



**2015 ANNUAL
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State-Administered Defined Benefit Plans**

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Before filling out this form, please read carefully each part and all related definitions and instructions. **Note especially:**

1. To complete this form, you will need the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the retirement system listed in the mailing address (*Use the annual report if the retirement system does not have a CAFR*).
2. Report figures for **Defined Benefit** plans only. Do **not** include Defined Contribution or other Postemployment Benefit plans in the data.
3. If you are including data for **any retirement system(s) administered in addition to the system identified** in the address box above, list retirement system(s) in **25**, REMARKS section, at the end of the form.
4. Report corporate stocks and bonds at market value, and adhere to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) guidelines when reporting gains and losses on investments.
5. Report figures relating to all accounts and reserves of the system, including amounts for retirement, disability, survivors', and other benefits, as well as any amounts for administration of the system. Exclude transfers between reserves of the system.
6. Do **not** delay reporting to await finally audited figures, if substantially accurate figures can be supplied on a preliminary basis.
7. Use a black or blue ballpoint pen. Do not use pencil or felt-tip pen.



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1 Is the addressee title/department and mailing address the same as shown in the address label?

Yes – Go to **2**

No – Enter correct information below

Addressee Title or Department

ATTN:

Street 1

Street 2

City

State

Zip Code

PART 1 – PLAN INFORMATION FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

2 Are new employees covered under this defined benefit plan?

Yes

No

3 In addition to the defined benefit plan reported on this form, does this public retirement system offer a defined contribution plan?

Yes

No

4 In addition to the defined benefit plan reported on this form, does this public retirement system offer a postemployment healthcare plan?

Yes

No

PART 2 – ENDING DATE OF FISCAL YEAR

5 What is the retirement system's fiscal year end date?

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6 What was the retirement system's latest fiscal year end date that occurred before July 1, 2015? Use this fiscal year data to complete the remainder of this form even though more recent data may be available . . .

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PART 3 – MEMBERSHIP AND BENEFITS FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

HOW TO REPORT DOLLAR FIGURES

CORRECT marking example – Please print all information clearly in ordinary characters. (Use care to keep characters in their respective boxes.) To report a negative value, place the negative symbol inside box.

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INCORRECT marking example – Do not put slashes through "0" or "7".

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7 What was the total number of contributing members of the retirement system during the fiscal year indicated in **6**?

Exclude

- Beneficiaries

A. Active members – Current contributors in contributory systems or employees in non-contributory systems.

1. Employed by the local government(s)

Include

- Local agencies Z75

2. Employed by the state government

Include

- State institutions and agencies Z76

3. **TOTAL** – (Sum of items A1. through A2.) Z01

Number of Members

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B. Inactive members – Former employees and employees on military or other extended leave without pay having retained retirement credits, but **not currently receiving retirement benefit payments.**

1. Vested DBM004

2. Non-vested (on military or other extended leave only) DBM005

3. **TOTAL** – (Sum of items B1. through B2.) Z02

Number of Members

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8 What was the total number of retirees and beneficiaries during the fiscal year indicated in **6**? Provide estimates if detailed data are not available.

A. Retirees of system, retired on account of age or service Z03

B. Retirees of system, retired on account of disability Z04

C. Survivors of deceased retirees Z05

Number of Retirees/ Beneficiaries

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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9 What were the total number of payees and the amount of lump-sum payments made during the fiscal year indicated in **6**?

	Number of Payees	Amount Paid			
		\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
A. Withdrawals and other one time payments made to members of a deferred retirement option plan (DROP) DBM 010	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
B. Withdrawals and other one time payments (other than loans) made to present or former members of system Exclude					
• Payments to DROP members (should be reported in item A.) Z06	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>				
C. Lump-sum (nonrecurrent) payments made to survivors of deceased active members or retirees Z07	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>				

PART 4 – RECEIPTS FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

10 What was the amount of receipts during the fiscal year indicated in **6**?

Exclude

- Amounts received from sales of investments
- Amounts received from repayment of loans made to members

A. Employee contributions – Total amounts contributed by all member employees or withheld from their salaries for financing benefits.

	Employee Contributions
	\$Bil. Mil. Thou. Dol.
1. State employees – From employees of the state government, including employees of state colleges and other state institutions and agencies X02	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
2. Local employees – From employees of the counties, cities, local public schools, and other local government agencies X01	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

B. Employer (government) contributions – Total amounts received from state and local governments for financial support of the system, including any taxes credited directly to the system.

	Employer (Government) Contributions
	\$Bil. Mil. Thou. Dol.
1. State government contributions	
a. State contributions to own system on behalf of state employees Z99	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
b. State contributions to own system on behalf of local employees V87	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
c. TOTAL – (Sum of items B1a. through B1b.) X06	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
2. Local government contributions – From counties, cities, local public schools, and other local government agencies X05	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

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C. Earnings on investments

Include

- Interest
- Dividends
- Rents
- Other earnings on investments

Exclude

- Gains and losses on investment transactions (should be reported in 11)

		Investment Earnings			
		\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
1. Rentals from the state government	Z98	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2. Interest	Z71	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3. Dividends	Z72	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4. Other investment earnings – Specify: <input type="text"/>	Z73	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5. TOTAL – (Sum of items C1. through C4.)	DBR074	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

D. Other receipts

Include

- Private gifts
- Donations

		Other Receipts			
		\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
Specify: <input type="text"/>	Z95	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

11 What was the amount of net gains and losses on investments during the fiscal year indicated in 6? Report losses as a negative value (see **HOW TO REPORT DOLLAR FIGURES** on page 3).

		Gains and Losses			
		\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
A. Realized net gains or losses on investments	DBR092	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
B. Unrealized net gains or losses on investments	DBR094	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
C. TOTAL – (Sum of items A. through B.)	Z96/Z91	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>



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PART 5 – PAYMENTS FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

12 What was the amount of payments during the fiscal year indicated in **6**?

Exclude

- Amounts paid out for purchase of investments and loans made to members
- Deferred retirement option plan (DROP) payments (*should be reported in 9*)

		Payments			
		\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
A. Benefit payments – Report annual amounts.					
1. Retirement benefits	Z13				
2. Disability benefits	Z14				
3. Survivor benefits	Z15				
4. Other benefits	Z16				
5. TOTAL – (Sum of items A1. through A4.)	X11				
B. Withdrawals – Amounts paid to employees, former employees, or their survivors, representing return of contributions made by employees during the period of their employment, and any interest on such amounts					
	X12				
C. Administrative expenses					
Include					
• Investment fees					
• Other administrative expenses	Z93				
D. Other payments – Specify: ↘					
<input type="text"/>					
	Z90				

PART 6 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

13 What was the total amount of cash and investments (at market value) held at the end of the fiscal year indicated in **6**?

Exclude

- Receivables and securities lending collateral

		Cash and Short-term Investments			
		\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
A. Cash and short-term investments					
1. Cash on hand and demand deposits	Z88				
2. Time or savings deposits	Z87				
3. All other short-term investments					
Include					
• Repurchase agreements					
• Commercial company paper					
• Finance company paper					
• Bankers acceptances					
• Money market mutual funds	Z68				
4. TOTAL – (Sum of items A1. through A3.)	X21				

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B. Federal government securities

1. Federal treasury securities – Obligations of the U.S. Treasury and Federal Financing Bank

Federal Government Securities

\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
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Include

- Short-term notes. Z89

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2. Federal agency

a. Securities – Bonds and mortgage-backed securities (where applicable) issued by CCC, Export-Import Bank, FHA, GNMA, Postal Service, and TVA

Exclude

- Directly held mortgages (should be reported in item F.) X33

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b. Federally-sponsored agencies – Bonds and mortgage-backed securities (where applicable) issued by FHLB, FHLMC, FNMA, and Farm credit banks

Exclude

- SLM Corporation (should be reported in item C.) Z62

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3. **TOTAL** – (Sum of items B1. through B2b.) X30

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C. Corporate bonds, domestic

Include

- Debentures and convertible bonds
- Railroad equipment certificates
- Asset-backed securities
- Commercial mortgage-backed securities
- Corporate collateralized mortgage-backed securities
- Private debt
- SLM Corporation Z63

Corporate Bonds

\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
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D. Corporate stocks, domestic

Include

- Common and preferred stocks
- Warrants
- Private equity
- Venture capital
- Leveraged buy-outs

Exclude

- Money market mutual funds (should be reported in item A3.)
- Other mutual funds (should be reported in item H4.)
- Hedge funds (should be reported in item H4.) Z78

Corporate Stocks

\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
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E. Foreign and international securities

Include

- Foreign governments

Foreign and International Securities

\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
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1. Foreign and international stocks. DBC103

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2. Foreign and international bonds. DBC104

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3. **TOTAL** – (Sum of items E1. through E2.) Z70

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F. Mortgages held directly

Exclude

- Mortgage-backed securities (should be reported in item B2a. or C.)
- Directly held real property (should be reported in item H1.) X42

Mortgages Held Directly			
\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

G. Investments held in trust by other agencies

Include

- Funds administered by private agencies
- Guaranteed investment accounts
- Share of funds in governmental investment accounts. Z84

Other Securities			
\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

H. Other investments

1. Real property – Report only directly held property.

Exclude

- Property held in investment trusts (should be reported in item H3.)
- Property held in pooled or partnership agreements (should be reported in item H3.) . . X46

Other Investments			
\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

2. State and local government securities X35

3. Other investments

Include

- Property held in pooled or partnership agreements
- Property held in investment trusts
- Investments in real estate investment trusts (REITs)

Specify: . . . X47

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4. Other securities

Include

- Shares held in conditional sales contracts
- Direct loans and loans to members
- Derivatives
- Guaranteed investment contracts
- Annuities and life insurance
- Hedge funds
- Mutual funds not reported elsewhere

Exclude

- Money market mutual funds (should be reported in item A3.)

Specify: . . . Z83

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5. **TOTAL** – (Sum of items H1. through H4.) Z82

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Cash and Investments			
\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

I. TOTAL – (Sum of totals for items A. through H.) Z81

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PART 7 – ACTUARIAL INFORMATION FOR DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

To complete this part, continue using the CAFR or annual report used to complete the previous parts of the form. Use this report even though more recent data may be available.

14 What is the actuarial valuation date of the actuarial information in the report? (MM) (DD) (YYYY)

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15 What is the amount of funds associated with the actuarial accrued liability (AAL)?

Actuarial Accrued Liability Amount

	\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
A. Estimate of pension fund’s actuarial accrued liability – This value can be obtained from the Schedule of Funding Progress report Z17				

B. Membership amounts – Amount of the actuarial accrued liability (AAL) for members and beneficiaries of the pension system.

- Active members – Current contributors in contributory systems, or employees in non-contributory systems DBM013
- Inactive members – Former employees and employees on military or other extended leave without pay having retained retirement credits, but not currently receiving retirement benefit payments DBM014
- Beneficiaries receiving periodic benefit payments during month DBM015

	\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
1. Active members DBM013				
2. Inactive members DBM014				
3. Beneficiaries DBM015				

16 What is the amount of covered payroll? This value can be obtained from the Schedule of Funding Progress report.

Covered Payroll

	\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
Z18				

17 What is the amount of employer normal cost or service cost? Report as a dollar amount or percentage of covered payroll. If only normal cost is available, report that value instead and mark "X" in the box below.

Normal or Service Cost

	\$Bil.	Mil.	Thou.	Dol.
Z19				

Reported amount represents total normal cost V19

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18 Are members required to contribute to the normal cost or service cost?

Yes – Go to **19**

No – Go to **20**

Percentage of Covered Payroll Contributed

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19 What percentage of covered payroll are members required to contribute? DBA001

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20 What is the amount of the retirement system's annual required contribution (ARC)? This value can be obtained from the Schedule of Employer Contributions report.

Annual Required Contribution												
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V10												

21 What is the actuarial cost method used to produce the above estimates? Mark "X" only one box.

- Entry Age / Entry Age Normal
- Projected Unit Credit
- Other – Specify:

22 What is the investment rate of return or discount rate used in the actuarial valuation?

Investment Rate or Discount Rate								
V12				.				%

23 Were cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) made to pension benefits during the fiscal year indicated in **6**?

- Yes – Go to **24**
- No – Go to **25**

24 What were the cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) made to pension benefits during the fiscal year indicated in **6**? Mark "X" all that apply.

If more than one box or 'Other adjustments made' is selected, explain different options in item **25.*

- 1 COLA adjustments were greater than the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- 2 COLA adjustments were less than the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- 3 COLA adjustments were equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- 4 Other adjustments made



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PART 8 – REMARKS

25 Use this space for any explanations that may be essential in understanding the reported data.

Include

- Any significant changes occurring within the last year
- Any difficulties encountered in completing this form

PART 9 – CONTACT INFORMATION

26 Who should be contacted to answer questions about data reported on this form?

Name of contact person – Please print

Title of contact person – Please print

Area code and phone number

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