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Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS)

The IPERS is a defined-benefit retirement plan for Iowa public employees that provides members with a monthly lifetime retirement benefit based on a formula including the employee's earnings and years of service. Employee and employer contributions are pooled and invested.

As of June 30, 2018, the actuarial value of assets for the System totaled \$31.828 billion, an increase of approximately \$1.356 billion compared to the prior year. The actuarial accrued liabilities for the System totaled \$38.643 billion, an increase of \$1.203 billion compared to the prior year. The unfunded actuarial liability for the System was \$6.815 billion, a decrease of approximately \$153.0 million compared to the prior year. The current aggregate funded ratio for IPERS was 82.4%, a 1.0% increase from 81.4% the prior year. The market rate of return for FY 2018 was 7.97%.

The following table provides information by each membership group.

	Regular Membership	Sheriffs and Deputies	Protection Occupation	Total
June 30, 2018 Valuation Factors				
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$36.289 billion	\$697.3 million	\$1.656 billion	\$38.643 billion
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$29.513 billion	\$682.5 million	\$1.632 billion	\$31.828 billion
Unfunded Actuarial Liability	\$6.776 billion	\$14.8 million	\$24.4 million	\$6.815 billion
2017 Funded Ratio	80.40%	93.00%	97.80%	81.40%
2018 Funded Ratio	81.30%	97.90%	98.50%	82.40%

The following table shows both the current contribution rates for each membership group and the rates for FY 2020.

	Regular Membership	Sheriffs and Deputies	Protection Occupation
FY 2019 Total Contribution Rate	15.73%	19.52%	17.02%
Employer	9.44%	9.76%	10.21%
Employee	6.29%	9.76%	6.81%
FY 2020 Total Contribution Rate	15.73%	19.02%	16.52%
Employer	9.44%	9.51%	9.91%
Employee	6.29%	9.51%	6.61%

More Information

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Membership

As of June 30, 2018, IPERS served 361,412 members, 33.5% of whom (120,987 members) are retired. Of the 170,378 active employees, 14.0% are employed by cities, 16.0% are employed by counties, 14.0% are employed by the State, 53.0% work in education, and 3.0% are listed as "other" (employed by municipal utilities, Chapter 28E organizations, and Area Education Agencies).

The following table shows membership statistics by group.

	<u>Total Members</u>	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Average Active Member Age</u>	<u>Average Active Member Annual Salary</u>	<u>Average Annual Retiree Benefit</u>
Regular	346,709	161,707	45.5	\$ 47,586	\$ 16,661
Sheriffs and Deputies	2,778	1,638	41.0	\$ 71,807	\$ 32,659
Protection Occupation	11,925	7,033	41.4	\$ 51,712	\$ 25,446

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