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Dear Bethany:

As required by section 3309.21(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, enclosed please find two new annual valuations prepared by SERS' actuary for our fiscal year ended June 30, 2021: the *Report on the Annual Basic Benefits Valuation*, and the *Report on the Retiree Health Care Valuation*.

As you review these reports, please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**Richard Stensrud**  
Executive Director

Enclosures

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The Honorable Kristina Roegner, Chair, Senate Government Oversight & Reform Committee  
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**Report on the Annual Basic Benefits Valuation of the  
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio**

**Prepared as of June 30, 2021**





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October 29, 2021

Board of Trustees  
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio  
300 East Broad Street, Suite 100  
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Dear Members of the Board:

Presented in this report are the results of the annual actuarial valuation of the basic benefits provided under the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) as of June 30, 2021. The purpose of the valuation was to measure the System's funding progress and to calculate the actuarially determined employer contribution rates for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021.

The valuation is based upon data, furnished by the SERS staff, concerning active, inactive and retiree members along with pertinent financial information. The complete cooperation of the SERS staff in furnishing materials requested is hereby acknowledged with appreciation.

In order to prepare the results in this report we have utilized appropriate actuarial models that were developed for this purpose. These models use assumptions about future contingent events along with recognized actuarial approaches to develop the needed results.

We note that as we are preparing this report, the world is in the midst of a pandemic. We have considered available information, but do not believe that there is yet sufficient data to warrant the modification of any of our assumptions. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise the Board in the future of any adjustments that we believe would be appropriate.

Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Since the potential impact of such factors is outside the scope of a normal annual actuarial valuation, an analysis of the range of results is not presented herein.



The undersigned are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Todd B. Green' followed by a horizontal line.

Todd B. Green, ASA, EA, FCA, MAAA  
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John J. Garrett'.

John J. Garrett, ASA, FCA, MAAA  
Principal and Consulting Actuary

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**REPORT ON THE ANNUAL VALUATION OF THE  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO**

**PREPARED AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS or System) is a defined benefit public pension fund that provides pensions and access to health care coverage for retired school employees who are covered in nonteaching positions. This includes bus drivers, custodians, treasurers, business officials, administrative assistants, food service providers, and educational aides. This report presents the results of the June 30, 2021, actuarial funding valuation of the System. The primary purposes of performing the actuarial funding valuation are to:

- determine the sufficiency of the Statutory Contribution Rate as set forth in the Ohio statutes;
- determine the experience of the System since the last valuation date;
- disclose asset and liability measures as of the valuation date; and
- analyze and report on trends in System contributions, assets, and liabilities over the past several years.

Since the previous valuation, there were no changes to the plan provisions, however the actuarial methods and assumptions were updated to reflect an experience study performed over the five-year period ending June 30, 2020. Any measures of experience gains and losses for the year ending June 30, 2021 are based the assumptions and methods in use for the June 30, 2020 valuation. The experience study reviewed the actuarial assumptions and methods used in the actuarial valuation process. The assumptions fall into two categories. The first includes economic assumptions which include price inflation, wage inflation and investment return. The second category includes demographic assumptions such as assumed rates of mortality, service retirement, disability retirement, withdrawal, and salary increases for merits and promotions.

Summary of Assumptions Changes	
Economic Assumptions	
<b>Salary</b>	Composed of Inflation component, Real Rate of Salary Increase component and Merit/Promotion Scale
Inflation	Reduction to annual assumed rate of inflation assumption from 3.00% to 2.40%.
Wage Inflation	Increase to annual assumed rate from real salary increase assumption from 0.50% to 0.85%
<b>Investment Rate of Return</b>	Composed of Inflation component (2.40% from above) and Real Rate of Return component equal to 4.60%. Reduction from 7.50% to 7.00% net investment return assumption.
<b>Payroll Growth</b>	Reduce from 3.50% to 1.75%.
<b>Annual Cost-of-Living Adjustments</b>	Reduce from 2.50% to 2.00%.



Summary of Assumptions Changes	
Demographic Assumptions	
<b>Withdrawal</b>	Adjusted rates of withdrawal
<b>Retirement</b>	Adjusted rates of normal and early retirement
<b>Disability</b>	Adjusted rates of disability retirement
<b>Base Mortality</b>	<p><b>Healthy Retirees</b> – PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females.</p> <p><b>Disabled Retirees</b> – PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females.</p> <p><b>Contingent Survivors</b> - PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5% for males and adjusted 122.5% for females.</p> <p><b>Actives</b> – PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee mortality table.</p>
<b>Mortality Projection</b>	Mortality rates are projected using a fully generational projection with Scale MP-2020.

Since the previous valuation, the normal cost method has been updated to align the normal cost calculation with imputed compensation. Imputed salaries are estimated from the previous year’s salary by applying the salary scale to the reported compensation for the period ending June 30, 2021. The annual compensation as of June 30, 2021 shown throughout the report reflects imputed salaries.

The actuarial valuation results provide a “snapshot” view of the System’s financial condition on June 30, 2021. Actuarial gains and losses result when the actual experience of the plan (such as asset return, pay increases, turnover, deaths, etc.) is different from that expected by the actuarial assumptions. The System’s unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) was expected to be \$5,958.9 million as of June 30, 2021, taking into account contributions from the employers and members of \$830.6 million. The actual UAAL is \$5,498.1 million. The net decrease of \$460.8 million is attributable to liability and investment gains and losses which are detailed in Section V. The remaining amortization period of the UAAL is 23 years as of June 30, 2021.

The valuation is based on a set of actuarial assumptions which were adopted by the Board based on the five-year experience study for the period ending June 30, 2020. These assumptions are presented in Schedule C.



A summary of the key results from the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation is shown below. Further detail on the valuation results can be found in the following sections of this Executive Summary.

	June 30, 2021 Valuation Results	June 30, 2020 Valuation Results
Actuarially Determined Contribution Rate	12.50%	10.86%
Employer Contribution Rate	14.00%	14.00%
Sufficiency/(Deficiency)	1.50%	3.14%
Remaining Amortization Period	23	24
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (\$M)	\$5,498.1	\$5,997.1
Basic Benefit Funded Ratio (Actuarial Assets)	74.46%	71.49%

The funded ratio of the basic benefits is 74.46%. Since this is greater than 70%, per the Board-adopted funding policy, the basic benefits may receive an employer contribution between 13.50% and 14.00% of compensation for FY2022. The Health Care Fund may receive an employer contribution of up to 0.50%. Based on a Board Resolution dated October 21, 2021, the valuation assumes an allocation of the entire 14.00% to the basic benefits and 0.00% allocated to health care consistent with SERS' funding policy. The funding policy requires at least 13.50% of the employers' contributions be allocated to SERS' basic benefits when the funded ratio is 70% but less than 80%, with the remainder (if any) allocated to health care.

#### **EXPERIENCE FOR THE LAST PLAN YEAR**

Numerous factors contributed to the change in the System's assets, liabilities, and actuarial contribution rate between June 30, 2020 and June 30, 2021. The components are examined in the following discussion.

#### **ASSETS**

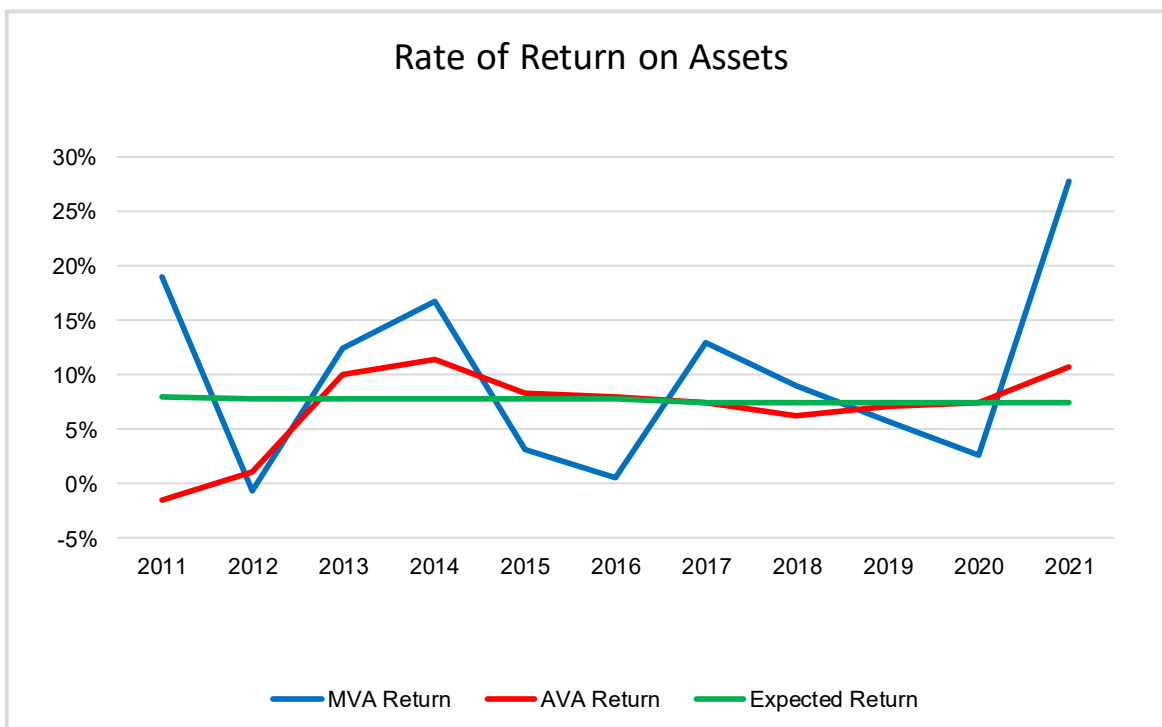
As of June 30, 2021, SERS' basic benefits had net assets of \$17,840,046,988, when measured on a market value basis. This was an increase of \$3,420,448,361 from the previous year. The market value of assets is not used directly in the calculation of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability and the actuarially determined contribution. The asset valuation smoothing method, which recognizes the annual unexpected portion of market value investment returns over a four-year period, attempts to reduce the effect of market volatility. The resulting amount is called the "actuarial value of assets" and is utilized to determine the actuarial valuation results. In this year's valuation, the actuarial value of assets as of June 30, 2021, was \$16,031,612,792, an increase of \$994,877,642 from the value in the prior year. The components of change in the asset values are shown in the table below.

	Actuarial Value	Market Value
Net Assets, June 30, 2020	\$ 15,036,735,150	\$ 14,419,598,627
- Employer and Member Contributions	+ 830,633,505	+ 830,633,505
- Benefit Payments	- 1,374,410,677	- 1,374,410,677
- Investment Gains	+ 1,538,654,814	+ 3,964,225,533
Net Assets, June 30, 2021	16,031,612,792	17,840,046,988





The estimated investment return on the market value of assets for FY2021 was 27.83%. Due to the investment experience gain for FY 2021, the resulting return on the smoothed actuarial value of assets was 10.80%. The return on the funds supporting Basic Benefits was 10.42%. As this rate of return was greater than the assumed rate of 7.50%, there was an actuarial investment experience gain of \$431.3 million. The return on the Health Care Fund is 22.23%. Please see Section III, Schedule B, and Schedule F of this report for more detailed information on the market and actuarial value of assets.



Market value returns have been very volatile. As can be seen in this graph, the return on actuarial assets is much smoother than the return on market value. The asset smoothing method impacts only the timing of when the actual market experience is recognized in the valuation process. The remaining deferred investment experience net gain of \$1,808 million will be absorbed in future years.

## LIABILITIES

The actuarial accrued liability is the portion of the present value of future benefits allocated to service performed up to the valuation date. The difference between this liability and the actuarial value of assets is called the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL). The dollar amount of unfunded actuarial accrued liability is reduced if the contributions to the System exceed the normal cost for the year, plus interest on the prior year's UAAL.



The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is shown as of June 30, 2021 in the following table:

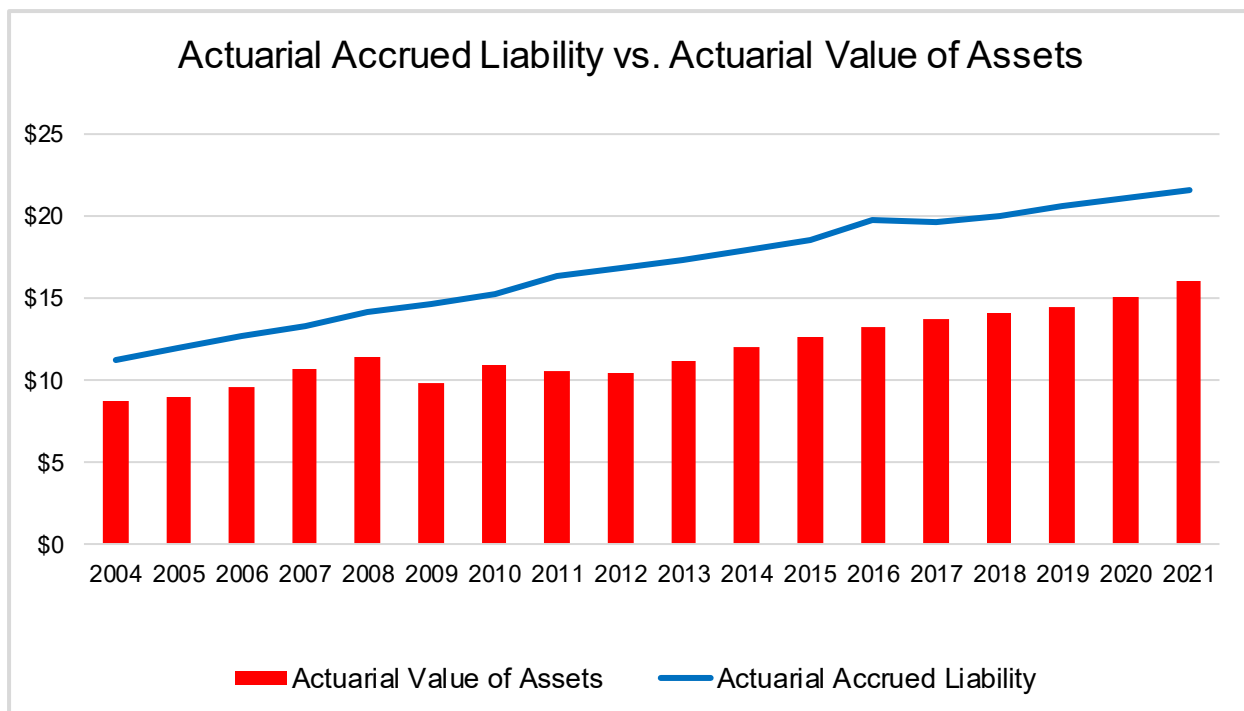
	Actuarial Value of Assets	Market Value of Assets
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$21,529,757,004	\$21,529,757,004
Value of Assets	\$16,031,612,792	\$17,840,046,988
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability*	\$5,498,144,212	\$3,689,710,016
Funded Ratio	74.46%	82.86%

\* See Appendix B of the report for the detailed development of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

Changes in the UAAL occur for various reasons. The net decrease in the UAAL from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2021, was \$498,929,957. The components of this net change are shown in the table below:

<b>Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, June 30, 2020</b>		
<b>(\$ Millions)</b>		\$5,997.1
Expected increase due to amortization method	(\$38.5)	
Investment experience	(\$431.3)	
Liability experience	(\$155.8)	
Assumption Changes	\$126.6	
Total		(\$499.0)
<b>Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, June 30, 2021</b>		\$5,498.1

As shown above, various components impacted the UAAL. Actuarial gains (losses) result from actual experience that is more (less) favorable than anticipated based on the actuarial assumptions. The amounts are measured as the difference between the expected unfunded actuarial accrued liability and the actual unfunded actuarial accrued liability net of any impact due to changes in actuarial assumptions and methods or benefit provisions. Overall, the System experienced a net decrease to the UAAL of \$499.0 million. The net UAAL decrease is comprised primarily of experience and investment gains; the largest sources of liability losses were retirement and termination experience, which were offset by a salary experience and investment experience gains.

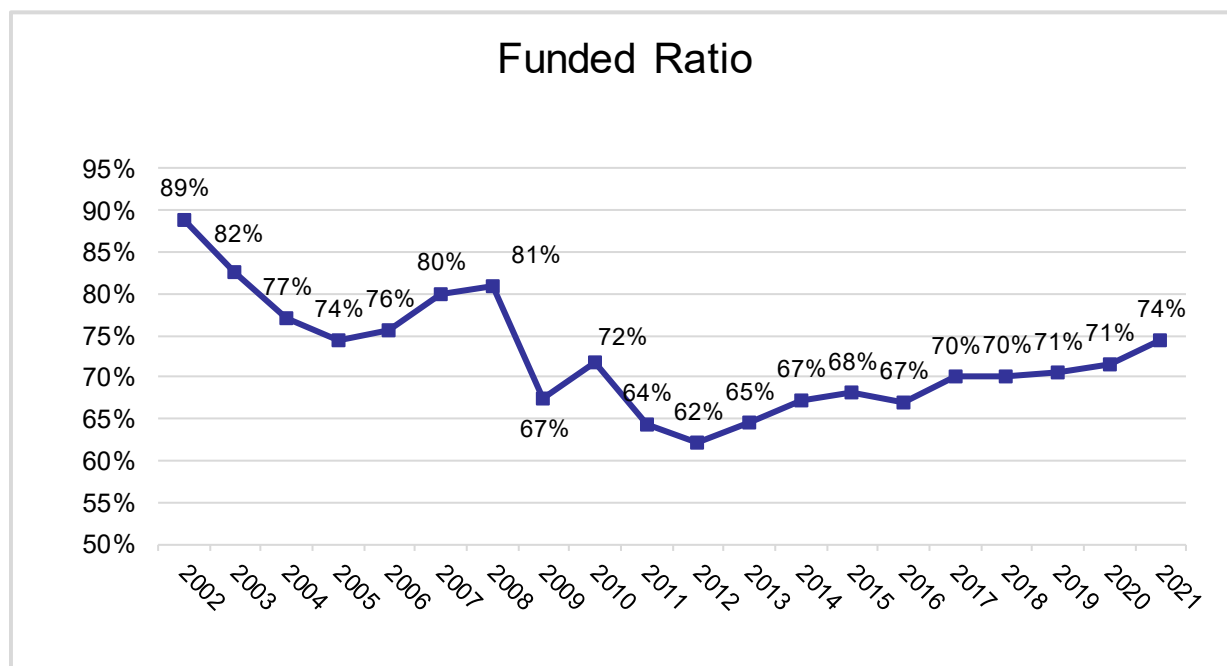


Since June 30, 2004, the actuarial accrued liability has been higher than the actuarial value of assets. Investment experience below the assumed rate of return was the primary source of the increased difference between the actuarial accrued liability and actuarial assets. SERS implemented pension reform to improve the System’s funding progress. In addition, the Board adopted a new funding policy that will allocate a higher portion of the employer contribution toward the basic benefits until the fund achieves a funded status of 90%. An evaluation of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability on a pure dollar basis may not provide a complete analysis since only the difference between the assets and liabilities (which are both very large numbers) is reflected. Another way to evaluate the unfunded actuarial accrued liability and the progress made in its funding is to track the funded ratio, the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial accrued liability.

	6/30/17	6/30/18	6/30/19	6/30/20	6/30/21
Funded Ratio	70.01%	70.07%	70.51%	71.49%	74.46%
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (\$M)	\$ 5,875.3	\$ 5,985.5	\$ 6,054.2	\$ 5,997.1	\$5,498.1



The longer-term historical funded ratio information is shown in the chart below.



Investment returns are the primary source of decreases in the funded ratio as can be seen during the 2002-2003 “tech bubble” recession and the “great” recession of 2008-2009. Board actions which led to legislation to modify the Plan in combination with improved experience of the System are attributable to the improved funded ratio since 2016.

### CONTRIBUTION RATE

Under the Entry Age Normal cost method, the actuarial contribution rate consists of two components:

- a "normal cost" for the portion of projected liabilities allocated by the actuarial cost method to service of members during the year following the valuation date which is funded by both member and employer contributions, and
- an "unfunded actuarial accrued liability contribution" for the excess of the portion of projected liabilities allocated to service-to-date over the actuarial value of assets.



See Section VI of the report for the detailed development of these contribution rates which are summarized in the following table:

<b>Contribution Rates</b>	<b>June 30, 2021</b>	<b>June 30, 2020</b>
1. Employer Portion of Normal Cost Rate	1.26%	0.06%
2. UAAL Contribution Rate	11.24%	10.80%
3. Total Actuarial Determined Contribution Rate (1) + (2)	12.50%	10.86%
4. Funded Ratio	74.46%	71.49%
5. Total Employer Contribution Rate	14.00%	14.00%
6. Amount Allocated to Basic Benefits	14.00%	14.00%

As discussed earlier, SERS' basic benefits includes retirement, disability and survivor benefits, along with Medicare Part B reimbursements and lump sum retiree death benefits. SERS also provides access to health care coverage for retiree members. The Health Care Fund is partially supported by employer contributions that are not required for actuarially funding basic benefits. The funding policy is expected to accelerate the pace at which SERS' basic benefits will achieve a funded ratio equal to 90%.



**REPORT ON THE ANNUAL VALUATION OF THE  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO**

**PREPARED AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

**SECTION I – SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RESULTS**

1. This report, prepared as of June 30, 2021, presents the results of the annual actuarial valuation of the basic benefits provided under the System, including pension, Medicare Part B reimbursement and post-retirement death benefits. For convenience of reference, the principal results of the valuation and a comparison with the preceding year's results are summarized in the following table.

**SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RESULTS**

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
<b>Active members included in valuation</b>		
Number	146,646	156,579
Annual Compensation*	\$3,622,097,199	\$3,477,578,726
<b>Retirees</b>		
Number	80,721	80,851
Annual allowances	\$1,254,934,762	\$1,234,342,326
<b>Deferred Vesteds</b>		
Number	5,972	5,654
Annual deferred allowances	\$38,777,532	\$37,104,572
<b>Assets (net of Health Care Assets)</b>		
Market related actuarial value	\$16,031,612,792	\$15,036,735,150
Market value	\$17,840,046,988	\$14,419,598,627
<b>Unfunded Accrued Liability</b>	\$5,498,144,212	\$5,997,074,169
<b>Funded Ratio (AVA/AAL)</b>		
All Basic Benefits	74.46%	71.49%
Pension Benefits	74.80%	71.90%
Medicare Part B	56.94%	50.66%
Post-retirement Death Benefits	67.71%	66.81%
<b>Actuarially Determined Contribution Rate</b>		
Normal	1.26%	0.06%
Accrued liability	11.24%	10.80%
Total	12.50%	10.86%
<b>Funding Policy Contribution Rate</b>	14.00%	14.00%
Accrued liability amortization period (years)	23	24

\* The annual compensation as of June 30, 2021 reflect imputed salaries.



2. The statute sets a contribution cap of 24% of payroll: 14% from employers and 10% from employees. Employer contributions in excess of those required to support the basic benefits may be allocated to retiree health care funding. If the funded ratio is less than 70%, the entire 14% employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits. If the funded ratio is 70% but less than 80%, at least 13.50% of the employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits, with the remainder (if any) allocated to the Health Care Fund. If the funded ratio is 80% but less than 90%, at least 13.25% of the employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits, with the remainder (if any) allocated to the Health Care Fund. If the funded ratio is 90% or greater, the Health Care Fund may receive any portion of the employers' contribution that is not needed to fund SERS' basic benefits.
3. The valuation balance sheet showing the results of the valuation is given in Schedule A.
4. Comments on the valuation results are given in Section IV, comments on the experience and the sources of actuarial gains and losses during the valuation year are given in Section V, and the rates of contribution payable by employers are given in Section VI.
5. Schedule B of this report presents the development of the actuarial value of assets. Schedule C details the actuarial assumptions and methods employed. Schedule D gives a summary of the benefit and contribution provisions of the plan.



## SECTION II – MEMBERSHIP DATA

Data regarding the membership of the System for use as a basis for the valuation were furnished by the System’s staff. The following tables summarize the membership of the system as of June 30, 2021, upon which the valuation was based. Detailed tabulations of the data are given in Schedule E.

### Active Members

Number	Payroll	Group Averages		
		Salary	Age	Service
146,646	\$3,622,097,199	\$24,700	47.7	8.1

The total number of active members includes 44,997 vested members and 101,649 non-vested members. Those who reached 25 years of service on or before August 1, 2017 were eligible to retire under the previous age and service credit eligibility requirements.

The following table shows a six-year schedule of active member valuation data.

### SCHEDULE OF SERS ACTIVE MEMBER VALUATION DATA

Valuation Date	Number	Annual Payroll	Annual Average Pay	% Increase in Average Pay
6/30/2016	124,540	\$2,932,236,551	\$23,545	1.7%
6/30/2017	157,981*	3,302,805,662	20,906	(11.2)
6/30/2018	158,343	3,332,395,171	21,045	0.7
6/30/2019	159,363	3,462,524,396	21,727	3.2
6/30/2020	156,579	3,477,578,726	22,210	2.2
6/30/2021	146,646	3,622,097,199 **	24,700	11.2

\* Effective in FY2017, the active member headcount reflects an increase of members who have been re-categorized from inactive to active status.

\*\* The annual compensation as of June 30, 2021 reflect imputed salaries.





The following table shows the number and annual retirement allowances payable to retiree members and their beneficiaries on the roll of the Retirement System as of the valuation date as well as certain group averages.

### Retiree Lives

Type of Benefit Payment	Number	Annual Benefits	Group Averages	
			Benefit	Age
Retirees and Beneficiaries	71,657	\$1,127,708,289	\$15,738	75.0
Disability	4,868	87,390,489	17,952	66.7
Survivors	4,196	39,835,984	9,494	72.6
Total in SERS	80,721	\$1,254,934,762	\$15,547	74.4

This valuation also includes 278,659 inactive members eligible for a contribution refund only (including 254,797 members reported separately who had completed one or more years of service before terminating). Their contributions totaled \$236,084,753 as of June 30, 2021. There were also 5,972 terminated vested members with annual deferred pension benefits of \$38,777,532. Included in the "Retiree" numbers in the above table are 12,203 reemployed retirees with account balances of \$122,724,317 (including employer contributions and interest), 799 reemployed retirees receiving only an annuity from their contributions and their employers' matching contributions, and 912 reemployed retirees receiving such annuities in addition to their regular pension benefits. The sum of the annuity payments attributable to these reemployed retirees is \$7,568,723.



### SECTION III – ASSETS

1. As of June 30, 2021, the total market value of assets amounted to \$18,440,377,176. All figures include the combined Pension Trust Fund, Medicare B Fund, Death Benefit Fund, and Health Care Fund, but exclude the QEBA Fund. The return on the combined funds including the Health Care Fund is 27.83%. The return on the funds supporting Basic Benefits is 28.02%. The return on the Health Care Fund is 22.23%.

Asset Summary Based on Market Value			
(1)	Assets at June 30, 2020	\$	14,902,210,105
(2)	Contributions and Misc. Revenue		968,216,942
(3)	Investment Gain (Loss)		4,072,493,787
(4)	Benefit Payments		(1,502,543,658)
(5)	Assets at June 30, 2021 (1) + (2) + (3) + (4)	\$	18,440,377,176
(6)	Annualized Rate of Return*		27.83 %

2. The four-year smoothed market related actuarial value of assets used for the current valuation was \$16,631,942,980. Schedule B shows the development of the actuarial value of assets as of June 30, 2021. Again all figures include the combined Pension Trust Fund, Medicare B Fund, Death Benefit Fund, and Health Care Fund, but exclude the QEBA Fund. The return on the combined funds including the Health Care Fund is 10.80%. The return on the funds supporting Basic Benefits is 10.42%. The return on the Health Care Fund is 22.23%.

Asset Summary Based on Actuarial Value			
(1)	Assets at June 30, 2020	\$	15,519,346,628
(2)	Contributions and Misc. Revenue		968,216,942
(3)	Investment Gain (Loss)		1,646,923,068
(4)	Benefit Payments		(1,502,543,658)
(5)	Assets at June 30, 2021 Before Application of Corridor (1) + (2) + (3) + (4)	\$	16,631,942,980
(6)	Annualized Rate of Return*		10.80 %

\*Based on the approximation formula:  $I / [0.5 \times (A + B - I)]$ , where

- I = Investment Gain (Loss)
- A = Beginning of year asset value
- B = End of year asset value



#### **SECTION IV - COMMENTS ON VALUATION**

Schedule A of this report contains the valuation balance sheet which shows the present and prospective assets and liabilities of the System as of June 30, 2021.

1. The total retirement benefit valuation balance sheet shows that the System has total future retirement benefit liabilities of \$25,063,688,730, of which \$12,985,430,420 is for the future benefits payable for present retiree members and beneficiaries of deceased members; \$718,974,558 is for the future benefits payable for present inactive members; and \$11,359,283,752 is for the future benefits payable for present active members. Against these retirement benefit liabilities the System has a total present actuarial value of assets of \$16,031,612,792 as of June 30, 2021. The difference of \$9,032,075,938 between the total liabilities and the total present actuarial value of assets represents the present value of contributions to be made in the future for retirement benefits. Of this amount, \$3,207,536,291 is the present value of future contributions expected to be made by members, and the balance of \$5,824,539,647 represents the present value of future contributions payable by the employers.
2. The employers' contributions to the System on account of retirement benefits consist of normal contributions, accrued liability contributions and contributions for administrative expenses. The valuation indicates that employer normal contributions at the rate of 0.95% of payroll for basic pension benefits, 0.02% of payroll for post-retirement death benefits, and 0.29% of payroll for Medicare Part B benefits are required to provide the benefits of the System for the average member of SERS. Prospective employer normal contributions on account of retirement benefits at the above rates have a present value of \$326,395,435.
3. For pension benefits, it is recommended that the unfunded accrued liability contribution rate payable by the employers on account of retirement benefits be set at 10.87% of payroll. For post-retirement death benefits, it is recommended that the unfunded accrued liability contribution rate payable by the employers on account of retirement benefits be set at 0.03% of payroll. Finally, for Medicare Part B benefits, it is recommended that the unfunded accrued liability contribution rate payable by the employers on account of retirement benefits be set at 0.34% of payroll. These rates are sufficient to amortize the unfunded accrued liability of \$5,498,144,212 over 23 years based on the assumption that the aggregate payroll for SERS members will increase by 1.75% each year.
4. The present value of the total future contributions to be made by the employers for basic benefits is the sum of the future employer normal contributions and the unfunded accrued liability contributions and equals \$5,824,539,647.



## SECTION V – DERIVATION OF EXPERIENCE GAINS AND LOSSES

Actual experience will never (except by coincidence) match exactly with assumed experience. It is assumed that gains and losses will be in balance over a period of years, but sizable year-to-year fluctuations are common. Detail on the derivation of the experience gain (loss) for the year ended June 30, 2021, is shown below in \$ millions.

### Experience (Gain/Loss)

Total Basic Benefits June 30:		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
(1)	UAAL from last valuation	\$ 5,997.1	6,054.2	5,985.5	5,875.3	6,591.1	5,901.6
(2)	Normal cost from last valuation	347.6	344.1	330.6	342.4	312.5	319.3
(3)	Contributions	830.6	843.9	809.9	759.9	804.4	750.7
(4)	Interest accrual: [[ (1) + (2) - (3) * .5 ] x .075	444.8	448.3	443.3	437.8	487.6	453.0
(5)	Expected UAAL before changes: (1) + (2) - (3) + (4)	\$ 5,958.9	6,002.7	5,949.5	5,895.6	6,586.8	5,923.2
(6)	Change due to plan amendments	0.0	0.0	0.0	357.6	998.5	0.0
(7)	Change due to new actuarial assumption or methods	(126.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(668.2)
(8)	Expected UAAL after changes: (5) - (6) - (7)	\$ 6,085.4	6,002.7	5,949.5	5,538.0	5,588.3	6,591.4
(9)	Actual UAAL from this valuation	\$ 5,498.1	5,997.1	6,054.2	5,985.5	5,875.3	6,591.1
(10)	Total Gain/(Loss): (8) - (9)	\$ 587.3	5.6	(104.7)	(447.4)	(287.0)	0.3
(11)	Investment Gain/(Loss):	\$ 431.3	7.1	(44.1)	(161.1)	(12.2)	50.6
(12)	Non-Investment Gain/(Loss)	\$ 155.8	(1.5)	(60.6)	(286.3)	(274.8)	(50.3)

Pension June 30:		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
(1)	UAAL from last valuation	\$ 5,789.8	5,822.7	5,735.1	5,611.3	6,315.7	5,640.9
(2)	Normal cost from last valuation	338.8	335.4	322.1	334.1	305.6	313.3
(3)	Contributions	803.0	814.0	780.6	731.8	778.7	727.0
(4)	Interest accrual: [[ (1) + (2) - (3) * .5 ] x .075	429.6	431.4	425.0	418.5	467.4	433.3
(5)	Expected UAAL before changes: (1) + (2) - (3) + (4)	\$ 5,755.2	5,775.5	5,701.6	5,632.1	6,310.0	5,660.5
(6)	Change due to plan amendments	0.0	0.0	0.0	357.6	998.5	0.0
(7)	Change due to new actuarial assumption or methods	(120.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(643.5)
(8)	Expected UAAL after changes: (5) - (6) - (7)	\$ 5,876.1	5,775.5	5,701.6	5,274.5	5,311.5	6,304.0
(9)	Actual UAAL from this valuation	\$ 5,316.4	5,789.8	5,822.7	5,735.1	5,611.3	6,315.7
(10)	Total Gain/(Loss): (8) - (9)	\$ 559.7	(14.3)	(121.1)	(460.6)	(299.8)	(11.7)
(11)	Investment Gain/(Loss):	\$ 425.4	6.4	(44.1)	(159.0)	(12.3)	49.6
(12)	Non-Investment Gain/(Loss)	\$ 134.3	(20.7)	(77.0)	(301.6)	(287.5)	(61.3)



**SECTION V – DERIVATION OF EXPERIENCE GAINS AND LOSSES**  
(\$ Millions)

Medicare Part B June 30:		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
(1)	UAAL from last valuation	\$ 194.0	217.4	235.4	249.1	259.7	246.9
(2)	Normal cost from last valuation	8.3	8.2	8.0	7.8	6.4	5.5
(3)	Contributions	26.3	28.3	27.3	26.3	24.1	22.2
(4)	Interest accrual: [(1) + (2) - (3)*.5] x .075	14.1	15.8	17.2	18.3	19.0	18.7
(5)	Expected UAAL before changes: (1) + (2) - (3) + (4)	\$ 190.1	213.1	233.3	248.9	261.0	248.9
(6)	Change due to plan amendments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(7)	Change due to new actuarial assumption or methods	(4.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(22.4)
(8)	Expected UAAL after changes: (5) - (6) - (7)	\$ 194.6	213.1	233.3	248.9	261.0	271.3
(9)	Actual UAAL from this valuation	\$ 168.5	194.0	217.4	235.4	249.1	259.7
(10)	Total Gain/(Loss): (8) - (9)	\$ 26.1	19.1	15.9	13.5	11.9	11.6
(11)	Investment Gain/(Loss):	\$ 5.2	0.7	0.1	(1.9)	0.1	0.9
(12)	Non-Investment Gain/(Loss)	\$ 20.9	18.4	15.8	15.4	11.8	10.7

Post-Retirement Death Benefits June 30:		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
(1)	UAAL from last valuation	\$ 13.3	14.1	15.0	14.9	15.7	13.8
(2)	Normal cost from last valuation	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
(3)	Contributions	1.4	1.5	2.0	1.8	1.6	1.5
(4)	Interest accrual: [(1) + (2) - (3)*.5] x .075	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.0
(5)	Expected UAAL before changes: (1) + (2) - (3) + (4)	\$ 13.4	14.1	14.6	14.7	15.8	13.8
(6)	Change due to plan amendments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(7)	Change due to new actuarial assumption or methods	(1.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	(2.3)
(8)	Expected UAAL after changes: (5) - (6) - (7)	\$ 14.5	14.1	14.6	14.7	15.8	16.1
(9)	Actual UAAL from this valuation	\$ 13.2	13.3	14.1	15.0	14.9	15.7
(10)	Total Gain/(Loss): (8) - (9)	\$ 1.3	0.8	0.5	(0.3)	0.9	0.4
(11)	Investment Gain/(Loss):	\$ 0.7	0.0	(0.1)	(0.2)	0.0	0.1
(12)	Non-Investment Gain/(Loss)	\$ 0.6	0.8	0.6	(0.1)	0.9	0.3



## ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE

### Gains and (Losses) in Accrued Liabilities Resulting from Difference Between Assumed Experience and Actual Experience (\$ Millions)

Type of Activity	Pension	Medicare Part B	Post- Retirement Death Benefit	Total Basic Benefits
<b>Age &amp; Service Retirements.</b> If members retire at older ages, there is a gain. If younger ages, a loss.	\$ (99.9)	\$ 2.9	\$ 0.8	\$ (96.2)
<b>Disability Retirements.</b> If disability claims are less than assumed, there is a gain. If more claims, a loss.	(5.0)	0.0	0.0	(5.0)
<b>Pre-Retirement Death Benefits.</b> If survivor claims are less than assumed, there is a gain. If more claims, there is a loss.	(4.5)	(0.2)	0.0	(4.7)
<b>Withdrawal From Employment.</b> If more liabilities are released by withdrawals than assumed, there is a gain. If smaller releases, a loss.	(108.7)	1.1	0.1	(107.5)
<b>Pay Increases.</b> If there are smaller pay increases than assumed, there is a gain. If greater increases, a loss.	136.7	0.0	0.0	136.7
<b>New Members.</b> Additional accrued liability attributable to members who entered the plan since the last valuation.	(16.0)	(0.6)	0.0	(16.6)
<b>Investment Income.</b> If there is a greater investment income than assumed, there is a gain. If less income, a loss.	425.4	5.2	0.7	431.3
<b>Death After Retirement.</b> If retired members live longer than assumed, there is a loss. If not as long, a gain.	45.3	15.0	(0.5)	59.8
<b>Other.</b> Miscellaneous gains and losses resulting from changes in valuation software, data adjustments, timing of financial transactions, etc.	186.4	2.7	0.2	189.3
<b>Gain (or Loss) During Year From Financial Experience</b>	\$ 559.7	\$ 26.1	\$ 1.3	\$ 587.1
<b>Non-Recurring Items.</b> Adjustments for plan amendments, assumption changes and method changes	(120.9)	(4.5)	(1.1)	(126.6)
<b>Composite Gain (or Loss) During Year</b>	\$ 438.8	\$ 21.6	\$ 0.2	\$ 460.5



## SECTION VI – ACTUARIALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTION RATES

The valuation balance sheet gives the basis for determining the percentage rates for contributions to be made by employers to the Retirement System. The following table shows the rates of contribution payable by employers.

### Actuarially Determined Contribution Rates

Contribution for	Pension	Post-Retirement Death Benefit	Medicare Part B	Total Basic Benefits
A. Normal Cost:				
(1) Service retirement benefits	7.42%			
(2) Disability benefits	0.91			
(3) Survivor benefits	0.36			
(4) Refunds	2.26			
(5) Total	10.95%			
B. Member Contributions	10.00%	0.02%	0.29%	11.26%
C. Employer Normal Cost: [A(5) - B]	0.95%	0.02%	0.29%	1.26%
D. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability Contributions	10.87%	0.03%	0.34%	11.24%
E. Total Recommended Employer Contribution Rate:[C+D]	11.82%	0.05%	0.63%	12.50%

The statute sets a contribution cap of 24% of payroll: 14% from employers and 10% from employees. Employer contributions in excess of those required to support the basic benefits may be allocated to retiree health care funding. If the funded ratio is less than 70%, all 14% of the employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits. If the funded ratio is 70% but less than 80%, at least 13.50% of the employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits, with the remainder (if any) allocated to the Health Care Fund. If the funded ratio is 80% but less than 90%, at least 13.25% of the employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits, with the remainder (if any) allocated to the Health Care Fund. If the funded ratio is 90% or greater, the Health Care Fund may receive any portion of the employers' contribution that is not needed to fund SERS' basic benefits. Based on a Board Resolution dated October 21, 2021, the entire 14% of the employers' contribution will be allocated to SERS' basic benefits.



**SECTION VII – SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS**  
(\$ Millions)

Actuarial Valuation Date	Value of Plan Assets ( a )	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age ( b )	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) ( b - a )	Funded Ratio ( a / b )	Covered Payroll ( c )	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ( b - a ) / ( c )
<b>Pension Benefits</b>						
6/30/2016	\$ 13,015	\$ 19,331	\$ 6,316	67.3%	\$ 2,932	215.4%
6/30/2017	13,537	19,148	5,611	70.7	3,303	169.9
6/30/2018	13,824	19,559	5,735	70.7	3,332	172.1
6/30/2019	14,267	20,090	5,823	71.0	3,463	168.1
6/30/2020	14,811	20,601	5,790	71.9	3,478	166.5
6/30/2021	15,781	21,097	5,316	74.8	3,622	146.8
<b>Medicare Part B</b>						
6/30/2016	\$ 142	\$ 402	\$ 260	35.4%	\$ 2,932	8.9%
6/30/2017	153	402	249	38.0	3,303	7.5
6/30/2018	164	400	236	41.1	3,332	7.1
6/30/2019	180	397	217	45.3	3,463	6.3
6/30/2020	199	393	194	50.6	3,478	5.6
6/30/2021	223	391	169	57.0	3,622	4.6
<b>Post-Retirement Death Benefits</b>						
6/30/2016	\$ 22	\$ 38	\$ 16	57.9%	\$ 2,932	0.5%
6/30/2017	23	38	15	60.5	3,303	0.5
6/30/2018	24	39	15	61.5	3,332	0.5
6/30/2019	26	40	14	65.0	3,463	0.4
6/30/2020	27	40	13	67.5	3,478	0.4
6/30/2021	28	41	13	68.3	3,622	0.4





## **SECTION VIII – RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

A typical retirement plan faces many different risks, but the greatest risk is the inability to make benefit payments when due. If plan assets are depleted, benefits may not be paid which could create legal and litigation risk or the plan could become “pay as you go”. The term “risk” is most commonly associated with an outcome with undesirable results. However, in the actuarial world, risk can be translated as uncertainty. The actuarial valuation process uses many actuarial assumptions to project how future contributions and investment returns will meet the cash flow needs for future benefit payments. Of course, we know that actual experience will not unfold exactly as anticipated by the assumptions and that uncertainty, whether favorable or unfavorable, creates risk. ASOP 51 defines risk as the potential of actual future measurements to deviate from expected results due to actual experience that is different than the actuarial assumptions.

The various risk factors for a given plan can have a significant impact – positive or negative – on the actuarial projection of liability and contribution rates.

There are a number of risks inherent in the funding of a defined benefit plan. These include:

- economic risks, such as investment return and price inflation;
- demographic risks such as mortality, payroll growth, aging population including impact of baby boomers, and retirement ages;
- contribution risk, i.e., the potential for contribution rates to be too high for the plan sponsor/employer to pay and
- external risks such as the regulatory and political environment.

There is a direct correlation between healthy, well-funded retirement plans and consistent contributions equal to the full actuarial contribution rate each year. The System is primarily funded by member and employer contributions to the trust fund, together with the earnings on these accumulated contributions. These contributions fund benefit accruals for current active members and administrative expenses. The remainder of the contributions amortizes the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The contribution rates are set by state statute and are intended to provide the needed amounts to fund the system over time. The purpose of the valuation is to determine if the fixed employer and member contributions remain sufficient to fund the Plan. Due to the fixed nature of the contributions actuarial gains and losses are reflected in the amortization period. Generally, the largest source of actuarial gains and losses are caused by investment volatility. In addition, the unfunded liability is amortized as a level percentage of pay assuming payroll will grow by 1.75% per year. A key risk factor to the System’s funding is that over time, the Statutory Contribution Rates will be insufficient to accumulate enough funds, with investment income, to fund the promised benefits. The funding insufficiency can be caused by amortization periods that are too long or by payroll not growing at the assumed rate.

The other significant risk factor for the System is investment return because of the volatility of returns and the size of plan assets compared to payroll. A perusal of historical returns over 10-20 years reveals that the actual return each year is rarely close to the average return for the same period. This is to be expected, given the underlying capital market assumptions and the System’s asset allocation. To the extent market rates of interest affect the expected return on assets, there is a risk of change to the discount rate which determines the present value of liabilities and actuarial valuation results.



A key demographic risk for the Retirement System is improvements in mortality (longevity) greater than anticipated. Mortality risk arises because there is unexpected mortality improvement, perhaps from a significant medical breakthrough that could quickly increase liabilities. While this is an exposure to risk, it represents a small probability.

The following exhibits summarize some historical information that helps indicate how certain key risk metrics have changed over time. Many are due to the maturing of the retirement system.



### Historical Asset Volatility Ratios (in 1,000's)

As a retirement system matures, the size of the market value of assets increases relative to the covered payroll of active members, on which the System is funded. The size of the plan assets relative to covered payroll, sometimes referred to as the asset volatility ratio, is an important indicator of the contribution risk for the System. The higher this ratio, the more sensitive a plan's contribution rate is to investment return volatility. In other words, it will be harder to recover from investment losses with increased contributions.

Fiscal Year End	Market Value of Assets (\$ Millions)	Covered Payroll (\$ Millions)	Asset Volatility Ratio
6/30/2008	\$10,793	\$2,652	4.07
6/30/2009	8,134	2,787	2.92
6/30/2010	9,072	2,843	3.19
6/30/2011	10,619	2,852	3.72
6/30/2012	10,332	2,788	3.71
6/30/2013	11,300	2,747	4.11
6/30/2014	12,821	2,759	4.65
6/30/2015	12,797	2,845	4.50
6/30/2016	12,452	2,932	4.25
6/30/2017	13,614	3,303	4.12
6/30/2018	14,271	3,332	4.28
6/30/2019	14,544	3,463	4.20
6/30/2020	14,420	3,478	4.15
6/30/2021	17,840	3,622	4.93

The assets at June 30, 2021 are 493% of payroll, so underperforming the investment return assumption by 1.00% (i.e., earn 6.00% for one year) is equivalent to 4.93% of payroll. While the actual impact in the first year is mitigated by the asset smoothing method and amortization of the UAL, this illustrates the risk associated with volatile investment returns.



### Historical Cash Flows

Plans with negative cash flows will experience increased sensitivity to investment return volatility. Cash flows, for this purpose, are measured as contributions less benefit payments and administrative expenses. If the System has negative cash flows and then experiences returns below the assumed rate, there are fewer assets to be reinvested to earn the higher returns that typically follow. While any negative cash flow will produce such a result, it is typically a negative cash flow of more than 5% of MVA that may cause significant concerns. The System has negative cash flows which range from 3% to 4% for the prior five years, so there is no immediate concern.

Fiscal Year End	Market Value of Assets (\$ Millions)	Contributions (\$ Millions)	Benefit Payments & Expenses (\$ Millions)	Net Cash Flow (\$ Millions)	Net Cash Flow as % of Market Value
6/30/2008	\$10,793	\$564	\$740	(\$176)	(1.63%)
6/30/2009	8,134	587	779	(192)	(2.36)
6/30/2010	9,072	704	822	(118)	(1.30)
6/30/2011	10,619	682	880	(197)	(1.86)
6/30/2012	10,332	697	946	(249)	(2.41)
6/30/2013	11,300	695	1,020	(325)	(2.88)
6/30/2014	12,821	701	1,069	(368)	(2.87)
6/30/2015	12,797	702	1,156	(455)	(3.56)
6/30/2016	12,452	751	1,203	(452)	(3.63)
6/30/2017	13,614	804	1,256	(451)	(3.31)
6/30/2018	14,271	760	1,335	(575)	(4.03)
6/30/2019	14,544	810	1,368	(558)	(3.84)
6/30/2020	14,420	844	1,354	(510)	(3.54)
6/30/2021	17,840	831	1,387	(556)	(3.12)



### Liability Maturity Measurement

Most public sector retirement systems have been in operation for many years. As a result, they have aging plan populations, and in some cases declining active populations, resulting in an increasing ratio of retirees to active members and a growing percentage of retiree liability. The retirement of the remaining baby boomers over the next decade is expected to further exacerbate the aging of the retirement system population. With more of the total liability residing with retirees, investment volatility has a greater impact on the funding of the system since it is more difficult to restore the system financially after losses occur when there is comparatively less payroll over which to spread costs. Below are two tables which demonstrate the ratio of the System's retiree liability compared to the total accrued liability and the ratio of the number of retirees and beneficiaries to the number of active members.

Fiscal Year End	Retiree Liability (\$ Millions)	Total Actuarial Liability (\$ Millions)	Retiree Percentage
6/30/2008	\$7,161	\$14,062	0.51
6/30/2009	7,592	14,582	0.52
6/30/2010	7,942	15,222	0.52
6/30/2011	8,605	16,325	0.53
6/30/2012	9,250	16,755	0.55
6/30/2013	9,793	17,247	0.57
6/30/2014	10,437	17,882	0.58
6/30/2015	11,047	18,503	0.60
6/30/2016	11,702	19,771	0.59
6/30/2017	11,679	19,588	0.60
6/30/2018	12,399	19,998	0.62
6/30/2019	12,629	20,527	0.62
6/30/2020	12,949	21,034	0.62
6/30/2021	13,346	21,530	0.62



### Historical Member Statistics

Fiscal Year End	Active Count	Retiree Count	Active to Retiree Ratio
6/30/2008	124,370	64,818	1.92
6/30/2009	125,465	65,757	1.91
6/30/2010	126,015	66,127	1.91
6/30/2011	125,337	67,221	1.86
6/30/2012	121,811	69,038	1.76
6/30/2013	121,642	70,771	1.72
6/30/2014	121,251	72,605	1.67
6/30/2015	122,855	74,372	1.65
6/30/2016	124,540	76,280	1.63
6/30/2017*	157,981	79,157	2.00
6/30/2018	158,343	81,332	1.95
6/30/2019	159,363	81,024	1.97
6/30/2020	156,579	80,851	1.94
6/30/2021	146,646	80,721	1.82

\*Effective in FY2017, the active member headcount reflects an increase of members who have been re-categorized from inactive to active status.



## SCHEDULE A

### Valuation Balance Sheet and Solvency Test

The following valuation balance sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the retirement system as of the current valuation date of June 30, 2021, and, for comparison purposes, as of the immediately preceding valuation date of June 30, 2020. The items shown in the balance sheet are present values actuarially determined as of the relevant valuation date.

#### VALUATION BALANCE SHEET SHOWING THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current actuarial value of assets	\$ 16,031,612,792	\$ 15,036,735,150
Prospective contributions		
Member contributions	\$ 3,207,536,291	\$ 2,703,860,159
Employer normal contributions	326,395,435	(59,723,240)
Unfunded accrued liability contributions	<u>5,498,144,212</u>	<u>5,997,074,169</u>
Total prospective contributions	<u>\$ 9,032,075,938</u>	<u>\$ 8,641,211,088</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 25,063,688,730</u>	<u>\$ 23,677,946,238</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Present value of benefits payable on account of present retired members and beneficiaries	\$ 12,985,430,420	\$ 12,617,926,715
Present value of benefits payable on account of active members	11,359,283,752	10,400,803,877
Present value of benefits payable on account of inactive and deferred vested members	<u>718,974,558</u>	<u>659,215,646</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 25,063,688,730</u>	<u>\$ 23,677,946,238</u>



The following table provides the solvency test for SERS members. The table allocates the valuation assets of the System to its liabilities based on an order of precedence. The highest order of precedence is active member contributions. The second highest order of precedence are members in pay status, and vested and non-vested terminated members. The lowest order of precedence is the employer financed portion of active member accrued benefits. The liabilities are determined using the System's assumed rate of return.

**Solvency Test**  
(\$ Millions)

Valuation Date	Aggregate Accrued Liabilities For			Actuarial Value of Assets	Portion of Accrued Liabilities Covered by Reported Asset		
	(1) Active Member Contributions	(2) Retired Members & Beneficiaries	(3) Active Members (Employer Financed Portion)		(1)	(2)	(3)
<b>Pension Benefits</b>							
6/30/2016	\$ 2,914	\$ 11,689	\$ 4,728	\$ 13,015	100.0%	86.4%	0.0%
6/30/2017	3,010	11,690	4,448	13,537	100.0	90.0	0.0
6/30/2018	2,733	12,427	4,399	13,824	100.0	89.2	0.0
6/30/2019	2,842	12,666	4,582	14,268	100.0	90.2	0.0
6/30/2020	2,934	13,009	4,658	14,811	100.0	91.3	0.0
6/30/2021	2,986	13,434	4,677	15,781	100.0	95.2	0.0
<b>Medicare Part B</b>							
6/30/2016	\$ 0	\$ 251	\$ 151	\$ 142	100.0%	56.6%	0.0%
6/30/2017	0	251	151	153	100.0	61.0	0.0
6/30/2018	0	251	149	164	100.0	65.3	0.0
6/30/2019	0	244	153	180	100.0	73.8	0.0
6/30/2020	0	236	157	199	100.0	84.3	0.0
6/30/2021	0	238	154	223	100.0	93.7	0.0
<b>Post-Retirement Death Benefits</b>							
6/30/2016	\$ 0	\$ 30	\$ 8	\$ 22	100.0%	73.3%	0.0%
6/30/2017	0	30	8	23	100.0	76.7	0.0
6/30/2018	0	31	8	24	100.0	77.4	0.0
6/30/2019	0	31	8	25	100.0	80.6	0.0
6/30/2020	0	31	8	27	100.0	87.1	0.0
6/30/2021	0	33	7	28	100.0	84.8	0.0





**SCHEDULE B  
Development of Actuarial Value of Assets**

Valuation date June 30:	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
A. Actuarial Value Beginning of Year	\$ 14,936,900,093	\$ 15,519,346,628			
B. Market Value End of Year	14,902,210,105	18,440,377,176			
C. Market Value Beginning of Year	15,007,886,783	14,902,210,105			
D. Cash Flow					
D1. Contributions	\$ 892,087,903	\$ 884,166,838			
D2. Other Revenue	97,386,324	84,050,104			
D3. Benefit Payments	(1,485,382,246)	(1,497,119,145)			
D4. Net Transfers	<u>(3,411,620)</u>	<u>(5,424,513)</u>			
D5. Net	\$ (499,319,639)	\$ (534,326,716)			
E. Investment Income					
E1. Market Total: B.-C.-D5.	\$ 393,642,961	\$ 4,072,493,787			
E2. Assumed Rate (Net of Expenses)	7.50%	7.50%			
E3. Amount for Immediate Recognition	1,106,867,022	1,097,628,506			
E4. Amount for Phased-In Recognition	(713,224,061)	2,974,865,281			
F. Phased-In Recognition of Investment Income					
F1. Current Year: 0.25 * E4.	\$ (178,306,015)	\$ 743,716,320	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
F2. First Prior Year	(66,102,732)	(178,306,015)	743,716,320	0	0
F3. Second Prior Year	49,986,989	(66,102,732)	(178,306,015)	743,716,320	0
F4. Third Prior Year	169,320,910	49,986,989	(66,102,732)	(178,306,015)	743,716,320
F5. Total Recognized Investment Gain/(Loss)	\$ (25,100,848)	\$ 549,294,562	\$ 499,307,573	\$ 565,410,305	\$ 743,716,320
G. Preliminary Actuarial Value End of Year:					
A.+D5.+E3.+F5.	\$ 15,519,346,628	\$ 16,631,942,980			
H. Corridor					
H1. 80% of Market Value	\$ 11,921,768,084	\$ 14,752,301,741			
H2. 120% of Market Value	\$ 17,882,652,126	\$ 22,128,452,611			
I. Actuarial Value End of Year:					
G. Not Less than H1. or Not Greater than H2.	\$ 15,519,346,628	\$ 16,631,942,980			
J. Difference Between Market & Actuarial Values	\$ (617,136,523)	\$ 1,808,434,196	\$ 1,309,126,624	\$ 743,716,320	\$ 0
K. Health Care Valuation Assets	\$ 482,611,478	\$ 600,330,188			
L. Basic Benefits Valuation Assets (G. - K.)	\$ 15,036,735,150	\$ 16,031,612,792			

The Actuarial Valuation of Assets recognizes assumed investment income (line E3) fully each year. Differences between actual and assumed investment income (line E4) are phased in over a closed four-year period. During periods when investment performance exceeds the assumed rate, Actuarial Value of Assets will tend to be less than market value. During periods when investment performance is less than the assumed rate, Actuarial Value of Assets will tend to be greater than market value. If assumed rates are exactly realized for four consecutive years, actuarial value will become equal to market value.



**SCHEDULE C**

**STATEMENT OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS**

The assumptions and methods used in the valuation were based on the actuarial experience study for the five-year period ending June 30, 2020, adopted by the Board on April 15, 2021.

INTEREST RATE: 7.00% per annum, compounded annually (net after all System expenses).

SEPARATIONS FROM ACTIVE SERVICE: Representative values of the assumed rates of separation from active service are as follows:

Service	Annual Rates of Withdrawal
0	40.00%
1	19.00
2	11.00
3	9.00
4	8.00
5	6.50
10	3.50
15	2.25

Age	Annual Rates of			
	Death *		Disability	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
20	.041%	.013%	.020%	.010%
25	.041	.012	.039	.010
30	.052	.019	.071	.028
35	.068	.030	.127	.059
40	.096	.047	.214	.106
45	.143	.072	.313	.180
50	.218	.107	.414	.300
55	.320	.157	.530	.450
60	.466	.238	.590	.450
65	.682	.380	.533	.300
70	1.025	.627	.300	.200
74	1.461	.937	.300	.200

\* Pre-retirement mortality is based on the PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee Mortality Table with fully generational projection using the MP-2020 projection scale. The above rates represent the base rates used.



Annual Rates of								
Age	Retirement Eligible prior to 8/1/17				Retirement Eligible after 8/1/17			
	Reduced	Reduced (55/25)	First Eligible Unreduced	Subsequent Unreduced	Reduced	Reduced (60/25)	First Eligible Unreduced	Subsequent Unreduced
50			21%	19%				
55		10%	27%	19%				
57		10%	27%	19%			30%	19%
60	43%	15%	27%	19%		6%	30%	19%
62	43%	15%	27%	19%	5%	6%	30%	19%
65			50%	33%	15%	17%	30%	19%
68			50%	33%			30%	18%
70			50%	33%			30%	18%
75			100%	100%			100%	100%

**SALARY INCREASES:** Representative values of the assumed annual rates of salary increases are as follows:

Service	Annual Rates of		
	Merit & Seniority (A)	Base (Economy) (B)	Increase Next Year (1+(A))*(1+(B))
0	10.00%	3.25%	13.58%
1	3.00	3.25	6.35
2	1.75	3.25	5.06
3	1.25	3.25	4.54
4	1.00	3.25	4.28
5-9	0.75	3.25	4.02
10-15	0.50	3.25	3.77
16-17	0.25	3.25	3.51
18 & over	0.00	3.25	3.25

**PAYROLL GROWTH:** 1.75% per annum, compounded annually.

**PRICE INFLATION:** 2.40% per annum, compounded annually.

**ANNUAL COLA:** Increase of 2.00% of initial retirement allowance on anniversary of retirement date. On and after April 1, 2018, COLAs for future retirees will be delayed for until the fourth anniversary of benefit commencement.

**DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT:** These assumptions are used to measure the probabilities of each benefit payment being made after retirement.

**SERVICE RETIREMENT:** PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.



**DISABLED RETIREMENT:** PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

**CONTINGENT SURVIVOR:** PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5% for males and adjusted 122.5% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

**MARRIAGE ASSUMPTION:** 80% married with the husband three years older than his wife.

**VALUATION METHOD:** Entry age normal cost method. Entry age is established on an individual basis.

**ASSET VALUATION METHOD:** Actuarial value, as developed in Schedule A. The actuarial value of assets recognizes a portion of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected market value of assets, based on the assumed valuation rate of return. The amount recognized each year is 25% of the difference between market value and expected market value. The actuarial value of assets cannot be less than 80% or more than 120% of market value.

**FUNDING POLICY:** If the funded ratio is less than 70%, the entire 14% employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits. If the funded ratio is 70% but less than 80%, at least 13.50% of the employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits, with the remainder (if any) allocated to the Health Care Fund. If the funded ratio is 80% but less than 90%, at least 13.25% of the employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits, with the remainder (if any) allocated to the Health Care Fund. If the funded ratio is 90% or greater, the Health Care Fund may receive any portion of the employers' contribution that is not needed to fund SERS' basic benefits.



## SCHEDULE D

### SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO Summary of Benefit and Contribution Provisions

<b>Contributions for Basic Benefits</b>	Members contribute 10% of pay and employers contribute 14% of pay. Employer contributions not required to finance basic benefits may be allocated to the health care program.
<b>Final Average Salary</b>	Average annual salary over the member's three highest years of service.
<b>Normal Retirement</b>	
Condition for Retirement	
<i>Retire before August 1, 2017 or have 25 years of service or more on or before August 1, 2017</i>	Attainment of age 65 with at least 5 years of creditable service, or completion of 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age.
<i>Members attaining 25 years of service after August 1, 2017</i>	Attainment of age 67 with at least 10 years of creditable service, or attainment of age 57 with at least 30 years of creditable service. Buy-up option was available.
Amount of Allowance	The annual retirement allowance payable shall not be greater than 100% of final average salary, and is the greater of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Money Purchase - the greater of: The sum of:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. An annuity based on the value of the member's accumulated contributions at retirement</li><li>b. A pension equal to the annuity</li><li>c. For members who have 10 or more years of service credit prior to 10/1/1956, an annual benefit of \$180.</li></ol></li><li>2. Defined Benefit - the greater of: The sum of:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. 2.2% of final average salary multiplied by the member's years of service up to 30,</li><li>b. 2.5% of final average salary multiplied by the member's years of service in excess of 30,</li></ol>or:<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>c. \$86 multiplied by the years of service.</li></ol></li></ol>



## Early Retirement

### Condition for Early Retirement

*Retire before August 1, 2017 or have 25 years of service or more on or before August 1, 2017*

Not eligible for unreduced service retirement but has attained age 55 with at least 25 years of service, or age 60 with 5 years of service.

*Members attaining 25 years of service after August 1, 2017*

Attainment of age 62 with at least 10 years of creditable service, or attainment of age 60 with at least 25 years of creditable service.

### Amount of Allowance

*Retire before August 1, 2017 or have 25 years of service or more on or before August 1, 2017*

Normal retirement allowance accrued to the date of early retirement. The Defined Benefit amount determined above is adjusted by the following percentages based on attained age or years of service:

<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Years of Ohio Service Credit</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
58	25	75%
59	26	80
60	27	85
61		88
	28	90
62		91
63		94
	29	95
64		97

*Members attaining 25 years of service after August 1, 2017*

Actuarial equivalent of the normal retirement allowance accrued to the date of early retirement. The Defined Benefit amount determined above is actuarially adjusted for the years before age 65 (age 67 if after August 1, 2017) or 30 years of service, whichever is shorter, but in no event is the adjusted benefit less than the following percentages of the Defined Benefit amount based on years of service:

<u>Years of Ohio Service Credit</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
25	75%
26	80
27	85
28	90
29	95

## Disability Retirement

### Condition for Retirement

An allowance is paid upon becoming permanently disabled after completion of at least 5 years of total service credit.

### Amount of Allowance

1. For those who were active members prior to July 29, 1992 and did not elect the benefit structure outlined below, an allowance based on service to date of disablement, plus, if the age at disablement is less than 60, continuous



service to age 60. The allowance is computed in the same manner as the defined benefit service retirement allowance, subject to a minimum of 30% of FAS and a maximum of 75% of FAS. It is payable for life, unless terminated.

2. For those who became active members after July 28, 1992, and for those who were active members prior to July 29, 1992 who so elected, an allowance equal to the greater of (i) 45% of FAS, or (ii) the lesser of 60% of FAS, or the allowance computed in the same manner as the defined benefit service retirement allowance. The allowance will continue until:
  - a. The date the member is granted a service retirement benefit, or
  - b. The date the allowance is terminated, or
  - c. The later of the date the member attains age 65 or the date the disability allowance has been paid for the minimum duration in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Age at Disability</u>	<u>Minimum Duration In Months</u>
60 and earlier	60
61	60
62	48
63	48
64	36
65	36
66	24
67	24
68	24
69 and older	12

### **Death Benefits Prior to Retirement**

#### **Death While Eligible to Retire**

If a member dies in service after becoming eligible to retire with a service allowance and leaves a surviving spouse or other sole dependent beneficiary, the survivor may elect to receive the same amount that would have been paid had the member retired the last day of the month of death and elected the 100% joint and survivor form of payment.

#### **Survivor (Death-in-Service) Allowances**

##### **Condition for Benefit**

Upon the death of a member with at least 1.5 years of Ohio service credit and with at least 0.25 year of Ohio contributing service credit within 2.5 years prior to the date of death, the survivor allowances are payable as follows:

1. **Qualified Spouse:** A monthly allowance commencing at age 62, except that the benefit is payable immediately if: (1) the qualified deceased member had 10 or more years of Ohio service credit; or (2) is caring for a surviving child, or (3) is incompetent.
2. **Qualified Child:** For allowances that commenced before January 7, 2013, an allowance is payable to a deceased member's qualified child who is under age 18 and never



been married, under age 22 and in school, or adjudged incompetent prior to the member's death and the child attaining age 18 or age 22 if attending school. For allowances that commence on or after January 7, 2013, an allowance is payable to a deceased member's qualified child who is under age 19 and never been married or adjudged incompetent prior to the member's death and the child attaining age 19.

3. Qualified Parent's Allowance: A monthly allowance is payable to a dependent parent age 65 or more.

**Amount of Allowances**

Except when survived by a qualified child(ren), upon the death of a member prior to retirement, the accumulated contributions of the member without interest is payable. Alternatively, the beneficiary may elect the following amounts, payable monthly while eligible:

<b><u>Number of Qualified Survivors</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Benefit as Percent of Member's FAS</u></b>	<b><u>Minimum Monthly Allowance</u></b>
1	25%	\$96
2	40	186
3	50	236
4	55	236
5 or more	60	236

If the deceased member had attained at least 20 years of service, the total benefits payable to all qualified survivors are not less than:

<b><u>Years of Service</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Benefit as Percent of Member's FAS</u></b>
20	29%
21	33
22	37
23	41
24	45
25	48
26	51
27	54
28	57
29 or more	60

**Termination Benefits**

Refund of Members' Accumulated Contributions

In the event a member leaves service before any monthly benefits are payable on his/her behalf, the member's accumulated contributions, without interest, may be refunded.

Deferred Benefits

Members who retire prior to August 1, 2017 must have at least 5 years of service credit and those members who retire on and after August 1, 2017 must have at least 10 years of service credit and are eligible to draw the benefit the first of the month following their 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday.





**Normal Form of Benefit**

Single Life Annuity

**Optional Forms of Benefit**

A member upon retirement may elect to receive an allowance in one of the following forms that are computed to be actuarially equivalent to the applicable retirement allowance:

Upon the death of a retiree, 50%, 100%, or some other percentage of his/her reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of, and paid to, a designated beneficiary.

A reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of the pensioner, but with further payment to the pensioner, his/her beneficiary or estate for a specified number of years certain.

A member can select a partial lump-sum option at retirement. Under this option, the partial lump- sum shall not be less than 6 times and not more than 36 times the unreduced monthly benefit, and the monthly benefit will be actuarially reduced. In addition, the monthly benefit payable cannot be less than 50% of the unreduced amount.

**Post-Retirement Death Benefit**

Regardless of the form of benefit selected, a lump sum benefit of \$1,000 is paid at the death of the retiree.

**Post-Retirement Increases**

**Pre 1/1/2018:** On each anniversary of the initial date of retirement, the allowances of all retirees and survivors are increased by 3% of the base benefit.

**On and after 1/1/2018:** On each anniversary of the initial retirement, the allowance of all retirees and survivors may be increased by the annual rate of increase in the CPI-W measured as of the June preceding the beginning of the applicable calendar year. The annual rate of increase shall not be less than 0% nor greater than 2.5%. COLAs shall be suspended for calendar years 2018, 2019, and 2020.

**On and after 4/1/2018:** COLAs for future retirees will be delayed until the fourth anniversary of benefit commencement.

**Medicare Part B**

Each recipient of a service retirement benefit, a disability benefit, or a survivor benefit who was credited with at least 10 years of service and has paid Medicare Part B premiums and has chosen the health care option, is reimbursed \$45.50 per month for premiums. The reimbursement will continue to the spouse upon the death of the retiree in cases where the retiree elected a Joint and Survivor payment form.



## Reemployed Retirants

Eligibility Effective	July 1, 1991, service retirees of SERS, or service or disability retirees of one of the other four Ohio retirement systems who are employed in a SERS-covered position are required to contribute to a money purchase annuity, a type of defined contribution plan.
Amount of Allowance	Upon termination of employment, a reemployed retirant who has attained age 65 is eligible to receive an annuity based on the amount of his/her accumulated contributions, and an equal amount of employer contributions, plus interest to the effective date of retirement. Effective July 1, 2006 the amount of employer contributions will be determined by the Board. Interest is granted on the reemployed retirant's prior fiscal year account balance, calculated using a rate determined by the SERS Board, compounded annually. The benefit is payable as a lump sum or as an annuity if the amount of such annuity is at least \$25. Upon termination of employment, a reemployed retirant who has not attained age 65 may request a lump sum refund of his/her own contributions; there is no payment of employer contributions or interest.
Benefits Payable Upon Death	<p>If a reemployed retirant dies while employed, a lump sum payment of the monthly annuity, discounted to the present value using the current actuarial assumption rate of interest, will be paid to his/her beneficiary.</p> <p>If a reemployed retirant dies while receiving a monthly annuity, a lump sum payment will be made to a beneficiary in an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the lump sum payment the reemployed retirant would have received at the effective date of retirement over the sum of the annuity payments received by the reemployed retirant to the date of death.</p>
Member Contributions	Each reemployed retirant is required to contribute 10% of his/her pay by payroll deductions.
Employer Contributions	Employer contributions are expressed as percents of member covered payroll. Employers are required to contribute 14% of payroll.
Other Benefits	Reemployed retirants of SERS are not eligible to receive any of the other benefits provided to SERS members.
<b>Member Contributions</b>	10% of salary.



**SCHEDULE E**

**DETAILED TABULATIONS OF THE DATA**

**Schedule of Retiree Members Added to and Removed From Rolls  
Last Six Fiscal Years**

<b>Year Ending June 30:</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b><u>Number of Retiree Members</u></b>						
Beginning of Year	74,372	76,280	79,157	81,332	81,024	80,851
Added	4,388	5,499	5,339	3,055	2,902	3,928
Removed	2,480	2,622	3,164	3,363	3,075	4,058
End of Year	76,280	79,157	81,332	81,024	80,851	80,721
<b><u>Annual Retirement Allowances</u></b>						
Beginning of Year	\$ 1,020,368,894	\$ 1,083,621,579	\$ 1,162,015,515	\$ 1,211,935,636	\$ 1,218,955,506	\$ 1,234,342,326
Added	66,860,652	70,973,748	74,311,354	56,557,169	52,895,232	70,415,860
Removed	3,607,967	(7,420,188)	24,391,233	49,537,299	37,508,412	49,823,424
End of Year	\$ 1,083,621,579	\$ 1,162,015,515	\$ 1,211,935,636	\$ 1,218,955,506	\$ 1,234,342,326	\$ 1,254,934,762
% Increase in Allowances	6.20%	7.23%	4.30%	0.58%	1.26%	1.67%
Average Annual Allowance	\$ 14,206	\$ 14,680	\$ 14,901	\$ 15,044	\$ 15,267	\$ 15,547



**Schedule of Retiree Members Receiving a Medicare Part B Reimbursement  
Added to and Removed from Rolls  
Last Three Fiscal Years**

Year Ending June 30:	2019	2020	2021
<b><u>Number of Retiree Members</u></b>			
Beginning of Year	43,645	43,534	42,464
Added	2,222	2,257	1,996
Removed	2,333	3,327	3,100
End of Year	43,534	42,464	41,360
<b><u>Annual Retirement Allowances</u></b>			
Beginning of Year	\$ 23,830,170	\$23,769,564	\$23,185,344
Added	1,213,212	1,232,322	1,089,816
Removed	1,273,818	1,816,542	1,692,600
End of Year	\$ 23,769,564	\$23,185,344	\$22,582,560
% Increase in Allowances	(0.25)%	(2.46)%	(2.60)%
Average Annual Allowance	\$ 546	\$ 546	\$ 546



**Annuity and Pension Reserve Fund  
Retiree Information as of June 30, 2021  
Tabulated by Type of Benefit**

Amount of Monthly Benefit	Total	Service	Disability	Survivor
\$ 1 - \$ 250	9,701	8,987	30	684
251 - 500	11,053	9,704	285	1,064
501 - 750	10,776	9,403	559	814
751 - 1,000	9,671	8,252	818	601
1,001 - 1,500	14,347	12,540	1,261	546
1,501 - 2,000	8,855	7,829	796	230
Over 2,000	<u>16,318</u>	<u>14,942</u>	<u>1,119</u>	<u>257</u>
	80,721	71,657	4,868	4,196

Average Monthly Benefit	\$ 1,313	\$ 1,502	\$ 794
Average Age	74.6	66.2	76.8

The 71,657 service retirees shown in the table above are comprised of 66,265 service retirees and 5,392 beneficiaries of deceased retirees. Excluded from the 66,265 service retirees are 799 reemployed retirees who are receiving a pension-only benefit resulting from the annuitization of the contributions accumulated during active membership. Multiple benefit recipients account for the higher total headcount than shown elsewhere in the report.



**Annuity and Pension Reserve Fund  
Retiree Information as of June 30, 2021  
Tabulated by Attained Ages**

Attained Age	Retirement		Disability Retirement		Total	
	Number	Annual Benefits	Number	Annual Benefits	Number	Annual Benefits
Under 45	44	\$ 360,224	39	\$ 528,467	83	\$ 888,691
45-49	37	\$ 520,032	106	\$ 1,541,014	143	\$ 2,061,046
50-54	234	\$ 7,981,594	300	\$ 5,204,889	534	\$ 13,186,482
55-59	1,285	\$ 43,704,932	694	\$ 12,534,104	1,979	\$ 56,239,036
60-64	5,994	\$ 131,479,738	1343	\$ 25,211,804	7,337	\$ 156,691,542
65-69	15,403	\$ 251,298,398	759	\$ 16,848,693	16,162	\$ 268,147,091
70-74	16,234	\$ 260,969,283	646	\$ 12,808,932	16,880	\$ 273,778,215
75-79	12,059	\$ 177,784,857	449	\$ 6,874,234	12,508	\$ 184,659,092
80-84	9,608	\$ 131,622,553	301	\$ 3,787,052	9,909	\$ 135,409,605
85-89	6,445	\$ 77,216,503	163	\$ 1,592,746	6,608	\$ 78,809,249
90 & Over	4,314	\$ 41,425,449	68	\$ 458,553	4,382	\$ 41,884,002
Totals	71,657	\$ 1,124,363,563	4,868	\$ 87,390,489	76,525	\$ 1,211,754,052

The 71,657 service retirees shown in the table above are comprised of 70,771 unique service retirees, and 799 unique reemployed retirees. The reemployed retirees included in the tabulation above are those who are receiving a pension-only benefit resulting from the annuitization of the contributions accumulated during active membership.



**Annuity and Pension Reserve Fund  
Survivors of Annuitants Information as of June 30, 2021  
Tabulated by Attained Ages**

Attained Age	Life Annuities		Periods Certain		Total	
	Number	Annual Benefits	Number	Annual Benefits	Number	Annual Benefits
Under 45	44	\$ 360,224	0	\$ -	44	\$ 360,224
45-49	27	\$ 188,643	0	\$ -	27	\$ 188,643
50-54	52	\$ 531,870	0	\$ -	52	\$ 531,870
55-59	74	\$ 703,026	0	\$ -	74	\$ 703,026
60-64	209	\$ 2,656,248	2	\$ 23,368	211	\$ 2,679,616
65-69	380	\$ 5,280,485	1	\$ 18,261	381	\$ 5,298,746
70-74	680	\$ 8,271,224	16	\$ 163,489	696	\$ 8,434,713
75-79	925	\$ 9,710,576	7	\$ 97,851	932	\$ 9,808,427
80-84	1,080	\$ 10,453,360	2	\$ 6,716	1,082	\$ 10,460,076
85-89	1,048	\$ 9,290,562	0	\$ -	1,048	\$ 9,290,562
90 & Over	845	\$ 6,089,155	0	\$ -	845	\$ 6,089,155
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5,364</b>	<b>\$ 53,535,373</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$ 309,685</b>	<b>5,392</b>	<b>\$ 53,845,058</b>



**All Benefit Recipients  
Male and Female Demographic Breakdown  
June 30, 2021**

Attained Age	Number of		Total Number
	Males	Females	
Under 20	21	26	47
20-24	2	5	7
25-29	4	3	7
30-34	5	13	18
35-39	13	24	37
40-44	23	37	60
45-49	64	126	190
50-54	241	409	650
55-59	877	1,308	2,185
60-64	2,303	5,508	7,811
65-69	4,394	12,480	16,874
70-74	4,747	12,887	17,634
75-79	3,453	9,682	13,135
80-84	2,578	7,858	10,436
85-89	1,568	5,415	6,983
90-94	729	2,810	3,539
95-99	163	809	972
100	6	62	68
101	2	23	25
102	1	19	20
103	0	10	10
104	1	5	6
105 & Over	1	6	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,196</b>	<b>59,525</b>	<b>80,721</b>





**Survivor Benefit Fund**  
**Survivors of Deceased Active Members Information as of June 30, 2021**  
**Tabulated by Attained Ages**

<b>Attained Age</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Annual Benefits</b>
Under 45	93	\$ 1,030,594
45-49	47	\$ 682,463
50-54	116	\$ 1,541,279
55-59	206	\$ 2,531,275
60-64	474	\$ 4,825,381
65-69	712	\$ 7,195,662
70-74	754	\$ 7,640,404
75-79	627	\$ 5,610,174
80-84	527	\$ 4,511,217
85-89	375	\$ 2,678,532
90 & Over	265	\$ 1,589,003
Totals	4,196	\$ 39,835,984



**Total Active Members as of June 30, 2021  
Tabulated by Attained Ages and Years of Service**

Attained Age	Years of Service to Valuation Date							Totals
	0-4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	
Under 20	2,141							2,141
Avg Pay	\$10,407							\$10,407
20-24	8,571	94						8,665
Avg Pay	\$11,276	\$28,350						\$11,461
25-29	8,603	1,115	24					9,742
Avg Pay	\$15,058	\$31,892	\$42,948					\$17,053
30-34	7,535	2,147	364	26				10,072
Avg Pay	\$16,842	\$33,769	\$44,315	\$47,530				\$21,522
35-39	8,417	2,976	807	360	47			12,607
Avg Pay	\$16,708	\$32,682	\$43,507	\$50,641	\$54,638			\$23,305
40-44	9,125	3,897	1,240	745	408	27	1	15,443
Avg Pay	\$16,190	\$30,022	\$40,775	\$48,590	\$52,939	\$70,391	\$43,614	\$24,285
45-49	8,397	4,261	1,929	1,217	887	268	17	16,976
Avg Pay	\$15,101	\$29,479	\$35,439	\$43,173	\$51,897	\$56,374	\$52,008	\$25,644
50-54	7,343	4,275	2,786	2,260	1,873	653	193	19,383
Avg Pay	\$15,777	\$29,320	\$32,119	\$38,073	\$43,252	\$54,944	\$57,377	\$28,101
55-59	5,706	3,514	2,758	3,211	3,610	1,418	581	20,798
Avg Pay	\$15,768	\$28,778	\$32,180	\$34,633	\$38,829	\$45,009	\$53,338	\$30,101
60-64	4,578	2,669	2,030	2,599	3,734	2,100	991	18,701
Avg Pay	\$14,070	\$27,616	\$31,636	\$34,761	\$36,275	\$39,407	\$45,654	\$29,738
65-69	2,591	1,186	745	725	1,060	793	757	7,857
Avg Pay	\$10,726	\$23,409	\$29,840	\$33,859	\$37,541	\$38,460	\$41,181	\$25,939
70 & over	1,770	743	404	312	266	226	540	4,261
Avg Pay	\$8,304	\$18,081	\$23,218	\$27,960	\$32,019	\$37,148	\$36,335	\$19,425
<b>Totals</b>	<b>74,777</b>	<b>26,877</b>	<b>13,087</b>	<b>11,455</b>	<b>11,885</b>	<b>5,485</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>146,646</b>
<b>Avg Pay</b>	<b>\$14,754</b>	<b>\$29,466</b>	<b>\$34,023</b>	<b>\$37,458</b>	<b>\$39,979</b>	<b>\$43,456</b>	<b>\$45,139</b>	<b>\$24,700</b>

Averages:

Age: 47.7

Service: 8.1

Annual Pay: \$24,700



**Male Active Members as of June 30, 2021  
Tabulated by Attained Ages and Years of Service**

Attained Age	Years of Service to Valuation Date							Totals
	0-4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	
Under 20	1,096							1,096
Avg Pay	\$10,435							\$10,435
20-24	3,791	54						3,845
Avg Pay	\$11,421	\$31,906						\$11,138
25-29	3,662	520	14					4,196
Avg Pay	\$15,050	\$37,260	\$45,379					\$17,904
30-34	2,804	782	197	21				3,804
Avg Pay	\$16,588	\$39,928	\$50,358	\$48,955				\$23,314
35-39	2,621	885	359	207	30			4,102
Avg Pay	\$17,845	\$41,962	\$50,843	\$58,368	\$62,061			\$28,304
40-44	2,955	906	404	287	192	15	1	4,760
Avg Pay	\$16,367	\$40,600	\$53,492	\$62,613	\$64,221	\$75,983	\$43,726	\$29,043
45-49	3,018	897	432	295	303	130	7	5,082
Avg Pay	\$13,107	\$38,088	\$49,942	\$61,237	\$65,925	\$63,263	\$59,713	\$27,938
50-54	2,845	999	485	388	383	240	90	5,430
Avg Pay	\$15,020	\$37,557	\$44,975	\$57,504	\$62,966	\$69,621	\$61,775	\$31,447
55-59	2,267	1,025	619	531	492	264	222	5,420
Avg Pay	\$16,169	\$34,483	\$43,545	\$50,198	\$57,910	\$63,581	\$63,055	\$34,112
60-64	1,978	972	584	512	500	275	269	5,090
Avg Pay	\$14,948	\$32,584	\$38,730	\$47,954	\$52,080	\$56,969	\$59,522	\$32,638
65-69	1,165	548	317	201	199	98	131	2,659
Avg Pay	\$12,238	\$26,431	\$33,864	\$43,545	\$48,289	\$56,617	\$57,009	\$26,647
70 & over	879	397	214	133	62	42	57	1,784
Avg Pay	\$9,355	\$20,813	\$25,509	\$31,030	\$42,131	\$43,174	\$47,949	\$18,627
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29,081</b>	<b>7,985</b>	<b>3,625</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>47,268</b>
<b>Avg Pay</b>	<b>\$14,528</b>	<b>\$36,040</b>	<b>\$44,020</b>	<b>\$52,638</b>	<b>\$57,861</b>	<b>\$61,924</b>	<b>\$59,501</b>	<b>\$26,287</b>

Averages:

Age: 45.9  
 Service: 6.2  
 Annual Pay: \$26,287

**Female Active Members as of June 30, 2021  
Tabulated by Attained Ages and Years of Service**



Attained Age	Years of Service to Valuation Date							Totals
	0-4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	
Under 20	1,045							1,045
Avg Pay	\$10,392							\$10,392
20-24	4,780	40						4,820
Avg Pay	\$11,169	\$21,334						\$11,254
25-29	4,941	595	10					5,546
Avg Pay	\$15,072	\$27,247	\$39,653					\$16,423
30-34	4,731	1,365	167	5				6,268
Avg Pay	\$16,994	\$30,259	\$37,288	\$42,015				\$20,443
35-39	5,796	2,091	448	153	17			8,505
Avg Pay	\$16,193	\$28,762	\$37,683	\$40,336	\$41,763			\$20,900
40-44	6,170	2,991	836	458	216	12		10,683
Avg Pay	\$16,103	\$26,813	\$34,649	\$39,850	\$42,999	\$63,559		\$22,168
45-49	5,379	3,364	1,497	922	584	138	10	11,894
Avg Pay	\$16,217	\$27,173	\$31,249	\$37,394	\$44,646	\$49,970	\$46,658	\$24,662
50-54	4,498	3,276	2,301	1,872	1,490	413	103	13,953
Avg Pay	\$16,258	\$26,801	\$29,395	\$34,031	\$38,175	\$46,456	\$53,600	\$26,794
55-59	3,439	2,489	2,139	2,680	3,118	1,154	359	15,378
Avg Pay	\$15,511	\$26,430	\$28,884	\$31,533	\$35,794	\$40,743	\$47,366	\$28,680
60-64	2,600	1,697	1,446	2,087	3,234	1,825	722	13,611
Avg Pay	\$13,412	\$24,784	\$28,773	\$31,512	\$33,807	\$36,733	\$40,489	\$28,646
65-69	1,426	638	428	524	861	695	626	5,198
Avg Pay	\$9,505	\$20,843	\$26,888	\$30,145	\$35,039	\$35,872	\$37,848	\$25,577
70 & over	891	346	190	179	204	184	483	2,477
Avg Pay	\$7,281	\$14,987	\$20,683	\$25,703	\$28,940	\$35,749	\$34,933	\$20,007
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45,696</b>	<b>18,892</b>	<b>9,462</b>	<b>8,880</b>	<b>9,724</b>	<b>4,421</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>99,378</b>
<b>Avg Pay</b>	<b>\$14,902</b>	<b>\$26,691</b>	<b>\$30,196</b>	<b>\$33,050</b>	<b>\$35,989</b>	<b>\$38,998</b>	<b>\$40,291</b>	<b>\$23,944</b>

**Averages:**

Age: 48.6  
 Service: 9.0  
 Annual Pay: \$23,944



**Active Members as of June 30, 2021  
Tabulated by Annual Pay**

Annual Pay	Number of Active Members			Portion of Total Number	
	Men	Women	Totals	Group	Cumulative
Less than \$1,000	1,955	3,290	5,245	3.6%	3.6%
\$1,000 - 1,999	2,421	3,102	5,523	3.8%	7.3%
2,000 - 2,999	3,148	3,192	6,340	4.3%	11.7%
3,000 - 3,999	3,146	2,850	5,996	4.1%	15.8%
4,000 - 4,999	2,437	2,359	4,796	3.3%	19.0%
5,000 - 5,999	1,794	2,110	3,904	2.7%	21.7%
6,000 - 6,999	1,387	2,016	3,403	2.3%	24.0%
7,000 - 7,999	1,062	2,055	3,117	2.1%	26.1%
8,000 - 8,999	895	1,923	2,818	1.9%	28.1%
9,000 - 9,999	782	1,937	2,719	1.9%	29.9%
10,000 - 11,999	1,378	4,215	5,593	3.8%	33.7%
12,000 - 13,999	1,324	4,379	5,703	3.9%	37.6%
14,000 - 15,999	1,260	4,586	5,846	4.0%	41.6%
16,000 - 17,999	1,305	5,294	6,599	4.5%	46.1%
18,000 - 19,999	1,258	5,704	6,962	4.7%	50.8%
20,000 - 24,999	3,069	14,633	17,702	12.1%	62.9%
25,000 - 29,999	2,416	10,220	12,636	8.6%	71.5%
30,000 - 35,999	2,618	7,800	10,418	7.1%	78.6%
36,000 - 39,999	1,881	3,959	5,840	4.0%	82.6%
40,000 - 49,999	4,556	6,801	11,357	7.7%	90.4%
50,000 - 59,999	3,079	3,418	6,497	4.4%	94.8%
60,000 and over	4,097	3,535	7,632	5.2%	100.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>47,268</b>	<b>99,378</b>	<b>146,646</b>		



## **SCHEDULE F**

### **GAIN/LOSS ANALYSIS DETAILS**

#### **COMMENTS**

Regular actuarial valuations measure the Retirement System's present financial position and contributions adequacy by calculating and financing the liabilities created by the present benefit program. This process involves discounting to present values the future benefit payments on behalf of present active and Retiree members and their survivors. However, valuations do not produce information regarding the amount of increases or decreases in unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities (UAAL) -- gain/loss analyses do.

The overall gain/loss to the Retirement System is the difference between the actual UAAL and the expected UAAL. A gain/loss analysis shows the breakdown of the overall system gain/loss by economic and non-economic risk areas. The economic risk areas are investment return and pay increases. The non-economic risk areas are service retirement, disability retirement, death in active service, termination (vested and non-vested), retiree mortality, and new members. Gains and losses resulting from data adjustments, timing of financial transactions, etc. are included separately as a miscellaneous item.

It is expected that actual experience will not coincide with assumed experience. It is assumed that gains and losses will be in balance over a period of years, but sizable year-to-year fluctuations are common. Changes in actuarial assumptions should be made for risk areas when the differences between actual and expected experience are consistently sizable over a period of years. Differences over a relatively short period of time may or may not be indicative of long-term trends, which are the basis of actuarial assumptions.

The actuarial assumptions used in this analysis were adopted by the Board in April 15, 2021.



**School Employees Retirement System of Ohio**  
**Experience Gains and Losses By Risk Area**  
**Comparative Schedule**  
**(\$ Millions)**

Year Ending June 30	Gain (Loss) by Risk Area									\$	% of AAL
	Economic		Non-Economic								
	Pay Increases	Investment	Age & Service Retirement	Disability	Death In Service	Withdrawal	New Members	Retiree Mortality	Other <sup>+</sup>		
2012	178.7	(692.0)	(154.8)	(47.7)	(0.2)	46.5	(29.8)	51.9	(6.2)	(653.6)	(3.9)
2013	219.2	241.0	(121.9)	(53.6)	0.0	61.1	(35.1)	2.9	1.9	315.5	1.8
2014	103.4	403.3	(122.6)	(56.0)	0.1	48.3	(28.2)	3.1	(2.1)	349.3	2.0
2015	53.3	62.1	(123.0)	(53.1)	0.0	65.1	(47.7)	55.8	(0.2)	12.3	0.1
2016	70.0	50.6	(140.9)	(50.6)	(28.5)	30.4	(44.0)	113.9	(0.6)	0.3	0.0
2017	(69.2)	(12.0)	(211.8)	(37.7)	(0.6)	21.9	(48.1)	97.3	(26.8)	(287.0)	(1.5)
2018	85.2	(161.1)	(209.7)	(14.7)	(6.6)	(124.5)	(35.7)	15.0	4.7	(447.4)	(2.2)
2019	20.3	(44.1)	7.8	(9.5)	(4.0)	(106.3)	(22.4)	(24.9)	78.4	(104.7)	(0.5)
2020	136.2	7.1	(94.0)	(3.1)	(5.4)	(104.2)	(22.2)	28.9	62.3	5.6	0.0
2021	136.7	431.3	(96.2)	(5.0)	(4.7)	(107.5)	(16.6)	59.8	189.3	587.1	2.7

<sup>+</sup> Includes effect of changes in data, timing of financial transactions, etc.



The market related actuarial value of assets is based on a four-year average of adjusted market value returns. The difference between the actual returns at market value for the year and expected returns is determined. Twenty-five percent (25%) of that difference is added to the expected value along with corresponding amounts from each of the prior three years.

The actuarial value of assets for the basic benefits as of June 30, 2021, was \$16,031,612,792. The value for the previous year was \$15,036,735,150.

<b>School Employees Retirement System of Ohio Development of Gain (Loss) for Basic Benefits From Investment Return For the Year Ended June 30, 2021 (\$ Millions)</b>		<b><u>\$ Millions</u></b>
1.	Actuarial value of assets as of June 30, 2020	\$ 15,036.7
2.	Actuarial value of assets as of June 30, 2021	
	a. Actual	16,031.6
	b. If 7.50% assumed investment return were achieved for all phased-in years recognized in the asset method	15,600.3
3.	Gain (Loss): 2a minus 2b	<u>\$ 431.3</u>





**Pay Increases During the FY2021 Valuation Year  
To Members Active at Beginning and End of Year**

Central Age Group Beginning of Year	Number	Pay Increases	
		Actual	Expected
Under 25	4,565	(16.77)%	11.42%
25	6,991	(5.74)	8.21
30	7,826	(0.50)	6.62
35	10,012	1.30	5.97
40	13,113	1.95	5.54
45	14,585	1.52	5.03
50	17,808	1.29	4.59
55	19,217	0.63	4.7
60	18,249	0.80	3.99
65 & Over	12,662	0.34	4.15
Total	125,028	0.54	4.97



**Members Who Became Age & Service Retirees During the FY2021 Valuation Year  
(Retirement With Allowance Beginning Immediately)**

Attained Age	Years of Service to Valuation Date							Total
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 plus	
Under 50	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
50	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5
51	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	9
52	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
53	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	15
54	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
55	0	0	0	0	0	3	24	27
56	0	0	0	0	0	3	15	18
57	0	0	0	0	0	2	39	41
58	0	0	0	0	0	2	30	32
59	0	0	0	0	0	9	39	48
60	0	0	1	0	3	75	44	123
61	0	0	0	0	0	49	49	98
62	0	0	54	61	85	50	69	319
63	0	0	24	24	30	45	47	170
64	0	0	27	16	18	34	59	154
65	0	0	40	56	76	82	92	346
66	0	0	31	26	49	48	57	211
67	0	0	37	27	70	52	54	240
68	0	0	21	22	25	20	38	126
69	0	0	17	18	16	20	40	111
70 & Over	0	1	74	68	74	61	162	440
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>318</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>555</b>	<b>914</b>	<b>2,560</b>

	Years of Service to Valuation Date							Total
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30 plus	
Avg. Monthly Benefit	\$ 0	\$ 302	\$ 492	\$ 781	\$ 1,042	\$ 1,557	\$ 2,698	\$ 1,642
Avg. FAS	\$ 0	\$ 22,761	\$ 28,820	\$ 31,438	\$ 32,478	\$ 37,162	\$ 47,100	\$ 38,115
Number of Retirees	0	1	326	318	446	555	914	2,560

Average Age: 65.3  
Average Service: 25.3



**Members Who Died in the FY2021 Valuation Year  
With a Death-in-Service Allowance Payable**

Central Age Group Beginning of Year	Number
Under 25	0
25	1
30	0
35	1
40	2
45	3
50	2
55	11
60	17
65	18
70 & Over	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>64</b>

Average Age: 59.4  
Average Service: 17.3



**Members Who Died in the FY2021 Valuation Year  
and Received a Refund of Contributions**

Central Age Group Beginning of Year	Number
Under 25	0
25	1
30	0
35	0
40	1
45	1
50	0
55	3
60	2
65	2
70 & Over	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

Average Age: 58.0  
Average Service: 4.8



**Members Who Became Disability Retirees  
During the FY2021 Valuation Year**

<b>Central Age Group Beginning of Year</b>	<b>Number</b>
Under 25	0
25	0
30	1
35	2
40	4
45	6
50	27
55	55
60	88
65	23
70 & Over	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>

Average Age: 57.1  
Average Service: 18.1  
Average FAS: \$33,504



**Members Receiving a Refund of Contributions  
or Becoming Inactive Without a Refund in  
the FY2021 Valuation Year  
(Non-vested Terminations)**

<b>Central Age Group Beginning of Year</b>	<b>Number</b>
Under 25	2,220
25	3,778
30	2,710
35	2,256
40	2,324
45	2,336
50	2,270
55	1,796
60	1,495
65	1,131
70 & Over	1,029
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,345</b>

Average Age: 40.6

Average Service: 1.2



**Members Who Became Inactive  
in the FY2021 Valuation Year  
with a Deferred Allowance  
(Vested Terminations)**

<b>Central Age Group Beginning of Year</b>	<b>Number</b>
Under 25	0
25	0
30	2
35	26
40	49
45	74
50	157
55	212
60	273
65	77
70 & Over	36
<b>Total</b>	<b>906</b>

Average Age: 55.0  
Average Service: 15.3



## **SCHEDULE G**

### **GLOSSARY**

**Actuarial Accrued Liability.** The difference between (i) the actuarial present value of future plan benefits, and (ii) the actuarial present value of future normal cost. Sometimes referred to as "accrued liability" or "past service liability".

**Accrued Service.** The service credited under the plan which was rendered before the date of the actuarial valuation.

**Actuarial Assumptions.** Estimates of future plan experience with respect to rates of mortality, disability, turnover, retirement, rate or rates of investment income and salary increases. Decrement assumptions (rates of mortality, disability, turnover and retirement) are generally based on past experience, often modified for projected changes in conditions. Economic assumptions (salary increases and investment income) consist of an underlying rate in an inflation-free environment plus a provision for a long-term average rate of inflation.

**Actuarial Cost Method.** A mathematical budgeting procedure for allocating the dollar amount of the "actuarial present value of future plan benefits" between the actuarial present value of future normal cost and the actuarial accrued liability. Sometimes referred to as the "actuarial funding method".

**Actuarial Equivalent.** A series of payments is called an actuarial equivalent of another series of payments if the two series have the same actuarial present value.

**Actuarial Present Value.** The amount of funds presently required to provide a payment or series of payments in the future. It is determined by discounting the future payments at a predetermined rate of interest, taking into account the probability of payment.

**Amortization.** Paying off an interest-bearing liability by means of periodic payments of interest and principal, as opposed to paying it off with a lump sum payment.

**Experience Gain (Loss).** A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based upon a set of actuarial assumptions during the period between two actuarial valuation dates, in accordance with the actuarial cost method being used.

**Normal Cost.** The annual cost assigned, under the actuarial funding method, to current and subsequent plan years. Sometimes referred to as "current service cost". Any payment toward the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is not part of the normal cost.

**Plan Termination Liability.** The actuarial present value of future plan benefits based on the assumption that there will be no further accruals for future service and salary. The termination liability will generally be less than the liabilities computed on a "going concern" basis and is not normally determined in a routine actuarial valuation.

**Reserve Account.** An account used to indicate that funds have been set aside for a specific purpose and are not generally available for other uses.

**Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.** The difference between the actuarial accrued liability and valuation assets. Sometimes referred to as "unfunded accrued liability".

**Valuation Assets.** The value of current plan assets recognized for valuation purposes. Generally based on book value plus a portion of unrealized appreciation or depreciation.





**APPENDIX A**  
**ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITIES**  
**AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

Present Value of:	Pension Benefits	Medicare Part B	Post-Retirement Death Benefit	Total Basic Benefits
Future benefits to present retirees and survivors	\$12,736,738,325	\$217,208,538	\$31,483,557	\$12,985,430,420
Benefits and refunds to present inactive members	697,582,994	20,292,866	1,098,698	718,974,558
Allowances to present active members				
Service	7,130,252,984	137,713,793	7,616,764	7,275,583,541
Disability	250,271,688	3,898,347	339,590	254,509,625
Survivor benefits	168,812,510	3,004,139	0	171,816,649
Withdrawal	<u>113,749,800</u>	<u>9,270,922</u>	<u>421,489</u>	<u>123,442,211</u>
Total Active AAL	7,663,086,982	153,887,201	8,377,843	7,825,352,026
Total AAL	<u>\$21,097,408,301</u>	<u>\$391,388,605</u>	<u>\$40,960,098</u>	<u>\$21,529,757,004</u>



**APPENDIX B**

**BREAKDOWN OF TOTAL AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

	Total Liability	Accrued Liability
Active Members		
Retirement	\$9,448,813,426	\$7,130,252,984
Death	276,098,374	168,812,510
Disability	545,832,995	250,271,688
Termination	842,049,750	113,749,800
Medicare Part B	233,424,737	153,887,201
Death after Retirement	<u>13,064,470</u>	<u>8,377,843</u>
Total	\$11,359,283,752	\$7,825,352,026
Retirees		
Retirement/Survivor/Disability	\$12,736,738,325	\$12,736,738,325
Medicare Part B	217,208,538	217,208,538
Death after Retirement	<u>31,483,557</u>	<u>31,483,557</u>
Total	\$12,985,430,420	\$12,985,430,420
Deferred Vested Members	360,165,488	360,165,488
Inactive Members	<u>358,809,070</u>	<u>358,809,070</u>
Total Actuarial Values	\$25,063,688,730	\$21,529,757,004
Actuarial Value of Assets		<u>16,031,612,792</u>
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability		\$5,498,144,212



**APPENDIX C**

**COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

Valuation Date June 30	Active Members				Retired Lives				Accrued Liability	Valuation Assets \$ Millions	UAAL
	Number	Payroll \$ Millions	Average Salary		Number		Annual Benefits				
			\$	% Increase	Retired	Active / Retired	\$ Millions	% of Payroll			
2012	121,811	2,788	22,889	0.6	69,038	1.8	838.1	30.1	16,755	10,397	6,358
2013	121,642	2,747	22,581	(1.3)	70,771	1.7	898.3	32.7	17,247	11,126	6,121
2014	121,251	2,759	22,757	0.8	72,605	1.7	958.5	34.7	17,882	12,030	5,851
2015	122,855	2,845	23,161	1.8	74,372	1.7	1,020.4	35.9	18,503	12,602	5,902
2016	124,540	2,932	23,545	1.7	76,280	1.6	1,083.6	37.0	19,771	13,180	6,591
2017	157,981	3,303	20,906	(11.2)	79,157	2.0	1,162.0	35.2	19,588	13,713	5,875
2018	158,343	3,332	21,045	0.7	81,332	1.9	1,211.9	36.4	19,998	14,012	5,986
2019	159,363	3,463	21,727	3.2	81,024	2.0	1,219.0	35.2	20,527	14,473	6,054
2020	156,579	3,478	22,210	2.2	80,851	1.9	1,234.3	35.5	21,034	15,037	5,997
2021	146,646	3,622	24,700	11.2	80,721	1.8	1,254.9	34.6	21,530	16,032	5,498



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**Report on the Retiree Health Care  
Valuation of the  
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio**

**Prepared as of June 30, 2021**





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Board of Trustees  
School Employees Retirement System of Ohio  
300 East Broad Street, Suite 100  
Columbus, OH 43215-3746

Dear Members of the Board:

We have submitted the results of the annual actuarial valuation of the Retiree Health Care Fund of the School Employees Retirement System of Ohio (SERS) prepared as of June 30, 2021. While not verifying the data at the source, the actuary performed tests for consistency and reasonability. The valuation indicates that an actuarially determined contribution of 2.46% of active payroll payable for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 is required to fund the benefits.

Separate reports will be prepared to provide accounting information under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 74 and 75, when applicable.

The medical and drug benefits of the Plan are included in the actuarially calculated contribution rates which are developed using the entry age normal cost method with the normal cost rate determined as a level percentage of payroll. GASB requires the discount rate used to value a plan be based on the likely return of the assets held in trust to pay benefits. The discount rate used in this valuation is 7.00%. Gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded accrued liability that is amortized by regular annual contributions as a level percentage of payroll within a 30-year period, on the assumption that payroll will increase by 1.75% annually. The assumptions recommended by the actuary are, in the aggregate, reasonably related to the experience under the Plan and to reasonable expectations of anticipated experience under the Plan.

The impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) was addressed in this valuation. Review of the information currently available did not identify any specific provisions of the ACA that are anticipated to significantly impact results other than plan design features.

In order to prepare the results in this report we have utilized appropriate actuarial models that were developed for this purpose. These models use assumptions about future contingent events along with recognized actuarial approaches to develop the needed results.

We note that as we are preparing this report, the world is in the midst of a pandemic. We have considered available information, but do not believe that there is yet sufficient data to warrant the modification of any of our assumptions. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise the Board in the future of any adjustments that we believe would be appropriate.



October 29, 2021  
Board of Trustees  
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To the best of our knowledge, this report is complete and accurate. The valuation was performed by, and under the supervision of, independent actuaries who are members of the American Academy of Actuaries with experience in performing valuations for public retirement systems. The undersigned are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

The valuation was prepared in accordance with the principles of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board.

Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Since the potential impact of such factors is outside the scope of a normal annual actuarial valuation, an analysis of the range of results is not presented herein.

The actuarial calculations were performed by qualified actuaries according to generally accepted actuarial procedures and methods. The calculations are based on the current provisions of the system, and on actuarial assumptions that are, in the aggregate, internally consistent and reasonably based on the actual experience of the system.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alisa Bennett, FSA, FCA, EA, MAAA  
President

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John J. Garrett, ASA, FCA, MAAA  
Principal and Consulting Actuary

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**REPORT ON THE ANNUAL VALUATION OF THE  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO**

**PREPARED AS OF JUNE 30, 2021**

**SECTION I – SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RESULTS**

1. This report, prepared as of June 30, 2021, presents the results of the annual actuarial valuation of retiree health care offered to SERS members. For convenience of reference, the principal results of the valuation and a comparison with the preceding valuation results are summarized in the following table.

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
<b>Active members included in valuation</b>		
Number	146,646	156,579
Annual Compensation*	\$3,622,097,199	\$3,477,578,726
<b>Service Retirees</b>		
Number	30,898	31,282
<b>Disability Retirees</b>		
Number	2,580	2,793
<b>Spouses of Retirees</b>		
Number	5,023	5,153
<b>Spouses of Deceased Retirees</b>		
Number	1,502	1,624
<b>Survivor Benefit Recipients</b>		
Number	618	682
<b>Children</b>		
Number	276	322
<b>Deferred Vested</b>		
Number	5,972	5,654
<b>Assets</b>		
Market Value	\$600,330,188	\$482,611,478
<b>Unfunded Accrued Liability</b>	\$689,066,742	\$1,313,892,066
<b>Actuarial Accrued Liability</b>	\$1,289,396,930	\$1,796,503,544
<b>Funded Ratio (MVA/AAL)</b>	46.56%	26.86%
<b>Employer Contribution Rate</b>		
Normal	1.22%	2.09%
Accrued Liability	<u>1.24%</u>	<u>1.58%</u>
Total	2.46%	3.67%
Employer Contribution Toward Health Care**	1.50%	1.50%
Accrued liability amortization period	30	30

\* The annual compensation as of June 30, 2021 reflects imputed salaries.

\*\* Includes 1.50% of payroll surcharge





2. The funding policy requires at least 13.50% of the employers' contributions be allocated to SERS' basic benefits when the funded ratio is 70% but less than 80%, with the remainder (if any) allocated to the health care fund. However, based on a Board Resolution in October, the entire 14.00% employer contribution will be allocated to SERS' basic benefits, therefore setting the health contribution rate at 0.00%, plus a health care surcharge of 1.50%. This rate includes the anticipated revenue from the minimum surcharge level for FY2022 of \$25,000.
3. The valuation balance sheet showing the results of the valuation is given in Schedule A.
4. Comments on the valuation results are given in Section IV, comments on the experience and actuarial gains during the valuation year are given in Section V, and the rates of contribution payable by the employer are given in Section VI. Since the previous valuation, there were no changes to the plan provisions, however the actuarial methods and assumptions were updated to reflect an experience study performed over the five-year period ending June 30, 2020. Changes were also made to the assumed initial per capital health care costs. See Schedule B for more details on assumptions and methods used.
5. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic was considered in this valuation; however, no changes were incorporated at this time due to the level of uncertainty regarding the impact on both plan costs and contribution levels going forward. Given the uncertainty regarding COVID-19 (e.g., the impact of routine care being deferred, direct COVID-19 treatment and prevention costs, changes in contribution and budget projections), continued monitoring of the impact on the Plan's liability will be required.
6. The following changes were reflected in this valuation:

**Medicare Eligible**

**Premiums**

Premiums will remain the same in 2022 for enrollees in the Aetna Medicare Plan (PPO) and Aetna Traditional Choice Plan.

**Benefits**

There are no co-pay or cost-sharing changes.

**Pharmacy Network**

An Express Scripts Broad Performance Medicare Network will be effective January 1, 2022. Enrollees who fill prescriptions at a pharmacy not in the network will pay 100% of the cost.



### **Non-Medicare Eligible**

#### **Premiums**

There will be a premium increase in 2022 for enrollees in the Aetna Choice POS II Plan.

There will be a premium decrease for enrollees in the AultCare PPO Plan.

#### **Benefits**

There are no co-pay or cost-sharing changes.

#### **SERS Wraparound Plan**

The Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) limit remains at \$1,800 per family per calendar year. However, the benefit categories will no longer have per-service limits on out-of-pocket reimbursements.

Wraparound enrollees are no longer required to contact HealthSCOPE Benefits (HSB) if staying with the same Marketplace plan for 2022.

7. The statute sets a contribution cap of 24.00% of payroll: 14.00% from employers and 10.00% from employees. The funding policy states that employer contributions in excess of those required to support the basic benefits may be allocated to retiree health care funding. If the funded ratio is less than 70%, the entire 14.00% employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits. If the funded ratio is 70% but less than 80%, at least 13.50% of the employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits, with the remainder (if any) allocated to the Health Care Fund. If the funded ratio is 80% but less than 90%, at least 13.25% of the employers' contribution shall be allocated to SERS' basic benefits, with the remainder (if any) allocated to the Health Care Fund. If the funded ratio is 90% or greater, the Health Care Fund may receive any portion of the employers' contribution that is not needed to fund SERS' basic benefits.



**SECTION II – MEMBERSHIP DATA**

Data regarding the membership of the System for use as a basis for the valuation were furnished by the System’s office. The following tables summarize the membership of the system as of June 30, 2021 upon which the valuation was based. Detailed tabulations of the data are given in Schedule D.

**Active Members**

Number	Payroll	Group Averages		
		Salary	Age	Service
146,646	\$3,622,097,199	\$24,700	47.7	8.1

The following table shows a nine-year schedule of active member valuation data.

**SCHEDULE OF SERS ACTIVE MEMBER VALUATION DATA**

Valuation Date	Number	Annual Payroll	Annual Average Pay	% Increase in Average Pay
6/30/2013	121,642	2,746,827,535	22,581	(1.3%)
6/30/2014	121,251	2,759,281,606	22,757	0.8
6/30/2015	122,855	2,845,443,802	23,161	1.8
6/30/2016	124,540	2,932,236,551	23,545	1.7
6/30/2017	157,981*	3,302,805,662	20,906	(11.2)
6/30/2018	158,343	3,332,395,171	21,045	0.7
6/30/2019	159,363	3,462,524,396	21,727	3.2
6/30/2020	156,579	3,477,578,726	22,210	2.2
6/30/2021	146,646	3,622,097,199**	24,700	11.2

\* Effective in FY2017, the active member headcount reflects an increase of members who have been re-categorized from inactive to active status.

\*\*The annual compensation as of June 30, 2021 reflects imputed salaries.



The following table shows the number of retiree members and their beneficiaries receiving health care as of the valuation date as well as average ages.

**Retiree Lives**

<b>Type of Benefit Recipient</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Average Age</b>
Service Retirees	30,898	76.0
Disability Retirees	2,580	69.5
Spouses	7,143	78.1
Children	276	31.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40,897</b>	<b>75.6</b>

This valuation also includes 5,972 inactive members eligible for health care.



### SECTION III – ASSETS

1. As of June 30, 2021 the total market value of assets amounted to \$600,330,188.

Asset Summary Based on Market Value			
(1)	Assets at June 30, 2020	\$	482,611,478
(2)	Contributions and Misc. Revenue		137,583,437
(3)	Investment Gain (Loss)		108,268,254
(4)	Benefit Payments		<u>(128,132,981)</u>
(5)	Assets at June 30, 2021	\$	600,330,188
	(1) + (2) + (3) + (4)		
(6)	Annualized Rate of Return*		22.2 %

\*Based on the approximation formula:  $I/[0.5 \times (A + B - I)]$ , where

- I = Investment Gain (Loss)
- A = Beginning of year asset value
- B = End of year asset value



#### **SECTION IV - COMMENTS ON VALUATION**

Schedule A of this report contains the valuation balance sheet which shows the present and prospective assets and liabilities of the System as of June 30, 2021.

1. The total health care valuation balance sheet shows that the System has total future health care liabilities of \$1,729,413,679 of which \$533,055,355 is for the future benefits payable for present retiree members and beneficiaries of deceased members; \$11,250,342 is for the future benefits payable for current deferred vested members; and \$1,185,107,982 is for the future benefits payable for present active members. Against these health care liabilities the System has a total market value of assets of \$600,330,188 as of June 30, 2021. The difference of \$1,129,083,491 between the total liabilities and the total present actuarial value of assets represents the present value of contributions to be made in the future for health care. Of this amount, no future contributions are expected to be made by members, and the balance of \$1,129,083,491 represents the present value of future contributions payable by SERS.
2. SERS' contributions on account of health care consists of normal contributions and accrued liability contributions. The valuation indicates that employer normal contributions at the rate of 1.22% of payroll are required to provide the benefits of the System for the average new member of SERS.
3. Prospective employer normal contributions on account of health care at the above rates have a present value of \$440,016,749. When this amount is subtracted from \$1,129,083,491 which is the present value of the total future contributions to be made by the employer, there remains \$689,066,742 as the amount of future accrued liability contributions.
4. It is recommended that the accrued liability contribution rate payable by SERS on account of health care be set at 1.24% of payroll. This rate is sufficient to liquidate the unfunded accrued liability of \$689,066,742 over 30 years on the assumption that the aggregate payroll for members will increase by 1.75% each year.



## SECTION V – DERIVATION OF EXPERIENCE GAINS AND LOSSES

Actual experience will never (except by coincidence) coincide exactly with assumed experience. It is assumed that gains and losses will be in balance over a period of years, but sizable year-to-year fluctuations are common. Detail on the derivation of the experience gain (loss) for the year ended June 30, 2021 is shown below.

### **Experience Gain/(Loss) (\$ Thousands)**

(1)	UAAL* as of 6/30/20	\$ 1,313,892
(2)	Normal cost from last valuation	72,976
(3)	Expected employer contributions	132,931
(4)	Interest accrual: [(1) + (2)] x .0525 - (3) x .0525/2	<u>69,321</u>
(5)	Expected UAAL before changes: (1) + (2) - (3) + (4)	\$ 1,323,258
(6)	Change due to claims and retiree premiums	(7,904)
(7)	Change due to new assumptions**	<u>560,929</u>
(8)	Expected UAAL after changes: (5) - (6) - (7)	\$ 770,233
(9)	Actual UAAL* as of 6/30/21	<u>689,067</u>
(10)	Total gain/(loss): (8) - (9)	\$ 81,166
	(a) Contribution shortfall	(60,896)
	(b) Investment Gain/(Loss)	<u>82,683</u>
	(c) Experience Gain/(Loss) (10) - (10a) - (10b)	\$ 59,379
(11)	Accrued Liabilities as of 6/30/21	\$ 1,289,397
(12)	Experience Gain/(Loss) as percent of actuarial accrued liabilities at end of year (10c) / (11)	4.6%

\* *unfunded actuarial liability*

\*\* *The gain from assumptions is due to the impact of the new experience study performed over the five-year period ending June 30, 2020.*



**ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE**  
**Gains and Losses in Accrued Liabilities**  
**Resulting from Difference Between**  
**Assumed Experience and Actual Experience**  
**(\$ Millions)**

Type of Activity	\$ Gain (or Loss) For Year Ending 6/30/21
<b>Age &amp; Service Retirements.</b> If members retire at older ages or participate in lower numbers, there is a gain. If younger ages or higher participation, a loss.	\$ (3.9)
<b>Disability Retirements.</b> If disability claims are less than assumed, there is a gain. If more claims, a loss.	1.2
<b>Death-in Service Benefits.</b> If survivor claims are less than assumed, there is a gain. If more claims, there is a loss.	(1.5)
<b>Withdrawal From Employment.</b> If more liabilities are released by withdrawals than assumed, there is a gain. If smaller releases, a loss.	19.7
<b>Claims Increases (Including Wrap Plan).</b> If there are smaller claims increases than assumed creates a gain; larger, a loss.	(7.9)
<b>New Members.</b> Additional accrued liability attributable to members who entered the plan since the last valuation.	(12.8)
<b>Investment Income.</b> If there is a greater investment income than assumed, there is a gain. If less income, a loss.	82.7
<b>Contribution Shortfall.</b> If there are more contributions than the ARC, there is a gain. If less contributions, a loss.	(60.9)
<b>Death After Retirement.</b> If retiree members live longer than assumed, there is a loss. If not as long, a gain.	14.4
<b>Other.</b> Miscellaneous gains and losses resulting from changes in valuation software, data adjustments, timing of financial transactions, etc.	42.3
<b>Gain (or Loss) During Year From Financial Experience</b>	\$ 73.3
<b>Non-Recurring Items.</b> Adjustments for plan amendments, assumption changes and method changes	560.9
<b>Composite Gain (or Loss) During Year</b>	\$ 634.2





**SECTION VI – REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION RATES**

The valuation balance sheet gives the basis for determining the percentage rates for contributions to be made by employers to the Retirement System. The following tables show the rates of contribution payable by employers as determined from the present valuation for FY2021.

**Required Contribution Rates**

Contribution for	Amount	% of Payroll
A. Normal Cost	\$ 45,679,862	1.22%
B. Member Contributions*	\$ 0	0.00%
C. Employer Normal Cost: [A - B]	\$ 45,679,862	1.22%
D. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability**	\$ 44,923,722	1.24%
E. Total Recommended Employer Contribution Rate: [C + D]	\$ 90,603,584	2.46%
F. Employer Contribution Toward Health Care <sup>+</sup>	\$ 55,056,901	1.50%

\* The liabilities are net of retiree contributions towards their health care.

\*\* Based on 30-year amortization of the UAAL from June 30, 2021.

+ Includes 1.50% payroll surcharge.

**Twelve-Year History of Employer Contribution Rates**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30	Employer Health Care Contribution Rate	Surcharge Percentage	Total Health Care Contribution Rate
2010	0.46%	1.50%	1.96%
2011	1.43	1.50	2.93
2012	0.55	1.50	2.05
2013	0.16	1.50	1.66
2014	0.14	1.50	1.64
2015	0.82	1.50	2.32
2016	0.00	1.50	1.50
2017	0.00	1.50	1.50
2018	0.50	1.50	2.00
2019	0.50	1.50	2.00
2020	0.00	1.50	1.50
2021	0.00	1.50	1.50



## **SECTION VII - ACCOUNTING INFORMATION**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements 74 and 75 set forth certain items of required supplementary information to be disclosed in the financial statements of the System and the employer. The information presented in the required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at June 30, 2021. Additional information will be provided in separate reports.

Valuation date	6/30/2021
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age
Amortization	Level Percent Open
Remaining amortization period	30 years
Asset valuation method	Market Value
Actuarial assumptions	
Investment rate of return*	7.00%
* Includes price inflation at	2.40%
Wage increases	1.75%
Medical Trend Assumption	
Pre-Medicare	6.750% - 4.400%
Medicare	5.125% - 4.400%
Year of Ultimate Trend	2024 - 2030



**Ten-Year Schedule of Funding Progress**  
**(\$ Millions)**

<b>Actuarial Valuation Date</b>	<b>Value of Plan Assets ( a )</b>	<b>Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age ( b )</b>	<b>Unfunded AAL (UAAL) ( b - a )</b>	<b>Funded Ratio ( a / b )</b>	<b>Covered Payroll ( c )</b>	<b>UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (( b - a ) / ( c )</b>
6/30/2012	\$355	\$2,691	\$2,336	13.2%	\$2,788	83.8%
6/30/2013	379	2,918	2,539	13.0	2,747	92.4
6/30/2014	414	2,476	2,062	16.7	2,759	74.7
6/30/2015	408	2,425	2,016	16.8	2,845	70.9
6/30/2016	370	2,407	2,037	15.4	2,932	69.5
6/30/2017	382	2,396	2,014	15.9	3,303	61.0
6/30/2018	436	2,525	2,089	17.3	3,332	62.7
6/30/2019	464	2,199	1,735	21.1	3,463	50.1
6/30/2020	483	1,797	1,314	26.9	3,478	37.8
6/30/2021	600	1,289	689	46.5	3,622	19.0



### Ten-Year Schedule of Employer Contributions

Year Ended	Annual Required Contribution (ARC) (a)	Employer Contribution (b)	Federal Subsidies and Other Receipts (c)	Total Contribution (d) = (b)+(c)	Percentage of ARC Contributed (e) = (d)/(a)
June 30, 2012	\$155,857,785	\$56,476,230	\$0	\$56,476,230	36.2%
June 30, 2013	171,402,038	45,489,443	0	45,489,443	26.5
June 30, 2014	190,390,431	46,097,206	29,200,200	75,297,406	39.5
June 30, 2015	164,182,107	68,904,867	20,084,826	88,989,693	54.2
June 30, 2016	161,566,234	44,855,441	32,493,250	77,348,691	47.9
June 30, 2017	178,034,717	47,672,886	17,341,005	65,013,891	36.5
June 30, 2018	176,950,184	63,539,354	36,517,382	100,056,736	56.5
June 30, 2019	190,092,589	65,877,673	16,067,175	81,944,848	43.1
June 30, 2020	161,011,895	48,187,050	32,349,114	80,536,164	50.0
June 30, 2021	132,930,967	53,533,333	20,059,596	73,592,929	55.4



**SCHEDULE A**  
**VALUATION BALANCE SHEET**

The following valuation balance sheet shows the assets and liabilities of the retirement system as of the current valuation date of June 30, 2021 and, for comparison purposes, as of the immediately preceding valuation date of June 30, 2020.

**VALUATION BALANCE SHEET**  
**SHOWING THE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF THE**  
**SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO**

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current market value of assets	\$ 600,330,188	\$ 482,611,478
Prospective contributions		
Employer normal contributions	440,016,749	724,103,270
Unfunded accrued liability contributions	689,066,742	1,313,892,066
Total prospective contributions	<u>\$ 1,129,083,491</u>	<u>\$ 2,037,995,336</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,729,413,679</u>	<u>\$ 2,520,606,814</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Present value of benefits payable on account of present retiree members and beneficiaries	\$ 533,055,355	\$ 613,571,119
Present value of benefits payable on account of active members	1,185,107,982	1,894,632,512
Present value of benefits payable on account of deferred vested members	<u>11,250,342</u>	<u>12,403,183</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 1,729,413,679</u>	<u>\$ 2,520,606,814</u>



The following 10-year table provides the solvency test for SERS members. The table allocates the valuation assets of the System to its liabilities based on an order of precedence. The highest order of precedence is active member contributions. The second highest order of precedence are members in pay status, and vested and non-vested terminated members. The lowest order of precedence is the employer financed portion of active member accrued benefits. The liabilities are determined using the System's assumed rate of return.

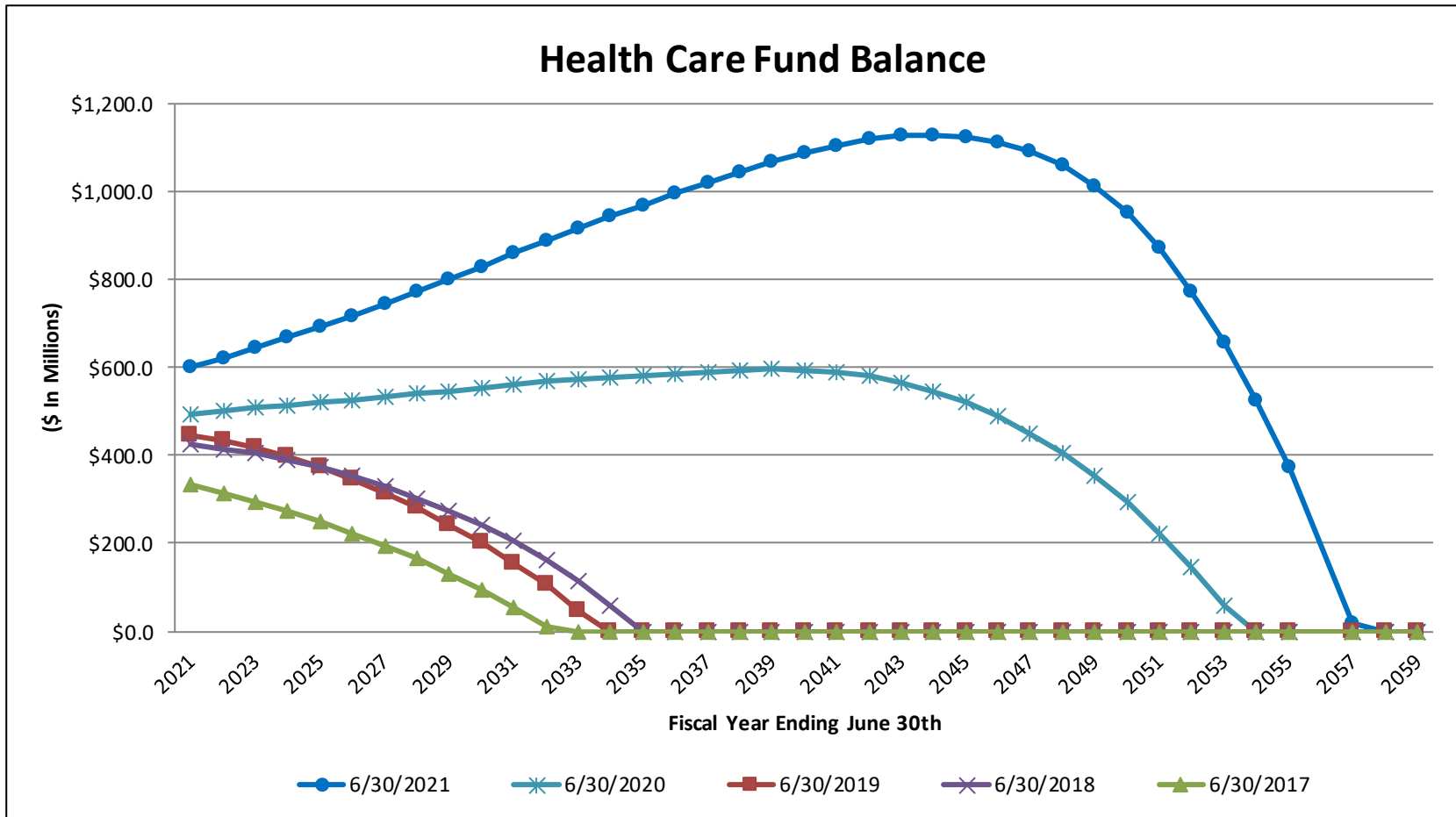
**Solvency Test**  
(\$ Millions)

Valuation Date	Aggregate Accrued Liabilities For				Actuarial Value of Assets	Portion of Accrued Liabilities Covered by Reported Asset		
	(1) Active Member Contributions	(2) Retiree Members & Beneficiaries	(3) Active Members (Employer Financed Portion)			(1)	(2)	(3)
6/30/2012	\$0	\$1,074	\$1,617	\$355	100.0%	33.1%	0.0%	
6/30/2013	0	1,157	1,761	379	100.0	32.8	0.0	
6/30/2014	0	968	1,508	414	100.0	42.8	0.0	
6/30/2015	0	979	1,507	408	100.0	41.7	0.0	
6/30/2016	0	918	1,489	370	100.0	40.3	0.0	
6/30/2017	0	916	1,480	382	100.0	41.7	0.0	
6/30/2018	0	968	1,557	436	100.0	45.0	0.0	
6/30/2019	0	813	1,386	464	100.0	57.0	0.0	
6/30/2020	0	626	1,171	483	100.0	77.1	0.0	
6/30/2021	0	544	745	600	100.0	100.0	7.6	



### Solvency Chart

The following chart shows the projected Health Care Fund Balances from the five most recent valuations. The prior year projections were based on the funding policy and assumptions in effect on the prior year valuation dates. The current year projection is based on a 7.00% future asset rate of return assumption, on a payroll growth assumption of 1.75% per year, and on the assumption that the health contribution rate will be 0.00%, plus a health care surcharge of 1.50%. These projections assume there will be no health care cost increases due to ACA law changes or COVID-19 impact other than anticipated health care trend.





**SCHEDULE B**

**STATEMENT OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS**

The decremental assumptions used in the valuation were adopted by the Board on April 15, 2021.

INTEREST RATE: 7.00% per annum, compounded annually (net after all System expenses).

HEALTH CARE COST TREND RATES: Following is a chart detailing trend assumptions:

Calendar Year	Non-Medicare	Medicare
2021	6.75%	5.125%
2022	6.50	5.00
2023	6.25	4.75
2024	6.00	4.40
2025	5.75	4.40
2026	5.50	4.40
2027	5.25	4.40
2028	5.00	4.40
2029	4.75	4.40
2030 and beyond	4.40	4.40

AGE RELATED MORBIDITY: Per capita costs are adjusted to reflect expected cost changes related to age. The increase to the net incurred claims was assumed to be:

Participant Age	Annual Increase	
	Medical	Prescription Drug
Under 41	0.00%	0.00%
41 – 45	2.50	1.25
46 – 50	2.60	1.30
51 – 55	3.20	1.60
56 – 60	3.40	1.70
61 – 65	3.70	1.85
66 – 70	3.20	1.60
71 – 75	2.40	1.20
76 – 80	1.80	0.90
81 – 85	1.30	0.65
Over 85	0.00	0.00





ANTICIPATED PLAN PARTICIPATION: The assumed annual rates of retiree participation and spouse coverage are as follows:

Retiree Gender	Spouse Coverage	Dependent Child Coverage
Male	25.0%	0.0%
Female	25.0%	0.0%

Wives are assumed to be three years younger than husbands.

Pre-65 Participants:

Years of Service	Service Retiree Participation	Disabled Retiree Participation	Deferred Vested Retiree Participation	Death in Service Surviving Spouse Participation
1.5 – 4	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%
5 – 9	N/A	25.0%	N/A	100.0
10 – 14	25.0%	25.0	50.0%	100.0
15 – 19	25.0	45.0	50.0	100.0
20 – 24	45.0	50.0	50.0	100.0
25 – 29	50.0	75.0	50.0	100.0
30 – 34	75.0	75.0	50.0	100.0
35 and over	90.0	90.0	50.0	100.0

Post-65 Participants:

Years of Service	Service Retiree Participation	Disabled Retiree Participation	Deferred Vested Retiree Participation	Death in Service Surviving Spouse Participation
1.5 – 4	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%
5 – 9	N/A	70.0%	N/A	100.0
10 – 14	25.0%	70.0	50.0%	100.0
15 – 19	45.0	70.0	50.0	100.0
20 – 24	70.0	75.0	50.0	100.0
25 – 29	75.0	75.0	50.0	100.0
30 – 34	85.0	85.0	50.0	100.0
35 and over	90.0	90.0	50.0	100.0



ANTICIPATED PLAN ELECTIONS: The assumed annual rates of member plan elections are as follows:

Plan Type	Future Retirees	
	Non-Medicare	Medicare
PPO	90.0%	100.0%
Wraparound Plan	10.0%	N/A

Anticipated plan elections within the above plan types are further expanded below:

Plan Type	Future Retirees*	
	Non-Medicare	Medicare
<u>PPO</u>		
Aetna Choice POS II	96.0%	0.0%
Aetna Medicare <sup>SM</sup> Plan	0.0%	100.0%
AultCare PPO	4.0%	0.0%

*\*Future disabled retirees assumed 85% Non-Medicare coverage and 15% Medicare coverage before age 65.*

ANTICIPATED MEDICARE COVERAGE AT AGE 65: The assumed annual rates of future retirees obtaining Medicare coverage at age 65 are as follows:

Medicare Coverage	Percent Covered
No Medicare at age 65	1.0%
Medicare Part A	98.0%
Medicare Part B Only	1.0%

Current service retirees, disabled benefit recipients, spouses and dependent children under age 65 were assumed to have similar Medicare coverage at age 65 as their post-Medicare counterparts.

Effective September 30, 2021, an individual who fails to enroll in Medicare Part B during their Medicare initial or special enrollment period will lose eligibility for SERS health care coverage. If an individual enrolls in Medicare Part B coverage but then fails to maintain the coverage, the individual must re-enroll during Medicare's first available general enrollment period.

HEALTH CARE PREMIUM DISCOUNT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION: Current Medicare-eligible service retirees, disabled benefit recipients, spouses and dependent children reported as qualifying for the health care Premium Discount Program were assumed to continue participating in the program for their lifetime. The health care premium Discount Program is not available for non-Medicare participants.



MONTHLY EXPECTED MEDICAL/PRESCRIPTION DRUG CLAIMS COSTS (INCLUDES ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES): Following are charts detailing expected claims for the year following the valuation date.

<b>Retiree Costs</b>			
<b>Medicare Status</b>	<b>Aetna Choice POS II and Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup></b>	<b>Aetna Traditional Choice</b>	<b>AultCare PPO</b>
Non-Medicare	\$1,489	N/A	\$1,040
Medicare A	\$152	\$652	N/A
Medicare B Only	\$361	N/A	N/A

<b>Spouse Costs</b>			
<b>Medicare Status</b>	<b>Aetna Choice POS II and Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup></b>	<b>Aetna Traditional Choice</b>	<b>AultCare PPO</b>
Non-Medicare	\$1,192	N/A	\$831
Medicare A	\$152	\$652	N/A
Medicare B Only	\$361	N/A	N/A

<b>Children Costs</b>			
<b>Medicare Status</b>	<b>Aetna Choice POS II and Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup></b>	<b>Aetna Traditional Choice</b>	<b>AultCare PPO</b>
Non-Medicare	\$373	N/A	\$184
Medicare A	\$152	\$652	N/A

The above amounts are shown as average costs and represent premiums paid to insurers.



ANNUAL EXPECTED MEDICAL/PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS (INCLUDES ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES) (continued): In the valuation, the premium costs are converted to age 65 amounts, age adjusted and blended based on actual elections for current retirees, current disabled retirees, current retiree spouses and current dependent children, and based on projected elections for future retirees and future spouses. For this valuation, we have assumed 10% participation in the SERS Marketplace Wraparound Plan for pre-Medicare retirees. Current authority allows the Wraparound plan to enroll through 2021 with continuation under discussion. Going forward, administrative and/or legislative action to allow continuation of this plan will be monitored. The age adjusted and blended amounts are as follows:

Annual Pre-65 Blended Costs Age Adjusted to 65							
Pre-65 Cost Type	Future Service Retirees	Future Disabled Retirees	Future Spouses	Current Service Retires	Current Disabled Retirees	Current Retiree Spouses	Current Dependent Children
Medical	\$14,604	\$12,440	\$11,880	\$15,108	\$8,676	\$7,596	\$5,736
Prescription Drug	2,652	2,488	2,184	2,664	2,184	1,932	1,164

Annual 65 & Older Blended Costs Age Adjusted to 65						
65 & Older Cost Type	Future Service Retirees	Future Disabled Retirees	Future Spouses	Current Service Retires	Current Disabled Retirees	Current Retiree Spouses
Medical	\$180	\$180	\$156	\$144	\$468	\$84
Prescription Drug	1,560	1,560	1,536	1,548	1,572	1,524



SEPARATIONS FROM ACTIVE SERVICE: Representative values of the assumed rates of separation from active service are as follows:

Service	Annual Rates of Withdrawal
0	40.00%
1	19.00
2	11.00
3	9.00
4	8.00
5	6.50
10	3.50
15	2.25

Age	Annual Rates of			
	Death *		Disability	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
20	.041%	.013%	.020%	.010%
25	.041	.012	.039	.010
30	.052	.019	.071	.028
35	.068	.030	.127	.059
40	.096	.047	.214	.106
45	.143	.072	.313	.180
50	.218	.107	.414	.300
55	.320	.157	.530	.450
60	.466	.238	.590	.450
65	.682	.380	.533	.300
70	1.025	.627	.300	.200
74	1.461	.937	.300	.200

\* Pre-retirement mortality is based on the PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Employee Mortality Table with fully generational projection using the MP-2020 projection scale. The above rates represent the base rates used.



Annual Rates of								
Age	Retirement Eligible prior to 8/1/17				Retirement Eligible after 8/1/17			
	Reduced	Reduced (55/25)	First Eligible Unreduced	Subsequent Unreduced	Reduced	Reduced (60/25)	First Eligible Unreduced	Subsequent Unreduced
50			21%	19%				
55		10%	27%	19%				
57		10%	27%	19%			30%	19%
60	43%	15%	27%	19%		6%	30%	19%
62	43%	15%	27%	19%	5%	6%	30%	19%
65			50%	33%	15%	17%	30%	19%
68			50%	33%			30%	18%
70			50%	33%			30%	18%
75			100%	100%			100%	100%

SALARY INCREASES: Representative values of the assumed annual rates of salary increases are as follows:

Annual Rates of			
Service	Merit & Seniority (A)	Base (Economy) (B)	Increase Next Year (1+(A))*(1+(B))
0	10.00%	3.25%	13.58%
1	3.00	3.25	6.35
2	1.75	3.25	5.06
3	1.25	3.25	4.54
4	1.00	3.25	4.28
5-9	0.75	3.25	4.02
10-15	0.50	3.25	3.77
16-17	0.25	3.25	3.51
18 & over	0.00	3.25	3.25

PAYROLL GROWTH: 1.75% per annum, compounded annually.

PRICE INFLATION: 2.40% per annum, compounded annually.



DEATH AFTER RETIREMENT: These assumptions are used to measure the probabilities of each benefit payment being made after retirement.

SERVICE RETIREMENT: PUB-2010 General Employee Amount Weighted Below Median Healthy Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 94.20% for males and set forward 2 years and adjusted 81.35% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

DISABLED RETIREMENT: PUB-2010 General Disabled Retiree mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 5 years and adjusted 103.3% for males and set forward 3 years and adjusted 106.8% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally.

CONTINGENT SURVIVOR: PUB-2010 General Amount Weighted Below Median Contingent Survivor mortality table projected to 2017 with ages set forward 1 year and adjusted 105.5% for males and adjusted 122.5% for females. Future improvement in mortality rates is reflected by applying the MP-2020 projection scale generationally

VALUATION METHOD: Entry age normal cost method. Entry age is established on an individual basis.

ASSET VALUATION METHOD: Market value.



## SCHEDULE C

### **SCHOOL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF OHIO Summary of Main Plan Provisions as of June 30, 2021**

#### **ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCESS TO RETIREE HEALTH CARE:**

##### **Normal Retirement:**

*Retire before August 1, 2017 or have 25 years of service or more on or before August 1, 2017:* Attainment of age 65 with at least 10 years of creditable service, or completion of 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age.

*Members attaining 25 years of service after August 1, 2017:* Attainment of age 67 with at least 10 years of creditable service, or attainment of age 57 with at least 30 years of creditable service. Buy-up option available.

##### **Early Retirement:**

*Retire before August 1, 2017 or have 25 years of service or more on or before August 1, 2017:* Not eligible for unreduced service retirement but has attained age 55 with at least 25 years of service, or age 60 with 10 years of service.

*Members attaining 25 years of service after August 1, 2017:* Attainment of age 62 with at least 10 years of creditable service, or attainment of age 60 with at least 25 years of creditable service.

**Disability Retirement:** Permanently disabled after completion of at least 5 years of total service credit.

**Survivor Allowances:** Beneficiary must be receiving monthly benefits due to the death of a member, age and service retiree or disability benefit recipient.

**Termination:** Members that terminated with at least 10 years of creditable service and have attained age 60 (age 62 for those retiring after August 1, 2017).

#### **PREMIUM PAYMENTS:**

Retirees, spouses and dependent children pay either all or a portion of the cost of health care and prescription drug coverage as well as a \$35 monthly surcharge. The remainder of the cost is paid by SERS.

Medicare-eligible retirees, spouses and dependent children may qualify for the health care Premium Discount Program if their household income falls at or below a specified level. Income limits are updated annually and those wishing to participate in the program are re-verified every year. Retirees, spouses and dependent children qualifying for the program will receive a 25% discount in their monthly health care premiums.





**PREMIUM PAYMENTS (Continued):**

The following schedule lists the percentage of the retiree premium paid by service retirees:

Years of Service	Retirement Date on or before July 1, 1989	Retirement Date August 1, 1989 through July 1, 2008	Retirement Date on or after August 1, 2008
	Service Retiree Premium Contribution Percentage		
5 – 9	50.0%	N/A	N/A
10 – 14	17.5	100.0%	100.0%
15 – 19	17.5	50.0	100.0
20 – 24	17.5	25.0	50.0
25 – 29	17.5	17.5	30.0
30 – 34	17.5	17.5	20.0
35 and over	17.5	17.5	15.0*

\* Additional 1% reduction for each year over 35.

The following schedule lists the percentage of the retiree premium paid by disability benefit recipients:

Years of Service	Disabled Benefit Recipient Premium Contribution Percentage
5 – 9	50.0%
10 – 24	33.0
25 and over	17.5

The following schedule lists the percentage of the spouse premium paid by spouses of retirees:

Service Retiree, Disability Recipient, or Member's Qualified Years of Service	Spouse Premium Contribution Percentage
1.5 – 24	100.0%
25 – 29	90.0
30 and over	80.0

Dependent children pay 70.0% of the child premium.

In addition, SERS offered a new coverage option beginning in 2017, the Marketplace Wraparound Plan. This option is only available to health care participants who are not eligible for Medicare and who are not enrolled in Medicaid. Participants will be able to choose insurance from any insurer offering coverage in the federal Marketplace, and if eligible, receive a federal subsidy to lower the premium and cost-sharing amounts. The SERS Marketplace Wraparound Plan offers additional benefits to help pay for deductibles, co-pays, and other costs.



**OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS:** Health care and prescription drug coverage is provided in all post-employment group health care plan options. Dental and vision coverage are made available to retirees, spouses, and dependent children at the full cost.

**2022 RETIREE HEALTH CARE PLAN OPTIONS:**

**Options available to members without Medicare**

- ◇ Aetna Choice POS II with Express Scripts prescription drug coverage
- ◇ AultCare PPO with AultCare prescription drug coverage
- ◇ Wraparound HRA

**Options available to members with Medicare:**

- ◇ Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup> Plan (PPO) with Express Scripts Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan
- ◇ Aetna Traditional Choice with Express Scripts Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan (only available to members with special circumstances)

The following pages contain information that was provided by SERS in the 2022 *Open Enrollment Guide* and the 2022 *Member Health Care Guide*.



**2022 Contribution Rates**

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Aetna Choice POS II and Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup></b>	<b>Aetna Traditional Choice</b>	<b>AultCare PPO</b>
<b>Service Retirement Date on or before July 1, 1989 Premiums</b>			
5-9.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$780		\$555
With Medicare A & B	\$117	\$408	
With Medicare B Only	\$297		
10-24.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$296		\$217
With Medicare A & B	\$64	\$166	
With Medicare B Only	\$127		
25 years & over			
Without Medicare	\$296		\$217
With Medicare A & B	\$64	\$166	
With Medicare B Only	\$64		

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Aetna Choice POS II and Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup></b>	<b>Aetna Traditional Choice</b>	<b>AultCare PPO</b>
<b>Service Retirement Date August 1, 1989 through July 1, 2008 Premiums</b>			
10-14.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$1,524		\$1,075
With Medicare A & B	\$198	\$781	
With Medicare B Only	\$558		
15-19.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$780		\$555
With Medicare A & B	\$117	\$408	
With Medicare B Only	\$297		
20-24.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$407		\$295
With Medicare A & B	\$76	\$222	
With Medicare B Only	\$166		
25 years & over			
Without Medicare	\$296		\$217
With Medicare A & B	\$64	\$166	
With Medicare B Only	\$64		



**2022 Contribution Rates  
(continued)**

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Aetna Choice POS II and Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup></b>	<b>Aetna Traditional Choice</b>	<b>AultCare PPO</b>
<b>Service Retirement Date on or after August 1, 2008 Premiums*</b>			
10-19.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$1,524		\$1,075
With Medicare A & B	\$198	\$781	
With Medicare B Only	\$558		
20-24.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$780		\$555
With Medicare A & B	\$117	\$408	
With Medicare B Only	\$297		
25-29.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$482		\$347
With Medicare A & B	\$84	\$259	
With Medicare B Only	\$84		
30-34.999 years*			
Without Medicare	\$333		\$243
With Medicare A & B	\$68	\$184	
With Medicare B Only	\$68		

\* Further reductions for each year over 35.

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Aetna Choice POS II and Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup></b>	<b>Aetna Traditional Choice</b>	<b>AultCare PPO</b>
<b>Disability Benefit Recipient Premiums</b>			
5-9.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$780		\$555
With Medicare A & B	\$117	\$408	
With Medicare B Only	\$297		
10-24.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$526		\$378
With Medicare A & B	\$89	\$281	
With Medicare B Only	\$208		
25 years & over			
Without Medicare	\$296		\$217
With Medicare A & B	\$64	\$166	
With Medicare B Only	\$64		



**2022 Contribution Rates  
(continued)**

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Aetna Choice POS II and Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup></b>	<b>Aetna Traditional Choice</b>	<b>AultCare PPO</b>
<b>Spouse Premiums (Service Retiree, Disability Recipient, or Member's Qualified Service)</b>			
Up to 25 years			
Without Medicare	\$1,227		\$866
With Medicare A & B	\$198	\$781	
With Medicare B Only	\$558		
25-29.999 years			
Without Medicare	\$1,108		\$783
With Medicare A & B	\$182	\$706	
With Medicare B Only	\$182		
30 years & over			
Without Medicare	\$989		\$700
With Medicare A & B	\$166	\$632	
With Medicare B Only	\$166		

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Aetna Choice POS II and Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup></b>	<b>Aetna Traditional Choice</b>	<b>AultCare PPO</b>
<b>Child Premiums</b>			
Child w/o Medicare A	\$296		\$163
Child with Medicare A & B	\$149	\$557	



## **SERS' Non-Medicare Plans**

Non-Medicare plans are available to benefit recipients and dependents under age 65 and not Medicare eligible. Beginning 1/1/2021, however, members who are under age 65 that are eligible for Medicaid are not eligible for the SERS Health Care Plan coverage.

### **Aetna Choice POS II**

This is a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan with prescription drug coverage by Express Scripts. The plan is available throughout the United States.

To enroll in this plan, a member must:

- Be under age 65 and not eligible for Medicare

Use of out-of-network providers will increase out-of-pocket costs.

### **AultCare PPO**

This is a Preferred Provider Organization (PPO) plan with prescription drug coverage by AultCare.

To enroll in this plan, a member must:

- Be under age 65 and not eligible for Medicare.
- Live in one of the Ohio counties listed on the map in the *2022 Open Enrollment Guide*.

Use of out-of-network providers will increase out-of-pocket costs.

### **2022 SERS Marketplace Wraparound Plan**

The SERS Marketplace Wraparound Plan is available to participants who are not eligible for Medicare and who are not enrolled in Medicaid. Participants are able to choose insurance from any insurer offering coverage in the federal Marketplace. If eligible, participants receive a federal subsidy to lower the premium and cost-sharing amounts. The SERS Market place Wraparound Plan offers additional benefits to help pay for deductibles, co-pays, and other costs.

SERS Health Care and Government Relations staff are working with federal officials to reinstate the Wraparound program for 5-10 years.



## SERS' Medicare Plans

### **Aetna Medicare Plan (PPO)**

This is a Medicare Advantage plan with Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage administered by Express Scripts.

**Ohio Residents:** Aetna has a preferred provider network. Use of out-of-network providers will increase out-of-pocket costs.

**Non-Ohio Residents:** Can use any medical provider that accepts Medicare patients and agrees to file claims with Aetna.

This plan is available throughout the United States. To enroll, members must have:

- Medicare Part B
- Medicare Part A, if eligible

### **Aetna Traditional Choice Plan**

This plan is NOT available for optional enrollment. It is only available in special circumstances. SERS determines when enrollment is appropriate. Medicare Part D prescription drug coverage is administered through Express Scripts.



## Prescription Drug Coverage

Prescription drug coverage is included in SERS' health care coverage and does not require a separate premium. Express Scripts provides the prescription drug coverage for Aetna. AultCare provides their own prescription coverage. All prescription plans have a formulary of covered medications. These are referred to as preferred medications. Medications not on the formulary are referred to as non-preferred. The amount members are responsible for paying, known as the co-pay, is based on the medication's preferred status. Members pay the least for generic medications. Members pay the most for brand-name medications that are not preferred. Members can get prescriptions at retail pharmacies or through the mail. Members save money by having prescriptions for maintenance medications mailed to their homes.

The following is a partial list of situations or types of medications that are not covered.

- Prescriptions or medications dispensed in a hospital. These are typically covered under the medical plan.
- Prescriptions covered by Workers' Compensation.
- Prescriptions for fertility, erectile dysfunction, or cosmetic drugs.
- Over-the-counter drugs and herbal preparations, including homeopathic preparations.

With the exception of insulin, Express Scripts does not cover non-preferred medications. Members pay the full amount for non-preferred medications, and these costs do not count toward any out-of-pocket maximum or the Medicare coverage gap.

All prescription plans include these common coverage rules:

- Prior Authorization - For some medications, the doctor must contact the drug plan before certain prescriptions can be filled. The prescription is only covered if the doctor is able to confirm that the medication is necessary.
- Quantity Limits - Limits how much of a specific medication members can get at a time.
- Step Therapy - A process where certain medications that have proven to be safe and effective are tried as the first choice rather than starting with a more expensive prescribed medication.

### Medicare Part D Prescription Drugs

SERS' health plan participants enrolled in a Medicare plan are automatically covered under a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan through SERS and should not enroll in a separate Medicare Part D plan. Enrolling in another Part D plan would cause cancellation of SERS coverage for both medical and prescription drug benefits per federal law.





### Non-Medicare Plan Benefits

	Aetna Choice POS II (In-Network)	AultCare PPO (In Network)
Annual Combined Medical & Prescription Drug Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$7,350/person \$14,700/family	\$7,350/person \$14,700/family
Deductible	\$2,000/person \$4,000/family	\$2,000/person \$4,000/family
Primary Care Office Visit	\$20 co-pay	\$20 co-pay
Specialist Office Visit	\$40 co-pay	\$40 co-pay
Outpatient Diagnostic X-Ray and Lab	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance
Retail Walk-In Clinic	\$20 co-pay	\$20 co-pay
Urgent Care	\$40 co-pay	\$40 co-pay
Emergency Room	\$150 co-pay	\$150 co-pay
Ambulance	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance
Inpatient Hospital	20% coinsurance after \$250 co-pay	20% coinsurance after \$250 co-pay
Outpatient Surgery	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance
Skilled Nursing Facility (100-day max)	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance
Home Health Care	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance
Hospice Health Care	100% coverage	Inpatient: 100% coverage Outpatient: 20% coinsurance
Outpatient Short-Term Rehab	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance
Chiropractic	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance
Durable Medical Equipment	20% coinsurance	20% coinsurance
Prescription Drugs	<b>Express Scripts</b> <u>Retail 30-day max:</u> \$7.50 generic, 25% preferred brand (\$25 min, \$100 max) <u>Mail order 90-day max:</u> \$15 generic, 25% preferred brand (\$45 min, \$200 max)  <u>Insulin Retail:</u> 25% or \$25 max preferred brand, 25% or \$45 max non-preferred brand <u>Insulin Mail Order:</u> 25% or \$60 preferred brand, 25% or \$115 max non-preferred brand <u>Specialty medications:</u> 25% of cost (\$25 min, \$100 max) <u>Specialty Mail order 90-day max:</u> 25% of cost (\$25 min, \$67 max per 30-day supply)	<b>AultCare</b> <u>Retail 30-day max:</u> \$7.50 generic, 25% preferred brand (\$25 min, \$100 max) <u>Mail order 90-day max:</u> \$15 generic, 25% preferred brand (\$45 min, \$200 max) Non-preferred at 100% <u>Insulin Retail:</u> \$30 preferred brand, \$45 non-preferred brand <u>Insulin Mail Order:</u> \$60 preferred brand, \$115 non-preferred brand <u>Specialty medications:</u> \$100 co-pay <u>Specialty Mail order:</u> \$100 co-pay; 30-day supply only



**Non-Medicare Plan Benefits  
(continued)**

**SERS Marketplace Wraparound Plan**

<b>Benefit</b>	<b>Maximum Reimbursement</b>
Deductible	Reimbursements are limited to \$1,800 per family, per calendar year in accordance with federal limits.*
Covered prescription drugs	
Physician office visit co-pay	
Inpatient hospital admission co-pay or coinsurance	
Imaging (X-rays, CT/PET Scans, MRI) co-pay or coinsurance	
*All benefit category costs in the aggregate are subject to the overall total Maximum Amount under this Plan. Such costs can be used in various combinations but shall not, in the aggregate, exceed the Maximum Amount. Reimbursement is limited to cost sharing after the Participant's Marketplace plan has adjudicated any claim(s). Actual reimbursement may vary according to the Participant's Marketplace plan's terms, but will in no event exceed the Participant's actual out-of-pocket expenses under the applicable Marketplace plan.	
The SERS Wraparound HRA eligible expenses noted above only apply to covered services under your Marketplace plan. Claims for non-covered services are not eligible for reimbursement.	



## Medicare Plan Benefits

### Aetna Medicare<sup>SM</sup> Plan (PPO)

Annual Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$3,000 per person
Deductible	None
Primary Care Office Visit	\$20 co-pay
Specialist Office Visit	\$30 co-pay
Outpatient Diagnostic X-Ray	\$25 co-pay
Outpatient Diagnostic Lab	100% coverage
Urgent Care	\$40 co-pay
Emergency Room	\$100 co-pay
Ambulance	\$80 co-pay
Inpatient Hospital	\$150 co-pay per day 1-5, then 100%
Outpatient Surgery /Procedures	15% coinsurance up to \$200 max
Skilled Nursing Facility (100-day max)	Co-pay: \$0 per day 1-10, \$25 per day 11-20, \$50 per day 21-100
Home Health Care	100% coverage
Hospice	Covered per Medicare
Outpatient Short-Term Rehab	\$20 co-pay
Chiropractic	\$20 co-pay limited to Medicare coverage
Durable Medical Equipment	20% coinsurance
Prescription Drugs	<b>Express Scripts Medicare D PDP</b> <u>Retail 30-day max:</u> \$7.50 generic, 25% preferred brand (\$25 min,\$100 max) <u>Mail order 90-day max:</u> \$15 generic, 25% preferred brand (\$45 min, \$200 max) <u>Insulin Retail:</u> \$25 preferred brand, 25% or \$45 max non-preferred brand <u>Insulin Mail Order:</u> 25% preferred brand (\$45 min, \$60 max), 25% or \$115 max non-preferred brand <u>Specialty medications:</u> 25% of cost (\$25 min,\$100 max) <u>Specialty Mail order 90-day max:</u> 25% of cost (\$25 min,\$67 max per 30-day supply)



**SCHEDULE D**  
**DETAILED TABULATIONS OF THE DATA**

**All Retirees, Spouses and Dependents Receiving Health Care**  
**Male and Female Demographic Breakdown**  
**As of June 30, 2021**  
**Tabulated by Attained Ages**

Attained Age	Number of		Total Number
	Males	Females	
Under 20	26	37	63
20-24	46	44	90
25-29	26	24	50
30-34	0	4	4
35-39	0	2	2
40-44	8	7	15
45-49	14	8	22
50-54	68	83	151
55-59	331	467	798
60-64	1,075	1,889	2,964
65-69	2,254	4,843	7,097
70-74	2,457	5,768	8,225
75-79	1,955	5,154	7,109
80-84	1,797	4,708	6,505
85-89	1,164	3,304	4,468
90-94	521	1,889	2,410
95-99	116	675	791
100	8	52	60
101	2	33	35
102	0	12	12
103	1	13	14
104	1	4	5
105 & Over	1	6	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,871</b>	<b>29,026</b>	<b>40,897</b>



**Schedule of Retiree Members Added to and Removed from Rolls  
Last Ten Fiscal Years**

Year Ended	Added to Rolls		Removed from Rolls*		Rolls at Year-End		% Increase in Projected Benefits	Average Projected Benefits
	Number	Projected Benefits	Number	Projected Benefits	Number	Projected Benefits		
6/30/2012	2,073	9,280,779	3,785	5,391,796	46,439	90,708,513	11.49%	1,953
6/30/2013	2,110	8,977,566	3,217	4,370,993	45,332	100,514,730	10.81%	2,217
6/30/2014	2,251	8,658,731	2,873	4,834,922	44,710	87,007,272	(13.44)%	1,946
6/30/2015	2,329	8,897,861	2,932	4,682,901	44,107	90,855,858	4.42%	2,060
6/30/2016	2,820	10,209,470	2,650	4,258,016	44,277	90,484,518	(0.41)%	2,044
6/30/2017	2,355	10,099,985	2,774	4,834,866	43,858	91,554,056	1.18%	2,088
6/30/2018	2,383	7,833,624	2,820	5,004,204	43,421	90,696,175	(0.94)%	2,089
6/30/2019	1,791	6,375,244	2,665	4,496,857	42,547	82,778,168	(8.73)%	1,946
6/30/2020	2,058	6,645,569	2,749	4,275,713	41,856	69,600,381	(15.92)%	1,663
6/30/2021	2,213	7,152,506	3,172	4,050,170	40,897	69,028,349	(0.82)%	1,688

\* The benefits removed from rolls do not include subsidies that were changed due to premium changes, plan election changes or reductions due to members obtaining Medicare eligibility.



**Terminated Vested Members Eligible for Health Care**  
**Male and Female Demographic Breakdown**  
**As of June 30, 2021**  
**Tabulated by Attained Ages**

Attained Age	Number of		Total Number
	Males	Females	
Under 35	9	10	19
35-39	53	53	106
40-44	121	196	317
45-49	156	406	562
50-54	241	813	1,054
55-59	316	1,416	1,732
60 & Over	379	1,803	2,182
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>4,697</b>	<b>5,972</b>



**Total Active Members as of June 30, 2021**  
**Tabulated by Attained Ages and Years of Service**

Attained Age	Years of Service to Valuation Date							Totals
	0-4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	
Under 20	2,141							2,141
Avg Pay	\$10,407							\$10,407
20-24	8,571	94						8,665
Avg Pay	\$11,276	\$28,350						\$11,461
25-29	8,603	1,115	24					9,742
Avg Pay	\$15,058	\$31,892	\$42,948					\$17,053
30-34	7,535	2,147	364	26				10,072
Avg Pay	\$16,842	\$33,769	\$44,315	\$47,530				\$21,522
35-39	8,417	2,976	807	360	47			12,607
Avg Pay	\$16,708	\$32,682	\$43,507	\$50,641	\$54,638			\$23,305
40-44	9,125	3,897	1,240	745	408	27	1	15,443
Avg Pay	\$16,190	\$30,022	\$40,775	\$48,590	\$52,939	\$70,391	\$43,614	\$24,285
45-49	8,397	4,261	1,929	1,217	887	268	17	16,976
Avg Pay	\$15,101	\$29,479	\$35,439	\$43,173	\$51,897	\$56,374	\$52,008	\$25,644
50-54	7,343	4,275	2,786	2,260	1,873	653	193	19,383
Avg Pay	\$15,777	\$29,320	\$32,119	\$38,073	\$43,252	\$54,944	\$57,377	\$28,101
55-59	5,706	3,514	2,758	3,211	3,610	1,418	581	20,798
Avg Pay	\$15,768	\$28,778	\$32,180	\$34,633	\$38,829	\$45,009	\$53,338	\$30,101
60-64	4,578	2,669	2,030	2,599	3,734	2,100	991	18,701
Avg Pay	\$14,070	\$27,616	\$31,636	\$34,761	\$36,275	\$39,407	\$45,654	\$29,738
65-69	2,591	1,186	745	725	1,060	793	757	7,857
Avg Pay	\$10,726	\$23,409	\$29,840	\$33,859	\$37,541	\$38,460	\$41,181	\$25,939
70 & over	1,770	743	404	312	266	226	540	4,261
Avg Pay	\$8,304	\$18,081	\$23,218	\$27,960	\$32,019	\$37,148	\$36,335	\$19,425
<b>Totals</b>	<b>74,777</b>	<b>26,877</b>	<b>13,087</b>	<b>11,455</b>	<b>11,885</b>	<b>5,485</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>146,646</b>
<b>Avg Pay</b>	<b>\$14,754</b>	<b>\$29,466</b>	<b>\$34,023</b>	<b>\$37,458</b>	<b>\$39,979</b>	<b>\$43,456</b>	<b>\$45,139</b>	<b>\$24,700</b>

Averages:  
Age: 47.7  
Service: 8.1  
Annual Pay: \$24,700



**Male Active Members as of June 30, 2021**  
**Tabulated by Attained Ages and Years of Service**

Attained Age	Years of Service to Valuation Date							Totals
	0-4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	
Under 20	1,096							1,096
Avg Pay	\$10,435							\$10,435
20-24	3,791	54						3,845
Avg Pay	\$11,421	\$31,906						\$11,138
25-29	3,662	520	14					4,196
Avg Pay	\$15,050	\$37,260	\$45,379					\$17,904
30-34	2,804	782	197	21				3,804
Avg Pay	\$16,588	\$39,928	\$50,358	\$48,955				\$23,314
35-39	2,621	885	359	207	30			4,102
Avg Pay	\$17,845	\$41,962	\$50,843	\$58,368	\$62,061			\$28,304
40-44	2,955	906	404	287	192	15	1	4,760
Avg Pay	\$16,367	\$40,600	\$53,492	\$62,613	\$64,221	\$75,983	\$43,726	\$29,043
45-49	3,018	897	432	295	303	130	7	5,082
Avg Pay	\$13,107	\$38,088	\$49,942	\$61,237	\$65,925	\$63,263	\$59,713	\$27,938
50-54	2,845	999	485	388	383	240	90	5,430
Avg Pay	\$15,020	\$37,557	\$44,975	\$57,504	\$62,966	\$69,621	\$61,775	\$31,447
55-59	2,267	1,025	619	531	492	264	222	5,420
Avg Pay	\$16,169	\$34,483	\$43,545	\$50,198	\$57,910	\$63,581	\$63,055	\$34,112
60-64	1,978	972	584	512	500	275	269	5,090
Avg Pay	\$14,948	\$32,584	\$38,730	\$47,954	\$52,080	\$56,969	\$59,522	\$32,638
65-69	1,165	548	317	201	199	98	131	2,659
Avg Pay	\$12,238	\$26,431	\$33,864	\$43,545	\$48,289	\$56,617	\$57,009	\$26,647
70 & over	879	397	214	133	62	42	57	1,784
Avg Pay	\$9,355	\$20,813	\$25,509	\$31,030	\$42,131	\$43,174	\$47,949	\$18,627
<b>Totals</b>	<b>29,081</b>	<b>7,985</b>	<b>3,625</b>	<b>2,575</b>	<b>2,161</b>	<b>1,064</b>	<b>777</b>	<b>47,268</b>
<b>Avg Pay</b>	<b>\$14,528</b>	<b>\$36,040</b>	<b>\$44,020</b>	<b>\$52,638</b>	<b>\$57,861</b>	<b>\$61,924</b>	<b>\$59,501</b>	<b>\$26,287</b>

Averages:  
Age: 45.9  
Service: 6.2  
Annual Pay: \$26,287





**Female Active Members as of June 30, 2021**  
**Tabulated by Attained Ages and Years of Service**

Attained Age	Years of Service to Valuation Date							Totals
	0-4	5 - 9	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30+	
Under 20	1,045							1,045
Avg Pay	\$10,392							\$10,392
20-24	4,780	40						4,820
Avg Pay	\$11,169	\$21,334						\$11,254
25-29	4,941	595	10					5,546
Avg Pay	\$15,072	\$27,247	\$39,653					\$16,423
30-34	4,731	1,365	167	5				6,268
Avg Pay	\$16,994	\$30,259	\$37,288	\$42,015				\$20,443
35-39	5,796	2,091	448	153	17			8,505
Avg Pay	\$16,193	\$28,762	\$37,683	\$40,336	\$41,763			\$20,900
40-44	6,170	2,991	836	458	216	12		10,683
Avg Pay	\$16,103	\$26,813	\$34,649	\$39,850	\$42,999	\$63,559		\$22,168
45-49	5,379	3,364	1,497	922	584	138	10	11,894
Avg Pay	\$16,217	\$27,173	\$31,249	\$37,394	\$44,646	\$49,970	\$46,658	\$24,662
50-54	4,498	3,276	2,301	1,872	1,490	413	103	13,953
Avg Pay	\$16,258	\$26,801	\$29,395	\$34,031	\$38,175	\$46,456	\$53,600	\$26,794
55-59	3,439	2,489	2,139	2,680	3,118	1,154	359	15,378
Avg Pay	\$15,511	\$26,430	\$28,884	\$31,533	\$35,794	\$40,743	\$47,366	\$28,680
60-64	2,600	1,697	1,446	2,087	3,234	1,825	722	13,611
Avg Pay	\$13,412	\$24,784	\$28,773	\$31,512	\$33,807	\$36,733	\$40,489	\$28,646
65-69	1,426	638	428	524	861	695	626	5,198
Avg Pay	\$9,505	\$20,843	\$26,888	\$30,145	\$35,039	\$35,872	\$37,848	\$25,577
70 & over	891	346	190	179	204	184	483	2,477
Avg Pay	\$7,281	\$14,987	\$20,683	\$25,703	\$28,940	\$35,749	\$34,933	\$20,007
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45,696</b>	<b>18,892</b>	<b>9,462</b>	<b>8,880</b>	<b>9,724</b>	<b>4,421</b>	<b>2,303</b>	<b>99,378</b>
<b>Avg Pay</b>	<b>\$14,902</b>	<b>\$26,691</b>	<b>\$30,196</b>	<b>\$33,050</b>	<b>\$35,989</b>	<b>\$38,998</b>	<b>\$40,291</b>	<b>\$23,944</b>

Averages:  
Age: 48.6  
Service: 9.0  
Annual Pay: \$23,944



**Active Members as of June 30, 2021**  
**Tabulated by Annual Pay**

Annual Pay	Number of Active Members			Portion of Total Number	
	Men	Women	Totals	Group	Cumulative
Less than \$1,000	1,955	3,290	5,245	3.6%	3.6%
\$1,000 - 1,999	2,421	3,102	5,523	3.8%	7.3%
2,000 - 2,999	3,148	3,192	6,340	4.3%	11.7%
3,000 - 3,999	3,146	2,850	5,996	4.1%	15.8%
4,000 - 4,999	2,437	2,359	4,796	3.3%	19.0%
5,000 - 5,999	1,794	2,110	3,904	2.7%	21.7%
6,000 - 6,999	1,387	2,016	3,403	2.3%	24.0%
7,000 - 7,999	1,062	2,055	3,117	2.1%	26.1%
8,000 - 8,999	895	1,923	2,818	1.9%	28.1%
9,000 - 9,999	782	1,937	2,719	1.9%	29.9%
10,000 - 11,999	1,378	4,215	5,593	3.8%	33.7%
12,000 - 13,999	1,324	4,379	5,703	3.9%	37.6%
14,000 - 15,999	1,260	4,586	5,846	4.0%	41.6%
16,000 - 17,999	1,305	5,294	6,599	4.5%	46.1%
18,000 - 19,999	1,258	5,704	6,962	4.7%	50.8%
20,000 - 24,999	3,069	14,633	17,702	12.1%	62.9%
25,000 - 29,999	2,416	10,220	12,636	8.6%	71.5%
30,000 - 35,999	2,618	7,800	10,418	7.1%	78.6%
36,000 and over	13,613	17,713	31,326	21.4%	100.0%
<b>Totals</b>	<b>47,268</b>	<b>99,378</b>	<b>146,646</b>		



## **SCHEDULE E**

### **GLOSSARY**

**Actuarial Accrued Liability.** The difference between (i) the actuarial present value of future plan benefits, and (ii) the actuarial present value of future normal cost. Sometimes referred to as "accrued liability" or "past service liability".

**Accrued Service.** The service credited under the plan which was rendered before the date of the actuarial valuation.

**Actuarial Assumptions.** Estimates of future plan experience with respect to rates of mortality, disability, turnover, retirement, rate or rates of investment income and salary increases. Decrement assumptions (rates of mortality, disability, turnover and retirement) are generally based on past experience, often modified for projected changes in conditions. Economic assumptions (salary increases and investment income) consist of an underlying rate in an inflation-free environment plus a provision for a long-term average rate of inflation.

**Actuarial Cost Method.** A mathematical budgeting procedure for allocating the dollar amount of the "actuarial present value of future plan benefits" between the actuarial present value of future normal cost and the actuarial accrued liability. Sometimes referred to as the "actuarial funding method".

**Actuarial Equivalent.** A series of payments is called an actuarial equivalent of another series of payments if the two series have the same actuarial present value.

**Actuarial Present Value.** The amount of funds presently required to provide a payment or series of payments in the future. It is determined by discounting the future payments at a predetermined rate of interest, taking into account the probability of payment.

**Age-Related Morbidity.** Assumed increase to the net incurred claims related to increase in age.

**Amortization.** Paying off an interest-bearing liability by means of periodic payments of interest and principal, as opposed to paying it off with a lump sum payment.

**Experience Gain (Loss).** A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based upon a set of actuarial assumptions during the period between two actuarial valuation dates, in accordance with the actuarial cost method being used.

**Health Care Cost Trend Rates.** The annual assumed rate of increase for both claims and contributions.

**Normal Cost.** The annual cost assigned, under the actuarial funding method, to current and subsequent plan years. Sometimes referred to as "current service cost". Any payment toward the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is not part of the normal cost.

**Plan Termination Liability.** The actuarial present value of future plan benefits based on the assumption that there will be no further accruals for future service and salary. The termination liability will generally be less than the liabilities computed on a "going concern" basis and is not normally determined in a routine actuarial valuation.

**Reserve Account.** An account used to indicate that funds have been set aside for a specific purpose and are not generally available for other uses.



Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. The difference between the actuarial accrued liability and valuation assets. Sometimes referred to as "unfunded accrued liability".

Valuation Assets. The value of current plan assets recognized for valuation purposes. Generally based on book value plus a portion of unrealized appreciation or depreciation.