Fulton County Employees Retirement System

Actuarial Valuation and Review as of January 1, 2022

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Board of Trustees Fulton County Employees Retirement System 141 Pryor Street, Suite 7001 Atlanta, GA 30303-3468

Dear Board Members:

We are pleased to submit this Actuarial Valuation and Review as of January 1, 2022. It summarizes the actuarial data used in the valuation, analyzes the preceding year's experience, and establishes the funding requirements for fiscal 2022.

This report was prepared in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices at the request of the Board to assist in administering the Retirement System. The census information and financial information on which our calculations were based was prepared by the staff of Fulton County. That assistance is gratefully acknowledged.

We hereby certify that the Fulton County Employees Retirement System has been funded in conformity with the minimum funding standards specified in Code Section 47-20-10 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, known as the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law. This certification covers the 2021 fiscal year of the Plan.

The actuarial calculations were directed under the supervision of Malichi S. Waterman. I am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and I meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion herein. To the best of my knowledge, the information supplied in this actuarial valuation is complete and accurate, except as noted in *Section 4*. Further, in my opinion, the assumptions as approved by the Board are reasonably related to the experience of and the expectations for the System.

We look forward to reviewing this report at your next meeting and to answering any questions.

Sincerely,

Segal

Malichi S. Waterman, FCA, MAAA, EA Vice President and Consulting Actuary



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Purpose and basis

This report was prepared by Segal to present a valuation of the Fulton County Employees Retirement System as of January 1, 2022. The valuation was performed to determine whether the assets and contributions are sufficient to provide the prescribed benefits and to provide information for required disclosures under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 67 and 68. The measurements shown in this actuarial valuation may not be applicable for other purposes. In particular, the measures herein are not necessarily appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of plan assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the System's benefit obligations. Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements; and changes in plan provisions or applicable law.

The contribution requirements presented in this report are based on:

- The benefit provisions of the Pension Plan, as administered by the Board;
- The characteristics of covered active participants, inactive vested participants, and retired participants and beneficiaries as of December 31, 2021, provided by the County;
- The assets of the Plan as of December 31, 2021, provided by the County;
- Economic assumptions regarding future salary increases and investment earnings;
- Other actuarial assumptions regarding employee terminations, retirement, death, etc. and
- The funding policy adopted by the Board.

The majority of the assumptions and methods used to value the System were approved by the Pension Board in 2017, based on the experience study for the five-year period ended December 31, 2016. The net investment return rate was set by the Investment Committee at their January 2022 meeting.



Valuation highlights

- 1. Segal strongly recommends an actuarial funding method that targets 100% funding of the actuarial accrued liability. Generally, this implies payments that are ultimately at least enough to cover normal cost, interest on the unfunded actuarial accrued liability and the principal balance. The funding policy adopted by the Board meets this standard.
- 2. Actual contributions made during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 were \$71.7 million, 115.0% of the actuarially determined contribution (ADC). In the prior fiscal year, actual contributions were \$68.6 million, 103.5% of the prior year ADC.
- 3. Georgia Code Section 47-20-10(b) allows a Plan to be in compliance with the minimum funding standards under Georgia law if the sponsor makes contributions equal to or greater than the annual required contribution (ARC) under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 25 and No. 27 as in effect on June 15, 2013. The lowest ARC allowable is based on a 30-year level percent-of-pay amortization of the Plan's unfunded actuarial liability. The County is making annual contributions in excess of this amount, and therefore the Plan is in compliance with Georgia law.
- 4. Additionally, the Georgia law allows sponsors to offset future required contributions with accumulated contributions in excess of the minimum (i.e., credit balance). The County currently has a credit balance of \$15.0 million. It should be understood that the contributions that contributed to this balance are already recognized in the System's assets, and drawing upon the credit balance to cover a portion of County contribution requirements has the impact of increasing future actuarially determined contributions.
- 5. The actuarially determined contribution for the upcoming year is \$56.3 million, a decrease of \$6.0 million from last year. Most of this decrease is due to investment gains.
- 6. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is \$401.8 million, which is a decrease of \$88.1 million since the prior valuation.
- 7. The Pension Board Investment Committee decided in January 2022 to lower the assumed rate of return from 7.00% to 6.90%. As a result of this assumption change, the net employer normal cost increased by \$0.04 million and the actuarial accrued liability increased by \$17.5 million. The total impact was an increase in the actuarially determined contribution of \$1.7 million.
- 8. The funded ratio (the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to actuarial accrued liability) is 78.8%, compared to the prior year funded ratio of 74.0%. This ratio is one measure of funding status, and its history is a measure of funding progress. Using the market value of assets, the funded ratio is 87.9%, compared to 82.3% as of the prior valuation date. These measurements are not necessarily appropriate for assessing the sufficiency of System assets to cover the estimated cost of settling the System's benefit obligation or the need for or the amount of future contributions.
- 9. The actuarial experience gain for the year was \$68.1 million, or 3.63% of actuarial accrued liability. This includes a gain of 4.43% from investment returns, and net losses of 0.80% from all other sources.



- 10. The rate of return on the market value of assets was 12.87% for the 2021 plan year. The return on the actuarial value of assets was 13.13% for the same period due to the recognition of prior years' investment gains and losses. As noted above, this resulted in an actuarial gain when measured against the assumed rate of return of 7.00%. The actuarial investment gain decreased the employer contribution by \$8.8 million. Given the low fixed income interest rate environment, target asset allocation and expectations of future investment returns for various classes, we advise the Board to continue to monitor actual and anticipated investment returns relative to the assumed long-term rate of return on investments. As noted previously, the Trustees lowered the assumption to 6.90% with this valuation.
- 11. As requested by County Staff, the actuarially determined contribution has been allocated to various County Funds and to DFACS. The allocation schedule is provided on page 9 in this report.
- 12. The Retirement System was closed to new entrants in 1999, and the covered active employee group is declining. There are 117 actives remaining as of the valuation date. There are 3,145 annuitants, and monthly benefit payments totaled \$148.8 million in 2021. Due to cost-of-living adjustments and new retirements, benefit payments are projected to grow to \$155.6 million by 2029. Thereafter, total benefits are projected to decline as the number of individuals in pay status decreases. A ten-year benefit projection is provided in Exhibit G of Section 3.
- 13. This report constitutes an actuarial valuation for the purpose of determining the ADC under the Plan's funding policy. The information contained in Section 5 provides the accounting information for GASB Statements No. 67 and No. 68, for inclusion in the plan and employer's financial statements as of December 31, 2021.
- 14. The Net Pension Liability (NPL) is equal to the difference between the Total Pension Liability (TPL) and the Plan's fiduciary net position (equal to the market value of assets). The NPL as of December 31, 2021 is \$229.0 million.
- 15. It is important to note that this actuarial valuation is based on plan assets as of December 31, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, market conditions have changed significantly since the onset of the Public Health Emergency. The Plan's funded status does not reflect short-term fluctuations of the market, but rather is based on the market values on the last day of the plan year. Moreover, this actuarial valuation does not include any possible short-term or long-term impacts on mortality of the covered population that may emerge after December 31, 2021. While it is impossible to determine how the pandemic will affect market conditions and other demographic experience of the Plan in future valuations, Segal is available to prepare projections of potential outcomes upon request.
- 16. Since the actuarial valuation results are dependent on a given set of assumptions, there is a risk that emerging results may differ significantly as actual experience proves to be different from the assumptions. Segal has not been engaged to perform a detailed analysis of the potential range of the impact of risk relative to the System's future financial condition, but has included a brief discussion of some risks that may affect the System in *Section 2*. A more detailed assessment would provide the Board with a better understanding of the inherent risks. This could be important because retired participants account for most of the System's liabilities, leaving limited options for reducing costs in the event of adverse experience.





Summary of key valuation results

		2022	2021
Contributions for	 Actuarially determined employer contributions 	\$56,324,598	\$62,358,165
plan year beginning	Actual employer contributions		71,686,000
January 1:	 Georgia credit balance, with adjustment for timing 	15,483,969	5,315,640
Actuarial accrued	Retired participants and beneficiaries	\$1,817,801,075	\$1,791,708,851
liability for plan year	Inactive vested participants	3,310,018	3,080,424
beginning January 1:	Active participants	71,934,591	87,124,882
	• Total	1,893,045,684	1,881,914,157
	 Normal cost including administrative expenses 	2,149,481	2,645,141
Assets for plan year	Market value of assets (MVA)	\$1,664,070,000	\$1,548,336,000
beginning January 1:	Actuarial value of assets (AVA)	1,491,220,910	1,391,978,693
	 Actuarial value of assets as a percentage of market value of assets 	89.61%	89.90%
Funded status for	 Unfunded actuarial accrued liability on market value of assets 	\$228,975,684	\$333,578,157
plan year beginning	 Funded percentage on MVA basis 	87.90%	82.27%
January 1:	 Unfunded actuarial accrued liability on actuarial value of assets 	\$401,824,774	\$489,935,464
	 Funded percentage on AVA basis 	78.77%	73.97%
Key assumptions	Net investment return	6.90%	7.00%
	Inflation rate	2.00%	2.00%
GASB information	Discount rate	6.90%	7.00%
	Total pension liability	\$1,893,045,684	\$1,881,914,157
	Plan fiduciary net position	1,664,070,000	1,548,336,000
	Net pension liability	228,975,684	333,578,157
	 Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability 	87.90%	82.27%
	Pension expense	(16,415,028)	11,034,195
Demographic data for	 Number of retired participants and beneficiaries 	3,145	3,185
plan year beginning	 Number of inactive vested participants 	17	17
January 1:	Number of active participants	117	158
	Total payroll	\$8,034,013	\$9,864,659
	Average payroll	68,667	62,435





Actuarially determined employer contribution allocated by fund

Fulton County Fund	Fund Number	Percentage of Total Liability	Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC) ¹
General	100 & 210	69.15%	\$38,951,040
Airport	200	0.25%	138,542
Water & Sewer	201 & 203	3.14%	1,766,075
Old SSD	300	6.51%	3,666,724
South Fulton District	301 & 307	9.27%	5,219,403
Emergency 911	340	0.46%	261,819
Fulton Employee Retirement	415	0.13%	75,826
Restricted Assets	441	0.10%	56,711
Grants	461	0.29%	163,547
Risk Management	725	0.04%	20,480
Grants - Health & Wellness	818 & 310	5.65%	3,182,046
Comm Dev Block Grants	865	0.02%	10,748
DFACS	DFACS	4.99%	2,811,637
Total		100.00%	\$56,324,598

¹Each Fund's normal cost was calculated independently. The administrative expenses and the amortization of the unfunded liability were allocated based on the actuarial accrued liability of each Fund as a percentage of the System's total, and then added to normal cost to determine an ADEC. Allocating the cost in this manner ensures that the funded percentage for each Fund equals the funded percentage for the System as a whole.

Important information about actuarial valuations

An actuarial valuation is a budgeting tool with respect to the financing of future projected obligations of a pension plan. It is an estimated forecast – the actual long-term cost of the plan will be determined by the actual benefits and expenses paid and the actual investment experience of the plan.

Plan of benefits	Plan provisions define the rules that will be used to determine benefit payments, and those rules, or the interpretation of them, may change over time. Even where they appear precise, outside factors may change how they operate. It is important to keep Segal informed with respect to plan provisions and administrative procedures, and to review the plan summary included in our report to confirm that Segal has correctly interpreted the plan of benefits.
Participant data	An actuarial valuation for a plan is based on data provided to the actuary by the County. Segal does not audit such data for completeness or accuracy, other than reviewing it for obvious inconsistencies compared to prior data and other information that appears unreasonable. It is important for Segal to receive the best possible data and to be informed about any known incomplete or inaccurate data.
Assets	The valuation is based on the market value of assets as of the valuation date, as provided by the County. The County uses an "actuarial value of assets" that differs from market value to gradually reflect year-to-year changes in the market value of assets in determining the contribution requirements.
Actuarial assumptions	In preparing an actuarial valuation, Segal projects the benefits to be paid to existing plan participants for the rest of their lives and the lives of their beneficiaries. This projection requires actuarial assumptions as to the probability of death, disability, withdrawal, and retirement of each participant for each year. In addition, the benefits projected to be paid for each of those events in each future year reflect actuarial assumptions as to salary increases and cost-of-living adjustments. The projected benefits are then discounted to a present value, based on the assumed rate of return that is expected to be achieved on the plan's assets. There is a reasonable range for each assumption used in the projection and the results may vary materially based on which assumptions are periodically reviewed to ensure that future valuation to understand this concept. Actuarial assumptions are periodically reviewed to ensure that future valuations reflect emerging plan experience. While future changes in actuarial assumptions may have a significant impact on the reported results that does not mean that the previous assumptions were unreasonable.
Models	Segal valuation results are based on proprietary actuarial modeling software. The actuarial valuation models generate a comprehensive set of liability and cost calculations that are presented to meet regulatory, legislative and client requirements. Our Actuarial Technology and Systems unit, comprised of both actuaries and programmers, is responsible for the initial development and maintenance of these models. The models have a modular structure that allows for a high degree of accuracy, flexibility and user control. The client team programs the assumptions and the plan provisions, validates the models, and reviews test lives and results, under the supervision of the responsible actuary.

In order to prepare a valuation, Segal relies on a number of input items. These include:



The user of Segal's actuarial valuation (or other actuarial calculations) should keep the following in mind:

The actuarial valuation is prepared at the request of the County. Segal is not responsible for the use or misuse of its report, particularly by any other party.

An actuarial valuation is a measurement of the Plan's assets and liabilities at a specific date. Accordingly, except where otherwise noted, Segal did not perform an analysis of the potential range of future financial measures. The actual long-term cost of the Plan will be determined by the actual benefits and expenses paid and the actual investment experience of the Plan.

Actuarial results in this report are not rounded, but that does not imply precision.

If the County is aware of any event or trend that was not considered in this valuation that may materially change the results of the valuation, Segal should be advised, so that we can evaluate it.

Segal does not provide investment, legal, accounting, or tax advice. Segal's valuation is based on our understanding of applicable guidance in these areas and of the Plan's provisions, but they may be subject to alternative interpretations. The County should look to their other advisors for expertise in these areas.

As Segal has no discretionary authority with respect to the management or assets of the Plan, it is not a fiduciary in its capacity as actuaries and consultants with respect to the Plan.



Participant data

This section presents a summary of significant statistical data on covered participants. More detailed information for this valuation year and the preceding valuation can be found in Section 3, Exhibits A, B, and C.

The System was closed to new entrants in 1999. Therefore, the numbers of active participants is declining and the ratio of participants in pay status to actives is increasing.



Participant Population: 2012 – 2021

¹ Excludes one suspended beneficiary

² Excludes terminated participants due a refund of employee contributions

Fulton County Employees Retirement System Actuarial Valuation as of January 1, 2022



Actives by Age

Active participants

As of December 31,	2020	2021	Change
Active participants	158	117	-25.9%
Average age	56.1	56.6	0.5 years
Average years of service	26.1	26.9	0.8 years
Average compensation	62,435	68,667	10.0%

Distribution of Active Participants as of December 31, 2021



Actives by Years of Service

As of December 31,	2020	2021	Change
Retirees	2,738	2,684	-2.0%
Beneficiaries	447	461	3.1%
Average age	70.2	70.6	0.4 years
Total monthly amount	\$12,030,450	\$12,256,959	1.9%
Average amount	\$3,777	\$3,897	3.2%

Retired participants and beneficiaries

Distribution of Retired Participants and Beneficiaries as of December 31, 2021







Fulton County Employees Retirement System Actuarial Valuation as of January 1, 2022

Historical plan population

• The chart below demonstrates the progression of the active population over the last ten years. The chart also shows the changes among the retired population over the same time period.

-	A	ctive Participant	ants Retired Participants		rticipants and Be	nts and Beneficiaries	
Year Ended December 31	Count	Average Age	Average Service	Count	Average Age	Average Monthly Amount	
2012	811	51.7	20.7	3,071	67.2	\$2,886	
2013	678	52.2	21.2	3,137	67.4	2,999	
2014	576	52.6	22.0	3,179	67.6	3,107	
2015	478	52.9	22.5	3,210	68.0	3,208	
2016	394	53.4	23.3	3,232	68.3	3,303	
2017	339	54.3	24.0	3,230	68.8	3,431	
2018	240	55.4	24.5	3,252	69.1	3,524	
2019	203	55.9	25.5	3,229	69.7	3,627	
2020	158	56.1	26.1	3,185	70.2	3,777	
2021	117	56.6	26.9	3,145	70.6	3,897	

Participant Data Statistics: 2012 – 2021



Financial information

Retirement plan funding anticipates that, over the long term, both contributions (less administrative expenses) and investment earnings (less investment fees) will be needed to cover benefit payments. Retirement plan assets change as a result of the net impact of these income and expense components.

Total contributions were \$72.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2021. Benefit payments and transfers totaled \$150.1 million, and are projected to increase over the next eight years, and then decline thereafter. To the extent that future contributions are less than benefit payments, investment earnings or fund assets will be needed to cover the shortfall.

Additional financial information, including a summary of transactions for the valuation year, is presented in *Section 3, Exhibits D, E* and *F*.



Comparison of Contributions Made with Benefits and Expenses Paid for Years Ended December 31, 2012 – 2021



It is desirable to have level and predictable plan costs from one year to the next. For this reason, the Board has approved an asset valuation method that gradually adjusts to market value. Under this valuation method, the full value of market fluctuations is not recognized in a single year and, as a result, the asset value and the plan costs are more stable. The amount of the adjustment to recognize market value is treated as income, which may be positive or negative. Realized and unrealized gains and losses are treated equally and, therefore, the sale of assets has no immediate effect on the actuarial value.

Determination of Actuarial Value of Assets for Year Ended December 31, 2021

1	Market value of assets, December 31, 2021				\$1,664,070,000
2	Calculation of unrecognized return	Original Amount ¹	Percent Deferred ²	Unrecognized Amount ³	
	(a) Year ended December 31, 2021	\$88,515,180	80%	\$70,812,144	
	(b) Year ended December 31, 2020	102,606,188	60%	61,563,713	
	(c) Year ended December 31, 2019	190,838,569	40%	76,335,428	
	(d) Year ended December 31, 2018	-179,310,977	20%	-35,862,195	
	(e) Year ended December 31, 2017	157,468,025	0%	<u>0</u>	
	(f) Total unrecognized return				\$172,849,090
3	Preliminary actuarial value: (1) - (2f)				1,491,220,910
4	Adjustment to be within 20% corridor				0
5	Final actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2021: (3) + (4)				<u>1,491,220,910</u>
6	Actuarial value as a percentage of market value: (5) ÷ (1)				89.6%
7	Amount deferred for future recognition: (1) - (5)				\$172,849,090
¹ T ² P ³ R De yea	otal return minus expected return on a market value basis ercent deferred applies to the current valuation year ecognition at 20% per year over five years ferred return as of December 31, 2021 recognized in each of the next four urs:	mount recognized on [December 21, 2024	29 224 274	
	(a) Amount recognized on December 31, 2022 \$40,529,793 (C) A (b) Amount recognized on December 31, 2023 76,391,988 (d) A	mount recognized on L	December 31, 2024	30,224,274 17,703,035	

Both the actuarial value and market value of assets are representations of the Plan's financial status. As investment gains and losses are gradually taken into account, the actuarial value of assets tracks the market value of assets. The actuarial asset value is significant because the Plan's liabilities are compared to these assets to determine what portion, if any, remains unfunded. Amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability is an important element in determining the contribution requirement.



Market Value of Assets vs. Actuarial Value of Assets

¹ In \$ billions



Because actuarial planning is long term, it is useful to see how the assumed investment rate of return has followed actual experience over time. The chart below shows the rate of return on an actuarial basis compared to the actual market value investment return for the last 10 years, including averages over select time periods.

As described earlier in this section, the actuarial asset valuation method gradually recognizes fluctuations in the market value rate of return. The goal of this is to stabilize the actuarial rate of return and to produce more level pension plan costs.

Market and Actuarial Rates of Return for Years Ended December 31, 2012 - 2021



Market Rate	 Actuarial Rate
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Average Rates of Return	Actuarial Value	Market Value
Most recent five-year average return:	9.44%	12.70%
Most recent ten-year average return:	9.06%	10.68%





Actuarial experience

To calculate any actuarially determined contribution, assumptions are made about future events that affect the amount and timing of benefits to be paid and assets to be accumulated. Each year actual experience is measured against the assumptions. If overall experience is more favorable than anticipated (an actuarial gain), any contribution requirement will decrease from the previous year. On the other hand, any contribution requirement will increase if overall actuarial experience is less favorable than expected (an actuarial loss).

Taking account of experience gains or losses in one year without making a change in assumptions reflects the belief that the single year's experience was a short-term development and that, over the long term, experience will return to the original assumptions. For contribution requirements to remain stable, assumptions should approximate experience. If assumptions are changed, the contribution requirement is adjusted to take into account a change in experience anticipated for all future years.

1	Net gain/(loss) from investments ¹	\$82,968,408
2	Net gain/(loss) from administrative expenses	131,042
3	Net gain/(loss) from other experience	-14,970,773
4	Net experience gain/(loss): 1 + 2 + 3 + 4	\$68,128,677

Actuarial Experience for Year Ended December 31, 2021



Investment experience

A major component of projected asset growth is the assumed rate of return. The assumed return should represent the expected long-term rate of return, based on the Plan's investment policy. The rate of return on the market value of assets was 12.87% for the year ended December 31, 2021.

For valuation purposes, the assumed rate of return on the actuarial value of assets was 7.00% for the most recent year. The actual rate of return on an actuarial basis for the 2021 Plan Year was 13.13%. Since the actual return for the year was greater than the assumed return, the Plan experienced an actuarial gain during the year ended December 31, 2021 with regard to its investments.

		Year Ended December 31, 2021		
		Market Value	Actuarial Value	
1	Net investment income	\$194,154,000	\$177,662,217	
2	Average value of assets	1,509,126,000	1,352,768,693	
3	Rate of return: 1 ÷ 2	12.87%	13.13%	
4	Assumed rate of return	7.00%	7.00%	
5	Expected investment income: 2 x 4	105,638,820	94,693,809	
6	Actuarial gain/(loss): 1 - 5	<u>\$88,515,180</u>	<u>\$82,968,408</u>	

Investment Experience



Non-investment experience

Administrative expenses

• Administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2021 totaled \$649,000, as compared to the assumption of \$750,000. This resulted in a gain of \$131,042 for the year, when adjusted for timing. The assumed administrative expenses are the prior year actual amount rounded to the nearest \$50,000; the assumption was lowered to \$650,000 for the current year.

Other experience

There are other differences between the expected and the actual experience that appear when the new valuation is compared with the projections from the previous valuation. These include:

- the extent of turnover among participants,
- retirement experience (earlier or later than projected),
- mortality (more or fewer deaths than projected),
- the number of disability retirements (more or fewer than projected), and
- salary increases (greater or smaller than projected).

The net loss from this other experience for the year ended December 31, 2021 amounted to \$14,970,773, which is 0.80% of the actuarial accrued liability.

Actuarial assumptions

The assumption change reflected in this report is:

• The Pension Board Investment Committee decided in January 2021 to lower the assumed rate of return from 7.00% to 6.90%. This change increased the actuarial accrued liability by 0.9% and increased the normal cost by 2.7%.

Details on actuarial assumptions and methods are in Section 4, Exhibit I.

Plan provisions

There were no changes in plan provisions since the prior valuation. A summary of plan provisions is in Section 4, Exhibit II.



Development of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability

for Year Ended December 31, 2021

1	Unfunded actuarial accrued liability at beginning of year \$				
2	Normal cost at beginning of year		2,645,141		
3	Total contributions		-72,286,000		
4	Interest on 1, 2 & 3		32,189,795		
5	Expected unfunded actuarial accrued liability		\$452,484,400		
6	Changes due to:				
	(a) Net experience gain	-68,128,677			
	(b) Assumption change	<u>17,469,051</u>			
	Total changes		<u>-\$50,659,626</u>		
7	Unfunded/(overfunded) actuarial accrued liability at end of year		<u>\$401,824,774</u>		

Actuarially determined contribution

The actuarially determined contribution is equal to the employer normal cost payment and a payment on the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. As of January 1, 2022, the actuarially determined contribution is \$56,324,598.

The Board sets the methodology used to calculate the actuarially determined contribution, and the Trustees have opted to amortize the changes that occur each year over closed 15-year periods. As of January 1, 2018, the remaining outstanding bases were replaced with a single 15-year closed level dollar amortization. New bases are established each year to recognize experience gains and losses, plan changes, assumption changes, and method changes. A credit balance of \$15.5 million creates a buffer for differences between the budget and recommended contribution.

The contribution requirement as of January 1, 2022 is based on the data previously described, the actuarial assumptions and plan provisions described in *Section 4*, including all changes affecting future costs adopted at the time of the actuarial valuation, actuarial gains and losses, and changes in the actuarial assumptions.

		2022	2021	
1	Total normal cost	\$1,499,481	\$1,895,141	
2	Administrative expenses	650,000	750,000	
3	Expected employee contributions	<u>-450,833</u>	<u>-543,691</u>	
4	Employer normal cost: (1) + (2) + (3)	\$1,698,648	\$2,101,450	
5	Actuarial accrued liability	\$1,893,045,684	\$1,881,914,157	
6	Actuarial value of assets	<u>1,491,220,910</u>	<u>1,391,978,693</u>	
7	Unfunded actuarial accrued liability: (5) - (6)	\$401,824,774	\$489,935,464	
8	Payment on unfunded actuarial accrued liability	52,787,894	58,193,883	
9	Adjustment for timing ¹	1,838,056	2,062,832	
10	Actuarially determined contribution: (4) + (8) + (9)	<u>\$56,324,598</u>	<u>\$62,358,165</u>	

Actuarially Determined Contribution for Year Beginning January 1

¹ Actuarially determined contributions are assumed to be paid at the middle of every month.





Reconciliation of actuarially determined contribution

The chart below details the changes in the actuarially determined contribution from the prior valuation to the current year's valuation.

Reconciliation of Actuarially Determined Contribution from January 1, 2021 to January 1, 2022

	Amount
Actuarially Determined Contribution as of January 1, 2021	\$62,358,165
Effect of change in administrative expense assumption	-103,373
Effect of change in assumed rate of return	1,653,357
Effect of investment gain	-8,804,804
Effect of other gains and losses on accrued liability	1,574,827
Net effect of other changes, including composition and number of participants	-353,574
Total change	-\$6,033,567
Actuarially Determined Contribution as of January 1, 2022	\$56,324,598



Schedule of funding progress through December 31, 2021

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded/ (Overfunded) AAL (UAAL) (b) - (a)	Funded Ratio (a) / (b)	Covered Payroll (c)	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll* [(b) - (a)] / (c)
01/01/2013	\$1,082,179,774	\$1,577,864,746	\$495,684,972	68.59%	\$42,622,389	1,162.97%
01/01/2014	1,173,841,252	1,608,975,544	435,134,292	72.96%	36,257,860	1,200.11%
01/01/2015	1,240,742,474	1,654,412,161	413,669,687	75.00%	32,828,504	1,260.09%
01/01/2016	1,256,554,200	1,677,001,812	420,447,612	74.93%	27,819,954	1,511.32%
01/01/2017	1,271,984,035	1,706,578,512	434,594,477	74.53%	23,391,200	1,857.94%
01/01/2018	1,315,952,327	1,833,170,386	517,218,059	71.79%	20,373,597	2,538.67%
01/01/2019	1,299,897,798	1,852,863,195	552,965,397	70.16%	14,845,291	3,724.85%
01/01/2020	1,317,765,335	1,865,253,623	547,488,288	70.65%	12,955,754	4,225.83%
01/01/2021	1,391,978,693	1,881,914,157	489,935,464	73.97%	9,864,659	4,966.57%
01/01/2022	1,491,220,910	1,893,045,684	401,824,774	78.77%	8,034,013	5,001.54%





History of employer contributions

A history of the most recent years of contributions is shown below.

Fiscal Year Ended December 31	Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC)	Actual Employer Contribution	Percent Contributed
2013	\$52,881,747	\$56,244,000	106.36%
2014	55,255,317	57,529,000	104.11%
2015	48,586,172	47,230,000	97.21%
2016	50,493,163	45,977,000	91.06%
2017	52,988,357	57,228,000	108.00%
2018	59,745,750	59,203,000	99.09%
2019	64,772,780	64,777,800	100.01%
2020	66,232,644	68,578,000	103.54%
2021	62,358,165	71,686,000	114.96%
2022	56,324,598		

History of Employer Contributions: 2013 – 2022



Risk

Since the actuarial valuation results are dependent on a given set of assumptions and data as of a specific date, there is a risk that emerging results may differ significantly as actual experience differs from the assumptions.

• Investment Risk (the risk that returns will be different than expected)

Since the Plan's assets are much larger than contributions, investment performance may create volatility in contribution requirements. For example, for each 1% difference in market return from the assumed return, the actuarially determined contribution would increase or decrease by \$1.8 million once the difference is fully recognized in the actuarial value of assets.

The market value rate of return over the last 10 years has ranged from a low of -6.00% to a high of 23.36%.

• Longevity Risk (the risk that mortality experience will be different than expected)

The actuarial valuation includes an expectation of future improvement in life expectancy. Emerging plan experience that does not match these expectations will result in either an increase or decrease in the actuarially determined contribution.

• Contribution Risk (the risk that actual contributions will be different from actuarially determined contribution)

The Plan's funding policy requires payment of the actuarially determined contribution. As long as this policy is adhered to, contribution risk is negligible.

• Demographic Risk (the risk that participant experience will be different than assumed)

Examples of this risk include:

- Actual retirements occurring earlier or later than assumed. The value of retirement plan benefits is sensitive to the rate of benefit accruals and any early retirement subsidies that apply.
- More or less active participant turnover than assumed.
- Maturity Measures

As pension plans mature, the cash needed to fulfill benefit obligations will increase over time. Therefore, cash flow projections and analysis should be performed to assure that the Plan's asset allocation is aligned to meet emerging pension liabilities.

Currently the Plan has a pay status to active participant ratio of 26.88. In 2021 benefits paid were \$77.8 million more than contributions received. As the Plan matures, more cash will be needed from the investment portfolio to meet benefit payments.

This report does not contain a detailed analysis of the potential range of future measurements, but does include a brief discussion of some risks that may affect the Plan. A more detailed assessment would provide the Trustees with a better understanding of the risks inherent in the Plan. This assessment may include scenario testing, sensitivity testing, stress testing and stochastic modeling.



GFOA funded liability by type

The Actuarial Accrued Liability represents the present value of benefits earned, calculated using the Plan's actuarial cost method. The Actuarial Value of Assets reflects the financial resources available to liquidate the liability. The portion of the liability covered by assets reflects the extent to which accumulated plan assets are sufficient to pay future benefits, and is shown for liabilities associated with employee contributions, pensioner liabilities, and other liabilities. The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) recommends that the funding policy aim to achieve a funded ratio of 100 percent.

	2022	2021
Actuarial accrued liability (AAL)		
Active member contributions	\$12,811,155	\$15,999,128
Retirees and beneficiaries	1,817,801,075	1,791,708,851
 Active and inactive members (employer-financed) 	62,433,454	74,206,178
Total	\$1,893,045,684	\$1,881,914,157
Actuarial value of assets	\$1,491,220,910	\$1,391,978,693
Cumulative portion of AAL covered		
Active member contributions	100.00%	100.00%
Retirees and beneficiaries	81.33%	76.80%
 Active and inactive members (employer-financed) 	0.00%	0.00%

GFOA Funded Liability by Type as of December 31



State minimum requirements

Georgia Code Section 47-20-10(b) allows a Plan to be in compliance the minimum funding standards if the sponsor makes contributions equal to or greater than the annual required contribution (ARC) under Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 25 and No. 27 as in effect on June 15, 2013. The lowest ARC allowable is based on a 30-year level percentof-pay amortization of the Plan's unfunded actuarial liability. The County is making annual contributions in excess of this amount, based on 15-year level dollar amortizations, and therefore the Plan is in compliance with Georgia law.



Exhibit A: Table of Plan Demographics

	Year Ended De		
Category	2021	2020	Change From Prior Year
Active participants in valuation:			
Number	117	158	-25.9%
Average age	56.6	56.1	0.5
Average years of service	26.9	26.1	0.8
Total payroll	\$8,034,013	\$9,864,659	-18.6%
Average payroll	68,667	62,435	10.0%
Account balances	12,811,155	15,999,128	-19.9%
Inactive vested participants	17	17	0.0%
Retired participants:			
Number in pay status	2,575	2,621	-1.8%
Average age	69.7	69.3	0.4
Average monthly benefit	\$4,152	\$4,032	3.0%
Disabled participants:			
Number in pay status	109	117	-6.8%
Average age	67.9	66.7	1.2
Average monthly benefit	\$2,521	\$2,520	0.0%
Beneficiaries:			
Number in pay status	461	447	3.1%
Average age	76.2	76.4	-0.2
Average monthly benefit	\$2,798	\$2,614	7.0%



Exhibit B: Participants in Active Service as of December 31, 2021 by Age, Years of Service, and Average Payroll

	Years of Service						
Age	Total	Under 20	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 & over
Under 45	1		1				
45 - 49	21	1	17	3			
	73,775		73,017	66,677			
50 - 54	31		15	10	6		
	70,449		63,641	83,146	66,305		
55 - 59	31	1	7	15	8		
	69,137		64,251	69,565	74,463		
60 - 64	22		7	6	7	1	1
	63,301		55,908	52,431	79,626		
65 - 69	5			3	1	1	
	81,913			50,929			
70 & over	6			2	2	2	
	52,895			57,566	55,937	45,181	
Total	117	2	47	39	24	4	1
	\$68,667	\$81,131	\$65,426	\$68,140	\$72,774	\$86,186	



Exhibit C: Reconciliation of Participant Data

	Active Participants	Inactive Vested Participants	Disableds	Retired Participants	Beneficiaries	Total
Number as of January 1, 2021	158	17	117	2,621	447	3,360
Terminations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Retirements	-40	0	0	40	0	0
New disabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Return to work	0	0	0	0	0	0
New beneficiaries	0	0	0	0	39	39
Deaths	0	0	-8	-87	-25	-120
Lump sum cash-outs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Data adjustments	0	0	0	1	0	1
DC Plan Transfer	-1	0	0	0	0	-1
Number as of January 1, 2022	117	17	109	2,575	461	3,279



Exhibit D: Summary Statement of Income and Expenses on a Market Value Basis

	Year I Decembe	Year Ended December 31, 2021		nded 31, 2020
Net assets at market value at the beginning of the year		\$1,548,336,000		\$1,423,017,000
Contribution income:				
Employer contributions	\$71,686,000		\$68,578,000	
Employee contributions	600,000		778,000	
Less administrative expenses	<u>-649,000</u>		<u>-735,000</u>	
Net contribution income		\$71,637,000		\$68,621,000
Investment income:				
 Interest, dividends and other income 	\$42,753,000		\$29,158,000	
Asset appreciation	156,242,000		176,091,000	
Less investment fees	<u>-4,841,000</u>		<u>-3,625,000</u>	
Net investment income		<u>\$194,154,000</u>		<u>\$201,624,000</u>
Total income available for benefits		\$265,791,000		\$270,245,000
Less benefit payments:				
Benefit payments	-\$148,754,000		-\$144,859,000	
Refunds of contributions	0		-67,000	
Transfers to DC Plan	<u>-1,303,000</u>		<u>0</u>	
Net benefit payments		-\$150,057,000		-\$144,926,000
Change in reserve for future benefits		\$115,734,000		\$125,319,000
Net assets at market value at the end of the year		\$1,664,070,000		\$1,548,336,000



Exhibit E: Summary Statement of Plan Assets

	December 31, 202	21 Decembe	er 31, 2020
Cash equivalents	\$23	3,605,000	\$22,849,000
Total accounts receivable	\$18	3,208,000	\$16,239,000
Investments:			
Domestic equity	\$794,698,000	\$726,248,000	
International equity	384,511,000	375,077,000	
Domestic fixed income	271,776,000	247,827,000	
International fixed income	80,300,000	79,603,000	
Mortgage-backed securities/real estate	19,368,000	17,029,000	
Bank loans	<u>82,909,000</u>	<u>75,889,000</u>	
Total investments at market value	\$1,633	3,562,000	\$1,521,673,000
Total assets	\$1,67	5,375,000	\$1,560,761,000
Total accounts payable	-1	1,305,000	-12,425,000
Net assets at market value	\$1,664	4,070,000	\$1,548,336,000
Net assets at actuarial value	\$1,491	1,220,910	\$1,391,978,693



Exhibit F: Table of Amortization Bases

Туре	Date Established	Initial Period	Initial Amount	Annual Payment ¹	Years Remaining	Outstanding Balance
Initial liability	01/01/2018	15	\$413,296,938	\$42,340,177	11.00	\$341,099,383
Actuarial experience gain	01/01/2018	15	-5,216,165	-534,370	11.00	-4,304,968
Change in assumptions	01/01/2018	15	112,434,921	11,518,388	11.00	92,794,016
Actuarial experience loss	01/01/2019	15	37,633,237	3,849,585	12.00	32,860,704
Change in assumptions	01/01/2019	15	17,674,462	1,807,959	12.00	15,433,040
Actuarial experience loss	01/01/2020	15	915,500	93,541	13.00	840,486
Change in assumptions	01/01/2020	15	17,553,347	1,793,514	13.00	16,115,067
Actuarial experience gain	01/01/2021	15	-54,667,307	-5,581,134	14.00	-52,491,842
Change in assumptions	01/01/2021	15	26,158,143	2,670,556	14.00	25,117,190
Actuarial experience gain	01/01/2022	15	-68,128,677	-6,953,214	15.00	-68,128,677
Change in Assumptions	01/01/2022	15	17,469,051	1,782,892	15.00	17,469,051
Total				\$52,787,894		\$416,803,450

Exhibit F-1– Development of Credit Balance

1. Credit balance as of January 1, 2021	\$5,139,797
2. County contributions with interest	73,957,832
3. Employee contributions with interest	619,015
4. Normal cost	-1,895,141
5. Administrative expenses	-750,000
6. Net amortization payments	-58,193,883
7. Interest at 7.00%	<u>-3,898,944</u>
8. Credit balance as of January 1, 2022	\$14,978,676
9. 2022 credit balance adjusted for contribution timing	<u>\$15,483,969</u>

¹ Level dollar





Exhibit G: Benefit Payment Projection

Segal has determined the anticipated benefits to be paid from the Plan over the next ten years. This projection is provided to help the Pension Board assess the future liquidity needs of the System, and to help determine whether the Plan should plan to sell assets to pay participants' benefits or to restructure the debt and equity allocations.

This is a mature and closed fund, and thus it is expected that the contributions paid into the Plan each year will not be sufficient to pay all of the annual benefit requirements and expenses. Investment income is required to make up the difference. The Board needs to ensure that interest and dividend income, along with maturing fixed income investments and the sale of equity investments, are at a sufficient level to provide existing and emerging benefit payments to participants and beneficiaries. This matter should be considered by the investment managers in designing their strategies.

Projected Benefit Payments, 2022 - 2031					
Year Ended December 31	Number of Benefit Recipients	Benefits to Active Participants	Benefits to Non-Active Participants	Total Benefits Projected	
2022	3,187	\$1,266,976	\$146,185,740	\$147,452,716	
2023	3,147	2,241,471	147,227,882	149,469,352	
2024	3,101	3,108,045	148,416,487	151,524,532	
2025	3,048	3,832,845	149,202,160	153,035,005	
2026	2,987	4,475,869	149,687,547	154,163,416	
2027	2,924	5,125,796	150,094,625	155,220,421	
2028	2,849	5,541,765	149,851,019	155,392,784	
2029	2,774	5,920,664	149,630,262	155,550,926	
2030	2,694	6,207,983	148,896,972	155,104,955	
2031	2,612	6,505,489	147,896,187	154,401,676	

The projection is shown below. The assumptions for retirement and mortality are the same rates shown in Section 4 of the report.



Exhibit H: Definition of Pension Terms

The following list defines certain technical terms for the convenience of the reader:

Actuarial Accrued Liability for Actives:	The equivalent of the accumulated normal costs allocated to the years before the valuation date.
Actuarial Accrued Liability for Retirees and Beneficiaries:	Actuarial Present Value of lifetime benefits to existing retirees and beneficiaries. This sum takes account of life expectancies appropriate to the ages of the annuitants and the interest that the sum is expected to earn before it is entirely paid out in benefits.
Actuarial Cost Method:	A procedure allocating the Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits to various time periods; a method used to determine the Normal Cost and the Actuarial Accrued Liability that are used to determine the actuarially determined contribution.
Actuarial Gain or 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. To the extent that actual experience differs from that assumed, Actuarial Accrued Liabilities emerge which may be the same as forecasted, or may be larger or smaller than projected. Actuarial gains are due to favorable experience, e.g., assets earn more than projected, salary increases are less than assumed, members retire later than assumed, etc. Favorable experience means actual results produce actuarial liabilities not as large as projected by the actuarial assumptions. On the other hand, actuarial losses are the result of unfavorable experience, i.e., actual results yield actuarial liabilities that are larger than projected.
Actuarially Equivalent:	Of equal Actuarial Present Value, determined as of a given date and based on a given set of Actuarial Assumptions.
Actuarial Present Value (APV):	The value of an amount or series of amounts payable or receivable at various times, determined as of a given date by the application of a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions. Each such amount or series of amounts is: Adjusted for the probable financial effect of certain intervening events (such as changes in compensation levels, marital status, etc.) Multiplied by the probability of the occurrence of an event (such as survival, death, disability, withdrawal, etc.) on which the payment is conditioned, and Discounted according to an assumed rate (or rates) of return to reflect the time value of money.



Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits:	The Actuarial Present Value of benefit amounts expected to be paid at various future times under a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions, taking into account such items as the effect of advancement in age, anticipated future compensation, and future service credits. The Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits includes the liabilities for active members, retired members, beneficiaries receiving benefits, and inactive members entitled to either a refund of member contributions or a future retirement benefit. Expressed another way, it is the value that would have to be invested on the valuation date so that the amount invested plus investment earnings would provide sufficient assets to pay all projected benefits and expenses when due.
Actuarial Valuation:	The determination, as of a valuation date, of the Normal Cost, Actuarial Accrued Liability, Actuarial Value of Assets, and related Actuarial Present Values for a plan, as well as Actuarially Determined Contributions.
Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA):	The value of the Plan's assets as of a given date, used by the actuary for valuation purposes. This may be the market or fair value of plan assets, but commonly plans use a smoothed value in order to reduce the year-to-year volatility of calculated results, such as the funded ratio and the Actuarially Determined Contribution.
Actuarially Determined:	Values that have been determined utilizing the principles of actuarial science. An actuarially determined value is derived by application of the appropriate actuarial assumptions to specified values determined by provisions of the Plan.
Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC):	The employer's periodic required contributions, expressed as a dollar amount or a percentage of covered plan compensation, determined under the Plan's funding policy. The ADC consists of the Employer Normal Cost and the Amortization Payment.
Amortization Method:	A method for determining the Amortization Payment. The most common methods used are level dollar and level percentage of payroll. Under the Level Dollar method, the Amortization Payment is one of a stream of payments, all equal, whose Actuarial Present Value is equal to the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Under the Level Percentage of Pay method, the Amortization Payment is one of a stream of increasing payments, whose Actuarial Present Value is equal to the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Under the Level Percentage of Pay method, the Amortization Payment is one of a stream of increasing payments, whose Actuarial Present Value is equal to the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Under the Level Percentage of Pay method, the stream of payments increases at the assumed rate at which total covered payroll of all active members will increase.
Amortization Payment:	The portion of the pension plan contribution, or ADC, that is intended to pay off the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.
Assumptions or Actuarial Assumptions:	The estimates upon which the cost of the Plan is calculated, including: <u>Investment return</u> - the rate of investment yield that the Plan will earn over the long-term future; <u>Mortality rates</u> - the rate or probability of death at a given age for employees and retirees; <u>Retirement rates</u> - the rate or probability of retirement at a given age or service;



	Disability rates - the rate or probability of disability retirement at a given age;
	Withdrawal rates - the rate or probability at which employees of various ages are expected to leave employment for reasons other than death, disability, or retirement;
	Salary increase rates - the rates of salary increase due to inflation, real wage growth and merit and promotion increases.
Closed Amortization Period:	A specific number of years that is counted down by one each year, and therefore declines to zero with the passage of time. For example, if the amortization period is initially set at 20 years, it is 19 years at the end of one year, 18 years at the end of two years, etc. See Open Amortization Period.
Decrements:	Those causes/events due to which a member's status (active-inactive-retiree-beneficiary) changes, that is: death, retirement, disability, or withdrawal.
Defined Benefit Plan:	A retirement plan in which benefits are defined by a formula based on the member's compensation, age and/or years of service.
Defined Contribution Plan:	A retirement plan, such as a 401(k) plan, a 403(b) plan, or a 457 plan, in which the contributions to the plan are assigned to an account for each member, the plan's earnings are allocated to each account, and each member's benefits are a direct function of the account balance.
Employer Normal Cost:	The portion of the Normal Cost to be paid by the employer. This is equal to the Normal Cost less expected member contributions.
Experience Study:	A periodic review and analysis of the actual experience of the Plan that may lead to a revision of one or more actuarial assumptions. Actual rates of decrement and salary increases are compared to the actuarially assumed values and modified based on recommendations from the Actuary.
Funded Ratio:	The ratio of the Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA) to the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL). Plans sometimes also calculate a market funded ratio, using the Market Value of Assets (MVA), rather than the AVA.
GASB 67 and GASB 68:	Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 67 and No. 68. These are the governmental accounting standards that set the accounting rules for public retirement systems and the employers that sponsor or contribute to them. Statement No. 68 sets the accounting rules for the employers that sponsor or contribute to public retirement systems, while Statement No. 67 sets the rules for the systems themselves.
Investment Return:	The rate of earnings of the Plan from its investments, including interest, dividends and capital gain and loss adjustments, computed as a percentage of the average value of the fund. For actuarial purposes, the investment return often reflects a smoothing of the capital gains and losses to avoid significant swings in the value of assets from one year to the next.



Net Pension Liability (NPL):	The Net Pension Liability is equal to the Total Pension Liability minus the Plan Fiduciary Net Position.
Normal Cost:	The portion of the Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits and expenses allocated to a valuation year by the Actuarial Cost Method. Any payment with respect to an Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability is not part of the Normal Cost (see Amortization Payment). For pension plan benefits that are provided in part by employee contributions, Normal Cost refers to the total of member contributions and employer Normal Cost unless otherwise specifically stated.
Open Amortization Period:	An open amortization period is one which is used to determine the Amortization Payment but which does not change over time. If the initial period is set as 30 years, the same 30-year period is used in each future year in determining the Amortization Period.
Plan Fiduciary Net Position:	Market value of assets.
Total Pension Liability (TPL):	The actuarial accrued liability under the entry age normal cost method and based on the blended discount rate as described in GASB 67 and 68.
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability:	The excess of the Actuarial Accrued Liability over the Actuarial Value of Assets. This value may be negative, in which case it may be expressed as a negative Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, also called the Funding Surplus or an Overfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.
Valuation Date or Actuarial Valuation Date:	The date as of which the value of assets is determined and as of which the Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits is determined. The expected benefits to be paid in the future are discounted to this date.

Exhibit I: Actuarial Assumptions and Actuarial Cost Method

Rationale for Assumptions	The information and analysis used in selecting each demographic assumption that has a significant effect on this actuarial valuation is shown in the Experience Study Report for the five-year period ended December 31, 2016. Changes from the prior year are listed at the end of this exhibit.					
Net Investment Return:	6.90%					
	The net investment return assumption was chosen by the Pension Board Investment Committee. The Committee received input from the actuary, including a long-term range estimate derived from historical data, current and recent market expectations, and professional judgment. As part of the actuarial analysis, a building block approach was used that reflects inflation expectations and anticipated risk premiums for each of the portfolio's asset classes as provided by NEPC, as well as the Plan's target asset allocation.					
Salary Increases:	Non-Public Sat	fety Rates	Public Safe	Public Safety Rates		
	Age	Rate (%)	Age	Rate (%)		
	40-44	4.0%	40-44	6.0%		
	45-49	3.0%	45-49	5.0%		
	50 and older	2.0%	50-54	4.0%		
			55 and older	3.0%		
Mortality Rates:	Pre-retirement	RP-2006 Blue MP-2016	Collar Mortality Tabl	e, projected genera	tionally from 2006 using Scale	
	Healthy annuitants:	<i>uitants:</i> RP-2006 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, set forward two years for males and one year for females, projected generationally from 2006 using Scale MP-2016				
	Disabled annuitants:	ts: RP-2006 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, set forward four years for males and unadjusted for females, projected generationally from 2006 using Scale MP-2016				
The tables above, with adjustments as shown, reasonably re the measurement date. The mortality tables are generational				eflect the mortality ally projected to refl	experience of the System as of ect future mortality improvement.	



Annuitant Mortality Rates:

	Rate (%) ¹				
	Неа	lthy	Disa	bled	
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female	
55	0.72	0.45	2.71	1.50	
60	1.07	0.72	3.43	1.95	
65	1.77	1.16	4.59	2.53	
70	2.90	1.87	6.28	3.43	
75	4.74	3.03	8.78	4.91	
80	7.78	5.05	12.69	7.26	
85	12.84	8.71	18.87	10.85	
90	20.71	14.81	26.54	15.86	

¹ Mortality rates shown for base table.

Termination Rates Before Retirement:		Rate (%)					
		Mort	ality ¹	Disability		Withdrawal ²	
	Age	Male	Female	Non-Public Safety	Public Safety	All Lives	
	40	0.10	0.05	0.07	0.18	2.00	
	45	0.16	0.09	0.12	0.29	2.00	
	50	0.26	0.13	0.20	0.48	2.00	
	55	0.38	0.19	0.34	0.81	2.00	
	60	0.64	0.31	0.54	1.30	2.00	
	¹ Mortality rate ² Withdrawal ra	s shown for base tab ates cut off at first eli	ble gibility for retiremen	t			



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Retirement Rates:			Rates for Ur	reduced Pension	
		Non-Public Safety		Public S	Safety
		Age	Retirement Probability (%)	Age	Retirement Probability (%)
		First eligibility	26.50	First eligibility	50.00
		First eligibility plus		First eligibility plus	
		one to two years	26.50	one to two years	40.00
		Ages through 69	26.50	Ages through 64	20.00
		70	100.00	65	100.00
			Rates for R	educed Pension	
		<u>Non-Publi</u>	c Safety	Public S	Safety
			Retirement		Retirement
		Age	Probability (%)	Age	Probability (%)
		40-44	0.00	40-44	5.00
		45-49	5.00	45-49	15.00
		50-54	10.00	50-54	20.00
		55-59	15.00	55-59	30.00
Description of Weighted Average Retirement Age	Age 6 sum c currer retirer the Ja	Age 60, determined as follows: The weighted average retirement age for each participant is calculated as the sum of the product of each potential current or future retirement age times the probability of surviving from current age to that age and then retiring at that age, assuming no other decrements. The overall weighted retirement age is the average of the individual retirement ages based on all the active participants included in the January 1, 2022 actuarial valuation.			
Retirement Rates for Inactive Vested Participants:	Earlie	Earliest unreduced retirement age			
Unknown Data for Participants:	Same as those exhibited by participants with similar known characteristics. If not specified, participants are assumed to be male.			ecified, participants are	
Family Composition:	70% of males and 40% of females are assumed to be married. None are assumed to have dependent children Females are assumed to be three years younger than their spouses.			to have dependent children.	
Benefit Election:	All pa contri	rticipants are assumed bution plan.	to take an annuity. No p	articipants are assumed to trai	nsfer to the County's defined



Final Average Earnings and Years of Service Loads:	The following loads were applied in the computation of final average earnings or years of service used to compute benefits:
	A 1.3% load applied to final average earnings to adjust for a 27th pay period in some years
	 A 7.5% load applied to final average earnings to adjust for unused vacation time
	 A 2.0% load applied to years of service to adjust for unused sick leave
Interest on Employee Contributions:	4.0%
Administrative Expenses:	Prior year actual amount rounded to the nearest \$50,000 (\$650,000 for 2022)
Actuarial Value of Assets:	Market value of assets less unrecognized returns in each of the last five years. Unrecognized return is equal to the difference between the actual market return and the expected return on the market value, and is recognized over a five-year period, further adjusted, if necessary, to be within 20% of the market value.
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method. Entry Age is the age at the time the participant commenced employment. Normal Cost and Actuarial Accrued Liability are calculated on an individual basis and are allocated by salary.
Models:	Segal valuation results are based on proprietary actuarial modeling software. The actuarial valuation models generate a comprehensive set of liability and cost calculations that are presented to meet regulatory, legislative and client requirements. Our Actuarial Technology and Systems unit, comprised of both actuaries and programmers, is responsible for the initial development and maintenance of these models. The models have a modular structure that allows for a high degree of accuracy, flexibility and user control. The client team programs the assumptions and the plan provisions, validates the models, and reviews test lives and results, under the supervision of the responsible actuary.
Justification for Change in	The following change in assumptions is reflected in this valuation, based on the Trustees' input:
Actuarial Assumptions:	The net investment return assumption was lowered from 7.00% to 6.90%.

Exhibit II: Summary of Plan Provisions

This exhibit summarizes the major provisions of the Plan included in the valuation. It is not intended to be, nor should it be interpreted as, a complete statement of all plan provisions.

Plan Year:	January 1 through December 31
Plan Status:	Closed to new entrants as of July 1, 1999
Normal Retirement:	
Age and Service Requirement	Earlier of age 65 with 10 years of Service, age 60 with 15 years of Service, age 55 with 30 years of Service, or 10 years of service and the sum of age and service equals 79 or more
	For elected officials or department heads, if termination is the result of resignation, failure to be re-elected, or abolishment of office, age 55 with 10 years of service
Amount	1991 Plan - 2.00% of Final Average Compensation times years of Creditable Service.
	Enhanced Plan - 2.25% of Final Average Compensation times years of Creditable Service for the first five years, plus 2.50% of Final Average Compensation per year of Credited Service in excess of five years. The maximum benefit is 75% of Final Average Compensation. The minimum benefit is \$460 per month.
Final Average Compensation	The average of the Participant's earnings during the three years of employment that produce the highest average. For elected officials and department heads, Final Average Compensation is not less than the average earnings during the 12 months prior to termination.
Early Retirement:	
Age Requirement	None
Service Requirement	15 years of Credited Service
Amount	Normal pension accrued, reduced 0.5% for the first 60 months and 0.25% for the remaining months preceding employee's normal retirement date.
	The benefit of a Peace Officer with 25 years will be reduced by 0.25% for each month that commencement precedes age 55.
	The minimum benefit is \$300 per month.
Disability:	
Age Requirement	None
Service Requirement	10 years of Credited Service or disabled in the line of duty
Amount	Normal pension accrued (For Peace Officers, the benefit assumes 35 years of service.)



Vesting:	
Age Requirement	None
Service Requirement	10 years of Credited Service
Amount	Normal pension accrued
Death Benefit	A percentage of the amount the Participant either a) was receiving at death, b) would have received had he retired with a normal retirement benefit at death, or c) would have received as a vested pension benefit had he survived to age 65.
	75% for the Enhanced Plan, 1991 Plan, and 1982 Plan (If the beneficiary has not attained age 60 and is more than five years younger than the participant, the beneficiary's death benefit payments are reduced by 1/12 of two percent per month for each month that such beneficiary is more than five years younger than the participant.)
	50% for other Plans
	A beneficiary of a Peace Officer who dies in the line of duty receives the amount of compensation that the deceased would have received from the employer for one year from the date of death. After the first year, 75% of the greater of the participant's salary at death or the salary paid to a six-year police officer.
Interest on Contributions	Employee contributions are credited with an annual interest rate of 4%
Cost of Living Adjustments	3% per year for the Enhanced, 1991 and 1992 Plans if CPI is greater than zero
Member Contribution Rates	Enhanced Plan - 6% of pay 1991 and 1982 Plans – 5% of pay Other Plans – 0% to 4% of pay
Changes in Plan Provisions:	There have been no changes in plan provisions since the last valuation.

General Information about the Retirement System

Plan Description

Plan membership. At December 31, 2021, pension plan membership consisted of the following:

Retired members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	3,145
Vested terminated members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits ¹	17
Active members	117
Total	3,279

The System was closed to new entrants in 1999.

Contributions: The Plan is subject to minimum funding standards of the Public Retirement Systems Standards Law (Georgia Code Section 47-20-10). The System establishes an actuarially determined contribution as recommended by an independent actuary. The actuarially determined contribution is the estimated amount necessary to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, plus an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability.

Benefits provided: See Section 4, Exhibit II for a summary of plan provisions.

¹ Excludes terminated members due a refund of contributions



Net Pension Liability

Reporting Date for Employer under GASB 68 Measurement Date	December 31, 2021 December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020 December 31, 2020
Total pension liability	\$1,893,045,684	\$1,881,914,157
Plan fiduciary net position	1,664,070,000	1,548,336,000
Net pension liability	228,975,684	333,578,157
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	87.90%	82.27%

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2021, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.00%
Salary increases	2.00% to 6.00%
Investment rate of return	6.90%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation (previously 7.00%)

Pre-retirement mortality is based on to the RP-2006 Blue Collar Employee Mortality Table. Post-retirement mortality for non-disabled lives is based on the RP-2006 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, set forward two years for males and one year for females. Mortality for disabled lives is based on the RP-2006 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, set forward four years for males and unadjusted for females. All tables are projected generationally from 2006 with Scale MP-2016.

Other than the investment rate of return, the actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an experience study for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016.



The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension Plan's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return ¹
U.S. Large Cap Equity	32%	3.80%
U.S. Small/Mid Cap Equity	14%	4.00%
International Large Cap Equity	13%	3.80%
International Small Cap Equity	5%	4.10%
Emerging Market Equity	5%	6.10%
Domestic Fixed Income	17%	0.70%
Global Fixed Income	5%	-0.60%
Bank Loans	5%	3.00%
Asset Allocator (60/40 Eq/Fl Tgt)	5%	2.90%
Total	100%	3.133%

Discount rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.90%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. For the prior year, the discount rate was 7.00%.

¹ Geometric real rates of return were provided by NEPC, LLC and are net of 30-year inflation of 2.50%.

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Changes in Net Pension Liability and Sensitivity to Discount Rates

	Total Pension Liability (TPL) (a)	Fiduciary Net Position (FNP) (b)	Net Pension Liability (NPL) (a) - (b)
Balances at December 31, 2020	\$1,881,914,157	\$1,664,070,000	\$333,578,157
Changes for the year:			
Service cost	\$1,895,141		\$1,895,141
Interest	126,614,656		126,614,656
Change of benefit terms			
Change of assumptions	17,469,051		17,469,051
Differences between expected and actual experience	15,209,679		15,209,679
Contributions – employer		\$71,686,000	-71,686,00
Contributions – employee		600,000	-600,000
Net investment income		194,154,000	-194,154,000
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	-150,057,000	-150,057,000	
Administrative expense	<u></u>	<u>-649,000</u>	<u>649,000</u>
Net changes	\$11,131,527	\$115,734,000	-\$104,602,473
Balances at December 31, 2021	<u>\$1,893,045,684</u>	<u>\$1,664,070,000</u>	<u>\$228,975,684</u>

Sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 6.90%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one-percentage-point lower (5.90%) or one-percentage-point higher (7.90%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.90%)	Current Discount (6.90%)	1% Increase (7.90%)
Net pension liability	\$420,858,008	\$228,975,684	\$66,429,809





Exhibit 2: Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability

	2021	2020
Total pension liability		
Service cost	\$1,895,141	\$2,433,802
Interest	126,614,656	128,358,546
Change of benefit terms	0	0
Differences between expected and actual experience	15,209,679	4,636,043
Changes of assumptions	17,469,051	26,158,143
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	<u>-150,057,000</u>	<u>-144,926,000</u>
Net change in total pension liability	\$11,131,527	\$16,660,534
Total pension liability – beginning	<u>1,881,914,157</u>	<u>1,865,253,623</u>
Total pension liability – ending (a)	<u>\$1,893,045,684</u>	<u>\$1,881,914,157</u>
Plan fiduciary net position		
Contributions – employer	\$71,686,000	\$68,578,000
Contributions – employee	600,000	778,000
Net investment income	194,154,000	201,615,000
Benefit payments, including refunds of employee contributions	-150,057,000	-144,926,000
Administrative expense	-649,000	-735,000
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	\$115,734,000	\$125,310,000
Plan fiduciary net position – beginning	<u>1,548,336,000</u>	<u>1,423,026,000</u>
Plan fiduciary net position – ending (b)	<u>\$1,664,070,000</u>	<u>\$1,548,336,000</u>
Net pension liability – ending (a) – (b)	<u>\$228,975,684</u>	<u>\$333,578,157</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	87.90%	82.27%
Covered payroll	\$8,034,013	\$9,864,659
Net pension liability as percentage of covered payroll	2,850.08%	3,381.55%

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit changes: There have been no changes in benefit provisions since GASB67 implementation

Change of Assumptions: As of December 31, 2021, the assumed discount rate was changed from 7.00% to 6.90%. As of December 31, 2020, the assumed discount rate was changed from 7.15% to 7.00%.



Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

Reporting Date for Employer under GASB 68	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Measurement Date	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	\$0	\$0
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	0	0
Difference between expected and actual experience in the Total Pension Liability	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$0	\$0
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	\$0	\$0
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	172,827,836	156,326,391
Difference between expected and actual experience in the Total Pension Liability	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$172,827,836	\$156,326,391
Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognize	d as follows:	
Reporting Date for Employer under GASB 68 Year Ended December 31:		
2021	N/A	-\$54,310,699
2022	-\$40,520,130	-22,817,094
2023	-76,382,325	-58,679,289
2024	-38,222,345	-20,519,309
2025	-17,703,036	0
Thereafter	0	0

The average of the expected service lives of all employees is determined by:

- Calculating each active employee's expected remaining service life as the present value of \$1 per year of future service at 0% interest.
- Setting the remaining service life to zero for each nonactive or retired member.
- Dividing the sum of the above amounts by the total number of active employee, nonactive and retired members.

For 2021, the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions by the Retirement System (active and inactive employees) is one year, and therefore assumption changes and the difference between actual and expected experience are recognized immediately. The difference between projected and actual earnings on investments is recognized over five years.



Schedule of Recognition of Change in Total Net Pension Liability

Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the Effects of Differences between Expected and Actual Experience on Total Pension Liability

Reporting Date for Employer under GASB 68 Year Ended December 31	Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	Recognition Period (Years)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Thereafter
2021	\$15,209,679	1.00	N/A	<u>\$15,209,679</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Net increase (decr	ease) in pension	expense	N/A	\$15,209,679	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the Effects of Assumption Changes

Reporting Date for Employer under GASB 68 Year Ended December 31	Assumption Changes	Recognition Period (Years)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Thereafter
2021	\$17,469,051	1.00	N/A	<u>\$17,469,051</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Net increase (decr	ease) in pension	expense	N/A	\$17,469,051	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense Arising from the Recognition of the Effects of Differences between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension Plan Investments

Reporting Date for Employer under GASB 68 Year Ended December 31	Differences between Projected and Actual Earnings	Recognition Period (Years)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Thereafter
2015	108,791,005	5.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	14,079,075	5.00	2,819,815	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	-157,468,025	5.00	-31,493,605	-31,493,605	0	0	0	0	0
2018	179,310,977	5.00	35,862,195	35,862,195	35,862,195	0	0	0	0
2019	-190,799,901	5.00	-38,159,980	-38,159,980	-38,159,980	-38,159,980	0	0	0
2020	-102,596,545	5.00	-20,519,309	-20,519,309	-20,519,309	-20,519,309	-20,519,309	0	0
2021	-88,515,180	5.00	N/A	<u>-17,703,036</u>	<u>-17,703,036</u>	<u>-17,703,036</u>	<u>-17,703,036</u>	<u>-17,703,036</u>	<u>0</u>
Net increase (decre	ease) in pension e	expense	N/A	-\$72,013,735	-\$40,520,130	-\$76,382,325	-\$38,222,345	-\$17,703,036	\$0

Total Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense

Reporting Date for Employer under GASB 68 Year Ended December 31	Total Increase (Decrease) in Pension Expense	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Thereafter
2015	\$108,791,005	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2016	14,079,075	2,819,815	0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	-157,468,025	-31,493,605	-31,493,605	0	0	0	0	0
2018	179,310,977	35,862,195	35,862,195	35,862,195	0	0	0	0
2019	-190,799,901	-38,159,980	-38,159,980	-38,159,980	-38,159,980	0	0	0
2020	-102,596,545	-20,519,309	-20,519,309	-20,519,309	-20,519,309	-20,519,309	0	0
2021	-55,836,450	N/A	<u>14,975,694</u>	<u>-17,703,036</u>	<u>-17,703,036</u>	<u>-17,703,036</u>	<u>-17,703,036</u>	<u>0</u>
Net increase (decrease) in pension expense		e N/A	-\$39,335,005	-\$40,520,130	-\$76,382,325	-\$38,222,345	-\$17,703,036	\$0

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Pension expense

Reporting Date for Employer under GASB 68	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Measurement Date	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Components of Pension Expense		
Service cost	\$1,895,141	\$2,433,802
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	126,614,656	128,358,546
Current-period benefit changes		
Expensed portion of current-period difference between expected and actual experience in the Total Pension Liability	15,209,679	4,636,043
Expensed portion of current-period changes of assumptions or other inputs	17,469,051	26,158,143
Member contributions	-600,000	-778,000
Projected earnings on plan investments	-105,638,820	-99,018,455
Expensed portion of current-period differences between actual and projected earnings on plan investments	-17,703,036	-20,519,309
Administrative expense	649,000	735,000
Recognition of beginning of year deferred outflows of resources as pension expense	35,862,195	38,682,010
Recognition of beginning of year deferred inflows of resources as pension expense	-90,172,894	-69,653,585
Pension Expense	-\$16,415,028	\$11,034,195

Schedule of reconciliation of Net Pension Liability

Reporting Date for Employer under GASB 68	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Measurement Date	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Beginning Net Pension Liability	\$333,578,157	\$442,227,623
Pension expense	-16,415,028	11,034,195
Employer contributions	-71,686,000	-68,578,000
New net deferred inflows/outflows	-70,812,144	-82,077,236
Recognition of prior deferred inflows/outflows	<u>54,310,699</u>	<u>30,971,575</u>
Ending Net Pension Liability	\$228,975,684	\$333,578,157



Schedule of Employer Contributions

Year Ended December 31	Actuarially Determined Contributions	Contributions in Relation to the Actuarially Determined Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2014	55,255,317	57,529,000	-2,273,683	32,828,504	175.24%
2015	48,586,172	47,230,000	1,356,172	27,819,954	169.77%
2016	50,493,163	45,977,000	4,516,163	23,391,200	196.56%
2017	52,988,352	57,228,000	-4,239,648	20,373,597	280.89%
2018	59,745,750	59,203,000	542,750	14,845,291	398.80%
2019	64,772,780	64,777,000	-4,220	12,955,754	499.99%
2020	66,232,644	68,578,000	-2,345,356	9,864,659	695.19%
2021	62,358,165	71,686,000	-9,327,835	8,034,013	892.28%

Notes to Schedule:

Methods and assumptions used to establish "actuarial determined contribution" for the year ended December 31, 2021:

Valuation date	Actuarially determined contribution is calculated using a January valuation date as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported
Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level dollar, closed period
Remaining amortization period	Remaining amortization period varies for the bases, with an average effective period of 12 years.
Asset valuation method	Market value of assets less unrecognized returns in each of the last five years. Unrecognized return is equal to the difference between the actual market return and the expected return on the market value, and is recognized over a five-year period, further adjusted, if necessary, to be within 20% of the market value.
Investment rate of return	7.00%, including inflation, net of pension plan investment expense
Inflation rate	2.00%
Projected salary increases	2.00% - 6.00%



Retirement rates	Separate retirement rates for public safety employees and non-public safety employees. Rates for reduced retirement run from age 40 to age 59. Rates for unreduced retirement begin at first eligibility, and extend to age 65 for public safety and to age 70 for other employees. A full table is available in Section 4 of the actuarial valuation.				
Mortality Rates:	Pre-retirement	RP-2006 Blue Collar Mortality Table, projected generationally from 2006 using Scale MP-2016			
	Healthy annuitants:	RP-2006 Blue Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, set forward two years for males and one year for females, projected generationally from 2006 using Scale MP-2016			
	Disabled annuitants:	RP-2006 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, set forward four years for males and unadjusted for females, projected generationally using Scale MP-2016			
	The tables above, with adjustments as shown, reasonably reflect the mortality experience of the System as of the measurement date. The mortality tables are generationally projected to reflect future mortality improvement.				