

# Consolidated Judicial Retirement System of North Carolina

Principal Results of Actuarial Valuation as of December 31, 2022

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# Valuation results

# Net actuarial gain or loss

Actuarial Value of Assets	I Value of Assets Actuarial Accrued Liability Net Actuarial Gain or I		r Loss	Funded Ratio		Employer Contributions		
•	reconciliation of the prior ye unfunded actuarial accrued		al accrue	ed				
	(in millions)							
Unfunded actuarial accrued	liability (UAAL) as of 12/31/	/2021	\$	129.4				
Normal cost and administra	ative expense during 2022			15.4	million.	e UAAL increased by \$26.0		
Reduction due to actual con	ntributions during 2022			(42.1)				
Interest on UAAL, normal c	ost, and contributions			8.1		as primarily due to an asset Ilion and demographic		
Asset (gain) / loss				13.7		of \$28.8 million, resulting		
Actuarial accrued liability (g	gain) / loss			28.8		igher-than-expected salary		
Impact of assumption chan	ges			0		ntinuing active members s attributable to new		
Impact of benefit changes				2.1	entrants.			
Unfunded actuarial accrued	liability (UAAL) as of 12/31/	2022	\$	155.4				

A detailed summary of the net actuarial gain or loss is provided in Section 4.



# Valuation results

### **Employer contributions**

Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Net Actuarial Gain or Loss	Funded Rat	tio Employer Contributions
The table below provides a Fiscal year ending June 30, 20 (based on December 31, 20 Impact of Benefit Changes* Fiscal year ending June 30, 20 Change Due to Anticipated Re Change Due to Demographic ( Change Due to Investment (Ga Change Due to Investment (Ga Change Due to Contributions I Impact of Assumption Changes Impact of Benefit Changes Impact of Direct Rate Smoothin	reconciliation of the actuarial 023 Preliminary ADEC 021 valuation) 023 Final ADEC duction in UAAL** (Gain)/Loss ain)/Loss _ess (Greater) than ADEC s			The change in rate due to investment loss is based on the actuarial value of asset return of 4.53%, which was less than the 6.50% assumed return. The change in rate due to demographic loss was largely due to higher-than-
Reversal of one-time Legislativ Fiscal year ending June 30, 20 (based on December 31, 20	25 Preliminary ADEC		<u>(2.44%)</u> 35.96%	expected salary increases for continuing active members as well as losses

\*Due to the one-time pension supplement to be paid by November 2023.

\*\*Amortization of the UAAL included a fresh-start 9-year amortization for the December 31, 2009, valuation with the first payment effective July 1, 2011. However, the Appropriations Act of 2011 changed the period over which the UAAL is amortized from nine years to 12 years, retroactive to July 1, 2011, as implemented in the December 31, 2010, valuation.

A detailed summary of the actuarially determined employer contribution rates is provided in Section 5.

attributable to new entrants.



# Key takeaways

- The actuarial valuation is performed each year to replace the estimates the actuary assumed for the prior valuation with the actual events that happened. This past year, as expected, some of the assumptions used in the prior valuation were not realized. Key results of the December 31, 2022 valuation were:
  - Market value returns of (10.39)% compared to 6.50% assumed at the beginning of the year
  - Liabilities \$28.8 million higher than anticipated as of December 31, 2022
  - Continuation of direct-rate smoothing of the change in the employer contribution rate due to the changes in assumptions and methods over a 5-year period beginning with the December 31, 2020 valuation
  - Recent legislation signed into law since the prior valuation
    - One-time supplement payment for CJRS payees of 4% of their annual retirement allowance, payable by November 2023



# Key takeaways (continued)

- When compared to the December 31, 2021 valuation, the above resulted in:
  - Lower funded ratio (82.3% in the December 31, 2022 valuation compared to 84.4% in the December 31, 2021 valuation)
  - Higher actuarially determined employer contribution rate (35.96% for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 compared to the 32.84% for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, disregarding the cost of one-time benefits)



# Key takeaways (continued)

- CJRS is well funded compared to its peers. This is due to:
  - Stakeholders working together to keep CJRS well-funded since inception
  - A history of appropriating and contributing the recommended contribution requirements
  - Assumptions that in aggregate are more conservative than peers
  - A funding policy that aggressively pays down unfunded liability over a 12-year period
  - An ad hoc cost-of-living adjustment that supports the health of the system
  - Modest changes in benefits when compared to peers
- Continued focus on these measures will be needed to maintain the solid status of CJRS well into the future.



# Certification

Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: fund experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Such changes in law may include additional costs resulting from future legislated benefit improvements or cost-of-living pension increases or supplements, which are not anticipated in the actuarial valuation. Because of limited scope, Buck performed no analysis of the potential range of such future differences, except for some limited analysis in financial projections or required disclosure information.

The purpose of this presentation is to provide a summary of the actuarial valuation results to the Board at the October 26, 2023 meeting attended by the actuaries. Use of this report for any other purposes may not be appropriate and may result in mistaken conclusions because of failure to understand applicable assumptions, methods, or inapplicability of this presentation for that purpose. This presentation should not be provided without a copy of the full valuation report. Because of the risk of misinterpretation of actuarial results, you should ask Buck, A Gallagher Company (Buck) to review any statement you wish to make on the results contained in this presentation. Buck will not accept any liability for any such statement made without prior review

This presentation is considered part of the annual actuarial valuation report. Please see below for full description of data, actuarial assumptions and methods, plan provisions, and other applicable disclosures.

We meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained in this report. This report has been prepared in accordance with all applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice, and we are available to answer questions about it.

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# Appendix I

**Supplemental Information** 



# Valuation input

# Membership data

Membership Data Asset Data	Benefit Provisi	Benefit Provisions		ns	Funding Methodology	
The table below provides a summary of the member compared to the prior valuation.	ership data used in th	nis valuation		The number of	active members has	
Number as of	12/31/2022	12/31/20	021	increased by 2.1% from the previous		
Active members	581	Į	569	valuation date.		
Terminated members and survivors of deceased members entitled to benefits but not yet receiving benefits	39		31		active members results in accruing benefits under	
Terminated non-vested members and survivors of deceased members entitled to a refund of contributions	21		26	survivors of dec	retired members and ceased members currently fits increased by 3.0%	
Retired members and survivors of deceased members currently receiving benefits	<u>816</u>		792		us valuation date.	
Total	1,457	1,4	418	consistent with	expectations.	

A detailed summary of the membership data used in this valuation is provided in Section 2 and Appendix A.



# Valuation input

# Market value

Membership Data Asset Data		Benefit Provisions			Assumptio	ns	Funding Methodology	
The table below provides detail valuations.	s of the Mark	ket Va	lue of Assets for th	ne cur	rent and prio	r year's		
Asset data as of			12/31/2022		12/31/2021		CJRS assets a	re held in trust and are
Beginning of year market value of	assets	\$	743,543,527	\$	695,354,77	77	invested for the members.	exclusive benefit of plan
Employer contributions			36,142,442		29,344,4	57	Ear 2022 incor	
Employee contributions			6,007,299		5,210,33	39		ning contributions covered e outgoing benefit
Benefit payments other than refur	lds		(55,232,909)		(52,663,69	96)		administrative expenses.
Refunds			(11,874)		(31,90	07)	Over the long to	erm, benefit payments and
Administrative expenses			(45,234)		(34,87	73)	administrative e	expenses not covered by
Investment income			<u>(76,535,571)</u>		66,364,43	<u>30</u>		re expected to be covered
Net increase / (decrease)			(89,675,847)		48,188,7	50		t income, illustrating the
End of year market value of asset	s	\$	653,867,680	\$	743,543,52	27	since inception	wing actuarial pre- funding
Estimated net investment return o market value	n		-10.39%		9.6	7%	Since inception	

A detailed summary of the market value of assets is provided in Section 3.



# Valuation results

**Employer contributions and benefit enhancements** 

Actuarial Valu	e of Assets	Actuarial Ac	crued Liability	Net Actuaria	l Gain or Los	s Funded I	Ratio	Employer Contributions
	low provides a nding appropr	•	e actuarially d	etermined emplo	oyer contrib	ution and		
Valuation Date	Fiscal Year Ending	Normal Rate*	Accrued Liability Rate	Change due to Legislation**	Final ADEC	Appropriated Rate		
12/31/2022	06/30/2025	13.21%	22.75%	N/A	N/A	N/A		
12/31/2021	06/30/2024	14.16%	18.68%	2.44%	35.28%	35.28%		ed rate for the fiscal year
12/31/2020	06/30/2023	13.02%	23.99%	2.64%	39.65%	39.65%	ending June St	), 2024 is 35.28%.
12/31/2019	06/30/2022	17.59%	21.11%	1.32%	40.02%	40.02%		y ADEC for the fiscal year ), 2025 is 35.96%.
12/31/2018	06/30/2021	17.43%	19.01%	0.00%	36.44%	36.44%		

\*Includes Death Benefit rate.

\*\*The change due to legislation for the contribution for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 provided for a one-time supplement equal to 4% of the annual retirement allowance payable by November 2023. The change due to legislation for the contribution for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 provided for a one-time supplement equal to 4% of the annual retirement allowance payable in October 2022. The change due to legislation for the contribution for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 provided for a one-time supplement equal to 4% of the annual retirement allowance payable in October 2022. The change due to legislation for the contribution for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 provided for a 2% one-time supplement payable in December 2021.

A detailed summary of the actuarially determined employer contribution rates is provided in Section 5.





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# Consolidated Judicial Retirement System of North Carolina

Report on the Actuarial Valuation Prepared as of December 31, 2022

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Members of the Board:

We submit herewith our report on the annual valuation of the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System of North Carolina (referred to as "CJRS" or the "Judicial Plan") prepared as of December 31, 2022. The report has been prepared in accordance with North Carolina General Statute 135-50 through 135-75. Information contained in our report for plan years from December 31, 2017, to December 31, 2020, is based on valuations performed by the prior actuarial firm.

The primary purpose of the valuation report is to determine the required member and employer contribution rates, to describe the current financial condition of CJRS, and to analyze changes in such condition. Use of this report for any other purposes or by anyone other than North Carolina Retirement Systems Division (RSD) or Department of State Treasurer staff may not be appropriate and may result in mistaken conclusions because of failure to understand applicable assumptions, methods, or inapplicability of the report for that purpose. The attached pages should not be provided without a copy of this cover letter. Because of the risk of misinterpretation of actuarial results, you should ask Buck, A Gallagher Company (Buck) to review any statement you wish to make on the results contained in this report. Buck will not accept any liability for any such statement made without prior review.

The valuation is based upon membership data and financial information as furnished by RSD and the Financial Operations Division and as summarized in this report. Although we reviewed for reasonableness and consistency with the prior valuation, these elements have not been audited by Buck and we cannot certify as to the accuracy and completeness of the data supplied. The valuation is also based on benefit and contribution provisions as presented in this report. If you have reason to believe that the plan provisions are incorrectly described that important plan provisions relevant to this valuation are not described, or that conditions have changed since the calculations were made, you should contact the authors of this actuarial report prior to relying on this information.

The valuation is further based on the actuarial valuation assumptions, approved by the Board of Trustees, as presented in this report. We believe that these assumptions are reasonable and comply with the Actuarial Standards of Practice ("ASOPs") 27 and 35. We prepared this valuation in accordance with the requirements of this standard and in accordance with all applicable ASOPs.

The assumptions used for the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation are based on the experience study prepared as of December 31, 2019 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2021. All assumptions are discussed annually with the appropriate parties, and actuarial gain/loss experience is reviewed during each valuation, to see if any changes are needed. The economic assumptions with respect to investment yield, salary increase, and inflation have been based upon a review of the existing portfolio structure as well as recent and anticipated experience. All assumptions represent an estimate of future experience.

ASOPs 27 and 35 ask the actuary to disclose the information and analysis used to support the actuary's determination that the assumptions selected by the plan sponsor do not significantly conflict with what, in the actuary's professional judgment, are reasonable for the purpose of the measurement. In the case of the Board's selection of the investment return assumption, the signing actuaries have used economic information and tools provided by Buck's Financial Risk Management ("FRM") practice. A spreadsheet tool created by the FRM team converts averages, standard deviations, and correlations from Buck's Capital Markets Assumptions ("CMA") that are used for stochastic forecasting into approximate percentile ranges for the investment return assumption without attempting to predict or select a specific best estimate rate of return. It takes into account the duration (horizon) of investment and the target allocation of assets in the portfolio to various asset classes. Based on the actuaries' analysis, including consistency with other assumptions used in the valuation, the percentiles generated by the spreadsheet described above and review of actuarial gain/loss experience, the actuaries believe the assumptions, in the actuaries' professional judgment, are reasonable for the purpose of the measurement.

Where presented, references to "funded ratio" and "unfunded accrued liability" typically are measured on an actuarial value of assets basis. It should be noted that the same measurements using market value of assets would result in different funded ratios and unfunded accrued liabilities. Moreover, the funded ratio presented may be appropriate for evaluating the need and level of future contributions but makes no assessment regarding the funded status of the plan if the plan were to settle (i.e. purchase annuities) for a portion or all of its liabilities. In various places in the report the results also show funded ratios and unfunded liabilities based upon varying sets of assumptions as well as market values of assets as that is required for certain disclosure information required per accounting rules or statutes. Where this has been done it has been clearly indicated.

Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 56 ("ASOP 56") provides guidance to actuaries when performing actuarial services with respect to designing, developing, selecting, modifying, using, reviewing, or evaluating models. In addition to the spreadsheet model discussed above, Buck uses third-party software in the performance of annual actuarial valuations and projections. The model is intended to calculate the liabilities associated with the provisions of the Plan using data and assumptions as of the measurement date under the accounting rules specified in this report. The output from the third-party vendor software is used as input to an internally developed model that applies applicable accounting rules to the liabilities derived and other inputs, such as Plan assets and contributions, to generate many of the exhibits found in this report. Buck has an extensive review process whereby the results of the liability calculations are checked using detailed sample output, changes from year to year are summarized by source, and significant deviations from expectations are investigated. Other accounting outputs and the internal model are similarly reviewed in detail and at a high level for accuracy, reasonability, and consistency with prior results. Buck also reviews the third-party model when significant changes are made to the software. The review is performed by experts within the company who are familiar with applicable accounting rules as well as the manner in which the model generates its output. If significant changes are made to the internal model, extra checking and review are completed. Significant changes to the internal model that are applicable to multiple clients are generally developed, checked, and reviewed by multiple experts within the company who are familiar with the details of the required changes.

Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: fund experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Such changes in law may include additional costs resulting from future legislated benefit

improvements or cost-of-living pension increases or supplements, which are not anticipated in the actuarial valuation. Because of limited scope, Buck performed no analysis of the potential range of such future differences, except for some limited analysis in financial projections or required disclosure information.

This report was prepared under our supervision and in accordance with all applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice. We are Fellows of the Society of Actuaries, Enrolled Actuaries, Members of the American Academy of Actuaries, and Fellows of the Conference of Consulting Actuaries. We meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinions contained herein. We are available to discuss this report with you at your convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **Executive Summary**

#### Overview

The North Carolina Retirement Systems Division (RSD) was established in 1941 to provide retirement benefits for public servants in the State of North Carolina. Today, under the management of the Department of State Treasurer, RSD administers seven public pension plans (defined benefit plans), three supplemental retirement plans (voluntary defined contributions plans), a health trust fund, a disability income plan, death benefit funds and a number of other benefit programs. As of December 31, 2022, the RSD defined benefit plans cover over one million current and prior public servants in the state of North Carolina. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, RSD paid nearly \$7.5 billion in pensions to more than 350,000 retirees and as of June 30, 2023, RSD's assets were valued at over \$114 billion.

Under the supplemental retirement plans, the amount of contributions in any given year is defined by law. The amount of benefits derived is dependent on the investment returns the individual achieves. Conversely, under the pension plans, the amount of the benefit paid to a member upon retirement, termination, death, or disability is defined by law. The amount of contributions needed to fund these benefits cannot be known with certainty. In North Carolina, like other states, these contributions are paid during a public servant's career so that upon retirement, termination, death, or disability, there are funds available to pay these benefits. These amounts are determined through an actuarial valuation. Actuarial valuations are performed for each of the pension plans administered by RSD and the results are contained in actuarial valuation reports like this.

In 1985, the Consolidated Judicial Retirement System (referred to as "CJRS" or the "Judicial Plan") was established. CJRS provides benefits to the elected judges and justices, district attorneys, clerks of superior court of the general court of justice and public defenders. As of December 31, 2022, CJRS has about \$654 million in assets and over 1,400 members. This actuarial valuation report is our annual analysis of the financial health of CJRS. This report, prepared as of December 31, 2022, presents the results of the actuarial valuation of CJRS.

### Purpose

An actuarial valuation is performed on CJRS annually as of the end of the calendar year. The actuary determines the amount of contributions to be made to CJRS during each member's career that, when combined with investment return, will be sufficient to pay for retirement benefits.

In addition, the annual actuarial valuation is performed to:

- Determine the progress on funding CJRS,
- Explore why the results of the current valuation differ from the results of the valuation of the previous year, and
- Satisfy regulatory and accounting requirements.

A detailed summary of the valuation process and a glossary of actuarial terms are provided in the supplementary document, "State of North Carolina Retirement Systems Actuarial Valuation Report Process and Actuarial Terms Glossary" dated October 2023.

### **Actuarial Comments and Observations**

#### Membership

As with any estimate, the actuary collects information that we know now. Under the actuarial valuation process, current information about CJRS members is collected annually by the Retirement Systems Division staff at the direction of the actuary. Membership data will assist the actuary in estimating benefits that could be paid in the future. Information about benefit provisions and assets held in the trust as of the valuation date is also collected.

The member information the actuary collects includes data elements such as current service, salary and benefit group identifier for members that have not separated service, and actual benefit amounts and form of payment for members that have separated service. Data elements such as gender and date of birth are used to determine when a benefit might be paid and for how long.

Number as of	12/31/2022	12/31/2021
Active members	581	569
Terminated vested members and survivors of deceased members entitled to benefits but not yet receiving benefits	39	31
Terminated non-vested members and survivors of deceased members entitled to a refund of contributions	21	26
Retired members and survivors of deceased members currently receiving benefits	<u>816</u>	<u>792</u>
Total	1,457	1,418

The number of active members has increased by 2.1% from the previous valuation date. An increase in active members results in more benefits accruing but also greater contributions supporting the system. The number of retired members and survivors of deceased members currently receiving benefits increased by 3.0% from the previous valuation date. The increase in retiree population is consistent with expectations.

The number of retired members and survivors of deceased members and the benefits paid to these members have been increasing steadily, as expected based on plan assumptions.

A detailed summary of the membership data used in this valuation is provided in Section 2 and Appendix A of this report.

#### Assets

CJRS assets are held in trust and are invested for the exclusive benefit of plan members. The Market Value of Assets is \$654 million as of December 31, 2022 and \$744 million as of December 31, 2021. The investment return for the market value of assets for calendar year 2022 was (10.39)%.

Market value returns during 2022 were lower than the 6.50% assumed rate of return, resulting in higher contributions and lower funded ratio than anticipated, all else being equal.

The actuarial value of assets smooths investment gains and losses. The actuarial value of assets is \$721 million as of December 31, 2022 and \$703 million as of December 31, 2021. The market value of assets is lower than the actuarial value of assets, which is used to determine employer contributions. This indicates that overall, there are unrecognized asset losses to be recognized in future valuations.

The lower-than-expected market return in 2022, partially offset by higher-than-expected market returns in 2019, 2020, and 2021, resulted in an actuarial value of asset return for calendar year 2022 of 4.53% and a recognized actuarial asset loss of \$13.7 million during 2022. The assets at actuarial value were \$153 million less than the actuarial accrued liability as of December 31, 2022.

Based on historical market returns, the current asset allocation, the current investment policy, and the expectation of future asset returns, as reviewed in the last experience study, the 6.50% discount rate used in this valuation is reasonable and appropriate.

A detailed summary of asset information is provided in Section 3 of this report.

#### **Benefit Provisions**

Benefit provisions are described in North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 135.

This valuation reflects the provisions of S.L. 2023-134, which became law on October 3, 2023. In particular, the valuation reflects the one-time supplement for CJRS payees in pay status as of October 1, 2023 that is equal to 4% of their annual allowance and payable by November 2023. The one-time supplements do not change the ongoing monthly benefits, and absent additional action by governing authorities, the payments will not recur in future years. There have been no other significant changes in benefit provisions from the previous valuation.

Many Public Sector Retirement Systems in the United States have undergone pension reform where the benefits of members (active or future members) have been reduced. Because of the well-funded status of CJRS due to the legislature contributing the actuarially determined employer contribution on the basis of an actuarially sound funding policy, benefit cuts have not been made in North Carolina as they have been in most other states. However, if North Carolina's investment policy shifts substantively, or incurs other unfavorable investment, economic, or demographic experience, the system should review likely impacts of the shift and consider corresponding changes to actuarial assumptions, funding policy and/or benefit levels.

A detailed summary of the benefit provisions is provided in Appendix B of this report.

#### **Actuarial Assumptions**

Actuarial assumptions bridge the gap between the information that we know with certainty as of the valuation date (age, gender, service, pay, and benefits of the members) and what may happen in the future. The actuarial assumptions of CJRS are reviewed at least every five years. Based on this review, the actuary will make recommendations on the demographic and economic assumptions.

Demographic assumptions describe future events that relate to people such as retirement rates, termination rates, disability rates, and mortality rates. Economic assumptions describe future events that relate to the assets of CJRS such as the interest rate, salary increases, the real return, and payroll growth.

The assumptions used for the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation are based on the experience study prepared as of December 31, 2019 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2021. No assumption changes have been made since the prior valuation.

A detailed summary of the actuarial assumptions is provided in Appendix C of this report.

#### **Funding Methodology**

When compared to other Public Sector Retirement Systems in the United States, the funding policy for CJRS is quite aggressive in that the policy pays down unfunded actuarial accrued liability over a much shorter period of time (12 years) compared to most other Public Sector Retirement Systems. As such it is a best practice in the industry.

A detailed summary of the actuarial methods can be found in Appendix C of this report.

#### Liabilities

The actuarial accrued liability (AAL) increased from \$832 million to \$877 million during 2022. CJRS is an open plan, which means that new members enter the plan each year. In an open plan, liabilities are expected to grow from one year to next as more benefits accrue and the membership approaches retirement. The AAL was \$28.8 million higher than expected, resulting primarily from higher-than-expected salary increases for continuing active members as well as losses attributable to new entrants. A detailed summary of the AAL is provided in Section 4 of the report.

#### **Funded Ratio**

The funded ratio is a measure of the progress that has been made in funding the plan as of the valuation date. It is the ratio of how much money CJRS actually has in the fund to the amount CJRS should have in the fund.

The ratio of assets to liabilities shows the health of the plan on an accrued basis. The funded ratio on an actuarial basis decreased from 84.4% at December 31, 2021 to 82.3% at December 31, 2022.

#### **Unfunded Accrued Liability**

The unfunded accrued liability (UAAL) is the portion of actuarial accrued liability that is not covered by the assets of the Retirement System. The actuarial value of assets basis is used for computing contributions to alleviate contribution volatility. The difference in the actuarial accrued liability and the actuarial value of assets is the amount of unfunded actuarial accrued liability to be paid off over a 12-year period.

The UAAL increased from \$129.4 million at December 31, 2021 to \$155.4 million at December 31, 2022. A detailed reconciliation of the UAAL can be found in Section 4 of this report.

#### Contributions

The graph below provides a history of actuarially determined employer contribution rates over the past five fiscal years. The rates are split into the normal rate and the accrued liability rate. The normal rate is the employer's portion of the cost of benefits accruing after reducing for the member contribution. The accrued liability rate is the payment toward the unfunded liability.



\* Subject to the impact of future legislative changes effective during that fiscal year.

The actuarially determined employer required contribution rate is the amount needed to pay for the cost of the benefits accruing and to pay off the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over a 12-year period, offset for the 6% of pay contribution the members make. The 12-year period is a relatively short period for Public Sector Retirement Systems in the United States, with the funding period of most of these Systems much longer. The shorter period results in higher contributions and more benefit security.

A detailed summary of the employer required contributions rates is provided in Section 5 of this report.

#### Risk

Measuring pension obligations and actuarially determined contributions requires the use of assumptions regarding future economic and demographic experience. Whenever assumptions are made about future events, there is risk that actual experience will differ from expected. Actuarial valuations include the risk that actual future measurements will deviate from expected future measurements due to actual experience that is different than the actuarial assumptions. The primary areas of risk in this actuarial valuation are:

- Investment Risk the potential that investment returns will be different than expected.
- Longevity and Other Demographic Risks the potential that mortality or other demographic experience will be different than expected.
- Interest Rate Risk To the extent market rates of interest affect the expected return on assets, there is a risk of change to the discount rate which determines the present value of liabilities and actuarial valuation results. Table D-1 of this report demonstrates the sensitivity of valuation results to differing discount rates.
- Contribution Risk The potential that actual contributions are different than the actuarially determined contributions.

Annual actuarial valuations are performed for RSD which re-measure the assets and liabilities and compute a new actuarially determined contribution. RSD also has experience studies performed every five years to analyze the discrepancies between actuarial assumptions and actual experience and determine if the actuarial assumptions need to be changed. Annual actuarial valuations and periodic experience studies are practical ways to monitor and reassess risk.

### Key Takeaways

The actuarial valuation is performed each year to replace the estimates the actuary assumed for the prior valuation with the actual events that happened. This past year, as expected, some of the assumptions used in the prior valuation were not realized. Key results of the December 31, 2022 valuation as compared to the December 31, 2021 valuation were:

- Market value returns of (10.39)% compared to 6.50% assumed at the beginning of the year
- Liabilities \$28.8 million higher than anticipated as of December 31, 2022
- Continuation of direct-rate smoothing of the change in the employer contribution rate due to the changes in assumptions and methods over a 5-year period beginning with the December 31, 2020 valuation
- Recent legislation signed into law since the prior valuation
  - One-time supplement payment for CJRS payees of 4% of their annual retirement allowance, payable by November 2023

When compared to the December 31, 2021 valuation, the above resulted in:

- Lower funded ratio (82.3% in the December 31, 2022 valuation compared to 84.4% in the December 31, 2021 valuation)
- Higher actuarially determined employer contribution rate (35.96% for fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 compared to 32.84% for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, disregarding the cost of one-time benefits for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024)

CJRS is well funded compared to its peers. This is due to:

- Stakeholders working together to keep CJRS well-funded since inception
- A history of appropriating and contributing the recommended contribution requirements
- Assumptions that in aggregate are more conservative than peers
- A funding policy that aggressively pays down unfunded liability over a 12-year period
- · An ad hoc cost-of-living adjustment that supports the health of the system
- · Modest changes in benefits when compared to peers

Continued focus on these measures will be needed to maintain the solid status of CJRS well into the future.

This report, prepared as of December 31, 2022, presents the results of the annual valuation of the system. The principal results of the valuation and a comparison with the preceding year's results are summarized in the following table.

# **Section 1: Principal Results**

This report, prepared as of December 31, 2022, presents the results of the actuarial valuation of the system. The principal results of the valuation and a comparison with the preceding year's results are summarized below.

### **Table 1: Summary of Principal Results**

Valuation results as of		12/31/2022		12/31/2021
Active Members Number Reported Compensation Valuation Compensation*	\$ \$	581 81,446,656 88,210,873	\$ \$	569 78,152,238 82,640,424
Retired Members and Survivors of Deceased Members Currently Receiving Benefits Number Annual Allowances	\$	816 54,559,722	\$	792 52,488,539
Assets Actuarial Value (AVA) Market Value	\$ \$	721,096,903 653,867,680	\$ \$	702,706,558 743,543,527
Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Unfunded Accrued Liability (AAL-AVA) Funded Ratio (AVA/AAL)**	\$ \$	876,518,740 155,421,837 82.3%	\$ \$	832,153,712 129,447,154 84.4%
Results for Fiscal Year Ending		6/30/2025		6/30/2024
Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC), as a percentage of payroll Normal Cost Accrued Liability Total Preliminary ADEC Total ADEC Based on Direct-Rate Smoothing Impact of Benefit Changes Final ADEC		13.21% <u>23.97%</u> 37.18% 35.96% <u>Not Final</u> Not Final		14.16% <u>20.50%</u> 34.66% 32.84% <u>2.44%</u> 35.28%
Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year Ending		6/30/2025		6/30/2024
Employer Contribution Rate as a percentage of payroll Normal Cost Accrued Liability Total		13.21% <u>N/A</u> N/A		14.16% <u>21.12%</u> 35.28%

\* Reported compensation annualized for new hires and projected for valuation purposes.

\*\* The Funded Ratio on a Market Value of Assets basis is 74.6% at December 31, 2022

# **Section 2: Membership Data**

The Retirement Systems Division provided membership data as of the valuation date for each member of CJRS. The membership data assists the actuary in estimating benefits that could be paid in the future. The tables below provide a summary of the membership data used in this valuation. Detailed tabulations of data are provided in Appendix A.

### Table 2: Summary of the Membership Data

Number as of	12/31/2022	12/31/2021
Active members	581	569
Terminated vested members and survivors of deceased members entitled to benefits but not yet receiving benefits	39	31
Terminated non-vested members and survivors of deceased members entitled to a refund of contributions	21	26
Retired members and survivors of deceased members currently receiving benefits	<u>816</u>	<u>792</u>
Total	1,457	1,418

### **Table 3: Active Member Data**

	Member Count	Average Age	Average Service	Reported Compensation
Justices of Supreme Court and Judges of Court of Appeals	22	56.90	11.79	\$ 3,859,318
Judges of the Superior Court and Administrative Officers of the Court	105	57.85	13.83	17,264,823
Judges of the District Court, District Attorneys, Clerks of the Superior Court, and Public				
Defenders	454	53.49	10.68	60,322,516
Total	581	54.41	11.29	\$ 81,446,657

The table above includes members not in receipt of benefits who were active at the end of 2022.

# Section 2: Membership Data (continued)

	Member Count	Average Age	Average Service	Annual Deferred Retirement Allowances
Justices of Supreme Court and Judges of Court of Appeals	1	65.25	24.17	\$ 87,804
Judges of the Superior Court and Administrative Officers of the Court	7	57.12	9.56	215,787
Judges of the District Court, District Attorneys, Clerks of the Superior Court, and Public Defenders	31	55.02	6.15	590,255
Total	39	<u> </u>	7.22	\$ 893,846

The table above includes vested members not in receipt of benefits who were not active at the end of 2022.

### Table 5: Terminated Non-Vested Member Data

	Member Count	Average Age		Accumulated Contributions
Justices of Supreme Court and Judges of Court of Appeals	1	43.00	1.75	\$ 16,290
Judges of the Superior Court and Administrative Officers of the Court	1	64.75	1.00	9,147
Judges of the District Court, District Attorneys, Clerks of the Superior Court, and Public				
Defenders	19	58.21	2.07	396,332
Total	21	57.80	2.00	\$ 421,769

The table above includes non-vested members not in receipt of benefits who were not active at the end of 2022.

# Section 2: Membership Data (continued)

	Member Count	Average Age	Annual Retirement Allowances
Retired Members (Healthy at Retirement)			
Male Female	427 200	74.16 70.42	\$ 32,907,007 14,074,488
Total	627	72.97	\$ 46,981,495
Retired Members (Disabled at Retirement)*			
Male Female	1	65.75 43.67	\$ 69,696 96,027
Total	2	54.71	\$ 165,723
Survivors of Deceased Members			
Male Female	24 163	73.24 77.79	\$         932,363 6,480,141
Total	187	77.21	\$ 7,412,504
Grand Total	816	73.90	\$ 54,559,722

### **Table 6: Data for Members Currently Receiving Benefits**

\* Includes retired members reported as disabled in a prior valuation and not subsequently reported as returned to work.

# Section 3: Asset Data

Assets are held in trust and are invested for the exclusive benefit of CJRS members. The tables below provide the details of the Market Value of Assets for the current and prior years' valuations.

#### **Table 7: Market Value of Assets**

Asset Data as of	12/31/2022		12/31/2021
Beginning of Year Market Value of Assets	\$	743,543,527	\$ 695,354,777
Employer Contributions Employee Contributions Benefit Payments Other Than Refunds Refunds Administrative Expense Investment Income		36,142,442 6,007,299 (55,232,909) (11,874) (45,234) (76,535,571)	29,344,457 5,210,339 (52,663,696) (31,907) (34,873) 66,364,430
Net Increase/(Decrease)		(89,675,847)	48,188,750
End of Year Market Value of Assets	\$	653,867,680	\$ 743,543,527
Estimated Net Investment Return on Market Value		-10.39%	9.67%

#### Table 8: Allocation of Investments by Category of the Market Value of Assets

Asset Data as of	12/31/2022	12/31/2021
Allocation by Dollar Amount		
Public Equity Fixed Income (LTIF) Cash and Receivables Other*	\$ 218,172,924 151,116,410 107,789,380 176,788,966	\$ 266,309,997 177,879,486 109,334,288 190,019,756
Total Market Value of Assets Allocation by Percentage of Asset Value	\$ 653,867,680	\$ 743,543,527
Public Equity Fixed Income (LTIF) Cash and Receivables Other*	33.4% 23.1% 16.5% <u>27.0%</u>	35.8% 23.9% 14.7% <u>25.6%</u>
Total Market Value of Assets	100.0%	100.0%

\* Real Estate, Alternatives, Inflation and Credit

# Section 3: Asset Data (continued)

In order to reduce the volatility that investment gains and losses can have on the required contributions and funded status of CJRS, the Board adopted an asset valuation method to determine the Actuarial Value of Assets used for funding purposes. The table below provides the calculation of the Actuarial Value of Assets at the valuation date.

#### **Table 9: Actuarial Value of Assets**

Asset Data as of	12/31/2022
<ul> <li>(a) Beginning of Year Actuarial Value of Assets</li> <li>(b) Beginning of Year Market Value of Assets</li> <li>(c) Contributions</li> <li>(d) Benefit Payments, Refunds and Administrative Expenses</li> <li>(e) Net Cash Flow</li> </ul>	\$ 702,706,558 743,543,527 42,149,741 (55,290,017) (13,140,276)
(f) Expected Investment Return	47,909,993
(g) Expected End of Year Market Value of Assets	778,313,244
(h) End of Year Market Value of Assets	653,867,680
(h) Excess of Market Value over Expected Market Value of Assets	(124,445,564)
<ul> <li>(i) 80% of 2022 Asset Gain/(Loss)</li> <li>(j) 60% of 2021 Asset Gain/(Loss)</li> <li>(k) 40% of 2020 Asset Gain/(Loss)</li> <li>(l) 20% of 2019 Asset Gain/(Loss)</li> <li>(m) Total Deferred Asset Gain/(Loss)</li> </ul>	(99,556,451) 13,048,668 10,432,640 <u>8,845,920</u> (67,229,223)
(n) Preliminary End of Year Actuarial Value of Assets	721,096,903
<ul><li>(o) Final End of Year Actuarial Value of Assets</li><li>(not less than 80% and not greater than 120% of Market Value)</li><li>(p) Estimated Net Investment Return on Actuarial Value</li></ul>	721,096,903 4.53%

**Commentary:** The actuarial value of assets smooths investment gains/losses, resulting in less volatility in the employer contribution. The asset valuation recognizes asset returns in excess of or less than the expected return on the market value of assets over a five-year period.

Lower-than-expected market returns in 2022 resulted in an actuarial value of asset return for calendar year 2022 of 4.53% and a recognized actuarial asset loss of \$13.7 million during 2022. The assets at actuarial value were \$153.3 million less than the actuarial accrued liability as of December 31, 2022.

### Section 3: Asset Data (continued)

The valuation assumes that the funds will earn a 6.50% asset return. The table below provides a history of the Actuarial Value and Market Value of Asset returns.

Calendar Year	Actuarial Value of Asset Return	Market Value of Asset Return
2003	8.44%	18.33%
2004	8.95%	10.73%
2005	8.56%	6.94%
2006	9.17%	11.35%
2007	9.04%	8.35%
2008	3.01%	-19.39%
2009	4.88%	14.83%
2010	6.01%	11.49%
2011	5.25%	2.18%
2012	6.42%	11.79%
2013	7.52%	12.19%
2014	7.26%	6.19%
2015	5.87%	0.35%
2016	5.33%	6.22%
2017	6.57%	13.46%
2018	5.11%	-1.41%
2019	6.20%	14.84%
2020	8.79%	11.13%
2021	9.17%	9.67%
2022	4.53%	-10.39%
20- Yr Average	6.79%	6.54%
20-Yr Range	6.16%	37.72%

#### **Table 10: Historical Asset Returns**

**Commentary:** The average investment return recognized for purposes of determining the annual change in contribution each year is the actuarial value of assets return. Currently, the average actuarial return over the last 20 years of 6.79% compares with an average market return of 6.54%. The range of returns on market value of assets is markedly more volatile, 37.72% versus 6.16%. Using the actuarial value of assets instead of market value results in much lower employer contribution volatility, while ensuring that the actuarial needs of CJRS are met.

# **Section 4: Liability Results**

Using the provided membership data, benefit provisions, and actuarial assumptions, future benefit payments of CJRS are estimated. These projected future benefit payments are discounted into today's dollars using the assumed rate of investment return assumption to determine the Present Value of Future Benefits. The Present Value of Future Benefits is allocated to past, current, and future service, respectively known as the actuarial accrued liability, normal cost and present value of future normal costs. The table below provides these liability numbers for the current and prior years' valuations.

### Table 11: Liability Summary

Valuation Results as of	12/31/2022	12/31/2021
<ul> <li>(a) Present Value of Future Benefits</li> <li>(1) Active Members</li> <li>(2) Terminated Members</li> <li>(3) Members Currently Receiving Benefits</li> <li>(4) Total</li> </ul>	\$ 444,232,873 11,315,805 551,459,179 1,007,007,857	\$ 421,322,280 9,550,928 532,708,904 963,582,112
(b) Present Value of Future Normal Costs	\$ 130,489,117	\$ 131,428,400
(c) Actuarial Accrued Liability: (a4) - (b)	\$ 876,518,740	\$ 832,153,712
(d) Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 721,096,903	\$ 702,706,558
(e) Unfunded Accrued Liability: (c) - (d)	\$ 155,421,837	\$ 129,447,154

The table below provides a reconciliation of the prior year's unfunded actuarial accrued liability to the current year's unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

#### Table 12: Reconciliation of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (in millions)

(in millions)		
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) as of 12/31/2021	\$	129.4
Normal Cost and Administrative Expenses during 2022		15.4
Reduction due to Actual Contributions during 2022		(42.1)
Interest on UAAL, Normal Cost, and Contributions		8.1
Asset (Gain)/Loss		13.7
Actuarial Accrued Liability (Gain)/Loss		28.8
Impact of Assumption Changes		0.0
Impact of Benefit Changes		2.1
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) as of 12/31/2022	\$	155.4

**Commentary:** During 2022, the UAAL increased due to the asset loss of \$13.7 million. Additionally, demographic experience increased the UAAL by \$28.8 million, primarily from higher-than-expected salary increases for continuing active members as well as losses attributable to new entrants.

# **Section 5: Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution**

The actuarially determined employer contribution consists of a normal cost rate and an accrued liability rate. The normal cost rate is the employer's portion of the cost of benefits accruing during the year after reducing for the member contribution. The accrued liability rate is the payment toward the unfunded accrued liability in order to pay off the unfunded accrued liability over 12 years. The table below provides the calculation of the actuarially determined employer contribution for the current and prior years' valuations.

### Table 13: Calculation of the Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADEC)

Valuation Date ADEC for Fiscal Year Ending	12/31/2022 6/30/2025	12/31/2021 6/30/2024
Normal Cost Rate Calculation		
(a) Normal Cost Rate:	19.16%	20.11%
(b) Employee Contribution Rate	6.00%	6.00%
(c) Administrative Expenses	<u>0.05%</u>	<u>0.05%</u>
(d) Total Normal Cost Rate: (a) - (b) + (c)	13.21%	14.16%
Accrued Liability Rate Calculation		
(e) Total Annual Amortization Payments*	\$ 22,032,670	\$ 17,652,395
(f) Valuation Compensation**	91,912,600	86,121,339
(g) Accrued Liability Rate: (e) / (f)	23.97%	20.50%
Preliminary ADEC (d) + (g)	37.18%	34.66%
ADEC With Direct-Rate Smoothing	35.96%	32.84%
Impact of Benefit Changes	Not Final	<u>2.44%</u>
Final ADEC	Not Final	35.28%

\* See Table 16 for more detail

\*\* Beginning with the December 31, 2017 valuation, compensation is projected to the fiscal year over which contributions will occur.

# Section 5: Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (continued)

The table below provides a reconciliation of the actuarially determined employer contribution.

#### Table 14: Reconciliation of the Change in the ADEC

Fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 Preliminary ADEC (based on December 31, 2021 valuation) Impact of Legislative Changes*	32.84% <u>2.44%</u>
Fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 Final ADEC Change Due to Anticipated Reduction in UAAL** Change Due to Demographic (Gain)/Loss Change Due to Investment (Gain)/Loss Change Due to Contributions Less (Greater) than ADEC Impact of Assumption Changes Impact of Benefit Changes Impact of Direct Rate Smoothing Reversal of one-time Legislative Costs Fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 Preliminary ADEC (based on December 31, 2022 valuation)	35.28% (1.19%) 2.50% 2.02% (1.11%) 0.00% 0.30% 0.60% (2.44%) 35.96%

\* Due to the one-time pension supplement to be paid by November 2023.

\*\* Amortization of the UAAL included a fresh-start 9-year amortization for the December 31, 2009, valuation with the first payment effective July 1, 2011. However, the Appropriations Act of 2011 changed the period over which the UAAL is amortized from nine years to 12 years, retroactive to July 1, 2011, as implemented in the December 31, 2010, valuation.

# Section 5: Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (continued)

Amortization methods determine the payment schedule for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. CJRS adopted a 12-year closed amortization period for fiscal year ending 2012. A new amortization base is created each year based on the prior years' experience. The tables below provide the calculation of the new amortization base and the amortization schedule for the current year's valuation.

### Table 15: Calculation of the New Amortization Base

Calculation as of	12/31/2022	12/31/2021
<ul> <li>(a) Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability</li> <li>(b) Prior Years' Outstanding Balances</li> <li>(c) New Amortization Base: (a) - (b)</li> <li>(d) New Amortization Payment</li> </ul>	\$ 155,421,837 117,824,221 37,597,616 4,907,756	\$ 129,447,154 126,566,945 2,880,209 375,964

#### Table 16: Amortization Schedule for Unfunded Accrued Liability

Date Established	Original Balance				Annual Payment Effective 7/1/2024	
December 31, 2009	\$	34,962,037	\$ 2,326,654	\$	-	
December 31, 2010		3,913,729	754,906		-	
December 31, 2011		10,017,079	3,112,749		1,345,874	
December 31, 2012		(4,239,030)	(1,783,325)		(567,820)	
December 31, 2013		(892,665)	(467,096)		(119,219)	
December 31, 2014		(6,478,378)	(4,009,801)		(862,722)	
December 31, 2015		36,271,204	25,684,292		4,815,940	
December 31, 2016		13,868,882	10,965,886		1,834,777	
December 31, 2017		19,189,149	16,644,626		2,529,226	
December 31, 2018		10,337,549	9,722,382		1,360,103	
December 31, 2019		10,042,676	10,116,342		1,317,062	
December 31, 2020		39,037,649	41,689,183		5,095,729	
December 31, 2021		2,880,209	3,067,423		375,964	
December 31, 2022		37,597,616	 37,597,616		4,907,756	
Total			\$ 155,421,837	\$	22,032,670	

**Commentary:** This is the payment schedule for the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of CJRS.

# Section 5: Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (continued)

The table below provides a history of the actuarially determined employer contribution and the corresponding appropriated rate.

# Table 17: History of Actuarially Determined Employer Contributions and Appropriated Rates

Valuation Date	Fiscal Year Ending	Normal Rate*	Accrued Liability Rate	Change due to Legislation**	Final ADEC	Appropriated Rate
12/31/2022	6/30/2025	13.21%	22.75%	N/A	N/A	N/A
12/31/2021	6/30/2024	14.16%	18.68%	2.44%	35.28%	35.28%
12/31/2020	6/30/2023	13.02%	23.99%	2.64%	39.65%	39.65%
12/31/2019	6/30/2022	17.59%	21.11%	1.32%	40.02%	40.02%
12/31/2018	6/30/2021	17.43%	19.01%	0.00%	36.44%	36.44%

\* Includes Death Benefit rate

\*\* The change due to legislation for the contribution for fiscal year ending June 30, 2024 provided for a one-time supplement equal to 4% of the annual retirement allowance payable by November 2023. The change due to legislation for the contribution for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 provided for a one-time supplement equal to 4% of the annual retirement allowance payable in October 2022. The change due to legislation for the contribution for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022 provided for a 2% one-time supplement payable in December 2021.

The following table shows estimates of the potential cost of two types of benefit improvements if they were enacted based on the results of the December 31, 2022 or December 31, 2021 valuations. The first benefit improvement is a permanent one-time cost-of-living increase and the second benefit improvement is a one-time supplement payment for retirees during the upcoming year ending December 31, 2023.

### Table 18: Cost of Benefit Enhancements

Calculation as of		12/31/2022		12/31/2021	
Increase in UAAL for a 1% COLA Increase in ADEC for a 1% COLA	\$	5,884,000 0.84%	\$	5,858,000 0.89%	
Increase in UAAL for a 1% Supplement Increase in ADEC for a 1% Supplement	\$	587,000 0.64%	\$	520,000 0.61%	

The 1% COLA in the December 31, 2022 column would be effective July 1, 2024 and includes expected costs of COLAs paid for retirements after December 31, 2022 and before June 30, 2024. The COLA would be paid in full to retired members and survivors of deceased members on the retirement roll on July 1, 2023 and would be prorated for retired members and survivors of deceased members who commence benefits after July 1, 2023 but before June 30, 2024. We are assuming that the cost of the COLA is amortized over a 12-year period.

The 1% Supplement in the December 31, 2022 column includes expected costs of supplements paid for retirement after December 31, 2022 and before June 30, 2024. The supplement would equal to 1.0% of the annual allowances of retirees and other beneficiaries who commence retirement on or before July 1, 2024. We are assuming that the cost of the supplement is amortized over a one-year period.
# **Appendix A: Detailed Tabulations of Member Data**

Table A-1: The Number and Average Reported Compensation of Active MembersDistributed by Age and Service as of December 31, 2022

					Years of	Service					
Age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & Up	Total
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	7,902	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7,902
30 to 34	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
	0	125,296	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	125,296
35 to 39	4	14	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
	25,464	133,660	136,813	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120,495
40 to 44	3	30	14	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	53
	19,676	130,855	145,256	153,035	142,201	0	0	0	0	0	130,468
45 to 49	6	35	20	10	3	1	0	0	0	0	75
	20,804	126,173	140,665	152,264	152,260	182,835	0	0	0	0	126,886
50 to 54	7	32	24	29	15	12	5	3	0	0	127
	18,119	139,666	147,756	149,411	158,868	156,874	148,200	117,336	0	0	140,423
55 to 59	4	25	11	21	10	19	11	5	0	0	106
	9,671	137,586	136,922	148,585	152,203	166,429	152,512	164,344	•	0	144,229
60 to 64	4	21	21	12	15	7	7	11	0	2	100
	10,110	138,714	151,837	147,488	154,886	153,439	157,252	155,916	0	127,038	143,791
65 to 69	0	7 138,348	10 147,627	7 155,781	8 158,170	6 165,717	6 170,319	7 178,302	4 151,157	1 206,035	56 158,492
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Total	29 17,226	173 134,103	116 145,059	85 149.668	56 154.721	52 162,643	32 158,532	27 160,337	4 151,157	7 152.879	581 140.184
	17,226	134,103	145,059	149,668	154,721	162,643	156,532	160,337	151,157	152,879	140,184

Table A-2: The Number and Reported Compensation of Active MembersDistributed by Age as of December 31, 2022

		Men			Women
Age	Number	Com	pensation	Number	Compensation
27	1	\$	7,902		
33				2	282,530
34	2		271,627	1	72,325
35	1		132,646	3	398,725
36	4		511,428	4	318,528
37	2		287,517	2	247,162
38	5		700,011	3	324,181
39	5		558,421	1	136,238
40	2		263,537	6	752,673
41	2		291,100	3	59,029
42	12		1,706,561	2	267,418
43	6		838,240	3	410,489
44	11		1,520,311	6	805,451
45	7		991,034	8	979,818
46	10		1,454,089	5	674,955
47	10		1,346,455	8	1,088,536
48	10		1,293,065	8	829,013
49	3		208,849	6	650,622
50	9		1,299,541	10	1,094,453
51	20		2,882,580	7	1,062,609
52	16		2,373,559	14	1,946,010
53	12		1,697,237	10	1,355,575
54	14		1,939,151	15	2,183,006
55	14		2,127,664	8	1,072,526
56	15		2,184,097	9	1,325,031
57	15		2,197,282	11	1,469,088
58	9		1,359,106	8	956,485
59	8		1,198,439	9	1,398,582
60	12		1,789,366	10	1,420,210
61	10		1,490,386	8	963,506
62	14		2,147,562	9	1,210,305
63	14		2,207,839	6	736,240
64	7		999,174	10	1,414,532
65	10		1,596,259	5	701,302
66	10		1,702,045	4	508,604
67	9		1,460,147	1	150,088
68	12		2,033,882	1	132,646
69	3		462,496	1	128,052
70	10		1,609,349	2	297,785
71	10		1,573,275	1	198,049
73	2		262,006		
74	1		131,024	1	149,519
78	1		168,501		
Total	350	\$	51,274,760	231	\$ 30,171,896

Table A-3: The Number and Reported Compensation of Active MembersDistributed by Service as of December 31, 2022

		Men			Wor	nen
Service	Number	Co	mpensation	Number	C	ompensation
0	10	\$	118,914	19	\$	380,654
1	10		1,075,918	13	\$	1,252,637
2	47		6,566,113	29		4,001,116
3	8		1,064,590	6		885,102
4	35		4,936,079	25		3,418,264
5	10		1,398,773	7		920,992
6	15		2,214,783	18		2,531,134
7	10		1,567,278	1		139,018
8	30		4,441,404	13		1,873,265
9	9		1,339,505	3		400,676
10	12		1,753,475	9		1,229,465
11	2		324,739	2		290,721
12	16		2,456,084	13		1,858,831
13	7		1,114,641	4		629,599
14	9		1,428,290	11		1,635,894
15	6		906,386	6		915,925
16	14		2,146,405	5		786,647
17	6		984,037	1		151,744
18	9		1,435,032	5		794,210
19	2		274,071	2		269,890
20	8		1,272,576	5		774,695
21	1		181,106	3		465,955
22	10		1,709,547	5		816,527
23	8		1,301,838			
24	9		1,461,775	3		473,415
25	5		828,119	2		285,457
26	5		822,214	3		433,213
27	2		266,332			100 100
28	8		1,328,916	1		123,102
29	3		518,661	3		467,021
30	1		158,110	5		821,048
31	1		169,810	2		226,355
32	6 4		1,108,561	3		413,889
33			599,010	2		264 404
34	3 1		571,218	2		261,104
35 36	1		179,619 128,052			
38	I		120,002	1		116,279
39	1		180,680	I		110,279
41	1		126,024	1		128,052
41	2		398,216	I		120,002
46	1		118,334			
50	2		299,525			
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Total	350	\$	51,274,760	231	\$	30,171,896

Table A-4: The Number and Accumulated Contributions of Terminated MembersDistributed by Age as of December 31, 2022

		Men			Wom	nen
Age	Number	Co	ntributions	Number	C	ontributions
35	1	\$	33,985			
40	1		4,017			
41	1		24,719			
42				1	\$	13,271
43	1		16,290			
46	1		70,188	1		13,432
47				1		13,358
48				1		5,523
49				1		145,821
50	1		46,795			,
51	2		120,843	1		280,074
52	3		32,483	1		105,924
53	1		56,155	2		73,387
54				1		68,465
55	3		102,480	1		97,046
56	3		234,286	1		5,361
57	5		163,131	1		5,946
58	2		58,836	1		58,370
59	1		17,758	1		6,371
60	2		108,692	1		4,377
61				1		111,278
62	1		50,208			
63	1		7,899	1		49,614
64	1		24,036	1		12,096
65	3		369,304	1		238,818
69	1		38,457			
70	1		58,460			
72	2		29,046	1		53,241
74				1		343,587
Total	38	\$	1,668,068	22	\$	1,705,360

Table A-5: The Number and Annual Retirement Allowances of Retired Members (Healthy at Retirement) and Survivors of Deceased Members Distributed by Age as of December 31, 2022

		Men		Women
Age	Number	Allowances	Number	Allowances
44			1	\$ 18,531
52	1	\$ 72,906	2	107,628
53			2	131,791
54	2	133,338	1	129,197
55	3	131,946	2	53,973
56	1	117,348	5	273,015
57	2	239,194	2	249,660
58	3	210,176	9	623,521
59	4	335,713	3	266,298
60	4	362,232	6	299,184
61	4	262,979	15	1,073,266
62	4	192,885	4	248,306
63	7	566,568	6	431,490
64	4	434,528	6	429,223
65	4	372,732	8	480,430
66	13	1,050,271	21	1,210,651
67	7	654,053	14	1,093,728
68	20	1,425,135	18	1,047,300
69	19	1,523,709	15	827,885
70	19	1,356,803	11	575,436
71	24	1,785,539	14	784,320
72	21	1,662,047	14	888,742
73	36	2,603,768	16	1,089,676
74	32	2,399,347	11	807,776
75	27	1,905,735	7	522,946
76	37	2,842,851	11	519,887
77	29	2,067,669	17	901,951
78	17	1,168,317	9	417,794
79	17	1,172,903	6	260,210
80	19	1,321,755	10	695,668
81	10	813,330	14	508,240
82	9	772,334	2	15,034
83	10	943,855	7	420,872
84	6	522,040	10	381,736
85	8	569,635	10	411,046

Table A-5: The Number and Annual Retirement Allowances of Retired Members (Healthy at Retirement) and Survivors of Deceased Members Distributed by Age as of December 31, 2022 (continued)

		Me	n		Wo	omen
Age	Number		Allowances	Number		Allowances
86	6	\$	499,764	9	\$	458,868
87	6		312,755	3		92,572
88	3		140,188	8		503,628
89	4		217,405	4		118,104
90	1		116,380	9		336,031
91	2		185,402	2		158,340
92	1		104,058	3		210,127
93	3		221,633	3		193,470
94	2		48,144	4		73,862
95				2		38,059
96				2		47,506
97				1		36,536
98				1		9,773
100				1		11,326
102				1		20,263
105				1		49,753
Total	451	\$	33,839,370	363	\$	20,554,629

Table A-6: The Number and Annual Retirement Allowances of Retired Members (Healthy at Retirement) and Survivors of Deceased Members Distributed by Annuity Type as of December 31, 2022

	Men			Women		
Annuity Type	Number		Allowances	Number		Allowances
Maximum	228	\$	17,746,318	156	\$	10,785,056
Option 1	2		166,113			
Option 2	53		3,304,559	9		685,861
Option 3	52		4,522,884	7		530,436
Option 4	3		265,109	6		241,509
Option 5-2						
Option 5-3						
Option 6-2	31		1,990,076	4		428,448
Option 6-3	57		4,897,338	18		1,403,178
Other	1		14,610			
Survivors of						
Deceased Members	24		932,363	163		6,480,141
Total	451	\$	33,839,370	363	\$	20,554,629

Table A-7: The Number and Annual Retirement Allowances of Retired Members(Disabled at Retirement) Distributed by Age as of December 31, 2022

		1	Women			
Age	Number		Allowances	Number		Allowances
44 66	1	\$	69,696	1	\$	96,027
Total	1	\$	69,696	1	\$	96,027

 Table A-8: The Number and Annual Retirement Allowances of Retired Members

 (Disabled at Retirement) Distributed by Annuity Type as of December 31, 2022

		Mei	n		Wo	omen
Annuity Type	Number		Allowances	Number		Allowances
Maximum	1	\$	69,696	1	\$	96,027
Option 1						
Option 2						
Option 3						
Option 4						
Option 5-2						
Option 5-3						
Option 6-2						
Option 6-3						
Other						
Total	1	\$	69,696	1	\$	96,027

# **Appendix B: Summary of Main Benefits & Contribution Provisions**

All justices, judges, district attorneys, and public defenders of the General Court of Justice, and clerks of the Superior Court are eligible for membership.

### **Final Compensation**

The annual rate of compensation of the member at his date of termination or death.

### **Average Final Compensation**

Average annual compensation during the 48 consecutive calendar months of membership producing the highest average.

### **Creditable Service**

Creditable service includes all service rendered as a justice of the Supreme Court, judge of the Court of Appeals, judge of the Superior Court, judge of the District Court Division of the General Court of Justice, Administrative Officer of the Courts, District Attorney, Public Defender or as a Clerk of the Superior Court.

### Service Retirement Allowance

Conditions for Allowance

A service retirement allowance is payable to any member who retires from service and

- (a) had attained age 50 and was in service on October 8, 1981; or
- (b) has attained age 50 and completed five or more years of creditable service; or

Retirement is compulsory at age 76 for Supreme Court Justices and Appellate judges, and 72 if the member is a justice or judge of the Superior or District Divisions of the General Court of Justice.

### Unreduced Allowance

An unreduced annual service retirement allowance is payable to a member who:

- (a) has attained age 65 and completed five years of creditable service; or
- (b) has attained age 50 and completed 24 years of creditable service.

The Service Retirement Allowance is equal to:

- (i) 4.02% of final compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service rendered as a justice of the Supreme Court or judge of the Court of Appeals, plus
- (ii) 3.52% of final compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service rendered as a judge of the Superior Court or as Administrative Officer of the Courts, plus
- (iii) 3.02% of final compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service rendered as a judge of the District Court, District Attorney, Public Defender, or Clerk of the Superior Court, plus
- (iv) A service retirement allowance computed on average final compensation, service transferred from the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System or the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System and the applicable formula accrual rate from the previous system.

### **Reduced Allowance**

A reduced annual service retirement allowance is payable to a member who retires:

- (a) prior to the earlier of attainment of age 65 and completion of five years of creditable service
- (b) prior to attainment of age 50 or the completion of 24 years of creditable service.

The reduced amount is an allowance as computed above reduced by 3% for each year that the member's retirement date precedes the date upon which the member would have attained age 65 or completed 24 years of service had he or she remained in service, whichever is earlier.

# **Appendix B: Summary of Main Benefits & Contribution (continued)**

#### Maximum Amount

The maximum annual service retirement allowance (on an unreduced basis) is the amount which, when added to the member's benefit payable from the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System, Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, or Legislative Retirement System (all on an unreduced basis) would total 75% of the member's final compensation.

### Minimum Amount

In no event will a member whose creditable service commenced prior to January 1, 1974 as a justice of the Supreme Court, as a judge of the Court of Appeals, as an Administrative Officer of the courts, or as a judge of the Superior Court, receive a smaller retirement allowance than he or she would have received under Chapter 7A of the General Statutes.

### **Disability Retirement Allowance**

#### Condition for Allowance

Any member who becomes permanently and totally disabled prior to the attainment of age 65 and who has completed at least five years of creditable service may be retired by the Board of Trustees on a disability retirement allowance. Any retired member may also apply for a disability retirement allowance within the first three years of retirement.

#### Amount of Allowance

The disability retirement allowance is computed as a Service Retirement Allowance based on the number of years of creditable service the member would have had had he or she remained in service to the earliest date he or she could have retired on an unreduced service retirement allowance.

#### Deferred Allowance

Any member who separates from service prior to age 50 and completion of five years of creditable service and who leaves his total accumulated contributions in the system may receive a deferred allowance, beginning at age 50, computed in the same way as a service retirement allowance on the basis of creditable service and compensation to the date of separation.

### **Spouse Benefit**

#### Conditions for Benefit

Upon the death of a member in active service after attainment of age 50 and completion of five years of creditable service a death benefit is payable to his or her surviving spouse.

#### Amount of Benefit

The surviving spouse receives a lump sum payment equal to the member's final compensation. In addition, the surviving spouse receives an annual retirement allowance, until death or remarriage, equal to 50% of the service retirement allowance to which the member would have been entitled had retirement occurred on the first day of the calendar month coincident with or next following his or her date of death reduced by 2% for each year that the member's age exceeds that of the spouse.

### Lump Sum Death Benefit

Upon the death of a member in active service prior to attainment of age 50 a lump sum payment equal to the member's accumulated contributions plus his or her final compensation is made to the designated beneficiary or estate.

# **Appendix B: Summary of Main Benefits & Contribution (continued)**

### **Death after Retirement**

Upon the death of a retired member while in receipt of a service retirement allowance or after age 65 if in receipt of a disability retirement allowance an allowance is paid to his or her spouse, until death or remarriage, equal to one-half the allowance which was payable to the member prior to death reduced by 2% for each year that the member's age exceeds that of the spouse.

Upon the death of a member in receipt of a disability retirement allowance prior to age 65, an allowance is paid to his or her spouse, until death or remarriage, equal to one-half the service retirement allowance the member would have received had he or she remained in service up to the date of death reduced by 2% for each year that the member's age exceeds that of the spouse.

Upon the death of a beneficiary who did not retire under an effective election of Option 2, 3, 5 or 6, an amount equal to the excess if any, of the member's accumulated contributions at retirement over the retirement allowance payments received is paid to a designated person or to the beneficiary's estate.

Upon the death of the survivor of a beneficiary who retired under an effective election of Option 2, 3, 5 or 6, an amount equal to the excess, if any, of the beneficiary's accumulated contributions at retirement over the total retirement allowance payments received is paid to such other person designated by the beneficiary or to the beneficiary's estate.

### **Other Death Benefits**

Upon the death of a member in service, other benefits may be provided by the Death Benefit Plan.

#### **Return of Contributions**

Any member who terminates service other than by retirement or death is entitled to the return of accumulated contributions.

If the total retirement allowance payments to a retired member, spouse and/or beneficiary under option are less than the member's accumulated contributions at retirement, the excess is paid to the designated beneficiary or legal representatives.

The current interest rate on member contributions is 4%.

### **Optional Allowances**

In lieu of the full retirement allowance, any member may elect to receive a reduced retirement allowance equal in value to the full allowance, with the provision that:

Option 1

A member retiring prior to July 1, 1993 may elect that at his or her death within 10 years from retirement date, an amount equal to his or her accumulated contributions at retirement, less 1/120 for each month he or she has received a retirement allowance payment, is paid to the estate, or to a person designated by the member, or

#### Option 2

At the death of the member his or her allowance shall be continued throughout the life of such other person as the member shall have designated at the time of retirement, or

#### Option 3

At the death of the member one-half of his or her allowance shall be continued throughout the life of such other person as the member shall have designated at the time of retirement, or

# **Appendix B: Summary of Main Benefits & Contribution (continued)**

### Option 4

At retirement, any member may elect to receive a retirement allowance in such amount that, together with his or her Social Security benefit, the member will receive approximately the same income per annum before and after the earliest age at which he or she becomes eligible to receive the Social Security benefit. A member who elects to receive his or her allowance under this option is deemed to have elected Option 1 also, or

### Option 5

A member retiring prior to July 1, 1993 may elect to receive a reduced retirement allowance during his or her life with some other benefit approved by the Board of Trustees payable after death, or the member may elect to receive a reduced retirement allowance under the provisions of Option 2 or Option 3 in conjunction with the provisions of Option 1, or

#### Option 6

A member may elect either Option 2 or Option 3 with the added provision that in the event the designated beneficiary predeceases the member, the retirement allowance payable to the member after the designated beneficiary's death shall be equal to the retirement allowance which would have been payable had the member not elected the Option.

#### **Unused Sick Leave**

Unused sick leave counts as creditable service at retirement. Sick leave which was converted from unused vacation leave is also creditable. One month of credit is allowed for each 20 days of unused sick leave, plus an additional month for any part of 20 days left over.

### **Post-Retirement Increases in Allowance**

Future increases in allowances may be granted at the discretion of the State.

### Contributions

Member Contributions

Each member contributes 6% of annual compensation.

### **Employer Contributions**

The State makes annual contributions consisting of a normal contribution and an accrued liability contribution. The normal contribution covers the liability on account of current service and is determined by the actuary after each valuation.

The accrued liability contribution covers the past service liability that exceeds the actuarial value of assets.

### **Changes Since Prior Valuation**

The December 31, 2022 valuation reflects the one-time supplement for CJRS payees in pay status as of October 1, 2023 that is equal to 4% of their annual allowance and payable by November 2023.

The required retirement age increased from 72 to 76 for Supreme Court Justices and appellate judges. This change in provision did not have an impact on the valuation.

# **Appendix C: Actuarial Assumptions and Methods**

Assumptions are based on the experience investigation prepared as of December 31, 2019 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2021 for use beginning with the December 31, 2020 annual actuarial valuation.

### **Interest Rate**

6.50% per annum, compounded annually.

### **Price Inflation**

2.50% per annum, compounded annually.

### **Real Wage Growth**

0.75% per annum.

### **Payroll Growth**

3.25% per annum.

### Withdrawal

2.00% termination rate assumed for all years.

### **Separations Before Retirement**

Representative values of the assumed annual rates of separation are as follows:

	Annual Rates of						
	Disability	Base M	ortality*				
Age	Male & Female	Male	Female				
25	.00002	.00024	.00008				
30	.00003	.00031	.00013				
35	.00008	.00041	.00021				
40	.00017	.00057	.00033				
45	.00035	.00085	.00051				
50	.00059	.00129	.00076				
55	.00119	.00190	.00112				
60	.00192	.00276	.00169				
64	.00246	.00375	.00245				

\* Base mortality rates as of 2010.

# **Appendix C: Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (continued)**

## **Service Retirement**

Representative values of the assumed annual rates of service retirement are as follows:

Annual Rates of Retirement									
	Service								
Age	5	10	15	20	24	25 +			
50	.020	.020	.020	.020	.150	.090			
55	.020	.020	.020	.020	.050	.090			
60	.040	.040	.040	.040	.200	.170			
65	.120	.120	.120	.120	.120	.120			
70	.250	.250	.250	.250	.250	.250			

All members are assumed to retire no later than age 72. S.L. 2023-134, which became law on October 3, 2023, increases the required retirement age from 72 to 76 for Supreme Court Justices and appellate judges. We do not expect this change to have a material impact on active member retirement patterns for the current population, and accordingly did not change the service retirement assumption. We will continue to monitor retirement experience.

### Salary Increases (Merit Only)

Representative values of the assumed annual rates of salary merit increases are as follows:

Annual Rate of	Annual Rate of Salary Increase				
Service	Rate				
0	.0150				
5	.0100				
10	.0050				
>=15	.0000				

### **Deaths After Retirement**

Representative values of the assumed post-retirement mortality rates in 2010 prior to any mortality improvements are as follows:

Annual Rate of Death after Retirement (Retired Members and Survivors of Deceased Members)									
		ement Retirement)		ivors of d Members	Retirees (Disabled at Retirement)				
Age	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female			
55	.00387	.00275	.01147	.00742	.02114	.01742			
60	.00552	.00371	.01450	.00975	.02503	.01956			
65	.00820	.00595	.02086	.01332	.03044	.02256			
70	.01381	.01032	.03221	.01931	.03901	.02862			
75	.02437	.01827	.04971	.02946	.05192	.04003.			
80	.04391	.03260	.07802	.04698	.07348	.06007			

### **Deaths After Retirement (Healthy Members at Retirement)**

Mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 General Retirees Above-Median Amount-Weighted Mortality.

# **Appendix C: Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (continued)**

### **Deaths After Retirement (Disabled Members at Retirement)**

Mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 General Disabled Retirees Amount-Weighted Mortality.

### **Deaths After Retirement (Survivors of Deceased Members)**

Mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 Below-median Teachers Mortality Table for Contingent Survivors. Rates for male members are Set Forward 3 years. Rate for female members are Set Forward 1 year. Because the contingent survivor tables have no rates prior to age 45, the Below-median Teachers Mortality Table for Employees is used for ages less than 45Teachers Contingent Survivors Below Median Amount-Weighted Mortality.

### **Deaths Prior to Retirement**

Mortality rates are based on the Pub-2010 General Employees Amount- Weighted Mortality.

### **Mortality Projection**

All mortality rates are projected from 2010 using generational improvement with Scale MP-2019.

### **Timing of Assumptions**

All withdrawals, deaths, disabilities, retirements, and salary increases are assumed to occur July 1 of each year. The timing of retirement changes from mid-year to beginning of year at and after the 100% retirement age.

#### **Liability for Inactive Members**

The liability for members who terminated prior to five years of creditable service is estimated to be 100% of the member's accumulated contributions. The liability for members who terminated after completing five years of creditable service is estimated based on the member's current age and the service and reported compensation at termination of employment.

### **Administrative Expenses**

0.05% of payroll added to the normal cost rate.

### **Marriage Assumption**

90% of male members married and 50% of female members married with the male spouses three years older than female spouses.

### **Missing Gender Code**

For members reported on the data without a gender code, we use the prior year's code where available or assign a code based on first name.

### **Reported Compensation**

Calendar year compensation as furnished by the system's office.

#### **Valuation Compensation**

Reported compensation adjusted to reflect the assumed rate of pay as of the valuation date and the probability of decrement during the year.

# **Appendix C: Actuarial Assumptions and Methods (continued)**

## **Compensation Limits**

No compensation limits are applied.

### **Actuarial Cost Method**

Entry age normal cost method. Entry age is established on an individual basis.

### **Normal Cost**

Normal cost rate reflects the impact of new entrants during the year.

### **Amortization Period**

12-year closed, level-dollar amount. The first amortization base was created for the contribution payable for fiscal year ending 2012.

### **Asset Valuation Method**

Actuarial value, as developed in Table 9. Actuarial value of assets is based upon a smoothed market value method. Under this method, asset returns in excess of or less than the expected return on market value of assets will be reflected in the actuarial value of assets over a five- year period. The calculation of the Actuarial Value of Assets is based on the following formula:

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{MV} - 80\% \ x \ \mathsf{G}/(\mathsf{L}){1} - 60\% \ x \ \mathsf{G}/(\mathsf{L}){2} - 40\% \ x \ \mathsf{G}/(\mathsf{L}){3} - 20\% \ x \ \mathsf{G}/(\mathsf{L}){4} \\ \\ \mathsf{MV} = \text{the market value of assets as of the valuation date} \\ \\ \mathsf{G}/(\mathsf{L}){i} = \text{the asset gain or (loss) for the i-th year preceding the valuation date} \end{array}$ 

### **Changes in Assumptions and Methods Since Prior Valuation**

The assumptions and methods used for the December 31, 2022 actuarial valuation are based on the experience study prepared as of December 31, 2019 and adopted by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2021.

# **Appendix D: Additional Disclosures**

Table D-1 illustrates the sensitivity of certain valuation results to changes in the discount rate on a market value of assets basis. Table D-2 provides an estimate of future market value of asset returns based on the current portfolio structure and summarized in the "NCRS Investment Policy Statement Review" presentation prepared by the DST Investment Management Division and dated May 25, 2022.

Section 6(c) of Session Law 2016-108 requires that the actuarial valuation report provide the valuation results using a 30-year treasury rate as of December 31 of the year of the valuation as the discount rate. This is 3.97% at December 31, 2022 and has been used as the lower bound of the sensitivity analysis presented. The range between the current discount rate (6.50%) and the 30-year treasury rate (3.97%) was used to establish an upper bound for sensitivity analysis (9.03%). Based on the analysis performed by Callan for DST's Investment Management Division in 2022, the lower bound of 3.97% returns is between 75% to 95% likely to be achieved on average over the next 30 years, while the upper bound of 9.03% is more than 5% likely to be achieved on average over the next 30 years.

# Table D-1: Sensitivity of Valuation Results as of December 31, 2022

Discount Rate	3.97%	5.24%	6.50%	7.77%	9.03%
Market Value of Assets	\$ 653,867,680	\$ 653,867,680	\$ 653,867,680	\$ 653,867,680	\$ 653,867,680
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 1,147,757,409	\$ 997,016,196	\$ 876,518,740	\$ 777,498,914	\$ 696,529,146
Unfunded Accrued Liability (UAL)	\$ 493,889,729	\$ 343,148,516	\$ 222,651,060	\$ 123,631,234	\$ 42,661,466
Funded Ratio	57.0%	65.6%	74.6%	84.1%	93.9%
20-Year Amortization of UAL (as % of general state revenue)	\$ 37,683,622 0.09%	\$ 29,570,440 0.07%	\$ 21,520,314 0.05%	N/A N/A	N/A N/A

Other than the discount rate, these results are based on the other economic and demographic assumptions presented in the report. For purposes of simplicity in this disclosure, no adjustments to the valuation assumption for inflation were reflected in the sensitivities above. The statute also requires that the actuarial valuation report show the results using a market value of assets basis. The "funded ratio" and "unfunded accrued liability" in Table D-1 are based upon the market value of assets. In order to alleviate volatility, future employer contributions are determined based on the actuarial value of assets, which smooths market value returns.

None of the liability amounts shown are intended to imply the amount that might represent the cost of any settlement of the plan's obligations. The various caveats, constraints, and discussions presented earlier in the report apply to these results as well.

## Table D-2: Estimate of Future Asset Returns

Horizon	95% Chance (19 out of every 20 scenarios)	75% Chance (3 out of every 4 scenarios)	50% Chance (1 out of every 2 scenarios)	25% Chance (1 out of every 4 scenarios)	5% Chance (1 out of every 20 scenarios)
10 Years (2032)	0.4%	3.6%	5.7%	7.8%	11.1%
30 Years (2052)	3.3%	5.1%	6.3%	7.6%	9.3%

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