



## **State Police Retirement System of New Jersey**

### **Actuarial Valuation Report as of July 1, 2020**

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## ***LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL***

March 31, 2021

Board of Trustees  
State Police Retirement System of New Jersey  
State of New Jersey  
Department of the Treasury  
Division of Pension and Benefits, CN 295  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0295

Dear Board Members:

At your request, we have performed the July 1, 2020 Actuarial Valuation of the State Police Retirement System of New Jersey (SPRS or System).

In preparing our report, we relied on information (some oral and some written) supplied by the Division of Pensions and Benefits. This information includes, but is not limited to, plan provisions, employee data, and financial information. We performed an informal examination of the obvious characteristics of the data for reasonableness and consistency in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 23.

The results of this report are only applicable to the System's contribution for Fiscal Year Ending 2022. Future results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the assumptions; changes in assumptions; and changes in plan provisions or applicable law.

The actuarial assumptions are the same as those used in the July 1, 2019 valuation. The demographic and economic (other than the investment rate of return) actuarial assumptions are based on the recommended assumptions from the July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018 Experience Study, approved by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2020. The investment return assumption of 7.30% is based on the recommendation of the State Treasurer.

This report and its contents have been prepared in accordance with generally recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices and our understanding of the Code of Professional Conduct and applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice set out by the Actuarial Standards Board as well as applicable laws and regulations. Furthermore, as credentialed actuaries we meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the opinion contained in this report. This report does not address any contractual or legal issues. We are not attorneys, and our firm does not provide any legal services or advice.

This actuarial valuation report was prepared exclusively for the State Police Retirement System of New Jersey for the purposes described herein and for the plan auditor in completing an audit related to the matters herein. Other users of this report are not intended users as defined in the Actuarial Standards of Practice, and Cheiron assumes no duty or liability to such other users.

Sincerely,

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The primary purpose of the actuarial valuation and this report is to disclose the following as of the valuation date:

- The financial condition of the State Police Retirement System of New Jersey,
- Past and expected future trends and risks to the System’s financial condition,
- The State’s Pension Contribution for the Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 2022.

In this Section we present a summary of the principal valuation results. This includes the basis upon which the July 1, 2020 valuation was completed and an examination of the current financial condition of the System. In addition, we present a review of the key historical trends as well as the System’s projected financial outlook. The stress testing in accordance with the requirements set out in Chapter 277, P. L. 2017 follows in Section II.

This report does not include reporting requirements under GASB Statements No. 67 and 68 which were provided in separate reports.

Results shown in this report for years prior to July 1, 2018 are based on the prior actuary’s valuation reports.

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**Valuation Basis**

The July 1, 2020 valuation results are based on the same actuarial methods and assumptions as used in the July 1, 2019 valuation. The demographic and economic assumptions, aside from the valuation interest rate, are based on the July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018 Experience Study, which was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2020. The valuation is based on a 7.30% interest rate, which was recommended by the State Treasurer.

This report is prepared using census data, plan provisions, and financial information as of July 1, 2020 provided by the Division of Pensions and Benefits, and does not reflect any changes in the membership, plan provisions, or assets that occur after the valuation date. Events following that date are not, and should not be, reflected in this report.

Whereas there remains a lot of uncertainty, we continue to monitor developments regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it may have on the System. Chapter 54, P.L. 2020, amends eligibility for accidental disability and accidental death benefits for SPRS members when related to the contraction of COVID-19 during the Public Health Emergency declared by the Governor in Executive Order 103 of 2020, as extended. Chapter 46, P.L. 2020 delays mandatory retirement in the SPRS when it would occur during a period of a state of emergency. Actual experience, both demographic and economic, will be reflected in subsequent valuations as experience emerges.

This valuation reflects three other changes to the plan provisions. Chapter 157, P.L. 2019 expanded the definition of regular or assigned duties for purposes of accidental disability retirement to include the World Trade Center (WTC) rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations between September 11, 2001 and October 11, 2011 under certain conditions. For such members who participated in the WTC rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations, the total and permanent disability may occur after retirement on a service retirement or an ordinary disability retirement. After reviewing the members who have submitted eligibility registration forms and/or amended benefits requests forms with the DPB, we do not expect this legislation to have a material impact on the benefits payable by the System. Therefore, the impact of Chapter 157, P.L. 2019 will be recognized as part of the demographic experience as members are approved for such benefits.

Chapter 305, P.L. 2019 increased the benefit for a surviving child in the event of ordinary death while in active service. Previously, if there was no surviving spouse, or upon the surviving spouse's death or remarriage, a total of 20% (35%, 50%) of final compensation was payable to one (two, three or more) dependent child(ren). Under Chapter 305, P.L. 2019, if there is no surviving spouse, or upon the surviving spouse's death or remarriage, 50% of final compensation is payable to surviving children in equal shares. This legislation did not impact the actuarial liability for this valuation due to the current demographic assumptions and covered population.

Chapter 251, P.L. 2019 permits service credit transferred from another State-administered retirement system to apply towards creditable service in the SPRS. Any service credit that is transferred to the SPRS will be recognized as part of the demographic experience at the time it first appears in the valuation data.

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The Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2020 reduced the State pension contribution from the Statutory amount of \$165,576,179 to \$115,920,000.

The potential impact of the Appropriations Act of 2021 reduces the State pension contribution for Fiscal Year 2021 from the Statutory amount of \$178,836,912 to \$139,492,791 (78% of the Statutory contribution). This valuation reflects the potential impact of the Appropriations Act of 2021. The 78% assumption represents a decrease from the 80% appropriation assumed in the prior actuarial valuation report.

Chapter 83, P.L. 2016 calls for the State to make the required pension contributions on a quarterly basis in each fiscal year according to the following schedule: at least 25% by September 30, at least 50% by December 31, at least 75% by March 31, and at least 100% by June 30. As such, contributions are assumed to be made on a quarterly basis.

The valuation excludes assets and liabilities under the Non-Contributory Group Insurance Premium Fund. The Non-Contributory Group Insurance premiums are separately funded on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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**Key Results**

The following Table I-1 summarizes the key results of the valuation with respect to the System’s membership, assets and liabilities, and contributions. The results are presented and compared for both the current and prior year.

<b>Table I-1 State Police Retirement System Summary of Key Valuation Results</b>			
<b>Valuation Date Fiscal Year Ending (FYE)</b>	<b>July 1, 2020 2022</b>	<b>July 1, 2019 2021</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b><u>Member Data</u></b>			
Contributing Actives	2,762	2,766	-0.1%
Non-Contributing Actives	57	54	5.6%
Deferred Vested Members	0	0	N/A
Retirees and Beneficiaries <sup>1</sup>	3,479	3,400	2.3%
<b>Total Members</b>	<b>6,298</b>	<b>6,220</b>	<b>1.3%</b>
Appropriation Payroll <sup>2</sup>	\$ 298,254,514	\$ 296,189,926	0.7%
Annual Retirement Allowances	231,316,330	223,394,278	3.5%
<b><u>Assets and Liabilities</u></b>			
Actuarial Liability	\$ 3,692,501,511	\$ 3,595,361,713	2.7%
Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA) <sup>3</sup>	2,001,925,624	1,971,653,600	1.5%
Unfunded Actuarial Liability/(Surplus)	\$ 1,690,575,887	\$ 1,623,708,113	4.1%
Funded Ratio (AVA)	54.2%	54.8%	-0.6%
Market Value of Assets (MVA) <sup>3</sup>	\$ 1,861,270,733	\$ 1,902,721,169	-2.2%
Unfunded Actuarial Liability/(Surplus)	\$ 1,831,230,778	\$ 1,692,640,544	8.2%
Funded Ratio (MVA)	50.4%	52.9%	-2.5%
<b><u>Contribution Amounts</u></b>			
State Normal Cost at End of Year	\$ 44,783,339	\$ 44,022,882	1.7%
Amortization Payment of UAL	141,787,878	134,814,030	5.2%
<b>Total Statutory Contribution for FYE</b>	<b>\$ 186,571,217</b>	<b>\$ 178,836,912</b>	<b>4.3%</b>
Percent Appropriated	100.0%	78.0%	22.0%
Net State Contribution	\$ 186,571,217	\$ 139,492,791	33.7%

<sup>1</sup> Retiree and Beneficiary counts do not include QDROs

<sup>2</sup> Annual compensation for contributing actives only

<sup>3</sup> Includes discounted State appropriations receivable



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The key results of the July 1, 2020 actuarial valuation are as follows:

- The Statutory contributions increased from \$178.8 million for fiscal year ending 2021 to \$186.6 million for fiscal year ending 2022 prior to any adjustments for the State phase-in of contributions.
- The funded ratio, the ratio of actuarial asset value over liabilities, decreased from 54.8% as of July 1, 2019 to 54.2% as of July 1, 2020. Using the market value of assets, the funded ratio also decreased from 52.9% to 50.4%.
- The unfunded actuarial liability used in determining the Statutory contribution (excess of actuarial liability over the actuarial value of assets) increased from \$1,623.7 million as of July 1, 2019 to \$1,690.6 million as of July 1, 2020.
- During the year there was a total actuarial experience loss of \$39 million, consisting of an asset loss of \$36 million and a liability loss of \$3 million. The liability loss of \$3 million represents 0.1% of liabilities. The rate of return on the actuarial value of assets was 5.35% compared to the expected return of 7.30%, resulting in the \$36 million asset loss.
- Chapter 157, P.L. 2019 and Chapter 305, P.L. 2019, the two legislative changes to plan provisions since the prior valuation, had no material impact on the liabilities.

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**Recent Trends**

Although most of the attention given to the valuation reflects the most recently computed unfunded actuarial liability, funded ratio, and contribution amounts, each valuation is merely a snapshot of the long-term progress of a pension fund. It is important to take a step back from these latest results and view them in the context of the System's recent history. Below, we present a series of graphs which display key factors in the valuations of the last 10 years. Additionally, in Appendix D we provide the numerical values of the historical unfunded actuarial liability, funded ratio, and contribution amounts.

In reviewing the historic trends over the 10-year period, the System's declining funded status coupled **with significant negative net cash flow highlights the potential risk of running out of assets to pay benefits unless the State consistently contributes the full amount of the Statutory required contributions.**

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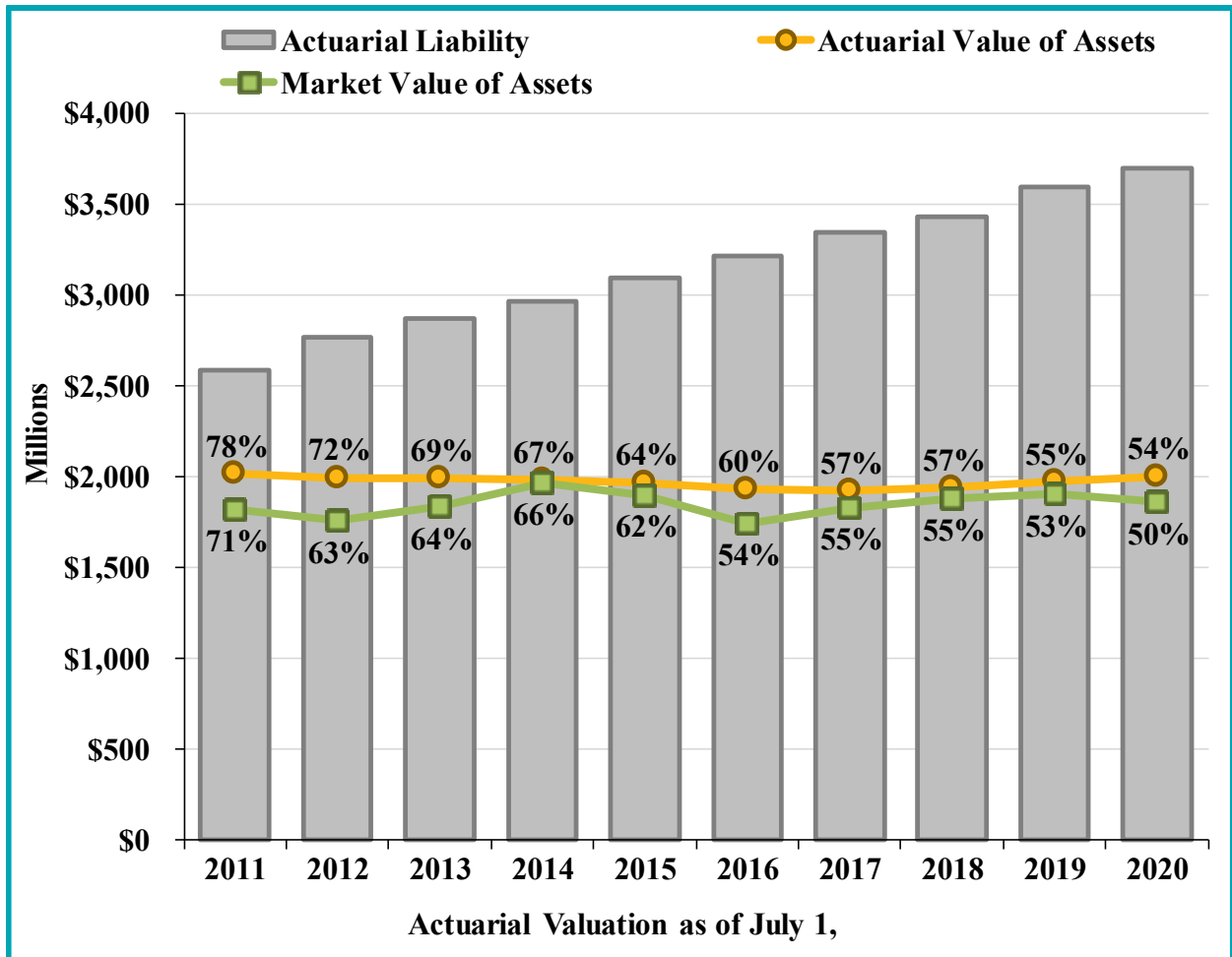
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Assets and Liabilities

The gray bars represent the Actuarial Liability (AL). The green line is the Market Value of Assets (MVA) and the gold line is the Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA). The System’s funded ratio (ratio of assets to actuarial liability), on both a MVA basis and an AVA basis, is shown next to the respective assets lines.

The liability has been increasing over time in part due to additional benefit accruals but also due to decreases in the discount rate.

The funded ratio has been decreasing over time in part due to decreases in the discount rate, recognition of the 2008/2009 market losses and because the State has not been making the full Statutory contribution for the entire period shown.



The information above is based on the final actuarial valuation reports for the given years. The amounts do not reflect differences between the discounted State appropriations receivable and the actual State contribution amounts that became known after the issuance of the reports.

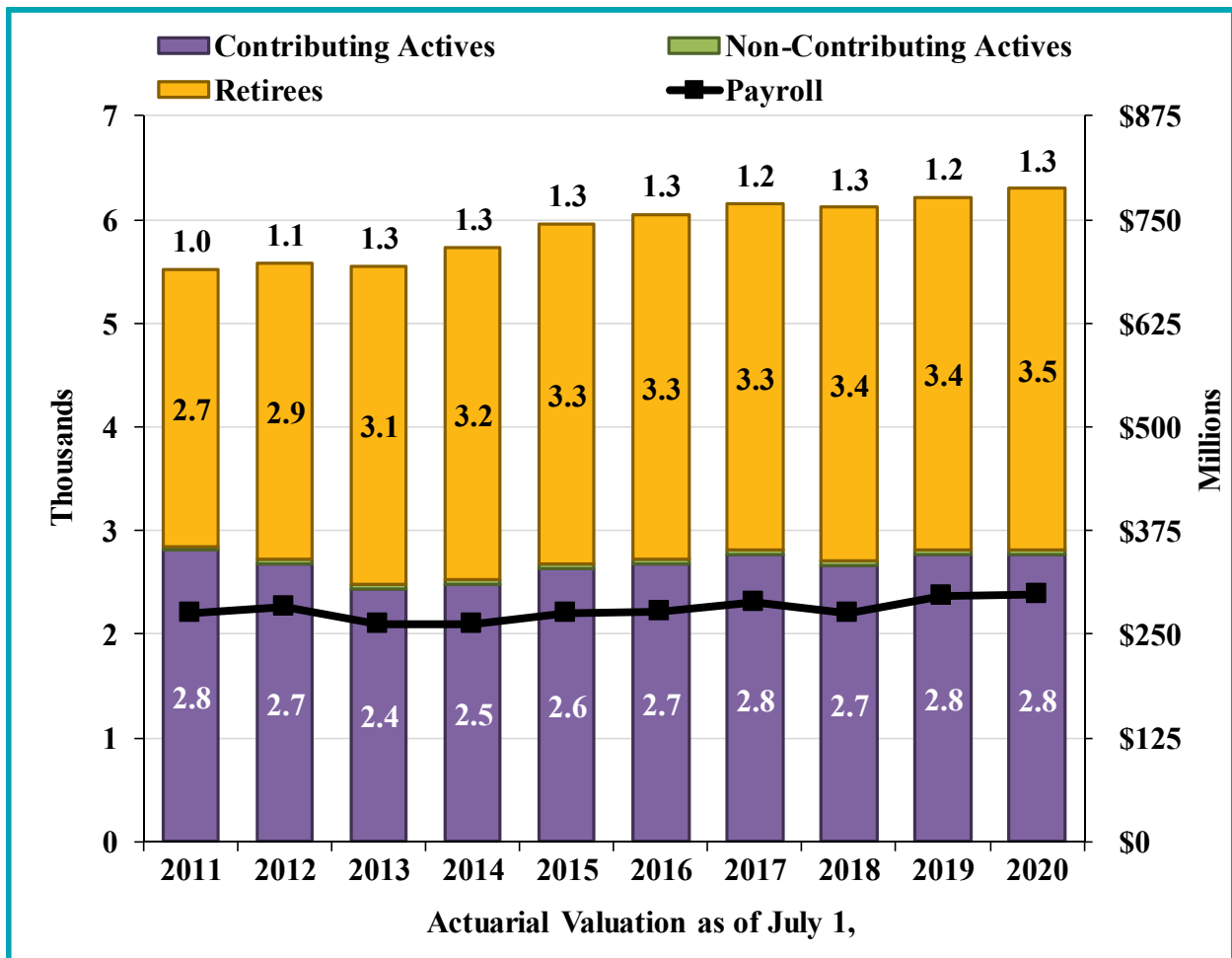
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Membership Trends

The graph below shows the membership counts of the System for the last ten valuations. The numbers which appear above each bar represent the ratio of the number of inactive members to active members at each valuation date, and provide a measure of the maturity of the System. We refer to this ratio as the *support ratio*. The support ratio has generally increased over the period. As more of the liability moves from actives to inactives, the System will experience more volatility in contribution rates when actuarial gains and losses are recognized.

The numbers that are shown in the middle of the bars represent the number of actives or inactive members in thousands. The black line represents the appropriation payroll over the period, and corresponds with the scale on the right. For valuation years prior to 2018, appropriation payroll includes payroll for non-contributing actives and the appropriation payroll beginning in 2018 excludes the payroll for non-contributing actives.

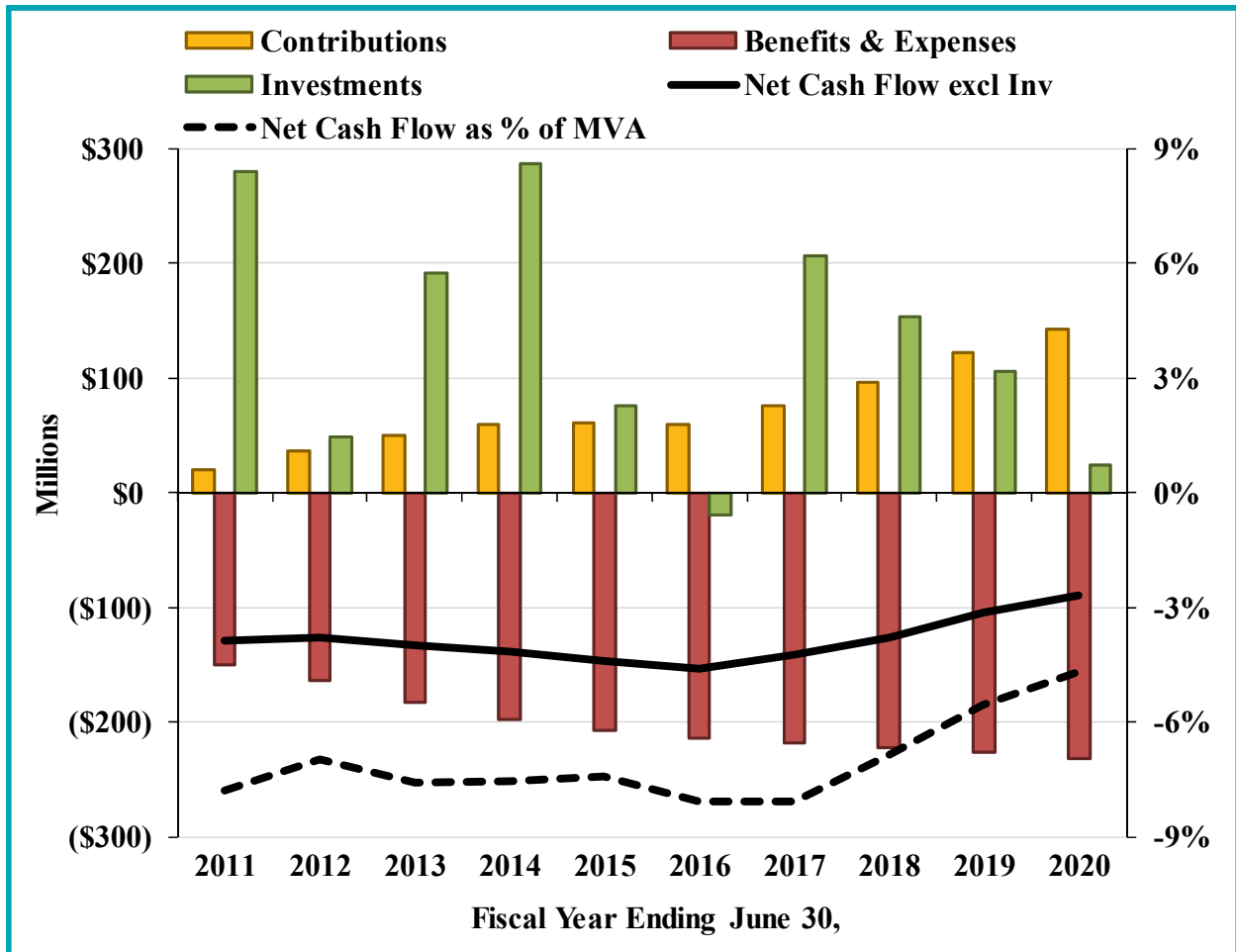


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Cash Flows

The following graph shows the System net cash flow (contributions less benefit payments and expenses) at the end of each fiscal year. For the entire period shown, the net cash flow which excludes investment return has been negative. This illustrates that contributions have not been sufficient to cover benefits and expenses in any years over the past decade. A major implication of a negative cash flow is that the difference each year must be met first from cash generated by investments and then be paid out of the principal assets, representing additional risk for the System if investments need to be sold in a down market to cover benefit payments. The black dotted line shows the net cash flow as a percent of the market assets and goes with the axis on the right. As seen in the graph below, the negative net cash flow has been gradually improving from -8.1% for FYE 2017 to -4.7% for FYE 2020 as the State appropriation amounts have increased by approximately 10% each year.



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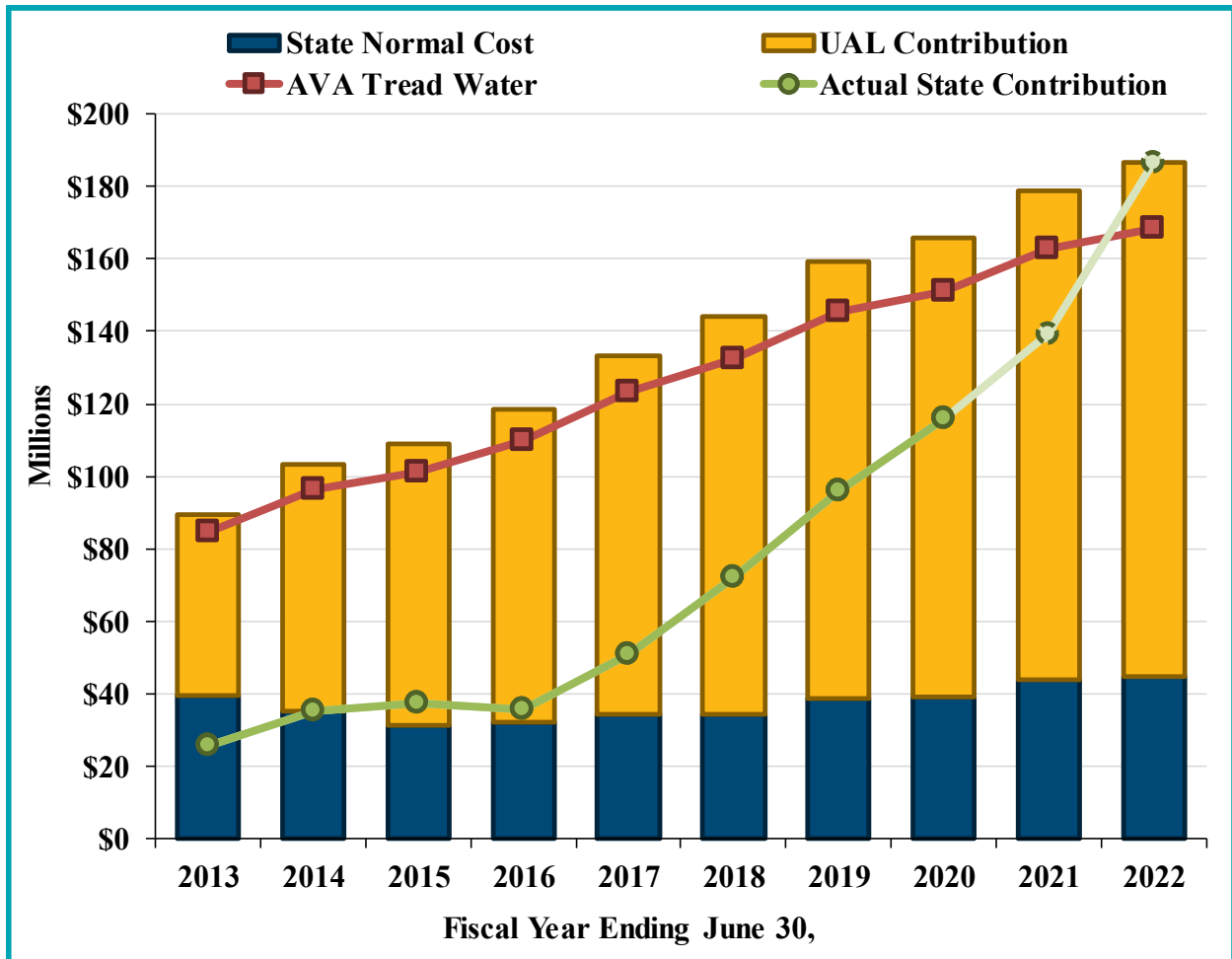
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Contributions

This graph shows the historical trends for the State contributions. The Statutory contributions are comprised of the State normal cost (blue bars) and the amortization of the UAL (gold bars). The green line shows the actual State contributions over the period. For FYE 2021 and 2022, the green line has a lighter shade to indicate that these are expected, rather than actual, contributions. The expected contributions are based on the anticipated appropriations shown in Table I-1.

The red line is the **tread water line**, which is the State normal cost plus the interest on the UAL. The tread water line shows the minimum contributions needed to avoid an increase in the UAL.

The graph shows that not only has the State been making contributions less than required by Statute, but that the State contributions have historically been significantly below the tread water line. When contributions are lower than the normal cost plus interest on the UAL, the UAL is expected to grow from one year to the next. For FYE 2021 and 2022, the State is expected to appropriate 78% and 100% of the Statutory contribution, respectively. For FYE 2022, actual State contributions are expected to be greater than the tread water amount for the first time during the entire period shown.



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**Projected Future Outlook**

The analysis of projected financial trends is perhaps the most important component of the valuation. This has been recognized by the State Legislature in their adoption of Chapter 277, P.L. 2017 requiring the System to have stress testing performed annually. The graphs presented in this section show the expected progress of the System’s funded status over the next 30 years, measured in terms of the expected funded ratios and State contributions assuming that the System is ongoing.

While experience will not conform exactly to the assumptions every year, the trends reflect reasonable expectations. As a result, in addition to the baseline projection in this section, we provide additional **stress testing** in Section II based on varying investment returns in the future. It is our opinion that the stress testing analyses shown in Section II meet the requirements of Chapter 277, P. L. 2017.

The projections assume a constant active population. As members retire, terminate and die based on the current valuation assumptions, it is assumed that new members will replace them based on characteristics (age/gender/salary) similar to recent new members.

Additional assumptions used for these projections, including the investment rate of return for each subsequent valuation as recommended by the State Treasurer, as well as the anticipated appropriation percentages, are shown in Appendix B.

Baseline Scenario

The baseline projection shows the outcome if all actuarial assumptions, including the long-term rate of return assumption of 7.00%, as recommended by the State Treasurer, are exactly met. For each scenario we show two graphs.

The top graph compares the Market Value of Assets (green line) and the Actuarial or smoothed Value of Assets (gold line) to the System’s Actuarial Liabilities (gray bars). In addition, at the top of the graph, we show the System’s funded ratio on an Actuarial Value of Assets basis (ratio of Actuarial Value of Assets to Actuarial Liabilities). The years shown in the graph signify the valuation date as of July 1 of the labeled year.

The System’s funded ratio on an Actuarial Value of Assets basis is projected to drop slightly next year, as the valuation investment rate of return assumption decreases from 7.30% to 7.00%, before beginning a slow but steady increase to 93% by 2050.

The bottom graph shows the contributions by fiscal year. The member contributions are in purple and the State contributions are in gold.

The projection assumes the State appropriates 100% of the Statutory contribution in FYE 2022 and each year thereafter. Both the appropriated State contributions and the member contributions are shown in dollar amounts.

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The dashed black line in the bottom graph shows the gross normal cost. The difference between the dashed black line and the purple bar is the State portion of the normal cost.

The solid black line is the tread water line based on the Actuarial Value of Assets. Because the tread water metric equals the normal cost plus interest on the UAL, the difference between the solid black line and the dashed black line is the interest on the UAL. When contributions fall below the solid black line, the UAL grows and the funded ratio falls. When the contributions exceed the solid line, as is the case throughout the projection period, the UAL is expected to decrease and the funded ratio is expected to increase.

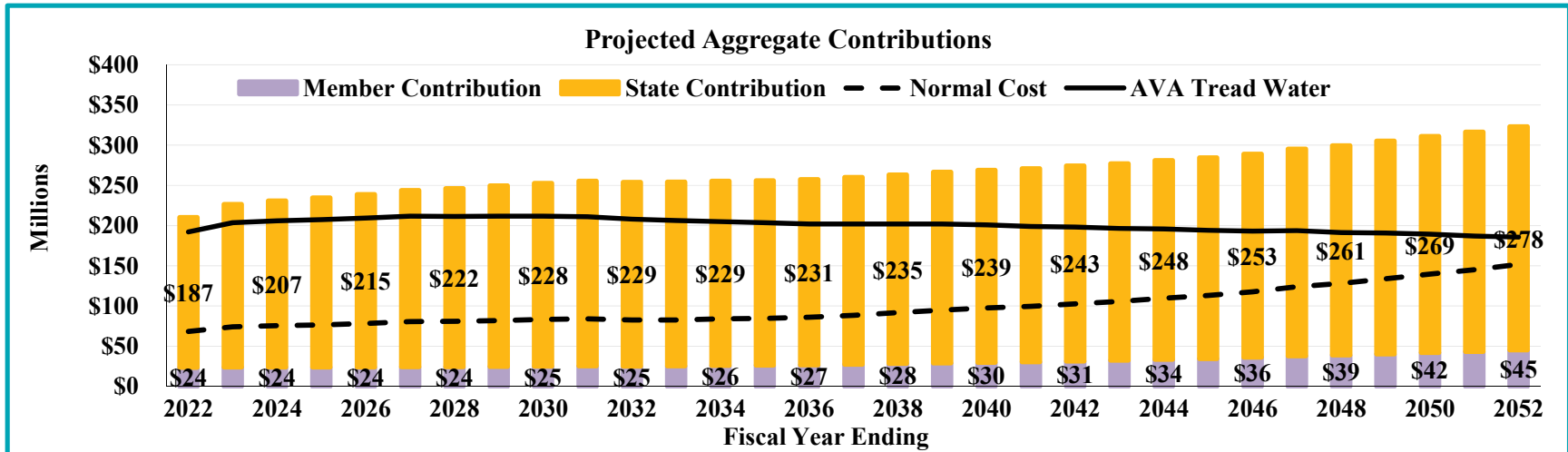
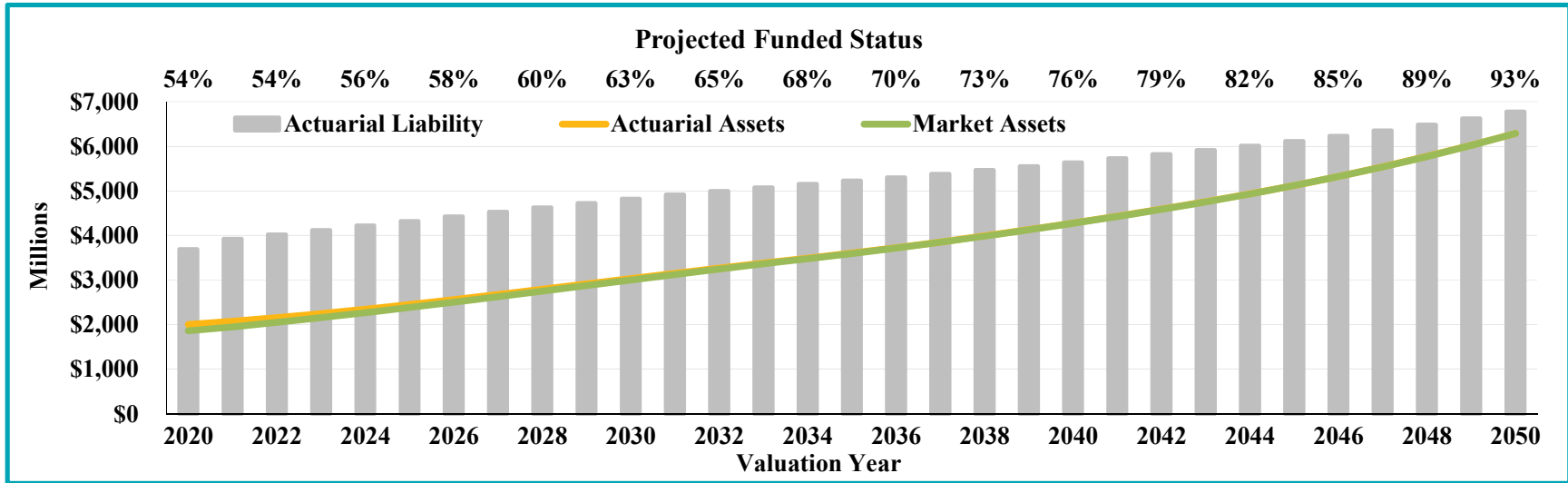
The Statutory contribution increases noticeably in FYE 2023 as the valuation investment rate of return assumption decreases from 7.30% to 7.00%. Thereafter, the Statutory contributions increase more gradually. Once the appropriated amount equals the Statutory contribution, beginning in FYE 2022, the contributions reach the level necessary to pay down the UAL and the tread water line begins to decrease relative to the Statutory contribution.



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**Baseline: 7.0% return for all years**



## SECTION II – ASSESSMENT AND DISCLOSURE OF RISK

Actuarial valuations are based on a set of assumptions about future economic and demographic experience. These assumptions represent a reasonable estimate of future experience, but actual future experience will undoubtedly be different and may be significantly different. This section of the report is intended to identify the primary risks to the System, provide some background information about those risks, and provide an assessment of those risks.

### Identification of Risks

The fundamental risk to the System is that the contributions needed to pay the benefits become unaffordable. While there are a number of factors that could lead to contribution amounts becoming unaffordable, we believe the primary risks are:

- Investment risk,
- Assumption change risk, and
- Contribution risk.

Other risks that we have not identified may also turn out to be important.

*Investment risk* is the potential for investment returns to be different than expected. Lower investment returns than anticipated will increase the unfunded actuarial liability necessitating higher contributions in the future unless there are other gains that offset these investment losses. The potential volatility of future investment returns is determined by the System's asset allocation, and the affordability of the investment risk is determined by the amount of assets invested relative to the size of the plan sponsor or other contribution base.

*Assumption change risk* is the potential for the environment to change such that future valuation assumptions are different than the current assumptions. For example, declines in interest rates over the last three decades resulted in higher investment returns for fixed income investments, but lower expected future returns necessitating either a change in investment policy, a reduction in discount rate, or some combination of the two. Assumption change risk is an extension of the other risks identified, but rather than capturing the risk as it is experienced, it captures the cost of recognizing a change in environment when the current assumption is no longer reasonable.

*Contribution risk* is the potential for actual future contributions to deviate from expected future contributions. There are different sources of contribution risk ranging from the sponsor choosing to not make contributions in accordance with the funding policy to material changes in the contribution base (e.g., covered employees, covered payroll, sponsor revenue) that affect the amount of contributions the System can collect.

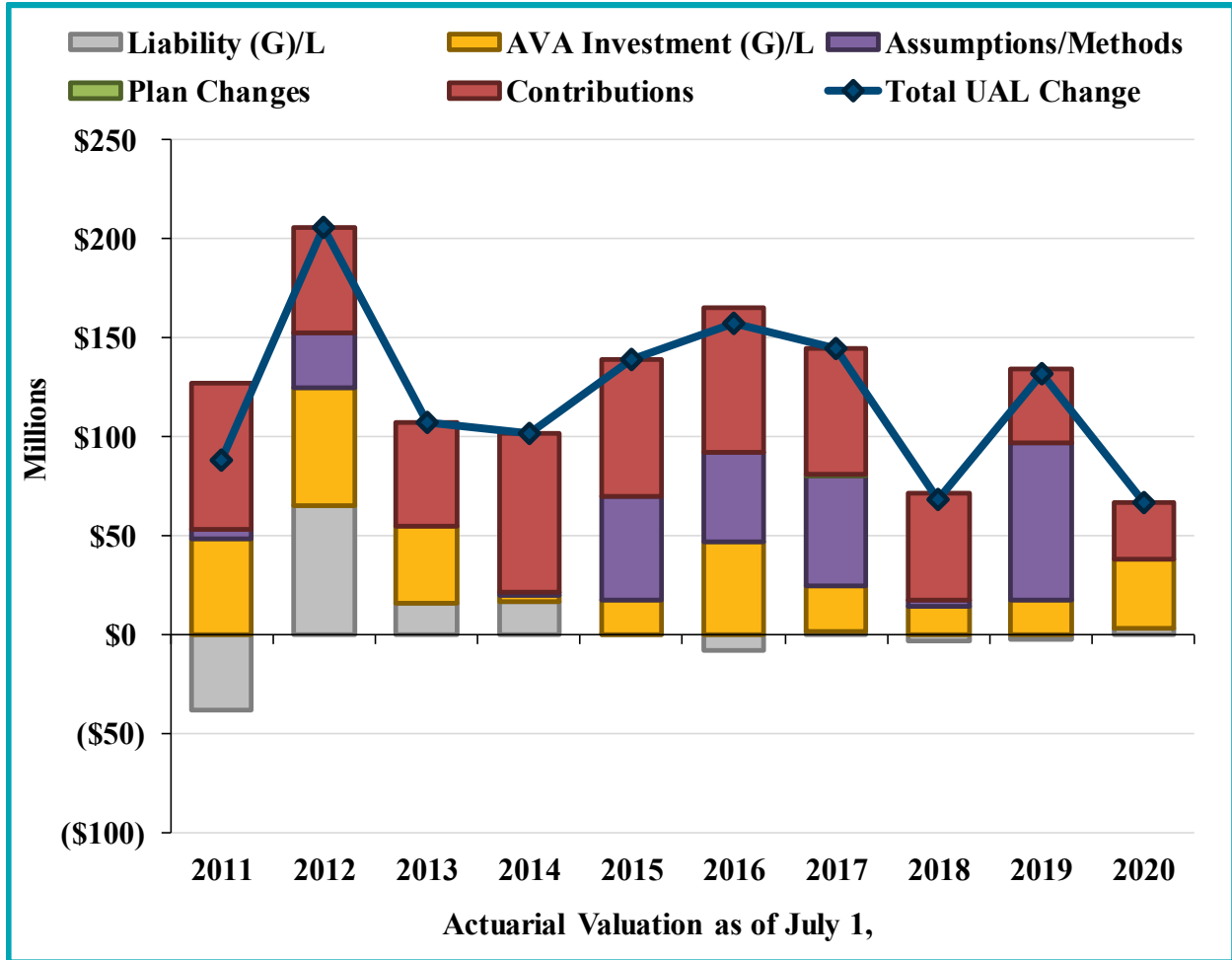
The chart below shows the components of changes in the Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) for the System over the last 10 years, including investment gains and losses on the Actuarial Value of Assets, liability gains and losses, assumption and plan changes, and contributions compared to the tread water level of contributions (normal cost plus interest on the UAL.) The net UAL change is shown by the dark blue line. Table II-1 below the chart summarizes the changes in the UAL over the last 10 years.

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These total changes in UAL support our identification of investment returns, assumption changes, and contributions as the primary risks to the System.

**Historical Changes in UAL 2011-2020**



**TABLE II-1  
Changes in Unfunded Actuarial Liability  
(Dollar amounts in millions)**

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Total
<b>Discount Rate</b>	7.95%	7.90%	7.90%	7.90%	7.90%	7.65%	7.50%	7.50%	7.30%	7.30%	
<b>Source</b>											
AVA Investment (G)/L	\$ 48.8	\$ 60.0	\$ 39.5	\$ 3.6	\$ 17.1	\$ 46.7	\$ 23.2	\$ 14.5	\$ 17.2	\$ 35.2	\$ 305.7
Liability (G)/L	(38.3)	65.1	15.6	16.5	0.1	(8.0)	1.5	(3.3)	(2.4)	3.4	50.1
Assumptions/Methods	4.2	27.3	0.0	1.3	52.4	45.7	55.9	2.8	79.8	0.0	269.4
Plan Changes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Contributions <sup>1</sup>	73.9	53.6	52.3	80.7	69.6	72.9	63.8	54.6	37.5	28.3	587.4
<b>Net UAL Change</b>	<b>\$ 88.6</b>	<b>\$ 206.1</b>	<b>\$ 107.4</b>	<b>\$ 102.0</b>	<b>\$ 139.2</b>	<b>\$ 157.3</b>	<b>\$ 144.7</b>	<b>\$ 68.6</b>	<b>\$ 132.2</b>	<b>\$ 66.9</b>	<b>\$ 1,212.8</b>

<sup>1</sup> UAL change due to contributions (greater)/less than normal cost plus interest on the UAL.

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On a smoothed asset basis, the investment gains and losses (gold bars) from 2011 to 2020 reflect material investment losses driven by the market decline of 2008 and 2009, which were spread over the five successive years. In aggregate, over the 10-year period, investment losses have added approximately \$305.7 million to the UAL.

On the liability side (gray bars), the System has experienced a combination of gains and losses, however much smaller in magnitude compared to the assets, increasing the UAL by approximately \$50.1 million over the 10-year period.

Assumption and method changes (purple bars) over the last 10 years have increased the UAL by approximately \$269.4 million. The significant assumption changes have included reductions in the discount rate from 8.25% to 7.30% as well as decreases in mortality rates and projected mortality improvement. It is important to note that the discount rate changes simply reflect a downward revision to the estimate of future investment earnings and ultimately costs will be determined by actual investment earnings.

Plan changes (green bars) over the last 10 years have increased the UAL by approximately \$0.2 million.

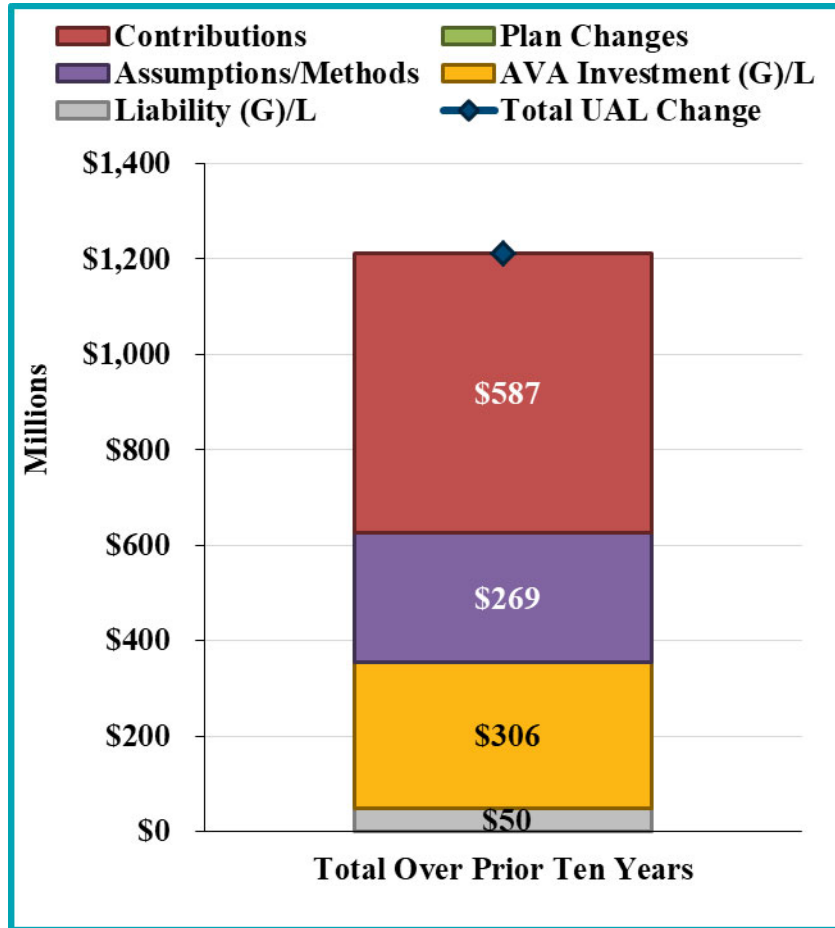
Each year the UAL is expected to increase for benefit accruals attributable to the current year (the normal cost) and interest on the UAL. This expected increase is referred to as the tread water level. If contributions are greater than the tread water level, the UAL is expected to decrease. Conversely, if contributions are less than the tread water level, the UAL is expected to increase. Changes due to contributions greater or less than the tread water level (red bars) have increased the UAL by approximately \$587.4 million over the last 10 years.

In general, the amortization methods used to determine the Statutory contributions are designed to collect more than the tread water level. However, contributions may be less than this threshold because of the State appropriating less than the Statutory contributions.

The following chart shows the total changes to the UAL over the 10-year period by source.

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**Plan Maturity Measures**

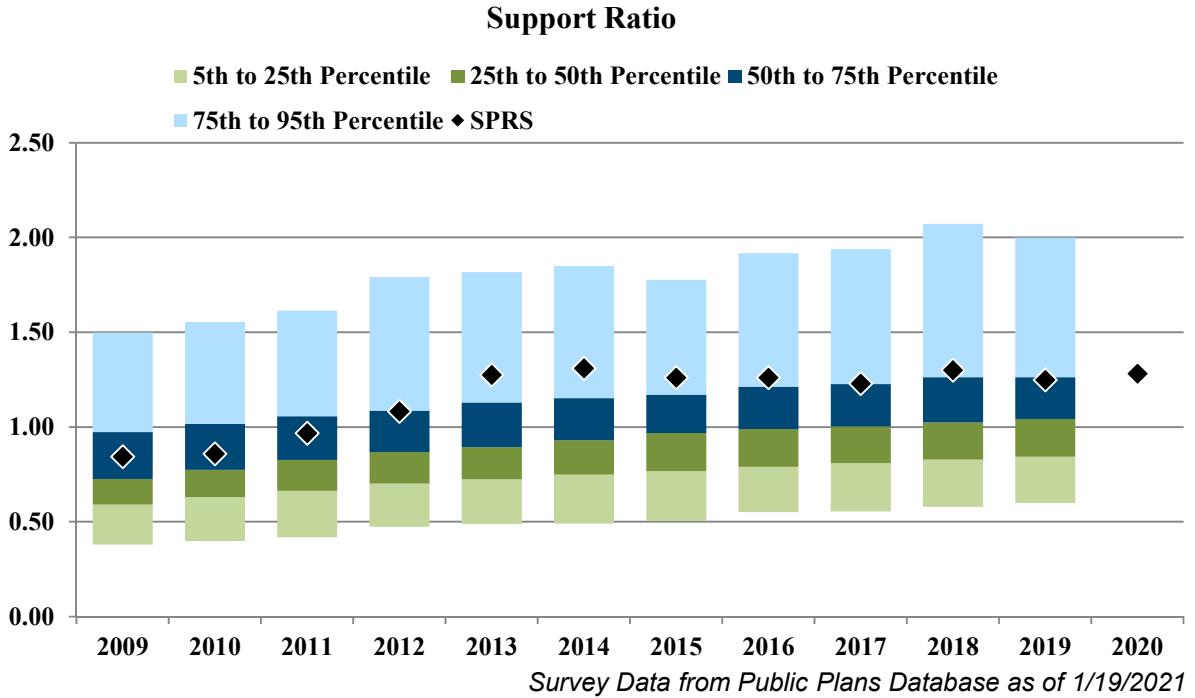
The future financial condition of a mature pension plan is more sensitive to each of the risks identified above than a less mature plan. Before assessing each of these risks, it is important to understand the maturity of the plan compared to other plans and how the maturity has changed over time.

Plan maturity can be measured in a variety of ways, but they all get at one basic dynamic - the larger the plan is compared to the contribution or revenue base that supports it, the more sensitive the plan will be to risk. The measures below have been selected as the most important in understanding the primary risks identified for the System.

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**Inactives per Active (Support Ratio)**

One simple measure of plan maturity is the ratio of the number of inactive members (those receiving benefits or entitled to a deferred benefit) to the number of active members. We refer to this ratio as the *support ratio*. The revenue base supporting the plan is usually proportional to the number of active members, so a relatively high number of inactives compared to actives indicates a larger plan relative to its revenue base as well. We also discussed this risk metric in Section I.



The chart above shows the distribution from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of support ratios for the plans in the Public Plans Database. The black diamond shows how SPRS compares dating back to 2009. Through 2010, SPRS was slightly more mature than the median plan. The support ratio increased following the Great Recession, but has since stabilized at a level around the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile.

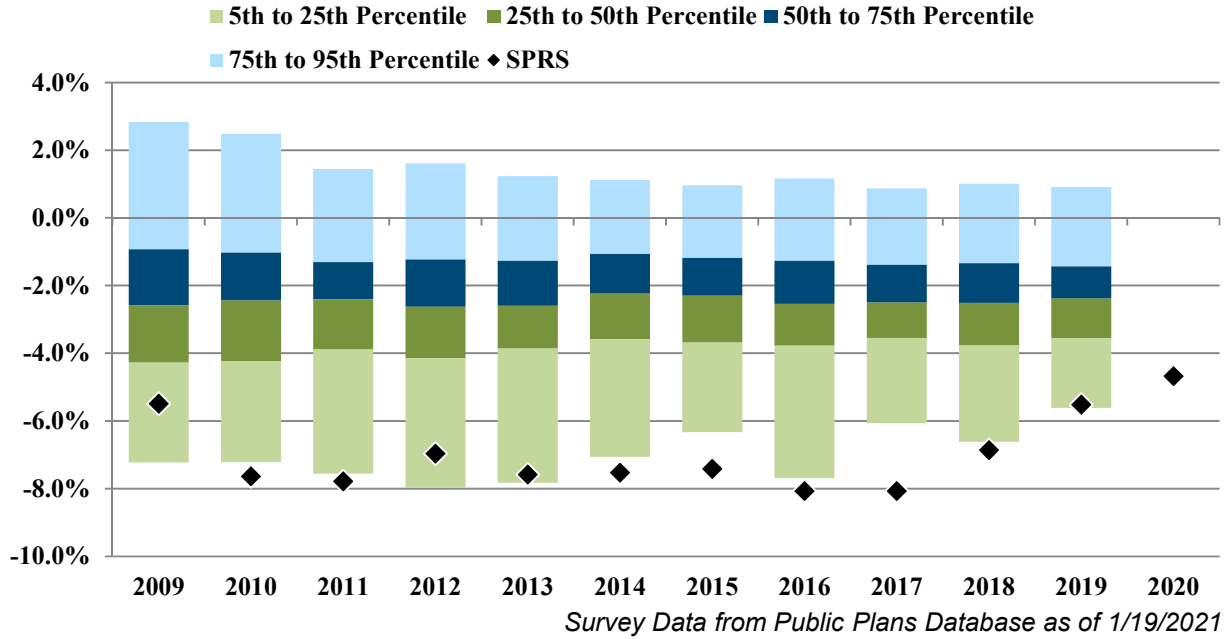
**Net Cash Flow**

The net cash flow of the plan as a percentage of the beginning of year assets indicates the sensitivity of the plan to short-term investment returns. Net cash flow is equal to contributions less benefit payments and administrative expenses. Mature plans can have large amounts of benefit payments compared to contributions, particularly if they are well funded. Investment losses in the short-term are compounded by the net withdrawal from the plan leaving a smaller asset base to try to recover from the investment losses. Large negative cash flows can also create liquidity issues. We also discussed this metric in Section I.

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**Net Cash Flow Rate**



The chart above shows the distribution from the 5<sup>th</sup> to 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of net cash flow for the plans in the Public Plans Database. The black diamond shows how SPRS compares. Since the Great Recession, SPRS has generally been at or below the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile compared to the database of other public plans in terms of negative cash flow as a percentage of assets.

**Assessing Costs and Risks**

The fundamental risk to the System is that the contributions needed to fund the benefits become unaffordable. Assessing this risk, however, is complex because there is no bright line of what is unaffordable and the contribution amounts themselves are affected not just by the experience of the System, but also by the interaction of that experience and decisions by the State and the Board related to the amount of contributions appropriated, assumptions, asset smoothing methods, and amortization periods.

**Investment Risk - Stress Testing**

This section illustrates stress testing of the investment return assumption and is an extension of the baseline projections provided in the Summary section. Under the baseline results, we assumed the ultimate 7.00% investment return assumption each and every year beginning July 1, 2020.

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For stress testing purposes, we developed six hypothetical scenarios to illustrate the impact actual investment returns may have on future funded status and contribution amounts. The scenarios are balanced between positive and negative scenarios and are based on a lognormal distribution of one and five year expected returns as shown in the following table using the capital market assumptions from the New Jersey Division of Investments (geometric return of 6.94%, standard deviation of 11.05%).

<b>Distribution of Expected Average Annual Returns</b>		
<b>Percentile</b>	<b>1 Year</b>	<b>5 Year</b>
5%	-9.7%	-0.8%
25%	-0.2%	3.7%
50%	6.9%	6.9%
75%	14.6%	10.3%
95%	26.6%	15.3%

The scenarios include: a one-year shock using the 5th and 95th percentile returns for one year; a 5-year moderate scenario using the 25th and 75th percentile returns for five years; and a 5-year significant scenario using the 5th and 95th percentile returns for five years. The table below summarizes the theoretical scenarios.

<b>FYE</b>	<b>Theoretical Scenarios</b>					
	<b>1-Yr Shock</b>		<b>5-Yr Moderate</b>		<b>5-Yr Significant</b>	
	<b>Neg</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Neg</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Neg</b>	<b>Pos</b>
2021	-9.7%	26.6%	3.7%	10.3%	-0.8%	15.3%
2022	7.0%	7.0%	3.7%	10.3%	-0.8%	15.3%
2023	7.0%	7.0%	3.7%	10.3%	-0.8%	15.3%
2024	7.0%	7.0%	3.7%	10.3%	-0.8%	15.3%
2025	7.0%	7.0%	3.7%	10.3%	-0.8%	15.3%
2026+	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%	7.0%

In reviewing each of these projections, it is the future trends, not necessarily the actual values, that are important to observe in consideration of the risks of the System and the potential volatility of future funded ratios and Statutory contribution levels.

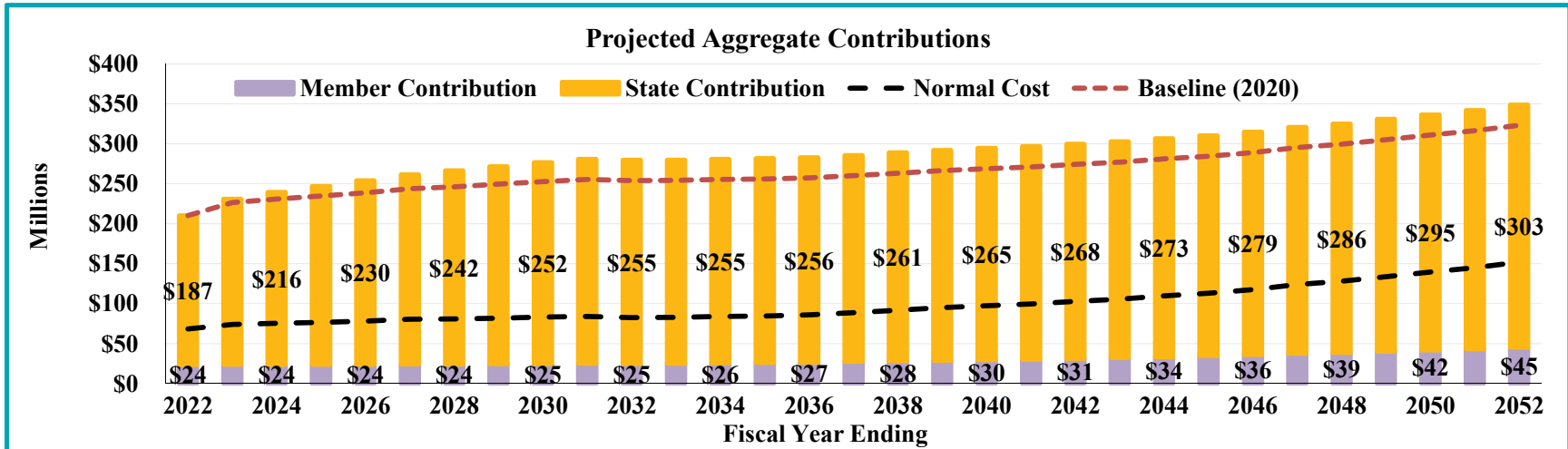
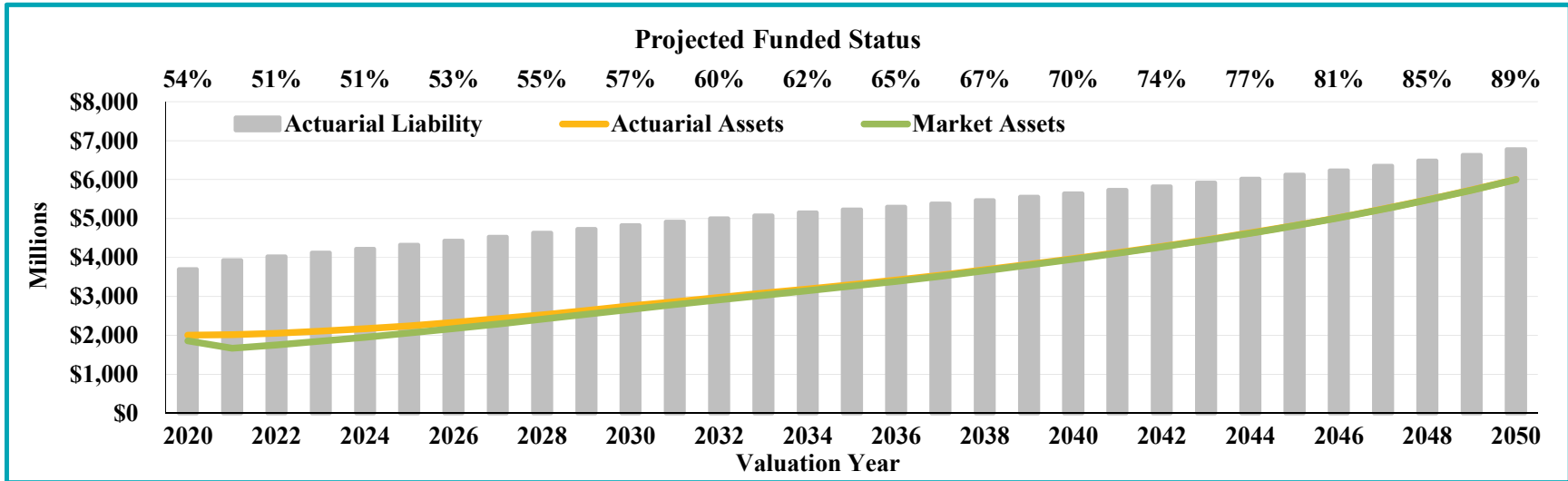
The graphs on the following pages show the projections under each of these theoretical scenarios. Instead of the tread water line shown for the baseline projection, the contribution graphs include a dashed red line representing the expected contributions under the baseline projections shown in the Summary section to facilitate the comparison between the particular scenario and the baseline projections assuming all assumptions are met.



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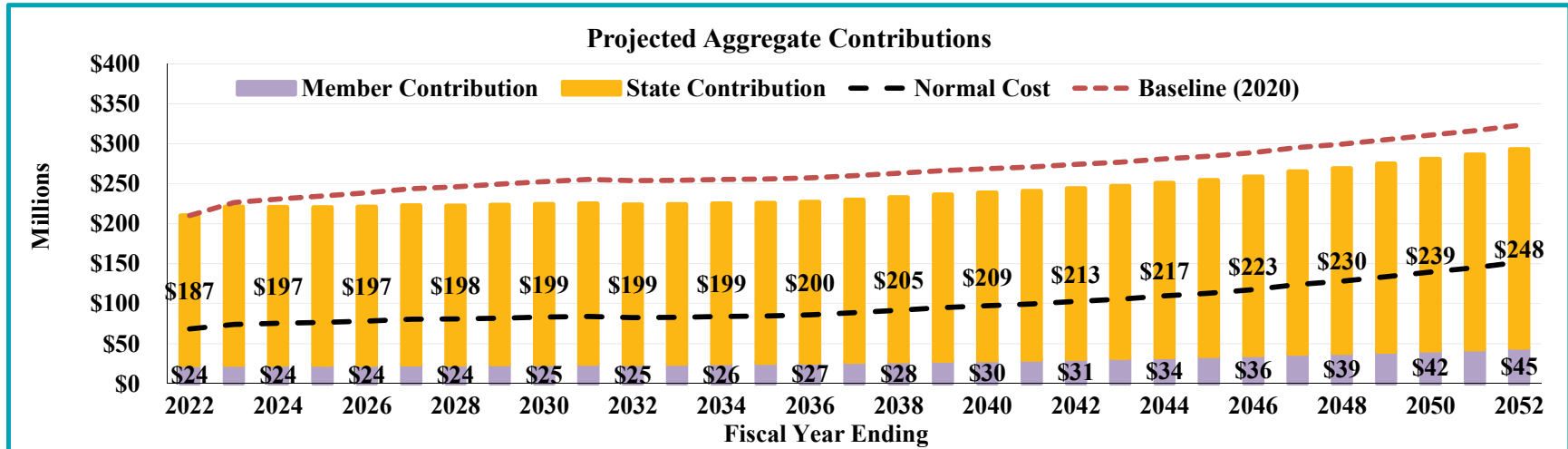
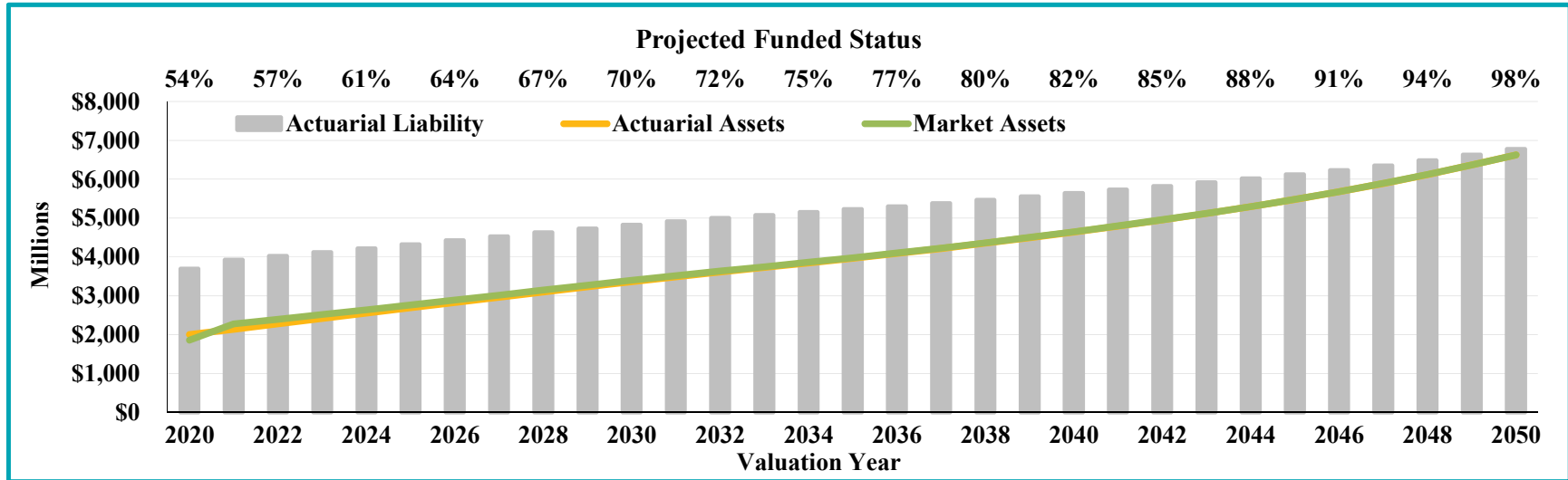
**One-Year Negative Shock Scenario: -9.7% return FYE 2021, 7.0% after**



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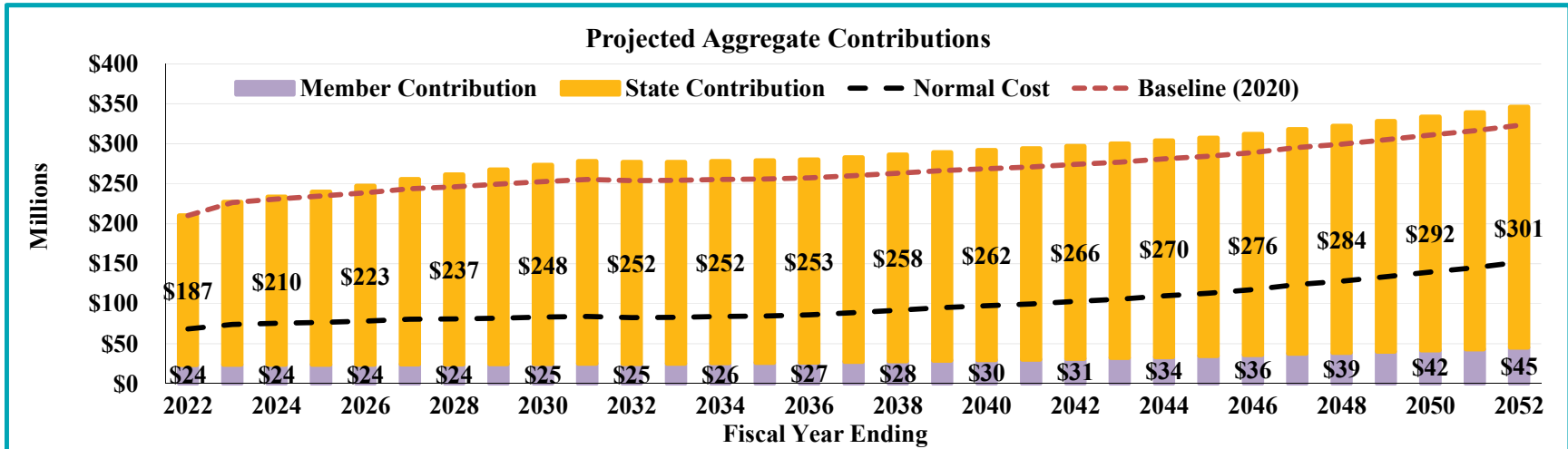
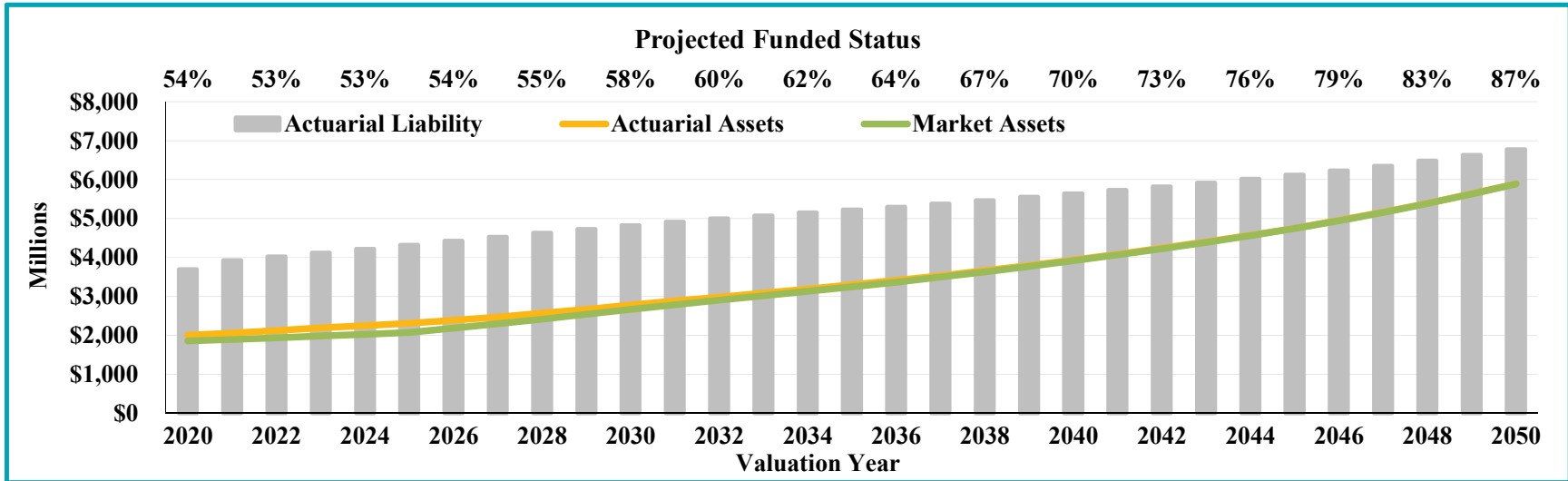
**One-Year Positive Shock Scenario: 26.6% return FYE 2021, 7.0% after**



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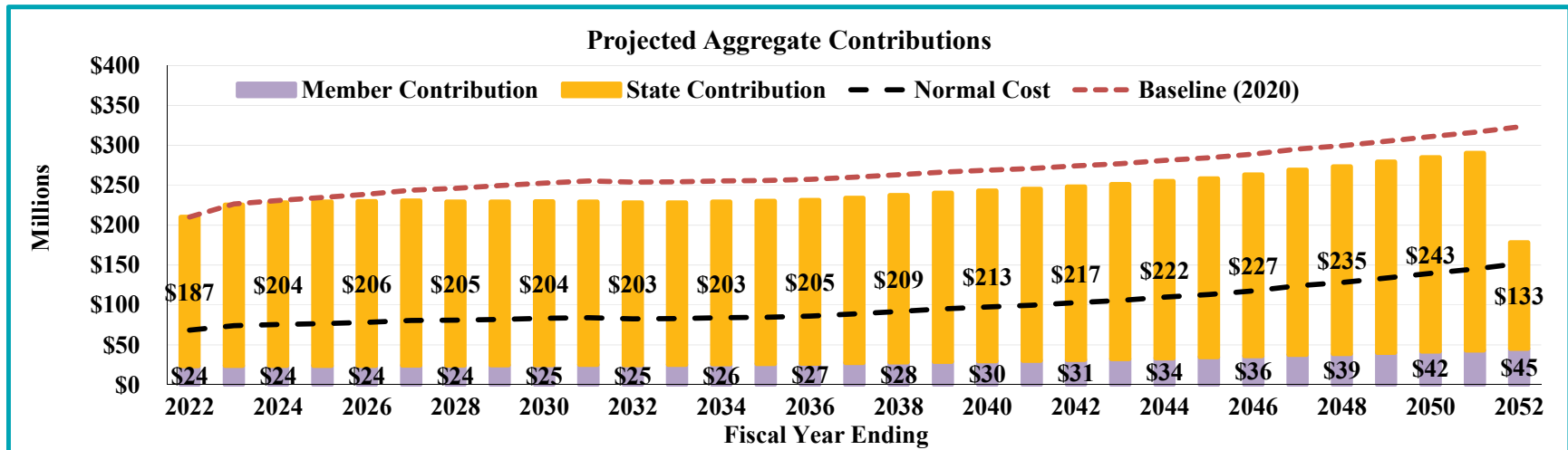
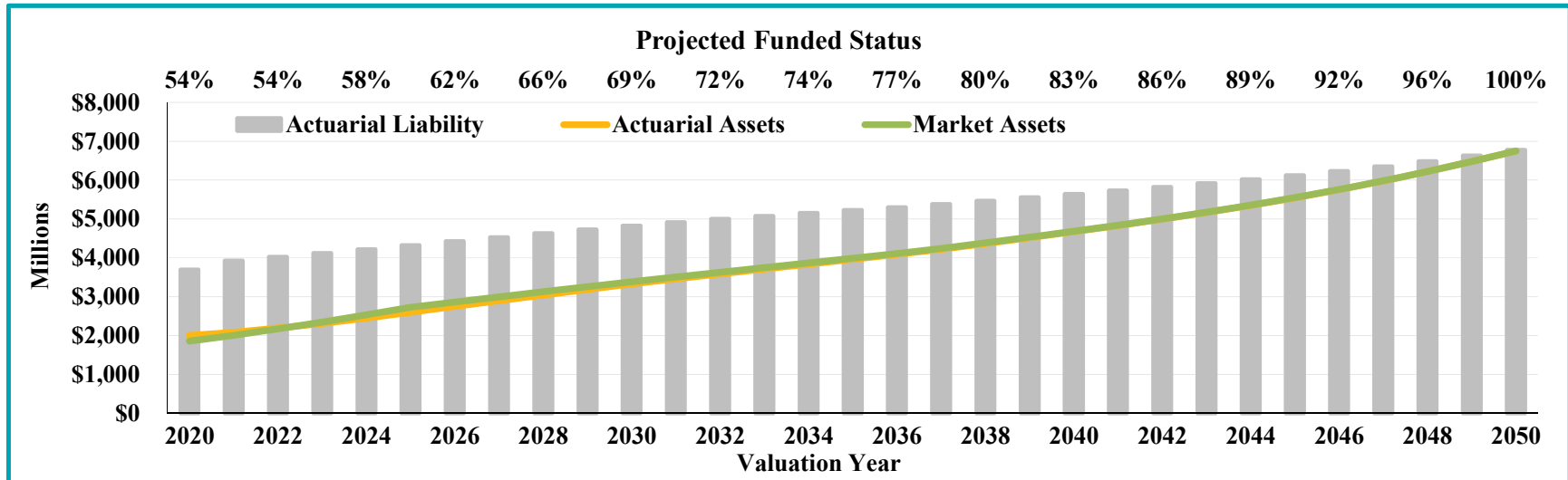
**Five-Year Moderate Negative Scenario: 3.7% return FYE 2021-2025, 7.0% after**



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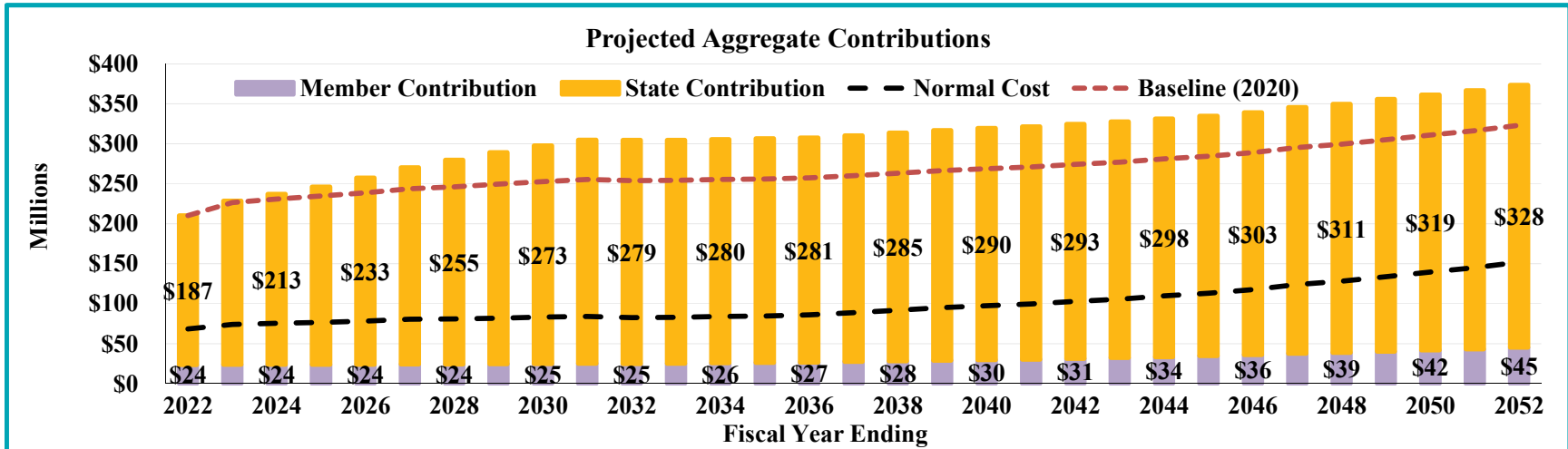
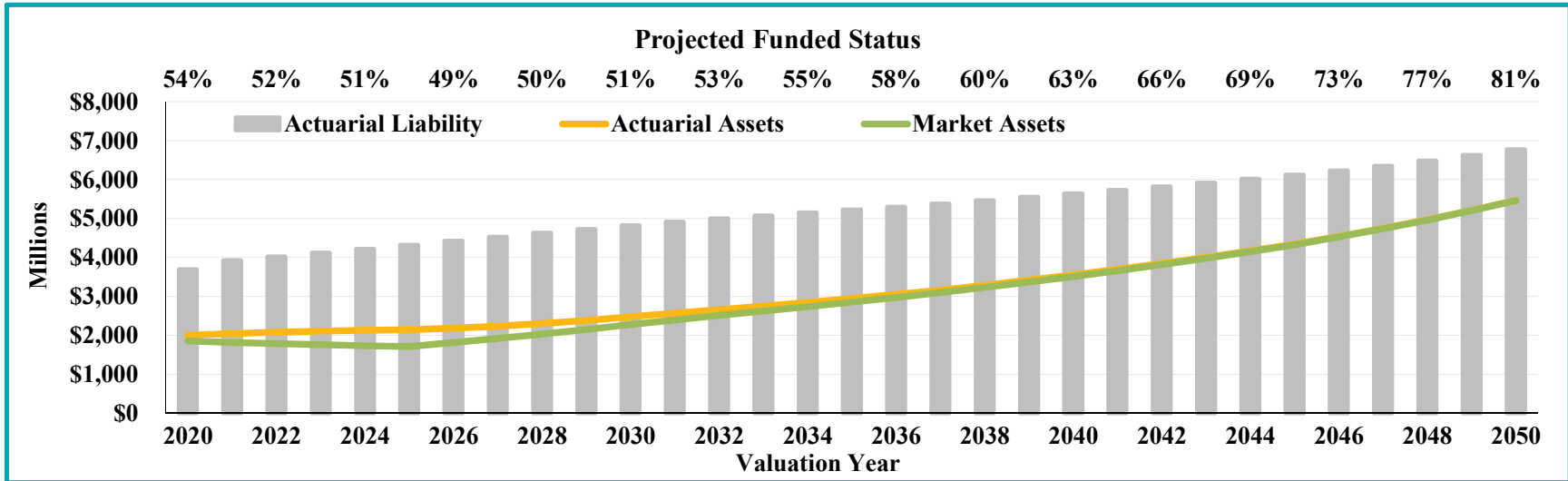
**Five-Year Moderate Positive Scenario: 10.3% return FYE 2021-2025, 7.0% after**



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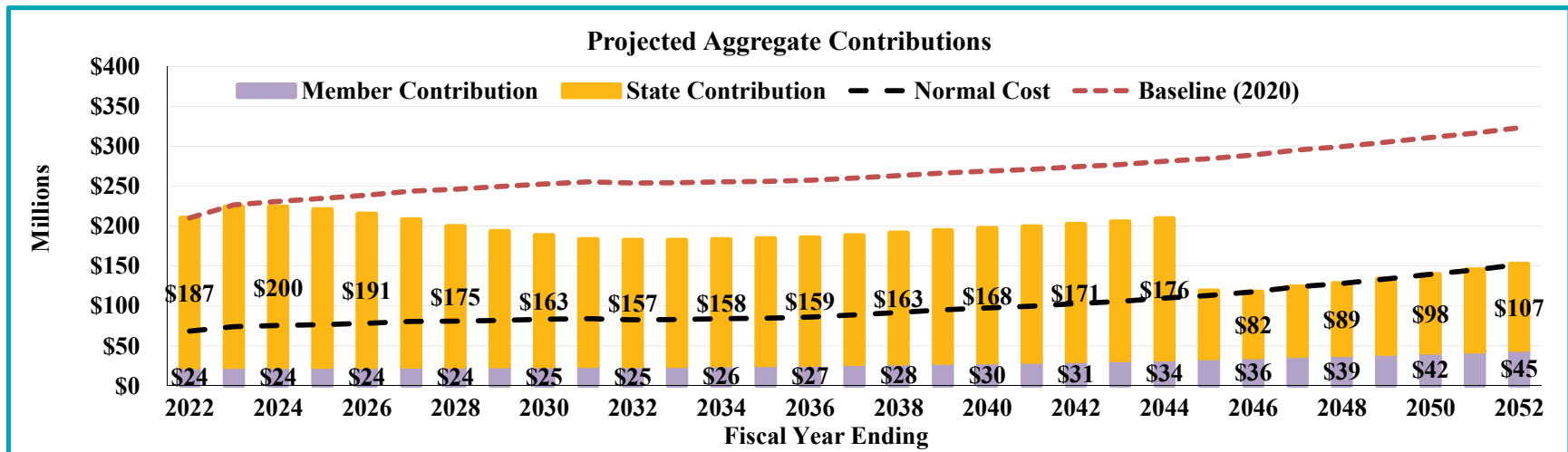
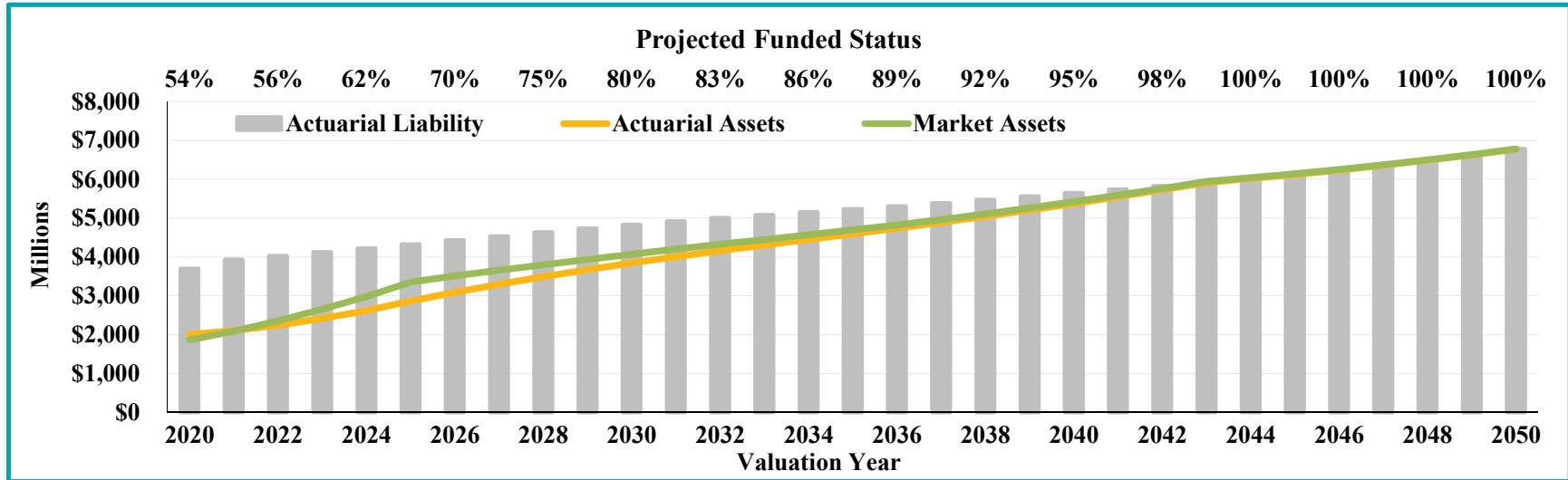
**Five-Year Significant Negative Scenario: -0.8% return FYE 2021-2025, 7.0% after**



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**Five-Year Significant Positive Scenario: 15.3% return FYE 2021-2025, 7.0% after**



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These scenarios show that actual future investment returns have a significant impact on future State contribution amounts. In each of the scenarios, the State contribution amount increases in FYE 2023 as the valuation investment rate of return assumption decreases from 7.30% to 7.00%. The following table summarizes the impact on the State contributions in FYE 2034 for each of the investment return scenarios.

<b>Table II-2</b>						
<b>Impact on Contributions for FYE 2034</b>						
<b>(dollar amounts in millions)</b>						
	<b>1-Yr Shock</b>		<b>5-Yr Moderate</b>		<b>5-Yr Significant</b>	
	<b>Neg</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Neg</b>	<b>Pos</b>	<b>Neg</b>	<b>Pos</b>
<b>Amount</b>	\$26	(\$30)	\$23	(\$26)	\$51	(\$71)
<b>Percent</b>	11%	-13%	10%	-11%	22%	-31%

The five-year significant positive scenario shows the System achieving a 100% funded status during the 30-year projection period, which results in the State contribution decreasing to equal the employer normal cost.

**The investment returns used in the projections above were selected solely to illustrate the impact of investment volatility on the pattern of future funded status and contribution amounts. They are not intended to be predictive of actual future contributions or funded status or even to represent a realistic pattern of investment returns.**

**Assumption Change Risk – Sensitivity Testing**

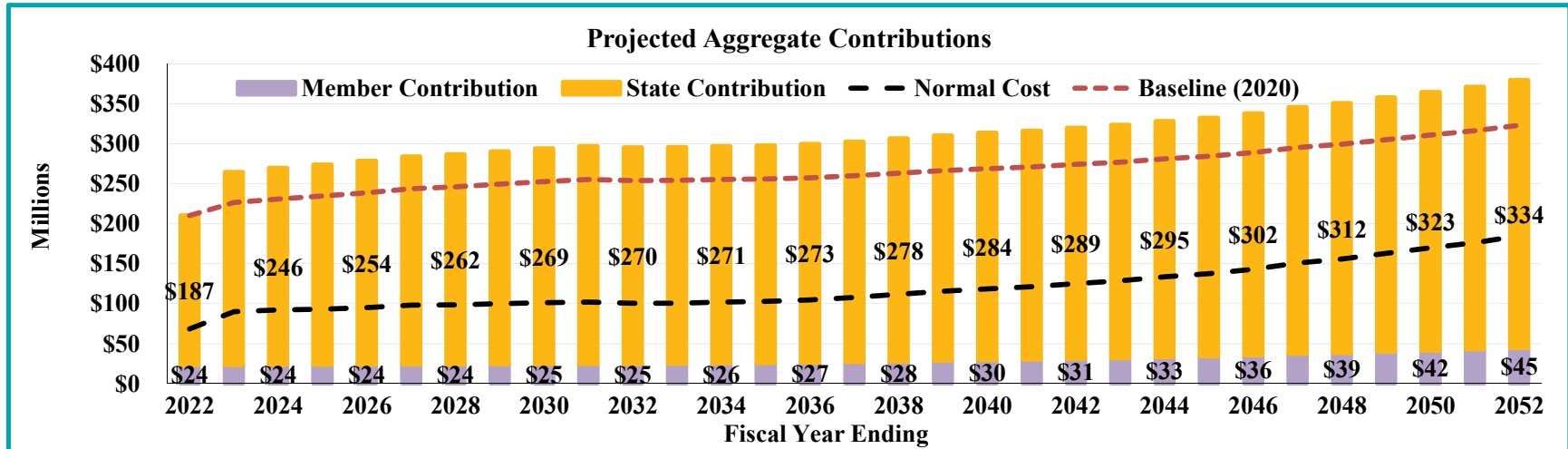
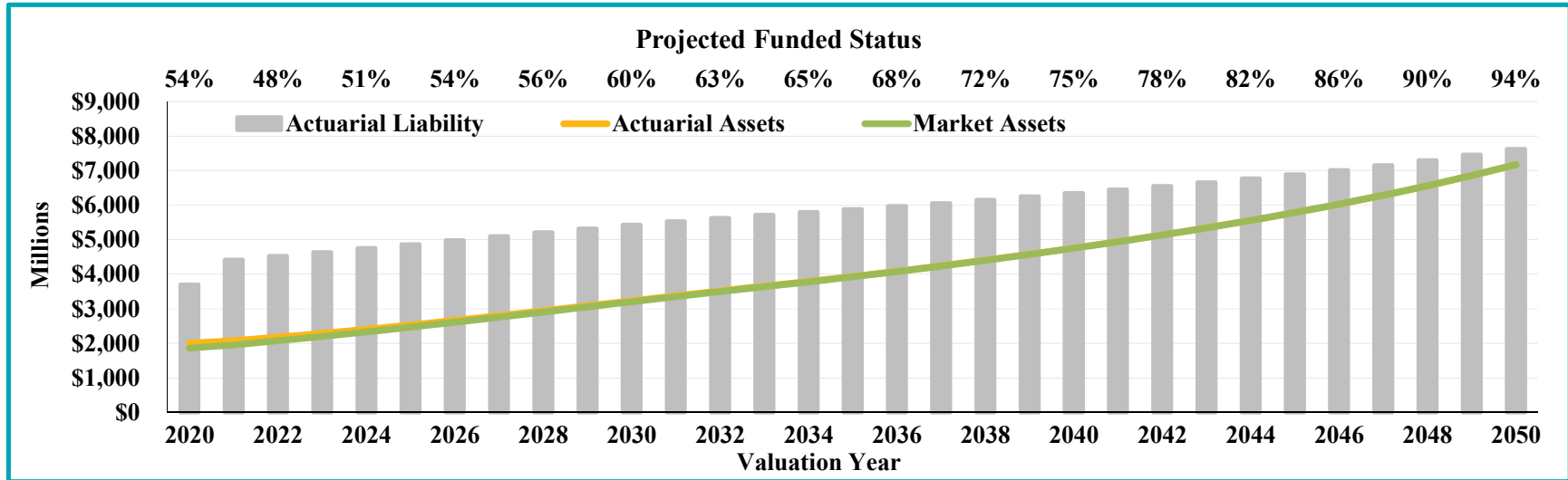
As shown in Table II-1, assumption changes over the last decade have increased the UAL by approximately \$269 million. The most significant changes were reductions in the discount rate and projections of mortality improvement. The reductions in discount rates have been largely driven by declines in interest rates that affect expectations of future investment returns. If there are further declines in interest rates or if there is a desire or need to reduce investment risk that reduces expected returns, the discount rate and expected returns may need to be reduced further. The graphs on the following page show the impact on projected future funded status and contribution amounts if the discount rate and expected returns were reduced by 100 basis points to 6.00% beginning with the July 1, 2021 valuation.

This scenario results in Statutory contribution amounts in FYE 2034 that are about 18% more than the baseline.

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**6.00% Discount Rate and Investment Return Assumption Effective July 1, 2021**





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**Contribution Risk – Sensitivity Testing**

The amortization method used to determine the Statutory contributions is designed to collect more than the tread water level and, therefore, gradually pay down the UAL. However, appropriated contributions have consistently been less than the Statutory contributions and the tread water level, causing an increase in the UAL of about \$587 million over the last 10 years. The baseline projections assume the State appropriates 100% of the Statutory contribution beginning in FYE 2022, at which time contributions are projected to be greater than the tread water level.

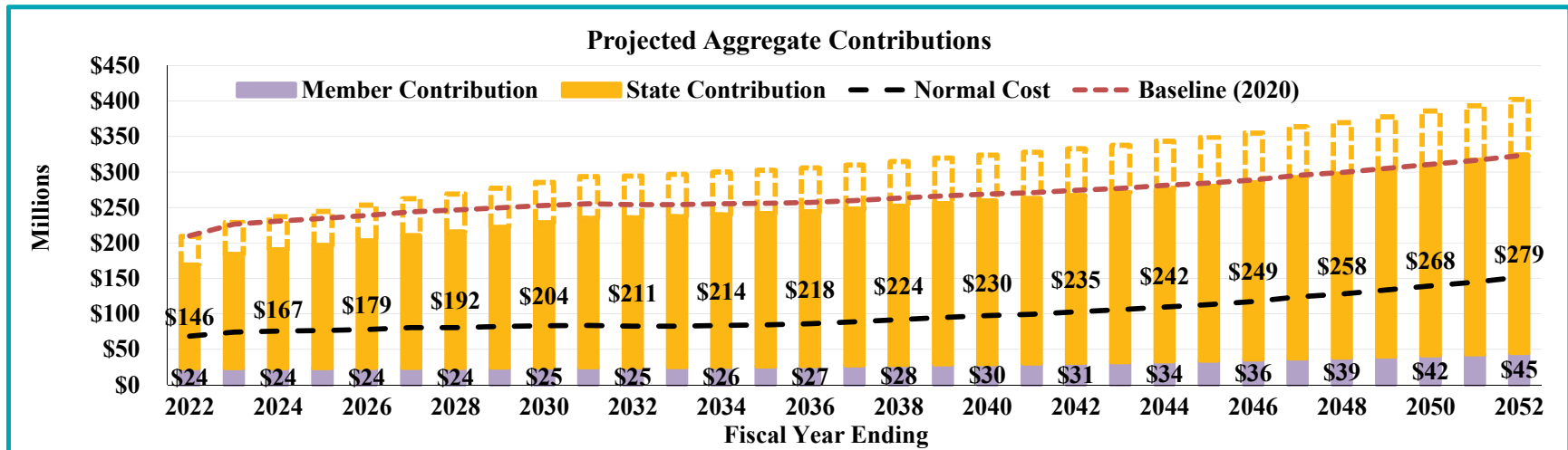
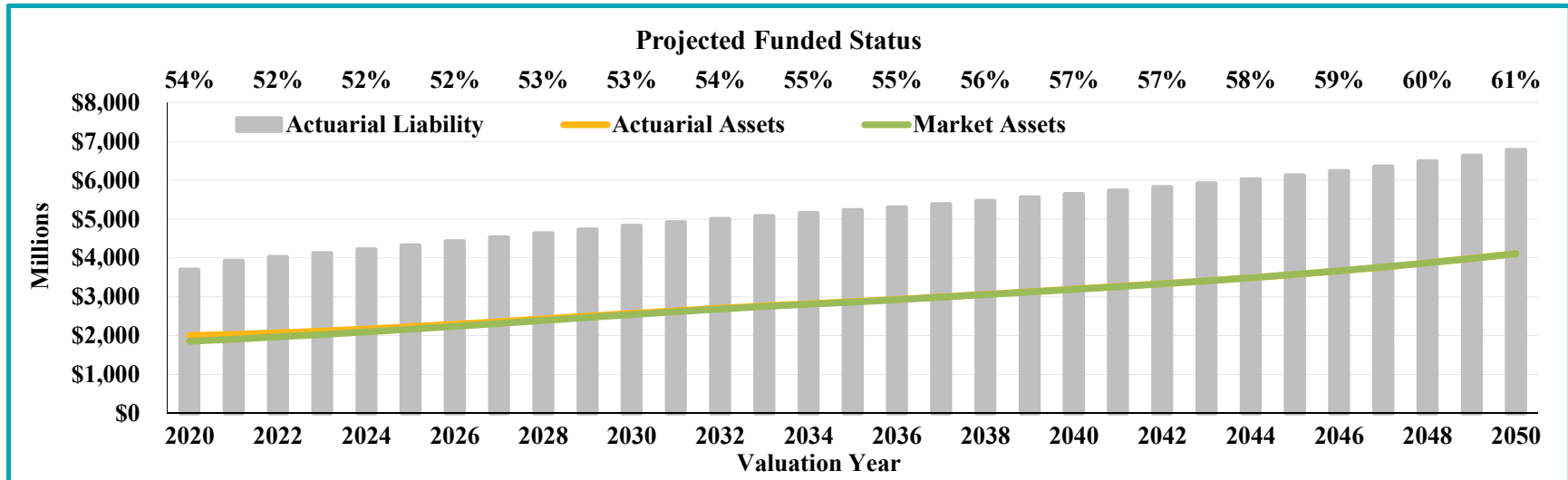
Contribution risk is the potential for actual future contributions to deviate from expected future contributions. The graphs on the following page illustrate the impact on projected future funded status and contribution amounts if the State appropriation remains at 78% of the Statutory contribution for each year in the future, rather than increasing to 100% of the Statutory contribution. In illustrating contribution risk sensitivity, we assume the State's appropriation percent remains at the current level of 78%. The gold outline in the bottom graph shows the State's full Statutory contributions with the shaded portion showing the anticipated appropriated amount.

This scenario shows both the Statutory and appropriated contributions gradually increasing over time. The Statutory contributions quickly exceed the baseline. The appropriated contributions are below the baseline initially but eventually grow to reach to the same level, but with a much lower funded ratio. The funded ratio at the end of the projection period is 61% compared to 93% under the baseline projections.

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**State Appropriates 78% of Statutory Contribution for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2022 and Thereafter**



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**More Detailed Assessment**

While a more detailed assessment is always valuable to enhance the understanding of the risks identified above, we believe the scenarios illustrated above cover the primary risks facing the System at this time. We would be happy to provide the Board with a more in-depth analysis at their request.

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The System uses and discloses two different asset measurements for funding, which are presented in this section of the report: market value and actuarial value of assets. The market value represents the value of the assets if they were liquidated on the valuation date. The actuarial value of assets is a value that smooths annual investment returns to reduce annual investment volatility and is used in determining contribution levels. In compliance with New Jersey Statute, the method used to calculate the actuarial value of assets recognizes 20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets each year.

Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOP) No. 44 states that the asset valuation method should produce an actuarial value of assets that falls within a reasonable range of market value, recognizes the difference between the market value and actuarial value of assets within a reasonably short period of time, and is likely to produce actuarial value of assets that are sometimes greater than and sometimes less than the corresponding market values. The asset method required under N. J. Statute does not meet the requirements of ASOP No. 44 because this method has produced actuarial value of assets which have consistently been greater than the market value of assets and recognizes investment losses slowly over time. Additionally, the method may produce an actuarial value of assets that falls outside of a reasonable range of the market value.

On the following pages, we present detailed information on the System’s assets:

- Disclosure of assets at July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020,
- Statement of cash flows during the year,
- Development of the actuarial value of assets, and
- Disclosure of investment performance for the year.

### **Disclosure**

The market value of assets represents a “snap-shot” value as of the last day of the fiscal year that provides the principal basis for measuring financial performance from one year to the next. Market values, however, can fluctuate widely with corresponding swings in the value of the investments. Because these fluctuations would cause volatility in employer contributions, an actuarial value of assets is developed. Table III-1 on the following page presents the market value as of June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2020. Table III-2 presents the System’s net cash flows from June 30, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Table III-3 presents the development of the Actuarial Value of Assets as of July 1, 2020. Tables III-4 and III-5 show the market and actuarial value of assets historical investment returns compared to the assumed return for each year, as well as the cumulative returns over various periods and durations of time.

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<b>Table III-1 Statement of Assets at Market Value</b>		
	<b>June 30, 2020</b>	<b>June 30, 2019</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 280,141	\$ 985,575
Securities Lending Collateral	32,131,335	22,948,963
Investment Holdings	1,705,836,068	1,795,727,098
Accrued Interest on Investments	10,976	3,964
Interest Receivable on Loans	99,337	63,253
Employer Contributions Receivable		
State	28,980,000	0
State NGCI	135,653	151,066
Members' Contributions Receivable	1,122,475	2,314,582
Loans Receivable	10,858,588	11,628,128
Accounts Receivable	794,742	98,472
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,780,249,315</u>	<u>\$ 1,833,921,101</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Pension Payroll Payable	\$ (14,829,220)	\$ (14,268,898)
Pension Adjustment Payroll Payable	(1,600,220)	(1,657,582)
Death Benefits Payable	(135,653)	(100,081)
Withholdings Payable	(2,813,454)	(2,654,125)
Securities Lending Collateral and Rebate Payable	(32,120,707)	(22,921,221)
Administrative Expense Payable	(944,656)	(358,621)
Accounts Payable - Other	(43,860)	(171,006)
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ (52,487,770)</u>	<u>\$ (42,131,534)</u>
<b>Preliminary Market Value of Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,727,761,545</b>	<b>\$ 1,791,789,567</b>
Discounted State Appropriations Receivable	133,509,188	110,931,602
<b>Market Value of Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,270,733</b>	<b>\$ 1,902,721,169</b>

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**System Cash Flows as of June 30, 2020**

Table III-2	
Changes in Market Values for FYE June 30, 2020	
<b>Additions</b>	
Pension Contributions	
Members' Contributions	\$ 24,292,258
Transfers from Other Systems	218,270
Employers' Contributions	
State Appropriations	115,920,000
Non-Contributory Group Insurance	1,991,260
Transfers from Other Systems	113,377
Administrative Fee Loans	4,740
Income	
Per Statement	24,733,948
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>\$ 167,273,853</b>
<b>Deductions</b>	
Benefits Provided by Members	
Withdrawal of Members' Contributions - Regular & Death	\$ 139,154
Withdrawal of Members' Contributions - Transfer	26,341
Adjustment - Member Account Loans - State	(7,414)
Benefits Provided by Employers and Members	
Retirement Allowances	208,841,559
Benefits Provided by Employers	
Benefit Expense - Pension Adjustment	19,673,473
Administrative Expense	666,523
Withdrawals - Employer Transfers	0
Administrative Expense Loans	5,235
Adjustment - Member Accounts Expense - State	(34,256)
NCGI Premium Expense	1,991,260
Miscellaneous Expense	0
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>\$ 231,301,875</b>
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease)</b>	<b>\$ (64,028,022)</b>
Preliminary Market Value of Assets Beginning of Year	\$ 1,791,789,567
<b>Preliminary Market Value of Assets End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,727,761,545</b>
Discounted State Appropriations Receivable	133,509,188
<b>Market Value of Assets</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,270,733</b>
<b>Approximate Return</b>	<b>1.43%</b>

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**Actuarial Value of Assets**

To determine on-going funding requirements, most pension systems utilize an actuarial value of assets that differs from the market value of assets. The actuarial value of assets represents an asset value based on averaging or smoothing year-to-year market value returns for purposes of reducing contribution volatility. Each year, 20% of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected actuarial value of assets is added to the expected actuarial value of assets.

<b>Table III-3 Development of Actuarial Value of Assets for July 1, 2020</b>	
1. Preliminary Actuarial Value of Assets as of 7/1/2019 <sup>1</sup>	\$ 1,860,721,998
2. Net Cash Flow excluding Investment Income	\$ (88,761,970)
3. Expected Investment Income <sup>2</sup>	\$ 131,620,131
4. Expected Actuarial Value of Assets as of 7/1/2020: (1+2+3)	\$ 1,903,580,159
5. Preliminary Market Value as of 6/30/2020	\$ 1,727,761,545
6. 20% of Difference from MVA = (5-4) x 0.2	\$ (35,163,723)
7. Preliminary Actuarial Value of Assets as of 7/1/2020: (4+6)	\$ 1,868,416,436
8. Discounted State Appropriations Receivable	\$ 133,509,188
9. Actuarial Value of Assets as of 7/1/2020: (7+8)	\$ 2,001,925,624
10. Rate of Return on Actuarial Value of Assets	5.35%
11. Ratio of Actuarial Value of Assets to Market Value of Assets	107.56%

<sup>1</sup> Excludes discounted State appropriations receivable

<sup>2</sup> Refer to Appendix B, Actuarial Methods, for details on the assumed timing of contributions

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**Investment Performance**

The market value of assets rate of return was 1.43% for the year ending June 30, 2020. This is compared to an assumed return of 7.30% for the same period. On an actuarial value of assets basis, the return for FYE 2020 was 5.35%. In the table below, we show historical asset returns compared to the investment return assumption. We show returns beginning with the year ending in 2000.

<b>Table III-4 Annual Rates of Return</b>			
<b>Year Ended June 30</b>	<b>Investment Return Assumption</b>	<b>Market Value<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Actuarial Value<sup>2</sup></b>
2000	8.75%	11.86%	12.83%
2001	8.75%	-9.80%	7.77%
2002	8.75%	-8.61%	4.74%
2003	8.75%	3.31%	4.36%
2004	8.75%	14.16%	5.87%
2005	8.25%	8.77%	5.85%
2006	8.25%	9.79%	6.55%
2007	8.25%	17.14%	8.30%
2008	8.25%	-2.61%	6.29%
2009	8.25%	-15.49%	2.18%
2010	8.25%	13.34%	3.72%
2011	8.25%	17.97%	5.75%
2012	7.95%	2.47%	4.83%
2013	7.90%	11.72%	5.77%
2014	7.90%	16.79%	7.64%
2015	7.90%	4.08%	6.91%
2016	7.90%	-1.15%	5.32%
2017	7.65%	12.77%	6.26%
2018	7.50%	9.11%	6.69%
2019	7.50%	6.12%	6.54%
2020	7.30%	1.43%	5.35%

<sup>1</sup>Beginning in 2017, the returns are from the System’s Actuarial Valuation Report. Since the prior actuary did not calculate a market value return prior 2017, earlier returns are from other sources. Returns for 2014 through 2016 are money-weighted returns for the Pension Funds from the DPB’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports. Returns for 2000 through 2013 are returns for the Pension Funds from the New Jersey State Investment Council Annual Reports.

<sup>2</sup>The prior actuary did not report an actuarial value return in 2000. The return shown was calculated based on available information.



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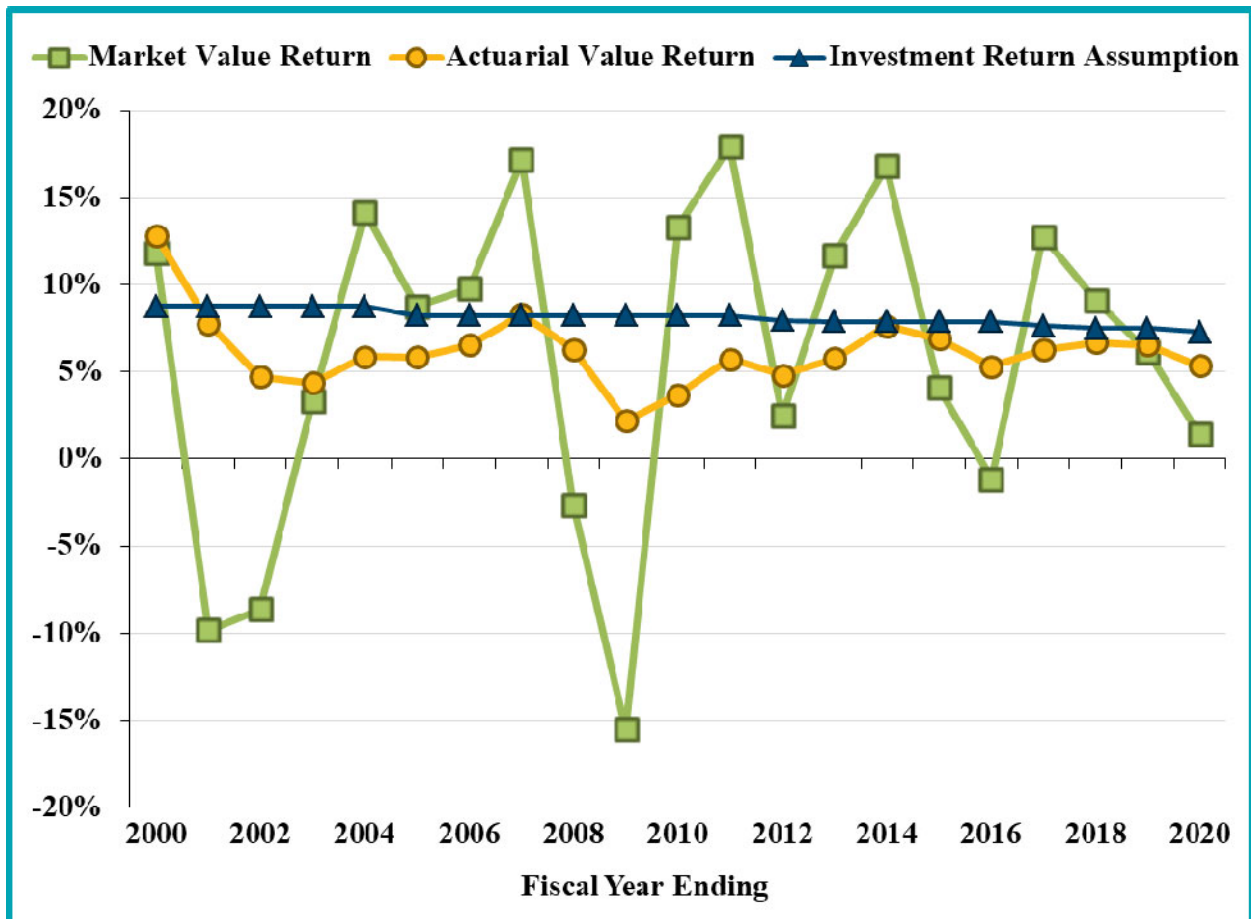
Additionally, we show the compound annualized rates of return for various periods in the following table. On a cumulative basis, there are periods where the market value return significantly exceeds the actuarial value return. This is due to the recognition of market value losses from earlier years in the actuarial value. We present compound annualized rates of return over consecutive five-year periods to help illustrate this point.

<b>Table III-5 Compound Annualized Rates of Returns</b>			
<b>Period</b>	<b>Investment Return</b>		
	<b>Assumption</b>	<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Actuarial Value</b>
Since July 1, 1999	8.14%	5.45%	6.15%
20-Year	8.11%	5.14%	5.83%
15-Year	7.93%	6.52%	5.86%
10-Year	7.77%	7.95%	6.10%
5-Year	7.57%	5.54%	6.03%
<b>Consecutive Five-Year Periods</b>			
2000 to 2004	8.75%	1.69%	7.07%
2005 to 2009	8.25%	2.86%	5.81%
2010 to 2014	8.05%	12.32%	5.53%
2015 to 2019	7.69%	6.08%	6.34%
2020 (One-Year)	7.30%	1.43%	5.35%

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**SECTION III – ASSETS**

We present the annual rates of return from Table III-4 in the following graph. The market value return (green) shows significant volatility with years above and below the investment return assumption (blue). The largest deviations from expectations are losses in 2001 and 2002 and again in 2008 and 2009. The actuarial value returns (yellow) follow the direction of market value returns, but much more gradually as gains and losses are recognized over time. For nearly the entire period, the actuarial value returns fall short of the investment return assumption and result in AVA losses and UAL increases. When the actuarial return approaches the assumption, the MVA is closing in on the AVA with the possibility of AVA gains in the near future. However, both such instances (2007 and 2014) are followed by market value losses (large, sharp losses in 2008-2009 and small cumulative losses in 2015-2020).



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**SECTION IV – LIABILITIES**

In this section, we present detailed information on the liabilities of the System, including:

- Disclosure of liabilities at July 1, 2019 and July 1, 2020,
- Active liabilities broken down by Tier, and
- The development of the actuarial gain and loss.

**Disclosure**

The Actuarial Liability is used for determining employer contributions. For SPRS, the funding method employed is the Projected Unit Credit (PUC) Actuarial Cost Method. Under this funding method, the actuarial liability is calculated as the actuarial present value of the projected benefits allocated to periods prior to the valuation year.

This liability is determined for funding purposes and is not appropriate for measuring the cost of settling plan liabilities by purchasing annuities or paying lump sums.

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**SECTION IV – LIABILITIES**

Table IV-1 shows the actuarial liability, unfunded actuarial liability and funded ratio as of July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2019 for the System.

<b>Table IV-1 Actuarial Liability</b>		
	<b>July 1, 2020</b>	<b>July 1, 2019</b>
<b>Actuarial Liability</b>		
Contributing Actives	\$ 1,034,784,780	\$ 1,023,333,772
Non-Contributing Actives	10,293,170	9,783,868
Deferred Vested	0	0
Retirees	2,305,613,737	2,235,894,823
Disabled	187,627,981	181,876,049
Beneficiaries	154,181,843	144,473,201
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,692,501,511</b>	<b>\$ 3,595,361,713</b>
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 2,001,925,624	\$ 1,971,653,600
Unfunded Actuarial Liability/(Surplus)	\$ 1,690,575,887	\$ 1,623,708,113
Funded Ratio	54.2%	54.8%

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Tables IV-2 and IV-3 show the Actuarial Liability of active members by Tier as of July 1, 2020.

<b>Table IV-2 Contributing Active Liabilities by Tier</b>				
	<b>Number of Members</b>	<b>Appropriation Payroll</b>	<b>Actuarial Liability</b>	<b>Gross Normal Cost</b>
Tier 1	1,710	\$ 208,899,415	\$ 950,292,672	\$ 48,580,016
Tier 2	1,052	89,355,099	84,492,108	15,256,568
<b>Total</b>	<u>2,762</u>	<u>\$ 298,254,514</u>	<u>\$ 1,034,784,780</u>	<u>\$ 63,836,584</u>

<b>Table IV-3 Non-Contributing Active Liabilities by Tier</b>				
	<b>Number of Members</b>	<b>Last Reported Payroll</b>	<b>Actuarial Liability</b>	<b>Gross Normal Cost</b>
Tier 1	29	\$ 2,770,124	\$ 9,084,521	\$ 0
Tier 2	28	2,138,008	1,208,649	0
<b>Total</b>	<u>57</u>	<u>\$ 4,908,132</u>	<u>\$ 10,293,170</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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Table IV-4 presents the change in the actuarial liabilities, actuarial assets, and unfunded actuarial liability during the plan year. In general, the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) of any retirement system is expected to change at each subsequent valuation for a variety of reasons. In each valuation, we report on those elements of change in the UAL which are of particular significance, potentially affecting the long-term financial outlook of the System.

<b>Table IV-4 Development of 2020 Experience (Gain)/Loss</b>			
	<b>Actuarial Liability</b>	<b>Actuarial Value of Assets</b>	<b>Unfunded Actuarial Liability</b>
1. Value as of July 1, 2019	\$ 3,595,361,713	\$ (1,971,653,600)	\$ 1,623,708,113
2. Additions			
a.) Normal Cost	\$ 63,235,811	\$ 0	\$ 63,235,811
b.) Statutory State Contributions	0	(178,836,912)	(178,836,912)
c.) Expected Member Contributions	0	(23,004,276)	(23,004,276)
d.) Total Additions	\$ 63,235,811	\$ (201,841,188)	\$ (138,605,377)
3. Deductions			
a.) Benefit Payments	\$ (228,646,772)	\$ 228,646,772	\$ 0
b.) Expected Administrative Expenses	0	0	0
c.) Total Deductions	\$ (228,646,772)	\$ 228,646,772	\$ 0
4. Net Transfers from Other Systems			
a.) State Contributions	\$ 113,377	\$ (113,377)	\$ 0
b.) Member Contributions	191,929	(191,929)	0
c.) Total Net Transfers	\$ 305,306	\$ (305,306)	\$ 0
5. Expected Interest	\$ 258,889,949	\$ (136,567,910)	\$ 122,322,039
6. Expected Value as of July 1, 2020: [1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5]	\$ 3,689,146,007	\$ (2,081,721,232)	\$ 1,607,424,775
7. Other Changes			
a.) Appropriation Adjustment	\$ 0	\$ 39,326,996	\$ 39,326,996
b.) Contribution Timing	0	5,983,603	5,983,603
c.) Actual Member Contributions	0	(1,334,166)	(1,334,166)
d.) Assumption Changes	0	0	0
e.) Change in Benefits	0	0	0
f.) Total Other Changes	\$ 0	\$ 43,976,433	\$ 43,976,433
8. Expected value after changes: [6 + 7]	\$ 3,689,146,007	\$ (2,037,744,799)	\$ 1,651,401,208
9. Actual Value as of July 1, 2020	\$ 3,692,501,511	\$ (2,001,925,624)	\$ 1,690,575,887
10. Actuarial (Gain)/Loss: [9 - 8]	\$ 3,355,504	\$ 35,819,175	\$ 39,174,679

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Table IV-5 shows the components of the Actuarial (Gain)/Loss for the System as of July 1, 2020 and July 1, 2019.

<b>Table IV-5 Actuarial (Gain)/Loss Analysis</b>		
<b>Components</b>	<b>July 1, 2020</b>	<b>July 1, 2019</b>
<b>Actuarial Value of Assets</b>		
Investment Return	\$ 35,163,723	\$ 17,233,108
Administrative Expenses	655,452	618,088
Total	<u>\$ 35,819,175</u>	<u>\$ 17,851,196</u>
<b>Actuarial Liability</b>		
Salary Increases	\$ (3,198,639)	\$ 1,965,147
New Entrants	1,841,219	1,957,712
Demographic Experience		
Contributing Actives	9,282,435	619,657
Non-Contributing Actives	(1,110,410)	(1,156,129)
Inactives	<u>(3,142,848)</u>	<u>(5,839,793)</u>
Sub-Total	\$ 3,671,757	\$ (2,453,406)
Impact of Net Transfers from Other Systems	<u>(316,253)</u>	<u>41,301</u>
Total	<u>\$ 3,355,504</u>	<u>\$ (2,412,105)</u>
<b>Actuarial (Gain)/Loss</b>	<b>\$ 39,174,679</b>	<b>\$ 15,439,091</b>

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**SECTION V – CONTRIBUTIONS**

In the process of evaluating the financial condition of any pension plan, the actuary analyzes the assets and liabilities to determine what level (if any) of contributions is needed to properly maintain the funded status of the Plan. Typically, the actuarial process will use a funding technique that will result in a pattern of contributions that are both stable and predictable.

Under the current funding policy, the State funding requirement contains two components: the employer normal cost and an amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL). The funding methodology prescribed by NJ State Statute does not include a cost component for administrative expenses, and therefore administrative expenses are implicitly covered by the investment rate of return assumption. Because the investment rate of return assumption is recommended by the State Treasurer, we provide no opinion on the reasonableness of the assumption.

For SPRS, the funding method employed is the Projected Unit Credit (PUC) Actuarial Cost Method. Under this funding method, the actuarial liability is calculated as the actuarial present value of the projected benefits allocated to periods prior to the valuation year. The unfunded actuarial liability is the actuarial liability on the valuation date less the actuarial value of assets.

In accordance with Chapter 78, P. L. 2011, the unfunded actuarial liability for the July 1, 2019 valuation was amortized over a closed 30 year period as a level dollar amount. For the July 1, 2020 valuation, the amortization period has decreased to 29 years.



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**SECTION V – CONTRIBUTIONS**

Table V-1 shows the development of the Statutory Pension Contribution for the current and prior year. Table V-2 summarizes the contributions as a percentage of appropriation payroll.

<b>Table V-1 Development of Statutory Pension Contribution</b>		
<b>Valuation Date Fiscal Year Ending</b>	<b>July 1, 2020 2022</b>	<b>July 1 2019 2021</b>
<b>1. Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) Contribution</b>		
a. Actuarial Liability	\$ 3,692,501,511	\$ 3,595,361,713
b. Actuarial Value of Assets	<u>2,001,925,624</u>	<u>1,971,653,600</u>
c. Unfunded Actuarial Liability [1a. - 1b.]	\$ 1,690,575,887	\$ 1,623,708,113
d. Amortization Period (years)	29	30
e. Amortization of UAL Payable at Valuation Date (Level Dollar)	\$ 132,141,545	\$ 125,642,153
f. UAL Contribution Payable Beginning of Fiscal Year [1e. with one year of interest]	\$ 141,787,878	\$ 134,814,030
<b>2. Normal Cost Contribution</b>		
a. Gross Normal Cost	\$ 63,836,584	\$ 63,235,811
b. Expected Member Contributions	<u>22,100,015</u>	<u>22,207,962</u>
c. State Normal Cost [2a. - 2b.]	\$ 41,736,569	\$ 41,027,849
d. State Normal Cost Payable Beginning of Fiscal Year [2c. with interest]	\$ 44,783,339	\$ 44,022,882
<b>3. Total Statutory Pension Contribution as of Beginning of Fiscal Year [1f. + 2d.]</b>	<b>\$ 186,571,217</b>	<b>\$ 178,836,912</b>

<b>Table V-2 Statutory Contributions as a Percent of Appropriation Payroll</b>		
<b>Valuation Date Fiscal Year Ending</b>	<b>July 1, 2020 2022</b>	<b>July 1, 2019 2021</b>
Statutory Contribution		
State Normal Cost	15.02%	14.86%
UAL Contribution	<u>47.54%</u>	<u>45.52%</u>
Total Statutory Pension Contribution	<u>62.56%</u>	<u>60.38%</u>

Rates are based only on contributing active compensation

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**APPENDIX A – MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

The data for this valuation was provided by the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits as of July 1, 2020. Cheiron did not audit any of the data. However, we did perform an informal examination of the obvious characteristics of the data for reasonableness and consistency in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 23. The following is a list of data charts contained in this section:

- A-1: Contributing Active Member Data by Tier
- A-2: Non-Contributing Active Member Data by Tier
- A-3: Inactive Member Data, Total Annual and Average Retirement Allowances by Status
- A-4: Reconciliation of Plan Membership
- A-5 through A-6: Contributing Active Member Data by Age and Service
- A-7 through A-8: Inactive Member Data by Age and Status

<b>Table A-1 Contributing Active Member Data by Tier</b>			
	<b>July 1, 2020</b>	<b>July 1, 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b><u>Tier 1</u></b>			
Count	1,710	1,822	-6.1%
Average Age	44.0	43.5	1.1%
Average Service	17.8	17.3	3.2%
Average Appropriation Pay	\$ 122,163	\$ 120,379	1.5%
Total Appropriation Payroll	\$ 208,899,415	\$ 219,330,515	-4.8%
<b><u>Tier 2</u></b>			
Count	1,052	944	11.4%
Average Age	31.9	31.5	1.5%
Average Service	5.1	4.5	12.8%
Average Appropriation Pay	\$ 84,938	\$ 81,419	4.3%
Total Appropriation Payroll	\$ 89,355,099	\$ 76,859,411	16.3%
<b><u>Total</u></b>			
Count	2,762	2,766	-0.1%
Average Age	39.4	39.4	0.0%
Average Service	13.0	12.9	0.5%
Average Appropriation Pay	\$ 107,985	\$ 107,082	0.8%
Total Appropriation Payroll	\$ 298,254,514	\$ 296,189,926	0.7%

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Table A-2 Non-Contributing Active Member Data by Tier				
	July 1, 2020	July 1, 2019	% Change	
<b><u>Tier 1</u></b>				
Count	29	31	-6.5%	
Average Age	48.4	47.3	2.4%	
Average Service	12.3	11.9	3.3%	
Average Last Reported Pay	\$ 95,522	\$ 92,655	3.1%	
Total Last Reported Pay	\$ 2,770,124	\$ 2,872,305	-3.6%	
<b><u>Tier 2</u></b>				
Count	28	23	21.7%	
Average Age	33.0	31.8	3.6%	
Average Service	3.1	2.5	23.6%	
Average Last Reported Pay	\$ 76,357	\$ 73,350	4.1%	
Total Last Reported Pay	\$ 2,138,008	\$ 1,687,052	26.7%	
<b><u>Total</u></b>				
Count	57	54	5.6%	
Average Age	40.8	40.7	0.3%	
Average Service	7.8	7.9	-1.5%	
Average Last Reported Pay	\$ 86,108	\$ 84,433	2.0%	
Total Last Reported Pay	\$ 4,908,132	\$ 4,559,357	7.6%	

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<b>Table A-3 Inactive Member Data by Status</b>				
	<b>July 1, 2020</b>	<b>July 1, 2019</b>	<b>% Change</b>	
<b>Retirees</b>				
Count	2,721	2,676	1.7%	
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$ 198,240,895	\$ 191,944,688	3.3%	
Average Retirement Allowance	\$ 72,856	\$ 71,728	1.6%	
<b>Beneficiaries</b>				
Count	468	440	6.4%	
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$ 17,976,004	\$ 16,905,526	6.3%	
Average Retirement Allowance	\$ 38,410	\$ 38,422	0.0%	
<b>Ordinary Disability</b>				
Count	127	128	-0.8%	
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$ 5,143,134	\$ 5,176,409	-0.6%	
Average Retirement Allowance	\$ 40,497	\$ 40,441	0.1%	
<b>Accidental Disability</b>				
Count	163	156	4.5%	
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$ 9,956,297	\$ 9,367,655	6.3%	
Average Retirement Allowance	\$ 61,082	\$ 60,049	1.7%	
<b>In-Pay Total</b>				
<b>Count</b>	<b>3,479</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	
<b>Annual Retirement Allowances</b>	<b>\$ 231,316,330</b>	<b>\$ 223,394,278</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	
<b>Average Retirement Allowance</b>	<b>\$ 66,489</b>	<b>\$ 65,704</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	
<b>Deferred Vested Members</b>				
Count	0	0	N/A	
Annual Retirement Allowances	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	
Average Retirement Allowance	\$ 0	\$ 0	N/A	

QDRO benefits included with member records for valuation purposes.

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<b>Table A-4 Reconciliation of Plan Membership from July 1, 2019 to July 1, 2020</b>							
	<b>Contributing Actives</b>	<b>Non-Contrib. Actives</b>	<b>Deferred Vested</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>Disabled</b>	<b>Beneficiaries</b>	<b>Total</b>
1. July 1, 2019	2,766	54	0	2,676	284	440	6,220
2. Additions							
a. New entrants	117						117
b. New beneficiaries						16	16
c. Data correction							0
d. Total	<u>117</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>133</u>
3. Reductions							
a. Withdrawal		(5)					(5)
b. Died without beneficiary				(28)	(1)	(21)	(50)
c. Payments ceased							0
d. Total	<u>0</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(28)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(21)</u>	<u>(55)</u>
4. Changes in Status							
a. Contributing Active	1	(1)					0
b. Non-Contributing Active	(9)	9					0
c. Deferred Vested							0
d. Retired	(108)			108			0
e. Disabled	(4)			(5)	9		0
f. Died with beneficiary	(1)			(30)	(2)	33	0
g. Total	<u>(121)</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>73</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>0</u>
5. July 1, 2020	2,762	57	0	2,721	290	468	6,298

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**Table A-5  
Counts by Age and Service of Contributing Active Members**

Attained Age	Years of Service								Total
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 & up	
Under 30	83	202	34	0	0	0	0	0	319
30 to 34	19	142	351	45	0	0	0	0	557
35 to 39	2	27	119	324	101	1	0	0	574
40 to 44	0	0	19	166	390	31	0	0	606
45 to 49	0	0	0	38	170	219	35	0	462
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	48	104	83	9	244
55 & up	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>709</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2,762</b>

**Table A-6  
Average Appropriation Pay by Age and Service of Contributing Active Members**

Attained Age	Years of Service								Total
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 & up	
Under 30	\$ 73,706	\$ 78,550	\$ 85,993	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 78,083
30 to 34	73,706	80,915	90,010	100,824	0	0	0	0	88,009
35 to 39	73,706	81,224	91,294	110,552	114,767	138,904	0	0	105,843
40 to 44	0	0	95,430	114,045	120,643	124,684	0	0	118,252
45 to 49	0	0	0	114,906	122,746	131,522	143,005	0	127,796
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	123,995	135,922	139,340	135,111	134,708
55 & up	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 73,706</b>	<b>\$ 79,650</b>	<b>\$ 90,238</b>	<b>\$ 111,089</b>	<b>\$ 120,537</b>	<b>\$ 132,235</b>	<b>\$ 140,427</b>	<b>\$ 135,111</b>	<b>\$ 107,985</b>

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**Table A-7  
Counts by Age and Status of Inactive Members**

Attained Age	Status				Total
	Retiree	Beneficiary	Ordinary Disability	Accidental Disability	
Under 45	1	19	10	25	55
45 to 49	22	4	7	21	54
50 to 54	289	7	21	31	348
55 to 59	718	21	31	40	810
60 to 64	452	29	21	19	521
65 to 69	310	44	13	10	377
70 to 74	353	68	7	3	431
75 to 79	324	99	10	10	443
80 to 84	152	60	7	4	223
85 & up	100	117	0	0	217
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,721</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>3,479</b>

**Table A-8  
Average Retirement Allowances by Age and Status of Inactive Members**

Attained Age	Status				Total
	Retiree	Beneficiary	Ordinary Disability	Accidental Disability	
Under 45	\$ 55,431	\$ 30,475	\$ 39,972	\$ 64,587	\$ 48,161
45 to 49	86,269	61,496	40,285	65,133	70,254
50 to 54	85,893	58,666	40,880	67,626	81,002
55 to 59	82,898	54,072	42,116	62,748	79,595
60 to 64	79,145	47,881	47,418	59,175	75,398
65 to 69	74,444	47,825	44,590	58,450	69,884
70 to 74	65,560	39,555	37,480	48,195	60,880
75 to 79	55,875	39,230	26,725	35,737	51,042
80 to 84	50,075	35,107	27,471	39,172	45,143
85 & up	42,350	29,333	0	0	35,332
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 72,856</b>	<b>\$ 38,410</b>	<b>\$ 40,497</b>	<b>\$ 61,082</b>	<b>\$ 66,489</b>

QDRO benefits included with member records for valuation purposes.

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**APPENDIX B – SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS**

**A. Actuarial Assumptions**

- 1. Investment Rate of Return** 7.30% per annum, compounded annually.
  
- 2. Administrative Expenses** No explicit assumption is made for administrative expenses for funding purposes per the funding methodology prescribed by NJ State Statute.
  
- 3. Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLAs)** No future COLAs are assumed. Previously granted COLAs are included in the data.
  
- 4. Salary Increases** Salaries are assumed to increase by 2.95% per year through fiscal year 2025 and 3.95% per year for fiscal years 2026 and thereafter.  
  
Salary increases are assumed to occur on January 1.
  
- 5. 401(a)(17) Pay Limit** \$285,000 in 2020 increasing 2.75% per annum, compounded annually.
  
- 6. Social Security Wage Base** \$137,700 in 2020 increasing 3.25% per annum, compounded annually.
  
- 7. Termination** Termination rates are as follows:

Service	Rates
0 - 3	0.450%
4	0.300
5	0.225
6	0.200
7	0.175
8	0.150
9	0.125
10	0.100
11-19	0.075
20	0.000

No termination is assumed after attainment of retirement eligibility.

All members with 10 or more years of service at termination are assumed to elect a deferred retirement benefit.



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8. Disability

Representative disability rates are as follows:

Age	Ordinary Disability	Accidental Disability
20	0.027%	0.015%
25	0.041	0.025
30	0.061	0.053
35	0.169	0.194
40	0.172	0.208
45	0.218	0.214
50	0.375	0.220
54	0.505	0.295

No ordinary disability is assumed prior to attainment of ordinary disability retirement eligibility at four years of service or after attainment of special retirement eligibility at 25 years of service.

Accidental disability rates apply at all ages until the mandatory retirement age of 55.

Members retiring under the ordinary disability decrement with 20 or more years of service are assumed to receive the involuntary disability retirement benefit.

Members are assumed to receive the greater of the applicable disability benefit or the service or special retirement benefit, depending on eligibility.

9. Mortality

Pre-Retirement: The Pub-2010 Public Safety Above-Median Income Employee mortality table [*PubS-2010(A) Employee*] as published by the Society of Actuaries (SOA), unadjusted, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis using SOA's Scale MP-2018.

35% of the deaths are assumed to be accidental.

For purposes of pre-retirement accidental death benefits based on Adjusted Final Compensation, the benefit is assumed to increase at the same rate as active salaries.

Healthy Retirees (Healthy Annuitants): The Pub-2010 Public Safety Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table [*PubS-2010(A) Healthy Retiree*] as published by the Society of Actuaries, unadjusted, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis using SOA's Scale MP-2018.

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Beneficiaries (Contingent Annuitants): The Pub-2010 General Above-Median Income Healthy Retiree mortality table [*PubG-2010(A) Healthy Retiree*] as published by the Society of Actuaries, unadjusted, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis using SOA’s Scale MP-2018.

Disabled Retirees (Disabled Annuitants): The Pub-2010 Public Safety Disabled Retiree mortality table [*PubS-2010 Disabled Retiree*] as published by the Society of Actuaries, unadjusted, and with future improvement from the base year of 2010 on a generational basis using SOA’s Scale MP-2018.

**10. Retirement**

For those with 24 years of service or less: 0.50%

For those with 25 years of service:

Age	Rates
48 or younger	25.00%
49-54	50.00

For those with 26 or more years of service: 35.00%

Mandatory retirement at age 55.

**11. Family  
Composition  
Assumptions**

For members not currently in receipt, 83.3% of members are assumed married to spouses of the opposite sex. Males are assumed to be three years older than females.

For purposes of the post-retirement death benefit for members currently in receipt, beneficiary status is based on the beneficiary allowance reported. If no beneficiary date of birth is provided, the beneficiary is assumed to be the member’s spouse of the opposite sex with males assumed to be three years older than females.

No additional dependent children or parents are assumed.

For current dependents receiving a pre-retirement accidental death benefit, those under age 24 are assumed to receive a benefit until age 24 while those over age 24 are assumed to receive a benefit for the remainder of their lifetime.

For current dependents receiving a benefit other than a pre-retirement accidental death benefit, those under age 18 are assumed to receive a benefit until age 18 while those over age 18 are assumed to receive a benefit for the remainder of their lifetime.

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- 12. Data** Information provided by the prior actuary was relied upon for the purposes of setting the status of and valuing non-contributing active records.
- For current beneficiaries with missing data, reasonable assumptions were made based on the information available in prior years.
- Inactives receiving benefits according to the 2019 data but omitted from the 2020 data are assumed to have died without a beneficiary.
- 13. Rationale for Assumptions** The demographic and economic assumptions used in this report, except for the investment return assumption, reflect the results of the July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2018 Experience Study, which was approved by the Board of Trustees on January 28, 2020.
- The investment return assumption was recommended by the State Treasurer.
- 14. Changes in Assumptions Since Last Valuation** None.

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**B. Projection Assumptions**

1. **Investment Rate of Return** July 1, 2021 and later valuations: 7.00% per annum, compounded annually.
2. **Appropriation Percentages** The State is assumed to appropriate 100% of the Statutory contribution in FYE 2022 and each year thereafter.
3. **Administrative Expenses** The actual administrative expenses paid in FYE 2020 are assumed to increase by 2.75% per annum, compounded annually.
4. **New Entrants**
  - Contributing active population assumed to remain at 2020 levels.
  - Assumed to join mid-year.
  - Age/sex distributions based on the last three years of new hires.
  - Salary based on salary for most recent hires reported on 2020 data.
  - New entrant salary assumed to increase at the same rate used for current members.
5. **Demographic Assumptions** Same as those used for valuation purposes.
6. **Projection Basis** This report includes projections of future assets, liabilities, funded status and contributions for the purpose of assisting the Board of Trustees with the management of the System.

The projections are based on the same census data and financial information as of July 1, 2020 which has been used for the actuarial valuation. The projections assume continuation of the plan provisions and actuarial assumptions in effect as of July 1, 2020 and do not reflect the impact of any changes in benefits or actuarial assumptions that may be adopted after July 1, 2020 unless otherwise indicated. While the assumptions individually are reasonable for the underlying valuation that supports the projections, specifically for projection purposes, they are also considered reasonable in the aggregate.

The projections assume that all future assumptions are met except where indicated with respect to future investment returns and demographic assumptions. The future outcomes become increasingly uncertain over time, and therefore the general trends and not the absolute values should be considered in the review of these projections.

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### C. Actuarial Methods

The actuarial methods used for determining State contributions are described as follows.

#### 1. Actuarial Cost Method

The actuarial cost method for funding calculations is the Projected Unit Credit Cost Method.

The actuarial liability is calculated as the actuarial present value of the projected benefits linearly allocated to periods prior to the valuation year based on service. The unfunded actuarial liability is the actuarial liability on the valuation date less the actuarial value of assets.

In accordance with Chapter 78, P.L. 2011:

- Beginning with the July 1, 2010 actuarial valuation, the accrued liability contribution shall be computed so that if the contribution is paid annually in level dollars, it will amortize the unfunded accrued liability over an open 30 year period.
- Beginning with the July 1, 2019 actuarial valuation, the accrued liability contribution shall be computed so that if the contribution is paid annually in level dollars, it will amortize the unfunded accrued liability over a closed 30 year period (i.e., for each subsequent actuarial valuation the amortization period shall decrease by one year).
- Beginning with the July 1, 2029 actuarial valuation, when the remaining amortization period reaches 20 years, any increase or decrease in the unfunded accrued liability as a result of actuarial losses or gains for subsequent valuation years shall serve to increase or decrease, respectively, the amortization period for the unfunded accrued liability, unless an increase in the amortization period will cause it to exceed 20 years. If an increase in the amortization period as a result of actuarial losses for a valuation year would exceed 20 years, the accrued liability contribution shall be computed for the valuation year using a 20 year amortization period.

To the extent that the amortization period remains an open period in future years and depending upon the specific circumstances, it should be noted that in the absence of emerging actuarial gains or contributions made in excess of the actuarially determined contribution, any existing unfunded accrued liability may not be fully amortized in the future.

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**2. Asset Valuation Method**

For the purposes of determining contribution rates, an actuarial value of assets is used that dampens the volatility in the market value of assets, resulting in a smoother pattern of contributions.

The actuarial value of assets is adjusted to reflect actual contributions, benefit payments and administrative expenses and an assumed return on the previous year's assets and the current year's cash flow at the prior year's actuarial valuation interest rate, with a further adjustment to reflect 20% of the difference between the resulting value and the actual market value of Plan assets.

**3. State Contribution Payable Dates**

Chapter 83, P.L. 2016 requires the State to make the required pension contributions on a quarterly basis in each fiscal year according to the following schedule: at least 25% by September 30, at least 50% by December 31, at least 75% by March 31, and at least 100% by June 30. As such, contributions are assumed to be made on a quarterly basis.

**4. Valuation Software**

Cheiron utilizes ProVal, an actuarial valuation software leased from Winklevoss Technologies (WinTech) to calculate liabilities and project benefit payments. We have relied on WinTech as the developer of ProVal. We have reviewed ProVal and have a basic understanding of it and have used ProVal in accordance with its original intended purpose. We have not identified any material inconsistencies in assumptions or output of ProVal that would affect this actuarial valuation.

**5. Changes in Methods Since the Last Valuation**

None.

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This summary of Plan provisions provides an overview of the major provisions of the SPRS used in the actuarial valuation. It is not intended to replace the more precise language of the NJ State Statutes, Title 53, Chapter 5A, and if there is any difference between the description of the plan herein and the actual language in the NJ State Statutes, the NJ State Statutes will govern. This valuation is prepared based on plan provisions in effect as of July 1, 2020 and does not reflect the impact of any changes in benefits that may have been approved after the valuation date.

**1. Eligibility of Membership**

All members of the former State Police and Benevolent Fund and full-time commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers or troopers of the Division of State Police. Membership is a condition of employment.

- a) Tier 1 Member: Any member hired on or before May 21, 2010.
- b) Tier 2 Member: Any member hired after May 21, 2010.

**2. Plan Year**

The 12-month period beginning on July 1 and ending on June 30.

**3. Service Credit**

Service rendered while a member as described above.

**4. Credited Service**

A year is credited for each year of service as an officer or trooper in the State Police.

**5. Compensation**

Base salary in accordance with established salary policies of the state for all employees in the same position. Compensation does not include individual salary adjustments granted primarily in anticipation of the retirement or for temporary or extracurricular duties beyond the regular work day or shift. Effective June 30, 1996, Chapter 113, P. L. 1997 provided that the amount of compensation used for employer and member contributions and benefits under the program cannot exceed the compensation limitation of Section 401(a)(17) of the Internal Revenue Code. Chapter 1, P. L. 2010 provides that for members hired on or after May 22, 2010, the amount of compensation used for employer and member contributions and benefits under the System cannot exceed the annual maximum wage contribution base for Social Security, pursuant to the Federal Insurance Contributions Act.

**6. Final Compensation**

Average compensation received by the member in the last 12 months of credited service preceding retirement or death. Such term includes the value of the member's maintenance allowance for the same period. Chapter 1, P. L. 2010 provides that for members hired on or after May 22, 2010, Final Compensation means the average annual compensation for service for which contributions are made during any three fiscal years of membership providing the largest possible benefit to the member or the member's beneficiary.

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**7. Aggregate Contributions**

The sum of all amounts deducted from the compensation of a member or contributed by him or on his behalf.

**8. Member Contributions**

Each member contributes 9.0% of base salary. For contribution purposes, compensation does not include overtime, bonuses, maintenance or any adjustments before retirement.

**9. Adjusted Final Compensation**

For purposes of the pre-retirement accidental death benefit, the amount of compensation or compensation as adjusted, as the case may be, increased by the same percentage increase which is applied in any adjustments of the compensation schedule of active members after the member's death and before the date on which the deceased member of the retirement system would have accrued 25 years of service under an assumption of continuous service, at which time that amount will become fixed. Adjustments to compensation or adjusted compensation shall take effect at the same time as any adjustments in the compensation schedule of active members.

**10. Benefits**

**a) Service and Special Retirement:**

Mandatory retirement at age 55. Voluntary retirement prior to age 55.

- (1) Service Retirement: 20 years of service credit, or members as of August 29, 1985 who would not have 20 years of service credit at age 55.

Benefit is an annual retirement allowance equal to 50% of final compensation.

- (2) Special Retirement: 25 years of service credit.

Benefit is an annual retirement allowance equal to 65% of final compensation, plus 1% for each year of service credit in excess of 25 years, to a maximum of 70% of final compensation.

- (3) Members as of August 29, 1985 who would have 20 years of service credit but not 25 years at age 55.

Benefit is an annual retirement allowance equal to 50% of final compensation, plus 3% for each year of service credit in excess of 20 years.



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**b) Deferred Retirement:**

Termination of service prior to age 55 with 10 years of service credit.

Benefit is either a refund of aggregate contributions, or a deferred life annuity beginning at age 55 equal to 2% of final compensation for each year of service credit up to 25 years.

For members who die during the deferral period, the benefit is a return of aggregate contributions.

**c) Non-Vested Termination:**

Termination of service prior to age 55 and less than 10 years of service credit.

Benefit is a return of aggregate contributions.

**d) Death Benefits**

(1) Ordinary Death Before Retirement: Death of an active member of the plan. Benefit is equal to:

- a. Lump sum payment equal to 350% of final compensation, also known as the noncontributory group life insurance benefit, plus
- b. Spousal life annuity of 50% of final compensation payable until spouse's death or remarriage. If there is no surviving spouse, or upon death or remarriage, 50% of final compensation payable to surviving children in equal shares. If there is no surviving spouse or dependent child(ren), 25% (40%) of final compensation to one (two) dependent parent(s). If there is no surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or parent(s), the benefit is a refund of accumulated contributions.

(2) Accidental Death Before Retirement: Death of an active member of the plan resulting during performance of duties. Benefit is equal to:

- a. Lump sum payment equal to 350% of final compensation, also known as the noncontributory group life insurance benefit, plus
- b. Spousal life annuity of 70% of final compensation or adjusted final compensation (if appropriate) payable until spouse's death. If there is no surviving spouse, or upon death of the surviving spouse, 70% of final compensation or adjusted final compensation (if appropriate) payable to surviving children in equal shares. If there is no surviving spouse or dependent children, 25% (40%) of final compensation or adjusted final compensation (if appropriate) to one (two) dependent parents. If there is no surviving spouse, dependent child(ren) or parent(s), the benefit is a refund of accumulated contributions.

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- (3) Death After Retirement: Death of a retired member of the plan. Benefit is equal to:
- a. Lump sum payment equal to 50% of final compensation for a member retired under service, special or deferred retirement. For a member receiving a disability benefit, lump sum payment of 350% of final compensation if death occurs prior to age 55 and 50% of final compensation if death occurs after age 55. This benefit is also known as the noncontributory group life insurance benefit, plus
  - b. Spousal life annuity of 50% of final compensation payable until spouse's death or remarriage. If there is no surviving spouse, or upon death or remarriage, a total of 20% (35%, 50%) of final compensation payable to one (two, three or more) dependent child(ren). Previously granted COLAs also apply.

**e) Disability Retirement**

- (1) Ordinary Disability Retirement: Four years of service credit and mentally or physically incapacitated for the performance of his usual duty and of any other available duty in the Division of State Police and such incapacity is likely to be permanent.

Benefit is an immediate life annuity equal to the greater of:

- a. 40% of final compensation, or
- b. 1.5% of final compensation for each year of service credit.

- (2) Involuntary Ordinary Disability Retirement: Ordinary Disability Retirement applied for by the employer.

Benefit is an immediate life annuity equal to:

- a. For members with 20 years of service credit but less than 25 years, 50% of final compensation plus 3% of final compensation for each year of service credit in excess of 20 years, to a maximum of 65% of final compensation.
- b. For all other members, the Ordinary Disability benefit.

- (3) Accidental Disability Retirement: Totally and permanently disabled as a direct result of a traumatic event occurring during and as a result of his regular or assigned duties and such member is mentally or physically incapacitated for the performance of his usual duties in the Division of State Police. Under certain conditions, regular or assigned duties may include the World Trade Center (WTC) rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations between September 11, 2001 and October 11, 2011. For such members who participated in the WTC rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations, the total and permanent disability may occur after retirement on a service retirement or an ordinary disability retirement.

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Benefit is an immediate life annuity equal to  $\frac{2}{3}$  of annual rate of compensation, including the maintenance allowance, at the time of the traumatic event or retirement, whichever is greater.

**11. Forms of Payment**

No optional forms of payment available.

**12. Changes in Plan Provisions since Last Valuation**

Chapter 157, P.L. 2019 expanded the definition of regular or assigned duties for purposes of accidental disability retirement to include the World Trade Center (WTC) rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations between September 11, 2001 and October 11, 2011 under certain conditions. For such members who participated in the WTC rescue, recovery, or cleanup operations, the total and permanent disability may occur after retirement on a service retirement or an ordinary disability retirement.

Chapter 305, P.L. 2019 increased the benefit for a surviving child in the event of ordinary death while in active service. Previously, if there was no surviving spouse, or upon the surviving spouse's death or remarriage, a total of 20% (35%, 50%) of final compensation was payable to one (two, three or more) dependent child(ren). Under Chapter 305, if there is no surviving spouse, or upon the surviving spouse's death or remarriage, 50% of final compensation is payable to surviving children in equal shares.

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**APPENDIX D – HISTORICAL DATA AND REQUIRED EXHIBITS**

<b>Table D-1 Historical Summary of Assets and Liabilities</b>					
<b>Valuation Date July 1,</b>	<b>Market Value of Assets</b>	<b>Actuarial Value of Assets</b>	<b>Actuarial Liability</b>	<b>Funded Ratio</b>	
				<b>Market Value</b>	<b>Actuarial Value</b>
2020	\$ 1,861,270,733	\$ 2,001,925,624	\$ 3,692,501,511	50.4%	54.2%
2019	1,902,721,169	1,971,653,600	3,595,361,713	52.9%	54.8%
2018	1,881,340,538	1,939,304,839	3,430,821,762	54.8%	56.5%
2017	1,830,429,239	1,923,127,122	3,346,082,274	54.7%	57.5%
2016	1,744,462,405	1,931,131,875	3,209,386,033	54.4%	60.2%
2015	1,900,695,725	1,969,239,472	3,090,220,484	61.5%	63.7%
2014	1,967,141,815	1,981,376,495	2,963,182,120	66.4%	66.9%
2013	1,832,851,456	1,990,797,312	2,870,590,700	63.8%	69.4%
2012	1,755,429,511	1,995,388,133	2,767,768,813	63.4%	72.1%
2011	1,820,438,444	2,015,624,130	2,581,950,846	70.5%	78.1%

<b>Table D-2 Historical Summary of State Appropriations</b>					
<b>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</b>	<b>Actuarially Determined Contribution</b>	<b>Actual Pension Contributions</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>Percentage of Contribution Covered</b>	
2021	\$ 178,836,912	\$ 139,492,791	\$ 39,344,121	78.00%	
2020	165,576,179	115,920,000	49,656,179	70.01%	
2019	159,162,729	96,000,000	63,162,729	60.32%	
2018	144,208,823	72,104,000	72,104,823	50.00%	
2017	133,217,662	51,038,000	82,179,662	38.31%	
2016	118,600,705	35,580,000	83,020,705	30.00%	
2015	108,904,703	37,358,000	71,546,703	34.30%	
2014	103,193,378	35,231,000	67,962,378	34.14%	
2013	89,535,903	25,582,000	63,953,903	28.57%	
2012	89,671,744	12,810,000	76,861,744	14.29%	

FYE 2021 actual contribution is based on the State’s anticipated appropriation of 78% of the Statutory Contribution.

The information above is based on the final actuarial valuation reports for the given years. The amounts do not reflect differences between the discounted State appropriations receivable and the actual State contribution amounts that became known after the issuance of the reports

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In accordance with the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) and their recommended checklist for Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports, we prepared the following schedules for the System. The GFOA checklist uses the term Actuarial Accrued Liability, which is the same as the Actuarial Liability used elsewhere in this report.

**Table D-3  
Schedule Retirees and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls**

Valuation Date July 1,	Added to Rolls		Removed from Rolls		Rolls at End of Year		Average Annual Allowance <sup>1</sup>	% Increase in Average Annual Allowance <sup>1</sup>
	Number	Annual Allowance	Number <sup>1</sup>	Annual Allowance	Number <sup>1</sup>	Annual Allowance		
2020	161	\$ 11,682,136	82	\$ 3,767,812	3,479	\$ 231,316,330	\$ 66,489	1.19%
2019	79	5,012,378	83	3,855,314	3,400	223,394,278	65,704	0.66%
2018	127	9,003,637	64	2,802,076	3,404	222,196,734	65,275	8.54%
2017	101	5,551,153	79	3,074,257	3,588	215,773,680	60,138	0.54%
2016	137	8,351,556	82	3,165,408	3,566	213,292,784	59,813	0.91%
2015	160	10,330,374	58	2,732,284	3,511	208,106,636	59,273	0.77%
2014	201	14,131,655	45	1,563,031	3,409	200,508,546	58,817	1.81%
2013	291	20,641,305	68	2,192,736	3,253	187,939,922	57,774	3.28%
2012	256	17,483,694	44	1,557,365	3,030	169,491,353	55,938	3.06%
2011	232	14,848,311	66	2,030,490	2,818	152,950,538	54,276	3.65%

<sup>1</sup> Beginning with the 2018 valuation, QDRO records excluded from headcounts and QDRO benefits included with member records. This change resulted in 247 fewer records on the rolls as of July 1, 2018.

**Table D-4  
Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data**

Valuation Date July 1,	Number of Contributing Active Members <sup>1</sup>	Annual Compensation <sup>1</sup>	Annual Average Compensation <sup>1</sup>	% Increase/ (Decrease) in Average Annual Compensation <sup>1</sup>
2020	2,762	\$ 298,254,514	\$ 107,985	0.84%
2019	2,766	296,189,926	107,082	3.32%
2018	2,661	275,790,087	103,642	0.84%
2017	2,812	289,022,222	102,782	0.83%
2016	2,725	277,771,135	101,934	(0.98%)
2015	2,676	275,477,457	102,944	(1.09%)
2014	2,522	262,496,289	104,083	(1.46%)
2013	2,481	262,063,829	105,628	1.48%
2012	2,721	283,219,927	104,086	7.56%
2011	2,844	275,219,752	96,772	1.12%

<sup>1</sup> Prior to July 1, 2018, includes non-contributing active members

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**Table D-5  
Schedule of Funding Progress**

Valuation Date July 1,	Actuarial Value of Assets <sup>1</sup> (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (b)	(Surplus)/Unfunded		Covered Payroll <sup>2</sup> (d)	(Surplus)/Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability as % of Covered Payroll (c) / (d)
			Actuarial Accrued Liability (c) = (b) - (a)	Funded Ratio (a) / (b)		
2020	\$ 2,001,925,624	\$ 3,692,501,511	\$ 1,690,575,887	54.22%	\$ 298,254,514	566.82%
2019	1,971,653,600	3,595,361,713	1,623,708,113	54.84%	296,189,926	548.20%
2018	1,939,304,839	3,430,821,762	1,491,516,923	56.53%	275,790,087	540.82%
2017	1,923,127,122	3,346,082,274	1,422,955,152	57.47%	289,022,222	492.33%
2016	1,931,131,875	3,209,386,033	1,278,254,158	60.17%	277,771,135	460.18%
2015	1,969,239,472	3,090,220,484	1,120,981,012	63.72%	275,477,457	406.92%
2014	1,981,376,495	2,963,182,120	981,805,625	66.87%	262,496,289	374.03%
2013	1,990,797,312	2,870,590,700	879,793,388	69.35%	262,063,829	335.72%
2012	1,995,388,133	2,767,768,813	772,380,680	72.09%	283,219,927	272.71%
2011	2,015,624,130	2,581,950,846	566,326,716	78.07%	275,219,752	205.77%

<sup>1</sup> Includes receivable amounts

<sup>2</sup> Prior to July 1, 2018, includes non-contributing active members

**Table D-6  
Schedule of Funded Liabilities by Type (Solvency Test)**

Valuation Date July 1,	Actuarial Accrued Liability for			Actuarial Value of Assets <sup>1</sup>	Portion of Actuarial Accrued Liabilities Covered by Actuarial Value of Assets		
	Contributing & Non-Contributing Active Member Contributions (1)	Retirees, Beneficiaries & Deferred Vested (2)	Contributing & Non-Contributing Active Member Benefits Financed by Employer (3)		(1)	(2)	(3)
2020	\$ 237,863,129	\$ 2,647,423,561	\$ 807,214,821	\$ 2,001,925,624	100.00%	66.63%	0.00%
2019	232,360,668	2,562,244,073	800,756,972	1,971,653,600	100.00%	67.88%	0.00%
2018	215,026,809	2,512,523,540	703,271,413	1,939,304,839	100.00%	68.63%	0.00%
2017	206,680,622	2,445,366,686	694,034,966	1,923,127,122	100.00%	70.19%	0.00%
2016	190,955,019	2,401,980,284	616,450,730	1,931,131,875	100.00%	72.45%	0.00%
2015	181,536,046	2,289,865,821	618,818,617	1,969,239,472	100.00%	78.07%	0.00%
2014	173,529,948	2,173,442,158	616,210,014	1,981,376,495	100.00%	83.18%	0.00%
2013	171,462,709	2,034,551,263	664,576,728	1,990,797,312	100.00%	89.42%	0.00%
2012	180,407,372	1,822,707,659	764,653,782	1,995,388,133	100.00%	99.58%	0.00%
2011	182,626,003	1,634,856,377	764,468,466	2,015,624,130	100.00%	100.00%	25.92%

<sup>1</sup> Includes receivable amounts

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**APPENDIX D – HISTORICAL DATA AND REQUIRED EXHIBITS**

Table D-7 Analysis of Financial Experience Change in Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability							
Valuation Date July 1,	Actuarial Value Of Asset Investment (Gain)/Loss	Actuarial Accrued Liability (Gain)/Loss	Assumption & Method Changes	Plan Changes	Contributions <sup>1</sup>	Change in Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	
2020	\$ 35,163,723	\$ 3,355,504	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 28,348,547	\$ 66,867,774	
2019	17,233,108	(2,412,105)	79,849,779	0	37,520,408	132,191,190	
2018	14,491,075	(3,282,548)	2,791,271	0	54,561,973	68,561,771	
2017	23,174,471	1,508,647	55,934,385	239,606	63,843,885	144,700,994	
2016	46,667,367	(8,038,512)	45,696,315	0	72,947,976	157,273,146	
2015	17,135,937	71,841	52,383,620	0	69,583,989	139,175,387	
2014	3,558,670	16,454,524	1,252,085	0	80,746,958	102,012,237	
2013	39,486,464	15,629,542	0	0	52,296,702	107,412,708	
2012	59,989,655	65,124,479	27,320,457	0	53,619,373	206,053,964	
2011	48,796,422	(38,262,822)	4,163,121	0	73,885,906	88,582,627	

<sup>1</sup> Change due to contributions (greater)/less than normal cost plus interest on the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.

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**APPENDIX E – GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**1. Actuarial Assumptions**

Assumptions as to the occurrence of future events affecting pension costs, such as: mortality, withdrawal, disability, and retirement; changes in compensation; inflation; rates of investment earnings, and asset appreciation or depreciation; and other relevant items.

**2. Actuarial Cost Method**

A procedure for determining the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses and for developing an allocation of such value to each year of service, usually in the form of a Normal Cost and an Actuarial Liability.

**3. Actuarial Gain/(Loss)**

A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based upon a set of Actuarial Assumptions during the period between two Actuarial Valuation dates, as determined in accordance with a particular Actuarial Cost Method.

**4. Actuarial Liability**

The portion of the Actuarial Present Value of Projected Benefits which will not be paid by future Normal Costs. It represents the value of the past Normal Costs with interest to the valuation date.

**5. Actuarial Present Value (Present Value)**

The value as of a given date of a future amount or series of payments. The Actuarial Present Value discounts the payments to the given date at the assumed investment return and includes the probability of the payment being made. As a simple example: assume you owe \$100 to a friend one year from now. Also, assume there is a 1% probability of your friend dying over the next year, in which case you won't be obligated to pay him. If the assumed investment return is 10%, the actuarial present value is:

$$\frac{\text{Amount}}{\text{Payment}} \times \frac{\text{Probability of}}{(1 - .01)} \times \frac{1/(1+\text{Investment Return})}{1/(1+.1)} = \$90$$

**6. Actuarial Valuation**

The determination, as of a specified date, of the Normal Cost, Actuarial Liability, Actuarial Value of Assets, and related Actuarial Present Values for a pension plan.



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**7. Actuarial Value of Assets**

The value of cash, investments and other property belonging to a pension plan as used by the actuary for the purpose of an Actuarial Valuation. The purpose of an Actuarial Value of Assets is to smooth out fluctuations in market values. This way long-term costs are not distorted by short-term fluctuations in the market.

**8. Actuarially Equivalent**

Of equal Actuarial Present Value, determined as of a given date with each value based on the same set of Actuarial Assumptions.

**9. Amortization Payment**

The portion of the pension plan contribution which is designed to pay interest and principal on the Unfunded Actuarial Liability in order to pay for that liability in a given number of years.

**10. Funded Ratio**

The ratio of the Actuarial Value of Assets to the Actuarial Liabilities.

**11. Investment Return Assumption**

The assumed interest rate used for projecting dollar related values in the future.

**12. Mortality Table**

A set of percentages which estimate the probability of death at a particular point in time. Typically, the rates are annual and based on age and sex.

**13. Normal Cost**

That portion of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses, which is allocated to a valuation year by the Actuarial Cost Method.

**14. Projected Benefits**

Those pension plan benefit amounts which are expected to be paid in the future under a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions, taking into account such items as the effect of advancement in age and increases in future compensation and service credits.

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**15. Projected Unit Credit Cost Method**

A method under which the Actuarial Liability is calculated as the Actuarial Present Value of the Projected Benefits allocated to periods prior to the valuation year.

**16. Unfunded Actuarial Liability**

The excess of the Actuarial Liability over the Actuarial Value of Assets.