

Table 7.25
MEMBERSHIP OF STATE PUBLIC-EMPLOYEE PENSION SYSTEMS
BY STATE: FISCAL YEAR 2015 (a)

State	Membership			Total beneficiaries receiving periodic benefit payments
	Total	Active members	Inactive members	
United States	18,234,427	12,890,022	5,344,405	8,487,174
Alabama.....	247,550	222,937	24,613	135,188
Alaska.....	35,764	24,640	11,124	45,418
Arizona.....	478,887	245,041	233,846	154,502
Arkansas.....	164,692	131,946	32,746	81,392
California.....	2,052,643	1,434,068	618,575	963,902
Colorado.....	438,568	218,493	220,075	112,520
Connecticut.....	129,739	112,324	17,415	89,683
Delaware.....	46,978	43,359	3,619	26,394
Florida.....	628,626	514,253	114,373	376,447
Georgia.....	625,063	358,366	266,697	196,054
Hawaii.....	74,723	67,310	7,413	43,105
Idaho.....	78,924	67,062	11,862	43,284
Illinois.....	793,107	467,435	325,672	358,007
Indiana.....	272,271	222,758	49,513	139,743
Iowa.....	239,797	172,043	67,754	116,075
Kansas.....	201,908	154,203	47,705	93,457
Kentucky.....	363,367	216,550	146,817	147,909
Louisiana.....	285,409	189,090	96,319	163,558
Maine.....	60,913	51,145	9,768	41,449
Maryland.....	249,637	196,371	53,266	149,480
Massachusetts.....	290,236	214,263	75,973	143,161
Michigan.....	290,999	260,659	30,340	305,333
Minnesota.....	549,043	296,417	252,626	204,830
Mississippi.....	295,054	157,918	137,136	99,096
Missouri.....	332,495	247,608	84,887	166,157
Montana.....	80,731	52,525	28,206	38,274
Nebraska.....	89,659	60,754	28,905	24,076
Nevada.....	118,214	103,143	15,071	58,237
New Hampshire.....	58,556	47,867	10,689	31,414
New Jersey.....	565,232	463,748	101,484	324,021
New Mexico.....	171,888	118,510	53,378	80,979
New York.....	901,956	785,594	116,362	588,766
North Carolina.....	675,910	480,128	195,782	273,171
North Dakota.....	40,534	33,536	6,998	18,419
Ohio.....	1,289,492	652,896	636,596	453,972
Oklahoma.....	181,249	152,742	28,507	107,010
Oregon.....	312,376	263,363	49,013	136,246
Pennsylvania.....	519,989	364,299	155,690	336,149
Rhode Island.....	36,377	27,566	8,811	27,120
South Carolina.....	387,250	214,229	173,021	148,888
South Dakota.....	55,934	39,340	16,594	25,656
Tennessee.....	264,767	231,778	32,989	138,975
Texas.....	1,653,945	1,366,257	287,688	588,404
Utah.....	143,701	100,564	43,137	56,810
Vermont.....	30,300	24,716	5,584	14,688
Virginia.....	475,696	340,576	135,120	184,769
Washington.....	367,952	306,386	61,566	161,211
West Virginia.....	98,404	73,508	24,896	61,450
Wisconsin.....	418,378	257,255	161,123	185,605
Wyoming.....	69,544	42,483	27,061	26,720

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 Annual Survey of Public Pensions: State-Administered Defined Benefit Data.

Note: Effective with the 2012 survey cycle, the Annual Survey of Public Pensions: State-Administered Defined Benefit Data revised the survey form to implement changes in asset classification. These changes apply to the categories designated as corporate stocks, corporate bonds, federal government securities, state and local government securities, and other securities. Federally-sponsored agency securities are classified under federal government securities instead of corporate bonds. Private equity, venture capital, and leverage buyouts are classified under corporate stocks instead of other securities. Due to these changes in asset classification, there are shifts in the distribution of assets from corporate bonds to federal government securities and from other securities to corporate stocks. However, since investment decisions guide the distribution of assets, we cannot calculate the exact impact that the changes in classification had on the asset distribution for 2012. As such, for the above mentioned asset categories, any data comparisons between data from 2012 to the present, and data prior to 2012 should be exercised with caution.

Note: Data users who create their own estimates using these data should cite the U.S. Census Bureau as the source of the original data only. The data in this table are based on information from public records and contain no confidential data. The data in this table come from a sample of governmental units and are thus subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. Additional information on nonsampling error, response rates, and definitions may be found within the survey methodology http://www2.census.gov/govs/retire/2015_survey_methodology.pdf.

Note: Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

Note: Pension obligations and Covered payroll for defined benefit pension systems are only collected at the state level.

Key:

(a) There are exceptions to the fiscal year rule for the state pension systems in Alabama, Michigan, and Texas. For systems in these states, the fiscal year moves beyond the June 30 cutoff. The data for the survey year 2015 covers the fiscal year ending August 31, 2015 for Texas and September 30, 2015 for Alabama and Michigan. These exceptions are made to better align the data with the Survey of State Government Finances.