

NC Total Retirement Planning Conference For Teachers and State Employees

How to make the most out of your benefits





January 2021

Introducing Your Retirement Readiness Team...



Today we will cover....

- When can I retire?
- What will I receive?
- Retirement Payment Options
- The Retirement Application Process



New Employee

- Retirement Readiness
- Check & Update RIC
- Beneficiaries
- Rollovers
- Age 50 catch-up
- **Enroll in Supplemental** Retirement Plan - NC 401(k), NC 457 or the NC 403(b)

Mid-Career

- Retirement Readiness
- Access ABS
- Check for GAP
- Check & Update RIC
- Beneficiaries
- Rollovers
- Age 50 catch-up
- **Service Credits**

Nearing Retirement

- Retirement Readiness
- Access ABS, GAP check
- Check & Update RIC
- **Social Security**
- Beneficiaries
- Calculate Benefits
- Rollovers
- Age 50 catch-up
- **Expected Retirement Date**
- **One-time Contributions**
- **Payment Options**
- Retiree Guaranteed Refund



Retirement Benefits Overview

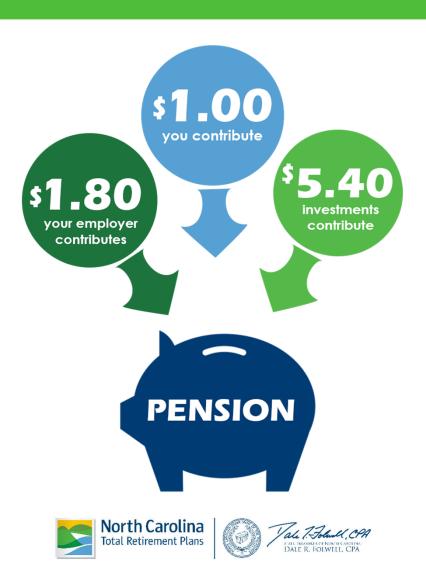
Defined Benefit

NC Pension Plan your retirement benefit – a guaranteed monthly lifetime benefit based on the defined benefit formula and the option you select

Defined Contribution

NC 401(k), NC 457 and NC 403(b) your benefits under these plans are based on your contributions and investment results

How is Your Pension Funded?



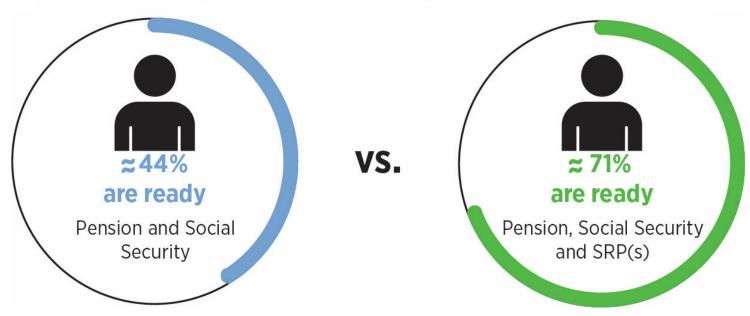
NC Total Retirement Plans Solution for Retirement Readiness

- Many financial experts suggest that retirees will need 80% of preretirement income
- You participate in one of the <u>most</u> secure and responsibly managed defined benefit plans in the nation - TSERS
- You also have the potential to save additional funds by participating in the defined contribution plans, which benefit from very low fees and strong oversight of the Supplemental Retirement Board of Trustees: NC 401(k), NC 457, and NC 403(b)
- These plans, along with your Social Security, are part of the Total Retirement Plans solution that may help you achieve a secure financial future and a more comfortable retirement

Retirement Ready?

Are you retirement ready?

According to industry experts, being "retirement ready" means that you're on track to replace at least 80 percent of your pre-retirement income through retirement.







How Old is the Oldest Person You Know?



Retirement Income: Will I have enough?

- Caring for aging parents
- Having a major medical need
- Caring for "boomerang" children



Your NC pension and Social Security benefits might not be enough

Inflation: Will my money last?

- **Fixed Income** of \$21,953
- Annual Inflation Rate (3.5%)
- Cumulative Effect: 50% reduction in purchasing power over the typical 20-year payout

Year	Annual Pension	
1	\$21,953	
10	\$15,563	
20	\$11,033	
30	\$7,821	
40	\$5,545	

Where will your money come from when you retire?



Understanding the Features of Your NC 401(k), NC 457 and NC 403(b) Supplemental Retirement savings options



5 Steps You Can Take to Help Meet Your Retirement Savings Goals

Allocate

Your investments

Consolidate

Into NC 401(k) NC 457 NC 403(b)

Increase

Your contributions regularly

Catch-Up

By making additional contributions if you are 50 or older

Enroll

NC 401(k) NC 457 NC 403(b)

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When Can I Retire? Qualifying for Your Defined Benefit (NC Pension Plan)

Service Retirement Eligibility for NC Pension Plan: State and Local Government Employees

Unreduced Benefits

Age 65 with 5 years of membership service*

Age 60 and 25 years of creditable service

30 years at any age

Reduced Benefit

60 with 5 years of membership service* 55 - Fire and Rescue

50 with 20 years of creditable service

^{*} Creditable service for Local Government

Service Retirement Eligibility for NC Pension Plan: Law Enforcement Officers

Unreduced Benefits:

Age 55 with 5 years of service

30 years at any age

Reduced Benefit

Age 50 or 25 years of service with 15 years as LEO



How Much Will I Receive? Defined Benefit Formula (for the NC Pension Plan)

Defined Benefit Formula

Average Final Compensation

Accrual Factor

X Years of Service

Maximum Retirement Benefit

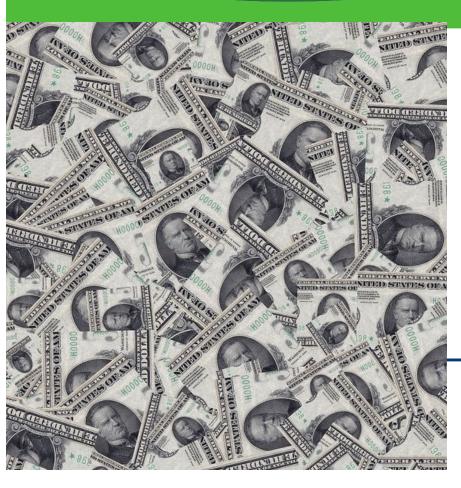


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Monthly Maximum Benefit

Note: Reduction factors apply for early retirements

Average Final Compensation



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Highest consecutive years of salary



Bonus Leave Payouts
Longevity Payouts
Vacation Payouts

Total



4

AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION (AFC)

Accrual Factor: (/əˈkrooəl/ /ˈfaktər/)

The factor used to determine the Participant's Accrued Benefit, which is equal to: one point eighty-two % (1.82%) of each Participant's average final compensation and is determined by the General Assembly.



TSERS

1.82%

X AFC X creditable service





Defined Benefit (NC Pension Plan) Creditable Service

Membership Service



Contributing membership service is the period of time where you contribute 6 percent of your salary into the retirement systems.

Other Types of Creditable Service

- Noncontributory Service
 - Service time for which member receives retirement credit
 - -6% not withheld
- Military service under free provision
- Eligible service purchased
- Unused sick leave as allowed by law

Unused Sick Leave at Retirement





Example: 101 days = 6 months of service

Unused Sick Leave at Retirement

20 days of accrued sick = 1 month of creditable service

Excess vacation may be converted to sick leave.

Unused Sick Leave at Retirement



12 hours worked

1 Sick day



Sick Leave CANNOT be used to meet the minimums for:

Deferred benefit

Currently not working – Waiting to Retire

Survivor's alternate benefit

Active Death Benefit available – Before Retirement

5-year eligibility for retirement and health coverage

Minimum of 5 years of Membership Service in TSERS



What are my Choices?

Retirement Payment Options for Defined Benefit (NC Pension Plan)

Payment Option for Member Only (NC Pension) Plan

Option

Retiree

Maximum

\$2275.00

Members Lifetime

Option 4

\$2664.67 until 62 **\$1464.67** after 62

Assumptions: Member's Age = **49**, Beneficiary Age = **51** AFC = **\$50,000.00** Service = **30 years** Estimated SS@62 = \$1,200

Payment Option for Member and Survivor (NC Pension) Plan

Option	Retiree	Survivor
Option 2	\$2,150.10	\$2,150.10
Option 3	\$2,210.85	\$1,105.42
Option 6-2	\$2,138.73	\$2,138.73
Option 6-3	\$2,204.70	\$1,102.35

Optional Pension Payments are for the lifetime of the member – Then the Lifetime of the Survivor

Payment Option Changes in the Defined Benefit (NC Pension) Plan

Retirees cannot change payment option or designated beneficiary once the first retirement check is cashed

EXCEPTIONS

- Divorce from spouse
- Return to employment in same system in which you retired as a contributing member for at least 3 years
- Death of spouse: re-designation of spouse provision under Options 2 or 3 within 90 days of remarriage

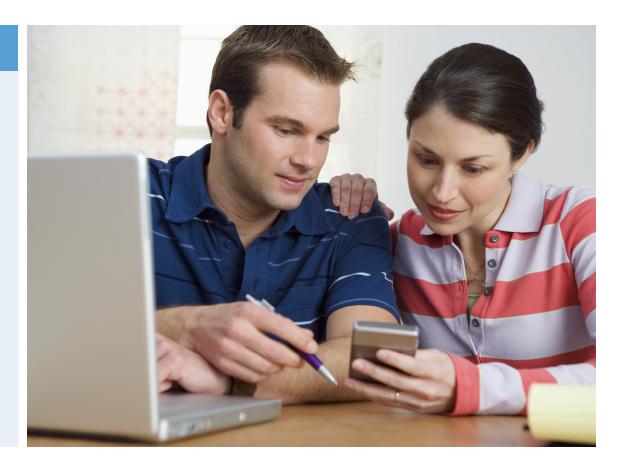
What Are Your Investment Options in the NC 401(k), NC 457 and NC 403(b) Supplemental Savings Plans?



Put Asset Allocation into Action!

You Have Two Options

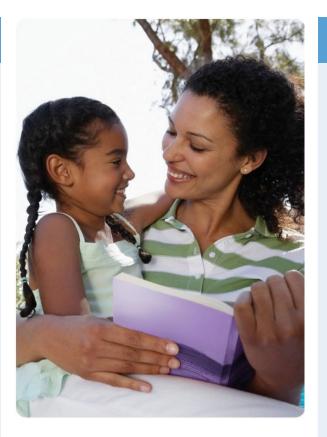
- Do it yourself
- Get **help** with GoalMaker



Get Help with GoalMaker

You Provide

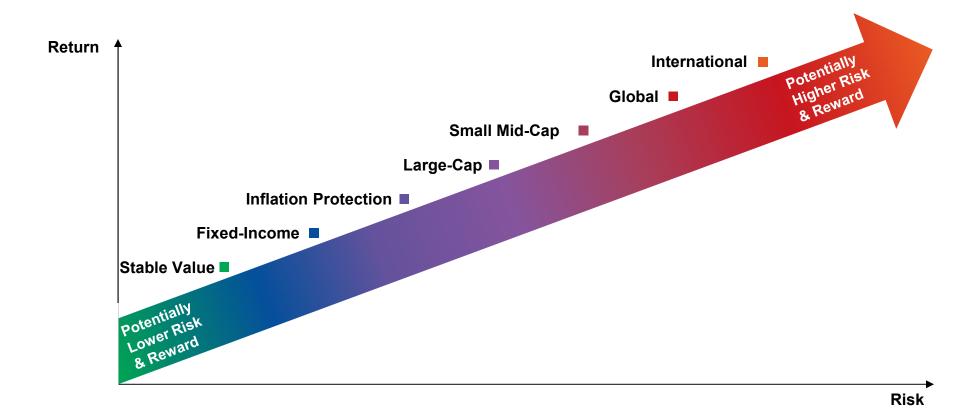
- Your investor Style
- When you plan to access the money



You Get

- Automatic asset allocation
- Automatic rebalancing
- Automatic age adjustment (optional)
- All at no additional cost

Risk vs. Reward



This is a simplified illustration of the relationship between investment risk and potential rate of return. There is no assurance that higher risk investments will provide greater returns over time. Past performance is not indicative of future performance.

GoalMaker®

What kind of investor are you?

- Aggressive investors generally seek to maximize investment returns and can tolerate substantial market fluctuations.
- Moderate investors generally are willing to sacrifice safety of principal for potentially greater returns, and can tolerate modest market fluctuations.
- Conservative investors generally are concerned about short-term ups and downs in the market, and want to minimize risk and maintain principal.

GoalMaker is an optional tool and available at no additional cost. GoalMaker's model allocations are based on generally accepted financial theories that take into account the historic returns of different asset classes. Past performance of any investment does not guarantee future results. Prudential Financial encourages participants to consider their other assets, income and investments when enrolling in the GoalMaker program. We also recommend participants periodically reassess their GoalMaker investments to make sure their model portfolio continues to correspond to their investment objectives, risk tolerance and retirement time horizon.

GoalMaker portfolios

Aggressive		YEARS UNTIL RETIREMENT					YEARS AFTER Retirement		
	26+	21-25	16-20	11-15	6-10	0-5	0-5	6-10	11+
NC Stable Value Fund	0%	0%	0%	0к	1%	3%	8%	14%	17x
NC Inflation Responsive Fund	10	10	9	9	7	6	4	3	3
NC TIPS Fund	0	0	0	0	1	3	8	14	17
NC Fixed Income Fund	2	2	7	13	21	27	26	19	19
NC Large Cap Index Fund	34	34	32	30	28	27	25	24	21
NC Small/Mid Cap Core Fund	14	14	14	12	10	10	8	6	6
NC International Fund	40	40	38	36	32	24	21	20	17
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

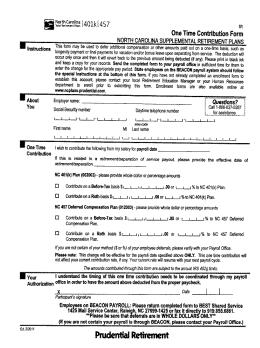
Moderate		YEA	RS UNTIL	RETIRE	HENT			ARS AFT Etireme	
	26+	21-25	16-20	11-15	6-10	0-5	0-5	6-10	11+
NC Stable Value Fund	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%	10%	14×	19%	22%
NC Inflation Responsive Fund	9	9	8	7	6	5	4	4	3
NC TIPS Fund	0	0	0	0	2	5	9	16	22
NC Fixed Income Fund	6	13	21	28	33	36	34	27	23
NC Large Cap Index Fund	33	30	27	24	21	19	18	16	14
NC Small/Mid Cap Core Fund	14	12	12	10	8	6	6	4	4
NC International Fund	38	36	32	28	24	19	15	14	12
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Conservative		YEARS UNTIL RETIREMENT YEARS AFTER RETIREMENT							
	26+	21-25	16-20	11-15	6-10	0-5	0-5	6-10	11+
NC Stable Value Fund	0%	0%	4%	8%	12%	17%	22%	25%	26%
NC Inflation Responsive Fund	8	7	6	5	4	3	3	2	2
NC TIPS Fund	0	0	0	3	6	10	15	19	24
NC Fixed Income Fund	21	31	37	41	42	41	36	33	29
NC Large Cap Index Fund	27	24	20	17	14	13	11	10	9
NC Small/Mid Cap Core Fund	12	10	8	8	6	4	4	2	2
NC International Fund	32	28	25	18	16	12	9	9	8
Total percent	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

You Can Make a One Time Contribution to the Supplemental Plans

Contribute up to 80% of final payout to your NC 401(k) Plan, NC 457 Plan, and/or your 403(b) Program account:

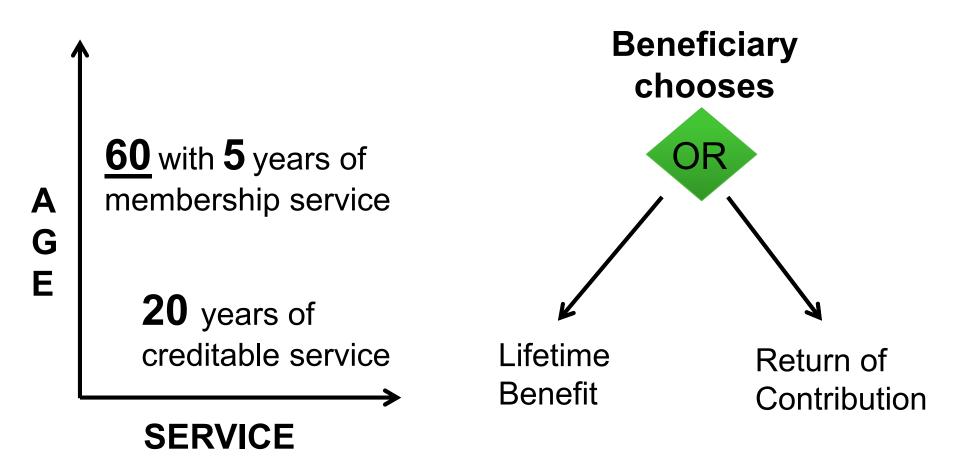
- Defer taxes while increasing your account value
- Obtain a form at <u>NCPlans.prudential.com</u>
- Need help? Contact HR or your Retirement Education Counselor



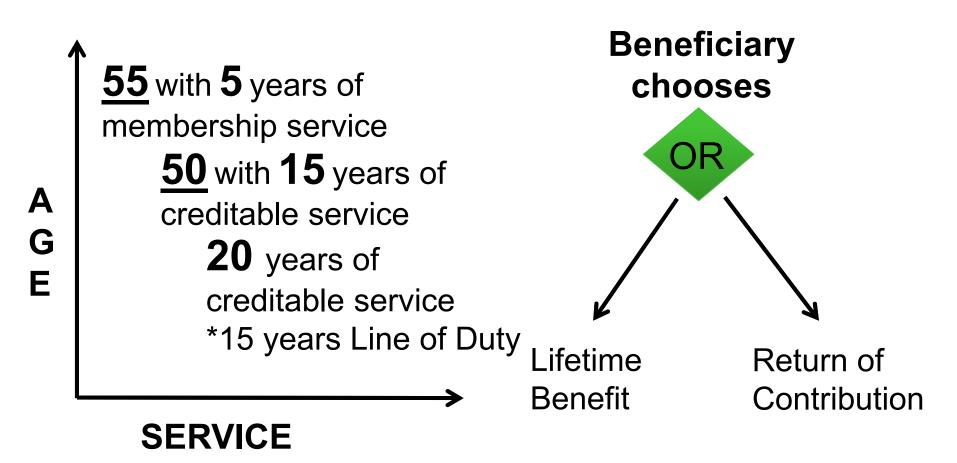


Death Benefits in the NC Pension Plans

Survivor's Alternate Benefit



Survivor's Alternate Benefit (LEOs)



Active Employee Death Benefits *if your employer \$53,899 **50K** S elected this coverage A 25K R Y \$23,899 Years

If survivor option chosen (Option 2, 3, 6-2, or 6-3), benefit begins to beneficiary

Retiree
Death
Benefits

Active Death Benefit continues for 180 days

Guaranteed Refund

• Is a complete refund of all remaining contributions made by the member

Optional Contributory Death Benefit payable up to \$10,000

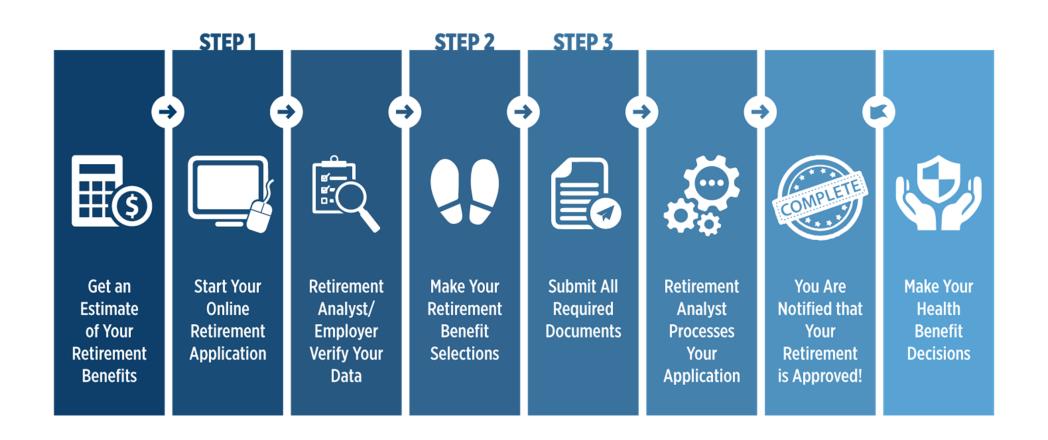


How do I Retire? Initiating Retirement

Retirement Online



Online Retirement Application Process











REMEMBER: If you're planning to return to work in the future, make sure you understand the Return to Work laws for your retirement system, so you don't jeopardize the retirement benefits you just selected. Learn more



If you are a member of one of the North Carolina Total Retirement Plans: NC 401(k), 457 and 403(b), click here to learn about what you can do with your supplemental retirement account when you retire.

and other updates that may impact your retirement benefits.



Please note: If you are eligible, the State Health Plan will automatically enroll you into a health plan, even if you did not have coverage as an active employee. You will receive a letter from the State Health Plan outlining your health plan options and any necessary actions. For more information, please read the <u>Planning for Retirement page</u> on the State Health Plan website.





Retirement Processing Reminders



Retirements are always effective on the first day of the month



First retirement payment is mailed to your home address; all others will be direct deposited



Applications
should be
submitted as soon
as possible
(but not more than
120 days from
retirement)



A list of this year's pay days is available on our website



Applications are processed in the order received



Payments are usually made on the 25th of each month unless it's on a holiday or weekend







Health Coverage and Optional Insurance

Optional Dental, Vision Insurance and LifeLock

- Enrollment is optional
- Retirees pay full cost
- Premiums will be deducted from monthly retirement benefit

Pierce Insurance Agency 855-627-3847

www.ncretiree.com

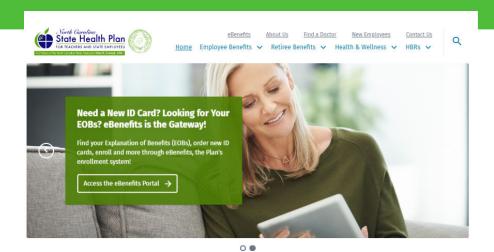


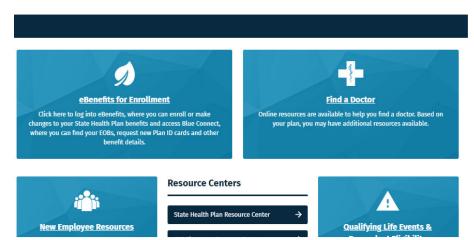
When NCFlex coverage is lost due to retirement, termination of employment or other losses of eligibility, employees and covered dependents may continue certain benefits.

View Options: https://files.nc.gov/ncoshr/NCFLex-Continuation-Options-at-Retirement.pdf

Retiree Health Coverage

To learn more about the options available to you, call the State Health Plan at 855-859-0966 or visit the plan's website at www.shpnc.org.







Optional Transfer Benefit for NC 401(k) and NC 457 Plans

Transfer Benefit (NC Lifetime Income)



Transfer all or a portion of your NC 401(k)/NC 457 funds to your pension account. Learn more about transfer benefits from these helpful resources.

State Employees' Credit Union

www.nclifetimeincome.org

North Carolina Retirement Systems www.myncretirement.com

Prudential Retirement www.ncplans.prudential.com



Move Outside Retirement Savings Into NC 401(k), NC 457 Plan, and/or NC 403(b) account(s)

	Money Remains Tax-deferred	Avoid Taxes and Penalties	Simplify Retirement Planning !!	Potentially Lower Investment management fees!	Easier to Manage and Maintain Asset Allocation	Transfer Benefit
Consolidated Account	1	V	V	V	V	V
Multiple Accounts	V	V				

Rollover assets may be assessed fees or other surrender charges. Please contact current account provider for this information.

Plan Withdrawal Options from NC 401(k), NC 457 or NC 403(b)



Do Nothing

Keep your funds in the plans.

Rollover

Roll funds into an IRA or new employer's plan.





Begin Withdrawals*

Withdraw all or some, or begin installment payments.

Transfer

Transfer all or some pre-tax assets to TSERS/LGERS.



*Payments are subject to a mandatory 20 percent federal income tax withholding, and for withdrawals from the NC 401(k), 403(b) Plan, may be subject to a 10 percent tax penalty if taken prior to age 59½. Note: if you plan to retire and return to employment with another NC plan sponsor, your options will differ.







Taxes

Federal IncomeTax

Federal taxable portion of the monthly retirement benefit consists of:

- Contributions made on a "pre-taxed" basis after July 1, 1982
- Additional service credit purchase with "pre-taxed" dollars
- All interest accrued prior to retirement

The Retirement System withholds federal tax based on:

- The taxable portion of the benefit
- The filing status (married, single)
- The number of allowances claimed (0, 1, 2, etc.)

North Carolina Income Tax

Benefit exempt from North Carolina income tax Benefit <u>not</u> exempt from North Carolina income tax

8/12/1989

8/13/1989

Vested Date

Tax Documentation

Form 1099-R mailed by RSD before January 31

To Change Tax Withholdings

- In ORBIT
- Complete Choosing Income Tax Withholding Preferences





Re-employment

Waiting Period Required

In all Cases:

- During the waiting period, you are prohibited from returning to work in any capacity for any employer that participates in the NC Retirement System, from which you retired, without facing a significant financial penalty (up to and including a repayment of all benefits received).
- Pre-existing agreements for post-retirement employment are prohibited

Re-employment

1. Return as a contributing member

- After the required break in service, member may suspend retirement and become reemployed as a contributing member
- Retirement benefit payment will be stopped the first day of the month following reemployment

Re-employment

2. Return under an "Earnings Restriction" (after waiting period)

Part-time, interim, temporary, contractual, or any other basis that does <u>not</u> require membership

of compensation during the 12 months before retirement

2021 amount

\$34,800.00



*The Earnable Allowance increases yearly based on national Consumer Price Index

Penalty for Exceeding Earnable Allowance

Stopped

On the 1st day of the month <u>following the month</u> in which the retiree has exceeded the earnable allowance

If applicable State Health Plan coverage is stopped the 1st day of the month following suspension of retirement payments

Online Retirement Benefits

Access from MyNCretirement.com

Active employees

- Retirement estimates (bring estimates to appointments)
- Service purchase cost estimates
- NC 401(k)/457 Transfer Benefit estimates
- Annual Benefit Statements

Retirees

- View account information
- Maintain tax withholdings
- View 1099-R
- Generate Income Verification letters





Login to ORBIT

Login to manage your retirement account and gain access to the full features of the ORBIT, including prefilled forms, retirement calculations and more.

A Passwords are case-sensitive.

Forgot your Password
Forgot your User Name

Are you a first-time user?
If so, you will need to register to create your account.

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	Log in	

User Name

Register

■ Estimators

If you would like to calculate benefits without pre-filled personal information, use the options below. To calculate benefits with your information pre-filled, please login.

Retirement Benefit

NC 401(k)/457 Transfer Benefit

Service Purchase

Forms and Applications

Need to download forms without any pre-filled information? ORBIT provides convenient access to forms for printing without logging in.

NOTE: To access forms with your information pre-filled, please login.

Forms and Applications



Profile: Active Select Account +



Home/Active Member



Maintain Personal Information



View Account History



View Annual Benefits Statements



View Benefit Estimate



Create Custom Benefit



Maintain Beneficiaries











Request Appointment



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Home

Home/Active Member

A Message from the Treasurer



Welcome to the redesigned ORBIT for members! ORBIT is an online tool that provides you with full, secure access to your personal retirement account information 24 hours a day. Our staff has worked diligently to make ORBIT more responsive for those on mobile devices such as cell phones and tablets. In addition, we have enhance ORBIT's security features to help protect your personal information.

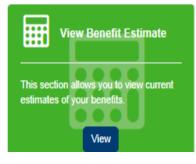
Lastly, we incorporated our N.C. Total Retirement Plans' branding to maintain a consistent look and feel with our Retirement Systems website. We hope you like the new look and our comprehensive approach to retirement planning for our members.

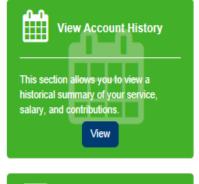
The Department of State Treasurer is committed to providing you with information that will help you make informed decisions about your future. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with your account information, understand your savings options, and utilize the education and planning resources available on our website. Please contact the North Carolina Retirement Systems at 1-877-NCSECURE (1-877-627-3287) if you have additional questions.

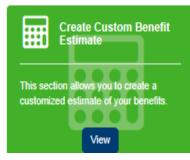
Thank you for your service to North Carolina.

- Dale R. Folwell, CPA North Carolina State Treasurer

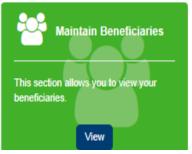












■ View Annual Benefits

Statements

View Benefit Estimate

Estimate

Maintain Beneficiaries

NC 401(k)/NC 457 Transfer Benefit

Request Account **Balance Statement**

> Create Service Purchase Estimate

Track Recent Request

Request Appointment

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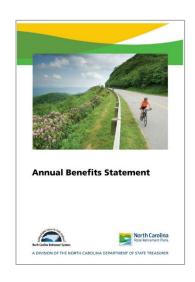
■ Custom Benefit Estimate A customized benefit estimate can be generated by completing the information below and clicking on the Calculate button. Please enter a retirement age or retirement/termination dates. NOTE: The Retirement Estimator is intended to assist you in estimating your monthly (early reduced or regular unreduced) service retirement benefits. It does not calculate disability retirement benefits; and it cannot replace the Refirement System's actual calculation of benefits; and it cannot replace the Refirement System's actual calculation of benefits when you refire. If you have Agricultural Extension service, are converting from disability to service retirement, or have multiple accounts, this estimate will not be accurate, and you should contact the Retirement System for more information. (*) Required Information (If you enter retirement age, then retirement and termination dates are not required and vice-versa) Calculate Benefit using Retirement Age Please Enter a Retirement Age * 0 O Calculate Benefit using Retirement/Termination Dates Month Retirement Date * - Select Month -Year - Select Year -Month Termination Date * - Select Month -Year - Select Year -0 Service Status * - Select Service Status --**Beneficiary Name** Beneficiary Birth Date MM/DD/YYYY Accumulated Sick Leave Days Estimated Monthly Social Security Benefit at Age S **Estimated Annual Leave Payout** \$ **Estimated Bonus Payout** \$ Estimated Service Credit Years You are Planning to Purchase

Annual Benefits Statement from Dept. of State Treasurer

- Reviews your projected total monthly income at retirement age (retirement age = 62):
 - ✓ North Carolina Retirement System(s) pension plans
 - ✓ NC 401(k), NC 457 & NC 403(b)
 - ✓ Social Security
 - ✓ Outside Assets (if applicable)
- Personal Gap Analysis
- Provides Designated Beneficiaries

Plan name Project	cted Monthly Income
Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement Sys	stem \$1,425
North Carolina 401(k) Plan	\$ 375
Social Security	\$1,700
Total	\$3,500





¹ The projections contained in this Annual Benefits Statement are for informational purposes only. Decisions regarding the NC 401(k) Plan, NC 457 Plan and NC 403(b) Program are your responsibility; and the state, the Department of State Treasurer, and Prudential are not responsible for your investment elections and returns. You are encouraged to speak with your financial and tax advisors to determine the retirement savings strategy that will help you reach your retirement goals

Your Tools, Your Way

- NC 401(k), NC 457 and 403(b) Quarterly Statements
- Annual Benefits Statement
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Toll-free number 866-NCplans or 866-627-5267
- NCPlans.prudential.com

Talk to a Prudential Counselor: View a list of counselors by county along with the link to schedule a virtual consultation with them: https://ncplans.retirepru.com/counselors.html

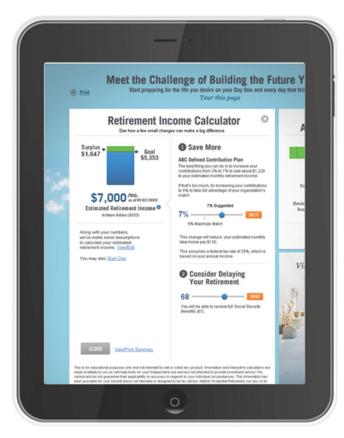
Retirement Income Calculator

Know how much you may need.

Monitor your progress.

See if you've saved enough.





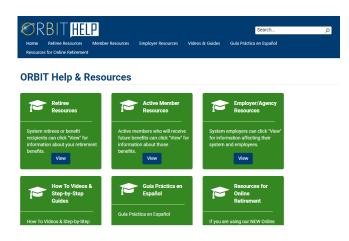
Participants using the Retirement Income Calculator should consider other assets, income and investments (e.g. equity in a home, Social Security benefits, individual retirement plan investments, etc.) when assessing the adequacy of the estimated income stream as provided by this tool. The Retirement Income Calculator is hypothetical and for illustrative purposes only and is not intended to represent performance of any specific investment, which may fluctuate. There is no assurance that retirement income objectives will be met. It is possible to lose money by investing in securities.

Resources

- Member handbooks
- MyNCRetirement.com
- ORBIT Help
- Video tutorials















Fund your future. Fund your everyday.

An NC ABLE account helps people with disabilities dream, plan, save and invest without jeopardizing disability benefits.

Learn more at NC.SaveWithABLE.com.



Feedback/Contact



www.surveymonkey.com/r/retirementplanning confsurvey



MyNCRetirement.com



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877-NCSECURE (877-627-3287)



Fraud and Abuse (855-903-7283)



3200 Atlantic Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27604



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Questions

