens twice in a single year, biennial is a word that describes something that happens every other year. Understandably, biennial is often confused with the word biannual, which means the same thing as semiannual: something that happens twice per year. Company ABC has performed well in the last five years, continuously making a profit and growing earnings. The company decides it will start paying its shareholders dividends to distribute a portion of the earnings. ABC's management decides it will distribute a dividend of \$0.50 for every share. It also decides that the dividend will be distributed on a semiannual basis; the shareholders will receive one dividend payment of \$0.50 twice a year for a total dividend amount of \$1 for the year. The dividends will be distributed in June and in December. (Definition of interest compounded annually from the Cambridge Business English Dictionary © Cambridge University Press) You may like to read about Compound Interest first. You can skip straight down to Periodic Compounding. Quick Explanation of Compound Interest With Compound Interest, you work out the interest for the first period, add it to the total, and then calculate the interest for the next period, and so on ... like this: But adding 10% interest is the same as multiplying by 1.10 (explained here) So it also works like this: In fact we can go from the Start to Year 5 if we multiply 5 times using Exponents (or Powers): \$1,000 × 1.105 = \$1,610.51 This is the formula for Compound Interest (like above but using letters instead of numbers): Present Value PV = \$1,000 Interest Rate is 6%, which as a decimal  $r = 0.06$  Number of Periods  $n = 5$  PV ×  $(1 + r)^n$  = PV \$1,000 ×  $(1 + 0.06)^5$  = PV \$1,000 × 1.065 = \$1,338.23 Periodic Compounding (Within The Year) But sometimes interest is charged Yearly ... but it is calculated more than once within the year, with the interest added each time ...

**Ex 1: You deposit \$1,500 in an account that pays 3.5% annual interest. Find the balance after 20 years if the account is compounded semiannually.**

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

$$A = (1,500) \left(1 + \frac{0.035}{2}\right)^{2(20)}$$

$$A = (1,500)(1.0175)^{40}$$

$$A = (1,500)(2.002)$$

$$A = 3,002.40$$

... so there are compounding within the Year. Semiannual means twice a year. So the 10% is split into two: 5% halfway through the year, and another 5% at the end of the year, but each time it is compounded (meaning the interest is added to the total): 10%. Compounded Semiannually This results in \$1,102.50, which is equal to 10.25%, not 10%. Two Annual Interest Rates? Yes, there are two annual interest rates: Example 10% The Nominal Rate (the rate they mention) 10.25% The Effective Annual Rate (the rate after compounding) The Effective Annual Rate is what actually gets paid! When interest is compounded within the year, the Effective Annual Rate is higher than the rate mentioned. How much higher depends on the interest rate, and how many times it is compounded within the year. Working It Out Let's come up with a formula to work out the Effective Annual Rate if we know: the rate mentioned (the Nominal Rate, "r") how many times it is compounded ("n") Our task is to take an interest rate (like 10%) and chop it up into "n" periods, compounding each time. From the Compound Interest formula (shown above) we can compound "n" periods using  $FV = PV(1+r)^n$  But the interest rate won't be "r", because it has to be chopped into "n" periods like this:  $r / n$  So we change the compounding formula into: This is the formula for Periodic Compounding:  $FV = PV(1 + (r/n))^n$  where  $FV$  = Future Value  $PV$  = Present Value  $r$  = annual interest rate  $n$  = number of periods within the year Let's try it on our 10% Compounded Semiannually example:  $FV = \$1,000 (1 + (0.10/2))^2 = \$1,000 (1.05)^2 = \$1,000 \times 1.1025 = \$1,102.50$  The answer is correct! But we want to know what the effective interest rate is, we don't want the dollar value in there, so we'll remove the  $(1 + (r/n))^n$  =  $(1.05)^2 = 1.1025 = 10.25\%$  And so the formula is Effective Annual Rate:  $(1 + (r/n))^n - 1$   $(1 + (r/n))^2 - 1 = 1.05^2 - 1 = 0.0615 = 6.169\%$  So you add 6.169% to 10% which is 16.169% or 16.169% + 10% = 26.169% The effective annual rate is 7.19%. The effective annual rate is 7.19%. Compounding that "n" times:  $(1 + (r/n))^n$  Don't forget to subtract the "1"  $(1 + (r/n))^n - 1$  Table of Values Here are some example values. Notice that compounding has a very small effect when the interest rate is small, but a large effect for high interest rates. Compounding Periods 1.00% 5.00% 10.00% 20.00% 100.00% Yearly 1.00% 5.00% 10.00% 20.00% 100.00% Semiannual 2 - 1.00% 5.06% 10.25% 21.00% 125.00% Quarterly 4 - 1.00% 5.09% 10.39% 21.55% 144.14% Monthly 12 - 1.00% 5.12% 10.47% 21.94% 161.30% Daily 365 - 1.01% 5.13% 10.52% 22.13% 171.46% ... ... Continuously Infinite 1.01% 5.13% 10.52% 22.14% 171.83% Continuously? Yes, if you have smaller and smaller periods (hourly, minutely, etc) you eventually reach a limit, and we even have a formula for it:  $e^r - 1$  Continuous Compounding Formula Note:  $e=2.71828...$ , which is Euler's number.  $e^{0.20} - 1 = 1.2214...$   $e^{0.20} = 1.2214...$  Or about 22.14% Using It Now that you can calculate the Effective Annual Rate (for specific periods, or continuous), we can use it in any normal compound interest calculations. Continuous Compounding for 8% is:  $e^{0.08} - 1 = 0.08329...$

$$\text{Interest for the 1<sup>st</sup> half year} = \frac{P_1 \times R \times T}{100}$$

$$= \frac{10000 \times 4 \times 1}{100}$$

$$= 400$$

∴ Principle for the 1<sup>st</sup> half year,  $P_2 = \text{Rs } 10,000 + \text{Rs } 400 = \text{Rs } 10400$

$$\text{Interest for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half year} = \frac{P_2 \times R \times T}{100}$$

$$= \frac{10400 \times 4 \times 1}{100}$$

$$= 416$$

∴ Principle for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half year,  $P_3 = \text{Rs } 10,400 + \text{Rs } 416 = \text{Rs } 10816$

$$\text{Interest for the 3<sup>rd</sup> half year} = \frac{P_3 \times R \times T}{100}$$

$$= \frac{10816 \times 4 \times 1}{100}$$

$$= 432.64$$

∴ Principle for the 3<sup>rd</sup> half year,  $P_4 = \text{Rs } 10816 + \text{Rs } 432.64 = \text{Rs } 11248.64$

$$\text{Interest for the 4<sup>th</sup> half year} = \frac{P_4 \times R \times T}{100}$$

$$= \frac{11248.64 \times 4 \times 1}{100}$$

$$= 449.9456$$

$- 1 = 0.08329...$  That is about 8.329% Over 2 years (see Compound Interest) we get:  $FV = PV \times (1+r)^n$   $FV = \$10,000 \times (1+0.08329)^2$   $FV = \$10,000 \times 1.173511... = \$11,735.11$  Summary Effective Annual Rate =  $(1+(r/n))^n - 1$  Where:  $r$  = Nominal Rate (the rate they mention)  $n$  = number of periods that are compounded (example: for monthly  $n=12$ )

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