Snapshot

Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System

Members year end 2011	227,000 115,000 retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits 107,000 active members paying into the system 5,000 vested members not receiving benefits
Average Annuity Paid for those who work to full retirement age	$24,448 per year
Total Fund Assets as of Dec 2011	$24.2 billion
Funding Sources 10-year totals	$ 3.3 billion (16.0%) employee contributions $ 2.0 billion (9.7%) employer contributions $15.2 billion (74.4%) investment earnings
Employee Contribution Rate PA FY 2011/12	6.25% of salary, by payroll deduction (for most employees)
Employer Actual Cost PA FY 2011/12	4.1% of payroll for new employees as of Jan 1, 2011 18.4% of payroll for the unfunded liability rate 22.5% of payroll, composite rate
Employer Contribution Rate PA FY 2012/13	11.5% of payroll, as suppressed by Act 2010-120
Number of Employers year end 2011	107
Sources of Employer Contributions % provided by Budget Office, Feb 2012 applied to projected FY12/13 contributions under the Governor's jurisdiction	general funds $ 251.6 million (45.2%) special funds $ 122.5 million (22.0%) federal funds $ 80.8 million (14.5%) other funds $ 101.7 million (18.3%)
Ratio of Employer Contributions to PA Benefits Paid 2011 SERS employer contributions: $399 million SERS-paid benefits to PA residents: $2.4 billion	1:6 For every $1 contributed by SERS employers in 2011, $6 was returned to the PA economy through payments to retirees and beneficiaries. The multiplier results from employee contributions and SERS investment earnings over time.
Investment Returns as of Dec 2011, unaudited, annualized, net of fees	2.6% 1 year 8.2% 20-year 6.0% 10-year 10.2% 30-year
Cash Flow 2012 projected, as of Dec 2011 valuation	$ 62 million monthly income (employee and employer contributions) $228 million monthly payments (benefits and admin expense) difference in sum necessary to cover payments must come from investment income
Funded Status 2011 actuarial projection	69.0% with an unfunded liability of $12.5 billion
Key Assumptions 2011 actuarial report	8.00% annual investment return 6.20% average total salary/career growth per year 2.75% annual inflation rate