

FY 2027 Budget Request

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All data as of FY 2025 unless noted

IPERS Overview

Established in 1953

IPERS is a workforce recruitment tool

Mission Statement

The Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) is the fiduciary responsible for administering the IPERS Trust Fund. IPERS exists for the exclusive benefit of its members and fulfills its obligations to cost-effectively pay benefits, maintain stable contribution rates, protect member information and provide outstanding service.

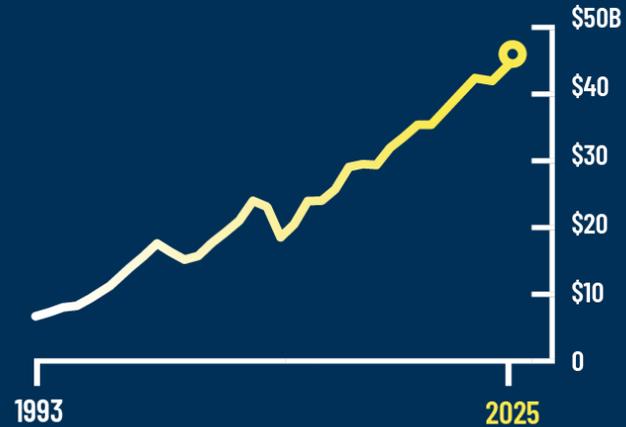




\$2.44 billion

BENEFITS PAID TO RETIREES LIVING IN IOWA

TRUST FUND VALUE
\$46.68 billion



**FUNDED
RATIO**

92.2%

FUNDING SOURCES



NET INVESTMENT INCOME	\$4,271,997,957
EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS	\$989,685,304
EE CONTRIBUTIONS	\$664,692,466

Budget Overview

IPERS is funded by the IPERS trust fund, not general funds

Appropriated Expenses

	Actual FY 2025	Estimated FY 2026	Governor's Recommendation FY 2027	Governor's Recommendation vs. Estimated FY 2026
Administrative Expenses	\$22,789,430	\$86,330,702	\$26,330,702	(\$60,000,000)
FTE	87.73	77.00	104.00	27.00
	HF 1044 for FY 2026	FTE as of 2/17/2026	Governor's Recommendation FY 2027	Governor's Recommendation vs. HF 1044 for FY 2026
FTE	104.13	85 (17 in hiring)	104.00	(.13)

Standing appropriations: investment expenses and benefit disbursements

Modernization

Priorities

1. Maintain stable contribution rates/Achieve full funding
2. Improve customer service with minimal new staff
3. Prioritize digital communication/tools
 - Efficient
 - Secure
 - Cost-effective
 - Environmentally responsible

2026 Legislative Proposal (HF 2345 / SF 2297)

Code updates improving efficiency and security of IPERS' service delivery.

Pension Administration System (PAS) - Update

- **FY 2025:** IPERS received \$750,000 appropriation to hire a vendor to study the PAS marketplace and recommend a path forward
- **FY 2026:** Based on that recommendation, IPERS received \$60 million/10-year appropriation for a cloud-based PAS product
- **Majesco (acquired Vitech in 2026) is current PAS provider**
 - **Current state: On-premise enterprise software**
 - Vendor will no longer support
 - Can't support dynamic retirement, service purchase, or refund applications
 - **Future state: Cloud-based product**
 - Vendor supported
 - Utilized by other pension systems
 - More features
 - Improved online member experience
 - Flow through processing
- **Current contract expires in 2026, extension is a priority**

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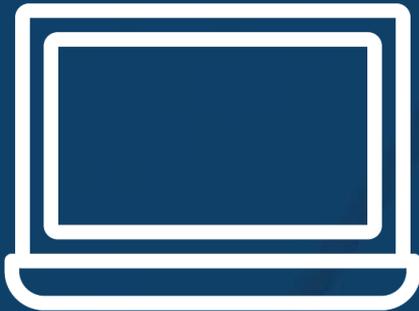
- **Purchase and onboarding with current vendor:**
 - **Approximately \$60 million over 10 years**
 - Sole source agreement with Vitech
 - Vitech is studying current needs to determine actual costs
 - Includes outside project manager
- **May not retain current vendor**
 - **Current vendor:**
 - Less disruptive software transition
 - Cheaper
 - Concerns about work quality, expediency
 - **New vendor:**
 - More difficult transition
 - More expensive
 - Unknown, potentially better product

	Regular Members		Sheriffs/Deputy Sheriff Members*		Protection Occupations Members*	
						
	FY 2026 (6/1/2025)	FY 2027 (6/1/2026)	FY 2026 (6/1/2025)	FY 2027 (6/1/2026)	FY 2026 (6/1/2025)	FY 2027 (6/1/2026)
Employee Contribution Rate	6.29%	6.29%	12.215%	12.335%	6.335%	6.335%
Employer Contribution Rate	9.44%	9.44%	11.965%	12.085%	9.185%	9.185%
Unfunded Actuarial Liability	\$4.38B	\$3.84B	\$87.8M	\$104M	(\$82M)	(\$107M)
Funded Ratio	88.76%	91.56%	102.60%	90.94%	102.96%	104.47%

***HF 969 (2025)**

Effective July 1, 2025: special service member contribution rates shift by 0.125% from employer to employee.

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