

PUBLIC PENSION PLANS

TABLE 7.30

Membership of State Public-Employee Pension Systems By State: Fiscal Year 2017

State	Membership		Total beneficiaries receiving periodic benefit payments	
	Total	Active members		Inactive members
United States	18,573,702	12,922,487	5,651,215	9,181,489
Alabama (a)	252,268	224,386	27,882	140,415
Alaska	33,732	23,516	10,216	48,209
Arizona	481,101	242,987	238,114	166,974
Arkansas	170,546	136,030	34,516	90,033
California	2,188,689	1,474,731	713,958	1,102,849
Colorado	467,372	221,800	245,572	123,197
Connecticut	128,927	111,138	17,789	92,503
Delaware	48,064	43,774	4,290	28,629
Florida	627,178	520,014	107,164	405,213
Georgia	585,176	366,831	218,345	220,988
Hawaii	75,152	65,911	9,241	46,920
Idaho	83,238	70,568	12,670	45,245
Illinois	692,099	461,324	230,775	381,015
Indiana	323,305	220,970	102,335	151,185
Iowa	242,996	174,616	68,380	122,519
Kansas	212,922	159,422	53,500	104,473
Kentucky	387,186	209,212	177,974	147,350
Louisiana	294,722	189,244	105,478	169,200
Maine	61,677	51,298	10,379	44,310
Maryland	249,433	195,300	54,133	158,210
Massachusetts	296,110	214,880	81,230	151,144
Michigan (a)	280,091	249,820	30,271	317,385
Minnesota	403,347	309,171	94,176	234,646
Mississippi	219,999	153,032	66,967	104,945
Missouri	333,851	247,203	86,648	181,428
Montana	75,773	54,443	21,330	41,553
Nebraska	94,111	62,390	31,721	26,460
Nevada	122,657	105,945	16,712	64,281
New Hampshire	59,440	48,127	11,313	32,855
New Jersey	479,788	461,586	18,202	327,598
New Mexico	179,412	116,334	63,078	104,859
New York	917,123	784,982	132,141	617,075
North Carolina	701,951	488,365	213,586	293,904
North Dakota	42,545	34,276	8,269	19,784
Ohio	1,384,117	692,520	691,597	470,078
Oklahoma	178,524	145,308	33,216	113,348
Oregon	315,551	269,842	45,709	142,428
Pennsylvania	539,037	369,549	169,488	357,526
Rhode Island	52,302	39,107	13,195	28,196
South Carolina	402,677	217,832	184,845	155,551
South Dakota	58,910	40,452	18,458	27,341
Tennessee	367,606	214,500	153,106	153,918
Texas (a)	1,782,603	1,251,782	530,821	636,285
Utah	153,238	98,435	54,803	62,698
Vermont	33,152	25,950	7,202	18,690
Virginia	488,430	341,200	147,230	199,388
Washington	395,948	328,646	67,302	208,064
West Virginia	80,869	73,873	6,996	73,940
Wisconsin	424,476	257,285	167,191	197,647
Wyoming	104,281	62,580	41,701	29,037

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Membership of State Public-Employee Pension Systems By State: Fiscal Year 2017 (continued)

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2017 Annual Survey of Public Pensions: State-Administered Defined Benefit Data.

Notes:

1. 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.

2. 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 <https://www2.census.gov/programs-surveys/aspp/technical-documentation/methodology/2017/2017survey methodology.pdf?#>.

3. Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

4. 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 2017 covers the fiscal year ending August 31, 2017 for Texas and September 30, 2017 for Alabama and Michigan. These exceptions are made to better align the data with the Survey of State Government Finances.