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Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System  
Comprehensive Annual Financial Report  
*Fiscal Year 2011*

*A Pension Trust Fund of the State of Iowa  
for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2011*







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**IOWA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

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## Fiscal Year 2011 Highlights

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### Membership

Active Members .....	<b>164,467</b>
Retired Members* .....	<b>98,540</b>

### Contributions

Employee .....	<b>\$306,471,917</b>
Employer .....	<b>\$468,035,175</b>
Service Purchases .....	<b>\$14,846,807</b>

### Distributions

Benefits Paid .....	<b>\$1,457,005,631</b>
Refunds Paid .....	<b>\$41,214,717</b>

### Investments

Net Investment and Securities Lending Income .....	<b>\$3,922,569,015</b>
Investment Rate of Return .....	<b>19.91%</b>

### Funding

Net Assets Held in Trust for Pension Benefits .....	<b>\$23,082,132,935</b>
Ratio of Actuarial Assets to Actuarial Liabilities .....	<b>79.9%</b>

\*Unless specifically noted, references to retirees throughout this report include beneficiaries.

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Terry E. Branstad  
GOVERNOR

Kim Reynolds  
LT. GOVERNOR



Donna M. Mueller  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

December 15, 2011

**To the Governor and the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:**

I am pleased to present the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS, System, or plan) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 (FY2011). This report is intended to provide complete and accurate information concerning the activities and results of the System's operations within a single publication. This report also fulfills the requirements set forth in Iowa Code section 97B.4(4)(a). The preparation of this report is the result of the combined effort of the System's staff under the direction of the management and CEO, who are responsible for the contents of the report.

This transmittal letter provides an overview of the status of IPERS. A thorough discussion of IPERS' activities and financial status is presented in the Financial, Investments, Actuarial, Statistical, and Plan Summary sections of the report.

Please note that membership numbers used in the Actuarial section differ from those used in other sections. Because the Actuarial section reflects projections of future costs, member deaths that occur during the last month of the fiscal year are not counted in the active or retired membership numbers. However, because there is a financial obligation for some of these members, they are included in the active or retired membership numbers in the remainder of this report.

This report is provided to the Governor, legislative leadership, IPERS Investment Board members, IPERS Benefits Advisory Committee members, and state fiscal staff in the Executive and Legislative Branches. Employers and IPERS members are advised of its availability online, and they may request a printed copy. Copies are also filed with the State Library of Iowa. All other interested persons may obtain the report through the IPERS website or upon request. IPERS also publishes an annual summary of information contained in this report, which is offered to members, employers, policymakers, and others.

## Plan History

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IPERS was established by the Iowa Legislature on July 4, 1953, to replace the Iowa Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance System (IOASI). Effective July 4, 1953, all public employees who had been IOASI contributors were given the option of transferring their contributions to IPERS for service credit in IPERS (prior service) or taking refunds of their IOASI contributions. At the same time, the Legislature elected to include Iowa's public employees in the federal Social Security plan retroactive to 1951. Before enactment of the 1953 legislation, public employees were not covered under Social Security.

Initially, IPERS was a money purchase system that calculated benefits based on contributions. Today, IPERS is a contributory defined benefit plan with benefits based on a formula using a member's years of service, multi-year average covered wage, and a multiplier. In fiscal year 2010, changes to the plan were made when the Iowa Legislature passed House File 2518 to help secure and sustain long-term funding for the IPERS Trust Fund. Most members will see changes to benefits earned beginning July 1, 2012. House File 2518 also provided for an increase in contributions July 1, 2011.

## Structure and Governance

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IPERS and the IPERS Trust Fund are established in Iowa Code chapter 97B. The Governor and the Iowa Legislature, as creators of the plan, are the plan sponsors. The Code establishes IPERS as an independent agency within the Executive Branch of State Government.

The Investment Board is designated as the Fund's trustee. It sets investment policy and oversees the actuarial program. There are seven voting members: the Treasurer of State and six gubernatorial appointees confirmed by the Senate. Legislative leadership appoints the four nonvoting legislative members.

The Benefits Advisory Committee was established to advise IPERS and the General Assembly on benefits and services. The Committee selects its own members from constituent groups representing employers and members.

IPERS is administered through Chief Executive Officer Donna M. Mueller and her staff.

## Member Services

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IPERS was created so public employers in Iowa would have a cost-effective way to provide a core retirement benefit that would help attract and keep quality employees in public service. IPERS benefits were designed to provide an adequate retirement income when combined with Social Security benefits and individual savings. Most public employees in Iowa become members of IPERS when they start employment with a covered employer, which includes schools, state agencies, counties, cities, townships, and other public entities. Public employees not covered by IPERS are judges, peace officers in the Iowa Department of Public Safety, police and fire personnel in cities with populations over 8,000, and university and community college personnel who elect other coverage.

IPERS had 328,975 members at the end of fiscal year 2011, with 164,467 active members employed and contributing to IPERS. There were 8,321 retirees drawing a pension in FY2011 who had returned to work with an IPERS-covered employer. At the end of the fiscal year, 7,106 of these retired reemployed members were still employed. The other 1,215 were no longer employed but had not subsequently requested a refund or a benefit recalculation.

During the year, IPERS staff provided group and individual benefit education and preretirement

counseling to 11,913 members, fielded 89,662 phone calls, and answered 9,113 e-mails. Staff also prepared 61,259 benefit estimates. Members submitted 1,963 applications to buy service credit and 962 members purchased service credit.

The most important service IPERS provides to its 98,540 retirees is the accurate and timely payment of benefits. During the fiscal year, IPERS paid 96 percent of 1,172,548 benefit payments by electronic funds transfer (EFT), which ensures the monthly benefit is in the recipient's account on the day it is payable. EFTs have been IPERS' preferred payment method since 1992. IPERS charges a small service fee for paper checks.

Members have access to information electronically and in print. The IPERS website contains news and announcements, member publications, forms, and a benefit estimator. Members also visit the website to see their benefits statements, which are updated quarterly.

IPERS publishes easy-to-read booklets that explain benefits at various career stages. A comprehensive IPERS Member Handbook is also available. Twice in FY2011 IPERS published and directly mailed to members information about benefits, plan changes, finances, and performance.

## Employer Services

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IPERS provides training and technical assistance to 2,177 employers to encourage voluntary compliance with IPERS' requirements. Employers also receive newsletters and a handbook of procedures and reporting requirements. A section of the website is dedicated to employers.

Employers who are enrolled in IPERS' Quest for Excellence (I-Que), an online wage-reporting system, also receive messages, publications, and other materials through that system. Employers report 99 percent of all member wages electronically through I-Que.

# Investments

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IPERS funds benefit payments with a combination of employee and employer contributions and investment earnings, with investment earnings providing the largest percentage of income. IPERS manages a large and diversified investment portfolio with a long-term investment horizon. This allows IPERS to maximize investment returns and lower transaction costs on behalf of its members in a way an individual investor cannot. In fiscal year 2011, IPERS' investment expenses were 0.19 percent of the portfolio's total quarterly average fair value.

A staff of professional investment officers oversees IPERS' investments. The investment officers, all of whom have earned the respected Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) or Certified Public Accountant (CPA) designation, oversee all asset classes in which IPERS invests. IPERS' investment officers and investment

consultant recommend asset allocation, investment policies, investment strategies, and contractor selection to the IPERS Investment Board, which makes the final decisions. IPERS' investment staff also manages the competitive selection process, negotiates detailed service contracts, and monitors contractors' compliance with their IPERS service agreements. The investment management firms select individual investments in the IPERS portfolio.

IPERS' investment portfolio returned 19.91 percent in fiscal year 2011, exceeding two of its four investment policy objectives. The annualized return on IPERS' investments for the 10-year period ended June 30, 2011, was 6.40 percent. Since 1982 (a 30-year period), the IPERS investment portfolio has produced an annualized investment return (net of fees) of 10.78 percent.

## Major Initiatives

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### *Maintaining the Course*

As the investment world continued to recover from the Great Recession, IPERS also experienced strong investment performance and a growth in Trust Fund assets. In FY2011, IPERS' Trust Fund balance grew to \$23.082 billion, nearing the balance it had at the end of FY2007. This strong investment performance eliminated the deferred losses from the prior fiscal years and resulted in a deferred gain for future application. Investment performance has provided 66 percent of IPERS' income over the last ten years, which have included two recessionary periods. Investment performance remains an important component to funding the promised benefits.

In 2010, the Iowa Legislature and Governor passed House File 2518, which included changes to the contribution rates and reductions in future accrual of benefits for the Regular membership (Regular members make up 95 percent of IPERS' membership). The first of these changes took effect on July 1, 2011. Employee and employer contributions for Regular members increased

on July 1, 2011 (the start of FY2012), to a combined total of 13.45 percent. Going forward, IPERS is authorized to adjust the total contribution rate up or down each year, by no more than 1.0 percentage point, based upon the actuarially required contribution rate. Employees pay 40 percent of the contribution rate and employers pay 60 percent. The FY2011 actuarial valuation determines the actuarially required rate for fiscal year 2013. This is the first valuation in which the contribution rates for Regular members may be altered based on actuarial considerations within the variation allowed under House File 2518.

The other changes go into effect July 1, 2012. These include lengthening the vesting period from four to seven years, changing the salary factor used in the benefit formula from a highest three-year average salary to a highest five-year average salary, and increasing the early-retirement reduction for members who retire before reaching any of IPERS' three definitions of normal retirement.

FY2011 proved to be another record year in IPERS members retiring. Changes to the State workforce,

as well as other IPERS-covered public employers, contributed to the demand for IPERS' services. There were 7,360 retirements in FY2011, an increase of 15 percent over the prior year. This is the second year in a row of increased retirements.

### *Excellent Performance Evaluations Continue*

To maintain a focus on effectively administering the plan, IPERS completed voluntary reviews of its performance during fiscal year 2011. CEM Benchmarking Inc. (CEM), an independent company that reviews pension systems worldwide, completed a benchmarking study on IPERS' benefits administration for the previous year. IPERS was lowest in costs when compared to its peers, while receiving high ratings for its services.

CEM also conducted a benchmarking study of IPERS' investment program that compared the Trust Fund's costs and investment performance to CEM's extensive pension fund database. The analysis concluded that IPERS' investment program was a low-cost program over the 5-year period ended December 31, 2010, but on an after-cost basis, IPERS' net added value was moderately negative over that time period, similar to results for many of its peers.

Wilshire Associates, IPERS' investment consultant, also reviews IPERS' investment performance against a

peer group of large U.S. public pension funds. Wilshire calculated that on a risk-adjusted return basis (return per unit of risk taken), IPERS ranked in the top 25 percent of large U.S. public funds over the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods ended June 30, 2011.

IPERS' Board members and staff are dedicated to prudent investment and safeguarding the System's assets. Along with providing the highest possible level of service to members and retirees, these are and will remain IPERS' top priorities.

### *Technology Advances*

IPERS continued to work with its vendor on reengineering business processes and implementing a new benefits administration system, I-Que. I-Que is being rolled out in two phases. Rollout 1, which contains online services for employers, went live in August 2008. The second phase of the project, which contains enhanced online services for members and more flexibility and functionality for IPERS staff, is planned to launch in calendar year 2012. During FY2011, IPERS maintained two computer systems, ensuring the integrity of data held in both. I-Que promises to improve services for both members and employers.

## *Financial Highlights*

### *Total Net Assets*

Total net assets held in trust for pension benefits increased from \$19.878 billion on June 30, 2010, to \$23.082 billion on June 30, 2011. These assets consist of capital assets owned by IPERS and investment portfolio assets. The increase in net assets is primarily due to the continued improvement in the market conditions during the fiscal year. An overview and analysis of IPERS' financial activities for FY2011 is in Management's Discussion and Analysis, which begins on page 23 in the Financial section of this report.

### *Investment Portfolio Assets*

At the close of FY2011, IPERS' net investment portfolio assets<sup>1</sup> had a fair value of \$23.160 billion. The change in fair value represents an increase of \$3.304 billion from the \$19.856 billion net investment asset fair value as of June 30, 2010. The largest factor contributing to the increase was the investment portfolio return of 19.91 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Investment portfolio assets are based on fair value, but are calculated according to industry standards that are different from the financial statement reporting requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 25, which produces the investments at fair value shown in the Financial section of this report.



As in previous years, employee and employer contributions to IPERS only partially fund the benefit payments, refunds, and administrative expenses of the System. Funds must be drawn regularly from investment earnings to help meet these obligations. This drawdown of investment assets is typical for a mature pension system, where investment earnings are expected to supplement employee and employer contributions in meeting liabilities. In FY2011, employee and employer contributions totaled \$789.3 million, while total member benefits equaled \$1.498 billion (monthly benefits, lump-sum retirement benefits, death benefits, refunds, and dividend payments). The resulting \$708.7 million contribution shortfall was funded with earnings and sales proceeds from the investment portfolio.

## Investment Results

IPERS' investment portfolio returned 19.91 percent in fiscal year 2011, an improvement over the previous fiscal year's investment return of 13.82 percent. IPERS' investment return for the fiscal year was well above the actuarial assumed investment return of 7.50 percent and the benchmark of the year's Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus 3 percentage points, which was 6.56 percent. IPERS' portfolio slightly underperformed its policy benchmark return of 20.15 percent.

The capital markets provided investors with strong returns in fiscal year 2011. Equity markets led the way, with U.S. stocks returning 31.99 percent and international stocks returning 30.27 percent. The private equity market gained over 20 percent as measured by most market performance measures. Real estate values rebounded after experiencing several difficult years, and as a result, publicly traded real estate securities (REITs) were up 35.57 percent and the private real estate market indexes were up 16.73 percent for the fiscal year. The U.S. bond market produced a modest return of 4.78 percent for the fiscal year, while high-yield bonds were up 14.76 percent for the period. IPERS' investment portfolio benefited from the strong markets, with every asset class in IPERS' portfolio recording positive returns for the fiscal year, and all but two recording positive double-digit returns.

While overall, fiscal year 2011 was a very good year for investors, it did not end on a positive note. Stock prices in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year were very

volatile as investors evaluated the impact of political turmoil in the Middle East, a devastating earthquake in Japan, and the growing European debt crisis. Investors also began to grow impatient with Washington as it grappled with looming debt limits and huge budget deficits. Rising commodity prices raised inflation concerns, while high unemployment and consumer deleveraging argued for slow economic growth. At June 30, 2011, the possibility of a "double-dip" recession was very much on the minds of investors.

As reported in the FY2009 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, IPERS recorded a loss on its investment in Westridge Capital Management because of fraud at a firm named WG Trading Company. IPERS wrote its investment down in FY2009 by \$116.4 million, approximately 40 percent of its estimated market value of \$291.1 million. In April 2011, IPERS received an initial distribution from the court-appointed receiver in the amount of \$215.2 million for IPERS' claim. The distribution resulted in a recorded gain of \$40.5 million in FY2011 because the recovery was larger than originally expected in FY2009. The distribution provided IPERS with a recovery rate of approximately 85 percent of its principal balance and 74 percent of IPERS' last recorded market value before the fraud was discovered. The receiver continues to pursue several "clawback" claims against former WG Trading investors, so additional distributions are possible, but not certain. The Office of the Iowa Attorney General continues to assist IPERS in this process.

## Revenues

The System is funded through a combination of employee and employer contributions and investment income. Contributions for Regular members were 11.45 percent of employees' covered wages in FY2011. Employers contributed at a rate of 6.95 percent and employees at a rate of 4.50 percent. Employees in Special service occupations (for example, law enforcement, fire safety, and similar protection occupations) and their employers contributed at higher, actuarially determined rates.

For FY2011, revenues from employee and employer contributions, excluding service purchase contributions, totaled \$774.5 million, a 4.30 percent increase over the prior fiscal year. Service purchase contributions for the year amounted to \$14.8 million, a 17.70 percent increase

from the prior year. Net investment and securities lending income for FY2011 was \$3.923 billion, mainly because of the improvement in market conditions that resulted in a 19.91 percent rate of return. Total additions for FY2011 were \$4.712 billion.

### *Revenues*

*(Dollar values expressed in millions)*

Source	2011	2010	Increase
Contributions	\$ 774.5	\$ 742.6	\$ 31.9
Service purchases	14.8	12.6	2.2
Net investment and securities lending income	3,922.6	2,477.8	1,444.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,711.9</b>	<b>\$3,233.0</b>	<b>\$1,478.9</b>

### *Expenses*

Expenses are incurred primarily to pay benefits to retirees. Included in the total expenses for the fiscal year were benefit payments, refunds, and dividend payments totaling \$1.498 billion. This amount increased 13.50 percent over the prior fiscal year.

There were 98,540 annuitants receiving monthly benefits as of June 30, 2011. The net increase of 4,848 annuitants during FY2011 was 1,008 higher than the increase during FY2010, largely because of retirements from schools and the State of Iowa. The average monthly retirement benefit, including the November dividend and Favorable Experience Dividend (FED) payments, increased from \$1,085 to \$1,234.

All administrative expenses for the System are paid from the IPERS Trust Fund. The administrative budget is submitted to the Legislature annually for authorization of spending. Administrative expenses totaled \$9.7 million for fiscal year 2011, a 7.60 percent increase from the previous year.

The System retains consultants and multiple investment managers to assist the Investment Board and administration in carrying out their fiduciary duties. For the fiscal year, IPERS' investment management expenses were \$41.9 million. Investment management fees were higher in FY2011 than in FY2010 because of the increase in asset market values and the fact that several investment managers earned higher

performance fees under the performance-based fee structures utilized by IPERS.

The System's ratio of investment management expenses to the portfolio's quarterly average fair value was 0.19 percent for FY2011. This expense ratio was higher than the 0.16 percent for FY2010, because of the increase in the quarterly average fair value of assets in FY2011 and better performance from many investment managers.

### *Expenses*

*(Dollar values expressed in millions)*

Type	2011	2010	Increase (Decrease)
Benefits	\$1,457.0	\$1,278.5	\$178.5
Refunds	41.2	41.5	(0.3)
Administrative	9.7	9.0	0.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,507.9</b>	<b>\$1,329.0</b>	<b>\$178.9</b>

# Funding

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The ultimate test of IPERS' financial soundness is whether it can pay all of its promised benefits as they come due – not just today and tomorrow, but over a long period of time. Using demographic and economic assumptions adopted by the Investment Board, the System's actuary completes an annual valuation of the System's assets and liabilities to provide a current estimate of the System's funded status. The actuarial valuation at June 30, 2011, reported an unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) of \$5.682 billion. This represents the difference between the actuarial liability of \$28.257 billion and the actuarial value of assets of \$22.575 billion.

During the fiscal year, the unfunded actuarial liability had a net increase of \$750.8 million. There were three primary factors driving the increase in unfunded actuarial liability. The first factor, adoption of new mortality assumptions for the Regular membership, increased the UAL by \$416.8 million. The second factor, contributions for Regular membership below the actuarial rate, added \$218.1 million to the UAL. The third factor, which added \$103.9 million to the UAL, was the result of employing a different actuarial valuation software program.

It's important to note, however, that there were actuarial gains resulting from actual demographic and economic experience. Most prominent was the strong investment performance that offset previously deferred investment losses, produced an experience gain of \$65.7 million, and produced a deferred investment gain for future valuations. Other gains were derived from salaries lower than expected that offset a liability loss from more retirements than expected. Without these gains, the UAL would have been much higher in this year's valuation.

IPERS' Funding Policy and Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 25 require the amortization period for the UAL not to exceed 30 years. The amortization period for the Regular membership was at an infinite number of years in the FY2002 through the FY2009 valuations. Because of the incremental increases in contribution rates and a reduction in normal cost in FY2010, the years to amortize dropped to 34 in the FY2010 valuation. The years to amortize in the FY2011 valuation remain at 34.

Future investment experience and the payment of contributions approaching the actuarially required rate will have a significant impact on whether the years to amortize for Regular membership will fall to 30 in future valuations. The years to amortize the UAL for the two Special service groups are at 30. Based on the FY2011 actuarial valuation, the contribution rates necessary for employees and employers to fully fund the benefits and retirement allowances being credited are as follows for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 (FY2013): Special Service Group 1 at 19.80 percent, Special Service Group 2 at 17.11 percent, and Regular membership at 14.77 percent.

The actuarially required contribution rate is the statutory rate for both Special service groups. However, the contribution rate for Regular members for FY2013 is limited by statute to 14.45 percent. While still slightly less than the actuarially required rate, it does allow for more payment toward the UAL.



IPERS' funded ratio (the ratio of actuarial assets to actuarial liabilities) declined considerably to 81.2 percent in FY2009 as a result of the investment losses associated with the Great Recession. The improved investment returns that followed, plus the changes in contributions and benefits, stabilized the funded ratio over the past three years between 79 and 81 percent. The amortization period of the UAL for Regular membership remains at 34 years, further evidence of the funded ratio's stabilization. IPERS does not anticipate changes in demographic assumptions for the next several years that would add to the actuarial

liability as occurred in the FY2011 valuation's new mortality assumptions. The new contribution rates approved by the 2010 Legislature for FY2012 should result in paying down more of the UAL. This, combined with IPERS' investment performance, provides stability to the funded status. That, along with the 19.91 percent investment return, may be enough to offset the continuing growth of the UAL. If it is not, then IPERS will increase contribution rates. By law, IPERS cannot increase rates for Regular members by more than 1.0 percentage point each year.

## Accounting System and Internal Control

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The financial statements included in this report are the responsibility of IPERS' management. The statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for governmental accounting and reporting as pronounced or adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB).

IPERS' administration is also responsible for maintaining an internal accounting control system, designed to provide reasonable assurance that

transactions are executed in accordance with the administration's general or specific authorization and are recorded as necessary to maintain accountability for assets and to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP. IPERS' objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements since the cost of internal control should not exceed the benefits obtained.

## Independent Audit

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The Auditor of State is required by Iowa Code chapter 11 (2011) to audit all departments of the State annually. The accompanying financial statements of the System have been audited by the Auditor of State in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, State law, and *Government Auditing Standards*. The Auditor's report is contained in the Financial section of this report.

# Professional Awards

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to IPERS for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for only one year, and this was the 18th consecutive year IPERS has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a governmental entity must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report that satisfies both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. We believe our current comprehensive annual report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement Program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

For the third consecutive year, IPERS also received the Public Pension Standards Award for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, from the Public Pension Coordinating Council (PPCC), in recognition of meeting the professional standards for plan funding and administration as set forth in the Public Pension Standards. This award is presented by the PPCC, a confederation of the National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA), the National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS), and the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR).

Respectfully submitted,



Donna M. Mueller  
Chief Executive Officer



IPERS' primary purpose is to provide a secure retirement income for Iowa's former and current public employees. The activities of the administration are designed to accomplish this purpose and include:

- Providing counseling services and retirement information to active and retired members.
- Providing retirement, disability, and death benefits to members and beneficiaries.
- Providing refunds to members, which may be rolled over to other IRS-qualified retirement plans.
- Administering the benefits of the Iowa Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance System.
- Collecting employer contributions, employee contributions, and employee wage information in accordance with State law and IPERS' administrative rules.
- Providing recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on plan design adjustments.
- Overseeing the investment of the System's funds in accordance with the Investment Policy and Goal Statement adopted by the Investment Board.

## **Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System**

Donna M. Mueller, Chief Executive Officer

## **Investment Policy and Administration**

Karl C. Koch, Chief Investment Officer

## **Membership and Benefit Administration**

David Martin, Chief Benefits Officer

## **Operations**

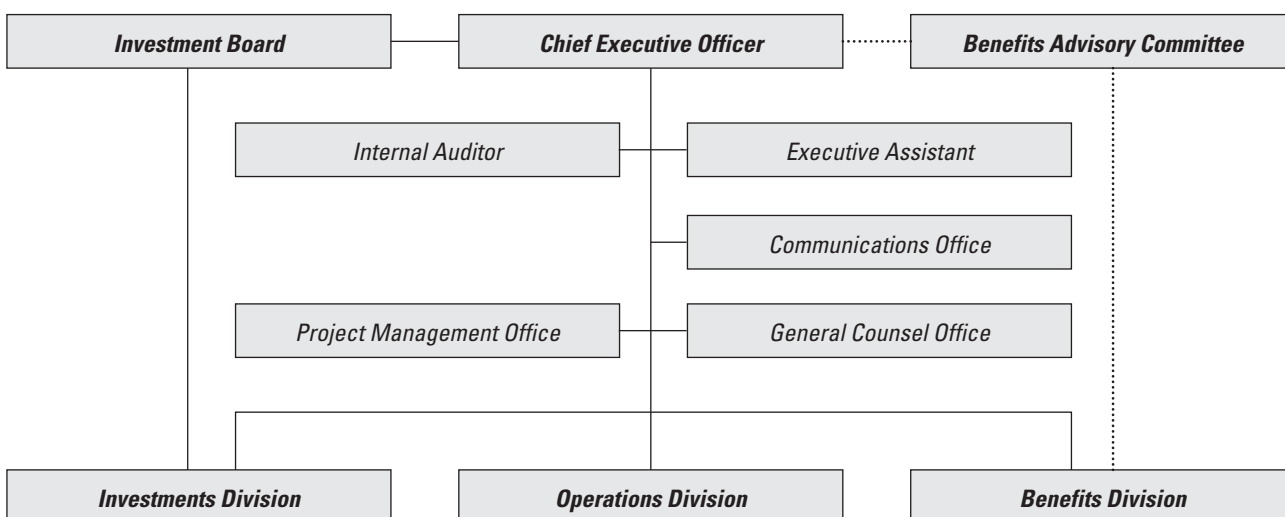
Leon J. Schwartz, Chief Operations Officer

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Kelly Lovell, Lead General Counsel

Gregg A. Schochenmaier, General Counsel

## Table of Organization



# Investment Board



**STATE TREASURER  
MICHAEL L.  
FITZGERALD**  
*Chairperson*



**DAVID O.  
CREIGHTON, SR.**  
*Vice Chairperson*  
Public Member  
*Term Expires Apr. 2015*



**MICHAEL R. BEARY**  
Active IPERS Member  
*Term Expires Apr. 2013*



**SENATOR  
STEVE KETTERING**  
Nonvoting Member  
*Term Expires Jan. 2013*



**REPRESENTATIVE  
MARY MASCHER**  
Nonvoting Member  
*Term Expires Jan. 2013*



**SENATOR MATTHEW  
W. McCOY**  
Nonvoting Member  
*Term Expires Jan. 2013*



**PHYLLIS S.  
PETERSON**  
Retired IPERS Member  
*Term Expires Apr. 2016*



**REPRESENTATIVE  
DAWN PETTENGILL**  
Nonvoting Member  
*Term Expires Jan. 2013*



**MARLENE SPROUSE**  
IPERS Educational  
Member  
*Term Expires Apr. 2017*



**LISA A. STANGE**  
Public Member  
*Term Expires Apr. 2017*



**DENNIS E. YOUNG**  
Public Member  
*Term Expires Apr. 2013*

The Investment Board of IPERS was created by state statute to establish policies and hire professional service contractors for the investment and actuarial programs of the System. The Investment Board holds public meetings regularly to review actuarial findings and investment performance, and to formalize policies with the administration.

Eleven members serve on the Investment Board, seven voting members and four nonvoting members.

The voting members include:

- Three public members, appointed by the Governor, who are not members of IPERS and who each have substantial institutional investment experience or substantial institutional financial experience.
- Three members, appointed by the Governor, who are members of IPERS: one must be an active member who is an employee of a school district,

area education agency, or merged area; one must be an active member who is not an employee of a school; and one must be a retired member of IPERS.

- The Treasurer of State.

The nonvoting members include:

- Two state representatives (one appointed by the speaker of the Iowa House of Representatives, and one appointed by the minority leader of the Iowa House).
- Two state senators (one appointed by the majority leader of the Iowa Senate, and one appointed by the minority leader of the Iowa Senate).

The term for an Investment Board member appointed by the Governor is six years.

Gubernatorial appointees are subject to confirmation by the Iowa Senate.



# Benefits Advisory Committee



**LEN COCKMAN**  
**Chairperson**  
 Employer Representative  
 Iowa Association of  
 School Boards  
*Voting Term Expires Apr. 2012*



**BRADLEY HUDSON**  
**Vice Chairperson**  
 Member Representative  
 Iowa State Education  
 Association  
*Voting Term Expires Apr. 2014*



**SUSANNA BROWN**  
 Member Representative  
 State Police Officers  
 Council



**MIKE CARROLL**  
 Appointed by Statute  
 Employer Representative,  
 Ex-Officio Voting Member  
 Iowa Department of  
 Administrative Services



**WALT GALVIN**  
 Member Representative  
 Retired School Personnel  
 Association



**ANDREW HENNESSY**  
 Member Representative  
 IPERS Improvement  
 Association



**MARTHA HENRICHS**  
 Employer Representative  
 Iowa Association of  
 Community College  
 Trustees



**STEVE HOFFMAN**  
 Member Representative  
 Iowa State Sheriffs and  
 Deputies Association



**DANNY HOMAN**  
 Member Representative  
 AFSCME  
*Voting Term Expires Apr. 2013*



**PATRICK LYNCH**  
 Member Representative  
 International Brotherhood  
 of Teamsters  
*Voting Term Expires Apr. 2013*



**JAMES MALONEY**  
 Employer Representative  
 Iowa Association of  
 Counties  
*Voting Term Expires Apr. 2012*



**DIANE REID**  
 Public Member  
*Voting Term Expires Apr. 2014*



**MARK TOMB**  
 Employer Representative  
 Iowa League of Cities  
*Voting Term Expires Apr. 2014*



**GAYLORD TRYON**  
 Member Representative  
 School Administrators  
 of Iowa  
*Voting Term Expires Apr. 2013*

The IPERS Benefits Advisory Committee was created by state statute to make benefit and service recommendations to IPERS and the General Assembly. The Committee holds regular public meetings.

The Committee is composed of representatives of constituent groups concerned with the System, and includes representatives of all major employer groups and major active and retired member associations. While the constituent groups are generically named by statute, each association designates its representative to the Committee.

The Committee has nine voting members; seven are elected by the Committee membership. The voting members serve three-year terms and include:

- Four members who represent IPERS-covered employers, one of whom must be the director of the Iowa Department of Administrative Services.
- Four members who represent IPERS members.
- A public member who is not a member of IPERS.

# Professional and Consulting Services

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The following organizations assist the IPERS Investment Board and administration in carrying out their fiduciary duties. Contracts are awarded following competitive procurement processes in accordance with State law.

## Actuary

**Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC—Bellevue, NE**  
The actuarial consulting firm chosen by the Investment Board is responsible for:

- Certifying the adequacy of the contribution rates used by the System.
- Measuring and reporting the assets and liabilities of the System.
- Reviewing and analyzing trends in the System's membership and actuarial assumptions.

## Plan Legal Counsels

**Foster Pepper PLLC—Seattle, WA**

The external plan legal counsel chosen by the System is responsible for:

- Providing legal and transactional assistance related to the terms and conditions of the System's investments.
- Advising the System regarding state and federal securities laws and investment-related withholding and income tax laws.

**Ice Miller, LLP—Indianapolis, IN**

The external plan legal counsel chosen by the System is responsible for:

- Assisting periodically in the review and analysis of tax- and benefit-related matters.
- Providing advice to System staff on state and federal legislation and regulations.

## Securities Litigation Monitoring Counsels

**Barrack, Rodos & Bacine—Philadelphia, PA**

**Kessler Topaz Meltzer Check—Radnor, PA**

**Lieff Cabraser Heimann & Bernstein—San Francisco, CA**

The external securities litigation monitoring firms chosen by the System are responsible for:

- Monitoring security class-action litigation globally.
- Filing claims against class-action settlements.
- Serving as counsel for IPERS when IPERS seeks to serve as lead plaintiff in federal or state court.

## Investment Consultants

**Wilshire Associates Inc.—Santa Monica, CA**

The Investment Board utilizes Wilshire as the System's general investment consultant. Wilshire is responsible for:

- Preparing asset allocation studies for the System.
- Periodically reviewing investment performance.
- Assisting in the screening and selection of investment managers.
- Providing support in the development and implementation of the System's investment goals, objectives, and policies.

**Holland Park Risk Management, Inc.—Toronto, Ontario**

The Investment Board utilizes Holland Park to:

- Assist the Board and staff in evaluating risk management practices.
- Assist in building a stronger investment risk management program at IPERS, if needed.

## Master Custodian and Securities Lending Agent

**The Bank of New York Mellon—New York, NY**

The Treasurer of the State of Iowa is the custodian of the Fund and has hired a master custodian bank to assist in the custody and recordkeeping of the System's assets. The System also utilizes the custodian bank as its securities lending agent. The custodian is responsible for:

- Maintaining safe custody of the assets owned by the System.
- Settling trades in accordance with instructions from the System.
- Collecting in a timely manner the income due to the System.
- Administering a securities lending program for the System's assets and investing cash collateral received from such loans.
- Providing periodic reports summarizing the investment activity of the System's assets.

### *Operational/Information Technology Consultant*

#### *Vitech Systems Group, Inc. – New York, NY*

The most significant operational/information technology consultant utilized by the System is responsible for:

- Implementing a new benefits administration system.
- Assisting in the review and improvement of all benefits administration business processes.

### *Benchmarking Consultant*

#### *CEM Benchmarking Inc. – Toronto, Ontario*

The independent benchmarking consultant firm is responsible for:

- Providing standardized comparative information for IPERS' investment management.
- Providing standardized benefit administration cost information.
- Providing standardized service levels and activity information.

### *Investment Managers*

The Investment Board has selected a variety of investment management firms to execute the investment strategies of the System. Managers are given full discretion to direct and manage the investment of the assets allocated to their accounts in accordance with applicable federal and state regulations and their executed contracts.

The investment managers chosen by the System are responsible for:

- Investing the funds allocated to them in accordance with their contracts, the Investment Policy and Goal Statement, and applicable statutes.
- Reporting periodically to the investment staff and Investment Board on matters such as performance, market conditions, and compliance with their contracts.

### *Domestic Equity*

BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, NA, San Francisco, CA  
 First Quadrant, L.P., Pasadena, CA  
 J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc., New York, NY  
 Mellon Capital Management Corp., San Francisco, CA  
 PanAgora Asset Management, Inc., Boston, MA  
 RCM, San Francisco, CA  
 Wellington Management Company, LLP, Boston, MA

### *International Equity*

Ashmore EMM, LLC, Arlington, VA  
 BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, NA, San Francisco, CA  
 GAM USA Inc., New York, NY  
 Oechsle International Advisors, LLC, Boston, MA  
 Quantitative Management Associates, LLC, Newark, NJ  
 Wellington Management Company, LLP, Boston, MA

### *Core Plus Fixed Income*

BlackRock Financial Management, Inc., New York, NY  
 Mellon Capital Management Corp., San Francisco, CA  
 Principal Global Investors, LLC, Des Moines, IA  
 Western Asset Management Company, Pasadena, CA

### *High-Yield Bonds*

Oaktree Capital Management, L.P., Los Angeles, CA  
 Post Advisory Group, LLC, Santa Monica, CA

### *Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (TIPS)*

BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A., San Francisco, CA  
 Fischer Francis Trees & Watts, Inc., New York, NY

### *Private Equity/Debt*

Pathway Capital Management, LLC, Irvine, CA

### *Real Estate*

Clarion Partners, New York, NY  
 INVESCO Realty Advisors, Dallas, TX  
 RREEF America, LLC, Chicago, IL  
 TA Realty, LLC, Boston, MA  
 UBS Realty Investors, LLC, Hartford, CT  
 Urdang Securities Management, Inc., Plymouth Meeting, PA







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Auditor of State

## Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the  
Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System Investment Board:

We have audited the accompanying statement of plan net assets of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS) as of June 30, 2011 and 2010, and the related statement of changes in plan net assets for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of IPERS' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in note 1, the financial statements present the financial position and the changes in financial position of only that portion of the financial reporting entity of the State of Iowa that is attributable to the transactions of IPERS. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the State of Iowa as of June 30, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows, where applicable, for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

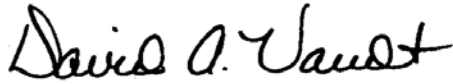
In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the plan net assets of IPERS at June 30, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in plan net assets for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Schedules of Funding Progress and Employer Contributions on pages 23 through 25 and 42 through 43 are not required parts of the financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

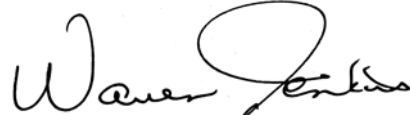
Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. Other supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 3 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audits of the aforementioned financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

We did not audit the data included in the introduction, investments, actuarial, statistical and plan summary sections and, accordingly, express no opinion on it.

Our report on IPERS' internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts and other matters required by Government Auditing Standards will be issued under separate cover. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audits.



DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA  
Auditor of State



WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA  
Chief Deputy Auditor of State

December 5, 2011

# Management's Discussion and Analysis

*This discussion and analysis of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System provide an overview of the retirement system's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. It is intended to be used in conjunction with the transmittal letter and IPERS' financial statements and notes, which begin on page 26 of this report.*

## Using This Financial Report

This Comprehensive Annual Financial Report reflects the activities of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System as reported in the Statement of Plan Net Assets and the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets (see pages 26–27). These statements are presented on an accrual basis and reflect all Trust Fund activities as incurred. The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of the financial statements and include additional information not readily evident in the statements themselves. The Required Supplementary Information and Other Supplementary Information following the Notes to Financial Statements provide historical and additional detailed information considered useful in evaluating the condition of the plan. Investment data in the Financial section are presented at fair value. See the Actuarial section of this report for a detailed discussion of the actuarial value of assets and liabilities and the funded status.

## Financial Highlights

- IPERS' plan net assets held in trust for pension benefits increased by \$3.204 billion during fiscal year 2011. On June 30, 2011, total plan assets (including capital assets of \$21.6 million) were \$26.796 billion, exceeding total liabilities of \$3.714 billion, resulting in net assets held in trust for pension benefits of \$23.082 billion.
- Capital assets increased from \$18.2 million at the end of FY2010 to \$21.6 million at the end of FY2011. This was primarily because of the capitalization of \$3.5 million in equipment and other expenses directly related to the I-Que project.
- Covered wages, upon which both employee and employer contributions are calculated, increased \$3.7 million, or 0.06 percent, over the last fiscal year and totaled \$6.575 billion. Employee and employer contributions increased, in total, by 4 percent. In comparison, fiscal year 2010 saw a 2 percent increase in covered wages and an 8 percent increase in contributions.
- Net investment and securities lending income, after all investment-related expenses, was \$3.923 billion in FY2011. In comparison, IPERS experienced a gain of \$2.478 billion in FY2010 and a loss of \$3.864 billion in FY2009. Investment management expenses were \$41.9 million for FY2011. In comparison, investment management expenses were \$32.9 million for FY2010 and \$32.5 million for FY2009.
- Total contributions, investments, and other income resulted in additions to the Fund of \$4.712 billion in fiscal year 2011. This compares to a gain of \$3.233 billion in FY2010 and a loss of \$3.168 billion in FY2009.
- Pension benefit payments to members increased by \$178.4 million. Refunds decreased slightly from \$41.5 million to \$41.2 million. Payments to members totaled \$1.498 billion in FY2011, compared to \$1.320 billion in FY2010 and \$1.217 billion in FY2009.
- Administrative expenses totaled \$9.7 million, compared to \$9.0 million for FY2010 and \$10.9 million for FY2009. Administrative expenses were 0.04 percent of the value of plan net assets in FY2011. In comparison, administrative expenses were 0.05 percent of the value of plan net assets in FY2010 and 0.06 percent of the value of plan net assets in FY2009.

## Analysis of Plan Net Assets

The following two tables present condensed summaries of plan net assets and a breakdown of the changes to the plan net assets with comparison to the previous two fiscal years.

IPERS' plan net assets at June 30, 2011, were \$23.082 billion, an increase of \$3.204 billion over the previous fiscal year-end balance.

A large percentage of total assets, 90 percent, is made up of investments held to provide retirement, death, and disability benefits to qualified members and their beneficiaries. Other assets, including cash and cash equivalents, receivables from employee and employer contributions, receivables from investment-related transactions, and capital assets, make up 10

percent of total assets. Total plan net assets increased 16 percent in fiscal year 2011.

Total liabilities in the following table represent current liabilities and do not reflect the actuarial liabilities discussed in the Actuarial section of this report. These current liabilities consist primarily of amounts owed for investment-related transactions, including the value of rebates and collateral due back to borrowers of securities at the conclusion of securities lending transactions, amounts owed to members or their beneficiaries, and amounts owed to contractors and vendors. Total liabilities increased \$2.312 billion from fiscal year 2010 to 2011, as compared to a decrease of \$108.8 million between fiscal years 2009 and 2010. This large increase was primarily due to a higher number of pending investment transactions that settled after the fiscal year-end.

### Plan Net Assets

(Dollar values expressed in thousands)

Fiscal years ended June 30

	2011	2010	2011/2010 Increase (%)	2009	2010/2009 Inc/(Dec) (%)
Cash and investments at fair value	\$24,268,718	\$20,641,924	17.6	\$19,000,853	8.6
Receivables	2,503,292	619,310	304.2	469,097	32.0
Capital assets	21,639	18,224	18.7	14,996	21.5
Other assets	2,666	703	279.2	---	NA
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>26,796,315</b>	<b>21,280,161</b>	<b>25.9</b>	<b>19,484,946</b>	<b>9.2</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,714,182</b>	<b>1,402,080</b>	<b>164.9</b>	<b>1,510,905</b>	<b>(7.2)</b>
<b>Total plan net assets</b>	<b>\$23,082,133</b>	<b>\$19,878,081</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>\$17,974,041</b>	<b>10.6</b>

### Changes in Plan Net Assets

(Dollar values expressed in thousands)

Fiscal years ended June 30

	2011	2010	2011/2010 Increase (%)	2009	2010/2009 Inc/(Dec) (%)
<b>Additions</b>					
Contributions and service purchases	\$ 789,354	\$ 755,210	4.5	\$ 695,559	8.6
Net investment and securities lending income/(loss)	3,922,569	2,477,824	58.3	(3,863,760)	164.1
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>4,711,923</b>	<b>3,233,034</b>	<b>45.7</b>	<b>(3,168,201)</b>	<b>202.0</b>
<b>Deductions</b>					
Benefits and refunds	1,498,221	1,320,026	13.5	1,217,456	8.4
Administrative expenses	9,650	8,968	7.6	10,897	(17.7)
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>1,507,871</b>	<b>1,328,994</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>1,228,353</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in plan net assets</b>	<b>\$3,204,052</b>	<b>\$1,904,040</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>\$(4,396,554)</b>	<b>143.3</b>

Benefits paid out continued to exceed contributions received by \$708.9 million, \$564.8 million, and \$521.9 million for fiscal years 2011, 2010, and 2009, respectively. This excess of benefits paid relative to contributions received is characteristic of a mature pension plan such as IPERS.

The investment rates of return for the current and preceding two fiscal years were 19.91 percent, 13.82 percent, and -16.27 percent, respectively. (See also the Investments section of this report beginning on page 47 for more information on rates of return.) The following table contains the fiscal year performance of each asset class, the benchmark, and the Fund's allocation to each asset class.

*Returns by Asset Class*  
Fiscal year ended June 30, 2011

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>IPERS (%)</b>	<b>Benchmark (%)</b>	<b>Allocation (%)</b>
Domestic equity	33.02	31.99	27.34
International equity	30.30	30.27	15.14
Core plus fixed income	5.93	4.78	27.54
High-yield bonds	13.82	14.76	4.55
Treasury inflation-protected securities	NA	NA	4.21
Private equity/debt	23.57	20.32	12.32
Real estate	19.05	20.21	7.66
Short-term cash	0.93	0.16	1.24
<b>Total Fund</b>	<b>19.91</b>	<b>20.15</b>	<b>100.00</b>

*Contacting System Financial Management*

This financial report is designed to provide the Governor and Iowa Legislature (plan sponsors), the Investment Board, the Benefits Advisory Committee, the System's membership, contributors, taxpayers, and creditors with a general overview of the System's finances and to demonstrate the System's accountability for the money it manages. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, you may contact the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System by e-mail at [info@ipers.org](mailto:info@ipers.org), by phone at 515-281-0020 or 1-800-622-3849, or by mail at P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, IA 50306-9117.



# Basic Financial Statements

## Statement of Plan Net Assets

June 30, 2011 and 2010

	2011 Pension Trust Fund	2011 QBA Fund*	2011 Total	2010 Total
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>\$ 204,157,924</b>	<b>\$933</b>	<b>\$ 204,158,857</b>	<b>\$ 208,953,317</b>
<b>Receivables</b>				
Contributions	51,026,279	---	51,026,279	49,189,220
Accrued interest and dividends	62,924,106	---	62,924,106	61,928,154
Investment sales	942,792,040	---	942,792,040	505,053,548
Foreign exchange contracts	1,446,549,969	---	1,446,549,969	3,138,931
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>2,503,292,394</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2,503,292,394</b>	<b>619,309,853</b>
<b>Investments at fair value</b>				
Fixed income	8,010,945,795	---	8,010,945,795	7,917,706,900
Domestic equity	6,297,187,234	---	6,297,187,234	5,002,367,554
International equity	3,473,997,777	---	3,473,997,777	2,667,363,333
Other real assets/U.S. TIPS	969,812,249	---	969,812,249	---
Real estate	1,774,420,630	---	1,774,420,630	1,544,705,958
Private equity/debt	2,852,708,439	---	2,852,708,439	2,521,313,604
Liquidation account	---	---	---	283,313,502
<b>Total investments</b>	<b>23,379,072,124</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>23,379,072,124</b>	<b>19,936,770,851</b>
<b>Securities lending collateral pool</b>	<b>685,487,431</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>685,487,431</b>	<b>496,199,655</b>
<b>Capital assets</b>				
Depreciable assets: net of accumulated depreciation	21,138,636	---	21,138,636	17,723,796
Nondepreciable assets: land	500,000	---	500,000	500,000
<b>Total capital assets</b>	<b>21,638,636</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>21,638,636</b>	<b>18,223,796</b>
<b>Other assets</b>	<b>2,665,520</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>2,665,520</b>	<b>703,380</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>26,796,314,029</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>26,796,314,962</b>	<b>21,280,160,852</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	21,808,798	---	21,808,798	16,424,954
Investment purchases payable	1,537,209,971	---	1,537,209,971	861,221,980
Rebates and collateral payable	704,376,252	---	704,376,252	521,824,119
Foreign exchange contracts payable	1,450,787,006	---	1,450,787,006	2,609,171
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>3,714,182,027</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>3,714,182,027</b>	<b>1,402,080,224</b>
<b>Net assets held in trust for pension benefits</b> (Note 9, page 41)	<b>\$23,082,132,002</b>	<b>\$933</b>	<b>\$23,082,132,935</b>	<b>\$19,878,080,628</b>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements beginning on page 28.

\*See Note 10 on page 42.



*Statement of Changes in Plan Net Assets*

*Years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010*

	<i>2011 Pension Trust Fund</i>	<i>2011 QBA Fund*</i>	<i>2011 Total</i>	<i>2010 Total</i>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>				
<b>Contributions</b>				
Employer contributions	\$ 468,026,675	\$8,500	\$ 468,035,175	\$ 449,124,413
Employee contributions	306,471,917	---	306,471,917	293,471,971
Service purchases	14,846,807	---	14,846,807	12,613,708
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>789,345,399</b>	<b>8,500</b>	<b>789,353,899</b>	<b>755,210,992</b>
<b>Investments</b>				
Interest	255,634,163	1	255,634,164	287,899,083
Dividends	100,933,755	---	100,933,755	58,676,370
Real estate and private equity/debt	110,204,420	---	110,204,420	79,926,921
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	3,489,456,132	---	3,489,456,132	2,049,520,806
Other	106,048	---	106,048	106,998
Investment management expenses	(41,933,207)	---	(41,933,207)	(32,884,753)
<b>Net investment income</b>	<b>3,914,401,311</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3,914,401,312</b>	<b>2,443,245,425</b>
<b>Securities lending income</b>				
Securities lending income	1,321,341	---	1,321,341	1,553,052
Securities lending net appreciation in fair value of collateral pool	6,583,467	---	6,583,467	33,042,470
Securities lending expenses/rebates	262,895	---	262,895	(16,853)
<b>Net securities lending income</b>	<b>8,167,703</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>8,167,703</b>	<b>34,578,669</b>
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>4,711,914,413</b>	<b>8,501</b>	<b>4,711,922,914</b>	<b>3,233,034,186</b>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>				
Benefit payments	1,456,998,083	7,548	1,457,005,631	1,278,555,844
Member refunds	41,214,717	---	41,214,717	41,470,129
Administrative expenses	9,649,529	730	9,650,259	8,968,236
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>1,507,862,329</b>	<b>8,278</b>	<b>1,507,870,607</b>	<b>1,328,994,209</b>
<b>Net increase</b>	<b>3,204,052,084</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>3,204,052,307</b>	<b>1,904,039,977</b>
Net assets in trust for pension benefits, beginning of year	19,878,079,918	710	19,878,080,628	17,974,040,651
<b>Net assets held in trust for pension benefits</b> (Note 9, page 41)	<b>\$23,082,132,002</b>	<b>\$ 933</b>	<b>\$23,082,132,935</b>	<b>\$19,878,080,628</b>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements beginning on page 28.

\*See Note 10 on page 42.

June 30, 2011 and 2010

**(1) Reporting Entity**

IPERS, a public employee retirement system, was created by the Iowa Legislature. IPERS is an integral part of the primary government of the State of Iowa and, accordingly, has been included as a pension trust fund in the *Iowa Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)* as well as having its own stand-alone comprehensive annual financial report. The State's CAFR may be viewed from the Iowa Department of Administrative Services' website at [das.sae.iowa.gov/financial\\_reports/index.html](http://das.sae.iowa.gov/financial_reports/index.html).

For financial reporting purposes, IPERS considers all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with IPERS is such that exclusion would cause IPERS' financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria are (1) whether IPERS could appoint a voting majority of an organization's governing body, (2) the ability of IPERS to impose its will on that organization, and (3) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on IPERS. IPERS has no component units that meet the GASB criteria.

**(2) Plan Description****A. Administration**

IPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, contributory defined benefit public employee retirement system. Administrative expenses are appropriated each year by the Iowa Legislature and paid from the Trust Fund.

**B. Membership**

IPERS membership is mandatory for most state, county, and local public employees, employees of school districts, and certain elected officials. Membership is optional for some individuals, including the members of the Iowa Legislature. Members of other retirement systems supported by Iowa public funds are excluded from membership.

**Plan Membership**

	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2010
<b>Employers</b>		
City	1,127	1,154
County	395	412
School	387	391
State	22	25
28E agencies	69	70
Utilities	133	134
Other	44	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>2,229</b>
<b>Members</b>		
Retirees and beneficiaries	98,540	93,692
Active vested	127,980	128,448
Inactive vested	32,452	31,846
Active nonvested	36,487	37,212
Inactive nonvested	33,516	33,675
<b>Total</b>	<b>328,975</b>	<b>324,873</b>

**C. Benefits**

IPERS benefits are established under Iowa Code chapter 97B and the administrative rules thereunder. Chapter 97B and the administrative rules are the official plan documents. The following brief description is provided for general informational purposes only. Members should refer to the plan documents for more comprehensive information.

**Pension Benefits**

A Regular member may retire at normal retirement age and receive monthly benefits without an early-retirement reduction. Normal retirement age is age 65, anytime after reaching age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment, or when the member's years of service plus the member's age at the last birthday equals or exceeds 88, whichever comes first. (These qualifications must be met on the member's first month of entitlement to benefits.) Members cannot begin receiving retirement benefits before age 55.

If a member retires before normal retirement age, the member's monthly retirement benefit will be permanently reduced by an early-retirement reduction. The early-retirement reduction is calculated differently for service earned before and after July 1, 2012. For service earned before July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.25 percent for each month that the member receives benefits before the member's earliest normal retirement age. For service earned starting July 1, 2012, the reduction is 0.50 percent for each month that the member receives benefits before age 65.

### **Disability and Death Benefits**

A vested member who is awarded federal Social Security or Railroad Retirement disability benefits because of a disability is eligible to claim IPERS benefits regardless of age. Disability benefits are not reduced for early retirement. If a member dies before retirement, the member's beneficiary will receive a lifetime annuity or a lump-sum payment equal to the present actuarial value of the member's accrued benefit or calculated with a set formula, whichever is greater. When a member dies after retirement, death benefits depend on the benefit option the member selected at retirement.

### **Refunds**

If a member leaves covered employment and applies for a refund, IPERS issues a lump-sum payment based on the member's accumulated contributions. Refunds for vested members also contain a portion of the member's accumulated employer contributions.

### **Vesting**

Requirements for becoming a vested member of IPERS change on July 1, 2012. Before July 1, 2012, a member who completes four years of covered service or has reached the age of 55 while in IPERS-covered employment is vested. Starting July 1, 2012, a Regular member who completes seven years of covered service or has reached the age of 65 while in IPERS-covered employment is vested.

### **Contributions**

Through June 30, 2012, employee and employer contribution rates are established by statute for the Regular membership. Effective July 1, 2012, the contribution rates will be established by IPERS following an annual actuarial valuation; however, rates cannot increase or decrease by more than 1.0 percentage

point each year. The contributions are remitted by participating employers. Employees working in Special service occupations, and their employers, contribute at actuarially determined rates that change each year. Wages were covered up to the federal limit of \$245,000 for calendar years 2010 and 2011.

## *Contribution Rates*

*Fiscal year 2011*

	<b>Employee</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Total</b>
Regular Membership	4.50%	6.95%	11.45%
Special Service Group 1*	8.94%	8.94%	17.88%
Special Service Group 2†	6.64%	9.95%	16.59%

\*Sheriffs and deputies.

†All other protection occupation members.

## **(3) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

### **A. Basis of Accounting**

IPERS' financial statements have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units. Revenues are recognized when they are earned and become measurable.

Expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred. As such, employee contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the plan.

The System is funded through a combination of employee and employer contributions and investment income. Investment sales and purchases are recorded as of their trade date.

### **B. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For the purpose of financial reporting, cash and cash equivalents represent cash and money market investments with an original maturity of three months or less held by the System's administration, and cash allocated to the System's investment managers for investment.

### **C. Foreign Exchange Contracts**

The System's investment managers enter into forward foreign exchange contracts to obtain exposure to

foreign currencies or to minimize the short-term impact of currency fluctuations on their foreign investments. The gains or losses on these contracts are recorded in the period in which the exchange rates change.

#### D. Investments

IPERS is authorized to execute the investment of moneys to meet the requirements of the Investment Policy and Goal Statement established by the Investment Board, in accordance with the "Prudent Person" mandate of Iowa Code section 97B.7A.

All investments are reported at fair value. The determination of fair value is generally based on published market prices and quotations from major investment brokers. Investments without quoted market prices have been valued based on yields and maturities currently available on comparable securities of similar issue. Fair values for real estate investments are based on periodic assessments or appraisals of the underlying investments. Futures contracts are valued daily with the resulting adjustment recorded as realized gains/losses arising from the daily settlement of the variation margin. Private equities are valued based on March 31 net asset values plus or minus purchases, sales, and cash flows from April 1 through June 30 of the reporting year.

The Treasurer of State is the statutory custodian of the funds of the System, and in this capacity, has arranged to have the custodial bank account collateralized or covered by the State Sinking Fund.

Consistent with the System's investment policy, the investment securities are held by the System's custodian and registered in the System's name. All of the System's investment securities are held by the System's custodial bank in the System's name, except for investment securities on loan with brokers for cash collateral, investments in mutual and commingled funds, real estate properties, and limited partnerships, which, by nature, are not required to be categorized. Investments in the Short-Term Investment Funds (STIF) are held in a collective trust fund offered through the System's custodial bank. The fair value of the position in the trust fund equals the value of the fund shares. A summary of investments as of June 30, 2011, follows.

GASB Statement No. 40, Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, an amendment to GASB Statement No. 3, addresses common deposit and investment risks related to credit risk, concentration of credit risk, custodial credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign

#### Invested Assets

(Dollar values expressed in thousands)

June 30, 2011

Investment Type	Total Fair Value	Fair Value on Loan
<b>Cash</b>	<b>\$ 23,835</b>	---
<b>Cash collateral at broker</b>	<b>19,200</b>	---
Pooled funds and mutual funds	844,041	---
Treasuries	49,977	---
<b>Short-term investments</b>	<b>894,018</b>	---
Common stocks	4,074,210	\$ 202,256
Real estate investment trusts	351,061	8,045
Preferred stock	29,010	166
Other equities	11,478	4,719
<b>Equity investments</b>	<b>4,465,759</b>	<b>215,186</b>
U.S. Treasury securities	969,491	161,622
Ginnie Mae	326,571	---
Freddie Mac	80,339	27,650
Fannie Mae	766,675	607
Other government agencies	253,151	---
Collateralized mortgage-backed securities	178,830	10,417
Collateralized mortgage obligations	194,676	---
Other govt. mortgage-backed securities	3	---
Other government fixed income	67,409	7,614
Corporate bonds	1,807,027	191,262
Corporate asset-backed securities	211,758	1,205
Private placements	927,446	65,233
State and local obligations	9,702	---
Other fixed income	4,502	4,322
<b>Fixed income investments</b>	<b>5,797,580</b>	<b>469,932</b>
<b>Derivatives</b>	<b>1,255</b>	---
<b>Real estate</b>	<b>1,449,716</b>	---
Equity funds	5,469,028	---
Fixed income funds	2,722,891	---
<b>Commingled funds</b>	<b>8,191,919</b>	---
Special equity	2,297,291	---
Venture capital	555,417	---
<b>Private equity</b>	<b>2,852,708</b>	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,695,990</b>	<b>\$685,118</b>
Total from above	\$23,695,990	
Cash in managers' accounts	(317,178)	
Incentive fee accrual	260	
<b>Investments on Statement of Net Assets</b>	<b>\$23,379,072</b>	

currency risk. Each risk identified in Statement No. 40, as it relates to the System, is discussed in the remainder of this note.

No System-wide formal policy exists relating to specific investment-related risks identified in GASB Statement No. 40. Each portfolio is managed in accordance with an investment contract that identifies and seeks to control the various types of investment-related risks.

Prior-year disclosures for investment type, credit risk quality ratings, and effective duration have not been included because the information is not believed to be of continuing significance.

### Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations to IPERS. Credit risk associated with all fixed income holdings, including collateral for repurchase agreements and securities lending collateral, has been included in this report. The following tables summarize IPERS' fixed income portfolio exposure levels and credit quality ratings. The table below includes \$2.3 billion of U.S. Treasury obligations and \$326.6 million of Ginnie Mae obligations. These securities are explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government and represent 27.5 percent of

*Credit Risk: S&P Quality Ratings*  
(Dollar values expressed in thousands)  
June 30, 2011

Investment Type	Total	TSY	AGY	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC & Below	NR
Pooled funds and mutual funds	\$ 844,041	---	---	\$ 844,041	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Treasuries	49,977	\$ 49,977	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Short-term investments</b>	<b>894,018</b>	<b>49,977</b>	---	<b>844,041</b>	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Treasury securities	969,491	969,491	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Ginnie Mae	326,571	---	\$120,339	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	\$206,232
Freddie Mac*	80,339	---	---	77,573	\$ 2,766	---	---	---	---	---	---
Fannie Mae*	766,675	---	---	474,243	---	\$ 25,021	---	---	---	---	267,411
Other govt. agencies	253,151	---	---	191,541	---	---	---	---	---	---	61,610
Collateralized mortgage-backed securities	178,830	---	---	42,339	19,219	51,702	\$ 22,782	\$ 10,084	\$ 5,294	\$ 210	27,200
Collateralized mortgage obligations	194,676	---	---	19,476	8,721	14,431	4,634	9,201	19,953	64,050	54,210
Other govt. mortgage-backed securities	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
Other government fixed income	67,409	---	---	6,899	---	6,291	28,245	18,291	3,851	---	3,832
Corporate bonds	1,807,027	---	---	39,746	58,533	394,284	374,883	380,046	393,317	46,194	120,024
Corporate asset-backed securities	211,758	---	---	122,290	15,729	11,908	14,482	6,099	7,693	5,875	27,682
Private placements	927,446	---	---	145,612	70,406	49,010	65,430	183,298	259,963	31,193	122,534
State and local obligations	9,702	---	---	2,975	---	6,727	---	---	---	---	---
Other fixed income	4,502	---	---	4,256	---	---	---	246	---	---	---
<b>Fixed income investments</b>	<b>5,797,580</b>	<b>969,491</b>	<b>120,339</b>	<b>1,126,950</b>	<b>175,374</b>	<b>559,374</b>	<b>510,456</b>	<b>607,265</b>	<b>690,071</b>	<b>147,522</b>	<b>890,738</b>
<b>Commingled bond funds</b>	<b>2,722,891</b>	<b>1,241,191</b>	---	<b>1,132,315</b>	<b>72,751</b>	<b>148,763</b>	<b>127,871</b>	---	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,414,489</b>	<b>\$2,260,659</b>	<b>\$120,339</b>	<b>\$3,103,306</b>	<b>\$248,125</b>	<b>\$708,137</b>	<b>\$638,327</b>	<b>\$607,265</b>	<b>\$690,071</b>	<b>\$147,522</b>	<b>\$890,738</b>

\*Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac mortgage pools consist of thousands of mortgages. Because of the complexity of these pools, hiring ratings agencies to rate each pool is cost-prohibitive. With no explicit ratings given to the pools, investors consider the ratings to be the same as the issuer's long-term rating, and the pools were reported as such in this table. The credit quality ratings were subsequently downgraded on August 8, 2011, from AAA to AA+.



the total Fund's fixed income exposure. Therefore, as of June 30, 2011, IPERS' fixed income assets that are not explicitly government-guaranteed represented 72.5 percent of the fixed income portfolio.

Each fixed income portfolio is managed in accordance with an investment contract that is specific as to permissible credit quality ranges and the average credit quality of the overall portfolios. In circumstances where downgrades occurred subsequent to purchase, investment managers are permitted to hold a downgraded security if the manager believes it is prudent to do so. Credit risk for derivative instruments held by the System results from counterparty risk assumed by IPERS. This is essentially the risk the borrower will be unable to meet its obligation. Information regarding IPERS' credit risk related to derivatives is found under the derivatives disclosures on pages 34–36 of these notes. Policies related to credit risk pertaining to IPERS' securities lending program are found under the securities lending disclosures on pages 36–37 of these notes.

#### **Concentration of Credit Risk**

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may be attributed to the magnitude of investment in a single issuer. IPERS' guidelines for each investment manager establish limits on investments in any corporate entity. The System has no separate account investment in any specific stock or bond issues of any commercial or industrial organization other than the U.S. government and its instrumentalities whose fair value exceeds 5 percent of the plan net assets available for benefits.

#### **Custodial Credit Risk**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty, the System will not be able to recover the value of its investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the System, and are held by either the counterparty or the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the System's name.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of a fixed income investment. This risk is managed within the portfolio using the effective duration (or option-adjusted) methodology. The methodology takes into account optionality on bonds and scales the risk of price changes on bonds depending upon the degree of change in rates and the slope of the yield curve. All of the System's core plus fixed income investment contracts require the effective duration of the manager's portfolio to remain between 80 percent and 120 percent of the effective duration measure of a specific fixed income index. For high-yield bond portfolios, the effective duration must remain between 75 percent and 125 percent of the benchmark's effective duration.

#### **Effective Duration**

*(Dollar values expressed in thousands)*

*June 30, 2011*

<b>Investment Type</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Effective Duration (Years)</b>
Pooled funds and mutual funds	\$ 844,041	---
Treasuries	49,977	0.25
<b>Short-term investments</b>	<b>894,018</b>	<b>0.01</b>
U.S. Treasury securities	969,491	6.26
Ginnie Mae	326,571	1.83
Freddie Mac	80,339	2.52
Fannie Mae	766,675	3.27
Other government agencies	253,151	3.35
Collateralized mortgage-backed securities	178,830	3.43
Collateralized mortgage obligations	194,676	2.34
Other government mortgage-backed securities	3	0.48
Other government fixed income	67,409	7.56
Corporate bonds	1,807,027	4.89
Corporate asset-backed securities	211,758	0.51
Private placements	927,446	4.35
State and local obligations	9,702	15.61
Other fixed income	4,502	12.60
<b>Fixed income investments</b>	<b>5,797,580</b>	<b>4.31</b>
<b>Commingled bond funds</b>	<b>2,722,891</b>	<b>5.61</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,414,489</b>	<b>4.70</b>

It is believed the reporting of effective duration found in the preceding table quantifies to the fullest extent possible the interest rate risk of the System's fixed income assets. Interest rate risks associated with swaps and other derivative instruments are found in the derivatives disclosures. No interest rate futures or options positions will be established which affect the duration or weighted average maturity of the managed account by more than one year.

### Foreign Currency Risk

Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely impact the fair value

of an investment. IPERS' currency policy is to allow its investment managers the discretion to hedge their foreign currency exposures. IPERS generally does not allow its investment managers to enter into currency positions greater than 100 percent or less than 0 percent of the underlying asset exposure in their respective portfolios. The only exceptions are (1) as it relates to specific cross-hedging activity, which may be permitted in certain investment manager contracts, and (2) in global macro investment strategies where the manager is permitted to tactically allocate across several asset classes and strategies, including currency. The net foreign currency exposure of the global macro

### Foreign Currency Risk by Investment Type

(Dollar values expressed in thousands)

June 30, 2011

Currency	Total	Cash	Cash Equivalents	Derivatives	Equity	Fixed Income
Argentine Peso	\$ 1	---	\$ 1	---	---	---
Australian Dollar	101,212	\$ (55,721)	2,044	\$ 42	\$ 154,847	---
Brazilian Real	43,047	251	79	---	42,717	---
British Pound	162,197	(8,647)	5,483	1,066	158,703	\$ 5,592
Canadian Dollar	(15,103)	(17,904)	771	(89)	2,119	---
Chilean Peso	1,863	(1,635)	10	---	3,488	---
Chinese Yuan Renminbi	27	---	---	---	27	---
Colombian Peso	1,593	---	4	---	1,589	---
Czech Koruna	5,262	---	---	---	5,262	---
Danish Krone	16,274	(542)	432	---	16,384	---
Euro	882,954	(12,518)	9,721	1,039	877,920	6,792
Hong Kong Dollar	172,653	(433)	1,198	(562)	172,450	---
Hungarian Forint	6,030	(2)	2	---	6,030	---
Indian Rupee	12,451	---	---	---	12,451	---
Indonesian Rupiah	10,704	132	49	---	10,523	---
Japanese Yen	347,780	(5,963)	4,591	156	348,996	---
Malaysian Ringgit	23,431	---	794	---	22,637	---
Mexican Peso	13,304	---	300	---	13,004	---
New Taiwan Dollar	70,482	364	789	---	69,329	---
New Zealand Dollar	38,249	38,246	3	---	---	---
Norwegian Krone	23,531	(2,049)	---	---	25,580	---
Philippine Peso	2,783	---	---	---	2,783	---
Polish Zloty	7,130	294	---	---	6,836	---
Russian Ruble	24,660	---	---	---	24,660	---
South African Rand	29,957	(2,088)	2,214	---	29,831	---
Singapore Dollar	31,220	---	882	---	30,338	---
South Korean Won	110,358	(512)	126	---	110,744	---
Swedish Krona	44,007	31,499	162	---	12,346	---
Swiss Franc	(38,657)	(102,537)	1,779	---	62,101	---
Thai Baht	16,399	---	---	---	16,399	---
Turkish New Lira	8,633	---	144	---	8,489	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,154,432</b>	<b>\$(139,765)</b>	<b>\$31,578</b>	<b>\$1,652</b>	<b>\$2,248,583</b>	<b>\$12,384</b>

Note: American Depository Receipts (ADRs) are non-U.S. equity that are issued in U.S. dollars and have no foreign currency risk, and therefore are not included in this schedule.

managers was less than 1 percent of the System's total foreign currency exposure on June 30, 2011.

### *Derivatives*

GASB Statement No. 53 requires the fair value of financial arrangements called "derivatives" or "derivative instruments" to be reported in the financial statements of state and local governments. The statement further requires derivatives to be categorized as either a hedging derivative or an investment derivative. All of the System's derivative exposures at June 30, 2011, are categorized as investment derivatives and therefore the hedge accounting provisions of GASB Statement No. 53 are not applicable.

Some of the System's external investment managers may be permitted through their individual investment contracts to use derivative instruments, subject to the System's derivative policy contained in its Investment Policy and Goal Statement. (This policy can be viewed beginning on page 63.) Derivatives are contracts or securities whose returns are derived from the returns of other securities, indexes, or derivatives. While this definition includes the most common type of derivative, collateralized mortgage obligations (which typically make up a portion of the System's fixed income portfolio), it is also intended to include (but not be limited to) futures, forwards, options, options on futures, swaps, and swaptions. The System's managers are not permitted to utilize derivatives for speculative purposes, but may use them to efficiently access desired markets and to control and manage portfolio risk. Examples of appropriate applications of derivative strategies include hedging interest rate and currency risk, maintaining exposure to a desired asset class while effecting asset allocation changes, managing duration risk, augmenting index fund performance through index arbitrage, and portable alpha strategies.

The various derivatives utilized by the System's investment managers are described below. Although the notional values associated with these derivative instruments are not recorded in the financial statements, the fair value amounts of exposure (unrealized gains/losses) are reported in the Statement of Plan Net Assets. IPERS holds investments in limited partnerships and commingled investment funds, which may utilize derivatives from time to time for hedging purposes, and any derivatives held by these types of investment vehicles are not included in the information describing the System's derivatives on pages 34–36.

IPERS could be exposed to risk if the counterparties to derivatives contracts are unable to meet the terms of the contracts. IPERS' investment managers seek to control this risk through counterparty credit evaluations and approvals, counterparty credit limits, and exposure monitoring procedures. IPERS anticipates the counterparties will be able to satisfy their obligations under the contracts. Limited partnerships and commingled investment vehicles in which IPERS invests may also have exposure to counterparty risk from the use of derivatives for hedging purposes.

### *Futures and Options Contracts*

The System had investments in various futures and options during the year. These contracts are reported at their fair value in the Statement of Plan Net Assets.

A listing of futures and options contracts outstanding at June 30, 2011, follows. Futures and options can potentially offer lower-cost and more efficient alternatives to buying the underlying securities or currency. Futures and options can also serve to minimize certain unwanted risks within the portfolio. The market, currency, and credit risk of the futures were the same as if the System had owned the underlying securities or currency.



*Futures Exposure Summary*  
(Dollar values expressed in thousands)  
June 30, 2011

	<i>Expiration Date</i>	<i>Long/Short</i>	<i>Notional Value</i>	<i>Fair Value</i>
Amsterdam Index	July 2011	Long	\$ 22,844	\$ 307
CAC 40 Euro Index	July 2011	Long	6,250	270
Hang Seng Index	July 2011	Short	(28,404)	(563)
IBEX 35 Index	July 2011	Long	5,164	198
10-year Australian bond	September 2011	Short	(751,364)	64
10-year Canadian bonds	September 2011	Short	(149,590)	304
10-year Japanese bonds	September 2011	Long	10,467	12
10-year Japanese minibonds	September 2011	Short	(299)	(1)
10-year U.S. Treasury notes	September 2011	Long	138,318	1,777
2-year U.S. Treasury notes	September 2011	Long	67,520	(182)
3-month EURIBOR	September 2011	Long	102,098	129
3-year Australian bonds	September 2011	Short	(41,916)	(44)
5-year U.S. Treasury notes	September 2011	Short	(44,914)	(262)
DAX Index	September 2011	Short	(14,050)	(418)
E-mini (S&P 500)	September 2011	Long	139,868	3,442
Euro bunds	September 2011	Long	65,104	209
FTSE 100 Index	September 2011	Long	55,328	1,623
FTSE/MIB Index	September 2011	Long	12,041	268
NIKKEI 225 Index	September 2011	Long	4,271	185
S&P Canada 60	September 2011	Short	(20,930)	(393)
SPI 200 Index	September 2011	Short	(2,115)	22
TOPIX Index	September 2011	Long	2,379	145
U.K. Long Gilt	September 2011	Short	(118,651)	(558)
U.S. Treasury bonds	September 2011	Long	14,165	(140)
U.S. Ultra bonds	September 2011	Long	43,668	(490)
3-month EURIBOR	March 2012	Long	16,268	77
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ (466,480)</b>	<b>\$5,981</b>

*Options Exposure Summary*  
(Dollar values expressed in thousands)  
June 30, 2011

	<i>Expiration Date</i>	<i>Long/Short</i>	<i>Option Type</i>	<i>Strike Price</i>	<i>Fair Value</i>
Eurodollar 1-year mid-curve	July 2011	Long	Put	\$ 98.88	\$ 42
Eurodollar 1-year mid-curve	July 2011	Long	Put	99.13	5
Eurodollar 1-year mid-curve	July 2011	Short	Put	99.00	(34)
Eurodollar 2-year mid-curve	August 2011	Long	Put	98.13	38
Eurodollar 2-year mid-curve	August 2011	Long	Put	97.50	16
Eurodollar 2-year mid-curve	August 2011	Long	Put	98.00	65
Eurodollar 2-year mid-curve	August 2011	Short	Put	97.75	(67)
5-year U.S. Treasury notes	September 2011	Long	Put	117.00	66
5-year U.S. Treasury notes	September 2011	Long	Put	116.00	16
10-year U.S. Treasury notes	September 2011	Long	Put	118.50	149
10-year U.S. Treasury notes	September 2011	Long	Put	117.50	189
10-year U.S. Treasury notes	September 2011	Long	Call	129.00	9
10-year U.S. Treasury notes	September 2011	Long	Put	115.00	24
Eurodollar 1-year mid-curve	September 2011	Long	Put	98.25	19
Eurodollar 1-year mid-curve	September 2011	Long	Put	98.50	8
Eurodollar 1-year mid-curve	September 2011	Short	Put	97.75	(6)
Eurodollar 1-year mid-curve	September 2011	Short	Put	98.00	(1)
Swiss Market Index	September 2011	Short	Call	6,262.00	(124)
Swiss Market Index	September 2011	Long	Put	6,262.00	207
U.S. Treasury bonds	September 2011	Long	Put	110.00	24
U.S. Treasury bonds	September 2011	Long	Put	104.00	3
U.S. Treasury bonds	September 2011	Short	Put	106.00	(9)
<b>Total</b>					<b>\$639</b>

### *Credit Default Swaps*

The System had investments in credit default swaps during the year. The credit default swaps held by the System are derivative instruments that are used to hedge or to replicate investments in debt obligations of corporate bond issuers. The risk of the credit default swap is comparable to the credit risk of the reference security. At June 30, 2011, the notional value of the credit default swaps held in the System's fixed income portfolio was \$101.3 million. The credit default swaps are reported at a fair value of -\$1.4 million in the Statement of Plan Net Assets.

### *Interest Rate Swaps*

Interest rate swaps are transactions between two parties in which interest payments from different indexes are swapped. Interest rate swaps are often used to alter the portfolios' exposure to interest rate fluctuations, by swapping fixed-rate obligations for floating-rate obligations, or swapping floating-rate obligations for fixed-rate obligations. By utilizing interest rate swaps, the System's investment managers are able to synthetically alter their interest rate exposure and bring it in line with their strategic objectives for interest rate risk. At June 30, 2011, the notional value of the interest rate swaps held in the System's fixed income portfolio was \$47.4 million. All interest rate swaps held by the System are reported at a fair value of -\$3.6 million in the Statement of Plan Net Assets.

### *Total Return Swaps*

A total return swap is a contract in which two parties swap payments based on the total return of a reference asset. The reference asset may be any asset, index, or basket of assets. At June 30, 2011, the notional value of the total return swaps held in the System's fixed income portfolio was \$119.5 million. The total return swaps held by the System are reported at a fair value of -\$313,365 in the Statement of Plan Net Assets.

### *Mortgage-Backed Securities*

The System invests in mortgage-backed securities, which are reported in the Statement of Plan Net Assets at fair value based on estimated future cash flows from the interest and principal payments of the underlying mortgages. As a result, mortgage-backed securities prices are sensitive to prepayments by mortgagees, which are more likely in declining interest rate environments. The System invests in mortgage-backed

securities to diversify the portfolio and earn the return premium associated with prepayment risk. Details on interest rate risks for these investments are included under the interest rate risk disclosures on pages 32-33.

### *Securities Lending*

IPERS participates in the securities lending program administered by the Treasurer of State. The Treasurer of State has selected The Bank of New York Mellon, a AA-rated bank, to serve as the custodian bank for IPERS as well as the lending agent for the securities lending program. In its capacity as lending agent, The Bank of New York Mellon is responsible for operating the program and is permitted to lend any of the securities it holds in custody to broker-dealers and other entities in exchange for collateral.

The Bank of New York Mellon is permitted to accept collateral in the form of cash in U.S. dollars, U.S. government securities, or irrevocable letters of credit. A borrower is required to initially deliver collateral in an amount equal to 102 percent of the fair value of any U.S. securities lent and 105 percent of the fair value of any non-U.S. securities lent. Borrowers are required to provide additional collateral anytime the value of the collateral drops below 100 percent of the value of the security lent plus accrued interest income.

At fiscal year-end, IPERS had \$34,866 in risk exposure to borrowers because the amounts they owed IPERS exceeded the amount IPERS owed the borrowers on three separate loans. Additional collateral was provided the next business day, eliminating this exposure. The contract with The Bank of New York Mellon requires it to indemnify IPERS if a borrower fails to return the securities on loan or fails to return all of the income attributable to securities on loan. The securities lending contract does not allow IPERS to pledge or sell any collateral securities unless the borrower defaults. As of June 30, 2011, IPERS had securities on loan, including accrued interest income, with a fair value (carrying value) of \$685.1 million against collateral, including borrower rebate, with a total fair value (carrying value) of \$704.4 million.

The majority of securities loans are open loans, that is, one-day maturity, where the rebate rate due to the borrower is renegotiated daily. Either IPERS or the borrower can terminate all securities loans on demand. Cash collateral received from borrowers is invested in a cash collateral investment account, which is managed by The Bank of New York Mellon in accordance with

*Securities Lending Cash Collateral Account*

*(Dollar values expressed in thousands)*

*June 30, 2011*

Investment Type	Total	Credit Risk: S&P Quality Ratings						
		AAA	AA	A	BB	B	CCC	Not Rated
Corporate asset-backed bonds	\$ 41,178	\$615	\$55	\$8,457	\$8,022	\$12,015	\$12,014	---
Mutual funds	639,934	---	---	---	---	---	---	\$639,934
Overnight repurchase agreements	4,122	---	---	---	---	---	---	4,122
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$685,234</b>	<b>\$615</b>	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$8,457</b>	<b>\$8,022</b>	<b>\$12,015</b>	<b>\$12,014</b>	<b>\$644,056</b>

*Securities Lending Cash Collateral Account*

*(Dollar values expressed in thousands)*

*June 30, 2011*

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (Years)			
		Less Than 1	1-5	5-15	More Than 15
Corporate asset-backed bonds	\$ 41,178	\$ 3,288	\$2,946	---	\$34,944
Mutual funds	639,934	639,934	---	---	---
Overnight repurchase agreements	4,122	4,122	---	---	---
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$685,234</b>	<b>\$647,344</b>	<b>\$2,946</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$34,944</b>

investment guidelines established by the Treasurer of State and reviewed by IPERS. The investment guidelines do not require a matching of investment maturities with loan maturities, but do establish minimum levels of liquidity and other investment restrictions designed to minimize the risks associated with not matching the maturity of the investments with the maturity of the loans. The effective duration of the cash collateral account at June 30, 2011, was 12 days. Credit Quality and Years to Maturity statistics for the cash collateral account at June 30, 2011, are shown in the tables above.

### **E. Capital Assets**

The IPERS headquarters at 7401 Register Drive, Des Moines, Iowa, is held as a capital asset. Building and land are recorded at cost, including the costs of acquisition and remodeling. The building is being depreciated using the straight-line method and a useful life of 39 years. Land, a nonexhaustible asset, is not depreciated. Other capital assets consist primarily of office equipment, data processing equipment, and software. All purchased equipment is recorded at cost. Depreciation on equipment is computed using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives

*Summary of Capital Assets*

*As of June 30, 2011 and 2010*

	2011	2010
Building and improvements	\$ 5,218,297	\$ 4,615,114
Accumulated depreciation	(1,266,156)	(1,122,663)
Furniture, equipment, and software	19,686,217	16,067,496
Accumulated depreciation	(2,499,722)	(1,836,151)
Land (nondepreciable)	500,000	500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,638,636</b>	<b>\$18,223,796</b>

ranging from 3 to 10 years. Software is depreciated over 15 years.

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2011, was \$833,226; \$3.5 million of equipment and other expenses directly related to I-Que were capitalized. I-Que is being implemented in two phases, or rollouts. Rollout 1 went into production August 18, 2008, at which time IPERS began amortizing the capitalized intangible assets related to this phase. Rollout 2 is planned for 2012. Once the full project is put into production, IPERS will begin amortizing the capitalized intangible assets related to Rollout 2.

## **F. Compensated Absences and Other Postemployment Benefits**

IPERS staff members, as State of Iowa employees, participate in the benefits available to all State of Iowa employees. Expenses related to accumulated vacation and sick leave earned by IPERS employees are recorded when earned.

IPERS has recorded liabilities of \$569,341 related to the Sick Leave Insurance Program (SLIP). The SLIP program calculates a dollar value based on the unused sick leave balance to be credited to a retiree's account and used to pay the employer's share of the selected State group health insurance premium.

IPERS has also recorded liabilities for other postemployment benefits. These benefits consist of an implicit rate subsidy, which is the difference between the blended premiums paid by all participants in the State's health care plans and the expected claims for the retiree group. This liability, as determined by the State GAAP Team, was \$3,034 for each full-time employee of IPERS, for a total liability of \$248,788.

These accrued liabilities are included in accounts payable and accrued expenses in the Statement of Plan Net Assets on page 26. Details are provided on a statewide basis in the State of Iowa's CAFR.

## **(4) Contributions Required and Contributions Made**

Each year, a valuation of the liabilities and reserves of the IPERS Trust Fund is performed by IPERS' actuarial consultant in accordance with Iowa Code section 97B.4(4)(d) to determine the amount of contributions required.

Also, based on the Investment Board's adoption of the actuarial methods and assumptions of the valuation, IPERS' actuary certifies the contribution rate determined thereby as the rate necessary to fully fund the benefits that have been and will be credited for service under Iowa Code chapter 97B.

The Iowa statute provides that IPERS Regular members contribute 4.50 percent of pay and their employers contribute 6.95 percent of pay for a total rate of 11.45 percent for fiscal year 2011. (Employees working in Special service occupations, and their employers, contribute at actuarially determined contribution rates.) The annual actuarial valuation is performed to determine whether the statutory rate

will be sufficient to fund the future benefits the System expects to pay within the guidelines established in the IPERS Funding Policy. The contributions are first applied to fund the normal cost. The remaining contributions are used to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability as a level percentage of payroll. The System's Funding Policy provides for an amortization period of 30 years or less for the System to be considered "fully funded," and further establishes guidelines indicating when the System should consider requesting statutory contribution rate increases.

The actuarially required contributions for IPERS' active members and their employers and the actual contributions made for the years ended June 30, 2009, 2010, and 2011, are as follows.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Actuarially Required Contributions</b>	<b>Total Contributions</b>	<b>Percentage Contributed</b>
2009	\$781,256,323	\$686,258,726	87.8
2010	829,370,219	742,596,384	89.5
2011	939,832,711	774,507,092	82.4

The difference between the actuarially required contributions and actual contributions made is due entirely to statutory contribution requirements that differ from the actuarially required contribution rate. To address IPERS' long-term funding needs, the Iowa Legislature passed statutory rate increases for Regular members in 2006 and 2010.

In addition, in 2010 the Iowa Legislature passed a law that will allow IPERS to set rates for Regular members based on the actuarially required rate starting in FY2013 (July 1, 2012). However, the rate cannot vary by more than 1.0 percentage point each year.

A more detailed schedule of employer contributions encompassing six years can be found on page 43 of the Required Supplementary Information following these notes.

## (5) Funded Status

During fiscal year 2011, IPERS' unfunded actuarial liability increased to \$5.682 billion and the amortization period continued to exceed the 30-year maximum. The funded status of the plan as of June 30, 2011, the most recent actuarial valuation date, is as follows:

### *Funded Status*

Net actuarial value of assets	\$22,575,309,199
Actuarial liability	\$28,257,080,114
Percentage funded	79.89
Unfunded actuarial liability (UAL)	\$5,681,770,915
Annual covered payroll*	\$6,574,872,719
UAL as a % of covered payroll	86.42

\*Annual covered payroll is the amount of wages subject to contributions to IPERS not to exceed the federal covered wage limit in effect at the time the wages are paid. The federal limit was \$245,000 in FY2011.

The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as Required Supplementary Information on page 42 following the Notes to Financial Statements, presents trend information for six years. This multiyear presentation shows the progress made by IPERS in accumulating sufficient assets to pay pension benefits as they become due.

The primary purpose of an actuarial valuation is to calculate, on the basis of certain assumptions, the present value of benefits payable in the future from the Fund to current members and their beneficiaries, as well as the present value of future contributions to be made by these members and their employers. These calculated present values are then used to determine the level of annual contributions required to pay for these benefits.

The actuarial methods and assumptions used to perform these calculations are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the longer-term perspective of these calculations. The Investment Board has adopted and approved the use of the following assumptions and methods.

### *Actuarial Methods and Assumptions*

<b>Actuarial cost method</b>	Entry age normal
<b>Asset smoothing method</b>	Expected value at the valuation date plus 25% of the difference between the market value and expected value. The actuarial value must fall within a corridor of 80%–120% of market value.
<b>Amortization method</b>	Open period, level percent of pay
<b>Amortization period</b>	30 years (open method)
<b>Rate of investment return</b>	7.50%
<b>Projected salary increases</b>	4%–17% depending upon years of service
<b>Mortality tables</b>	RP2000 Employee and Healthy Annuitant Tables with generational scaling and age adjustments
<b>Inflation rate</b>	3.25% for prices, 4.00% for wages



## **(6) Litigation and Contingencies**

IPERS monitors, evaluates, and takes the necessary actions related to federal securities class-action litigation. It does so based on its fiduciary responsibility to realize on claims impacting the Trust Fund. IPERS is serving in an active role, as the lead or co-lead plaintiff, in the following federal cases: *In re Mills Corporation*, *In re Bridgestone/Firestone*, *In re MF Global*, and *In re Countrywide*. IPERS has filed motions to intervene, or will file the motion, in several class-action cases involving mortgage-backed securities. These cases are: *In re Bear Stearns Mortgage-Backed Securities Litigation*, *In re Harborview Mortgage-Backed Securities Litigation*, *In re RALI Mortgage-Backed Securities Litigation*, *In re Lehman Mortgage-Backed Securities Litigation*, and *In re IndyMac Mortgage-Backed Securities Litigation*. Management of the System believes that these cases will have no material impact on the financial statements ended June 30, 2011.

In the fraud action against Westridge Capital Management and its affiliates, IPERS is aggressively pursuing its financial interests in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. The Court has appointed a receiver to take custody of all assets of Westridge Capital Management, including IPERS' assets. The last reported value by Westridge Capital Management of IPERS' assets was \$291.1 million. On March 21, 2011, the Court ordered the receiver to make an initial distribution, and on April 21, 2011, IPERS received its share of that initial distribution in the amount of \$215.2 million. The receiver has not distributed all assets under its control. Management of the System and the Iowa Attorney General believe IPERS will receive additional distributions from the receiver as illiquid assets are liquidated and "clawback" claims on behalf of injured investors are resolved. Certain plaintiffs in the Westridge Capital Management case have appealed the Court's initial distribution ruling, but management of the System and the Attorney General do not believe the outcome of that appeal will have a material adverse impact on IPERS' recovery.

IPERS is also aggressively defending a case filed in Polk County District Court, Iowa. The case is captioned *Robert J. Brunkhorst v. Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System*, CV No. 104520. Mr. Brunkhorst filed a claim under the Iowa Tort Claims Act alleging IPERS failed to implement the actuarial cost method for service purchase buy-backs in a timely fashion, causing a loss

to the IPERS Trust Fund. IPERS denies the allegation. Management of the System believes that this case will have no material effect on the financial statements ended June 30, 2011.

IPERS is also aggressively participating in the defense of a class-action lawsuit against most State agencies of Iowa alleging a pattern of racial discrimination in the hiring and promotion practices in State government. The complaint makes two specific allegations against IPERS. IPERS has thoroughly examined these allegations and has concluded there is no merit to these claims. Management of the System believes that this case will have no material effect on the financial statements ended June 30, 2011.

## **(7) Commitments**

At June 30, 2011, IPERS had commitments to fund an additional \$1.498 billion to various private equity/debt partnerships.

## **(8) Pension and Retirement Benefits**

The System is a participating employer in IPERS, which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, contributory, defined benefit public employee retirement system designed to provide retirement, disability, and death benefits to members and beneficiaries. Iowa Code section 97B.11 establishes the contribution provisions of the plan that apply to IPERS.

The State statute required contributions of 4.50 percent by Regular members and 6.95 percent by their employers for FY2011. Required contributions by Regular members and employers were 4.30 percent and 6.65 percent, respectively, for fiscal year 2010, and 4.10 percent and 6.35 percent, respectively, for fiscal year 2009. The System's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009, were \$393,628, \$354,546, and \$335,516, respectively, equal to the statutorily required contributions for each year.



## **(9) Net Assets Held in Trust for Pension Benefits**

There is only one IPERS Trust Fund where all investment income, member contributions, and employer contributions are pooled. However, within IPERS there are three distinct groups, each characterized by different benefit levels and occupation types. Because of these varied characteristics, each group has its own contribution rate. To calculate each contribution rate, it is necessary to separately identify the liabilities and assets associated with each group.

As a result of continued data improvements and preparations necessary to implement the new I-Que system, IPERS is now able to provide more complete

data to the actuary. In turn, the actuary can provide a more refined measurement of the actuarial liabilities. This refinement of accounting and actuarial processes makes an incremental improvement in how liabilities are determined and assets are classified. Assets of members with service in more than one membership group are aggregated in a single group, as noted on the "transfers between groups" line on the following table. The end result is a closer match of liabilities with assets and therefore more refined contribution rates.

In addition to the assets associated with each of the three membership groups, there are assets held in the Favorable Experience Dividend (FED) reserve account as established in Iowa Code section 97B.49F.

### *Allocation of Net Assets Held in Trust*

*Fiscal year ended June 30, 2011*

	<b>Regular Membership*</b>	<b>Special Service Group 1<sup>†</sup></b>	<b>Special Service Group 2<sup>‡</sup></b>	<b>FED Reserve Account<sup>§</sup></b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total as of June 30, 2010</b>	<b>\$18,375,944,888</b>	<b>\$353,287,674</b>	<b>\$809,738,861</b>	<b>\$339,109,205</b>	<b>\$19,878,080,628</b>
<b>Additions</b>					
Contributions	708,980,652	15,988,116	49,538,324	---	774,507,092
Service purchases	14,290,644	112,084	444,079	---	14,846,807
Investment and miscellaneous income	3,667,451,317	71,557,326	165,611,299	59,882,280	3,964,502,222
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>4,390,722,613</b>	<b>87,657,526</b>	<b>215,593,702</b>	<b>59,882,280</b>	<b>4,753,856,121</b>
<b>Deductions</b>					
Benefit payments	1,316,978,068	17,162,772	34,294,975	88,569,816	1,457,005,631
Member refunds	36,234,850	835,569	4,144,298	---	41,214,717
Administrative expenses	9,303,261	66,824	280,174	---	9,650,259
Investment expenses	38,791,250	756,873	1,751,699	633,385	41,933,207
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>1,401,307,429</b>	<b>18,822,038</b>	<b>40,471,146</b>	<b>89,203,201</b>	<b>1,549,803,814</b>
<b>Preliminary net assets</b>	<b>21,365,360,072</b>	<b>422,123,162</b>	<b>984,861,417</b>	<b>309,788,284</b>	<b>23,082,132,935</b>
<b>Transfers between groups</b>	<b>345,542</b>	<b>731,817</b>	<b>(1,077,359)</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Adjusted net assets as of June 30, 2011</b>	<b>\$21,365,705,614</b>	<b>\$422,854,979</b>	<b>\$983,784,058</b>	<b>\$309,788,284</b>	<b>\$23,082,132,935</b>

\*Includes QBA Fund income and benefit payments.

†Sheriffs and deputies.

‡All other protection occupation members.

§Favorable Experience Dividend.

## **(10) Qualified Benefits Arrangement (QBA)**

The purpose of the QBA is to permit IPERS retirees to receive the amount of their calculated monthly benefit that exceeds the IRS limits under IRC section 415(b). The QBA is maintained as a separate trust arrangement and no commingling with the IPERS Trust Fund is permitted. The QBA is funded by employer contributions on an as-needed basis and is therefore fully funded.

## **(11) Subsequent Event**

In July 2011, certain securities within the securities lending collateral pool were sold. The net effect of the sale plus payments by the securities lending agent over the next three years results in a gain of \$6,423,395 over the position held at June 30, 2011.

## *Required Supplementary Information*

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### **Schedule 1** *Schedule of Funding Progress*

*Last six fiscal years*

<b>Fiscal Year Ended June 30</b>	<b>Net Actuarial Value of Assets</b>	<b>Actuarial Liability</b>	<b>Percentage Funded</b>	<b>Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL)</b>	<b>Annual Covered Payroll*</b>	<b>UAL as a % of Covered Payroll</b>
2006	\$19,144,036,519	\$21,651,122,419	88.42	\$2,507,085,900	\$5,523,863,321	45.39
2007	20,759,628,415	23,026,113,782	90.16	2,266,485,367	5,781,706,199	39.20
2008	21,857,423,183	24,522,216,589	89.13	2,664,793,406	6,131,445,367	43.46
2009	21,123,979,941	26,018,593,823	81.19	4,894,613,882	6,438,643,124	76.02
2010	21,537,458,560	26,468,419,650	81.37	4,930,961,090	6,571,182,005	75.04
2011	22,575,309,199	28,257,080,114	79.89	5,681,770,915	6,574,872,719	86.42

\*Annual covered payroll is the amount of wages subject to contributions to IPERS not to exceed the federal covered wage limit in effect at the time the wages are paid. The federal limit was \$245,000 in FY2011.

See Note 5 on page 39 for additional information on IPERS' funded status and the actuarial assumptions and methods used to perform these calculations.

## Schedule 2 Schedule of Employer Contributions

Last six fiscal years

Fiscal Year	Actuarially Required Contributions	Total Employer Contributions	Percentage Contributed
<b>2006</b>			
Regular Membership	\$364,424,911	\$301,566,112	82.7
Special Service Group 1	6,228,675	6,228,836	100.0
Special Service Group 2	16,888,833	16,881,866	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$387,542,419</b>	<b>\$324,676,814</b>	<b>83.8</b>
<b>2007</b>			
Regular Membership	\$387,578,925	\$318,762,838	82.2
Special Service Group 1	6,577,652	6,577,652	100.0
Special Service Group 2	17,723,013	17,722,840	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$411,879,590</b>	<b>\$343,063,330</b>	<b>83.3</b>
<b>2008</b>			
Regular Membership	\$408,882,080	\$353,470,318	86.4
Special Service Group 1	6,301,171	6,301,171	100.0
Special Service Group 2	17,644,966	17,645,261	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$432,828,217</b>	<b>\$377,416,750</b>	<b>87.2</b>
<b>2009</b>			
Regular Membership	\$441,951,764	\$384,221,534	86.9
Special Service Group 1	6,365,911	6,365,911	100.0
Special Service Group 2	24,736,688	24,736,688	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$473,054,363</b>	<b>\$415,324,133</b>	<b>87.8</b>
<b>2010</b>			
Regular Membership	\$467,839,274	\$415,070,451	88.7
Special Service Group 1	6,725,778	6,725,778	100.0
Special Service Group 2	27,328,184	27,328,184	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$501,893,236</b>	<b>\$449,124,413</b>	<b>89.5</b>
<b>2011</b>			
Regular Membership	\$530,692,453	\$430,330,067	81.1
Special Service Group 1	7,994,058	7,994,058	100.0
Special Service Group 2	29,711,050	29,711,050	100.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$568,397,561</b>	<b>\$468,035,175</b>	<b>82.3</b>

The difference between the actuarially required contributions and the actual contributions made is due entirely to statutory contribution requirements that differ from the actuarially required contribution rate.

See Note 4 on page 38 for additional information on the actuarial valuation.

## Other Supplementary Information

### **Schedule 1** Investment Income by Specific Source

Years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
Interest income—short-term	\$ 604,681	\$ 790,421
Interest income on bonds	255,029,483	287,108,662
Dividend income	100,933,755	58,676,370
Real estate funds	100,210,511	99,738,160
Private equity/debt	9,993,909	(19,811,239)
Other income	106,048	106,998
<b>Investment income</b>	<b>466,878,387</b>	<b>426,609,372</b>
Gain on investments	3,303,031,602	2,105,436,005
Currency gain/(loss)	186,424,530	(55,915,199)
<b>Net appreciation in fair value of investments</b>	<b>3,489,456,132</b>	<b>2,049,520,806</b>
<b>Securities lending income</b>		
Securities lending income	1,321,341	1,553,052
Securities lending net appreciation in fair value of collateral pool	6,583,467	33,042,470
<b>Securities lending income</b>	<b>7,904,808</b>	<b>34,595,522</b>
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>\$3,964,239,327</b>	<b>\$2,510,725,700</b>

## Schedule 2 Schedule of Investment-Related Expenses

Years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010

	2011	2010
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, NA	\$ 327,614	\$ 611,816
First Quadrant, L.P.	692,669	752,475
J.P. Morgan Investment Management, Inc.	286,826	6,530
Mellon Capital Management Corp.	1,534,038	777,076
PanAgora Asset Management, Inc.	2,050,305	9,735
RCM	1,182,706	1,822,577
Wellington Management Company LLP	1,637,568	1,720,798
<b>Total domestic equity</b>	<b>7,711,726</b>	<b>5,701,007</b>
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	1,828,377	1,114,506
Mellon Capital Management Corp.	294,207	278,608
Oaktree Capital Management, L.P.	955,757	2,045,392
Post Advisory Group, LLC	1,064,450	993,767
Principal Global Investors, LLC	530,149	526,269
Western Asset Management Company	2,394,133	860,505
<b>Total fixed income</b>	<b>7,067,073</b>	<b>5,819,047</b>
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, NA	29,368	---
Fischer Francis Trees & Watts, Inc.	134,979	---
<b>Total other real assets/U.S. TIPS</b>	<b>164,347</b>	<b>---</b>
Ashmore EMM, LLC	2,362,362	1,679,993
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, NA	1,903,250	850,682
GAM USA, Inc.	277,057	250,852
Oechsle International Advisors, LLC	880,905	1,615,877
Quantitative Management Associates, LLC	702,509	567,486
Wellington Management Company, LLP	1,623,181	1,380,525
<b>Total international equity</b>	<b>7,749,264</b>	<b>6,345,415</b>
Clarion Partners	1,657,772	730,101
INVESCO Realty Advisors	1,871,695	1,906,244
RREEF America, LLC	2,414,824	2,370,521
RREEF America, LLC (REIT)	1,277,909	745,154
TA Realty, LLC	2,145,260	2,076,674
UBS Realty Investors, LLC	4,050,518	1,607,277
Urdang Securities Management, Inc.	9,129	---
<b>Total real estate</b>	<b>13,427,107</b>	<b>9,435,971</b>
Pathway Capital Management, LLC	3,855,223	3,504,748
<b>Total private equity/debt</b>	<b>3,855,223</b>	<b>3,504,748</b>
Smith Breeden Associates, Inc.	---	18,308
Western Asset Management Company	---	53,699
<b>Total liquidation account</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>72,007</b>
Wilshire Associates	384,200	385,000
<b>Total investment consultant fees</b>	<b>384,200</b>	<b>385,000</b>
The Bank of New York Mellon	197,449	213,790
Treasurer of State	100,921	147,878
<b>Total custody expenses</b>	<b>298,370</b>	<b>361,668</b>
Investment staff and Board expenses	976,804	903,248
Miscellaneous expenses	299,093	356,642
<b>Total other investment expenses</b>	<b>1,275,897</b>	<b>1,259,890</b>
<b>Total investment-related expenses</b>	<b>\$41,933,207</b>	<b>\$32,884,753</b>

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**Schedule 3 Schedule of Administrative Expenses\***

Years ended June 30, 2011 and 2010

	<b>2011</b>	<b>2010</b>
<b>Personnel</b>		
Salaries and wages	\$5,441,263	\$5,473,928
Travel	84,248	70,140
<b>Professional and technical services</b>		
Professional	1,117,039	384,039
Actuary	111,160	212,600
Computer support services	972,586	781,076
Auditing	101,564	101,187
<b>Communications</b>		
Telephone	208,391	602,443
Printing	159,893	81,575
<b>Other expenses</b>		
Supplies	456,257	362,863
Utilities	67,171	68,948
Depreciation	833,226	745,501
Repairs	2,150	2,447
Rent	2,028	2,278
Miscellaneous	93,283	79,211
<b>Total administrative expenses</b>	<b>\$9,650,259</b>	<b>\$8,968,236</b>

\*Administrative expenses related to investments do not appear here but are included in the investment expenses reported on the Schedule of Investment-Related Expenses on the previous page.





# *Investments*

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# Investment Overview

This section of the CAFR was compiled by IPERS' investment staff using information provided by consultant Wilshire Associates and the System's custodian bank, The Bank of New York Mellon. Except where noted otherwise, investment returns are based on investment asset fair values and calculated using time-weighted return calculation methodologies.

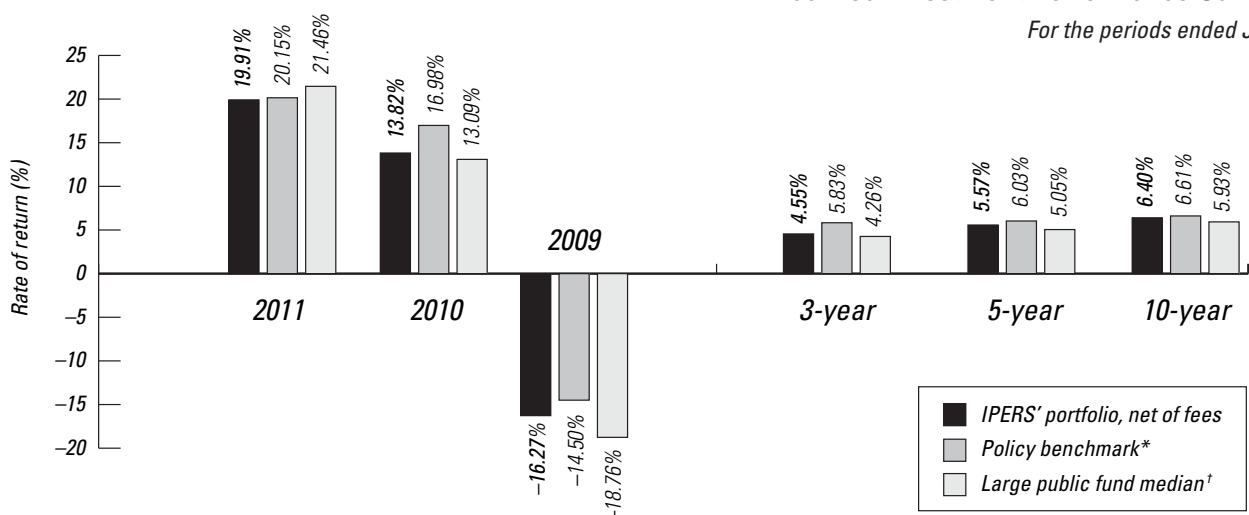
Investment returns play an important role in the funded status of the IPERS Trust Fund. The Investment Board has adopted an Investment Policy and Goal Statement, the objective of which is to benefit the members of the System by maximizing the total rate of return on investments within prudent risk parameters. The System's overall investment performance goal is to achieve an annualized rate of return which, when combined with the required employee and employer contributions to the System, will meet or exceed the benefits and administrative funding requirements of the System. In addition, specific investment return objectives are adopted by the Investment Board for the Trust Fund in total and for each asset class in which IPERS invests. See the Investment Policy and Goal Statement at the end of this section for a listing of these investment return objectives.

The System's investments are managed by professional investment management firms based upon

statutory investment authority, the investment policies adopted by the Investment Board, and a detailed service contract with each manager. The investment staff coordinates and monitors the investment of the Trust Fund's assets and assists the Investment Board in the formulation and implementation of investment policies and long-term investment strategy.

The IPERS net investment portfolio fair values reported in this section, and used as the basis for calculating investment returns, differ from those shown in the Financial and Actuarial sections of this report. The values used in this section are the appropriate industry standard basis for investment return calculation. Compared to the fair values shown in this report's Financial and Actuarial sections, the values reflected in this Investments section are gross of investment receivables and cash in investment manager accounts, and net of payables and securities lending collateral.

*Annualized Investment Performance Summary*  
For the periods ended June 30



\*A benchmark composed of market indexes with weightings reflective of IPERS' asset allocation targets.

†Trust Universe Comparison Service (TUCS) Public Funds with Total Market Value Greater than \$1 billion.

## Asset Allocation and Diversification

Asset allocation is a process designed to construct an optimal long-term asset mix that achieves a specific set of investment objectives. The Investment Board adopts an Investment Policy and Goal Statement that describes the System's investment objectives and establishes the System's asset allocation policy as designed to meet those objectives. The asset allocation policy is adopted to provide for diversification of assets in an effort to maximize the investment return to the System consistent with prudent levels of market and economic risks. Of all the components of investment strategy formulation, the determination of asset allocation targets is the most important decision.

In September 2010, the Investment Board approved a change in the asset allocation policy to establish a 2 percent allocation to "other real assets," an asset class that could include timberland, farmland, infrastructure, and other types of real return assets. The 2 percent target allocation for other real assets was to be accomplished by reducing the target allocation to domestic equity by 2 percentage points, to 23 percent. However, the Board's approval stipulated that the target allocation for other real assets would not become part of the policy benchmark until such time as funding of those assets occurred. At June 30, 2011, the managers for other real assets had not yet been funded, so the target allocation for other real assets was 0 percent and the domestic equity target allocation was 25 percent.

In addition to diversifying the portfolio through asset class diversification, the System seeks to diversify the investment portfolio by investment management styles. The success of a particular investment style tends to be cyclical. For example, growth stock investing may outperform value stock investing for several quarters, or perhaps several years, until that trend is inevitably reversed for a subsequent period. By utilizing several investment management firms with a variety of investment styles, the investment performance at the total Fund level is not dependent upon the success of one particular investment style.

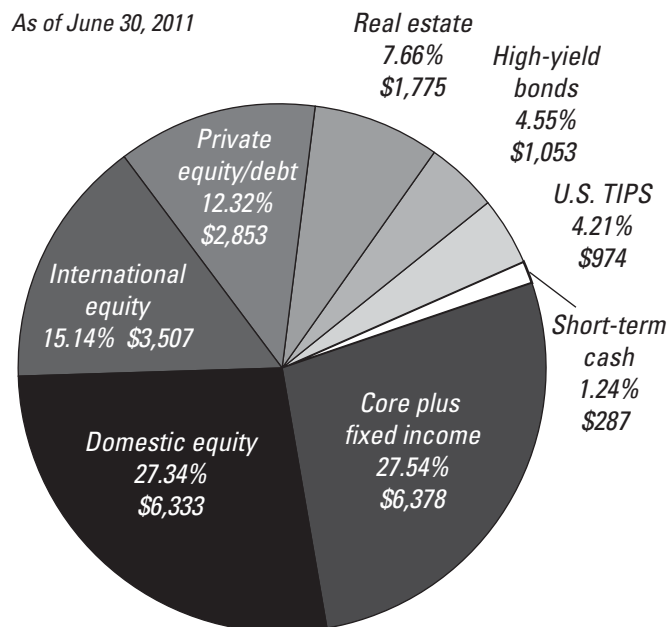
The System also requires its investment managers to diversify their portfolios at the security level. Managers are required to diversify across sectors, industries, and individual securities. The System develops specific contractual investment guidelines for each manager that control the risk of high concentrations in a particular sector, industry, or security.

Overall, diversification of the System's assets among various asset classes, investment management styles, and individual securities enhances the potential of the IPERS investment portfolio to achieve its long-term objectives.

### Summary of Investments by Asset Class

(Fair value in millions)

As of June 30, 2011



### Capital Markets Commentary

Global capital markets performed very well in fiscal year 2011. Stocks, bonds, and even real estate produced impressive returns for the year, but it was a period marked by volatility in investor sentiment and markets. Returns on capital assets in the first nine months of the fiscal year reflected strong investor confidence, despite high levels of unemployment, and markets continued their impressive rebound from the lows of March 2009. However, the cumulative weight of a series of events in the latter half of the fiscal year substantially reduced investors' appetite for taking risk.

In what came to be known as the "Arab Spring," protests against political regimes in the Middle East led to revolution, and most notably resulted in the toppling of the government of Egypt (and later Libya). An epic earthquake and tsunami brought destruction and nuclear disaster to the coast of northern Japan in March 2011, further weakening global economic activity. But

investor confidence was dealt a severe blow beginning in May 2011 with the realization that the European sovereign debt crisis was far from resolved. The result was a sharp decline in global stock markets in May and June 2011. Many investors were clearly fearful of a global “double-dip” recession as fiscal year 2011 ended.

The investment returns for fiscal year 2011 for various asset classes are shown below.

The U.S. stock market, as measured by the Wilshire 5000 index, roared along at a 31.99 percent pace. Among large capitalization stocks, growth edged out value by 3.34 percent for the fiscal year. However, small cap growth stocks posted a large advantage over small cap value during the same period, as shown in the table below.

<b>Wilshire Style Index</b>	<b>FY2011 Return</b>
Large Growth	32.87%
Large Value	29.53%
Small Growth	45.15%
Small Value	34.39%

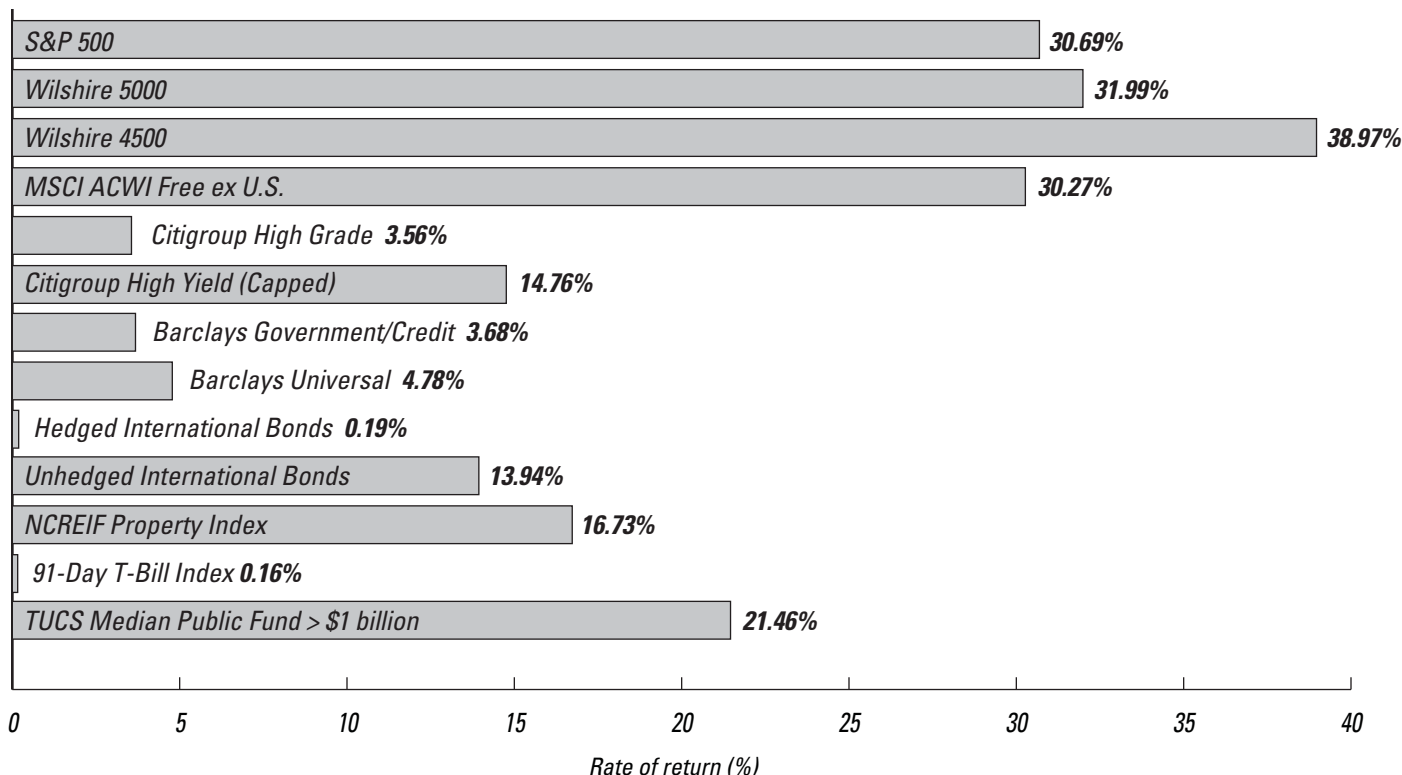
The best-performing sector in the Wilshire 5000 index for fiscal year 2011 was energy with a 53.83 percent gain. This was mainly a function of the price

of crude oil, which increased 26.17 percent over the 12-month period. Other leading sectors were consumer discretionary and materials, up 41.71 percent and 48.85 percent, respectively. Financials were the worst-performing sector for the fiscal year, increasing 14.35 percent.

International stocks also performed well in fiscal year 2011. The MSCI All Country World Free ex U.S. index, a performance benchmark for equities of non-U.S. companies, returned 30.27 percent. The emerging markets region produced a return of 27.80 percent for the fiscal year, while European and Pacific stocks produced returns of 36.02 percent and 20.86 percent, respectively, as calculated in U.S. dollars.

The fixed income market posted a respectable return for the fiscal year, led mainly by perceived improvement in credit quality as the economy showed signs of strength. The Barclays Capital U.S. Universal bond index returned 4.78 percent for the fiscal year. The high-yield sector was the best-performing sector of the bond market in fiscal year 2011, with the Barclays high-yield index returning 15.63 percent. Over the same period, international bonds (unhedged) returned 13.94 percent, U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (U.S. TIPS) returned 7.74 percent, and investment-grade

*Market Returns  
Fiscal year 2011*



credit produced a return of 6.20 percent. U.S. Treasury securities gained 2.24 percent for the fiscal year.

The U.S. commercial real estate market rebounded in FY2011. The NCREIF Property index, a commonly cited measure of privately traded commercial real estate values and income, returned 16.73 percent for the 1-year period ended June 30, 2011. This was up from -1.48 percent for the 1-year period ended June 30, 2010. Publicly traded real estate investment trusts (REITs) continued their rally in FY2011, with the Wilshire REIT index posting an annual return of 35.57 percent.

Private equity investments produced positive results in FY2011. Financing options remained attractive, while fundraising and investment activity both continued to show improvement in FY2011. The overall private

equity asset class, as measured by Thomson Reuters, produced a return of 24.21 percent in fiscal year 2011.

### *Investment Portfolio Assets*

At the close of fiscal year 2011, IPERS' net investment portfolio assets<sup>1</sup> had a fair value of \$23.160 billion. The change in fair value represents an increase of \$3.304 billion from the \$19.856 billion net investment asset fair value as of June 30, 2010. The largest factor contributing to the increase in the net investment asset fair value was the investment portfolio return of 19.91 percent, which is more fully addressed below.

## *Investment Results*

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IPERS posted a total portfolio investment return of 19.91 percent for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. This return slightly trailed the 20.15 percent return of IPERS' policy benchmark, a set of market indexes and weightings to those indexes that reflect IPERS' target asset class allocations. The underperformance against the policy benchmark was mainly attributable to underperformance in the real estate and high-yield fixed income asset classes. Otherwise, IPERS experienced positive added value for the fiscal year from active investment management in U.S. and international stocks, private equity, core plus fixed income, and cash. Another factor that contributed to the underperformance against the policy benchmark was IPERS' temporary underweight to REITs versus the policy benchmark at a time when a large market rally in REITs occurred.

IPERS' investment portfolio return was well above the objective of providing an investment return at or above the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) plus 3 percentage points; that objective was 6.56 percent for fiscal year 2011. The Fund's return was also well above the actuarial assumed investment return (the assumption used by IPERS' actuary), which is 7.50 percent a year. IPERS' more conservative investment portfolio

underperformed the median large public fund return, which was 21.46 percent for the fiscal year.

IPERS' domestic equity portfolio return of 33.02 percent was the highest-returning asset class for fiscal year 2011, followed by strong returns of 30.30 and 23.57 percent in international equity and private equity, respectively. The core plus fixed income portfolio returned 5.93 percent for the fiscal year.

The following table provides a longer perspective on IPERS' investment returns and performance. IPERS' net-of-fees investment returns are shown for the total portfolio and for each asset class over various time periods. For comparison purposes, the benchmark for each asset class is also shown. While the impact of the Great Recession is evident in the 3-, 5-, and 10-year returns, IPERS' longer-term performance has been good. The IPERS Trust Fund investment returns for the 15-year and 20-year periods ended June 30, 2011, were 8.12 percent and 8.77 percent, respectively. The IPERS Trust Fund total return for the 30-year period ended June 30, 2011, was 10.78 percent. The annual investment returns for the IPERS Trust Fund for the past 30 years are shown in the Statistical section.

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<sup>1</sup>Investment portfolio assets are based on fair value, but are calculated according to industry standards that are different from the financial statement reporting requirements of GASB Statement No. 25, which produces the investments at fair value shown in the Financial section of this report.



*Rates of Return*  
For periods ended June 30, 2011\*

Asset Class	Annualized Returns (%)			
	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
<b>Total Fund</b>				
IPERS	19.91	4.55	5.57	6.40
Policy benchmark†	20.15	5.83	6.03	6.61
CPI + 3 percentage points	6.56	4.04	5.15	5.40
Actuarial assumed investment return	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50
TUCS Public Funds > \$1 billion universe median	21.46	4.26	5.05	5.93
<b>Domestic equity</b>				
IPERS	33.02	1.92	1.42	2.72
Wilshire 5000	31.99	3.96	3.44	3.73
<b>International equity</b>				
IPERS	30.30	0.30	3.55	7.37
Custom benchmark	30.27	0.11	4.13	7.92
<b>Core plus fixed income</b>				
IPERS	5.93	7.46	6.81	6.28
Custom benchmark	4.78	6.73	6.61	6.00
<b>High-yield fixed income</b>				
IPERS	13.82	10.09	8.24	8.31
Custom benchmark	14.76	11.07	8.59	8.59
<b>Private equity/debt‡</b>				
IPERS	23.57	3.67	12.30	10.17
Wilshire 5000 + 3 percentage points	20.32	6.45	6.04	6.87
<b>Real estate</b>				
IPERS	19.05	(3.08)	2.02	7.61
Custom benchmark	20.21	(0.13)	4.11	8.36
<b>U.S. TIPS composite§</b>				
IPERS	NA	NA	NA	NA
Barclays U.S. TIPS	NA	NA	NA	NA
<b>Short-term cash</b>				
IPERS	0.93	0.94	2.64	2.76
U.S. Treasury bills	0.16	0.42	2.00	2.13

\*All returns are time-weighted returns. The 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year returns are annualized.

†The policy benchmark on June 30, 2011, consisted of 25 percent Wilshire 5000, 15 percent MSCI ACWI ex U.S., 28 percent Barclays Universal, 5 percent Barclays U.S. TIPS, 1 percent Treasury bills, 5 percent Citigroup High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped, 13 percent Wilshire 5000 (return lagged by one calendar quarter) plus 3 percentage points, and 8 percent of a weighted benchmark consisting of 75 percent NCREIF Property index and 25 percent Wilshire REIT index. The composition of the policy benchmark has changed over the 10-year period.

‡Private equity/debt portfolio returns and benchmark returns are provided here as time-weighted returns to allow comparison to the time-weighted returns used for other asset classes. However, the more appropriate performance measurement for the private equity asset class is a dollar-weighted or internal rate of return (IRR) calculation. See the Private Equity/Debt section of this report for a discussion of the private equity/debt portfolio's performance using IRRs.

§Initial funding for this asset class occurred in the fourth quarter of 2010.

For the five years ended June 30, 2011, IPERS' total Fund annualized return of 5.57 percent was less than the policy benchmark return of 6.03 percent, but did exceed the objective of the CPI plus 3 percentage points (5.15 percent annualized for the period). The 5-year performance did not meet the 7.50 percent actuarial assumed investment return objective. However, it exceeded the TUCS Public Funds with Assets Greater than \$1 billion universe's median annualized return of 5.05 percent.

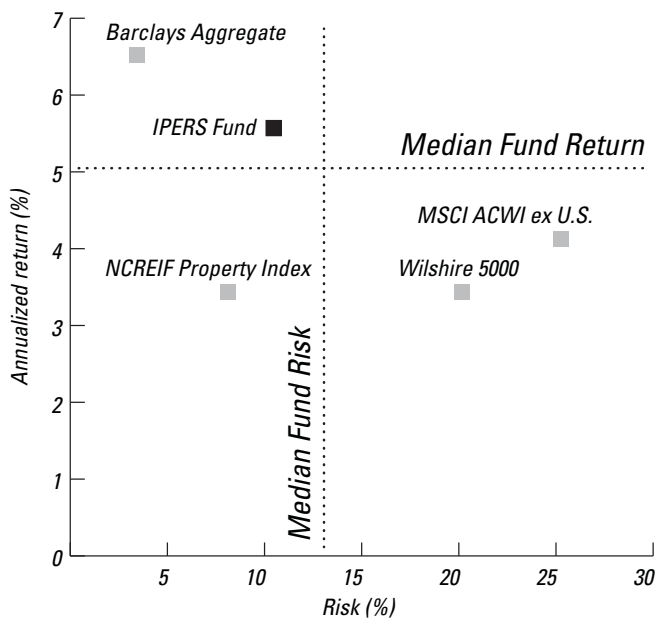
IPERS' 10-year annualized return of 6.40 percent was less than the policy benchmark return of 6.61 percent and the 7.50 percent actuarial assumed investment return objective. However, IPERS' 10-year investment return did exceed the CPI plus 3 percentage points objective (5.40 percent annualized for the period), and the aforementioned TUCS universe median return of 5.93 percent for the period.

The total return an investment portfolio achieves over the long term is largely determined by the level of risk that the investor is willing to accept. In general, the greater the risk, the higher the return has to be over long time periods to compensate the investor for accepting that risk. A pension fund's willingness to accept additional risk is often the result of its need to achieve or maintain an actuarially sound funded status. Given the disparities in funding levels and the resulting differences in asset allocation that exist among pension funds, it is often difficult, if not impossible, to make a meaningful comparison based solely on their returns. A more meaningful comparison can be made if returns are compared on the basis of how much return was earned for each unit of risk taken.

The following graph provides a comparison of IPERS' investment return per unit of risk taken for the last five years against the TUCS Universe of Public Funds with Assets Greater than \$1 billion. The vertical line represents the median level of risk (standard deviation of returns) experienced by this universe of funds. The horizontal line represents the median rate of return earned by the group of funds. IPERS' risk/return characteristics are plotted on the same graph along with selected market indexes. As shown in the graph, the return on IPERS' investments for the five years ended June 30, 2011, was slightly higher than the median large public pension fund return, and it was earned with significantly less risk (defined as volatility of return) than the median large public pension fund.

### Risk vs. Total Return

Public Funds Greater than \$1 billion  
5 years ended June 30, 2011

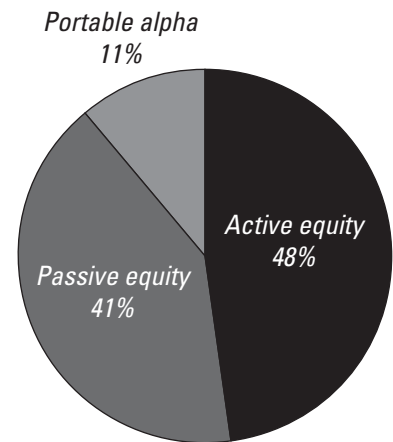


## Domestic Equity

At June 30, 2011, 27.34 percent of IPERS' total portfolio was invested in domestic equities. The total net fair value of the domestic equity portfolio was \$6.333 billion. The portfolio is widely diversified across various equity market sectors and industries and has highly diversified financial characteristics and risk factors that influence the overall return.

### Domestic Equity Portfolio

June 30, 2011



The IPERS domestic equity portfolio has three components:

**PASSIVE EQUITY.** The passive component is divided into large cap and small to mid cap strategies for management purposes and consists primarily of investments in commingled index funds, index futures, and short-term securities. The return objective for each passive strategy is to track, within a certain range, the returns of a broad market index. The passive component is designed to add diversity to the overall portfolio while complementing the active investment styles of IPERS' other domestic equity portfolios. The passive component constitutes an efficient, low-cost means of obtaining market exposure to the domestic stock market.

**ACTIVE EQUITY.** An actively managed portfolio consists primarily of large capitalization stocks. For management purposes, the portfolio is divided among separate strategies that focus on different investment styles: a value portfolio, which focuses on companies undervalued relative to their prospective dividend and earnings growth; a growth portfolio, which focuses on companies whose earnings are expected to grow at rates exceeding that of the general economy; and a core

portfolio, which seeks to add value across all sectors through stock selection. Each investment strategy is expected to exceed an appropriate style benchmark over a full market cycle.

**PORTABLE ALPHA.** Traditional active equity strategies seek to produce returns in excess of the market (known as “alpha”) through sector and stock selection. However, these traditional active strategies have historically produced mediocre excess returns, usually with a lot of volatility. This is generally because the U.S. equity market is the most efficient market in the world, making it very difficult for the average active stock manager to consistently beat the market return.

IPERS’ utilization of portable alpha strategies within the domestic equity portfolio is an effort to improve the return of the portfolio without significantly increasing the risk. Portable alpha strategies attempt to achieve better risk-adjusted returns by blending excess returns (alpha) from a skillful manager, regardless of the asset class where the alpha may be achieved, with the return of any specified market index. Portable alpha strategies should work as long as (1) skillful managers exist and can be identified, (2) the alpha is not highly correlated to the market returns, and (3) derivatives are available that can replicate market returns at a low cost. The concept is that alpha is no longer constrained to the asset class – IPERS can look for alpha anywhere, and then use low-cost derivatives or index funds to obtain the required market exposure so the System can maintain its strategic asset allocation targets. Portable alpha strategies within the domestic equity portfolio

provided a strong return relative to their benchmark during fiscal year 2011.

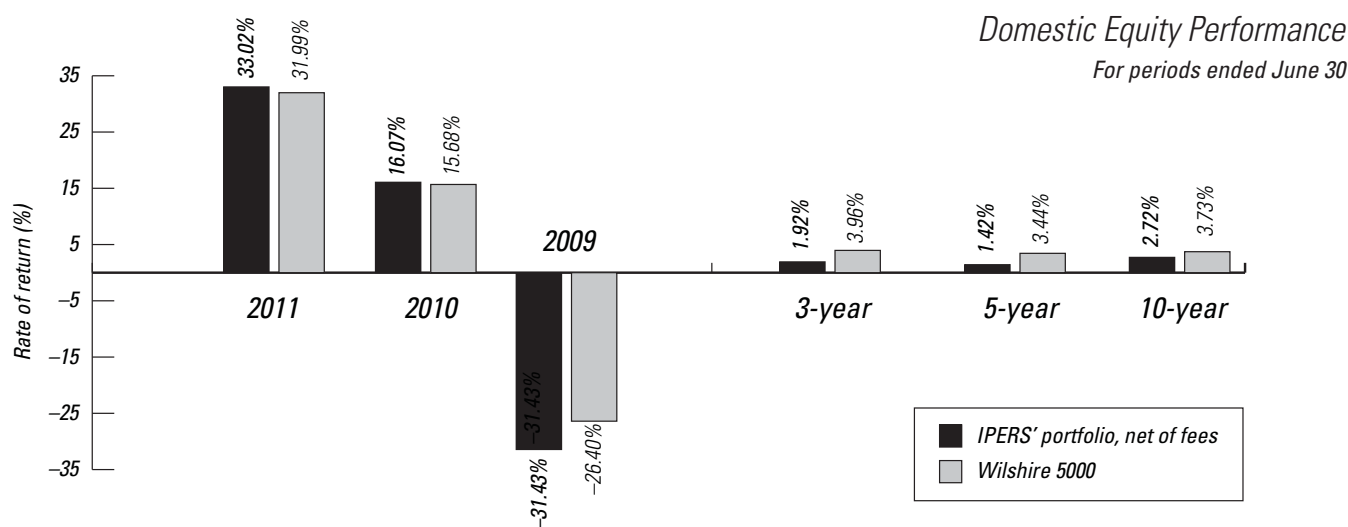
For the year ended June 30, 2011, IPERS’ domestic equity portfolio delivered a return of 33.02 percent, compared to 31.99 percent for the Wilshire 5000 index. Primary drivers of the excess return in the domestic equity portfolio for fiscal year 2011 were strong stock selection by active managers and a slight overweight to both small capitalization and growth-oriented stocks. System staff continues to rebalance assets over time within the domestic equity portfolio in an effort to minimize any unintended size or style bias. For the 5-year period ended June 30, 2011, the domestic equity portfolio earned an annualized return (net of fees) of 1.42 percent, versus 3.44 percent for the Wilshire 5000 index.

### Liquidation Account

The liquidation account was a temporary account created in fiscal year 2009 to hold securities or interests from discontinued portable alpha strategies previously utilized in the domestic equity portfolio.

During fiscal year 2011, all remaining securities within the liquidation account were sold.

In April 2011, IPERS received a distribution of \$215.2 million in relation to the Westridge Capital Management fraud case. As a result of the distribution, the Westridge liquidation account currently has a balance of zero, but some future residual distributions are possible.

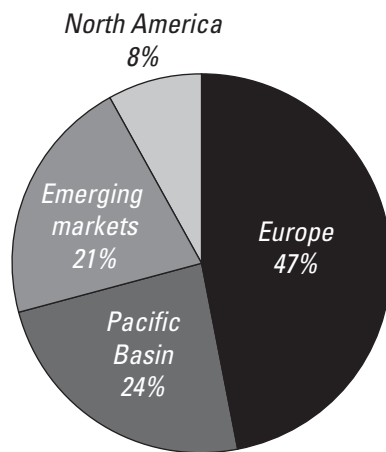


## International Equity

At June 30, 2011, the international equity portfolio had a net fair value of \$3.507 billion, representing 15.14 percent of the total IPERS portfolio. IPERS' international equity portfolio is composed primarily of common stocks or equity commingled funds, foreign exchange contracts, and cash, and is widely diversified across many regions, countries, industries, and securities.

### International Equity Portfolio

June 30, 2011



The international equity portfolio has three primary components:

**ACTIVE EQUITY.** This component is an actively managed diversified portfolio consisting primarily of equity securities issued by foreign companies in developed countries. For purposes of investment

management, a regional approach is used to invest in these international markets. The active equity portfolio's performance objective is to exceed the return of the MSCI All Country World ex U.S. index.

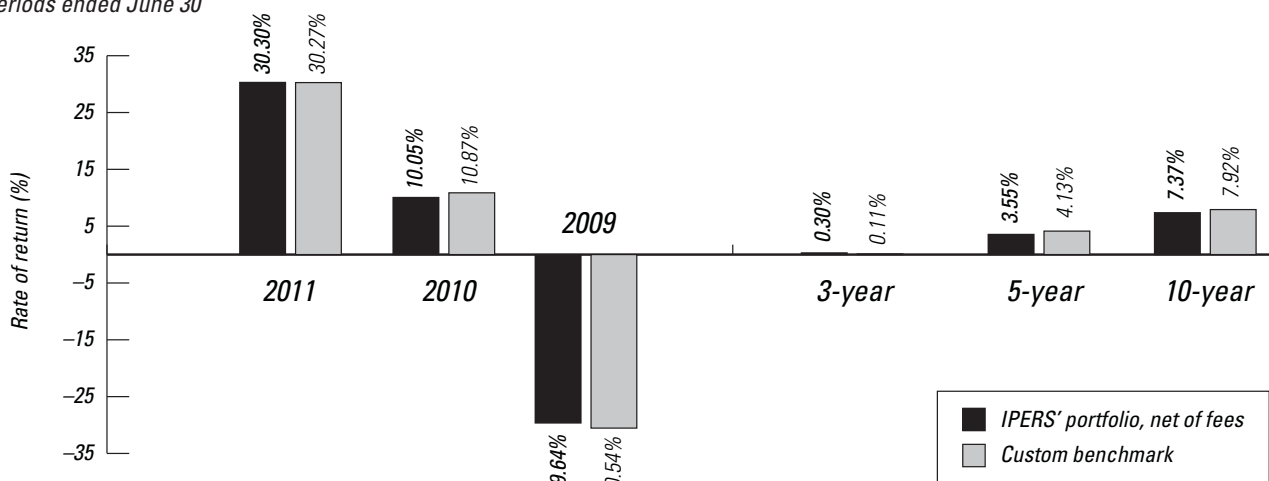
**PASSIVE EQUITY.** This component is a passively managed diversified portfolio consisting of commingled index fund investments in Canadian and developed European, Australasian, and Far East countries' corporate equity securities. The objective of the passive equity portfolios is to track the performance of the MSCI Canada and EAFE indexes, respectively.

**GLOBAL EMERGING MARKETS.** This component is an actively managed diversified portfolio consisting primarily of equity securities issued by companies in countries that are small and immature by developed market standards. Over time these markets are expected to experience growth rates well in excess of developed markets'. Consequently, investments in emerging markets provide opportunities for higher portfolio returns. Furthermore, low correlation between returns of emerging markets and those of developed markets can serve to reduce total risk in the international equity portfolio.

The international markets were able to deliver a strong 1-year return of 30.27 percent, as measured by the MSCI All Country World Free ex U.S. index, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The developed European market 1-year return of 36.02 percent made it the top-performing region in international equity markets for the year ended June 30, 2011. Developed Pacific markets were the worst-performing region in fiscal year 2011, posting a 1-year return of 20.86 percent.

### International Equity Performance

For periods ended June 30



IPERS' international equity portfolio returned 30.30 percent during fiscal year 2011, compared to 30.27 percent for the benchmark. An overweight exposure to the developed European region along with strong overall stock selection by active managers added value. However, these effects were nearly offset by the active managers' country and sector allocation decisions. At June 30, 2011, the portfolio's 5-year return of 3.55 percent trailed the 4.13 percent achieved by the composite benchmark.

### *Public Equity Portfolio: Top Ten Holdings*

The top ten holdings within the public equity portfolio (domestic and international combined) at June 30, 2011, are listed below. The listing does not include the fair value of units held in commingled fund investments. A complete listing of the holdings, including commingled fund holdings, is available upon request.

<b>Ten Largest Holdings* At June 30, 2011</b>	<b>Fair Value (\$000)</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Apple, Incorporated	\$ 78,367	1.75
Coca-Cola Company	40,374	0.90
Exxon Mobil Corporation	34,993	0.78
Oracle Corporation	34,951	0.78
Simon Property Group, Incorporated	32,630	0.73
United Technologies, Incorporated	32,457	0.73
Chevron Corporation	32,236	0.72
Samsung Electronics Company, Limited	31,719	0.71
Wells Fargo & Company	31,464	0.70
Schlumberger, Limited	27,886	0.62
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$377,077</b>	<b>8.42</b>

\*Percentages represent percent of total domestic and international publicly traded equities. Excludes all holdings in commingled fund accounts.

## Fixed Income

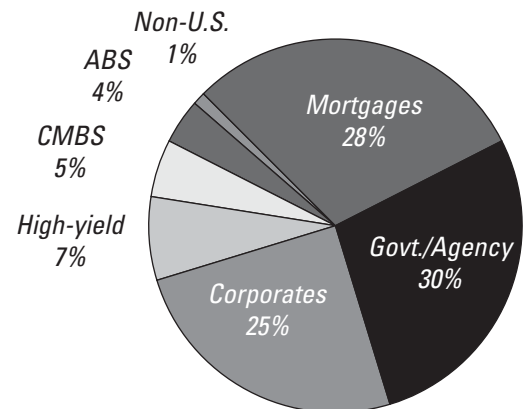
IPERS has a significant allocation to fixed income securities, with a target asset allocation of 28 percent to core plus fixed income securities and 5 percent to high-yield securities. At fiscal year end, IPERS' core plus portfolio was 27.54 percent of total Fund assets and the high-yield bond portfolio was 4.55 percent of total Fund assets. The total return for the consolidated fixed income portfolio (core plus and high-yield portfolios combined) for the year ended June 30, 2011, was 6.97 percent. The consolidated fixed income portfolio fair value was \$7.431 billion and the average bond rating for the portfolio was A.

IPERS' fixed income portfolio has two main components:

**CORE PLUS FIXED INCOME.** The objective of the core plus fixed income portfolio is to generate a return above the return of the overall fixed income market. Approximately 34 percent of the core plus portfolio is dedicated to a passively managed "core" investment in an index fund designed to earn the return of the Barclays U.S. Aggregate index (Aggregate index), an index consisting of high-quality U.S. investment-grade fixed income securities. The remainder of the core plus portfolio is actively managed with the objective of exceeding the return of the Barclays U.S. Universal index (Universal index), net of fees, over a full market cycle. The Universal index is a broader index, consisting of the core Aggregate index, plus other fixed income sectors available to U.S. investors, such as high-yield bonds, dollar-denominated emerging market debt, and eurodollar bonds.

## Core Plus Fixed Income Portfolio

June 30, 2011



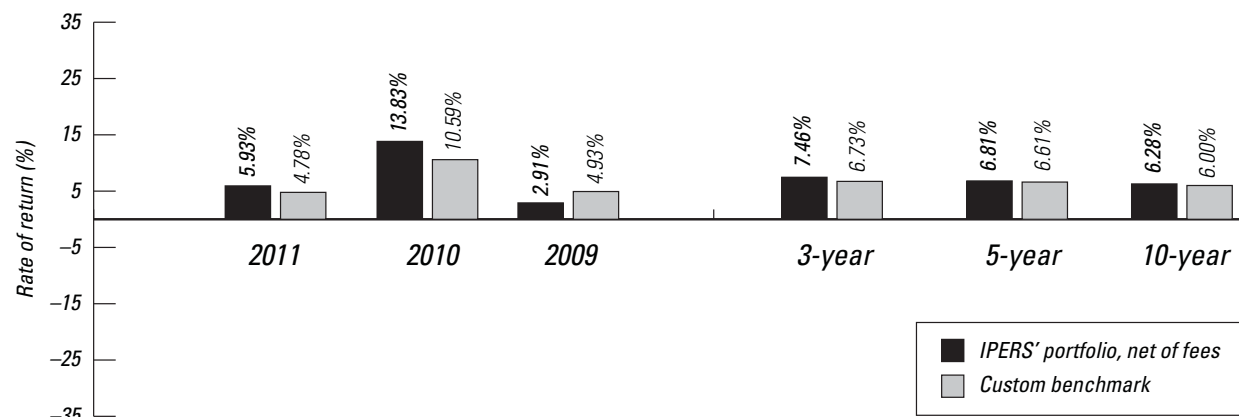
The core plus portfolio is a diversified portfolio of fixed income securities, utilizing cash and cash equivalents, forward foreign exchange contracts, swaps, currency options, financial futures, government and government agency bonds, eurobonds, non-dollar bonds, nonconvertible preferred stock, options on fixed income instruments, mortgage-backed bonds, corporate bonds, commercial mortgage-backed securities, private placement corporate bonds, and asset-backed securities (ABS).

The actively managed portion of the core plus portfolio is expected to have interest rate sensitivity similar to the Universal index, and be diversified by industry, sector, and security issuers.

High unemployment, a weak housing market, and a European sovereign credit crisis were a few of the main concerns for the bond markets in fiscal year 2011. The Federal Reserve, however, remained accommodative

## Core Plus Fixed Income Performance

For periods ended June 30





by maintaining the federal funds target range at 0.00 to 0.25 percent and announcing an additional quantitative easing policy.

The net result was that, similar to FY2010, bond investors were mostly rewarded for taking risk. Investors were able to continue to find value in discounted credits. Overall, the credit sectors of the bond market outperformed the safer, lower-yielding asset sectors like U.S. Treasury securities for the fiscal year. The Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield index generated a return of 15.63 percent as investors searched for issues with higher yields. The Barclays Capital Corporate index provided a return of 6.28 percent, outpacing the Barclays Capital Treasury index return of 2.24 percent.

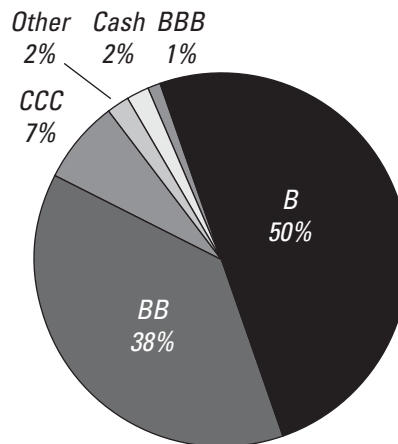
IPERS' core plus fixed income portfolio return of 5.93 percent outperformed the Barclays Capital Universal index return of 4.78 percent for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. This was mainly because of IPERS' overweight position to the credit sectors, as these sectors outperformed.

**HIGH YIELD.** IPERS' high-yield fixed income portfolio is designed as an actively managed, risk-controlled strategy that seeks to safely capture higher coupon income by investing in the debt of higher-quality companies rated below investment grade. Bottom-up fundamental research is emphasized in selecting the high-yielding debt of U.S. and Canadian companies, with the objective of outperforming the Citigroup High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped index, net of fees, over a full market cycle.

The high-yield sector of the bond market outperformed the other sectors of the fixed income

## High-Yield Fixed Income Portfolio

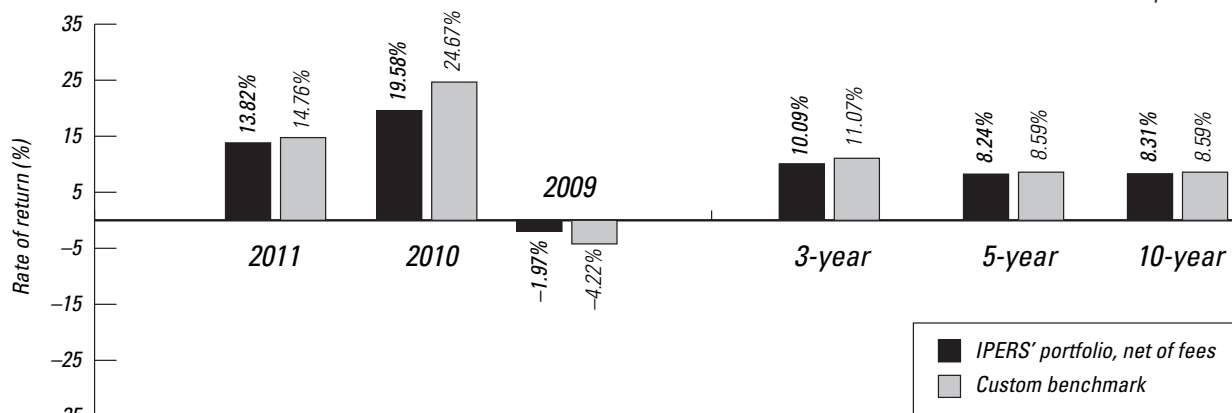
June 30, 2011



market in FY2011, as investors sought out higher-yielding assets in the low-return environment and were willing to assume the higher risk. IPERS' high-yield fixed income portfolio underperformed the high-yield market return because of its emphasis on higher-quality issuers, which was not rewarded during this period, generating a return of 13.82 percent versus the Citigroup High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped index return of 14.76 percent for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011.

## High-Yield Fixed Income Performance

For periods ended June 30



## Fixed Income Portfolio: Top Ten Holdings

The top ten holdings within the consolidated fixed income portfolio (core plus and high-yield combined) at June 30, 2011, are illustrated below. The listing does not include the fair value of units held in commingled fund investments. A complete listing of the holdings, including commingled fund holdings, is available upon request.

Ten Largest Holdings* At June 30, 2011	Fair Value (\$000)	% of Total
US TIPS 1.625% 15JAN2015	\$122,982	2.16
US TIPS 3.000% 15JUL2015	74,916	1.31
US TIPS 2.625% 15JUL2017	72,468	1.27
GNMA II JUMBOS TBA 30YR 6.000% 20JUL2041	57,681	1.01
FNMA TBA 30YR 4.000% 01JUL2041	54,800	0.96
US Treasury Bond 4.75% 15FEB2041	52,914	0.93
FNMA TBA 30YR 4.500% 01JUL2041	52,451	0.92
US Treasury Note 1.375% 15SEP2012	51,163	0.90
FNMA Pool #AL0484 5.500% 01MAY2040	43,983	0.77
US Treasury Note 1.750% 15SEP2016	43,673	0.77
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$627,031</b>	<b>11.00</b>

\*Percentages represent percent of consolidated fixed income. Excludes all holdings in commingled fund accounts.

## Private Equity/Debt

At June 30, 2011, IPERS' private equity/debt portfolio had a fair value of \$2.853 billion, representing 12.32 percent of the total IPERS portfolio. From the inception of the private equity/debt portfolio in 1985 through June 30, 2011, the System has committed \$6.603 billion to 235 partnerships. Of that total, \$1.498 billion remains to be called for investment. During the fiscal year, IPERS committed \$385.4 million to 13 new partnerships. The long-term objective of the private equity/debt portfolio is to achieve a rate of return that exceeds the returns available in the public equity markets.

The System seeks to minimize the risk associated with the asset class by investing in a variety of top-

tier partnerships with different investment styles and objectives. The portfolio is also diversified by industry focus, geographic location, and, most importantly, time, which means that capital is committed to partnerships over the full course of the business cycle and not concentrated in any one year.

The long-term performance objective for the private equity/debt portfolio is to exceed the return of the Wilshire 5000 index, calculated on an internal rate of return (IRR)<sup>1</sup> basis, by 3 percentage points on an annualized basis. The private equity/debt portfolio returned 23.16 percent in fiscal year 2011 versus 36.34 percent for its benchmark. However, private equity investments typically span ten years or more, so a longer evaluation time horizon is appropriate. The private equity/debt portfolio returned 9.89 percent versus its benchmark return of 7.43 percent for the 10-year period ended June 30, 2011. Since inception in 1985, the IPERS private equity/debt portfolio has returned 14.27 percent, slightly underperforming the benchmark return of 14.58 percent.

One drawback to comparing a portfolio return to a benchmark return is that it does not provide any information on how the portfolio's performance compares to the universe of private equity investment opportunities that were available at the time IPERS made its investments. The Thomson Reuters<sup>2</sup> All Regions Private Equity funds performance database includes data from 3,234 partnerships and makes it possible to compare a portfolio to a universe of private equity partnerships that raised capital over the same time period. Another performance analysis issue is that IRRs can be sensitive to the estimated value of unrealized investments. Therefore, IRRs for the portfolio should be reviewed in conjunction with "distributions to paid-in capital" (DPI) ratios, which ignore valuations and measure the ratio of cumulative distributions to cumulative paid-in capital for the time period, that is, how much of the investment performance has been realized.

<sup>1</sup>The internal rate of return is utilized to evaluate private equity investments because they are generally illiquid and cash inflows and outflows can be controlled by the general partner of the private equity partnership. Time-weighted returns are inappropriate under such conditions.

<sup>2</sup>All Thomson Reuters information is as of October 2011, with data current for reporting periods ended March 31, 2011. Data is continuously updated and is therefore subject to change. As explained in the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies in the Financial section, IPERS utilizes a one-quarter valuation lag for its private equity/debt investments. Therefore, the March 31 Thomson Reuters data is the appropriate data for performance comparisons made here.

The table below compares the IRR and DPI of IPERS' private equity/debt portfolio to those calculated for all private equity partnerships in the Thomson Reuters database for vintage years 1985 through 2010.

	IRR	DPI
IPERS' private equity/debt portfolio	14.27%	1.10
Thomson Reuters All Regions Private Equity funds	11.50%	0.82

It is important to note that the IPERS Investment Board determined in 1993 that the selection of private equity partnerships should be delegated to a professional management firm, rather than having IPERS' staff and the Board attempt to evaluate and select these complex investments. The "since inception" results discussed above include the impact of decisions made prior to delegating the selection process to an investment manager.

The decision to give full investment discretion to a management firm for the private equity/debt portfolio has proven successful to date. IPERS' private equity investment manager has produced a net IRR of 17.13 percent since the firm was given full discretion to select partnerships on IPERS' behalf on January 1, 1993. This return compares favorably to the 8.53 percent IRR of the custom benchmark IPERS has established for the manager, the 10.76 percent IRR of IPERS' asset class benchmark for private equity (Wilshire 5000 + 300 basis points) over the time period, and the pooled average IRR of 10.21 percent reported by Thomson Reuters for all private equity funds in its database for vintage years 1993 through 2010.

The DPI of 0.92 for the manager's discretionary portfolio also compares favorably to Thomson Reuters' pooled average DPI of 0.74 for all private equity funds in its database for vintage years 1993 through 2010.

## Real Estate

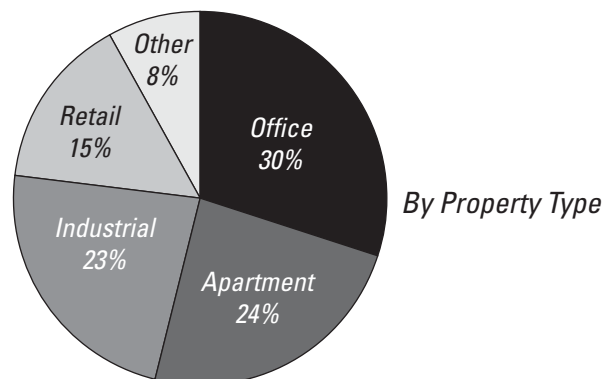
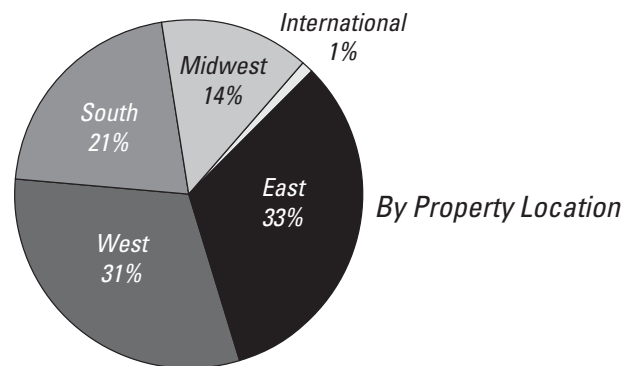
At June 30, 2011, \$1.775 billion, or 7.66 percent, of IPERS' total portfolio at fair value was invested in various real estate properties and publicly traded real estate investment trusts. In order to mitigate risk, the real estate portfolio is diversified by both geographic location and property type, as shown in the following pie charts.

The total net return for the real estate portfolio for the fiscal year was 19.05 percent, compared to 20.21

percent for the portfolio's benchmark (75 percent NCREIF Property index/25 percent Wilshire REIT). As with the private equity/debt portfolio, the real estate program invests in assets with long holding periods and should be evaluated over a longer time horizon. For the ten years ended June 30, 2011, the real estate portfolio returned 7.61 percent versus the portfolio's benchmark of 8.36 percent. The long-term underperformance can be explained entirely by the private portion of the program. Over this ten-year time period, the private program returned 6.92 percent versus the NCREIF Property index benchmark return of 7.64 percent, while the public program returned 12.28 percent versus the Wilshire REIT benchmark return of 10.59 percent.

The real estate program continued its strong recovery in FY2011 with the public portion of the program returning 38.33 percent (net of fees), while the private portion of the real estate program returned 16.10 percent (net of fees). Performance in the private program for FY2011 was split between valuation write-ups of 9.40 percent and an income return of 7.22 percent. Property occupancy rates for IPERS' portfolio

*Real Estate Portfolio*  
June 30, 2011



increased slightly from 88 percent to 89 percent. Improvement in the occupancy of industrial and office assets explains the slight improvement in overall occupancy for the fiscal year.

### U.S. TIPS

IPERS invests in U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities (U.S. TIPS) to provide inflation protection and risk diversification. U.S. TIPS can also provide deflation risk protection because the securities cannot accrue a negative coupon even if the inflation rate is negative (which is a deflationary environment). IPERS began making a dedicated investment to U.S. TIPS in the fourth quarter of 2010. The return on the portfolio for the partial year was 5.31 percent, which exceeded the Barclays Capital U.S. TIPS index of 5.13 percent for the same time period.

### Investments in Iowa

Iowa Code section 97B.7A authorizes IPERS to invest the moneys of the Trust Fund in accordance with the Investment Policy and Goal Statement adopted by the Investment Board and subject to the “prudent person” rule. Section 97B.7A also directs that, where consistent with the aforementioned standards, IPERS will invest “. . . in a manner that will enhance the economy of the state, and in particular, will result in increased employment of the residents of the state.” At June 30, 2011, the System held investments of \$932.3 million in companies of Iowa interest.

### Schedule of Brokerage Commissions Paid

Year ended June 30, 2011

Brokerage Firm	Amount Paid	Average Per Share	% of Total Paid for Period
Merrill Lynch	\$ 563,470	\$0.010	9.51
Goldman Sachs & Co.	540,804	0.010	9.13
Credit Suisse	469,750	0.009	7.93
Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc.	403,007	0.011	6.80
Citigroup	389,081	0.010	6.57
JP Morgan	378,798	0.009	6.39
UBS Securities LLC	344,243	0.014	5.81
Deutsche Bank	329,235	0.011	5.56
Barclays Capital	190,739	0.024	3.22
Bernstein Sanford C & Co.	166,569	0.016	2.81
SJ Levinson & Sons LLC	156,854	0.021	2.65
UBS Equities	149,827	0.021	2.53
Macquarie Securities	128,604	0.004	2.17
Jefferies & Co. Inc.	110,320	0.021	1.86
Citation Group/BBC Clearing	105,619	0.022	1.78
RBC Capital Markets Corp.	77,972	0.035	1.32
Pipeline Trading Systems LLC	71,938	0.020	1.21
BNP Paribas	64,890	0.005	1.10
UBS Warburg	59,088	0.002	1.00
Wells Fargo Securities LLC	55,375	0.036	0.93
HSBC Securities	55,212	0.002	0.93
Stifel Nicolaus	50,867	0.037	0.86
Calyon Securities	46,944	0.002	0.79
Nomura Secs Ltd.	46,923	0.003	0.79
Piper Jaffray & Company	45,184	0.028	0.76
All others (includes 138 brokerage firms)	922,946	0.008	15.59
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,924,259</b>	<b>\$0.009</b>	<b>100.00</b>

### Holdings in Companies of Iowa Interest

June 30, 2011

Asset Class	Amount
Stocks	\$732,012,481
Bonds	196,641,119
Private equity/debt	3,674,800
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$932,328,400</b>

# Investment Policy and Goal Statement

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The following excerpt from the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System's Investment Policy and Goal Statement, as adopted by the IPERS Investment Board and last revised in December 2010, includes all Policy text, but excludes the addenda referenced in the Policy. IPERS' current investment policies are available online at [www.ipers.org](http://www.ipers.org).

## I. Introduction: IPERS' Purpose and Principles

The Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS or System) was established in 1953, and is governed by Iowa Code chapter 97B. Since its creation, IPERS' activities have been directed toward fulfilling the foundational purpose of the System, as described in §97B.2:

*... to promote economy and efficiency in the public service by providing an orderly means for employees, without hardship or prejudice, to have a retirement system which will provide for the payment of annuities, enabling the employees to care for themselves in retirement, and which will improve public employment within the state, reduce excessive personnel turnover, and offer suitable attraction to high-grade men and women to enter public service in the state.*

IPERS is administered through a chief executive officer, chief investment officer, chief benefits officer, and other full-time staff. The Investment Board (Board) is the trustee of the IPERS Trust Fund (Fund). The primary duties of the Board are to establish investment policy, review its implementation, and approve the retention of service providers in matters relating to the investment of IPERS' assets. As trustee, the Board also adopts the actuarial methods and assumptions, and approves the retention of service providers in matters relating to the actuarial valuation of the System's assets and liabilities.

The investment activities of the Board and staff are governed by the "prudent person" rules as defined in §97B.7A. The purposes of the System and the prudent person rule shall guide the Board and staff in developing this investment policy and goal statement. IPERS' investment activities shall be executed in a manner to fulfill these goals. The investment policy and the investment strategies will be periodically reviewed to ensure they conform to §§97B.2 and 97B.7A.

The chief investment officer is responsible for the administration of the investment program pursuant to the policies of the Board. Additionally, the Board supports the retention and development of sufficient investment staff and the provision of other resources as necessary to ensure the thorough oversight and administration of each investment program undertaken by the System.

## II. Investment Goal Statement

In accordance with the above-described purpose and statutory citations, the following investment goals are adopted:

- A. The investment activities are designed and executed in a manner that serves the best interests of the members and beneficiaries of the System.
- B. The investment activities are designed to provide a return on the portfolio that, when coupled with the periodic contributions of the membership and employers, will meet or exceed the benefit funding requirements of the



plan over time. Of primary consideration is the maintenance of funding which is adequate to provide for the payment of the plan's actuarially determined liabilities over time.

- C. The long-term performance expectations for the Fund after the deduction of management fees are as follows:
1. Performance which exceeds the rate of inflation, as determined by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), by at least 300 basis points (3 percent).
  2. Performance which exceeds the 750 basis point (7.5 percent) actuarial assumed investment return.
  3. Performance which exceeds the Policy Benchmark, as defined in Section III(A) of this policy, which represents the return of a passively managed portfolio comprised of the target asset allocations to, and appropriate indexes for, each asset class.
  4. Performance which exceeds the median risk-adjusted return of a universe of large public funds.

### *III. Investment Policy Statement*

IPERS' investment policies are structured to maximize the probability that the investment goals will be fulfilled. All investment policy decisions shall include liquidity and risk considerations that are prudent and reasonable under the circumstances that exist over time. IPERS' investment policies will evolve as the internal conditions of the Fund and the capital markets environments change.

Achievement of IPERS' investment goals ultimately depends upon earning a sufficient return on the System's investments while taking a prudent amount of risk to attain the return. Investment return is comprised of two components known as "beta" and "alpha." Beta return is the return generated from exposure to a specific market or asset class. Alpha return is the excess return resulting from subtracting the beta return from the total investment return, and is conditional upon skillful active investment decision making. IPERS believes that risk-adjusted investment returns can be improved by separating beta and alpha decisions in actively managed (that is, nonpassive or nonindex) portfolios.

Beta decisions should focus on maximizing expected market returns at prudent levels of risk (with risk defined as the standard deviation of the market returns). The Board will adopt a Policy Benchmark representing what it believes is the most efficient portfolio of market exposures (the beta portfolio) that will meet the Board's tolerance for market risk. Staff, with the assistance of the System's consultants, will implement the Board's beta decisions in the most cost-efficient manner possible and will be responsible for maintaining the beta exposure levels within the acceptable ranges established by the Board.

Alpha decisions are expected to provide additional return from actively managed strategies for the System's investment portfolio without significantly increasing the overall risk of the portfolio. The Board will adopt an alpha risk budget that establishes its tolerance for return volatility attributable to alpha decisions. While the alpha risk budget will be set by asset class, alpha sources will not be constrained to a specific asset class. Alpha returns from investing in securities of one asset class may be transported to another asset class through the use of portable alpha strategies.

#### A. The Beta Portfolio

##### 1. Policy Benchmark

The System adopts a Policy Benchmark that represents a mix of beta exposures that is expected over the long term to maximize the risk-adjusted beta return to the System consistent with the Board's tolerance for market risk. The Policy Benchmark is predicated on a number of factors, including:

- a. The actuarially projected liability stream of benefits and its cost to both covered employees and employers.
- b. The relationship between the current and projected assets of the plan and the plan's projected liabilities.
- c. Expectations regarding long-term capital market returns and risks.
- d. Historical returns and risks and correlations of asset classes that make up the capital markets.



- e. The perception of future economic conditions, including inflation and interest rate assumptions, and their impacts on the System's assets and liabilities.

The table below represents the Board's adopted Policy Benchmark. The Policy Benchmark Weights establish the Board's target exposure to each asset class, while the Asset Class Ranges establish the ranges within which Policy Benchmark Weights may fluctuate. The Policy Benchmark Return is the sum of the products of multiplying each Policy Benchmark Weight by the respective Policy Benchmark Index return for the period.

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Asset Class Ranges</b>	<b>Policy Benchmark Weights</b>	<b>Policy Benchmark Index</b>
<b>Equities</b>		<b>51%</b>	
Domestic Equities	20%–26%	23%	Wilshire 5000
International Equities	12%–18%	15%	MSCI ACWI ex-U.S.
Private Equity / Debt	10%–16%	13%	Wilshire 5000 + 3% <sup>1</sup>
<b>Fixed Income</b>		<b>33%</b>	
Core Plus Fixed Income	25%–31%	28%	Barclays Capital U.S. Universal
High-Yield	3%–7%	5%	Citigroup HY Cash-Pay
<b>Real Assets</b>		<b>15%</b>	
Equity Real Estate	6%–10%	8%	Custom Index <sup>2</sup>
U.S. TIPS	3%–7%	5%	Barclays Capital U.S. TIPS
Other Real Assets	0%–4%	2%	Custom Index <sup>3</sup>
<b>Cash</b>	0%–2%	<b>1%</b>	Merrill Lynch 91-Day T-Bill

<sup>1</sup>Lagged by one calendar quarter.

<sup>2</sup>The equity real estate custom index for purposes of the Policy Benchmark Index is weighted 75 percent NCREIF Property Index and 25 percent Wilshire REIT Index.

<sup>3</sup>This benchmark will be defined as specific real asset mandates are funded. See discussion under "Other Real Assets" below.

## 2. Policy Benchmark Components

Apart from any alpha expectations described in Section III(B), IPERS seeks to earn market returns from each asset class in the Policy Benchmark. This market exposure may be achieved by purchasing securities that comprise the respective asset classes or by purchasing derivatives designed to provide the return of a particular market. Each public market asset class has a Policy Benchmark Index that is believed to best represent the broadest market opportunity set for the respective asset class. The return on each Policy Benchmark Index is the market return (beta return) for each asset class.

### *Domestic Equities*

IPERS invests in the domestic equity market to earn an equity risk premium to enhance the long-term returns of the Fund. This asset class includes the broad market of publicly traded U.S. equities with varying characteristics related to market capitalization and investment style. The Policy Benchmark Index for Domestic Equities is the Wilshire 5000 Index.

### *International Equities*

IPERS invests in international equities to earn an equity risk premium and to diversify the equity exposure within the Fund. The International Equities asset class includes both developed and emerging equity markets. The Policy Benchmark Index for International Equities is the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) All-Country World Index ex-U.S. (ACWI ex-U.S.) calculated gross of tax credits from dividend reinvestment.

### ***Core Plus Fixed Income***

IPERS invests in fixed income assets to provide stable income for the payment of benefit obligations and to diversify the market risk of the investment portfolio. The Core Plus fixed income market represents a global opportunity set of fixed income instruments available to U.S. institutional investors. The Policy Benchmark Index for Core Plus fixed income is the Barclay's Capital U.S. Universal Index.

### ***High-Yield Bonds***

IPERS has made a strategic allocation to high-yield corporate bonds to enhance the long-term returns of the investment portfolio, to provide current income, and to provide diversification benefits. The Policy Benchmark Index for High-Yield Bonds is the Citigroup High-Yield Cash-Pay Capped Index.

### ***Equity Real Estate***

IPERS invests in equity real estate to provide diversification in the investment portfolio, provide some inflation protection and for income generation. The Policy Benchmark Index for Equity Real Estate is a weighted custom index of 75 percent the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries' Property Index (NPI) and 25 percent the Wilshire Real Estate Investment Trust Index (Wilshire REIT). (See Appendix A for IPERS' Real Estate Investment Policy.)

### ***Private Equity/Debt***

IPERS invests in private equity/debt to enhance the investment portfolio return through long-term capital appreciation. Private equity investments are highly illiquid, and IPERS seeks to be compensated for such illiquidity by earning returns substantially greater than those available from publicly traded equity markets. The Policy Benchmark Index for Private Equity/Debt is the Wilshire 5000 Index (lagged by one calendar quarter) plus 300 basis points (3 percent). (See Appendix B for IPERS' Private Equity/Debt Investment Policy.)

### ***U.S. TIPS***

IPERS invests in U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (U.S. TIPS) to provide inflation protection and risk diversification for the investment portfolio. U.S. TIPS can also provide some deflation risk protection because the securities cannot accrue a negative coupon even if the inflation rate is negative (which is a deflationary environment). The Policy Benchmark Index for U.S. TIPS is the Barclays Capital U.S. Treasury Inflation Protected Securities Index.

### ***Other Real Assets***

IPERS invests in other real assets to provide inflation protection for the investment portfolio. Other real assets may consist of commodities, farmland, timber, private energy partnerships, public energy partnerships (aka master limited partnerships (MLPs)), or infrastructure investments where principal or future income streams are protected from inflation. The Policy Benchmark Index for Other Real Assets will be created based upon the first type of mandate that is funded, and will be revised as additional real asset strategies are added to the portfolio over time. The Policy Benchmark for Other Real Assets shall not take effect until a mandate is funded in this asset category.

### ***Cash***

Cash, for the purpose of applying the Policy Benchmark Weights and Asset Class Ranges, is limited to funds available prior to distribution to investment managers and the amount reserved to pay near-term benefits and administrative costs. The Policy Benchmark Index for Cash is the Merrill Lynch 91-Day Treasury Bill Index.

### 3. Policy Benchmark Rebalancing

Because of the fluctuation of market values, and the effect of cash flows in and out of the System, the actual weights of each asset class can differ from the target weights established in the Policy Benchmark. In recognition of this, the Board has also adopted Asset Class Ranges for each asset class, and positioning within a specified Asset Class Range is acceptable and constitutes compliance with the Policy Benchmark. It is anticipated that the Board will make periodic revisions to the Policy Benchmark, and it is recognized that in some cases it may be prudent to allow an extended period of time to fully implement revisions to the Policy Benchmark. In the absence of suitable opportunities within a specific market, the funds shall be directed to the other components within the ranges specified. The Board and staff will regularly monitor the actual asset allocation versus the Policy Benchmark Weights and evaluate any variations. In addition, it is acknowledged that market conditions or circumstances beyond IPERS' control may lead to asset class weightings being temporarily out of their target ranges, especially as those ranges relate to illiquid asset classes.

### B. The Alpha Portfolio

Alpha is the difference resulting from subtracting a beta return from a portfolio return. IPERS believes that positive alpha can be consistently earned by selecting skillful managers and applying that skill to a broad set of investment opportunities. By employing a combination of strategies that have low correlation to one another, and also employing a combination of skillful managers whose performance exhibits low correlation to one another, IPERS believes that consistent positive alpha returns (net of all fees) can be achieved at low levels of risk.

Various strategies may be employed in the creation of a diversified alpha portfolio. Factors that will determine the alpha portfolio composition will include market structure and dynamics, the breadth and depth of available active managers, and contribution to the alpha risk budget. Traditional long-only management strategies may continue to be utilized in order to capture alpha, while portable alpha strategies, which allow alpha earned in other asset classes to be transported to a particular asset class through the use of derivatives, may also be utilized.

In reviewing the effectiveness of alpha portfolio decisions, it is understood that a sufficient time frame is necessary to measure results through market cycles. A five-year period will generally be used to judge the results of alpha portfolio decisions.

The Board acknowledges that portable alpha strategies introduce a component of leverage into the portfolio, since market exposure is obtained through the use of derivatives while cash not needed to maintain the derivatives position is invested in alpha-producing assets. However, it is believed that a properly constructed alpha portfolio with a low correlation to the underlying beta portfolio is, from an economic perspective, equivalent to utilizing traditional long-only strategies in terms of risk and return.

Properly executed portable alpha strategies, which seek to apply manager skill across multiple alpha sources with low correlation to one another, can also have unique implementation risks that must be carefully monitored and managed. Some strategies can introduce high levels of financial leverage, valuation risks due to a lack of transparency, custody risks due to assets being held by prime brokers, and operational risks due to the use of complex, highly quantitative strategies. Staff will seek to mitigate these risks by employing a careful and thorough due diligence process in the evaluation and selection of reputable, experienced portable alpha managers. However, it is acknowledged that it may not be possible to eliminate some implementation risks associated with some portable alpha strategies.

Most hedge fund strategies will have many, if not all, of the implementation risks described above. Staff does not currently have the resources to perform adequate due diligence on the many hedge funds available in the market. Therefore, the Board has directed staff to utilize only fund of hedge fund managers to execute any portable alpha strategies that invest in hedge funds.

The alpha portfolio within an asset class will be structured to meet an alpha risk budget established by the Board to reflect the Board's active risk tolerance. Alpha risk is defined as the standard deviation of the alpha returns, and the Alpha Risk Target represents the Board's tolerance for volatility attributable to alpha-

seeking strategies for an asset class. The Board and staff will annually evaluate the alpha portfolios against their respective Alpha Risk Targets and determine what actions should be taken to address any deviations.

It shall be the staff's responsibility to recommend to the Board an allocation of the alpha risk budget to various alpha sources based upon an optimization model, and to maintain an alpha portfolio's alpha risk as close to the Alpha Risk Target as possible. However, because of the volatility of short-term alpha returns, positioning within the specified Alpha Risk Range is acceptable and constitutes compliance with the Policy. It is anticipated that the Board will periodically revise the alpha risk budgets, and it is acknowledged that it may be prudent to allow an extended period of time to fully implement revisions to the alpha risk budget.

The Board has established the following alpha risk budget:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Alpha Risk Range</b>	<b>Alpha Risk Target</b>
<b>Equities</b>		
Domestic Equities	0.70%–1.30%	1.00%
International Equities	1.50%–2.50%	2.00%
<b>Fixed Income</b>		
Core Plus Fixed Income	0.70%–1.30%	1.00%
High-Yield	2.40%–4.10%	3.25%
U.S. TIPS	0.40%–0.60%	0.50%

Alpha risk budgets have not been established for the Equity Real Estate, Other Real Assets, and Private Equity/Debt asset classes because of the difficulty of separating beta and alpha in those asset classes. Additionally, the lack of investable benchmarks for these three asset classes makes it impossible to determine the beta return for these asset classes. Thus, for Policy purposes, the alpha and beta risks for these three asset classes are assumed to be captured in the Policy Benchmark risk budgeting process.

### C. Investment Management

To achieve optimum performance results in concert with the diversification of its assets, IPERS will select and utilize an external investment manager to manage each of its portfolio accounts. The System will also utilize the services of investment management consultants for the purpose of performance review, asset allocation studies, risk budgeting, manager selection screening, and topical studies.

#### 1. Manager/Consultant Utilization and Selection

The selection of the managers and consultants is accomplished in accordance with Iowa Executive Order Number 25, dated June 4, 2002, the applicable provisions of Iowa Code sections 8.47 and 8.52, and the administrative rules adopted thereunder, except as otherwise provided in duly issued waivers by the ruling authority. The System will procure manager and consultant services with adequate attention to the principles of competition and reasonableness of costs, and will wherever feasible compensate the external managers through the use of performance-based fees.

Each investment manager and consultant shall function under a formal contract that delineates their responsibilities and the appropriate risk management and performance expectations.

#### 2. Manager/Consultant Discretion

The investment managers shall have full discretion to direct and manage the investment and reinvestment of assets allocated to their accounts in accordance with this document, applicable federal and state statutes and regulations, and the executed contracts. Further, the investment managers shall have full discretion to establish and execute trades through accounts with one or more securities broker/dealers as the managers may select. The investment managers will attempt to obtain the "best available price and most favorable execution" with respect to all of the portfolio transactions. In accordance with this principle, broker/dealers with an office in Iowa will be given an opportunity to compete for various transactions.

The Board and staff will consider the comments and recommendations of the managers and consultants in conjunction with other available information in making informed, prudent decisions.

### 3. Manager Evaluation

The investment managers under contract with the System will meet periodically with the Investment Board and/or staff for the purpose of reviewing the investment activities of their assigned portfolio, its performance, the investment strategy that governs its management, and the marketplace in which it exists. Such meetings may be conducted at the offices of the investment firms. A detailed discussion of IPERS' manager evaluation policies and procedures is provided in the IPERS Manager Monitoring and Retention Policy. (See Appendix C for IPERS' Investment Manager Monitoring and Retention Policy.)

### 4. Manager Diversification

The investment manager structure shall be diversified to reduce the risk of having too many of IPERS' actively managed investment assets with one firm or having IPERS' assets comprise too much of a firm's actively managed investment strategy. The following diversification limits shall apply:

- a. An investment manager's combined responsibility for actively managed investment strategies on behalf of IPERS shall not exceed 15% of the Fund's total assets;
- b. IPERS' investment in an investment manager's actively managed strategy shall not exceed 20% of the manager's total assets under management in that strategy.

For purposes of this section, enhanced indexing, equity real estate and private equity are considered to be actively managed investment strategies.

The Board acknowledges that there may be times when manager diversification limits could be exceeded due to manager terminations, abrupt changes in market conditions, or decisions made by other clients of a manager. In such times, staff shall inform the Board of the situation and shall attempt to rebalance to the diversification limits as soon as prudently possible, with periodic progress reports to the Board.

### D. Cash Management

Staff will ensure that adequate cash is available for the payment of benefit obligations and the funding of investments, and any cash held pending such uses shall be temporarily invested in the custodian's Short Term Investment Fund (STIF) or other suitable short-term investment vehicle authorized by the Board. Cash held within the accounts of investment management firms will be managed in accordance with the guidelines established in the contractual agreement with each firm.

### E. Currency Risk Management

Investment in nondollar-denominated assets introduces the risk of loss due to currency fluctuations. It shall be the responsibility of each investment manager to manage any currency risk within its portfolio according to the terms of the contract between the manager and the System. The objective of currency management is not the elimination of all currency risk, but rather the prudent management of risks associated with investing in currencies or in assets that are not denominated in U.S. dollars.

### F. Custody

The Treasurer of the State of Iowa is the custodian of the Fund. The Treasurer will hold the System's assets in a custody/recordkeeping account in a master custody bank located in a national money center and in the international subcustodian banks under contract to the custodian bank. The Treasurer shall consult with the Board prior to selecting the master custody bank. A formal written agreement shall be established between the Treasurer of State and any third-party custodian. The custodian bank agreement shall be reviewed periodically by the staff and Investment Board.

### G. Securities Lending

The primary objective of the securities lending program shall be to safely generate income from lending the System's securities to qualified borrowers. The program will only utilize lending agents that agree to acceptable



make-whole or indemnification provisions in the event a loan of securities is terminated and the borrower has failed to return the loaned securities within the standard settlement period for the loaned securities.

Cash collateral received against loans of securities shall be prudently invested in a low-risk investment strategy that invests only in: a) commingled funds or money market funds managed in accordance with the regulations and criteria specified in Rule 2(a)(7) promulgated under the Investment Company Act of 1940, or b) separate accounts that have investment guidelines identical to those required of a 2(a)(7) fund, or c) overnight repurchase agreements collateralized with obligations issued by the United States Treasury or obligations issued by agencies or government-sponsored entities of the United States government.

The key investment objectives for investing the cash collateral shall be to: a) safeguard principal; b) maintain adequate liquidity; and c) consistent with the foregoing objectives, optimize the spread between the collateral earnings and the rebate paid to the borrower of securities.

The Investment Board may select its own securities lending agent or authorize the Treasurer of the State of Iowa to manage the securities lending program in accordance with the risk guidelines established herein. Staff shall execute a formal written agreement between any lending agent (or the Treasurer, as the case may be) and IPERS stipulating the risk parameters and performance benchmarks of the program, which shall be in accordance with these guidelines. The securities lending program will be annually reviewed by the Board, and the ongoing operation of such program shall be subject to periodic reauthorization by the Board.

#### H. Proxy Voting

IPERS acknowledges that proxies are a significant and valuable tool in corporate governance and therefore have economic value. The System commits to managing its proxy voting rights with the same care, skill, diligence, and prudence as is exercised in managing its other valuable assets. As responsible fiduciaries, the System's staff, its designated voting agents, its investment managers, and the trustees or agents of the System's collective, common, or pooled fund investments will exercise their proxy voting rights in the sole interest of the System's members and in accordance with the applicable statutes.

The voting rights of individual stocks held in any separate account, or any collective, common, or pooled fund will be exercised by the manager, trustees, or agents of said account or fund in accordance with their own proxy voting policies, upon the review and determination by the System that such proxy policies fulfill the above-stated mandates.

#### I. Commission Recapture and Soft-Dollars

The System encourages, but does not require, certain of its active equity managers to direct brokerage transactions to commission recapture brokers to the extent these brokers can provide best execution. Best execution is defined as achieving the most favorable price and execution service available, bearing in mind the System's best interests, and considering all relevant factors. The System will monitor on an ongoing basis the services provided by the commission recapture brokers so as to assure that the investment managers are securing the best execution of the Fund's brokerage transactions.

All rebates or credits from commissions paid by the System's investment managers to the commission recapture brokers will be realized in cash and remitted directly to the Fund. It is the System's policy to refrain from using soft-dollar credits to acquire products or services to be used in the internal administration of the Fund. If the generation of soft-dollar credits is unavoidable in certain instances, the System will make a best effort to have the credits converted to cash and remitted directly to the Fund, and, failing such conversion, will regularly monitor the managers' expenditure of soft-dollar credits to ensure an appropriate relationship to the management of their IPERS accounts.



## J. Derivatives

The System recognizes that certain derivative instruments can be useful tools in managing portfolio risk and in efficiently replicating cash market positions. However, the System also recognizes that derivatives can introduce unique risks into the portfolio that must be controlled. The following guidelines shall apply to the use of derivatives by the System's managers, and are designed to provide general risk controls that apply to all managers. The System's staff and investment consultant shall establish specific guidelines in each manager's contract to control the various risks associated with the use of derivatives for a particular manager and mandate. With the exception of portable alpha strategies, a manager is only authorized to utilize the derivative instruments permitted in this policy, and then only to the extent such usage is authorized in the manager's contract with the System.

The System defines a derivative instrument (derivative) to be a financial instrument with a return or value that is obtained from the return or value of another underlying financial instrument. Mortgage-backed securities and asset-backed securities are not considered derivatives for the purposes of this policy.

The following is a list of categories of derivatives that are permitted under this policy.

1. Futures – Bond futures, interest rate futures, stock index futures, and currency futures that are listed on major exchanges in the United States, Japan, France, the United Kingdom, and Germany
2. Options – Options on stocks and bonds, index options, currency options, and options on futures and swaps
3. Currency forward contracts
4. Swaps – Interest rate, currency, index, credit default, or specific security or a group of securities swaps
5. Warrants – A manager is not permitted to purchase warrants separately. However, a manager may purchase securities that have warrants attached to them if such securities are permitted under their contract. A manager may also hold warrants in its portfolio if such warrants were received as part of a restructuring or settlement concerning an authorized investment

The following restrictions shall apply to any manager using derivatives in the portfolio they manage for IPERS (in addition to any other restrictions or limitations included in the manager's contract):

1. Under no circumstances shall a manager use derivatives for the purpose of leveraging its portfolio.
2. Prior to utilizing any derivative, a manager shall take all steps necessary to fully understand the instrument, its potential risks and rewards, and the impact adverse market conditions could have on the instrument and the overall portfolio, and to ensure that it has all of the operational and risk management capabilities required to prudently monitor and manage the derivative.
3. A manager utilizing non-exchange-traded derivatives shall use prudent caution in selecting counterparties, and shall have written policies in place specifying how the manager will manage the credit risk of the counterparties. Such policies shall include, at a minimum, how the management firm will evaluate and monitor the creditworthiness of counterparties, an explanation of how the firm will determine the maximum firm-wide net market exposure amount to each counterparty, how the firm will monitor and enforce compliance with its credit policies, and other key terms that are required to be included in non-exchange-traded derivative contracts. Staff and IPERS' investment consultant shall periodically review these policies.
4. A manager shall not invest in nonexchange-traded derivatives with a counterparty that has a rating below "A3" as defined by Moody's or "A-" as defined by Standard & Poor's (S&P). Managers shall not use unrated counterparties, nor shall they use counterparties that have a "split rating" where one of the ratings is below A3 by Moody's or A- by S&P. However, managers may utilize an unrated counterparty if the manager has documentation evidencing that a parent or affiliate of the counterparty is: a) legally bound to cover the obligations of the counterparty, and b) has a rating of at least A3 by Moody's or A- by S&P. The counterparty shall be regulated in either the United States or the United Kingdom.
5. A manager utilizing nonexchange-traded derivatives in IPERS' account shall control the counterparty credit risk of such transactions by: a) utilizing payment netting arrangements to minimize the amount at

risk, b) performing daily marking-to-market of derivatives contracts, and c) requiring collateralization of net amounts owed under the contracts after meeting minimum threshold for transfers.

6. A manager shall limit the System's exposure to counterparty defaults from nonexchange-traded derivatives by limiting the dollar amount at risk with any counterparty (net of the value of any collateral held) to no more than 5 percent of the market value of the IPERS account for a counterparty with a rating above A by Moody's or A+ by S&P, or 3 percent of the market value of the IPERS account for a counterparty with a rating of or below A by Moody's or A+ by S&P. The limitations of this paragraph apply only to the net exposure attributable to nonexchange-traded derivatives.
7. Collateral provided to IPERS by counterparties under a derivatives contract shall be delivered to and held by the System's custodian bank.
8. Managers shall reconcile cash and margin requirements concerning derivatives on a daily basis with the System's custodian bank.
9. These restrictions do not apply to portable alpha strategies utilized by the System. In lieu of such restrictions, staff shall attempt to ensure that contracts with managers executing portable alpha strategies adequately address as many of the restrictions as possible while allowing these managers the latitude necessary to manage a portable alpha portfolio where the alpha and beta sources are in different asset classes.
10. Contracts for portable alpha portfolios will articulate the specific derivative usage allowed within the manager's strategy. Additionally, the contract will incorporate the derivatives exposure parameters for that strategy. The contract will also articulate the data to be provided to IPERS staff and consultants in order to enable sufficient monitoring and evaluation of derivatives exposures.

#### K. Social Investing

As fiduciaries, the IPERS Investment Board, staff, and investment managers must perform their duties for the exclusive benefit and in the best economic interest of the System's members and beneficiaries. The System and the Board will not support investment policies or strategies which seek to promote specific social issues or agendas through investment or divestment of IPERS' assets. To act otherwise could be construed as a violation of fiduciary duty and could endanger the System's tax-exempt status.

#### L. Securities Monitoring and Litigation

IPERS has a fiduciary duty to preserve trust assets to meet the retirement promises made to its members. Included in this duty is the obligation to recover investments in public securities that incur losses as a result of corporate mismanagement and/or fraud. To preserve trust assets, the Board has adopted a securities monitoring and litigation policy to guide the System's involvement in and monitoring of securities litigation. (See Appendix D for IPERS' Securities Monitoring and Litigation Policy.)

#### M. Confidential Investment Information

Iowa Code §22.7 and §97B.17(2)e provide that certain records and information in IPERS' possession are considered confidential and thus are exceptions to Iowa's Open Records (chapter 22) laws. Included in the exceptions is information which, if released:

1. Could result in a loss to the System or to the provider of the information, and/or
2. Would give advantage to competitors and serve no public purpose, and/or
3. Would violate trade secrets which are recognized and protected by law.

While the staff shall provide the Board with all essential information about the investment program, communication of information that is confidential under the above Iowa Code provisions will be identified as such in the communication.

Iowa Code §97B.8A(5), an explicit exception to Iowa's Open Meetings (chapter 21) laws, reinforces the need and obligation to maintain the confidentiality of such information by expressly authorizing the Board to hold closed sessions for discussion of this information.

N. Ethics

Fiduciaries of the System must exercise the highest standards of care in acting for the exclusive benefit of the plan participants. IPERS has adopted an Ethics Policy to govern the activities of Board members, staff, consultants, and managers as it relates to the System. (See Appendix E for IPERS' Ethics Policy.)

O. Sudan Investment Restrictions and Divestment

Iowa Code chapter 12F requires IPERS to develop a list of scrutinized companies with operations in the Sudan, and to restrict its purchases of, and, under certain circumstances, to divest of holdings of publicly traded securities in any company determined to have active business operations in the Sudan. To comply with this legislative mandate, IPERS will do the following:

1. Staff will develop a list of scrutinized companies with active business operations and inactive business operations (as such terms are defined in the legislation) utilizing the research and findings of an organization recognized to be an authoritative source of information in this area. This list will be updated quarterly. Staff will engage the companies on the scrutinized companies list to determine if such companies are prohibited investments under Iowa law. Firms that are deemed to be prohibited under Iowa law will be placed on a prohibited companies list.
2. Staff will post the list of prohibited companies on the IPERS Web site within 30 days of its creation or update, with the posting to include information on the names and market values of prohibited companies held in the IPERS investment portfolio. Annual reports required by the legislation will also be posted on IPERS' Web site.
3. Staff will be responsible for sending all required written notices to companies on the list of scrutinized companies and for maintaining files tracking correspondence with such companies so that compliance with the legislation can be monitored.
4. Staff will contact those investment managers that invest in direct holdings of securities on behalf of IPERS, and notify them of those companies with active business operations that have become subject to investment restriction and divestment. Said investment managers will be instructed to immediately cease purchasing the publicly traded securities of such company, and to sell any existing direct holdings of such company within 18 months of the date the company was first notified. The investment manager shall have the discretion to decide when to sell its holdings within the 18-month period.
5. Staff and the consultant will track and include in its annual reports the costs associated with the Sudan legislation.
6. Staff will contact investment management firms that currently manage IPERS' assets in commingled funds and request, as required by law, that they consider developing Sudan-free commingled funds for the System's possible investment. If Sudan-free alternatives are available or become available, the staff will develop an estimate of the costs that would apply in moving IPERS' investment to a Sudan-free commingled fund, and provide such estimate to the Board for its consideration. The Board shall determine if replacement with a Sudan-free commingled fund is consistent with prudent investing standards.

P. Continuing Education

The Investment Board consists of dedicated Iowans that have agreed to serve the public in the very important roles of fiduciary and trustee for the Fund. The Board members have been entrusted with making decisions concerning complex actuarial and investment issues. However, it is recognized that Board members have varying degrees of knowledge and experience in dealing with actuarial and investment issues. Therefore, to facilitate the ongoing education of its members so that they may obtain the knowledge required to make

informed decisions, the Board establishes the following continuing education guidelines applicable to all Board members:

1. In the first 12 months following appointment, a Board member is encouraged to attend an educational session concerning fiduciary duties of trustees, and another educational session concerning asset allocation, actuarial principles, or investment policy.
2. For the period from 12 months following appointment until the end of the Board member's service on the Board, a Board member is encouraged to attend at least one educational session per year concerning any investment-related topic relevant to the Fund.
3. An "educational session" is defined as a conference, seminar, workshop, course, or other substantive educational activity on any investment or pension fund administration subject. If possible, staff will attempt to make some educational sessions annually available in Iowa in order to meet the needs of Board members' schedules.
4. Board members are responsible for self-evaluating their educational needs and obtaining knowledge in specific-needs areas in a fiscally responsible manner. Board members are encouraged to engage the CEO or IPERS investment staff to assist them in determining what educational sessions are available to meet their educational needs.
5. Board members must receive approval of the Board if they wish to attend more than two educational sessions in any 12-month period. This requirement applies only to educational sessions that require out-of-state travel.

#### *IV. Responsibilities of the Investment Board and Staff*

Successful management and oversight of IPERS' investment activities require the Investment Board and staff to have specific responsibilities, as outlined below:

##### A. Statutory Responsibilities

1. The Board shall annually adopt an Investment Policy and Goal Statement which is consistent with Iowa Code §§97B.7A and 97B.8A.
2. The Board shall at least annually conduct a review of the investment policies and procedures utilized by the System.
3. The Board shall at least annually conduct a public meeting to review the policies and the investment performance of the Fund.
4. With the approval of the Board, the Treasurer of State may conduct a program of lending securities in the IPERS portfolio.
5. The Board shall review and approve, prior to the execution of a contract, the hiring of each investment manager and investment consultant outside of state government.
6. The Board shall select the actuary to be employed by the System, and shall adopt the mortality tables, and actuarial methods and assumptions to be used by the actuary for the annual valuation of assets.
7. The chief executive officer will consult with the Board prior to employing a chief investment officer.
8. The Board shall participate in the annual performance evaluation of the chief investment officer.
9. The chief executive officer shall consult with the Board on the budget program for the System.
10. The Treasurer of State shall consult with the Board prior to selecting any bank or other third party for purposes of investment asset safekeeping, other custody, or settlement services.
11. The Board shall consist of seven voting members and four nonvoting members as required by Iowa Code section 97B.8A. Four voting members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
12. Staff shall provide advance notice to the public of the time, date, tentative agenda, and place of each Board meeting in compliance with Iowa Code chapter 21.
13. The Board shall set the salary of the chief executive officer.

## B. Operational Responsibilities

1. Upon recommendation of the staff, consultants, or of individual Board members, the Board shall periodically and as necessary adopt changes to the Investment Policy and Goal Statement, including revisions to the Policy Benchmark targets, beta portfolio components, and alpha risk budgets.
2. The Board shall review the specific types and proportions of assets being utilized in implementing the overall policy, as established by the staff (for example, the proportion of mortgage bonds within the Core Plus Fixed Income portfolio).
3. The Board shall periodically review the staff's rebalancing activities and the System's compliance with Policy Benchmark Weights and Alpha Risk Targets within their designated ranges.
4. The Board shall approve the solicitation of proposals for investment managers as recommended by the staff. The staff shall have the authority to terminate, amend, or renew contracts with existing managers. Staff shall inform the Board in advance of its decision to terminate a manager.
5. The Board shall approve the termination of consultants and the solicitation of proposals for consultants. The staff shall have the authority to amend or renew contracts with existing consultants.
6. If the chief executive officer, chief investment officer, any investment officer, or any IPERS attorney is in possession of information which would lead a reasonable person familiar with such matters to conclude that an investment, a commitment to an investment, or a decision to engage or terminate a contracted service provider, contradicts the fiduciary duties of the party or parties having the final authority to take such actions, it is the Board's expectation that the issue will be placed on a Board meeting agenda for review.
7. The Board shall hold public meetings to review the investment performance of the Fund, to hear presentations from a portion of the System's investment managers, and to effect its statutory and operational responsibilities.
8. To maintain and strengthen the investment management of the System:
  - a. The Board and staff shall participate in conferences/seminars related to the investment activities of public and private institutional investors.
  - b. The staff, and as appropriate, the Board, shall meet periodically with the investment managers of the Fund at the firms' offices to review and clarify investment or administrative issues related to the management of the portfolio.
  - c. The staff, and as appropriate, the Board, shall participate in investor meetings conducted by the various managers of the Fund.

These activities shall be conducted in compliance with Iowa Code chapter 68B, the "Iowa Public Officials Act."

## C. Administrative Responsibilities

1. Board meeting dates for the fiscal year shall be set by members of the Board at the first meeting of the fiscal year.
2. At the first meeting in each fiscal year, the voting Board members shall elect a chair and vice chair.
3. Parties wishing to present items for the Board's next meeting agenda shall file a written request with the chair at least five business days prior to the meeting. The Board may take up matters not included on its agenda.
4. To the extent there is no law, statute, or administrative rule governing a procedure, Board meetings shall be governed by the procedural rules established in the latest version of *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*.



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This report presents the results of the June 30, 2011 actuarial valuation of the Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS). The primary purposes of performing the valuation are as follows:

- to determine the actuarial contribution rates for the Regular Membership and the Special Service Groups (Group 1 includes sheriffs and deputies, Group 2 includes all other public safety members) in accordance with the Contribution Rate Funding Policy,
- to evaluate the funded status of the System and disclose various asset and liability measures as of June 30, 2011,
- to determine the experience of the System since the last valuation, and
- to analyze and report on trends in System contributions, assets, and liabilities over the past several years.

While this is not the first valuation report prepared by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC (CMC), it is the first valuation prepared using the CMC valuation software. As part of the assignment of the contract from Milliman to CMC in October of 2010, permission was granted to use Milliman's proprietary valuation software for the June 30, 2010 valuation. In order to quantify the impact of the change in valuation software, we replicated the June 30, 2010 actuarial valuation. With the exception noted below, the replication results were well within acceptable limits.

During the replication process, a coding error was discovered in Milliman's valuation software. The error, which failed to project future mortality improvements for certain Regular Membership Groups, understated the liabilities and costs. The Special Service Groups were not impacted.

The coding error actually occurred in the 2005-09 Experience Study and resulted in the recommendation and adoption of post-retirement mortality assumptions that represented a more dramatic change in mortality than intended. After revisiting the experience study results, we recommended that the Board adopt new mortality assumptions for the Regular Membership. The Board took action in November, 2011 and adopted these recommended assumptions. The result of this action was an increase in both the actuarial liability and the normal cost rate for the Regular Membership Group.

The impact of the software changes, assumption changes, and actual experience is summarized in the table below:

	Normal Cost			Actuarial Liability (\$M)		
	Regular	SS1	SS2	Regular	SS1	SS2
6/30/10 Valuation	9.87%	16.25%	15.80%	\$25,081	\$448	\$940
Actual Experience	-0.02%	+0.07%	-0.02%	+1,154	+25	+89
Change in Actuarial Software	+0.07%	+0.27%	+0.30%	+100	+3	0
Change in Mortality Assumption	+0.24%	0.00%	0.00%	+417	0	0
6/30/11 Valuation	10.16%	16.59%	16.08%	\$26,752	\$476	\$1,029

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The actuarial valuation results provide a “snapshot” view of the System’s financial condition on June 30, 2011. The results reflect net favorable experience for the past plan year as demonstrated by an unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) that was lower than expected, based on the actuarial assumptions. The UAL on June 30, 2011 for all membership groups covered by IPERS (Regular Members and both Special Service Groups) is \$5.682 billion as compared to an expected UAL of \$5.765 billion. The favorable experience was the sum of an experience gain of \$66 million on the actuarial value of assets and an experience gain of \$17 million on System liabilities.

The statutory contribution rate for Regular Members has been set by statute in the past. Effective with this valuation, legislation gives IPERS the authority to implement actuarially determined contribution rates for the Regular Membership Group, subject to a change of no more than 1% in a year. In the valuation, future increases in contribution rates are reflected for purposes of analyzing the long term funding of the System. As indicated previously, certain calculations are performed for purposes of reporting under Governmental Accounting Standards. For this purpose, future increases in the contribution rate are not reflected, i.e. the contribution rate for FY2013 of 14.45% is used.

The summary of the 2011 valuation results, which set the contribution rates for FY2013, are shown below:

<b>Contribution Rate for FY2013</b>			
	<b>Regular Membership</b>	<b>Special Service Group 1*</b>	<b>Special Service Group 2**</b>
1. Normal Cost Rate	10.16%	16.59%	16.08%
2. Amortization of UAL over 30 years	<u>4.61%</u>	<u>3.21%</u>	<u>1.03%</u>
3. Total Contribution Rate	14.77%	19.80%	17.11%
4. Statutory Contribution Rate	14.45%	19.80%	17.11%
5. Shortfall (3) – (4)	0.32%	0.00%	0.00%
6. Years to Amortize (based on (4))	34	30	30
7. Employee Contribution Rate	5.78%	9.90%	6.84%
8. Employer Contribution Rate (4) - (7)	8.67%	9.90%	10.27%
9 Unfunded Actuarial Liability (\$M)	\$5,565	\$57	\$59
10. Funded Ratio	79.2%	87.9%	94.2%

\* Includes Sheriffs and Deputies  
 \*\* Includes all other public safety members

### **Actuarial Value of Net Assets**

For financial statement purposes, the System’s assets are reported at current fair values. For actuarial purposes, the assets are valued using a technique which dampens the volatility in the fair value. Specifically, the assets are valued at their expected value at the valuation date (based on the assumed rate of investment return) plus 25% of the difference between the fair value and the expected value on the valuation date. The actuarial value of assets must fall within a corridor of 80% to 120% of market value. Based on this methodology, there was an actuarial gain on assets of about \$66 million. Between June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2011, the actuarial value of assets increased by \$1.038 billion. This represented an approximate rate of return of 7.8%, slightly higher than the actuarial assumed rate of return of 7.5%.



## Liabilities

The actuarial liability is that portion of the present value of future benefits that will not be paid by future normal costs. The difference between this liability and the actuarial value of assets at the same date is called the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL). The dollar amount of unfunded actuarial liability is reduced if the contributions to the System exceed the normal cost for the year plus interest on the prior year's UAL.

The unfunded actuarial liability by group is shown as of June 30, 2011 in the following table:

<i>(\$Millions)</i>	<b>Regular Membership</b>	<b>Special Service 1</b>	<b>Special Service 2</b>	<b>Total*</b>
Actuarial Liability	\$26,752	\$476	\$1,029	\$28,257
Actuarial Value of Assets	21,187	418	970	22,575
Unfunded Actuarial Liability	5,565	57	59	5,682
Funded Ratio	79.2%	87.9%	94.2%	79.9%

\*Totals may not add due to rounding.

Changes in the UAL occur for various reasons. The net change in the UAL from 6/30/2010 to 6/30/2011 was \$751 million. The components of this net change are shown in the table below (in millions):

<b>Unfunded Actuarial Liability, June 30, 2010</b>	\$ 4,931
• Expected increase from amortization method	96
• Expected increase from contributions below actuarial rate	218
• Investment experience	(66)
• Liability experience (including transfers)	(17)
• Change in actuarial valuation software	103
• Change in assumption/correction of mortality improvements	417
<b>Unfunded Actuarial Liability <u>before</u> FED transfer, June 30, 2011</b>	\$ 5,682
• FED Transfer	0
<b>Unfunded Actuarial Liability <u>after</u> FED transfer, June 30, 2011</b>	\$ 5,682

As shown in the table above, various components impacted the UAL. The two most significant factors were (1) the increase in the UAL due to the mortality assumption and software coding correction (\$417 million) and (2) the increase in the UAL due to the shortfall of contributions (\$218 million). Without the strong investment return in FY2011, the UAL would have increased significantly due to the deferred investment loss that still existed in the 2010 valuation.

Actuarial gains (losses), which result from actual experience that is more (less) favorable than anticipated based on the actuarial assumptions, are reflected in the UAL and are measured as the difference between the expected unfunded actuarial liability and the actual unfunded actuarial liability, taking into account any changes due to assumptions, methodology or benefit provision changes. Overall, the System experienced a net actuarial gain of \$83 million. The net actuarial gain may be explained by considering the separate experience of assets and liabilities. As noted earlier, assets had a \$66 million gain when measured on an actuarial value basis. There was a liability gain of \$17 million (or about 0.06% of total actuarial liability) which arose from demographic experience more favorable than anticipated by the actuarial assumptions. The liability gain was largely the result of salary increases that were slightly lower than the expected amount, offset by a liability loss from more retirements than expected.

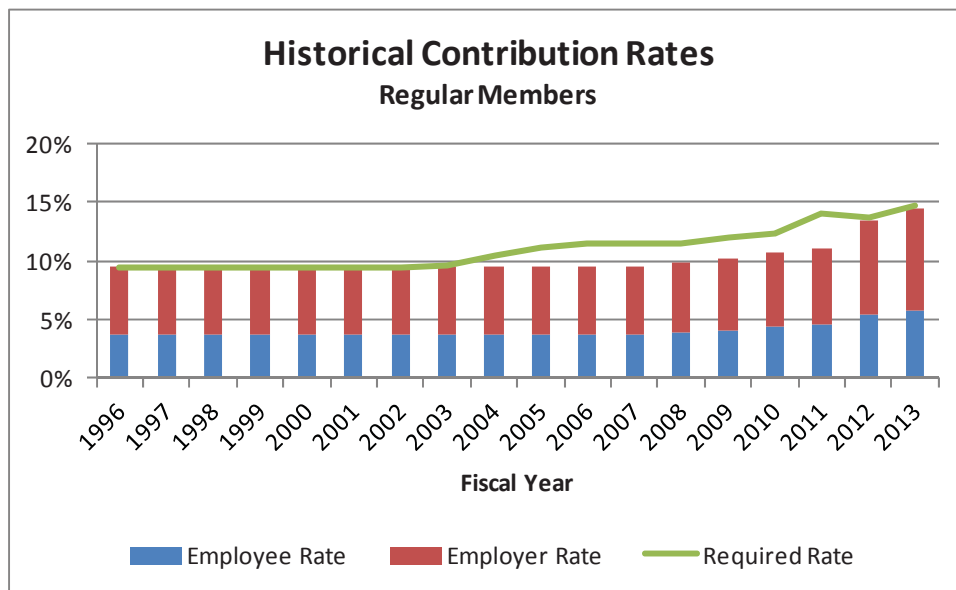


## Contribution Rate

Under the Entry Age Normal cost method, the actuarial contribution rate consists of two components:

- a "normal cost" for the portion of projected liabilities allocated by the actuarial cost method to service of members during the year following the valuation date, and
- an "unfunded actuarial liability contribution" for the excess of the portion of projected liabilities allocated to service to date over the actuarial value of assets on hand.

In 2006 and 2010, legislation was passed that increased the statutory contribution rate for Regular Members. A historical summary of the actual and required rates is shown in the graph below:



There were several factors that impacted the contribution rates in the 2011 valuation. Please see the table earlier in this section for a detailed summary of the impact of each change. The contribution rates are summarized in the following table:

<b>Contribution Rate for FYE 2013</b>	<b>Regular Membership</b>	<b>Special Service 1</b>	<b>Special Service 2</b>
1. Total Actuarial Contribution Rate	14.77%	19.80%	17.11%
2. Employee Contribution Rate	<u>5.78%</u>	<u>9.90%</u>	<u>6.84%</u>
3. Employer Contribution Rate (1) – (2)	8.99%	9.90%	10.27%
4. Employer Statutory Contribution Rate	<u>8.67%</u>	<u>9.90%</u>	<u>10.27%</u>
5. Shortfall (3) – (4)	0.32%	0.00%	0.00%

Due to the limitation on the increase in the statutory contribution rate, the rate for fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 is 14.45% (13.45% for FY2012 plus 1.0%). This rate is still less than the actuarial contribution rate for the Regular Membership, indicating that the UAL cannot be amortized in 30 years at the current contribution rate. The actuarial contribution rates in future years will vary from year to year and will be heavily dependent on future investment experience.





This valuation determines the actuarial contribution rates for FY2013. Based on the projected UAL for the Regular Membership at June 30, 2012 and the amortization payment for FY2012, the amortization period is 34 years. Using a 30 year open amortization period as defined in the Contribution Rate Funding Policy, the actuarial contribution rate is 14.77% of payroll. This rate is determined based on the snapshot of the System taken on the valuation date, June 30, 2011, and applies only for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. The actuarial contribution rate in future years will change each year as the deferred actuarial investment experience is recognized and other experience (both investment and demographic) impacts the System. Pursuant to the charge in Iowa Code §97B.11 (3)(d), as incorporated in the Contribution Rate Funding Policy, contribution rates shall be set as required to discharge the system's liabilities. The contribution rate may change no more than 1.0% per year. Based on the current year's valuation results, the statutory contribution rate is expected to converge with the actuarial contribution rate if all assumptions are met in future years.

### **Summary**

The investment return on the market value of assets for FY2011 was 19.91%. Due to this strong return, the actuarial value of assets is now less than the market value of assets and there is a small deferred investment gain. The System's funded ratio declined slightly from 81.4% in last year's valuation to 79.9% this year.

As mentioned above, the System utilizes an asset smoothing method in the valuation process. While this is a common procedure for public retirement systems, it is important to identify the potential impact of the deferred investment experience. The asset smoothing method impacts only the timing of when the actual market experience is recognized in the valuation process. Despite a return of 19.91% on the market value of assets, the return on the actuarial value of assets was only 7.8%. This is due to the impact of the remaining deferred investment experience from FY09. However, the elimination of \$2 billion in deferred investment losses represents a significant improvement in the outlook for the System's long term funding.

The actuarial contribution rate determined in this year's valuation for Regular Members, which used an open 30 year amortization period, is 14.77% of payroll, as compared to the statutory FYE 2013 contribution rate of 14.45%. This rate is determined based on the snapshot of the System taken on the valuation date, June 30, 2011, and applies only for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012. The actuarial contribution rate in future years will change each year as the deferred actuarial investment experience is recognized and as other experience (both investment and demographic) impacts the System. While the statutory contribution rate can vary each year, the annual change is limited to 1.0%.

The long-term financial health of this retirement system is heavily dependent on two key items: (1) future investment returns and (2) contributions to the System. Given the System's current funded status, the deferred investment gains, and the difference between the actuarial contribution rate and the statutory contribution rate, the System's funded ratio is expected to improve over the long term, assuming all actuarial assumptions are met.

In performing the valuation, we have relied upon membership and financial data reported to us by the System. We did not verify the accuracy of the information but did review it for reasonableness in relation to the data submitted for previous years. We provided the Principal Valuation Results, the Actuarial Balance Sheet and the Solvency Test in the Actuarial section. We also provided some information in the Financial section, including the Schedule of Funding Progress and the contribution rates used to calculate the actuarially required contribution on the Schedule of Employer Contributions.

On the basis of the foregoing, we hereby certify that, to the best of our knowledge and belief, this information is complete and accurate and has been prepared in accordance with generally recognized and accepted actuarial principles and practices which are consistent with the Actuarial Standards of Practice promulgated by the Actuarial Standards Board and the applicable Guides to Professional Conduct, amplifying Opinions, and supporting Recommendations of the American Academy of Actuaries.



We further certify that all costs, liabilities, rates of interest and other factors for the System have been determined on the basis of actuarial assumptions and methods which are individually reasonable (taking into account the experience of the System and reasonable expectations of future experience); and which, in combination, offer our best estimate of anticipated experience affecting the System. Nevertheless, the emerging costs will vary from those presented in this report to the extent actual experience differs from that projected by the actuarial assumptions. The Investment Board has the final decision regarding the appropriateness of the assumptions and adopted them as of the dates shown for each assumption.

We also hereby certify that the assumptions and methods used for determining the funding requirements used in the preparation of the disclosure information under GASB Statement 25 meet the parameters imposed by the Statement.

Actuarial computations presented in the 2011 actuarial valuation report are for purposes of determining the recommended funding amounts for the System. Actuarial computations under GASB Statement No. 25 are for purposes of fulfilling financial accounting requirement. The computations prepared for these two purposes may differ as disclosed in the 2011 actuarial valuation report. The calculations have been made on a basis consistent with our understanding of the System's funding requirements and goals, and of GASB Statement No. 25. Determinations for purposes other than meeting these requirements may be significantly different from the results shown in the 2011 actuarial valuation report. Accordingly, additional determinations may be needed for other purposes.

In conclusion, on the following page we present comparative statistics and actuarial information on both the June 30, 2011 and June 30, 2010 valuations. All figures shown include the Regular Membership and the two Special Service Groups. The membership counts reflect the data as of June 30, appropriate for valuation purposes, and may differ from other reporting numbers.

I, Patrice A. Beckham, F.S.A., am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

I, Brent A. Banister, F.S.A., am a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries, and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion contained herein.

Respectfully Submitted,

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## PRINCIPAL VALUATION RESULTS

	June 30, 2011	June 30, 2010	% Chg
<b>SYSTEM MEMBERSHIP</b>			
1. Active Membership			
- Number of Members (excluding Retired/Reemployed)	164,436	165,626	(0.7)
- Projected Payroll for Upcoming Fiscal Year	\$6,706M	\$6,820M	(1.7)
- Average Salary	\$40,782	\$40,635	0.4
2. Inactive Membership			
- Number Not in Pay Status	65,965	65,571	0.6
- Number of Retirees/Beneficiaries	98,312	93,513	5.1
- Average Annual Benefit	\$13,939	\$13,139	6.1
<b>ASSETS AND LIABILITIES</b>			
1. Net Assets (excluding FED reserve)			
- Market Value	\$22,772M	\$19,539M	16.5
- Actuarial Value	22,575M	21,537M	4.8
2. Projected Liabilities			
- Retired Members	\$13,252M	\$11,770M	12.6
- Inactive Members	588M	552M	6.5
- Active Members	20,375M	19,879M	2.5
- Total Liability	34,215M	32,200M	6.3
3. Actuarial Liability	\$28,257M	\$26,468M	6.8
4. Unfunded Actuarial Liability	\$5,682M	\$4,931M	15.2
5. Funded Ratio			
a. Actuarial Value Assets/Actuarial Liability	79.89%	81.37%	(1.8)
b. Market Value Assets/Actuarial Liability	80.59%	73.82%	9.2
<b>SYSTEM CONTRIBUTIONS</b>			
Statutory Contribution Rate, Regular Members*	14.45%	13.45%	7.4
Employer Contribution Rate	8.67%	8.07%	7.4
Employee Contribution Rate	5.78%	5.38%	7.4
Total Actuarial Contribution Rate	14.77%	13.71%	7.7
Shortfall	0.32%	0.26%	23.1

M = (\$)Millions

\* Contribution rates for Special Service Group 1 are 9.90% for employers, 9.90% for employees.

Contribution rates for Special Service Group 2 are 10.27% for employers, 6.84% for employees.

Note: For valuation purposes, the data provided by IPERS was reclassified by CMC into the membership category that would most accurately reflect the actuarial liability of the individual member on the valuation date. As a result, the counts shown in this exhibit may vary from those shown in other sections of this report.



## ACTUARIAL BALANCE SHEET June 30, 2011

	Regular Membership	Special Service Group 1*	Special Service Group 2**	Total
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>				
Actuarial value of assets	\$21,187,215,563	\$418,118,777	\$969,974,859	\$22,575,309,199
Present value of future normal costs	5,346,600,605	132,398,484	479,266,093	5,958,265,182
Present value of future contributions to amortize unfunded actuarial liability	5,564,939,072	57,440,242	59,391,601	5,681,770,915
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$32,098,755,240</b>	<b>\$607,957,503</b>	<b>\$1,508,632,553</b>	<b>\$34,215,345,296</b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES</u></b>				
Present Value of Future Benefits:				
Retired Members and Beneficiaries	\$12,698,425,109	\$185,018,412	\$368,833,144	\$13,252,276,665
Active Members	18,843,602,130	415,652,145	1,115,635,304	20,374,889,579
Inactive Members	556,728,001	7,286,946	24,164,105	588,179,052
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$32,098,755,240</b>	<b>\$607,957,503</b>	<b>\$1,508,632,553</b>	<b>\$34,215,345,296</b>

\* Includes Sheriffs and Deputies.

\*\* Includes all other public safety members.



## SOLVENCY TEST

A short-term solvency test, which is one means of determining a system's progress under its funding program, compares the plan's present assets with: 1) the liability for active member contributions on deposit; 2) the liability for future benefits to present retirees; and (3) the liability for service already rendered by active members. In a system that has been following the level percent of payroll financing discipline, the obligation for active member contributions on deposit (Item 1) and the liabilities for future benefits to present retired lives (Item 2) will be fully covered by present assets with the exception of rare circumstances. The obligation for service already rendered by active members (Item 3) will be partially covered by the remainder of present assets. Absent any significant benefit changes, if the system has been using level cost financing, the funded portion of Item 3 usually will increase over a period of time.

Actuarial Valuation	Active Member Contributions	Retirees and Beneficiaries	Active Members Employer Financed Portion	Actuarial Value of Assets	Portions of Liabilities Covered by Assets		
	(1)	(2)	(3)		(1)	(2)	(3)
2011	\$3,562,999,712	\$13,252,276,665	\$11,441,803,737	\$22,575,309,199	100%	100%	50%
2010	3,569,189,416	12,321,926,878	10,577,303,356	21,537,458,560	100%	100%	53%
2009	3,501,951,261	10,623,480,763	11,893,161,799	21,123,979,941	100%	100%	59%
2008	3,343,722,874	9,922,758,244	11,255,735,471	21,857,423,183	100%	100%	76%
2007	3,165,389,448	9,217,242,773	10,643,481,561	20,759,628,415	100%	100%	79%
2006	3,027,543,237	8,448,946,704	10,174,632,478	19,144,036,519	100%	100%	75%

Note: The combined accrued liabilities in columns 1, 2, and 3 are based on the entry age normal cost method.

## Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data

Year Ended	Number	Annual Payroll	Annual Average Pay	Percentage Increase in Average Pay
2006	163,091	\$5,523,863,321	\$33,870	4.07
2007	165,241	5,781,706,199	34,990	3.31
2008	167,850	6,131,445,367	36,529	4.40
2009	167,717	6,438,643,124	38,390	5.09
2010	165,660	6,571,182,005	39,667	3.33
2011	164,467	6,574,872,719	39,977	0.78

## Retirees and Beneficiaries – Changes in Rolls

### Schedule of Retirees Added to and Removed From Rolls

Year Ended	Added to Rolls		Removed From Rolls		Rolls at Year-End		Percentage Increase in Annual Allowances	Average Annual Allowances
	Number*	Annual Allowances	Number	Annual Allowances	Number	Annual Allowances		
2006	4,892	\$ 71,906,397	2,510	\$10,155,290	78,685	\$ 869,150,431	7.65	\$11,046
2007	5,246	88,603,387	2,718	10,883,501	81,213	946,870,317	8.94	11,659
2008	5,098	92,991,307	2,687	10,789,250	83,624	1,029,072,374	8.68	12,306
2009	4,908	92,013,786	2,761	12,041,683	85,771	1,109,044,477	7.77	12,930
2010	6,387	104,167,926	2,705	12,096,634	89,453	1,201,115,769	8.30	13,427
2011	7,383	183,137,035	2,767	13,377,850	94,069	1,370,874,954	14.13	14,573

\*The number of retirees added to rolls may not equal the number of new retirees reported in other sections of the CAFR because of retirees who began receiving payments during the fiscal year but were not receiving payments at the end of the fiscal year. These retirees are included in the "added to rolls" and the "removed from rolls" columns of this table, whereas only new retirees who were receiving benefits as of fiscal year-end are reported elsewhere throughout the CAFR.

### Schedule of Beneficiaries Added to and Removed From Rolls

Year Ended	Added to Rolls		Removed From Rolls		Rolls at Year-End		Percentage Increase in Annual Allowances	Average Annual Allowances
	Number	Annual Allowances	Number	Annual Allowances	Number	Annual Allowances		
2006	390	\$3,237,968	172	\$ 681,014	3,519	\$27,714,094	10.16	\$7,876
2007	374	3,299,984	157	857,512	3,736	30,156,566	8.81	8,072
2008	335	3,673,542	205	934,239	3,866	32,895,869	9.08	8,509
2009	429	3,930,377	214	876,249	4,081	35,949,997	9.28	8,809
2010	397	4,387,178	239	1,231,637	4,239	39,105,538	8.78	9,225
2011	456	4,497,000	224	911,691	4,471	42,690,847	9.17	9,548

Note: Tables on this page are provided by IPERS. The remainder of the Actuarial section is provided by Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, LLC.





## ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS

### ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS:

#### Rate of Inflation (effective June 30, 2006)

3.25% per annum

#### Rate of Crediting Interest on Contribution Balances (effective June 30, 2006)

4.00% per annum, compounded annually

#### Rate of Investment Return (effective June 30, 1996)

7.50% per annum, compounded annually, net of expenses

#### Wage Growth Assumption (effective June 30, 1999)\*

4.00% per annum based on 3.25% inflation assumption and 0.75% real wage inflation

\*Total of 4.00% did not change but the components changed June 30, 2006

#### Payroll Increase Assumption (effective June 30, 1999)

4.00% per year

### DEMOGRAPHIC ASSUMPTIONS:

#### Rates of Mortality

To reflect anticipated future mortality improvements, generational mortality is used with projected mortality improvements based on Projection Scale AA.

#### Pre-Retirement (effective June 30, 2010)

##### State

Male RP2000 Employee Table, Generational, set back 3 years  
Female RP2000 Employee Table, Generational, set back 8 years

##### School

Male RP2000 Employee Table, Generational, set back 3 years  
Female RP2000 Employee Table, Generational, set back 8 years

##### Other

Male RP2000 Employee Table, Generational, no set back  
Female RP2000 Employee Table, Generational, set back 8 years

##### Special Services

Male RP2000 Employee Table, Generational  
Female RP2000 Employee Table, Generational

For Special Services active members, 5% of deaths are assumed to be service related.



**Post-Retirement (effective June 30, 2011 for Regular Members and June 30, 2010 for Special Service Members)**

<b>State</b>	RP2000 Healthy Annuitant Table, Generational
Male	1 Year set forward
Female	1 Year set back with 5% increase above age 75
<b>School</b>	RP2000 Healthy Annuitant Table, Generational
Male	No age adjustment, but rates decreased by 5% below age 75
Female	3 Year set back with 10% decrease before age 75 and 10% increase above age 75
<b>Other</b>	RP2000 Healthy Annuitant Table, Generational
Male	1 Year set forward
Female	2 Year set back with 5% increase above age 75
<b>Special Services</b>	RP2000 Healthy Annuitant Table, Generational
Male	No age adjustment
Female	No age adjustment
<b>Beneficiaries:</b>	Same as members
<b>Disabled Members (all groups):</b>	RP2000 Disabled Mortality, Generational Set back 1 year for males and set forward 3 years for females

**Retirement Rates (effective June 30, 2010)**

Upon meeting the requirements for early retirement, the following rates apply to regular members:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Assumed Retirement Rates – Early</u>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>
55	5.0%	8.0%	5.0%
56	5.0%	8.0%	5.0%
57	5.0%	8.0%	5.0%
58	5.0%	8.0%	5.0%
59	5.0%	9.0%	5.0%
60	5.0%	10.0%	5.0%
61	15.0%	15.0%	10.0%
62	15.0%	20.0%	20.0%
63	15.0%	20.0%	20.0%
64	15.0%	20.0%	20.0%



Upon reaching the requirements for normal retirement (unreduced benefits), the following rates apply:

**Assumed Retirement Rates – Select  
Unreduced**

<u>Age</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>
55	20.0%	30.0%	20.0%
56	15.0%	30.0%	20.0%
57	15.0%	30.0%	20.0%
58	15.0%	30.0%	20.0%
59	15.0%	30.0%	20.0%
60	15.0%	30.0%	20.0%
61	20.0%	30.0%	20.0%
62	40.0%	40.0%	40.0%
63	35.0%	30.0%	35.0%
64	30.0%	30.0%	35.0%
65	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%

**Assumed Retirement Rates – Ultimate  
Unreduced**

<u>Age</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>
55	15.0%	23.0%	15.0%
56	15.0%	23.0%	15.0%
57	15.0%	23.0%	15.0%
58	15.0%	23.0%	15.0%
59	15.0%	23.0%	15.0%
60	15.0%	23.0%	15.0%
61	20.0%	30.0%	20.0%
62	40.0%	35.0%	35.0%
63	30.0%	30.0%	25.0%
64	30.0%	30.0%	25.0%
65	30.0%	45.0%	40.0%
66	30.0%	35.0%	30.0%
67	20.0%	25.0%	20.0%
68	20.0%	25.0%	20.0%
69	35.0%	40.0%	40.0%
70	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



<u>Age</u>	<u>Assumed Retirement Rates</u>	
	<u>SS1</u>	<u>SS2</u>
50	20.0%	
51	20.0%	
52	20.0%	
53	20.0%	
54	20.0%	
55	25.0%	20.0%
56	20.0%	10.0%
57	20.0%	10.0%
58	20.0%	10.0%
59	20.0%	10.0%
60	20.0%	10.0%
61	20.0%	10.0%
62	35.0%	35.0%
63	50.0%	30.0%
64	50.0%	30.0%
65	100.0%	100.0%

Terminated vested members are assumed to retire at age 62 (55 for Special Services).  
 For regular membership, retired re-employed members are assumed to retire at a rate of 25% per year until age 80 when all are assumed to retire.

**Rates of Disablement (effective June 30, 2010)**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Assumed Rates</u>					
	<u>Males</u>			<u>Females</u>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>
27	0.020%	0.020%	0.020%	0.020%	0.030%	0.020%
32	0.020%	0.020%	0.020%	0.020%	0.030%	0.020%
37	0.040%	0.040%	0.040%	0.032%	0.040%	0.032%
42	0.065%	0.065%	0.065%	0.051%	0.050%	0.051%
47	0.120%	0.110%	0.140%	0.087%	0.090%	0.087%
52	0.220%	0.160%	0.326%	0.220%	0.165%	0.200%
57	0.320%	0.260%	0.630%	0.390%	0.240%	0.350%
62	0.420%	0.360%	0.900%	0.620%	0.320%	0.500%

<u>Assumed Rates</u>	
<u>Special Services</u>	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
27	0.150%
32	0.150%
37	0.150%
42	0.180%
47	0.230%
52	0.280%
57	0.380%
62	0.510%



**Rates of Termination of Employment (effective June 30, 2010)**

<u>Years of Service</u>	<b>Regular Membership</b>					
	<b>Male</b>			<b>Female</b>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>
1	15.4%	15.0%	21.0%	15.4%	15.0%	21.0%
5	5.5%	6.9%	8.4%	5.5%	6.9%	9.2%
10	2.2%	2.9%	4.3%	2.2%	2.9%	5.8%
15	1.7%	1.8%	2.6%	1.7%	1.8%	4.1%
20	1.1%	1.3%	2.4%	1.1%	1.3%	3.2%
25	1.1%	1.2%	2.0%	1.1%	1.2%	2.4%
30	1.1%	1.2%	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%	1.5%

**Special Services**

<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate of Termination</u>
22	5.8%
27	5.8%
32	3.5%
37	3.0%
42	2.6%
47	2.0%
52	2.0%

**Probability of Electing a Deferred Vested Benefit (effective June 30, 2010)**

<u>Years of Service</u>	<b>Regular Membership</b>					
	<b>Male</b>			<b>Female</b>		
	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>
5	66.0%	76.0%	61.0%	61.0%	80.0%	70.0%
10	73.0%	81.0%	66.0%	66.0%	80.0%	73.0%
15	78.0%	86.0%	71.0%	76.0%	85.0%	80.0%
20	83.0%	91.0%	76.0%	86.0%	90.0%	85.0%
25	88.0%	95.0%	80.0%	96.0%	95.0%	90.0%
30	90.0%	95.0%	80.0%	100.0%	100.0%	90.0%

**Special Services**

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
5	53%
10	65%
15	85%
20	95%
25	100%
30	100%



**Rates of Salary Increase\* (effective June 30, 2010)**

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Annual Increase</u>			
	<u>State</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Special Services</u>
1	15.0%	17.0%	15.0%	17.0%
5	7.6%	6.5%	6.1%	6.5%
10	6.3%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%
15	5.2%	4.5%	4.8%	4.8%
20	4.8%	4.2%	4.5%	4.5%
25	4.6%	4.0%	4.4%	4.5%
30+	4.3%	4.0%	4.4%	4.0%

\* Includes 4.0% wage growth

**ACTUARIAL COST METHOD (adopted 1996)**

The actuarial cost method is a procedure for allocating the actuarial present value of pension plan benefits and expenses to time periods. The method used for the valuation is known as the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Under this method, a total contribution rate is determined which consists of two parts: (i) the normal cost rate and (ii) the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) rate. The entry age normal cost method has the following characteristics:

- (i) The annual normal costs for each individual active member are sufficient to accumulate the value of the member’s pension at time of retirement.
- (ii) Each annual normal cost is a constant percentage of the member’s year-by-year projected compensation rates.

The entry age normal actuarial cost method allocates the actuarial present value of each member’s projected benefits on a level basis over the member’s compensation rates between the entry age of the member and the assumed exit ages.

**ACTUARIAL AMORTIZATION METHOD (adopted 2011)**

The portion of the actuarial present value allocated to the valuation year is called the normal cost. The portion of the actuarial present value not provided for by the actuarial present value of future normal costs is called the actuarial accrued liability. Deducting the actuarial value of assets from the actuarial accrued liability determines the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL). The one-year lag between the valuation date and the date the contribution rate is effective is reflected in calculating the UAL and the corresponding amortization payment. The UAL is amortized according to the Actuarial Amortization Method adopted by the Investment Board and summarized below:

1. For the actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2011, the amortization period of the UAL for each of IPERS’ membership groups is 30-year open.
2. For actuarial valuations prepared as of June 30, 2012 and later, the amortization period for the UAL for Special Service Group 1 and Special Service Group 2 shall be a closed period beginning at 30 years.
3. The amortization period for the Regular Membership shall be 30-year open until the statutory rate is the same as the actuarially determined contribution rate (ADCR). The amortization period shall move to a closed period, beginning at 30 years, in the actuarial valuation following the actuarial valuation in which the statutory rate equals the ADCR.
4. The amortization period of a surplus shall be a 30-year open period for all groups.





### **ASSET SMOOTHING METHOD (adopted 2007)**

The market value of assets, representing a fair value of System assets, may not necessarily be the best measure of the System's ongoing ability to meet its obligations.

To arrive at a suitable value for the actuarial valuation, a technique for determining the actuarial value of assets is used which dampens volatility in the market value while still indirectly recognizing market value. The specific technique follows:

- Step 1:** Determine the expected value of plan assets at the current valuation date using the actuarial assumption for investment return applied to the prior actuarial value and the actual receipts and disbursements of the fund for the previous 12 months.
- Step 2:** Subtract the expected value determined in Step 1 from the total market value of the Fund at the current valuation date.
- Step 3:** Multiply the difference between market and expected values determined in Step 2 by 25%.
- Step 4:** Add the expected value of Step 1 and the product of Step 3 to determine the actuarial value of assets.
- Step 5:** Verify the preliminary actuarial value of assets in Step 4 is not more than 120% of the market value of assets or less than 80% of the market value. If it is, adjust the actuarial value of assets so it falls within the 80% - 120% corridor.





# *Statistical*

*Statistical Overview*

*Membership Summary*

*Investment Statistics*



## Objectives

The objective of the Statistical section is to provide the detail and historical context needed for a thorough assessment and understanding of the System's financial condition. Data in this section are presented in multiple-year format to show previous and emerging trends, if any. In implementing GASB Statement No. 44, Economic Condition Reporting: The Statistical Section, the intent was to improve consistency and comparability in financial reporting for all governmental entities.

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The Statistical section provides financial, demographic, operating, and investment trend information. The financial trend information presented in the Changes in Net Assets and the Membership Summary on pages 100-102 is intended to help explain how the System's financial position has changed over time.

The demographic and operating information presented on pages 103-109 provides data on IPERS' membership, including years of credited service, benefits, benefit options, active membership statistics, and principal participating employers.

The investment information presented on page 110 shows the growth of net investment portfolio assets since 1984 and investment returns since 1982.

Tables related to types of refunds have not been included in the Statistical section because IPERS pays only one type of refund.

## Data Sources

Data for the Statistical section are derived from financial statements, an actuary member file, and an actuary retirement file, all prepared by IPERS. The data in the actuary files are also used by IPERS' actuaries to prepare the annual actuarial valuation. The investment data in the Statistical section are provided by Wilshire Associates.

## Methods

IPERS uses several data extraction and statistical tools to produce the information for the Statistical section. In some cases, data are imported into Microsoft Excel for further analysis and calculations.

## Assumptions

Active members are defined as those with wages reported for the last quarter of the fiscal year. Retired members and beneficiaries are those who were paid benefits in the last month of the fiscal year.

## Changes in Net Assets

Fiscal years ended June 30

(Dollar values expressed in thousands)

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Additions</b>					
Employee contributions	\$ 185,788	\$ 185,431	\$ 192,808	\$ 202,607	\$ 211,522
Employer contributions	278,683	287,523	298,924	310,843	324,656
QBA Fund contributions*	---	---	---	---	35
Service purchases	4,983	12,031 <sup>§</sup>	14,903	11,217	11,275
Net investment income/(loss)	(772,386)	814,808	2,177,265	1,912,489	2,065,520
QBA income	---	---	---	---	1
Other	68	8,952 <sup>¶</sup>	72	42	---
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>(302,864)</b>	<b>1,308,745</b>	<b>2,683,972</b>	<b>2,437,198</b>	<b>2,613,009</b>
<b>Deductions</b>					
Trust Fund benefits <sup>†</sup>	705,768	736,331	792,866	868,558	924,361
QBA Fund benefits <sup>‡</sup>	---	---	---	---	17
Refunds	37,915	35,591	36,430	43,113	41,668
Trust Fund administrative expenses	7,581	8,041	7,960	8,215	9,321
QBA Fund administrative expenses	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>751,264</b>	<b>779,963</b>	<b>837,256</b>	<b>919,886</b>	<b>975,367</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>\$(1,054,128)</b>	<b>\$ 528,782</b>	<b>\$1,846,716</b>	<b>\$1,517,312</b>	<b>\$1,637,642</b>

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\*IPERS began collecting QBA contributions in FY2006 (see Note 10, page 42).

†A Schedule of Benefit Payments by Type of Benefit is found on page 106.

‡IPERS began paying QBA benefits in FY2006 (see Note 10, page 42).

§The volume of service purchases has fluctuated because of changes in service purchase cost methods.

¶Increase is due to a transfer of \$8,879,964 from the Cedar Rapids Water Works Retirement System to fund accrued actuarial liabilities assumed by IPERS for participants of that system.



*Changes in Net Assets*  
*Fiscal years ended June 30*  
*(Dollar values expressed in thousands)*  
*Continued from page 100*

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Additions</b>					
Employee contributions	\$ 223,515	\$ 245,898	\$ 270,934	\$ 293,472	\$ 306,472
Employer contributions	343,063	377,397	415,301	449,119	468,027
QBA Fund contributions*	---	20	23	5	8
Service purchases	8,026	10,875	9,301	12,614	14,847
Net investment income/(loss)	3,298,842	(338,575)	(3,863,760)	2,477,824	3,922,569
QBA income	1	---	---	---	---
Other	---	---	---	---	---
<b>Total additions</b>	<b>3,873,447</b>	<b>295,615</b>	<b>(3,168,201)</b>	<b>3,233,034</b>	<b>4,711,923</b>
<b>Deductions</b>					
Trust Fund benefits <sup>†</sup>	1,013,956	1,096,078	1,183,098	1,278,550	1,456,998
QBA Fund benefits <sup>‡</sup>	17	20	21	6	8
Refunds	38,116	36,205	34,337	41,470	41,215
Trust Fund administrative expenses	9,060	9,884	10,896	8,967	9,649
QBA Fund administrative expenses	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Total deductions</b>	<b>1,061,150</b>	<b>1,142,188</b>	<b>1,228,353</b>	<b>1,328,994</b>	<b>1,507,871</b>
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>\$2,812,297</b>	<b>\$(846,573)</b>	<b>\$(4,396,554)</b>	<b>\$1,904,040</b>	<b>\$3,204,052</b>

\*IPERS began collecting QBA contributions in FY2006 (see Note 10, page 42).

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# Membership Summary

## Special Statistics

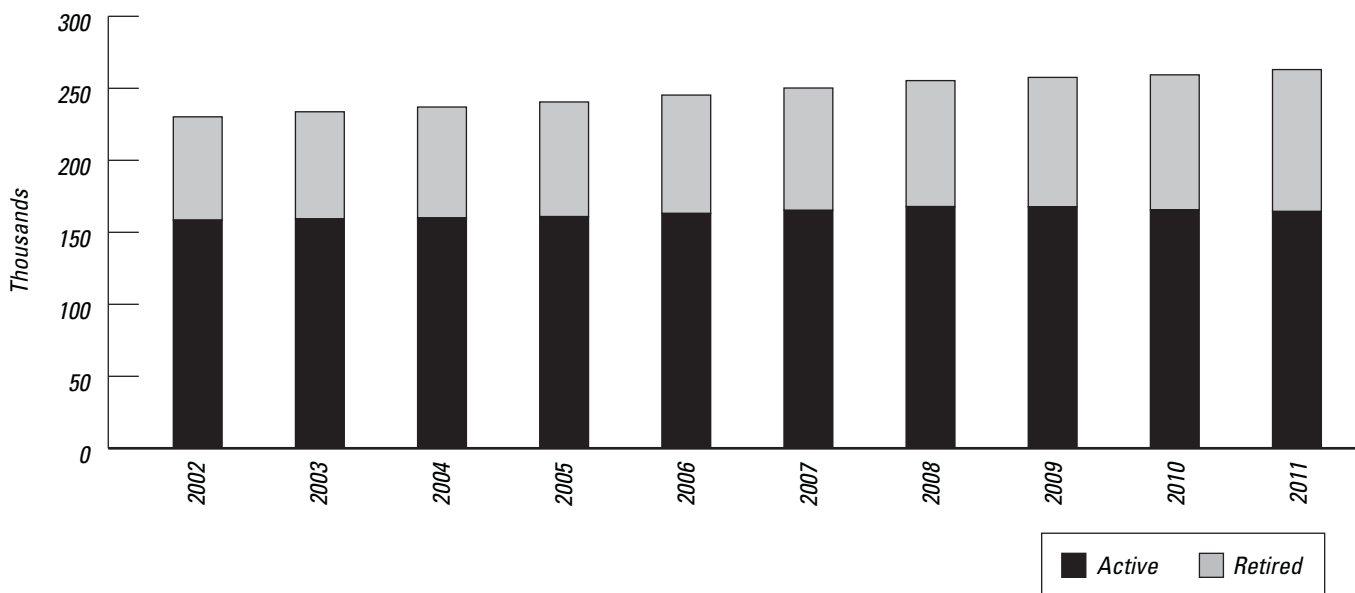
Fiscal years ended June 30

Fiscal Year	Number of Retired Members	Number of Active Members	Total Additions	Total Deductions	Total Investments*	Total Net Assets
2002	71,715	158,467	\$ (302,863,978)	\$ 751,263,994	\$15,264,248,089	\$14,874,419,194
2003	74,336	159,353	1,308,745,027	779,963,314	17,174,920,495	15,403,200,907
2004	76,961	160,034	2,683,972,329	837,256,385	19,647,841,652	17,249,916,851
2005	79,604	160,905	2,437,197,885	919,885,957	20,990,729,636	18,767,228,779
2006	82,204	163,091	2,613,008,745	975,366,478	22,623,903,421	20,404,871,046
2007	84,949	165,241	3,873,447,126	1,061,150,226	26,605,342,485	23,217,167,946
2008	87,490	167,850	295,614,881	1,142,187,838	24,454,328,362	22,370,594,989
2009	89,852	167,717	(3,168,201,203)	1,228,353,135	18,715,729,776	17,974,040,651
2010	93,692	165,660	3,233,034,186	1,328,994,209	20,432,970,506	19,878,080,628
2011	98,540	164,467	4,711,922,914	1,507,870,607	24,064,559,555	23,082,132,935

\*Total investments in this table include the securities lending collateral pool.

## Membership by Status

Fiscal years ended June 30



*Membership by Group*

*Fiscal years ended June 30*

<b>Fiscal Year</b>		<b>Regular Membership</b>	<b>Special Service Group 1</b>	<b>Special Service Group 2</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2002</b>	Active members	152,986	1,439	4,042	158,467
	Inactive members	97,479	112	637	98,228
	Retired members	70,896	260	559	71,715
	<b>Total</b>	<b>321,361</b>	<b>1,811</b>	<b>5,238</b>	<b>328,410</b>
<b>2003</b>	Active members	153,485	1,480	4,388	159,353
	Inactive members	103,348	115	745	104,208
	Retired members	73,602	225	509	74,336
	<b>Total</b>	<b>330,435</b>	<b>1,820</b>	<b>5,642</b>	<b>337,897</b>
<b>2004</b>	Active members	154,279	1,506	4,249	160,034
	Inactive members	102,186	103	760	103,049
	Retired members	76,097	249	615	76,961
	<b>Total</b>	<b>332,562</b>	<b>1,858</b>	<b>5,624</b>	<b>340,044</b>
<b>2005</b>	Active members	155,165	1,471	4,269	160,905
	Inactive members	64,667	102	647	65,416
	Retired members	78,587	310	707	79,604
	<b>Total</b>	<b>298,419</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>5,623</b>	<b>305,925</b>
<b>2006</b>	Active members	157,117	1,478	4,496	163,091
	Inactive members	60,941	114	605	61,660
	Retired members	81,083	345	776	82,204
	<b>Total</b>	<b>299,141</b>	<b>1,937</b>	<b>5,877</b>	<b>306,955</b>
<b>2007</b>	Active members	159,092	1,470	4,679	165,241
	Inactive members	61,501	108	633	62,242
	Retired members	83,666	397	886	84,949
	<b>Total</b>	<b>304,259</b>	<b>1,975</b>	<b>6,198</b>	<b>312,432</b>
<b>2008</b>	Active members	161,583	1,520	4,747	167,850
	Inactive members	63,534	108	655	64,297
	Retired members	86,072	442	976	87,490
	<b>Total</b>	<b>311,189</b>	<b>2,070</b>	<b>6,378</b>	<b>319,637</b>
<b>2009</b>	Active members	159,113	1,492	7,112	167,717
	Inactive members	65,855	113	874	66,842
	Retired members	88,074	585	1,193	89,852
	<b>Total</b>	<b>313,042</b>	<b>2,190</b>	<b>9,179</b>	<b>324,411</b>
<b>2010</b>	Active members	157,118	1,546	6,996	165,660
	Inactive members	64,415	114	992	65,521
	Retired members	91,657	616	1,419	93,692
	<b>Total</b>	<b>313,190</b>	<b>2,276</b>	<b>9,407</b>	<b>324,873</b>
<b>2011</b>	Active members	156,011	1,524	6,932	164,467
	Inactive members	64,712	126	1,130	65,968
	Retired members	96,252	657	1,631	98,540
	<b>Total</b>	<b>316,975</b>	<b>2,307</b>	<b>9,693</b>	<b>328,975</b>

## Average Benefit Payments for Retirees

Fiscal years ended June 30

Fiscal Year		Years of Credited Service							Total
		0-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	>30	
<b>2002</b>	Number of retirees	3,435	10,090	11,266	11,218	10,151	7,965	17,558	71,683
	Average monthly benefit	\$75	\$165	\$330	\$502	\$737	\$1,096	\$1,538	\$760
	Average high average salary	\$636	\$747	\$1,073	\$1,373	\$1,755	\$2,283	\$2,915	\$1,734
	Average years of service	4.53	8.50	13.36	18.36	23.24	28.15	34.57	21.27
<b>2003</b>	Number of retirees	3,652	10,509	11,464	11,402	10,485	8,326	18,472	74,310
	Average monthly benefit	\$80	\$169	\$337	\$518	\$765	\$1,139	\$1,611	\$796
	Average high average salary	\$735	\$809	\$1,102	\$1,384	\$1,729	\$2,219	\$2,828	\$1,728
	Average years of service	4.49	8.49	13.37	18.37	23.27	28.18	34.51	21.32
<b>2004</b>	Number of retirees	3,986	10,854	11,646	11,560	10,757	8,719	19,420	76,942
	Average monthly benefit	\$83	\$174	\$342	\$536	\$794	\$1,190	\$1,688	\$833
	Average high average salary	\$835	\$872	\$1,156	\$1,452	\$1,796	\$2,297	\$2,943	\$1,813
	Average years of service	4.45	8.48	13.34	18.37	23.27	28.18	34.44	21.35
<b>2005</b>	Number of retirees	4,224	11,140	11,815	11,798	11,069	9,171	20,371	79,588
	Average monthly benefit	\$87	\$179	\$350	\$555	\$824	\$1,246	\$1,763	\$873
	Average high average salary	\$911	\$939	\$1,211	\$1,525	\$1,868	\$2,391	\$3,041	\$1,899
	Average years of service	4.45	8.48	13.35	18.38	23.28	28.19	34.41	21.42
<b>2006</b>	Number of retirees	4,355	11,428	12,003	12,083	11,288	9,658	21,378	82,193
	Average monthly benefit	\$92	\$185	\$360	\$573	\$858	\$1,297	\$1,832	\$914
	Average high average salary	\$993	\$1,000	\$1,277	\$1,590	\$1,944	\$2,472	\$3,131	\$1,983
	Average years of service	4.47	8.47	13.34	18.39	23.28	28.20	34.36	21.51
<b>2007</b>	Number of retirees	4,421	11,666	12,149	12,331	11,586	10,132	22,658	84,943
	Average monthly benefit	\$97	\$194	\$369	\$598	\$895	\$1,357	\$1,917	\$967
	Average high average salary	\$1,077	\$1,080	\$1,335	\$1,671	\$2,029	\$2,563	\$3,241	\$2,085
	Average years of service	4.48	8.46	13.33	18.41	23.27	28.21	34.33	21.67
<b>2008</b>	Number of retirees	4,484	11,850	12,376	12,513	11,889	10,569	23,804	87,485
	Average monthly benefit	\$103	\$201	\$380	\$621	\$932	\$1,415	\$1,993	\$1,015
	Average high average salary	\$1,124	\$1,050	\$1,170	\$1,425	\$1,713	\$2,198	\$2,797	\$1,828
	Average years of service	4.49	8.46	13.34	18.42	23.27	28.23	34.33	21.81
<b>2009</b>	Number of retirees	4,549	12,061	12,547	12,685	12,191	10,893	24,921	89,847
	Average monthly benefit	\$108	\$209	\$392	\$644	\$973	\$1,471	\$2,071	\$1,064
	Average high average salary	\$1,203	\$1,130	\$1,252	\$1,521	\$1,834	\$2,318	\$2,943	\$1,948
	Average years of service	4.50	8.47	13.34	18.43	23.27	28.24	34.33	21.93
<b>2010</b>	Number of retirees	4,732	12,428	12,777	13,073	12,593	11,372	26,712	93,687
	Average monthly benefit	\$110	\$210	\$390	\$643	\$982	\$1,478	\$2,094	\$1,085
	Average high average salary	\$1,280	\$1,212	\$1,349	\$1,631	\$1,978	\$2,502	\$3,198	\$2,118
	Average years of service	4.49	8.47	13.34	18.44	23.29	28.25	34.36	22.10
<b>2011</b>	Number of retirees	4,924	12,762	13,210	13,512	13,287	12,014	28,828	98,537
	Average monthly benefit	\$123	\$235	\$441	\$731	\$1,124	\$1,667	\$2,337	\$1,234
	Average high average salary	\$1,372	\$1,296	\$1,462	\$1,763	\$2,162	\$2,679	\$3,388	\$2,284
	Average years of service	4.49	8.46	13.33	18.45	23.28	28.24	34.39	22.28

Note: Where data were available, high 3-year average monthly wages were calculated by dividing the annual high 3-year average by 12. When high 3-year average wages were not obtainable, the monthly high 3-year average wages were estimated by dividing the annual annuity amount by a multiplying factor of 0.38 and then dividing by 12 (see retirement formula on page 115). This table does not include retirees under the Iowa Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance System.

## New Retirees by Employer Group

Fiscal years ended June 30

Fiscal Year		City	County	School	State	Utility	28E Agency	Township & Cemetery	Other	Total
<b>2002</b>	Number of retirees	506	688	3,024	1,077	31	170	1	2	5,499
	Average monthly benefit	\$911	\$884	\$1,504	\$1,626	\$1,709	\$1,385	\$453	\$409	\$1,393
	Average years of service	18.94	18.42	25.24	25.45	24.95	21.54	40.25	12.37	23.73
<b>2003</b>	Number of retirees	558	715	2,562	640	19	217	1	---	4,712
	Average monthly benefit	\$801	\$830	\$1,278	\$1,266	\$1,426	\$1,178	\$62	---	\$1,148
	Average years of service	17.51	17.63	22.38	20.21	24.68	19.17	9.00	---	20.65
<b>2004</b>	Number of retirees	614	696	2,853	522	29	229	---	---	4,943
	Average monthly benefit	\$926	\$809	\$1,318	\$1,248	\$1,207	\$1,064	---	---	\$1,178
	Average years of service	18.60	17.00	22.20	19.17	19.96	17.08	---	---	20.45
<b>2005</b>	Number of retirees	590	722	2,559	757	19	232	---	---	4,879
	Average monthly benefit	\$998	\$1,031	\$1,335	\$1,560	\$1,699	\$1,282	---	---	\$1,283
	Average years of service	19.01	18.97	22.19	22.04	25.59	19.38	---	---	21.18
<b>2006</b>	Number of retirees	591	699	2,920	568	24	66	2	22	4,892
	Average monthly benefit	\$1,051	\$1,057	\$1,445	\$1,463	\$1,160	\$633	\$1,985	\$465	\$1,328
	Average years of service	19.32	19.14	23.33	21.04	19.26	13.84	29.50	11.22	21.78
<b>2007</b>	Number of retirees	620	809	2,697	965	32	50	2	26	5,201
	Average monthly benefit	\$1,108	\$1,190	\$1,570	\$1,936	\$1,057	\$752	\$314	\$376	\$1,506
	Average years of service	19.71	20.04	23.72	24.85	18.94	14.54	6.75	8.03	22.67
<b>2008</b>	Number of retirees	697	738	2,730	777	35	52	1	31	5,061
	Average monthly benefit	\$1,261	\$1,119	\$1,552	\$1,901	\$1,872	\$617	\$112	\$578	\$1,489
	Average years of service	20.66	19.76	23.25	23.71	24.74	13.61	6.25	12.61	22.29
<b>2009</b>	Number of retirees	620	800	2,571	765	44	49	---	28	4,877
	Average monthly benefit	\$1,226	\$1,241	\$1,610	\$2,067	\$1,586	\$881	---	\$467	\$1,558
	Average years of service	20.62	19.69	23.34	24.40	21.46	14.51	---	11.75	22.39
<b>2010</b>	Number of retirees	786	811	3,186	1,476	31	58	3	34	6,385
	Average monthly benefit	\$1,274	\$1,317	\$1,739	\$2,119	\$1,471	\$620	\$1,098	\$606	\$1,698
	Average years of service	20.25	20.40	23.92	25.14	19.70	12.12	20.50	11.62	23.11
<b>2011</b>	Number of retirees	776	859	3,822	1,728	55	82	---	38	7,360
	Average monthly benefit	\$1,387	\$1,397	\$1,799	\$2,285	\$1,741	\$655	---	\$544	\$1,803
	Average years of service	20.51	20.80	23.95	25.85	23.00	13.11	---	11.93	23.48

## Schedule of Benefit Payments by Type of Benefit\*

Fiscal years ended June 30

Fiscal Year	Number of Retirees	Normal Retirement	Early Retirement	Survivor Payment (Normal, Early, or Disability Retirement)	Disability Retirement	Survivor Payment (Death in Service)	Duty Disability Retirement (Special Service Groups)	Nonduty Disability Retirement (Special Service Groups)	Totals
2003	74,336	\$ 570,327,217	\$ 94,103,140	\$20,009,733	\$20,963,183	\$ 469,783	\$194,138	\$153,412	\$ 706,220,606
2004	76,961	610,618,473	106,510,837	22,142,949	22,021,464	760,904	278,289	221,496	762,554,412
2005	79,604	657,249,915	125,357,178	24,084,063	24,225,454	1,060,991	317,312	261,551	832,556,464
2006	82,204	701,149,558	141,860,569	26,228,650	25,540,886	1,382,098	433,669	269,095	896,864,525
2007	84,949	758,739,140	159,904,983	28,429,483	27,449,602	1,637,857	489,088	287,504	976,937,657
2008	87,490	818,804,704	180,411,922	30,892,964	28,284,772	1,919,799	563,314	303,042	1,061,180,517
2009	89,852	882,890,118	197,219,959	33,554,573	28,042,167	2,323,743	584,892	304,352	1,144,919,804
2010	93,692	951,375,232	220,803,713	36,386,690	27,960,711	2,653,287	624,888	330,890	1,240,135,411
2011	98,540	1,088,085,798	253,413,138	39,533,700	28,381,456	3,096,481	771,831	376,798	1,413,659,202

\*Trend data is being accumulated for a 10-year period. This table does not include lump-sum payments.

## Schedule of Retired Members by Type of Benefit

As of June 30, 2011

Amount of Monthly Benefit	Number of Retirees	Normal Retirement	Early Retirement	Survivor Payment (Normal, Early, or Disability Retirement)	Disability Retirement	Survivor Payment (Death in Service)	Duty Disability Retirement (Special Service Groups)	Nonduty Disability Retirement (Special Service Groups)
\$ <200	15,773	8,057	6,546	647	471	52	---	---
201-400	15,473	8,268	5,698	887	586	34	---	---
401-600	10,233	5,198	3,867	673	461	34	---	---
601-800	7,715	4,052	2,742	514	361	46	---	---
801-1,000	6,634	3,854	2,034	445	286	15	---	---
1,001-1,200	5,334	3,248	1,594	245	230	17	---	---
1,201-1,400	4,427	2,749	1,288	219	150	18	1	2
1,401-1,600	4,212	2,793	1,097	165	130	19	2	6
1,601-1,800	3,763	2,813	747	93	88	13	5	4
1,801-2,000	3,836	3,065	602	83	66	9	9	2
2,000+	21,140	18,764	2,002	215	112	28	15	4
<b>Totals</b>	<b>98,540</b>	<b>62,861</b>	<b>28,217</b>	<b>4,186</b>	<b>2,941</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>

Note: The above tables do not include types of refunds because IPERS pays only one type of refund (termination refunds).



*Retired Members by Benefit Option\**

*As of June 30, 2011*

<b>Amount of Monthly Benefit</b>	<b>Number of Retirees</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 3</b>	<b>Option 4</b>	<b>Option 5</b>	<b>Option 6</b>	<b>Misc.†</b>
\$ <200	15,773	5,145	3,408	3,124	1,514	2,006	559	17
201–400	15,473	5,556	3,478	2,043	2,002	1,781	605	8
401–600	10,233	3,359	2,299	1,236	1,690	1,087	562	---
601–800	7,715	2,402	1,730	843	1,431	752	557	---
801–1,000	6,634	1,849	1,524	720	1,393	615	533	---
1,001–1,200	5,334	1,380	1,233	574	1,064	494	589	---
1,201–1,400	4,427	1,117	906	424	992	396	592	---
1,401–1,600	4,212	988	880	412	903	424	605	---
1,601–1,800	3,763	847	733	367	778	415	623	---
1,801–2,000	3,836	752	751	413	755	442	723	---
2,000+	21,140	3,724	4,064	2,730	2,625	2,298	5,699	---
<b>Totals</b>	<b>98,540</b>	<b>27,119</b>	<b>21,006</b>	<b>12,886</b>	<b>15,147</b>	<b>10,710</b>	<b>11,647</b>	<b>25</b>

\*See definitions on page 116.

†Consists of retirees and beneficiaries of retirees under the Iowa Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance System.

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## Active Membership Statistics

Fiscal years ended June 30

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Total Actives</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>	<b>Average Covered Wage</b>	<b>Average Age (Years)</b>	<b>Average Service Credit (Years)</b>
2002	158,467	2.5	\$32,119	45.2	11.3
2003	159,353	0.6	29,652	44.7	11.4
2004	160,034	0.4	30,605	43.9	11.5
2005	160,905	0.5	31,376	45.6	11.6
2006	163,091	1.4	33,870	44.2	11.6
2007	165,241	1.3	34,990	43.2	11.5
2008	167,850	1.6	36,529	42.2	11.5
2009	167,717	(0.1)	38,390	41.4	11.7
2010	165,660	(1.2)	39,667	46.0	11.5
2011	164,467	(0.7)	39,977	45.0	11.6

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## Analysis of Change in Active Membership

Fiscal years ended June 30

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Beginning Members</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Retired</b>	<b>Died</b>	<b>Other Terminations</b>	<b>Ending Members</b>
2002	154,610	19,247	3,680	138	11,572	158,467
2003	158,467	17,130	3,657	153	12,434	159,353
2004	159,353	16,715	3,450	153	12,431	160,034
2005	160,034	17,598	3,716	156	12,855	160,905
2006	160,905	18,885	3,883	154	12,662	163,091
2007	163,091	19,111	4,344	246	12,371	165,241
2008	165,241	19,943	4,237	227	12,870	167,850
2009	167,850	16,565	4,013	246	12,439	167,717
2010	167,717	14,663	5,277	244	11,199	165,660
2011	165,660	17,236	6,368	237	11,824	164,467

Principal Participating Employers

Fiscal years ended June 30

2011

Participating Employer	Covered Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total System
State of Iowa Centralized Payroll	17,855	1	10.86
Des Moines Independent Community School District (CSD)	4,416	2	2.69
Cedar Rapids CSD	3,042	3	1.85
Iowa Department of Transportation	2,728	4	1.66
Davenport CSD	2,419	5	1.47
Sioux City CSD	1,850	6	1.12
Dubuque CSD	1,827	7	1.11
Iowa City CSD	1,814	8	1.10
University of Iowa	1,721	9	1.05
Waterloo CSD	1,601	10	0.97
All other employers*	125,194		76.12
<b>Total (2,177 employers)</b>	<b>164,467</b>		<b>100.00</b>

2002

Participating Employer	Covered Employees	Rank	Percentage of Total System
State of Iowa Centralized Payroll	18,151	1	11.45
Des Moines Independent Community School District (CSD)	4,673	2	2.95
Iowa Department of Transportation	3,151	3	1.99
Cedar Rapids CSD	3,132	4	1.98
Davenport CSD	2,434	5	1.53
Sioux City CSD	2,010	6	1.27
Dubuque CSD	1,660	7	1.05
City of Des Moines	1,553	8	0.98
Iowa City CSD	1,535	9	0.97
Waterloo CSD	1,522	10	0.96
All other employers	118,646		74.87
<b>Total (2,446 employers)</b>	<b>158,467</b>		<b>100.00</b>

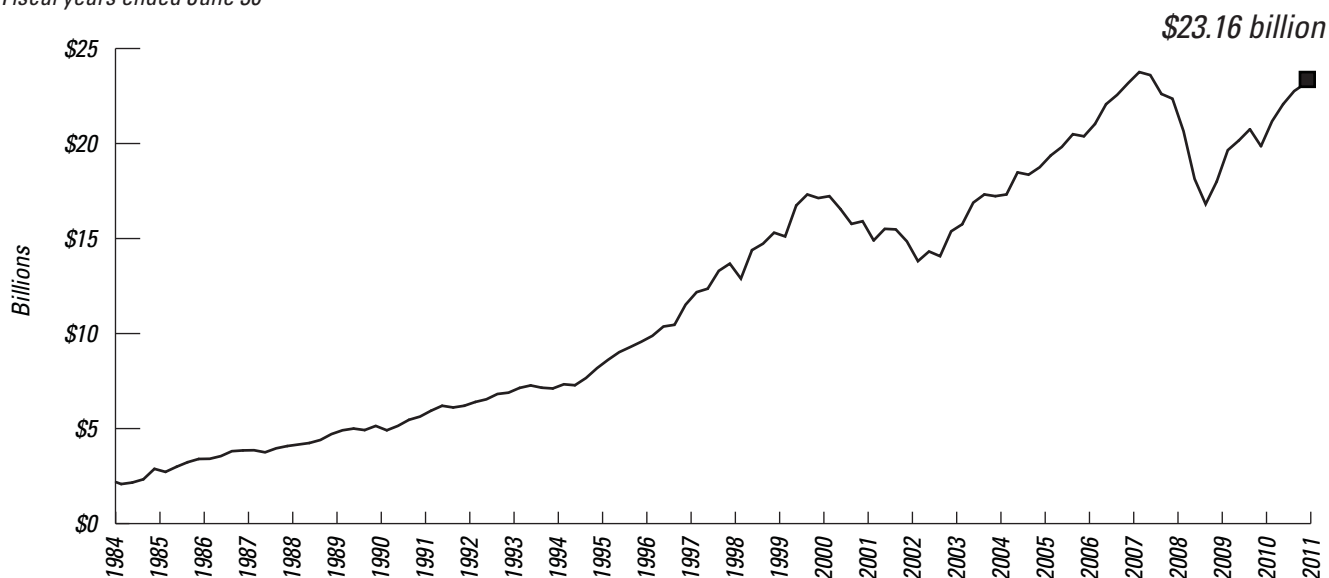
**\*All other employers for FY2011:**

Type	Number	Employees
City	1,127	24,074
County	395	26,268
School	380	67,093
State	19	2,206
28E agencies	69	2,036
Utilities	133	1,680
Other	44	1,837
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,167</b>	<b>125,194</b>

# Investment Statistics

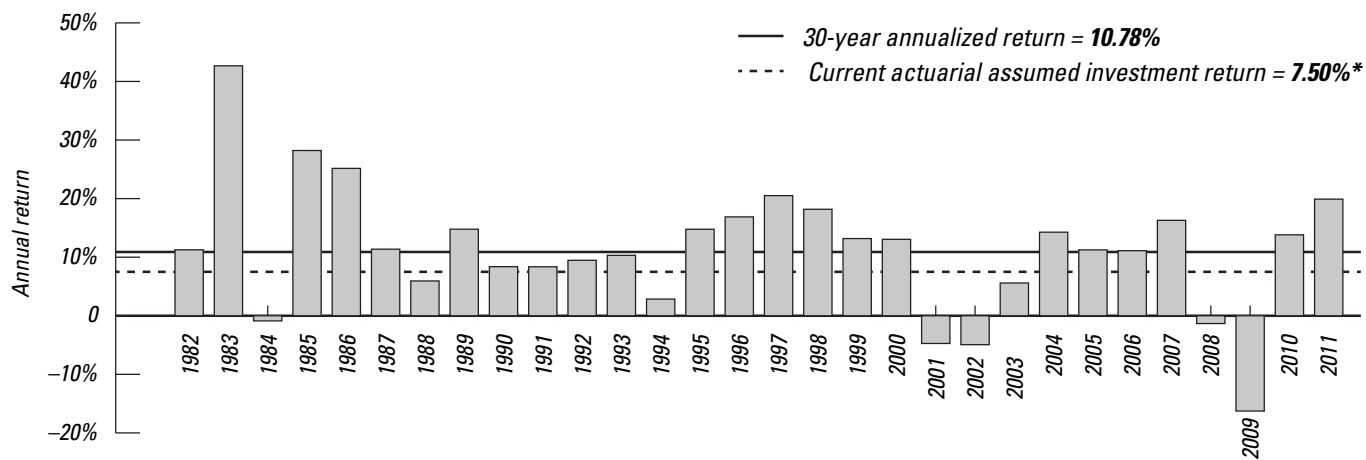
## Growth of Net Investment Portfolio Assets

Fiscal years ended June 30



## Investment Returns 1982–2011

Fiscal years ended June 30



\*Actuarial assumed investment return:

1953–1993: 6.50%  
 1994–1995: 6.75%  
 1996–present: 7.50%

Annualized returns<sup>†</sup>

1-year return	19.91%	15-year return	8.12%
3-year return	4.55%	20-year return	8.77%
5-year return	5.57%	25-year return	8.96%
10-year return	6.40%	30-year return	10.78%

<sup>†</sup>For periods ended June 30, 2011.



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# Composition

## Membership Fiscal years ended June 30

## Employers Fiscal years ended June 30

	2011	2010
<b>Retired members</b>	98,540	93,692
Average years of service	22	22
Average monthly benefit	\$1,234	\$1,085
New retirees this fiscal year	7,360	6,385
Average years of service	23	23
Average monthly benefit	\$1,803	\$1,698
Retired reemployed*	8,321	8,363
<b>Active members</b>	164,467	165,660
<b>Inactive vested</b>	32,452	31,846
<b>Inactive nonvested</b>	33,516	33,675
<b>Total</b>	<b>328,975</b>	<b>324,873</b>

Employer Type	2011		2010	
	Number of Entities	Covered Wages	Number of Entities	Covered Wages
City	1,127	\$ 860,433,840	1,154	\$ 842,529,542
County	395	1,076,750,700	412	1,049,014,962
School	387	3,188,726,892	391	3,207,674,332
State	22	1,261,875,228	25	1,291,318,690
28E agencies	69	61,495,490	70	58,816,682
Utilities	133	77,766,767	134	75,469,034
Other	44	47,823,802	43	46,358,763
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,177</b>	<b>\$6,574,872,719</b>	<b>2,229</b>	<b>\$6,571,182,005</b>

\*The number of retired reemployed members includes all retirees who have at any time returned to covered employment but have not subsequently requested a refund or a benefit recalculation. These members are also included in the number of retired members.

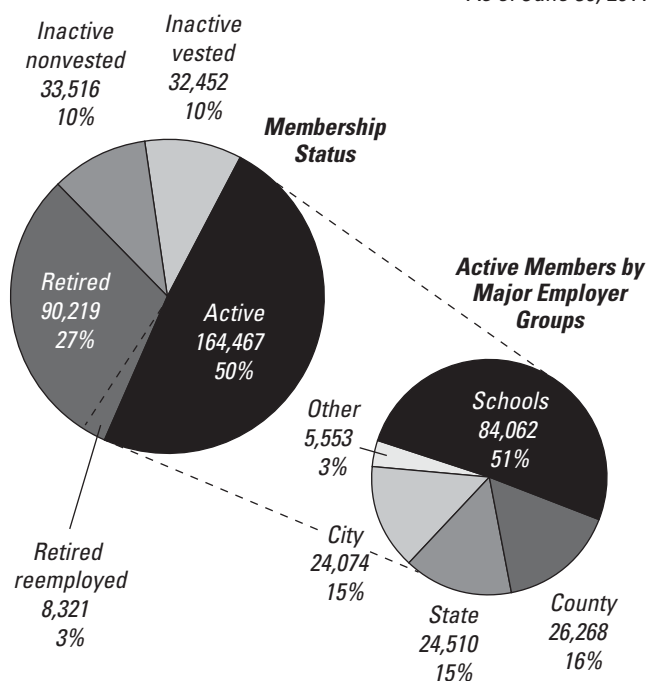
## Membership Profile

As of June 30, 2011

Participation in IPERS is mandatory for most employees of the State of Iowa and its political subdivisions, including public school systems. Exceptions include those employees covered by another retirement system, other than Social Security, supported in whole or in part by public contributions. Membership is optional for the members of the Iowa General Assembly and certain other individuals.

At June 30, 2011, there were 164,467 members contributing to the System (active members), employed by 2,177 public employers. The number of active members decreased by 0.72 percent from June 30, 2010.

The membership profile chart provides further information on the composition of the membership as of June 30, 2011.





## Contributions

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IPERS accumulates the resources necessary to meet its responsibilities by collecting mandatory contributions from employees and employers and investing those funds. Contributions continue throughout covered employment. The majority of employers contributed at a rate of 6.95 percent, and the majority of employees contributed at a rate of 4.50 percent for FY2011. Employers and employees in Special service occupations contribute at annually adjusted, actuarially determined rates.

### *Contribution Rates and Maximum Covered Wages Fiscal year 2011*

<b>IPERS</b>	<b>Employee Rate</b>	<b>Employer Rate</b>	<b>Total Rate</b>	<b>Maximum Covered Wages: Calendar Year</b>
Regular Membership	4.50%	6.95%	11.45%	<b>2010:</b> \$245,000 <sup>†</sup>
Special Service Group 1*	8.94%	8.94%	17.88%	
Special Service Group 2 <sup>†</sup>	6.64%	9.95%	16.59%	<b>2011:</b> \$245,000 <sup>†</sup>

\*Sheriffs and deputies.

<sup>†</sup>All other protection occupation members.

<sup>‡</sup>Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 401(a)(17) compensation limit.

## Vesting

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A member who completes four years of covered service or has attained the age of 55 while making contributions to the plan has vested rights to IPERS benefits. There were 160,432 vested members at June 30, 2011.

House File 2518, which was enacted in FY2010, changed the vesting requirements for members who will not have vested by July 1, 2012. See page 6 for more details.

## Service Purchases

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Under certain circumstances, members may restore (buy back) previously refunded member service, purchase (buy in) IPERS service credit for employment elsewhere or time spent away from work, or convert (buy up) Regular service credit to Special service credit. The cost of purchasing service is determined by the System's actuary. There are federal limitations on how much service credit a member may purchase annually.

An IPERS member who terminates public employment for any reason may request a full refund of the member's accumulated contributions. Vested members requesting a refund also receive a portion of their accumulated employer contributions. Acceptance of the refund automatically terminates IPERS membership

and all claims to future benefits. If an employee works in covered employment for less than six months, the employer may file a wage adjustment and the applicable IPERS contributions will be refunded to the individual and employer. Member refunds paid in FY2011 totaled \$41,214,717.

IPERS Regular members are eligible for retirement benefits if they are vested, no longer working for an IPERS-covered employer, and meet one of these conditions:

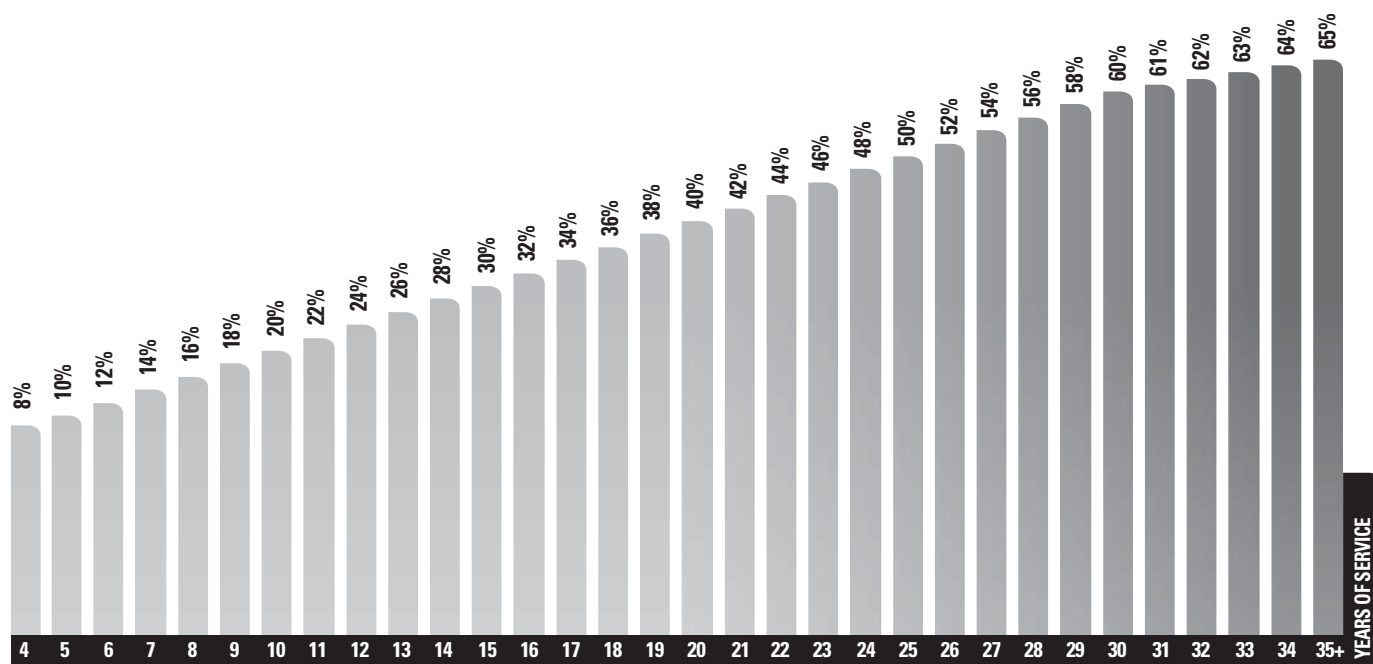
- Attain age 55.
- Retire because of a disability and receive Social Security disability or Railroad Retirement disability benefits.

Members who are age 70 and still working for an IPERS-covered employer may apply to begin receiving IPERS retirement benefits while still employed.

The formula used to calculate a member's monthly IPERS benefit includes:

- A multiplier (based on years of service).
- The member's highest three-year average salary. (The highest average salary is slated to change because of the FY2010 passage of House File 2518. See page 6 for details.)
- An early-retirement reduction, only if the benefit is first paid before the member reaches normal retirement age.

## Multiplier (for Regular Members)



If a member receives benefits before normal retirement age, benefits are reduced 0.25 percent for each month (or 3 percent per year) that the member receives benefits before the member attains normal retirement age. (House File 2518 changed the amount of the early-retirement reduction.)

Normal retirement age for Regular members is:

- Age 65.
- Age 62 with 20 or more years of covered employment.
- When years of service plus age at last birthday equals or exceeds 88.

Retirees receiving benefits in FY2011 had, on average, approximately 22 years of service in IPERS-covered employment. The monthly benefit for all retirees averaged \$1,234 as of June 30. For members retiring in fiscal year 2011, the average benefit was \$1,803.

### Benefit Options

Upon retirement, an IPERS member may choose from six benefit options. Each of the six options provides a lifetime benefit for the IPERS member. The amount of the member's benefits and the amount and availability of death benefits vary according to the option selected.

**OPTION 1.** A member receives a lifetime monthly benefit. At retirement, the member specifies a lump-sum death benefit amount, in an increment of \$1,000, to be paid to a designated beneficiary upon the death of the member. The death benefit cannot exceed the member's accumulated contributions. The death benefit cannot lower the monthly benefit as calculated under Option 2 by more than 50 percent.

**OPTION 2.** A member receives a lifetime monthly benefit. When the member dies, the designated beneficiary receives a lump-sum refund of the excess, if any, of the member's accumulated contributions minus the amount of all retirement benefits paid to the member prior to death.

**OPTION 3.** A member receives the maximum lifetime monthly benefit. No payment is made to a beneficiary upon the member's death.

**OPTION 4.** A member receives a lifetime monthly benefit actuarially reduced to provide for a lifetime monthly benefit to the contingent annuitant upon the member's death. The age of the contingent annuitant

### Retired Membership by Benefit Option

As of June 30, 2011

	Number	Percent
Option 1	27,119	28
Option 2	21,006	21
Option 3	12,886	13
Option 4 (100%)	9,997	10
Option 4 (75%)	1,426	1
Option 4 (50%)	2,658	3
Option 4 (25%)	1,066	1
Option 5	10,710	11
Option 6 (100%)	5,638	6
Option 6 (75%)	1,792	2
Option 6 (50%)	2,453	2
Option 6 (25%)	1,764	2
Misc. options	25	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,540</b>	<b>100</b>

can affect the cost of the lifetime payments to the member based on actuarial tables. The contingent annuitant can receive 100 percent, 75 percent, 50 percent, or 25 percent of the member's monthly benefit. The choice in percentages will be limited if the contingent annuitant is not the member's opposite-sex spouse and is more than ten years younger than the member.

**OPTION 5.** A member receives a lifetime benefit with a ten-year guarantee. If the member dies before ten full years have passed (120 monthly payments are made), the member's designated beneficiary will receive a monthly benefit for the remainder of the ten years. If the beneficiary dies before the ten years expire, the beneficiary's estate will receive a commuted lump-sum settlement. If the member designates more than one beneficiary, payments will be made in a lump sum only. Members who have attained age 90 as of the first month of entitlement are not allowed to select this option.

**OPTION 6.** The member receives a reduced monthly benefit so that a lifetime monthly benefit may be provided after the member's death to the person named by the member as the contingent annuitant. In addition, the monthly amounts are reduced to pay for a pop-up feature. The pop-up feature provides that if the contingent annuitant dies before the member, the

member's benefit will pop back up to what it would have been under IPERS Option 2, and death benefits may be payable to the member's designated beneficiary if certain conditions are met.

### Dividend Payments

Generally, once a member selects a benefit option, a monthly benefit is calculated and remains the same for the rest of the member's lifetime. However, to combat the effects of inflation, certain lump-sum dividend payments are authorized. For retirees who began receiving benefits prior to July 1990, a guaranteed dividend is included with a member's regular November benefit payment. Post-June 1990 retirees may receive a Favorable Experience Dividend (FED) with their January benefit payment. The FED payment is not guaranteed. It is paid from IPERS' FED Reserve Account, which is invested with the Trust Fund. Whether the Reserve Account receives funds depends on the actuarial soundness of the System. Whether the FED payment is made depends on the balance of the FED Reserve Account. FED payment amounts are determined based on the retiree's annual benefit, number of years retired, and a multiplier. The November 2010 dividends totaled \$10,265,166 and the January 2011 FED payments totaled \$88,569,816.

### Death Benefits

#### Preretirement Death Benefits

If an IPERS member dies before retirement, the member's designated beneficiary may receive a lump-sum payment based on the greater of the following two formulas:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Death benefit} &= \text{The actuarial present value of the member's accrued benefit as of date of death.} \\
 \text{Death benefit} &= \text{Member's accumulated contributions} + \left[ \text{Member's highest annual covered wage} \times \frac{\text{Years of service}}{30^*} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

\*The denominator is 22 for all Special service occupations.

If the member's designated beneficiary is a sole individual, the beneficiary will be offered the choice between receiving a lump sum or a lifetime annuity.

#### Postretirement Death Benefits

If an IPERS member dies after retirement, payment is made to the beneficiary according to the option selected by the member at the time of retirement.

#### Lump-Sum Death Benefits

For fiscal year 2011, lump-sum death benefits paid to beneficiaries or to the estates of deceased nonretired and retired members totaled \$20,868,941.

# Benefit Payments by Iowa County\*

Fiscal year 2011

County	Amount	Annual Average	Payees	County	Amount	Annual Average	Payees
Adair	\$ 3,519,339	\$11,316	311	Jefferson	\$ 7,588,712	\$15,331	495
Adams	2,353,555	12,258	192	Johnson	37,099,391	16,151	2,297
Allamakee	6,258,908	12,721	492	Jones	10,889,981	15,273	713
Appanoose	6,292,689	14,433	436	Keokuk	4,835,688	11,514	420
Audubon	3,058,024	11,284	271	Kossuth	6,846,244	12,336	555
Benton	9,600,562	13,409	716	Lee	16,591,600	16,155	1,027
Black Hawk	50,980,057	15,657	3,256	Linn	82,229,721	16,951	4,851
Boone	14,938,436	14,938	1,000	Louisa	4,854,134	14,111	344
Bremer	12,949,377	15,005	863	Lucas	4,215,278	11,301	373
Buchanan	12,167,135	14,382	846	Lyon	3,250,341	11,692	278
Buena Vista	8,413,052	12,884	653	Madison	6,632,594	13,564	489
Butler	6,477,545	12,085	536	Mahaska	8,568,348	13,388	640
Calhoun	5,743,832	12,221	470	Marion	11,012,701	12,941	851
Carroll	6,957,002	12,099	575	Marshall	21,592,596	14,540	1,485
Cass	8,328,287	13,454	619	Mills	10,299,859	15,442	667
Cedar	7,205,958	13,726	525	Mitchell	5,307,514	13,137	404
Cerro Gordo	21,193,391	14,852	1,427	Monona	4,172,335	12,164	343
Cherokee	9,242,736	14,308	646	Monroe	3,591,264	12,513	287
Chickasaw	5,962,629	14,063	424	Montgomery	5,945,053	12,676	469
Clarke	3,984,222	12,608	316	Muscatine	15,917,453	15,059	1,057
Clay	8,238,374	13,056	631	O'Brien	6,137,745	12,082	508
Clayton	9,181,507	13,582	676	Osceola	1,944,524	10,924	178
Clinton	16,478,910	13,630	1,209	Page	9,751,237	13,525	721
Crawford	6,563,471	12,407	529	Palo Alto	5,554,777	11,844	469
Dallas	22,338,585	15,888	1,406	Plymouth	9,949,657	13,857	718
Davis	5,017,982	12,867	390	Pocahontas	4,371,588	12,896	339
Decatur	4,136,138	11,457	361	Polk	179,445,496	17,324	10,358
Delaware	8,503,954	14,389	591	Pottawattamie	30,226,530	15,727	1,922
Des Moines	18,460,036	15,435	1,196	Poweshiek	7,382,679	13,903	531
Dickinson	12,760,271	15,930	801	Ringgold	3,203,458	11,400	281
Dubuque	30,230,443	15,432	1,959	Sac	4,937,809	11,813	418
Emmet	4,966,186	13,681	363	Scott	55,300,097	17,057	3,242
Fayette	9,742,004	13,493	722	Shelby	6,070,621	12,239	496
Floyd	8,197,877	13,663	600	Sioux	8,295,007	11,286	735
Franklin	4,704,649	12,002	392	Story	45,144,284	17,518	2,577
Fremont	3,688,580	13,316	277	Tama	8,851,524	13,452	658
Greene	5,605,604	11,347	494	Taylor	3,411,674	11,334	301
Grundy	6,314,488	12,940	488	Union	8,511,440	13,467	632
Guthrie	7,090,705	13,353	531	Van Buren	4,438,904	12,195	364
Hamilton	9,969,657	14,880	670	Wapello	15,671,212	14,417	1,087
Hancock	4,340,724	11,795	368	Warren	24,113,841	16,898	1,427
Hardin	12,445,129	13,661	911	Washington	8,955,880	12,473	718
Harrison	5,273,449	11,904	443	Wayne	3,067,970	10,330	297
Henry	12,518,604	15,137	827	Webster	17,942,036	14,659	1,224
Howard	5,074,606	11,429	444	Winnebago	5,655,030	13,759	411
Humboldt	5,213,127	12,180	428	Winneshiek	11,205,205	14,533	771
Ida	3,097,650	13,586	228	Woodbury	38,004,432	15,988	2,377
Iowa	6,167,017	13,149	469	Worth	2,990,621	12,108	247
Jackson	8,595,005	12,828	670	Wright	6,149,931	12,082	509
Jasper	16,656,714	14,637	1,138				

**Total Iowa Benefit Payments: \$1,295,324,198**

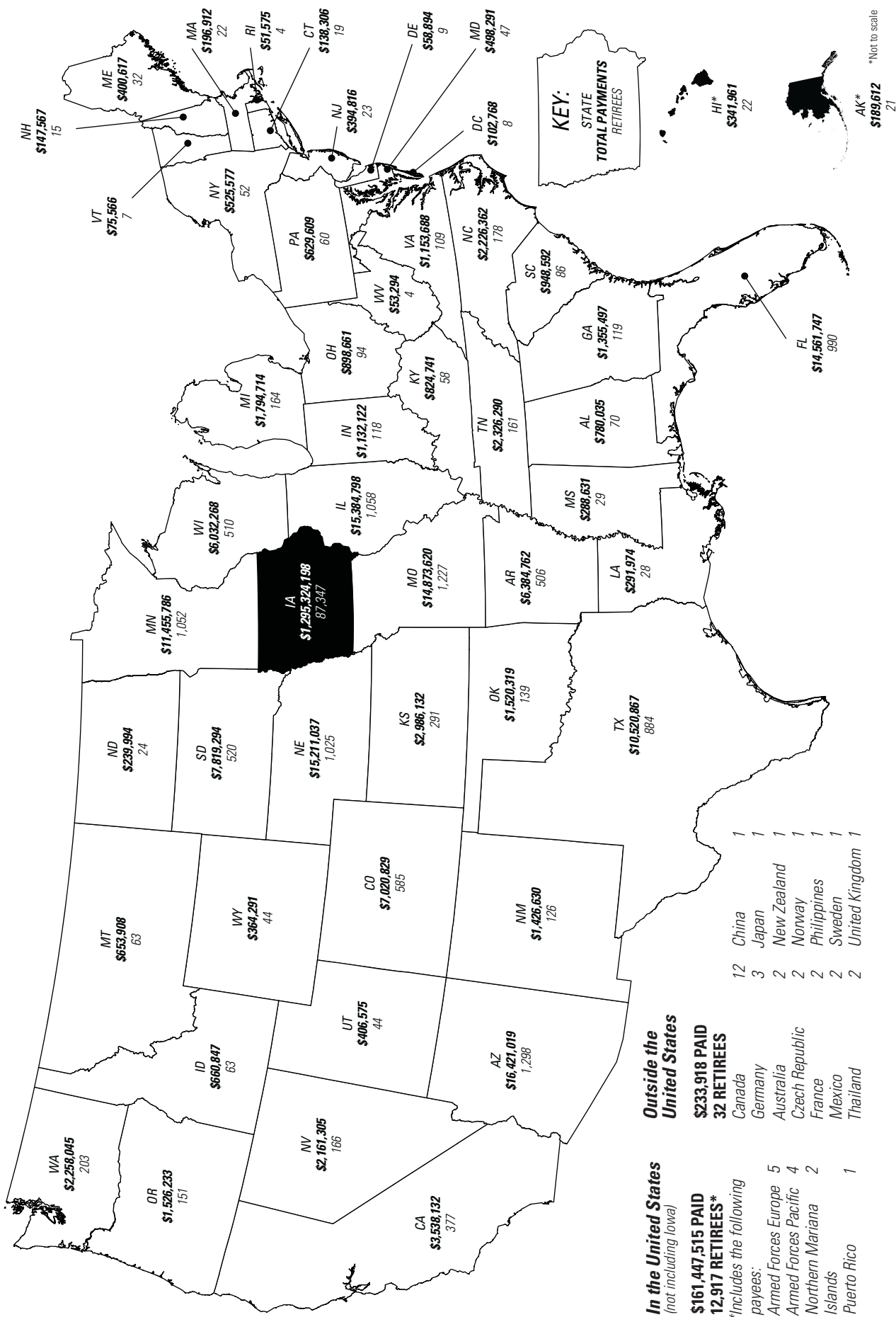
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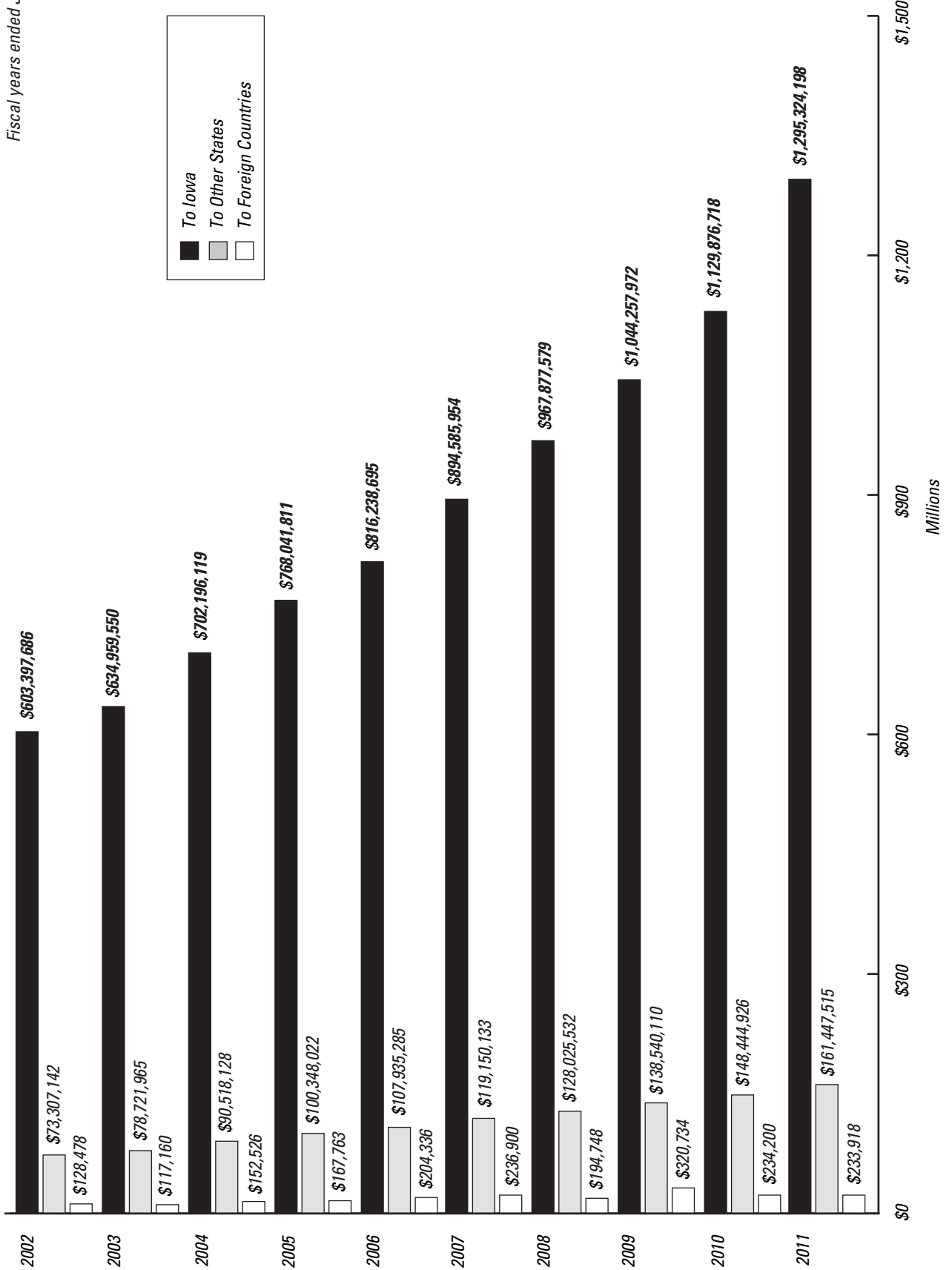
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