



# Defined Benefit Plan Snapshot

**Members**  
as of Dec 31, 2023

242,164 total  
 98,115 active members paying into the system  
 Hybrid Plan members 22,701  
 Defined Benefit Plan 75,414  
 136,972 retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits  
 7,077 inactive members not receiving benefits

**Average 2023 Annuity**

\$25,544 per year  
 \$31,944 per year for those who work to full retirement age

**Total Pension Benefits Paid**  
paid in 2023

\$3.9 billion

**Member Contribution Rate**  
PA FY 2023-24

6.25% of salary, by payroll deduction (for most members)  
 Varies between 5% and 9.3%

**Number of Employers**  
as of Dec 31, 2023

98

**Employer Contribution Rate**  
PA FY 2024-25

33.65% of payroll, composite rate  
 7.94% of payroll for benefits earned this year  
 25.71% of payroll primarily for the unfunded liability

**Projected Employer Contribution Rate**  
PA FY 2025-26

32.39% of payroll  
 7.60% of payroll for benefits earned this year  
 24.79% of payroll primarily for the unfunded liability

**Employer Contribution Sources**  
% provided by the Governor's Budget Office  
(FY 2018-19)

approx. 40% general funds  
 approx. 52% special and federal funds  
 approx. 8% independent employer funds

**Funding Sources**  
as of year-end Dec 31, 2023

\$427 million member contributions  
 \$2.2 billion employer contributions  
 \$4.1 billion investment earnings

**Investment Returns**  
as of Dec 31, 2023  
annualized, net-of-fees

12.2% 1-year  
 6.7% 10-year  
 6.6% 25-year  
 9.3% inception to date return

**Total Fund Assets**  
as of Dec 31, 2023

\$36.4 billion

**Cash Flow**  
2024 projected

\$2.7 billion annual contributions (member/employer)  
 \$4.0 billion annual payments (benefits/administrative expenses)  
 difference in sum necessary to cover payments must come from investment income

**Funded Status**  
2023 Actuarial Report

69.6% with an unfunded liability of \$17.0 billion

**Key Assumptions**  
2023 Actuarial Report

6.875% long-term investment return  
 4.55% average total salary/career growth  
 2.5% inflation rate