

Pennsylvania Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS)

PSERS, founded in 1917, began operations in 1919 to oversee a statewide defined benefit pension plan for public school employees. PSERS' role expanded upon the passage of Act 5 of 2017 to include oversight of two new hybrid options consisting of defined benefit and defined contribution (DC) components and a stand-alone DC plan.

PSERS: At a Glance

Members As of June 30, 2023	Over 500,000 Approximately 251,000 active members Approximately 250,00 retired members/beneficiaries
Average Annuity Paid (annuitants, survivor, beneficiaries, disabled annuitants) As of June 30, 2023	\$26,197 per year
Total Net Assets as of June 30, 2023	\$72.8 billion
Funding Sources 25-year totals As of June 30, 2023	15% member contributions32% employer contributions53% investment earnings
Member Contribution Rate As of June 30, 2023	Member contributions range from 7.50% to 10.80% of payroll depending on their class of membership.
Employer Contribution Rate	33.9% of payroll, beginning July 1, 2024 The FY 2024/2025 rate provides 100% of the actuarially required rate based on sound actuarial practices and principles.
Number of Employers As of June 30, 2023	770
Funded Status As of June 30, 2023	63.6% on actuarial basis with an unfunded liability of \$42.3 billion
Investment Returns As of June 30, 2023, PSERS' fiscal year end; audited, annualized, net of fees	3.54% 1-year 9.66% 3-year 7.30% 5-year 7.46% 10-year 6.57% 25-year
Investment Rate of Return	

Assumption As of June 30, 2023

7.00% annual investment return assumption