# City of Atlanta Friefighiers' Pension Fund 

Actuarial Valuation<br>As of Juiy 1,2018

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## Introduction

This report presents the results of the July 1, 2018 actuarial valuation of the City of Atlanta Firefighters' Pension Fund. This valuation is based upon the participant data provided as of July 1, 2018 by the plan administrator and asset information provided as of June 30, 2018 by the City. Except for a cursory review for reasonableness, we have not attempted to verify the accuracy of this information.

The primary purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the funded status of the plan as of July 1, 2018 and to determine the minimum required contribution under Georgia Code Section 47-20-10 for the City's 2019/20 fiscal year. In addition, this report provides a projection of the long-term funding requirements of the plan, statistical information concerning the assets held in the trust, statistical information concerning the participant population, and a summary of any recent plan changes.

The liabilities and cost presented in this report are based on numerous assumptions concerning the cost of benefits to be provided in the future, long-term investment returns, and the future demographic experience of the current participants. Anyone referring to this report should remember that the cost developed herein is only an estimate of the true cost of providing post-employment pension benefits. No one can predict with certainty whether the true cost will be higher or lower than the cost presented in this report. The calculated cost is entirely dependent upon the assumptions that are described in Table IV-A. If any of the assumptions is changed, then the cost shown in this report will change accordingly. Likewise, if any of the assumptions is not completely realized, then the cost shown in this report will change in the future.

Certain assumptions play a bigger role than others in determining the cost of the post-employment pension benefits. In some cases, relatively small changes in a particular assumption can have a dramatic impact on the anticipated cost of benefits. Although a thorough analysis of the impact of such changes is beyond the scope of this report, Table I-B illustrates the impact that alternative long-term investment returns would have on the minimum required contribution rate.

## Minimum Required Contribution

Table I-A shows the development of the minimum required contribution for the City's 2019/20 fiscal year. The minimum required contribution rate is $31.83 \%$ of covered payroll, which represents a decrease of $11.56 \%$ of payroll from the prior valuation.

Table I-C provides a breakdown of the sources of change in the contribution rate. Significantly, the rate decreased by $2.72 \%$ of payroll due to investment gains, decreased by $6.12 \%$ of payroll due to demographic experience, and decreased by $2.72 \%$ of payroll due to the assumption changes that are described below. The market value of assets
earned $10.37 \%$ during the $2017 / 18$ plan year, whereas a $7.50 \%$ annual investment return was required to maintain a stable contribution rate.

Georgia Code Section 47-20-10 sets forth many of the rules concerning the minimum required contribution for public pension plans within the state. In addition, Georgia Code Section 47-20-13 exempts public plan sponsors from the minimum funding requirements if the plan's actuarial value of assets exceeds $150 \%$ of the present value of accumulated retirement system benefits.

Based on the current assets, participant data, and actuarial assumptions and methods that are used to value the plan, the present-day value of the total long-term funding requirement is $\$ 938,472,225$. As illustrated in Table I-A, current assets are sufficient to cover $\$ 718,133,000$ of this amount, the employer's expected contribution for the 2018/19 plan year will cover $\$ 20,478,962$ of this amount, the employer's expected contribution for the 2019/20 plan year will cover $\$ 15,626,153$ of this amount, and future employee contributions will cover $\$ 42,343,124$ of this amount, leaving $\$ 141,890,986$ to be covered by future employer funding. Again, demographic and investment experience that differs from that assumed will either increase or decrease the future employer funding requirement.

## Contents of the Report

Tables I-D through I-G provide a detailed breakdown of various liability amounts by type of benefit and by participant group. Tables II-A through II-F provide information concerning the assets of the trust fund. Specifically, Table II-A shows the development of the actuarial value of assets, which is based on the market value. Tables III-A through III-F provide statistical information concerning the plan's participant population. In particular, Table III-F gives a 10 -year projection of the cash that is expected to be required from the trust fund in order to pay benefits to the current group of participants. Finally, Tables IV-A through V-B provide a summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods that are used to value the plan's benefits and of the relevant plan provisions as of July 1,2018 , as well as a summary of the changes that have occurred since the previous valuation report was prepared.

## Assumption Changes

Since the previous valuation was prepared, two assumptions have been changed. First, the assumed interest (or discount) rate was decreased from $7.50 \%$ per annum to $7.25 \%$ per annum. Second, the assumed annual cost-of-living adjustment was decreased from $3.00 \%$ per year to $2.50 \%$ per year. Both changes were made to better reflect anticipated experience.

## Certification

This actuarial valuation was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and I acknowledge responsibility for the results. To the best of my knowledge, the results are complete and accurate and, in my opinion, the techniques and assumptions used are reasonable and meet the requirements and intent of Georgia Code Section 47-20-10. There is no benefit or expense to be provided by the plan and/or paid from the plan's assets for which liabilities or current costs
have not been established or otherwise taken into account in the valuation. All known events or trends which may require a material change in plan costs or required contribution rates have been taken into account in the valuation.

For the firm,


Charles T. Carr
Consulting Actuary
Southern Actuarial Services Company, Inc.
Enrolled Actuary No. 17-04927

The individual above is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and meets the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

Minimum Required Contribution


For the 2019/20 Fiscal Year

| Entry Age Normal Cost for the 2018/19 Plan Year | $\$ 11,929,141$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| Unfunded Liability Amortization Payment for the 2018/19 Plan Year | $\$ 8,049,375$ |
| Expense Allowance for the 2018/19 Plan Year | $\$ 471,974$ |
| Expected Employee Contribution for the 2018/19 Plan Year | $(\$ 5,064,284)$ |
| Adjustment to Reflect Semi-Monthly Employer Contributions | $\$ 567,992$ |

Expected Employer Contribution for the 2018/19 Plan Year $\qquad$ Remaining Contribution Due/(Credit) for the 2018/19 Plan Year One Year's Interest Charge/(Credit) on the Remaining Contribution $\quad \times 0.0725$

Preliminary Employer Contribution for the 2019/20 Fiscal Year
\$15,626,153
Expected Payroll for the 2019/20 Fiscal Year $\div \$ 49,085,321$

Minimum Required Contribution Rate
$31.83 \%$
(The actual contribution should be based on the minimum required contribution rate multiplied by the actual payroll for the fiscal year.)

## Additional Disclosures

Present Value of Future Compensation $\$ 394,508,816$
Present Value of Future Employer Contributions \$177,996,101
Present Value of Future Employee Contributions

## Sensitivity Analysis



The line above illustrates the sensitivity of the contribution rate to changes in the long-term investment return.

## Funding Results

## Gain and Loss Analysis

## Source of Change in the Contribution Rate

Previous minimum required contribution rate ..... 43.39\%
Increase (decrease) due to investment gains and losses ..... -2.72\%
Increase (decrease) due to demographic experience ..... -6.12\%
Increase (decrease) due to plan amendments ..... 0.00\%
Increase (decrease) due to actuarial assumption changes ..... $-2.72 \%$
Increase (decrease) due to actuarial method changes ..... 0.00\%
Current minimum required contribution rate ..... $31.83 \%$
Source of Change in the Unfunded Liability
Previous unfunded liability ..... $\$ 226,240,745$
Increase due to interest ..... \$16,968,056
Decrease due to amortization payments ..... (\$13,835,262)
Increase (decrease) due to plan experience ..... $(\$ 73,507,537)$
Increase (decrease) due to plan amendments ..... \$0
Increase (decrease) due to actuarial assumption changes ..... $(\$ 21,126,178)$
Increase (decrease) due to actuarial method changes ..... \$0

## Present Value of Future Benefits

Old Assumptions
w/o Amendment

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\$ 306,040,012 \\
\$ 13,631,280 \\
\$ 13,467,907 \\
\$ 3,150,022 \\
\$ 234,957 \\
\$ 336,524,178
\end{array}
$$

Old Assumptions w/ Amendment

New Assumptions w/ Amendment

## Deferred Vested Participants

Retirement benefits
Termination benefits
Disability benefits
Death benefits
Refund of employee contributions
Sub-total

Due a Refund of Contributions
Deferred Beneficiaries
Retired Participants
Service retirements
Disability retirements
Beneficiaries receiving
DROP participants
Sub-total

Grand Total

## Actively Employed Participants <br> Retirement benefits <br> Termination benefits <br> Disability benefits <br> Death benefits <br> Sub-total

\$614,992,497
$\$ 953,456,203$
\$1,939,528
\$0 \$0 $\$ 0$ $\$ 0$
\$1,939,528
\$0
\$0

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\$ 501,245,115 \\
\$ 69,099,179 \\
\$ 44,648,203
\end{array}
$$$\$ 0$

| $\$ 306,040,012$ | $\$ 302,915,130$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 13,631,280$ | $\$ 13,812,646$ |
| $\$ 13,467,907$ | $\$ 13,639,517$ |
| $\$ 3,150,022$ | $\$ 3,131,431$ |
| $\$ 234,957$ | $\$ 235,687$ |
| $\$ 336,524,178$ | $\$ 333,734,411$ |

$\$ 336,524,178 \quad \$ 333,734,411$

## Present Value of Accrued Benefits

Actively Employed Participants
Retirement benefits
Termination benefits
Disability benefits
Death benefits
Refund of employee contributions
Sub-total

## Deferred Vested Participants

Retirement benefits
Termination benefits
Disability benefits
Death benefits
Refund of employee contributions Sub-total

Due a Refund of Contributions

Deferred Beneficiaries
Retired Participants
Service retirements
Disability retirements
Beneficiaries receiving
DROP participants
Sub-total

Grand Total

Funded Percentage
Old Assumptions
w/o Amendment

Old Assumptions
w/ Amendment

New Assumptions
w/ Amendment

| $\$ 180,482,895$ | $\$ 180,482,895$ | $\$ 177,037,677$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 7,694,783$ | $\$ 7,694,783$ | $\$ 7,753,022$ |
| $\$ 9,498,618$ | $\$ 9,498,618$ | $\$ 9,580,919$ |
| $\$ 1,964,798$ | $\$ 1,964,798$ | $\$ 1,935,896$ |
| $\$ 152,410$ | $\$ 152,410$ | $\$ 152,669$ |
| $\$ 199,793,504$ | $\$ 199,793,504$ | $\$ 196,460,183$ |


| $\$ 1,939,528$ | $\$ 1,939,528$ | $\$ 1,845,998$ |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 1,939,528$ | $\$ 1,939,528$ | $\$ 1,845,998$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
|  | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 0$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |
|  | $\$ 501,245,115$ | $\$ 487,920,095$ |
| $\$ 501,245,115$ | $\$ 69,099,179$ | $\$ 67,329,340$ |
| $\$ 69,099,179$ | $\$ 44,648,203$ | $\$ 43,697,293$ |
| $\$ 44,648,203$ | $\$ 0$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $\$ 0$ | $\$ 614,992,497$ | $\$ 598,946,728$ |
| $\$ 614,992,497$ |  |  |
|  | $\underline{\$ 16,725,529}$ | $\underline{\$ 797,252,909}$ |
| $\$ 816,725,529$ |  |  |

87.93\%
87.93\%
90.08\%
(Note: Funded percentage is equal to the ratio of the usable portion of the market value of assets divided by the present value of accrued benefits.)

## Present Value of Vested Benefits

Actively Employed Participants
Retirement benefits
Termination benefits
Disability benefits
Death benefits
Sub-total
Refund of employee contributions
Deferred Vested Participants
Retirement benefits
Termination benefits
Disability benefits

Death benefits $\quad$| Refund of employee contributions |
| ---: |
| Sub-total |
| Due a Refund of Contributions |

Deferred Beneficiaries
Retired Participants Service retirements
Disability retirements
Beneficiaries receiving
DROP participants Sub-total

Grand Total

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\$ 170,698,636 \\
\$ 6,966,514 \\
\$ 9,498,618 \\
\$ 1,931,734 \\
\$ 654,814 \\
\$ 189,750,316
\end{array}
$$

$$
\$ 1,939,528
$$

\$0
\$0
$\$ 0$
\$0
\$1,939,528
Old Assumptions

Old Assumptions wlo Amendment

Old Assumptions w/ Amendment

## Entry Age Normal Accrued Liability

Old Assumptions
wlo Amendment
Actively Employed Participants
Retirement benefits
Termination benefits
Disability benefits
Death benefits
Sub-total
Refund of employee contributions
Deferred Vested Participants
Retirement benefits
Termination benefits
Disability benefits

Death benefits $\quad$| Refund of employee contributions |
| ---: |
| Sub-total |
| Due a Refund of Contributions |

Deferred Beneficiaries

| Retired Participants |
| ---: |
| Service retirements |
| Disability retirements |
| Beneficiaries receiving |
| DROP participants |
| Sub-total |
| Grand Total |
| less Actuarial Value of Assets |
| Unfunded Accrued Liability |

Unfunded Accrued Liability

$$
\begin{array}{r}
\$ 236,019,287 \\
\$ 9,668,322 \\
\$ 9,023,181 \\
\$ 2,210,490 \\
\$ 145,697 \\
\$ 257,066,977
\end{array}
$$

$$
\$ 1,939,528
$$

\$0
\$0
\$0
$\$ 0$
\$1,939,528
\$0
\$0
\$501,245,115
\$69,099,179
\$44,648,203
$\$ 0$
$\$ 614,992,497$
$\$ 873,999,002$
$(\$ 718,133,000)$
$\$ 155,866,002$

Old Assumptions w/ Amendment
Old Assumptions
wew Assumptions
$\underline{\text { w/ Amendment }}$$\quad \underline{\text { w/ Amendment }}$

## Entry Age Normal Cost

Old Assumptions w/o Amendment

## Actively Employed Participants

Retirement benefits
Termination benefits
Disability benefits
Death benefits
Refund of employee contributions Sub-total

Deferred Vested Participants
Retirement benefits
Termination benefits
Disability benefits
Death benefits
Refund of employee contributions
Sub-total

Due a Refund of Contributions
Deferred Beneficiaries
Retired Participants
Service retirements
Disability retirements
Beneficiaries receiving
DROP participants
Sub-total

Grand Total
\$10,012,367
\$716,894
\$869,165
\$150,398
\$49,055
\$11,797,879
\$0
\$0
\$0
$\$ 0$
\$0
\$0
\$0
\$0
\$0
\$0
\$0
$\$ 0$
\$0
$\$ 11,797,879$
$\$ 10,012,367$
\$716,894
\$869,165
\$150,398 \$49,055
\$11,797,879
\$10,103,995
\$733,361 \$889,377
\$153,070 \$49,338
\$11,929,141
$\$ 0$

$\$ 0$

$\$ 0$


$\$ 0$

\$0
\$0

## \$0

\$0
$\$ 0$

## $\$ 0$


\$0 $\$ 0$
\$0 \$0
$\$ 11,797,879$
$\$ 11,929,141$

## Actuarial Value of Assets

# Market Value of Assets as of July 1, 2018 <br> $\$ 718,133,000$ 

Minus advance employer contributions
\$0

Actuarial Value of Assets as of July 1, 2018 $\$ 718,133,000$

Historical Actuarial Value of Assets January 1,2010 \$422,791,314
January 1, $2011 \quad \$ 481,640,221$
July 1, $2011 \quad \$ 509,590,000$
July 1,2012 $\$ 505,692,000$
July 1,2013 \$561,450,000
July 1,2014 $\$ 658,508,000$
July 1,2015 $\$ 644,649,000$
July 1, $2016 \quad \$ 612,637,000$
July 1, $2017 \quad \$ 669,508,000$
July 1, 2018
$\$ 718,133,000$

Market Value of Assets

As of July 1, 2018

| Market Value of Assets | $\underline{\$ 718,133,000}$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| Cash | $\$ 18,028,000$ |
| Domestic fixed income | $\$ 185,698,000$ |
| International fixed income | $\$ 587,000$ |
| Domestic equity | $\$ 457,937,000$ |
| International equity | $\$ 30,351,000$ |
| Alternative investments | $\$ 18,781,000$ |
| Real estate | $\$ 5,357,000$ |
| Income receivable | $\$ 831,000$ |
| Employer contribution receivable | $\$ 1,315,000$ |
| Employee contribution receivable | $\$ 188,000$ |
| Net due to brokers | $(\$ 373,000)$ |
| Net accounts payable | $(\$ 567,000)$ |




## Asset Reconciliation

Table II-D
Market Value
Actuarial Value
\$669,508,000

Increases Due To:

Employer Contributions

Employee Contributions
Total Contributions

Interest and Dividends

Gains (Losses)
Total Investment Income

Other Income
Total Income

Decreases Due To:

Benefit Payments

Total Benefit Payments

Investment Expenses
Administrative Expenses
Advance Employer Contribution
$(\$ 46,898,000)$
$(\$ 46,898,000)$
$(\$ 46,898,000)$
$(\$ 2,027,000)$
$(\$ 683,000)$
$(\$ 683,000)$
\$0

Total Expenses
As of July 1, 2018
$(\$ 49,608,000)$
$\$ 718,133,000$
$(\$ 47,581,000)$
$\$ 718,133,000$

Historical Trust Fund Detail

Income

| Plan |  |
| ---: | ---: |
| Year | Employer <br> Contribs. |
| 2009 | $\$ 22,826,650$ |
| 2010 | $\$ 23,803,695$ |
| 2011 | $\$ 12,456,000$ |
| $2011 / 12$ | $\$ 21,092,000$ |
| $2012 / 13$ | $\$ 17,491,000$ |
| $2013 / 14$ | $\$ 20,656,000$ |
| $2014 / 15$ | $\$ 20,866,000$ |
| $2015 / 16$ | $\$ 16,454,000$ |
| $2016 / 17$ | $\$ 17,901,000$ |
| $2017 / 18$ | $\$ 21,882,000$ |

Expenses
Employee
Contribs.
$\$ 3,566,186$
$\$ 3,496,705$
$\$ 1,785,000$
$\$ 4,891,000$
$\$ 5,676,000$
$\$ 5,670,000$
$\$ 5,637,000$
$\$ 5,667,000$
$\$ 5,711,000$
$\$ 5,945,000$

| Interest $/$ |
| ---: |
| Dividends |

$\$ 11,622,333$
$\$ 10,227,517$
$\$ 4,531,000$
$\$ 10,283,000$
$\$ 11,134,000$
$\$ 11,661,000$
$\$ 11,197,000$
$\$ 11,401,000$
$\$ 8,592,000$
$\$ 7,098,000$

## Table II-E

| Gains $/$ <br> Losses | Other <br> Income |
| ---: | ---: |
| $\$ 70,709,177$ | $\$ 469,298$ |
| $\$ 60,161,207$ | $\$ 152,680$ |
| $\$ 27,924,279$ | $\$ 0$ |
| $-\$ 324,000$ | $\$ 75,000$ |
| $\$ 64,208,000$ | $\$ 17,000$ |
| $\$ 103,894,000$ | $\$ 3,000$ |
| $-\$ 5,768,000$ | $\$ 4,000$ |
| $-\$ 18,709,000$ | $\$ 150,000$ |
| $\$ 72,220,000$ | $\$ 1,000$ |
| $\$ 63,308,000$ | $\$ 0$ |

Other Actuarial Adjustments
Advance
Employer
Contribs.
$2010 \$ 35,226,102$
2011 \$17,573,000
2011/12 \$37,333,000
2012/13 \$40,180,000
2013/14 \$41,268,000
2014/15 \$42,590,000
2015/16 \$44,000,000
Admin. Invest.
Expenses Expenses
$\$ 379,592 \quad \$ 1,951,145$
$\$ 0$
\$230,473 \$2,344,223 \$0
$\$ 24,500 \quad \$ 1,149,000 \quad \$ 0$
$\$ 60,000$ \$2,522,000 \$0
$\$ 301,000$ \$2,287,000 \$0
$\$ 374,000 \quad \$ 3,184,000 \quad \$ 0$
$\$ 427,000 \quad \$ 2,778,000$ \$0

2016/17 \$44,510,000
$\$ 388,000 \quad \$ 2,587,000$
\$0

2017/18 \$46,898,000
$\$ 479,000 \quad \$ 2,565,000$
$\$ 0$
$\$ 683,000 \quad \$ 2,027,000$
$\$ 0$

Summary of Participant Data


# Actively Employed Participants - Active Participants <br> DROP Participants 

Inactive Participants
Deferred Vested Participants

- Due a Refund of Contributions

Parlicipants Receiving a Benefit
Service Retirements

Disability Retirements

- Beneficiaries Receiving

Total Participants

Number of Participants Included in Prior Valuations

January 1, 2010
January 1, 2011
July 1, 2011
July 1, 2012
July 1,2013
July 1, 2014
July 1, 2015
July 1, 2016
July 1,2017
July 1, 2018

| Active | DROP | Inactive | Retired | Total |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 864 | 0 | 0 | 924 | 1,788 |
| 830 | 0 | 3 | 966 | 1,799 |
| 884 | 0 | 3 | 1,001 | 1,888 |
| 849 | 0 | 3 | 992 | 1,844 |
| 1,045 | 0 | 9 | 994 | 2,048 |
| 1,043 | 0 | 12 | 1,004 | 2,059 |
| 1,042 | 0 | 21 | 992 | 2,055 |
| 1,003 | 0 | 15 | 1,007 | 2,025 |
| 981 | 0 | 14 | 1,026 | 2,021 |
| 928 | 0 | 12 | 998 | 1,938 |

Active Participant Data
Table III-B

Gender Mix

As of July 1, 2018
$\begin{array}{rrr}\begin{array}{r}\text { Average Age }\end{array} & \begin{array}{r}39.6 \text { years } \\ \text { Average Service }\end{array} & 10.8 \text { years } \\ \text { Total Annualized Compensation for the Prior Year } & \$ 48,736,961 \\ \text { Total Expected Compensation for the Current Year } & \$ 47,197,424 \\ \text { Average Increase in Compensation for the Prior Year } & \text { N/A } \\ \text { Expected Increase in Compensation for the Current Year } & 4.00 \% \\ \text { Accumulated Contributions for Active Employees } & \$ 59,574,230\end{array}$

Active Participant Statistics From Prior Valuations

January 1, 2010
January 1, 2011
July 1, 2011
July 1, 2012
July 1, 2013
July 1, 2014
July 1, 2015
July 1, 2016
July 1, 2017
July 1, 2018

| Average | Average | Average <br> Expected <br> Salary | Average <br> Actual <br> Salary |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Age | Service | Salary | Increase |  |
| 40.8 | 12.8 | $\$ 50,638$ | $4.00 \%$ | $7.92 \%$ |
| 40.5 | 12.2 | $\$ 52,793$ | $4.00 \%$ | $7.42 \%$ |
| 39.2 | 11.1 | $\$ 43,527$ | $1.98 \%$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| 39.8 | 11.9 | $\$ 52,217$ | $4.00 \%$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| 38.1 | 9.6 | $\$ 41,912$ | $4.00 \%$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| 38.5 | 9.9 | $\$ 44,731$ | $4.00 \%$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| 39.0 | 10.3 | $\$ 44,406$ | $4.00 \%$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| 39.4 | 10.8 | $\$ 45,387$ | $4.00 \%$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| 39.7 | 11.0 | $\$ 48,111$ | $4.00 \%$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |
| 39.6 | 10.8 | $\$ 52,518$ | $4.00 \%$ | $\mathrm{~N} / \mathrm{A}$ |

Active Age-Service Distribution


[^0]Data
Active Age-Service-Salary Table

| Attained Age | Completed Years of Service |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Under 1 | 1 to 4 | 5 to 9 | 10 to 14 | 15 to 19 | 20 to 24 | 25 to 29 | 30 to 34 | 35 to 39 | 40 \& up | Total |
| Under 25 | 17 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 42 |
| Avg.Pay | 16,196 | 33,708 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 26,620 |
| 25 to 29 | 22 | 61 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 111 |
| Avg.Pay | 15,073 | 39,787 | 44,403 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 36,053 |
| 30 to 34 | 3 | 60 | 72 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 157 |
| Avg.Pay | 16,470 | 37,637 | 45,611 | 54,383 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 43,236 |
| 35 to 39 | 1 | 35 | 56 | 53 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 159 |
| Avg.Pay | 16,067 | 39,034 | 47,829 | 55,673 | 63,155 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49,657 |
| 40 to 44 | 2 | 11 | 34 | 65 | 33 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 148 |
| Avg.Pay | 14,074 | 41,234 | 49,022 | 58,687 | 66,127 | 68,277 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 56,420 |
| 45 to 49 | 0 | 5 | 14 | 48 | 47 | 18 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 152 |
| Avg. Pay | 0 | 42,909 | 50,481 | 57,680 | 68,304 | 74.754 | 79,205 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 64,670 |
| 50 to 54 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 15 | 20 | 21 | 50 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 126 |
| Avg. Pay | 0 | 40,501 | 48,534 | 57,921 | 63,626 | 68,853 | 76,960 | 64,212 | 0 | 0 | 67,639 |
| 55 to 59 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 26 |
| Avg.Pay | 0 | 0 | 60,429 | 51,020 | 50,302 | 78,446 | 78,253 | 61,495 | 0 | 0 | 70,011 |
| 60 to 64 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| Avg.Pay | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48,585 | 54,908 | 63,064 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58,665 |
| 65 \& up | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Avg.Pay | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 45 | 202 | 210 | 209 | 117 | 52 | 81 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 928 |
| Avg.Pay | 15,568 | 38,439 | 47,058 | 56,952 | 65,891 | 71,524 | 77,690 | 63,759 | 0 | 0 | 52,518 |

## Inactive Participant Data



Average Monthly Benefit

| Service Retirements | $\$ 4,264.34$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| Disability Retirements | $\$ 3,495.60$ |
| Beneficiaries Receiving | $\$ 2,082.40$ |
| DROP Participants | Not applicable |


| Deferred Vested Participants | $\$ 1,165.46$ |
| ---: | ---: |
| Deferred Beneficiaries | Not applicable |

Projected Benefit Payments


Actual
For the period July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018
$\$ 46,898,000$

## Projected

For the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019
For the period July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
For the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021
For the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022
For the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023
For the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
For the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025
For the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026
For the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027
For the period July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028
$\$ 48,447,820$
\$50,000,709
\$51,840,081
\$53,587,993
\$55,175,034
\$56,691,874
\$58,156,492
\$59,839,122
\$61,297,416

## Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

NOTE: The following assumptions and methods have been selected and approved by the Board of Trustees based in part on the advice of the plan's enrolled actuary in accordance with the authority granted to the Board under the pension ordinances and State law.

## 1. Actuarial Cost Method

Individual entry age normal cost method. Under this actuarial cost method, a level funding cost is developed with respect to each benefit for each participant. The level funding cost for each benefit applies to the period beginning when the participant's service commences and ending when the participant is assumed to cease active participation due to each respective decrement. The actuarial accrued liability is equal to the accumulated level funding cost to the valuation date for all participants. The normal cost is equal to the level funding cost for the year immediately following the valuation date for all active participants.

## 2. Asset Method

The actuarial value of assets is equal to the market value of assets

## 3. Interest (or Discount) Rate

7.25\% per annum
4. Salary Increases

Plan compensation is assumed to increase at the rate of $4.00 \%$ per annum, unless actual plan compensation is known for a prior plan year.

## 5. Decrements

- Pre-retirement mortality: Sex-distinct rates set forth in the RP-2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table, with full generational improvements in mortality using Scale AA; deaths prior to retirement are assumed not to be service-connected.
- Post-retirement mortality: Sex-distinct rates set forth in the RP-2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table, with full generational improvements in mortality using Scale AA
- Disability: Sex-distinct rates set forth in the Wyatt 1985 Disability Study (Class 4); 67\% of disabilities are assumed to be service-connected.
- Termination:

Withdrawal rates were derived from a study of actual plan experience covering the period 1982 through 1986. A sample of the withdrawal rates is set forth in the following table:

| $\frac{\text { Age }}{20}$ | $5.454 \%$ | $\frac{\text { Age }}{30}$ | $\frac{\text { Rate }}{3.615 \%}$ | $\frac{\text { Age }}{40}$ | $\frac{\text { Rate }}{1.804 \%}$ | $\frac{\text { Age }}{50}$ | $1.210 \%$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 | $4.218 \%$ | 35 | $2.866 \%$ | 45 | $1.313 \%$ | 55 | $0.000 \%$ |

- Retirement:

Retirement is assumed to occur at normal retirement age.
6. Unused Vacation

All participants are assumed to have accumulated 30 days of unused vacation upon termination of employment, retirement, or death.

## 7. Payroll Increase and Amortization Period

Total payroll has been assumed to grow at the rate of $4.00 \%$ per year for purposes of amortizing the unfunded actuarial accrued liability as a level percentage of payroll; the amortization period is established by City ordinance as a closed 30-year period beginning July 1, 2011.
8. Expenses

Administrative expenses are assumed to be $1.00 \%$ of future payroll. In addition, the interest rate set forth in item 3. above is assumed to be net of investment expenses and commissions.
9. Cost-of-Living Adjustment

We have assumed that all eligible retirees will receive an automatic cost-of-living adjustment equal to $2.50 \%$ per annum.
10. Surviving Beneficiaries

Those active participants who are making the additional $1 \%$ employee contribution to provide a survivor benefit to their eligible beneficiaries are assumed to have only one surviving beneficiary of the opposite gender of the employee. Males are assumed to be three years older than females for this purpose.

## Changes in Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Since the previous valuation was completed, the following assumptions were changed:
(1) The assumed interest (or discount) was decreased from $7.50 \%$ per annum to $7.25 \%$ per annum.
(2) The assumed annual cost-of-living adjustment was decreased from $3.00 \%$ per year to $2.50 \%$ per year.

The following additional assumption and method changes were made during the past 10 years:
(1) Effective July 1, 2017, the mortality basis was changed from a 2015 projection of the RP-2000 Mortality Table to the RP-2000 Blue Collar Mortality Table with full generational improvements in mortality using Scale AA.
(2) Effective July 1, 2014, the administrative expense assumption was increased from $0.50 \%$ of future payroll to $1.00 \%$ of future payroll.
(3) Effective July 1, 2013, the assumed interest (or discount) rate was decreased from $7.75 \%$ per annum to $7.50 \%$ per annum.
(4) Effective July 1, 2013, the mortality basis was changed from the RP-2000 Mortality Table, projected to 2007 by Scale AA, to the RP-2000 Mortality Table, projected to 2015 by Scale AA, both as published by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for purposes of Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 430.
(5) Effective January 1, 2011, the actuarial value of assets was changed from the market value of assets adjusted to reflect a five-year phase-in of the net investment appreciation to the unadjusted market value.
(6) Effective January 1, 2011, the administrative expense assumption was decreased from $1.00 \%$ of future payroll to $0.50 \%$ of future payroll.
(7) Effective January 1, 2010, the assumed incidence of disability was changed from rates based on the 1974 Social Security disability study to the sex-distinct rates set forth in the Wyatt 1985 Disability Study (Class 4).
(8) Effective January 1, 2010, the assumed retirement age was changed from a range of rates at ages 45 through 60 to normal retirement age.
(9) Effective January 1, 2010, the administrative expense assumption was changed from a $1.00 \%$ loading of all costs and liabilities to $1.00 \%$ of future payroll.

## Summary of Plan Provisions

## 1. Monthly Accrued Benefit

For participants who are hired after August 31, 2011:
$1 \%$ of Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by up to 80 years of Creditable Service
For participants who are hired during the period July 1, 2010 through August 31, 2011:
$2 \%$ of Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by up to 50 years of Creditable Service
For all other participants who are covered by the '05 Amendment:
$3 \%$ of Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by up to 26.667 years of Creditable Service
For all other participants who are not covered by the ' 05 Amendment:
$2 \%$ of Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by Creditable Service earned through February 28, 2001
plus 3\% of Average Monthly Earnings multiplied by Creditable Service earned thereafter

## 2. Normal Retirement Age and Benefit

- Age

Any age with at least 30 years of Creditable Service (only for participants who are covered by the '05 Amendment); or
Age 55 with at least 10 years of Creditable Service (only for participants who are hired prior to July 1 , 2010); or

Age 55 with at least 15 years of Creditable Service (only for participants who are hired prior to September 1, 2011); or
Age 57 with at least 15 years of Creditable Service; or
Age 65 with at least 5 years of Creditable Service

- Amount

Monthly Accrued Benefit

- Form of Payment

Life annuity (for those participants without an eligible beneficiary); or
$75 \%$ joint and contingent annuity (for those participants with an eligible beneficiary; benefits continue in equal shares to the participant's dependent children upon the death of the participant's spouse or domestic partner or, for participants not covered by the ' 86 Amendment, upon the remarriage of the participant's spouse or domestic partner; survivor benefits are actuarially adjusted with respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011)

Note: All annuity forms of payment include an automatic cost-of-living adjustment effective each January 1 based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index as of the preceding November 1 and limited to 3\% (limited to $1 \%$ with respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011). All annuity forms of payment also provide a minimum payout equal to the employee's accumulated contributions, with interest credited after 1985 at the rate of $5 \%$ per year (or less than $5 \%$ with respect to any year during which the trust fund earns less than $5 \%$ on its investments).

Summary of Plan Provisions

## 3. Early Retirement Age and Benefit

- Age

Any age with at least 10 years of Creditable Service (15 years of Creditable Service for participants who are hired after June 30, 2010; minimum age of 47 for participants who are hired after August 31, 2011)

- Amount

Monthly Accrued Benefit (payable at Normal Retirement Age); or
Monthly Accrued Benefit reduced by $1 / 2 \%$ for each of the first 60 months and by $1 / 4 \%$ for each additional month by which the participant's Early Retirement Age precedes Normal Retirement Age (payable at Early Retirement Age and applicable only to those participants who are hired prior to September 1, 2011); or
Monthly Accrued Benefit reduced by $1 / 2 \%$ for each month by which the participant's Early Retirement Age precedes Normal Retirement Age (payable at Early Retirement Age and applicable only to those participants who are hired after August 31, 2011); or
Monthly Accrued Benefit reduced by $1 / 4 \%$ for each month by which the participant's Early Retirement Age precedes age 55 (payable at Early Retirement Age and only applicable if the participant was hired prior to April 1, 1978 and has earned at least 25 years of Creditable Service)

- Form of Payment

Same as for Normal Retirement

## 4. Delayed Retirement Age and Benefit

- Age

After Normal Retirement Age

- Amount

Monthly Accrued Benefit

- Form of Payment

Same as for Normal Retirement

## Summary of Plan Provisions

## 5. Disability Retirement Eligibility and Benefit

- Eligibility

All active participants are eligible if the disability is service-connected;
At least five years of Creditable Service is required otherwise.

- Condition

The participant must become "totally and permanently disabled" and must remain so disabled until Normal Retirement Age. "Totally and permanently disabled" means the participant is in a continuous state of incapacity due to illness or injury, is prevented from performing his regular assigned or comparable duties during the first 12 months of his disability, and is thereafter prevented from engaging in any occupation for which he is or becomes reasonably qualified by education, training, or experience. With respect to participants who are not covered by the ' 86 Amendment, the participant must only be prevented from performing his regular assigned or comparable duties during the entire period of his disability.

- Amount

For participants who incur a catastrophic injury in the line of duty:
$100 \%$ of the top salary for the grade and position occupied by the participant at the time of disability
For participants who are covered by the ' 86 Amendment:
Greater of $50 \%$ of Average Monthly Earnings at the time of disability or Monthly Accrued Benefit, offset by worker's compensation payments such that the combination of payments does not exceed $75 \%$ of the participant's salary at the time of disability (payable until the earlier of recovery from disability or Normal Retirement Age); and
Monthly Accrued Benefit based on Average Monthly Earnings at the time of disability and Creditable Service including the period during which the participant was disabled, but excluding any cost-of-living adjustments that were previously applied to the participant's disability payments (payable at Normal Retirement Age)
For all other participants with a service-connected disability:
Greater of $70 \%$ of the top salary for the grade and position occupied by the participant at the time of disability or Monthly Accrued Benefit, offset by worker's compensation payments such that the combination of payments does not exceed $100 \%$ of the participant's salary at the time of disability
For all other participants:
Monthly Accrued Benefit, offset by worker's compensation payments such that the combination of payments does not exceed $100 \%$ of the participant's salary at the time of disability

- Form of Payment

Same as for Normal Retirement

# Summary of Plan Provisions 

## 6. Deferred Vested Benefit

- Age

Any age with at least five years of Creditable Service

- Amount

Monthly Accrued Benefit multiplied by the participant's Vested Percentage and payable at age 60

- Form of Payment

Same as for Normal Retirement

## 7. Pre-Retirement Death Benefit

For participants who die in the line of duty and who are covered by the ' 86 Amendment:
$100 \%$ of the participant's base salary at the time of his death, offset by worker's compensation or other payments received for line of duty injuries prior to the participant's death (payable for the first two years after the participant's death); and
$75 \%$ of the Monthly Accrued Benefit (payable thereafter)
For all other participants who die in the line of duty:
$100 \%$ of the participant's base salary at the time of his death, offset by worker's compensation or other payments received for line of duty injuries prior to the participant's death (payable for the first two years after the participant's death); and
$75 \%$ of the greater of: (a) the Monthly Accrued Benefit, or (b) $70 \%$ of the top salary for the grade and position occupied by the participant at his death (payable thereafter)

For all other participants:
75\% of the Monthly Accrued Benefit

Summary of Plan Provisions

## 8. Vested Percentage

Retirement benefits with respect to those participants who are hired prior to July 1, 2010 become vested in accordance with the following schedule:

| Years of Creditable Service | Vested <br> Percentage |
| :---: | :---: |
| Less than five | $0 \%$ |
| At least five, but less than six | $25 \%$ |
| At least six, but less than seven | $30 \%$ |
| At least seven, but less than eight | $35 \%$ |
| At least eight, but less than nine | $40 \%$ |
| At least nine, but less than 10 | $45 \%$ |
| At least 10 | $100 \%$ |

Retirement benefits with respect to those participants who are hired after June 30, 2010 become vested in accordance with the following schedule:

| Years of Creditable Service | Vested <br> Percentage |
| :---: | :---: |
| Less than five | $0 \%$ |
| At least five, but less than six | $25 \%$ |
| At least six, but less than seven | $30 \%$ |
| At least seven, but less than eight | $35 \%$ |
| At least eight, but less than nine | $40 \%$ |
| At least nine, but less than 10 | $45 \%$ |
| At least 10, but less than 11 | $50 \%$ |
| At least 11, but less than 12 | $55 \%$ |
| At least 12, but less than 13 | $60 \%$ |
| At least 13, but less than 14 | $65 \%$ |
| At least 14, but less than 15 | $70 \%$ |
| At least 15 | $100 \%$ |

# Summary of Plan Provisions 

## 9. Average Monthly Earnings

The participant's Average Monthly Earnings is equal to: (a) the average of the participant's Base Salary for the highest 36 consecutive months during his period of Creditable Service; plus (b) the difference between the highest and lowest daily rate of pay during such 36 -month period multiplied by the days of unused sick leave and divided by 36; plus (c) a credit based on accumulated unused vacation. (The averaging period is 120 months with respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011 and average monthly earnings does not include unused sick leave for these participants.)

## 10. Base Salary

The employee's basic salary excluding overtime pay and other special compensation; pursuant to Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 401(a)(17), total annual plan compensation is limited to $\$ 200,000$ as indexed.

## 11. Employee Contribution

All participating employees must make the required pre-tax contribution to the plan. The required contribution for participants who were hired prior to 1984 is $8 \%$ of basic salary for those participants who have an eligible beneficiary and $7 \%$ of basic salary for those participants who do not have an eligible beneficiary. The required contribution for participants who were hired during the period 1984 through August 31, 2011 is $13 \%$ of basic salary ( $8 \%$ prior to November 1, 2011) for those participants who have an eligible beneficiary and $12 \%$ of basic salary ( $7 \%$ prior to November 1, 2011) for those participants who do not have an eligible beneficiary. The required contribution for participants who are hired after August 31, 2011 is $8 \%$ of basic salary. An eligible beneficiary is the participant's legal spouse, registered domestic partner, or unmarried child under the age of 18. The participant must have been married or registered to his legal spouse or domestic partner for at least one year prior to his death in order for such individual to be an eligible beneficiary. (During the period March, 1994 through June, 2009, the required contribution was $1 \%$ lower for all participants; prior to March, 1994, the contribution was made on an after-tax basis.)

## Summary of Plan Provisions

## 12. Creditable Service

Creditable Service includes "base creditable service" (plus an "unused sick leave service credit" for those participants who were hired prior to September 1, 2011) plus military service as required by federal law. Base creditable service is granted for all periods of full-time employment as a firefighter with the City of Atlanta provided that the employee has made the required contribution for such period of service. With respect to eligible participants, an unused sick leave service credit is granted by dividing the participant's days of unused sick leave by the number of work days set forth in the following chart:

| Years of Base Creditable Service | Work Days |
| :---: | :---: |
| Less than five | 239 |
| At least five, but less than 10 | 236 |
| At least 10, but less than 15 | 233 |
| At least 15, but less than 20 | 230 |
| At least 20 | 226 |

Creditable Service also includes other service with the City of Atlanta if the relevant contributions are transferred into this plan and may include prior service with the State of Georgia, Fulton County, Dekalb County, or as a teacher in a public school system or private college or university within the State of Georgia if the required contribution is made to the plan.
13. Participation Requirement

All full-time firefighters employed by the City of Atlanta are eligible to participate in the plan.
14. Plan Effective Date

April 1, 1978

Summary of Plan Amendments

No plan changes have been adopted since the previous valuation was completed.

The following additional plan amendments were adopted during the past 10 years and were reflected in prior valuation reports:
(1) Effective November 1, 2011, the employee contribution rate for participants hired during the period 1984 through August 31,2011 was increased by $5.00 \%$ of plan compensation.
(2) With respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011, the benefit formula multiplier was reduced to $1.00 \%$ with a maximum benefit equal to $80 \%$ of average monthly earnings.
(3) With respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011, the employee contribution rate was reduced to $8.00 \%$ of plan compensation.
(4) With respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011, the averaging period was increased to 10 years for purposes of determining average monthly earnings.
(5) With respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011, the normal retirement age was increased to age 57.
(6) With respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011, the earliest retirement age is age 47 for those individuals who have earned less than 30 years of service.
(7) With respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011, the early retirement reduction was increased to $6.00 \%$ per year.
(8) With respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011, unused sick leave is excluded from plan compensation.
(9) With respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011, the automatic annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was limited to $1.00 \%$ per year.
(10) With respect to participants who are hired after August 31, 2011, the normal form of payment was changed to a single life annuity with a survivor pension equal to $75 \%$ of an actuarially adjusted pension, where the actuarial adjustment is equal to the ratio on the date of death of the present value of the remaining life annuity payable to the retiree to the present value of a life annuity payable to the beneficiary.
(11) Effective July 1, 2011, the amortization period for eliminating the unfunded accrued liability was changed from an open 30-year period to a closed 30-year period.


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    $\triangle$ May be eligible to retire
    A Not eligible to retire

