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# Wichita Employees' Retirement System

Actuarial Valuation as of December 31, 2016



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April 5, 2017

The Board of Trustees Wichita Employees' Retirement System City Hall, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor 455 N. Main Street Wichita, KS 67202

Dear Members of the Board:

In accordance with your request, we have completed an actuarial valuation of the Wichita Employees' Retirement System as of December 31, 2016. The major findings of the valuation are contained in this report, including the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2018. The plan provisions and the actuarial assumptions and methods are the same as the prior valuation.

In preparing this report, we relied, without audit, on information (some oral and some in writing) supplied by the System's staff. This information includes, but is not limited to, plan provisions, member data, and financial information. We found this information to be reasonably consistent and comparable with information for the last valuation. The valuation results depend on the integrity of the data provided. If any of this information is inaccurate or incomplete, our valuation results may be different and our calculations may need to be revised.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the System's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Due to the limited scope of our assignment, we did not perform an analysis of the potential range of future measurements.

Actuarial computations presented in this report are for purposes of determining the actuarial contribution rates for funding the System which have been made on a basis consistent with our understanding of the System's funding requirements and goals. Determinations for purposes other than meeting these requirements may be significantly different from the results contained in this report. Accordingly, additional determinations may be needed for other purposes. For example, actuarial computations for purposes of fulfilling financial accounting requirements for the System under Governmental Accounting Standards No. 67 and No. 68 are provided in a separate report.

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The consultants who worked on this assignment are pension actuaries. CMC's advice is not intended to be a substitute for qualified legal or accounting counsel.

This is to certify that the independent consulting actuaries are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and have experience in performing valuations for public retirement plans, that the valuation was prepared in accordance with principles of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board, and that the actuarial calculations were performed by qualified actuaries in accordance with accepted actuarial procedures, based on the current provisions of the retirement plan and on actuarial assumptions that we believe are internally consistent and reasonably based on the actual experience of the System. The Board of Trustees has the final decision regarding the appropriateness of the assumptions and adopted them as indicated in Appendix C.

We respectfully submit the following report and look forward to discussing it with you.

Sincerely,

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This report presents the results of the December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation of the Wichita Employees' Retirement System. The primary purposes of performing a valuation are to:

- estimate the liabilities for the benefits provided by the System;
- determine the employer contribution rates required to fund the System on an actuarial basis;
- disclose certain asset and liability measures as of the valuation date;
- monitor any deviation between actual plan experience and experience projected by the actuarial assumptions, so that recommendations for assumption changes can be made when appropriate; and
- analyze and report on any significant trends in contributions, assets and liabilities over the past several years.

There were no changes to the actuarial assumptions and methods or the benefit provisions from the last valuation. The actuarial valuation results, which provide a "snapshot" view of the System's financial condition on December 31, 2016, reflect net unfavorable experience for the past plan year resulting in an increase in the unfunded actuarial liability, a decrease in the funded ratio, and an increase in the actuarial contribution rate. A summary of the current valuation results, compared to the prior year, is shown below (dollar amounts in millions):

	Decem		
	2016	2015	Change
Actuarial Liability	\$ 620.2	\$ 605.9	\$14.3
Actuarial Assets	576.0	<u>568.5</u>	7.5
Unfunded Actuarial Liability	\$ 44.2	\$ 37.4	\$ 6.8
Funded Ratio			
- Actuarial Value	92.9%	93.8%	(0.9%)
- Market Value	88.6%	89.3%	(0.7%)
City Contribution Rate			
- Normal Cost	8.9%	8.9%	0.0%
- Amortization of UAL	3.9%	3.4%	0.5%
- Total	12.8%	12.3%	0.5%

In the following pages, changes in the assets, liabilities, and contributions of the System over the last year are discussed in more detail.

#### ASSETS

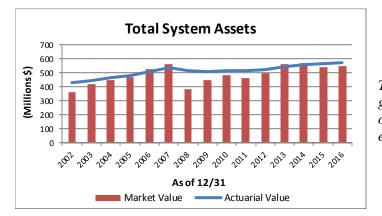
As of December 31, 2016, the System had total assets of \$549.8 million when measured on a market value basis. This was an increase of \$8.6 million from the December 31, 2015 figure of \$541.2 million. The market value of assets is not used directly in the calculation of the City's contribution rate. An asset valuation method, which smoothes the effect of market fluctuations, is used to determine the value of assets used in the valuation, called the "actuarial value of assets". The actuarial value of assets is equal to the expected value (calculated using the actuarial assumed rate of 7.75%) plus 25% of the difference between the actual market value and expected value. See Table 3 for a detailed development of the actuarial value of assets. The rate of return on the actuarial value of assets was 6.2%. Due to deferred investment experience, the actuarial value of assets exceeds the market value by \$26.2 million.



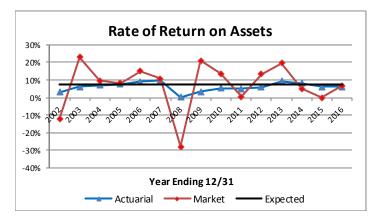
	Market Value (\$M)	Actuarial Value (\$M)
Assets, December 31, 2015	\$541.2	\$568.5
- City and Member Contributions	12.6	12.6
- Benefit Payments and Refunds	(39.1)	(39.1)
- Transfers	(0.2)	(0.2)
- Investment Income (net of expenses)	35.3	34.2
Assets, December 31, 2016	\$549.8	\$576.0

The components of the change in the market and actuarial value of assets for the System (in millions) are set forth below:

The unrecognized investment loss represents about 5% of the market value of assets. Unless offset by future investment gains or other favorable experience, the recognition of the \$26.2 million deferred loss is expected to have a negative impact on the future funded ratio and actuarial contribution requirement. If the deferred loss was recognized immediately in the actuarial value of assets, the funded percentage would decrease from 92.9% to 88.6% and the actuarially determined contribution rate for the City would increase from 12.8% to 15.1% of payroll.



The actuarial value of assets has both been greater than and less than the market value of assets during this period, which is expected when using a smoothing method.



The rate of return on the actuarial value of assets has been less volatile than the market value return, which is the main reason for using an asset smoothing method.





#### LIABILITIES

The actuarial liability is that portion of the present value of future benefits that will not be paid by future employer normal costs or member contributions. The difference between this liability and asset values at the same date is referred to as the unfunded actuarial liability (UAL), or (surplus) if the asset value exceeds the actuarial liability. The unfunded actuarial liability will be reduced if the employer's contributions exceed the employer's normal cost for the year, after allowing for interest earned on the previous balance of the unfunded actuarial liability. Benefit improvements, experience gains and losses, and changes in actuarial assumptions and procedures will also impact the total actuarial liability and the unfunded portion thereof.

The Actuarial Liability and Unfunded Actuarial Liability for the System as of December 31, 2016 are:

Actuarial Liability	\$620,218,925
Actuarial Value of Assets	575,971,337
Unfunded Actuarial Liability/(Surplus)	\$ 44,247,588

Between December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016, the change in the unfunded actuarial liability for the System was as follows (in millions):

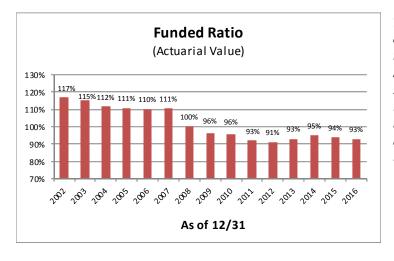
Change in Unfunded Actuarial Liability	(\$M)
UAL, December 31, 2015	\$37.4
<ul> <li>Expected change in UAL</li> </ul>	0.1
Investment experience	8.7
Liability experience	(1.7)
Other experience	(0.3)
UAL, December 31, 2016	\$44.2

The experience loss for the 2016 plan year of \$7.0 million reflects the combined impact of an actuarial loss of \$8.7 million on System assets (actuarial value) and an actuarial gain of \$1.7 million on System liabilities.

Analysis of the unfunded actuarial liability strictly as a dollar amount can be misleading. Another way to evaluate the unfunded actuarial liability and the progress made in its funding is to track the funded status, the ratio of the actuarial value of assets to the actuarial liability. This information for recent years is shown below (in millions). Longer term historical information is shown in the graph following the chart.

	12/31/2012	12/31/2013	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	12/31/2016
Actuarial Liability (\$M)	\$571.8	\$582.4	\$590.1	\$605.9	\$620.2
Actuarial Value of Assets (\$M)	\$520.3	\$542.2	\$560.0	\$568.5	\$576.0
Funded Ratio (Actuarial Value)	91.0%	93.1%	94.9%	93.8%	92.9%
Funded Ratio (Market Value)	86.5%	96.9%	96.1%	89.3%	88.6%





The funded ratio has generally declined over this period due to various reasons including assumption changes, and more significantly, investment experience. However, the System's funded ratio has remained strong (above 90%) even given the impact of the investment returns that have been below the assumed rate in recent years.

As mentioned earlier in this report, due to the asset smoothing method there is currently a \$26.2 million difference between the actuarial value and the market value of assets. To the extent there is not favorable investment experience to offset the deferred loss, it will be recognized in future years and the System's funded status will decrease. The System's funded status will continue to be heavily dependent on future investment experience.

#### **CONTRIBUTION RATES**

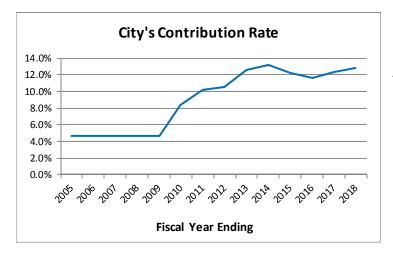
Generally, contributions to the System consist of:

- A "normal cost" for the portion of projected liabilities allocated to service of members during the year following the valuation date by the actuarial cost method, and
- An "unfunded actuarial liability or (surplus) contribution" for the excess of the portion of projected liabilities allocated to service to date over the actuarial value of assets.

Contribution rates are computed with the objective of developing costs that are level as a percentage of covered payroll. The contribution rate for fiscal year 2018 is based on the December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation results.

As of December 31, 2016, the actuarial liability exceeds the actuarial value of assets so an unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) exists. When amortized over a rolling 20-year period, in accordance with the funding policy, the resulting contribution is 3.9% of pay. The City's contribution rate is the sum of employer normal cost rate and the UAL amortization contribution. This valuation indicates the City's contribution should be 12.8% of pay (8.9% employer normal cost rate plus 3.9% UAL contribution).





A summary of the City's historical contribution rate for the System is shown below:

After increasing from 2010 through 2014, the City's contribution rate has been more stable in the last few years. The City's contribution rate is 12.3% and 12.8% for the fiscal years ending 12/31/2017 and 12/31/2018, respectively.

#### **COMMENTS**

The System does not use the actual market value of assets in developing the actuarial contribution rate, but utilizes an asset valuation method to smooth out the peaks and valleys in investment returns from year to year. Under the asset valuation method, the actuarial value of assets is determined as 75% of the expected value (using the actuarial assumed rate of return) and 25% of the actual market value. The net return on the market value of assets for 2016 was 6.7%. However, due to deferred asset losses, the return on the actuarial value of assets was 6.2%. Because the return on the actuarial value of assets is less than 7.75% assumed rate, the System experienced an actuarial loss on assets of \$8.7 million. This loss and the actuarial gain on liabilities of \$1.7 million resulted in a net actuarial loss of \$7.0 million.

The actuarial loss resulting primarily from experience on the smoothed value of assets (actuarial value) was the main driver in the City's contribution rate increasing from 12.3% in the December 31, 2015 valuation to 12.8% in this valuation. The actuarial contribution rate for the City has been, and will continue to be, heavily impacted by investment returns from year to year. Investment performance that is different from the 7.75% assumption tends to create volatility in the City's contribution rate. Given the expected volatility associated with the System's portfolio, which is measured by the standard deviation, actual returns that vary by 10% to 12% each year are not unexpected.

The deferred investment loss (market value less actuarial value of assets) is \$26.2 million as of December 31, 2016. Absent investment gains in future years, the deferred investment loss of \$26.2 million will eventually be reflected in the actuarial value of assets in future years. While the use of an asset smoothing method is a common procedure for public retirement systems, it is important to identify the potential impact of the deferred investment experience. This is accomplished by comparing the key valuation results from the December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation using both the actuarial and market value of assets (see table on next page).



	Using Actuarial Value of Assets	Using Market Value of Assets
Actuarial Liability	\$620,218,925	\$620,218,925
Asset Value	575,971,337	549,786,949
Unfunded Actuarial Liability	44,247,588	70,431,976
Funded Ratio	92.9%	88.6%
Normal Cost Rate	13.6%	13.6%
UAL Contribution Rate	<u>3.9%</u>	<u>6.2%</u>
Total Contribution Rate	17.5%	19.8%
Employee Contribution Rate	<u>(4.7%)</u>	<u>(4.7%)</u>
Employer Contribution Rate	12.8%	15.1%

Note that the funded ratio does not indicate whether or not the System has sufficient funds to settle all current obligations, nor is it necessarily indicative of the need for future funding.



# SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RESULTS

1. PARTICIPANT DATA	12/31/2016 Valuation	12/31/2015 Valuation	% <u>Change</u>
Number of: Active Members Plan 2 Plan 3 (excluding Plan 3b) Total	885 617 1,502	935 539 1,474	(5.3)% 14.5% 1.9%
DROP Members Plan 1 Plan 2 Total	3 67 70	5 <u>53</u> 58	(40.0)% 26.4% 20.7%
Retired Members and Beneficiaries	1,393	1,380	0.9%
Inactive Vested Members	134	142	(5.6)%
Inactive Non-Vested Members	25	19	31.6%
Total Members	3,124	3,073	1.7%
Annual Projected Payroll (Including DROP) Plan 1 Plan 2 Plan 3 Total	\$ 187,183 54,003,707 26,823,188 \$ 81,014,078	\$ 298,768 54,188,621 23,292,285 \$ 77,779,674	(37.3)% (0.3)% 15.2% 4.2%
Annual Retirement Payments for Retired Members and Beneficiaries	\$ 39,273,756	\$ 37,700,484	4.2%
2. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
a. Total Actuarial Liability	\$ 620,218,925	\$ 605,854,694	2.4%
b. Market Value of Assets	549,786,949	541,247,503	1.6%
c. Actuarial Value of Assets	575,971,337	568,464,178	1.3%
d. Unfunded Actuarial Liability (a) - (e)	\$ 44,247,588	\$ 37,390,516	18.3%
e. Funded Ratio (c) / (a)	92.9%	93.8%	(1.0)%
3. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES AS A PERCENT OF PAYROLL			
Normal Cost Member Financed Employer Normal Cost	13.6% (4.7)% 8.9%	13.6% (4.7)% 8.9%	0.0% 0.0% 0.0%
Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Liability or (Surplus)	3.9%	3.4%	14.7%
Employer Contribution Rate	12.8%	12.3%	4.1%

# SECTION II: SCOPE OF THE REPORT



This report presents the actuarial valuation of the Wichita Employees' Retirement System as of December 31, 2016. This valuation was prepared at the request of the System's Board of Trustees. The report is based on plan provisions, actuarial assumptions and actuarial methods that are unchanged from last year.

Please pay particular attention to our cover letter, where the guidelines employed in the preparation of this report are outlined. We also comment on the sources and reliability of both the data and the actuarial assumptions upon which our findings are based. Those comments are the basis for our certification that this report is complete and accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.

A summary of the findings resulting from this valuation is presented in the previous section. Section III describes the assets and investment experience of the System. Sections IV and V describe how the obligations of the System are to be met under the actuarial cost method in use. Section VI includes additional information regarding the System's funding history.

This report includes several appendices:

- Appendix A Schedules of valuation data classified by various categories of members.
- Appendix B A summary of the current benefit structure, as determined by the provisions of governing law on the valuation date.
- Appendix C A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used to estimate liabilities and determine contribution rates.
- Appendix D A glossary of actuarial terms.

# **SECTION III: ASSETS**



In many respects, an actuarial valuation can be thought of as an inventory process. The inventory is taken as of the actuarial valuation date, which for this valuation is December 31, 2016. On that date, the assets available for the payment of benefits are appraised. The assets are compared with the liabilities of the System. The actuarial process then leads to a method of determining the contributions needed by members and the employer in the future to balance the System assets and liabilities.

#### MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS

The current market value represents the "snapshot" or "cash-out" value of System assets as of the valuation date. In addition, the market value of assets provides a basis for measuring investment performance from time to time. On December 31, 2016, the market value of assets for the System was \$550 million. Table 1 is a comparison, at market values, of System assets as of December 31, 2016, and December 31, 2015, in total and by investment category. Table 2 summarizes the change in the market value of assets from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016.

#### ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS

Neither the market value of assets, representing a "cash-out" value of System assets, nor the book values of assets, representing the cost of investments, may 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 swings in the market value while still indirectly recognizing market values. This methodology, first adopted for the December 31, 2002 valuation, smoothes market experience by recognizing 25% of the difference between the expected value (based on the actuarial assumption) and the actual market value. Table 3 shows the development of the actuarial value of assets (AVA) as of December 31, 2016.



# Analysis of Net Assets at Market Value

	As of December 31, 2016				As of December 31, 2015			
		Amount <u>Millions)</u>	% of <u>Total</u>		Amount <u>Millions)</u>	% of <u>Total</u>		
Cash and Equivalents	\$	0.4	0.1	%	\$ 0.2	0.0	%	
Government Securities		30.0	5.6		29.7	5.6		
Corporate Debt		33.8	6.3		44.3	8.4		
Mortgage Backed Securities		22.3	4.2		31.6	6.0		
Global Fixed Income		20.9	3.9		22.5	4.3		
Pooled Funds		149.1	27.9		142.0	26.9		
Domestic Equity		168.7	31.5		161.8	30.6		
International Equity		54.1	10.1		48.4	9.2		
Real Estate		34.8	6.5		31.1	5.9		
Timber		24.9	4.7		18.8	3.6		
Securities Lending Collateral Pool		22.5	4.2		41.7	7.9		
Other		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0		
Receivables		22.6	4.2		21.7	4.1		
Liabilities		(48.9)	(9.2)		(65.6)	(12.5)		
Total Plans 1 and 2	\$	535.2	100.0	%	\$ 528.2	100.0	%	
Plan 3 Assets	\$	14.6			\$ 13.0			
Net Assets (Plans 1, 2, and 3)*	\$	549.8			\$ 541.2			

\* Excludes assets for Plan 3b members.



#### Summary of Changes in Net Assets During Year Ended December 31, 2016

(Market Value)

	Plans 1 & 2	Plan 3*	Total
1. Market Value of Assets as of December 31, 2015	\$ 528,226,752	\$ 13,020,751	\$ 541,247,503
2. Adjustment to Tie to Audited Financial Statements	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
3. Contributions:			
a. Employee	\$ 2,513,116	\$ 1,128,891	\$ 3,642,007
b. Employer	7,817,164	1,128,900	8,946,064
c. Transfers	1,088,888	(1,333,681)	(244,793)
d. Total	\$ 11,419,168	\$ 924,110	\$ 12,343,278
4. Investment Income:			
a. Interest and Dividends	\$ 10,446,538	\$ 265,190	\$ 10,711,728
b. Net Appreciation (Depreciation) in Fair Value	27,166,905	691,676	27,858,581
c. Commission Recapture	14,454	363	14,817
d. Net Securities Lending Income	213,461	5,390	218,851
e. Investment Expenses	(2,775,569)	(71,628)	(2,847,197)
f. Net Investment Income (Loss)	\$ 35,065,789	\$ 890,991	\$ 35,956,780
5. Expenditures:			
a. Refunds of Member Contributions b. Benefits Paid:	\$ 439,173	\$ 244,159	\$ 683,332
(1) Pension and Death Benefits	36,339,154	0	36,339,154
(2) DROP Payments	2,122,297	0	2,122,297
c. Administrative Expenses	566,809	49,020	615,829
d. Total	\$ 39,467,433	\$ 293,179	\$ 39,760,612
6. Net Change $[3(d) + 4(f) - 5(d)]$	\$ 7,017,524	\$ 1,521,922	\$ 8,539,446
7. Market Value of Assets as of December 31, 2016 (1) + (2) + (6)	\$ 535,244,276	\$ 14,542,673	\$ 549,786,949

\* Excludes assets for Plan 3b members. The December 31, 2016 market value of the assets for this group was \$7,106,704.



#### Development of Actuarial Value of Assets as of December 31, 2016

		<u>Plans 1 &amp; 2</u>	<u>Plan 3*</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Actuarial Value of Assets as of December 31, 2015	\$	554,641,613	\$ 13,822,565	\$ 568,464,178
2. Actual Contributions/Disbursements				
a. Contributions	\$	10,330,280	\$ 2,257,791	\$ 12,588,071
b. Transfers		1,088,888	(1,333,681)	(244,793)
c. Benefit Payments and Refunds		(38,900,624)	 (244,159)	 (39,144,783)
d. Net	\$	(27,481,456)	\$ 679,951	\$ (26,801,505)
3. Expected Value of Assets as of December 31, 2016 [(1) * 1.0775] + [2(d) * (1.0775) <sup>.5</sup> ]	\$	569,099,845	\$ 15,599,621	\$ 584,699,466
4. Market Value of Assets as of December 31, 2016	\$	535,244,276	\$ 14,542,673	\$ 549,786,949
5. Difference Between Actual and Expected Values	\$	(33,855,569)	\$ (1,056,948)	\$ (34,912,517)
6. Initial Actuarial Value of Assets (3) + [(5) * 0.25]	\$	560,635,953	\$ 15,335,384	\$ 575,971,337
7. Corridor for Actuarial Value of Assets				
a. 80% of Market Value of Assets	\$	428,195,421	\$ 11,634,138	\$ 439,829,559
b. 120% of Market Value of Assets		642,293,131	17,451,208	659,744,339
8. Actuarial Value of Assets as of December 31, 2016	\$	560,635,953	\$ 15,335,384	\$ 575,971,337
9. Actuarial Value of Assets Divided by Market Value of Asse	ts	104.7%	105.5%	104.8%
10. Market Value of Assets Less Actuarial Value of Assets	\$	(25,391,677)	\$ (792,711)	\$ (26,184,388)
* Excludes Plan 3b				



In the previous section, an actuarial valuation was compared with an inventory process, and an analysis was given of the inventory of assets of the System as of the valuation date, December 31, 2016. In this section, the discussion will focus on the commitments of the System, which are referred to as its liabilities.

Table 4 contains an analysis of the actuarial present value of all future benefits (PVFB) for contributing members, inactive members, retirees and their beneficiaries.

The liabilities summarized in Table 4 include the actuarial present value of all future benefits expected to be paid with respect to each member. For an active member, this value includes the measurement of both benefits already earned and future benefits to be earned. For all members, active and retired, the value extends over benefits earnable and payable for the rest of their lives and for the lives of the surviving beneficiaries.

All liabilities reflect the benefit provisions in place as of December 31, 2016.

#### ACTUARIAL LIABILITY

A fundamental principle in financing the liabilities of a prefunded retirement program is that the cost of its benefits should be related to the period in which benefits are earned, rather than to the period of benefit distribution. An actuarial cost method is a mathematical technique that allocates the present value of future benefits into annual costs. In order to do this allocation, it is necessary for the funding method to "breakdown" the present value of future benefits into two components:

- 1. That which is attributable to the past and
- 2. That which is attributable to the future.

Actuarial terminology calls the part attributable to the past the "past service liability" or the "actuarial liability". The portion allocated to the future is known as the present value of future normal costs, with the specific piece of it allocated to the current year being called the "normal cost". Table 5 contains the calculation of actuarial liability of the System. The Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method is used to develop the actuarial liability.



## Present Value of Future Benefits (PVFB) as of December 31, 2016

	<u>Plan 1</u>	Plan 2	<u>Plan 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Active Employees				
a. Retirement Benefit	\$ 0	\$ 222,049,973	\$ 38,369,635	\$ 260,419,608
b. Pre-Retirement Death Benefit	0	3,707,895	1,116,924	4,824,819
c. Withdrawal Benefit	0	9,991,941	6,438,815	16,430,756
d. Total	\$ 0	\$ 235,749,809	\$ 45,925,374	\$ 281,675,183
2. DROP Members				
a. DROP Account Balance	\$ 603,673	\$ 3,012,909	\$ 0	\$ 3,616,582
b. Monthly Retirement Benefit	1,600,399	26,321,177	0	27,921,576
c. Total	\$ 2,204,072	\$ 29,334,086	\$ 0	\$ 31,538,158
3. Inactive Vested Members	\$ 0	\$ 24,902,453	\$ 0	\$ 24,902,453
4. Inactive Nonvested Members	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 79,680	\$ 79,680
5. In Pay Members				
a. Retirees	\$ 202,235,266	\$ 125,928,937	\$ 0	\$ 328,164,203
b. Disabled Members	1,141,729	1,808,059	0	2,949,788
c. Beneficiaries	20,378,738	8,756,904	0	29,135,642
d. Total	\$ 223,755,733	\$ 136,493,900	\$ 0	\$ 360,249,633
6. Total Present Value of Future Benefits 1(d) + 2(c) + 3 + 4 + 5(d)	\$ 225,959,805	\$ 426,480,248	\$ 46,005,054	\$ 698,445,107



#### Actuarial Liability as of December 31, 2016

	<u>Plan 1</u>		<u>Plan 2</u>	<u>Plan 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Active Employees					
a. Present Value of Future Benefits	\$ 0	\$	235,749,809	\$ 45,925,374	\$ 281,675,183
b. Present Value of Future Normal Costs	 0	_	43,632,146	 35,386,747	 79,018,893
c. Actuarial Liability 1(a) - 1(b)	\$ 0	\$	192,117,663	\$ 10,538,627	\$ 202,656,290
2. DROP Members	\$ 2,204,072	\$	29,334,086	\$ 0	\$ 31,538,158
3. Inactive Vested Members	\$ 0	\$	24,902,453	\$ 0	\$ 24,902,453
4. Inactive Nonvested Members	\$ 0	\$	0	\$ 79,680	\$ 79,680
5. In Pay Members					
a. Retirees	\$ 202,235,266	\$	125,928,937	\$ 0	\$ 328,164,203
b. Disabled Members	1,141,729		1,808,059	0	2,949,788
c. Beneficiaries	20,378,738		8,756,904	0	29,135,642
d. Total	\$ 223,755,733	\$	136,493,900	\$ 0	\$ 360,249,633
6. Reserve for Plan 3 Members	\$ 0	\$	0	\$ 792,711	\$ 792,711
7. Total Actuarial Liability 1(c) + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5(d) + 6	\$ 225,959,805	\$	382,848,102	\$ 11,411,018	\$ 620,218,925



# SECTION V: EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

The previous two sections were devoted to a discussion of the assets and liabilities of the System. A comparison of Tables 3 and 4 indicates that current assets fall short of meeting the present value of future benefits (total liability). This is expected in all but a completely closed plan, where no further contributions are anticipated. In an active system, there will almost always be a difference between the actuarial value of assets and total liabilities. This deficiency has to be made up by future contributions and investment returns. An actuarial valuation sets out a schedule of future contributions that will deal with this deficiency in an orderly fashion.

The method used to determine the incidence of the contributions in various years is called the actuarial cost method. Under an actuarial cost method, the contributions required to meet the difference between current assets and current liabilities are allocated each year between two elements: (1) the normal cost rate and (2) the unfunded actuarial liability contribution rate.

The term "fully funded" is often applied to a system in which contributions at the normal cost rate are sufficient to pay for the benefits of existing employees as well as for those of new employees. More often than not, systems are not fully funded, either because of past benefit improvements that have not been completely funded or because of actuarial deficiencies that have occurred because experience has not been as favorable as anticipated. Under these circumstances, an unfunded actuarial liability (UAL) exists. Likewise, when the actuarial value of assets is greater than the actuarial liability, a surplus exists.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CONTRIBUTION RATE COMPONENTS**

The Entry Age Normal (EAN) actuarial cost method is used for the valuation. Under this method, the normal cost for each year from entry age to assumed exit age is a constant percentage of the member's year by year projected compensation. The portion of the present value of future benefits not provided by the present value of future normal costs is the actuarial liability. The unfunded actuarial liability/(surplus) represents the difference between the actuarial liability and the actuarial value of assets as of the valuation date. The unfunded actuarial liability is calculated each year and reflects experience gains/(losses).

In general, contributions are computed in accordance with a level percent-of-payroll funding objective. The contribution rates based on this December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation will be used to determine employer contribution rates to the Wichita Employees' Retirement System for fiscal year 2018. In this context, the term "contribution rate" means the percentage, which is applied to a particular active member payroll to determine the actual employer contribution amount (i.e., in dollars) for the group.

As of December 31, 2016, the valuation assets were less than the actuarial liability so an unfunded actuarial liability exists. The City's funding policy is to amortize the UAL over a rolling 20-year period. The amortization of the UAL results in an employer contribution that is more than the employer normal cost rate. The rolling amortization period means the UAL is not expected to be fully funded in the future.

#### **CONTRIBUTION RATE SUMMARY**

In Table 6, the amortization payment related to the unfunded actuarial liability/(surplus), as of December 31, 2016, is developed. Table 7 develops the normal cost rate for the System. The derivation of the total contribution rate for the City is shown in Table 8. Table 9 shows the historical summary of the City's contribution rates. Table 10 develops the experience gain/(loss) for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The rates shown in this report are based on the actuarial assumptions and cost methods described in Appendix C.



#### **Derivation of Unfunded Actuarial Liability Contribution Rate**

1. Actuarial Liability	\$ 620,218,925
2. Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 575,971,337
3. Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL)	\$ 44,247,588
4. Payment (Adjusted to Mid-Year) to Amortize Unfunded Actuarial Liability/(Surplus)	
Over 20 Years*	\$ 3,149,152
5. Total Projected Payroll for the Year	\$ 81,014,078
6. Amortization Payment as a Percent of Payroll	3.9%

\* The UAL is amortized as a level percent of payroll over a rolling 20-year period.



## **Derivation of Normal Cost Rate**

Normal Cost for Year End December 31, 2016	
Service Pensions	\$ 7,815,619
Survivor Pensions	247,415
Termination Benefits	1,569,068
Total Normal Cost	\$ 9,632,102
Expected Payroll in 2017 for Current Actives	\$ 70,595,159
Total Normal Cost Rate for Year	13.6%



### **Employer Contribution Rates** for Fiscal Year Commencing in 2018

	Contribution
	<b>Requirement as a % of Payroll</b>
Normal Cost	
Service pensions	11.0%
Survivor pensions	0.4%
Termination pensions	2.2%
Total Normal Cost	13.6%
Unfunded Actuarial Liability	
Retired members and beneficiaries <sup>(1)</sup>	0.0%
Active and former members <sup>(2)</sup>	3.9%
Total UAL Contribution	3.9%
Total Contribution Requirement	
Member Financed Portion <sup>(3)</sup>	4.7%
City Financed Portion	12.8%
Total	17.5%

<sup>(1)</sup> Actuarial liability for retired members and beneficiaries was fully funded as of December 31, 2016.

<sup>(2)</sup> The excess of the actuarial liability over actuarial value of assets is amortized as a level percent of active member payroll over a rolling 20-year period. <sup>(3)</sup> The weighted average of member contribution rates: 6.4% for Plan 1 and 4.7% for Plans 2 & 3.



#### **Historical Summary of City Contribution Rates**

Contribution rates are computed in accordance with a level percent of payroll funding objective. As of December 31, 2016, the actuarial value of assets is less than actuarial liabilities resulting in an unfunded actuarial liability (UAL). The UAL is amortized over a rolling 20-year period.

		City Contributions as Percents of Active Member Pensionable Payroll		
Valuation	Fiscal	Funding	Amortization	
Date	<u>Year</u>	<b>Objective</b>	(Credit)/Payment	
11/30/1992	1994	9.5%	0.0%	
11/30/1993	1995	9.5	0.0	
11/30/1994	1996	9.4	0.0	
12/31/1995	1997	9.0	0.0	
12/31/1996	1998	6.9 - 8.4	(1.5)	
12/31/1997	1999	4.6 - 8.5	(3.9)	
12/31/1998	2000	0.8 - 8.3	(7.5)	
12/31/1999	2001	2.5 - 9.8	(7.3)	
12/31/2000	2002	0.5 - 9.7	(9.2)	
12/31/2001	2003	1.9 - 9.4	(7.5)	
12/31/2002	2004	2.7 - 8.8	(6.1)	
12/31/2003	2005	3.1 - 8.9	(5.8)	
12/31/2004	2006	3.5 - 8.2	(4.7)	
12/31/2005	2007	3.9 - 8.2	(4.3)	
12/31/2006	2008	4.2 - 8.3	(4.1)	
12/31/2007	2009	4.2 - 8.4	(4.2)	
12/31/2008	2010	8.4	0.0	
12/31/2009	2011	10.2	1.7	
12/31/2010	2012	10.6	2.1	
12/31/2011	2013	12.6	4.1	
12/31/2012	2014	13.2	5.0	
12/31/2013	2015	12.2	3.9	
12/31/2014	2016	11.6	2.9	
12/31/2015	2017	12.3	3.4	
12/31/2016	2018	12.8	3.9	



## **Derivation of System Experience Gain/(Loss)**

# **Liabilities**

<ol> <li>Actuarial liability as of December 31, 2015</li> <li>Normal cost as of December 31, 2015</li> <li>Plan 3 members transferring to Plan 3b during 2016</li> <li>Interest at 7.75% on (1), (2) and (3) to December 31, 2016</li> <li>Benefit payments during 2016</li> <li>Interest on benefit payments</li> <li>Evenested actuarial liability on of December 21, 2016</li> </ol>	\$ 	605,854,694 9,279,144 (244,793) 47,663,564 (39,144,783) (1,488,558) 621,919,268
7. Expected actuarial liability as of December 31, 2016		
<ul> <li>8. Actuarial liability as of December 31, 2016</li> <li><u>Assets</u></li> <li>9. Actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2015</li> <li>10. Contributions during 2016</li> <li>11. Benefit payments during 2016</li> <li>12. Plan 3 members transferring to Plan 3b during 2016</li> <li>13. Interest on items (9), (10), (11) and (12)</li> <li>14. Expected actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2016</li> </ul>	\$ \$ \$	620,218,925 568,464,178 12,588,071 (39,144,783) (244,793) 43,036,794 584,699,467
15. Actual actuarial value of assets as of December 31, 2016 Gain / (Loss)	\$	575,971,337
16. Expected unfunded actuarial liability		
(7) - (14)	\$	37,219,801
<ul> <li>17. Actual unfunded actuarial liability</li> <li>(8) - (15)</li> <li>18. Actuarial Gain / (Loss)</li> </ul>	\$	44,247,588
(16) - (17)	\$	(7,027,787)
19. Actuarial Gain / (Loss) on Actuarial Assets		
(15) – (14)	\$	(8,728,130)
<ul> <li>20. Actuarial Gain / (Loss) on Actuarial Liability</li> <li>(7) - (8)</li> </ul>	\$	1,700,343





The actuarial liability is a measure intended to help the reader assess (i) a retirement system's funded status on an on-going concern basis, and (ii) progress being made toward accumulating the assets needed to pay benefits as due. Allocation of the actuarial present value of projected benefits between past and future service was based on service using the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method. Assumptions, including projected pay increases, were the same as used to determine the System's level percent of payroll annual required contribution between entry age and assumed exit age. Entry age was established by subtracting credited service from current age on the valuation date.

The Entry Age Normal actuarial liability was determined as part of an actuarial valuation of the System as of December 31, 2016. Significant actuarial assumptions used in determining the actuarial liability include:

- A rate of return on the investment of present and future assets of 7.75% per year compounded (a) annually,
- Projected salary increases of 4.00% per year compounded annually, (3.25% attributable to (b) inflation, and 0.75% attributable to productivity),
- Additional projected salary increases of 0.25% to 3.20% per year attributable to seniority/merit, (c) and
- (d) The assumption that benefits will increase 3.00% per year of retirement, non-compounded, for Plan 1 members and 2.00% per year of retirement, non-compounded, for Plan 2 members.

Active members	\$ 203,449,001
DROP members	31,538,158
Retired members and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	360,249,633
Nonvested terminated members due a refund	79,680
Vested terminated members not yet receiving benefits	24,902,453
Total Actuarial Liability	\$ 620,218,925
Actuarial Value of Assets (market value was \$549,786,949)	\$ 575,971,337
Unfunded Actuarial Liability	\$ 44,247,588

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the System experienced a net increase of \$14 million in the actuarial liability.

Actuarial Liability:



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

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets** (a)	Actuarial Liability (AL) (b)	Unfunded AL (UAL) (b)-(a)	Funded Ratio (a)/(b)	Active Member Covered Payroll (c)	UAL as a Percentage of Active Member Covered Payroll [(b)-(a)]/(c)
11/30/1992	\$182,186	\$204,730	\$22,544	89.0 %	\$49,552	45.5 %
11/30/1993	200,853	218,603	17,750	91.9	52,093	34.1
11/30/1994	215,385	230,217	14,832	93.6	52,169	28.4
12/31/1995	238,441	242,354	3,913	98.4	54,039	7.2
12/31/1996	266,404	252,968	(13,436)	105.3	53,534	(25.1)
12/31/1997	296,705	263,573	(33,132)	112.6	54,346	(61.0)
12/31/1998	340,417	276,980	(63,437)	122.9	56,093	(113.1)
12/31/1999 *	383,338	319,289	(64,049)	120.1	57,562	(111.3)
12/31/2000	414,643	329,390	(85,253)	125.9	61,112	(139.5)
12/31/2001	428,204	353,158	<ul> <li>(75,046)</li> <li>(62,967)</li> <li>(59,757)</li> <li>(49,835)</li> <li>(45,978)</li> <li>(46,694)</li> </ul>	121.2	65,347	(114.8)
12/31/2002	433,366	370,399		117.0	68,117	(92.4)
12/31/2003	446,794	387,037		115.4	69,161	(86.4)
12/31/2004 *	462,994	413,159		112.1	72,154	(69.1)
12/31/2005 *	479,275	433,297		110.6	72,367	(63.5)
12/31/2006 *	505,756	459,062		110.2	75,881	(61.5)
12/31/2007 *	533,911	483,387	(50,524)	110.5	78,736	(64.2)
12/31/2008 *	512,853	512,374	(479)	100.1	81,580	(0.6)
12/31/2009 *	509,494	529,271	19,777	96.3	82,704	23.9
12/31/2010 *	516,308	540,436	24,128	95.5	79,636	30.3
12/31/2011 *	513,298	555,174	41,876	92.5	75,444	55.5
12/31/2012	520,320	571,805	51,485	91.0	70,783	72.7
12/31/2013	542,157	582,386	40,228	93.1	70,953	56.7
12/31/2014 *	560,032	590,115	30,083	94.9	71,391	42.1
12/31/2015	568,464	605,855	37,391	93.8	74,028	50.5
12/31/2016	575,971	620,219	44,248	92.9	77,121	57.4

Rounded dollar amounts are in thousands.

*Note: Years prior to 12/31/2012 were provided by prior Actuary.* 

\* After changes in benefits and/or actuarial assumptions and/or actuarial cost methods.

\*\* From 2002 forward, includes all members except Plan 3b.

Analysis of the dollar amounts of actuarial value of assets, actuarial liability, or unfunded actuarial liability in isolation can be misleading. Expressing the actuarial value of assets as a percentage of the actuarial liability provides one indication of the System's funded status on an on-going concern basis. Analysis of this percentage over time indicates whether the System is becoming financially stronger or weaker. Generally, the greater this percentage, the stronger the System's funding. The unfunded actuarial liability and annual covered payroll are both affected by inflation. Expressing the unfunded actuarial liability as a percentage of covered payroll approximately adjusts for the effects of inflation and aids analysis of the progress being made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. Generally, the smaller this percentage, the stronger the System's funding.



#### **Schedule of Employer Contributions**

Fiscal Year	Actuarial Valuation Date	Annual Required Contribution*	Percent Contributed
1997	12/31/1995	\$4,459,654	100 %
1998	12/31/1996	4,140,163	100
1999	12/31/1997	4,134,826	100
2000	12/31/1998	2,751,084	100
2001	12/31/1999	1,843,213	100
2002	12/31/2000	3,137,912	100
2003	12/31/2001	3,189,513	100
2004	12/31/2002	3,266,706	100
2005	12/31/2003	3,589,063	100
2006	12/31/2004	3,566,429	100
2007	12/31/2005	3,700,590	100
2008	12/31/2006	3,834,270	100
2009	12/31/2007	3,887,085	100
2010	12/31/2008	6,689,450	100
2011	12/31/2009	7,695,317	100
2012	12/31/2010	7,503,003	100
2013	12/31/2011	8,940,135	100
2014	12/31/2012	9,423,640	100
2015	12/31/2013	9,031,463	100
2016	12/31/2014	8,946,064	100

\* From 2002 forward, excludes contributions for Plan 3b members. Note: Years prior to 2012 were provided by prior Actuary.

#### **Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions**

Valuation Date	December 31, 2016
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level percent of payroll, open
Remaining Amortization Period	20 years
Asset Valuation Method	Expected + 25% of (Market – Expected Values)
Actuarial Assumptions: Investment Rate of Return* Projected Salary Increases*	7.75% 4.25% - 7.20%
Cost-of-Living Adjustment Provisions	3.00% Non-compounded (Plan 1) 2.00% Non-compounded (Plan 2)
*Includes inflation at 3.25%	



# **Solvency Test**

	Aggregate Actuarial Liability For						
Valuation <u>Date</u>	(1) Active Member <u>Contributions</u>	(2) Retirants and <u>Beneficiaries*</u>	(3) Active Members (Employer <u>Financed Portion)</u>	Reported Valuation <u>Assets</u>	_	ortion of Actuarial Liabilities red by Reported A (2)	-
12/31/1995	\$28,549,082	\$123,759,638	\$90,046,029	\$238,441,351	100.0 %	100.0 %	95.7 %
12/31/1996	28,996,944	133,093,326	90,877,809	266,403,759	100.0	100.0	114.8
12/31/1997	29,881,922	141,922,445	91,768,436	296,704,769	100.0	100.0	136.1
12/31/1998	29,694,389	156,764,183	90,521,375	340,417,265	100.0	100.0	170.1
12/31/1999	32,017,194	169,602,958	117,669,351	383,337,991	100.0	100.0	154.4
12/31/2000	34,189,528	177,095,907	118,104,491	414,642,694	100.0	100.0	172.2
12/31/2001	33,516,616	179,374,487	140,266,410	428,204,828	100.0	100.0	153.5
12/31/2002	38,291,472	192,615,216	139,492,410	433,365,890	100.0	100.0	145.1
12/31/2003	39,847,119	205,799,341	141,390,445	446,794,052	100.0	100.0	142.3
12/31/2004	41,852,724	218,518,676	152,632,267	462,994,047	100.0	100.0	132.8
12/31/2005	43,397,403	228,408,201	161,491,272	479,274,508	100.0	100.0	128.5
12/31/2006	45,475,389	237,860,848	175,725,905	505,755,995	100.0	100.0	126.6
12/31/2007	46,189,489	256,374,002	180,823,537	533,911,465	100.0	100.0	127.9
12/31/2008	46,541,280	272,176,420	193,655,822	512,853,345	100.0	100.0	100.2
12/31/2009	49,152,328	279,396,973	200,722,170	509,493,888	100.0	100.0	90.1
12/31/2010	50,473,365	293,227,477	196,734,871	516,307,845	100.0	100.0	87.7
12/31/2011	45,440,569	349,202,490	160,530,664	513,298,382	100.0	100.0	73.9
12/31/2012	49,519,050	347,350,296	174,936,109	520,320,051	100.0	100.0	70.6
12/31/2013	50,337,976	362,224,034	169,823,819	542,157,342	100.0	100.0	76.3
12/31/2014	51,408,059	369,926,908	168,780,115	560,031,764	100.0	100.0	82.2
12/31/2015	51,609,961	378,186,127	176,058,606	568,464,178	100.0	100.0	78.8
12/31/2016	53,587,062	385,231,766	181,400,097	575,971,337	100.0	100.0	75.6

\* Includes vested and nonvested terminated members.

*Note: Years prior to 12/31/2012 were provided by prior Actuary* 

During the twelve months ended December 31, 2016, the Wichita Employees' Retirement System generated a net actuarial loss of \$7.0 million. This amount is 1.2% of the actuarial liability at the beginning of the year.



# MEMBER DATA RECONCILIATION

December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016

The number of members included in the valuation, as summarized in the table below, is in accordance with the data submitted by the System for members of the valuation date.

	Active Participants*		DROP Participants		Retirees, Beneficiaries and Disableds		Inactive Vested*	Inactive Non- Vested	Total
	Plan 2	Plan 3	Plan 1	Plan 2	Plan 1	Plan 2	Plan 2	Plan 3	
Members as of 12/31/2015	935	539	5	53	750	630	142	19	3,073
New Members	0	+166	0	0	+15	+8	0	+4	+193
Transfers	+22	-29	0	0	0	0	0	0	-7
Rehires	+1	+2	0	0	0	0	-1	-2	0
Terminations									
Refunded	-6	-40	0	0	0	0	-7	-17	-70
Refund Due	-2	-21	0	0	0	0	+2	+21	0
Deferred Vested	-11	0	0	0	0	0	+11	0	0
Retirements									
Service	-24	0	-2	-15	+2	+52	-13	0	0
Disability	-1	0	0	0	0	+1	0	0	0
DROP	-29	0	0	+29	0	0	0	0	0
Payment Ended	0	0	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1
Deaths									
Cashed Out	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
With Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	-14	-5	0	0	-19
Without Beneficiary	0	0	0	0	-36	-9	0	0	-45
Data Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Members as of 12/31/2016	885	617	3	67	717	676	134	25	3,124

\* There are no active or inactive vested members benefiting under Plan 1.



# HISTORICAL ACTIVE DATA

(Including DROP Members)

as of December 31, 2016

_		Number of	Members		_		
Valuation Date	Plan 1	Plan 2	Plan 3 <sup>1</sup>	Total	Annual Covered Payroll (\$000's) <sup>2</sup>	Average Annual Pay	% Increase In Average Annual Pay
12/31/2005	151	900	822	1,873	\$72,367	\$38,637	(1.0) %
12/31/2006	134	922	837	1,893	75,881	40,085	3.7
12/31/2007	113	947	838	1,898	78,736	41,484	3.5
12/31/2008	92	958	852	1,902	81,580	42,892	3.4
12/31/2009	80	998	740	1,818	82,704	45,492	6.1
12/31/2010	61	993	661	1,715	79,636	46,435	2.1
12/31/2011	31	916	611	1,558	75,444	48,424	4.3
12/31/2012	26	950	527	1,503	70,783	47,094	(2.7)
12/31/2013	15	957	517	1,489	70,952	49,068	4.2
12/31/2014	8	989	520	1,517	71,391	47,061	(4.1)
12/31/2015	5	988	539	1,532	74,028	48,321	2.7
12/31/2016	3	952	617	1,572	77,121	49,059	1.5

<sup>1</sup> Does not include Plan 3b members.

<sup>2</sup> Actual covered payroll for year ending on valuation date.

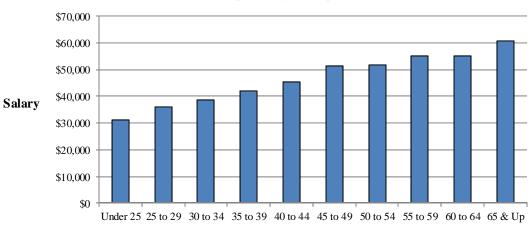


# SUMMARY OF ACTIVE MEMBERS (Excluding DROP Members) as of December 31, 2016

All Plans

		Number		Valuation Salaries*					
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Under 25	34	9	43	\$ 1,067,147	\$ 277,376	\$ 1,344,523			
25 to 29	54 67	-	43 99	. , ,					
		32	99	2,325,713	1,222,977	3,548,690			
30 to 34	79	43	122	3,039,529	1,675,470	4,714,999			
35 to 39	94	54	148	3,891,232	2,307,996	6,199,228			
40 to 44	88	76	164	3,899,983	3,531,444	7,431,427			
45 to 49	119	77	196	6,119,385	3,934,408	10,053,793			
50 to 54	150	87	237	7,829,305	4,397,331	12,226,636			
55 to 59	182	112	294	10,244,337	5,911,432	16,155,769			
60 to 64	96	61	157	5,251,106	3,400,012	8,651,118			
65 & Up	24	18	42	1,652,638	897,809	2,550,447			
Total	933	569	1,502	\$45,320,375	\$27,556,255	\$72,876,630			

\* Actual salary as reported by System for year ending 12/31/2016.



# Average Salary by Age

Age

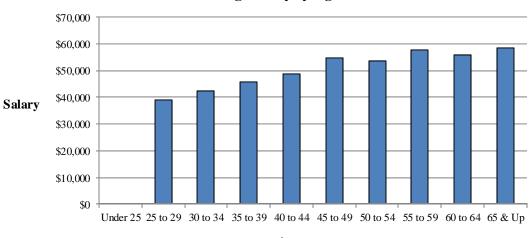


# SUMMARY OF ACTIVE MEMBERS (Excluding DROP Members) as of December 31, 2016

#### Plan 2

		Number		Valuation Salaries*						
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total				
Under 25	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0				
25 to 29	3	0	3	116,865	φ 0 0	116,865				
30 to 34	19	8	27	825,446	321,559	1,147,005				
35 to 39	41	13	54	1,828,460	634,709	2,463,169				
40 to 44	45	41	86	2,089,889	2,104,293	4,194,182				
45 to 49	78	46	124	4,270,705	2,524,759	6,795,464				
50 to 54	122	64	186	6,529,171	3,401,725	9,930,896				
55 to 59	143	90	233	8,432,945	5,043,483	13,476,428				
60 to 64	85	55	140	4,709,654	3,118,635	7,828,289				
65 & Up	17	15	32	1,156,975	715,205	1,872,180				
Total	553	332	885	\$29,960,110	\$17,864,368	\$47,824,478				

\* Actual salary as reported by System for year ending 12/31/2016.



#### Average Salary by Age

Age

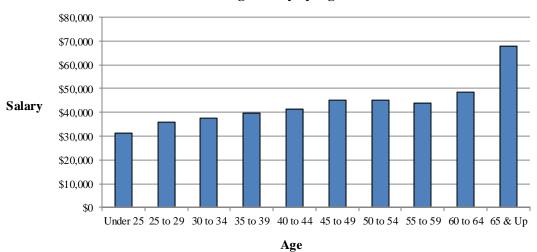


# SUMMARY OF ACTIVE MEMBERS as of December 31, 2016

#### Plan 3

		Number		Valuation Salaries*					
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total			
Under 25	34	9	43	\$ 1,067,147	\$ 277,376	\$ 1,344,523			
25 to 29	54 64	32	45 96	2,208,848	1,222,977	3,431,825			
30 to 34	60	35	95	2,214,083	1,353,911	3,567,994			
35 to 39	53	41	94	2,062,772	1,673,287	3,736,059			
40 to 44	43	35	78	1,810,094	1,427,151	3,237,245			
45 to 49	41	31	72	1,848,680	1,409,649	3,258,329			
50 to 54	28	23	51	1,300,134	995,606	2,295,740			
55 to 59	39	22	61	1,811,392	867,949	2,679,341			
60 to 64	11	6	17	541,452	281,377	822,829			
65 & Up	7	3	10	495,663	182,604	678,267			
Total	380	237	617	\$15,360,265	\$9,691,887	\$25,052,152			

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#### Average Salary by Age

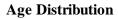


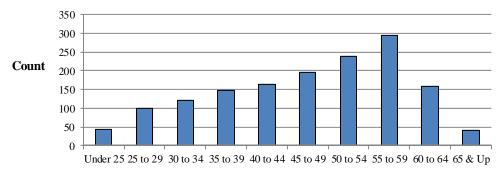
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as of December 31, 2016

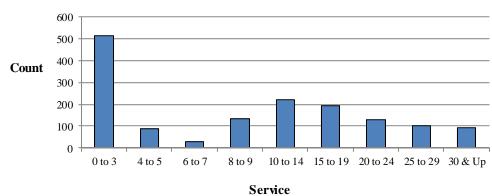
#### All Plans

Years of Service										
Age	0 to 3	4 to 5	6 to 7	8 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 & Up	Total
Under 25	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
25 to 29	87	8	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	99
30 to 34	76	17	4	15	10	0	0	0	0	122
35 to 39	71	19	4	18	27	9	0	0	0	148
40 to 44	67	9	5	19	31	24	9	0	0	164
45 to 49	61	8	4	18	34	35	27	8	1	196
50 to 54	41	9	3	21	39	40	29	34	21	237
55 to 59	50	9	5	20	44	41	40	44	41	294
60 to 64	12	5	1	17	24	36	21	13	28	157
65 & Up	7	3	0	6	11	7	4	3	1	42
Total	515	87	27	136	221	192	130	102	92	1,502





Age



**Service Distribution** 

Wichita Employees' Retirement System



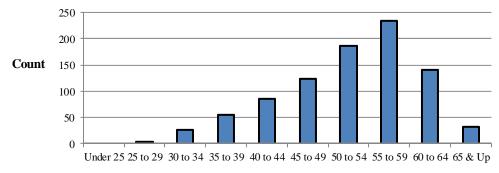
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as of December 31, 2016

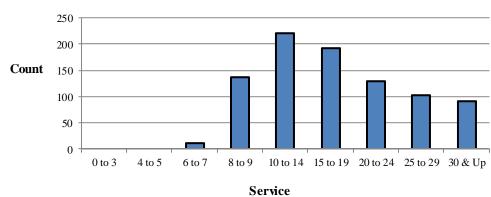
#### Plan 2

Years of Service										
Age	0 to 3	4 to 5	6 to 7	8 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 & Up	Total
Under 25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
30 to 34	0	0	2	15	10	0	0	0	0	27
35 to 39	0	0	0	18	27	9	0	0	0	54
40 to 44	0	0	3	19	31	24	9	0	0	86
45 to 49	0	0	1	18	34	35	27	8	1	124
50 to 54	0	0	2	21	39	40	29	34	21	186
55 to 59	0	0	3	20	44	41	40	44	41	233
60 to 64	0	0	1	17	24	36	21	13	28	140
65 & Up	0	0	0	6	11	7	4	3	1	32
Total	0	0	12	136	221	192	130	102	92	885





Age



**Service Distribution** 

Wichita Employees' Retirement System

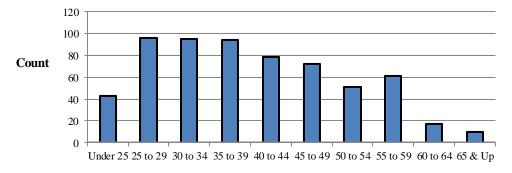


### DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS as of December 31, 2016

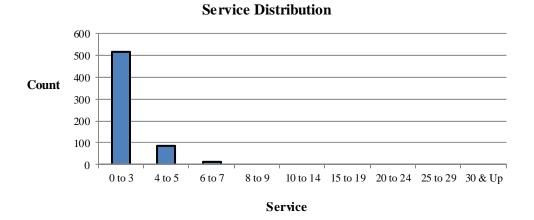
Plan 3

Years of Service										
Age	0 to 3	4 to 5	6 to 7	8 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 & Up	Total
Under 25	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
25 to 29	87	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	96
30 to 34	76	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	95
35 to 39	71	19	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
40 to 44	67	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	78
45 to 49	61	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
50 to 54	41	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
55 to 59	50	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	61
60 to 64	12	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
65 & Up	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Total	515	87	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	617

Age Distribution



Age





# DISTRIBUTION OF DROP MEMBERS as of December 31, 2016

### Plan 1

			Service			
Age	Under 20	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 & Up	Total
Under 50	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	0	0	0	1	0	1
65 & Up	0	0	0	1	1	2
Total	0	0	0	2	1	3
		DROP Du	ration Elected	(months)		
Age	1 to 12	13 to 24	25 to 36	37 to 48	49 to 60	Total
Under 50	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	0	0	0	0	1	1
65 & Up	0	0	0	0	2	2
Total	0	0	0	0	3	3
		N				
	Age		Benefits		Current Balance	
	Under 50		0	\$		0
50-54			0			0
55-59			0		075 4	0
60-64			4,855		275,40	
	& Up	<u> </u>	7,152		328,20	
]	Fotal	\$	12,007	\$	603,6	73



# DISTRIBUTION OF DROP MEMBERS as of December 31, 2016

### Plan 2

			Service			
Age	Under 20	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 & Up	Total
Under 50	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	12	9	10	14	8	53
65 & Up	5	2	3	3	1	14
Total	17	11	13	17	9	67
			ration Elected			
Age	1 to 12	13 to 24	25 to 36	37 to 48	49 to 60	Total
Under 50	0	0	0	0	0	0
50-54	0	0	0	0	0	0
55-59	0	0	0	0	0	0
60-64	4	8	9	20	12	53
65 & Up	0	2	1	1	10	14
Total	4	10	10	21	22	67
	Age	Monthly	y Benefits	С	urrent Balance	2
Un	Under 50		0	\$		0
50-54			0			0
55-59			0			0
60-64			149,987		1,976,04	
65 & Up			33,231		1,036,86	
Total		\$	183,218	\$	3,012,90	)9
(	Covered Payroll	\$.	3,643,749			



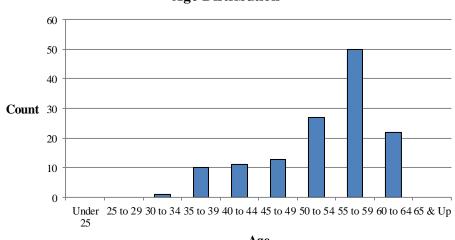
# SUMMARY OF INACTIVE VESTED MEMBERS as of December 31, 2016

### All Plans\*

		Number**		Current Monthly Benefit at Retirement				
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
Under 25	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		
25 to 29	0	0	0	0	0	0		
30 to 34	0	1	1	0	391	391		
35 to 39	8	2	10	6,883	916	7,799		
40 to 44	6	5	11	7,840	6,825	14,665		
45 to 49	7	6	13	6,704	7,687	14,391		
50 to 54	13	14	27	15,948	25,270	41,218		
55 to 59	25	25	50	45,145	49,121	94,266		
60 to 64	11	11	22	26,293	15,508	41,801		
65 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total	70	64	134	\$ 108,813	\$ 105,718	\$ 214,531		

\* All Inactive Vested Members are Plan 2 Members.

\*\* Includes 3 Inactive Vested Members who have elected to receive a refund of contributions, but have not been paid yet.



# Age Distribution

Age



# DISTRIBUTION OF IN-PAY MEMBERS

## as of December 31, 2016

Amount of Monthly Benefit	Active in DROP	Non- Service Disability	<b>ODRO</b> <sup>1</sup>	Service	Service Disability	Survivor	Total
		v	·		v		
\$ 0-500	0	2	2	56	0	73	133
500-1,000	2	9	5	149	1	66	232
1,000-1,500	10	3	3	135	0	68	219
1,500-2,000	7	2	0	155	3	39	206
2,000-2,500	12	2	1	104	0	18	137
2,500-3,000	12	0	1	103	0	4	120
3,000-3,500	11	0	0	110	0	4	125
3,500-4,000	5	0	0	86	0	0	91
4,000-4,500	4	0	0	65	0	0	69
4,500-5,000	4	0	0	52	0	0	56
>5,000	3	0	0	71	0	1	75
Total	70	18	12	1,086	4	273	1,463

<sup>1</sup> Qualified Domestic Relations Order



# **RETIRANTS AND BENEFICIARIES ADDED TO AND REMOVED FROM ROLLS**

			R	emoved				
	Added to Rolls		from Rolls		End of Year Rolls		Annual Pensions	
								Percentage
Valuation		Annual		Annual		Annual	Average	Increase
Date	No.	Pensions <sup>1</sup>	No.	Pensions <sup>1</sup>	No.	Pensions <sup>1</sup>	Pension	(Decrease)
12/31/2005	58	\$1,256,205	40	\$403,572	1,080	\$22,803,853	\$21,115	5.3 %
12/31/2006	63	1,205,241	41	580,114	1,102	24,146,982	21,912	3.8
12/31/2007	77	1,763,901	47	665,077	1,132	25,757,557	22,754	3.8
12/31/2008	79	1,879,045	44	693,343	1,167	27,520,308	23,582	3.6
12/31/2009	66	1,338,875	52	708,830	1,181	28,730,505	24,327	3.2
12/31/2010	71	1,847,020	59	949,872	1,193	29,855,835	25,026	2.9
12/31/2011	164	4,305,336	47	824,103	1,310	32,885,454	25,103	0.3
12/31/2012	50	1,010,373	58	1,036,870	1,302	31,730,663	24,371	(2.9)
12/31/2013	72	1,676,296	47	744,036	1,327	33,294,857	25,090	3.0
12/31/2014	68	1,549,070	54	927,726	1,341	34,427,388	25,673	2.3
12/31/2015	90	1,830,381	51	1,132,754	1,380	35,726,088	25,888	0.8
12/31/2016	78	1,730,868	65	1,194,869	1,393	36,931,056	26,512	2.4

<sup>1</sup> Values are estimated based on annualized pension amounts. Note: Counts exclude DROP participants

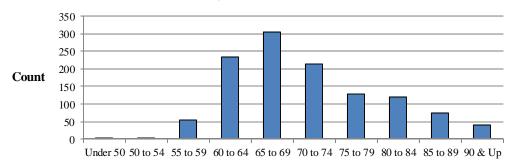


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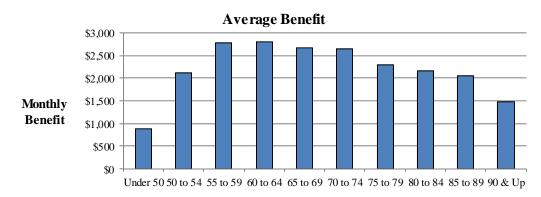
All Plans

		Number		Monthly Benefit				
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
Under 50	1	0	1	\$ 880	\$ 0	\$ 880		
50 to 54	2	1	3	5,477	878	6,355		
55 to 59	35	19	54	104,614	45,131	149,745		
60 to 64	142	93	235	423,202	237,256	660,458		
65 to 69	196	110	306	567,806	248,790	816,596		
70 to 74	126	89	215	381,522	186,517	568,039		
75 to 79	73	56	129	199,557	95,256	294,813		
80 to 84	65	56	121	147,154	113,271	260,425		
85 to 89	39	35	74	98,420	53,256	151,676		
90 & Up	14	26	40	30,525	28,361	58,886		
Total	693	485	1,178	\$ 1,959,157	\$ 1,008,716	\$ 2,967,873		

**Age Distribution** 



Age



Age

\*Includes DROP members

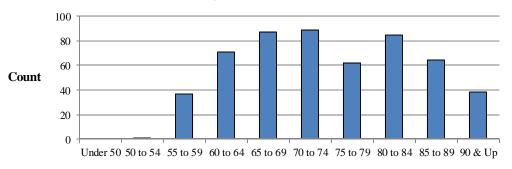


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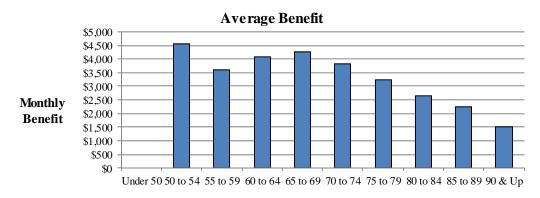
Plan 1

		Number		Monthly Benefit				
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
Under 50	0	0	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0		
50 to 54	1	0	1	4,566	φ 0 0	4,566		
55 to 59	25	12	37	96,010	37,444	133,454		
60 to 64	47	24	71	198,848	90,934	289,782		
65 to 69	62	25	87	282,104	88,148	370,252		
70 to 74	60	29	89	256,746	84,673	341,419		
75 to 79	42	20	62	151,775	49,136	200,911		
80 to 84	45	40	85	127,098	98,603	225,701		
85 to 89	35	29	64	94,664	49,614	144,278		
90 & Up	13	25	38	29,704	28,012	57,716		
Total	330	204	534	\$ 1,241,515	\$ 526,564	\$ 1,768,079		

**Age Distribution** 









\*Includes DROP members

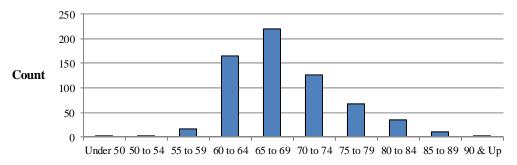


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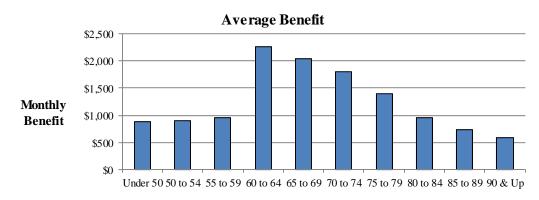
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		Number		Monthly Benefit				
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
Under 50	1	0	1	\$ 880	\$ 0	\$ 880		
50 to 54	1	1	2	911	878	1,789		
55 to 59	10	7	17	8,604	7,687	16,291		
60 to 64	95	69	164	224,354	146,322	370,676		
65 to 69	134	85	219	285,702	160,642	446,344		
70 to 74	66	60	126	124,776	101,844	226,620		
75 to 79	31	36	67	47,782	46,120	93,902		
80 to 84	20	16	36	20,056	14,668	34,724		
85 to 89	4	6	10	3,756	3,642	7,398		
90 & Up	1	1	2	821	349	1,170		
Total	363	281	644	\$ 717,642	\$ 482,152	\$ 1,199,794		

**Age Distribution** 



Age



<sup>\*</sup>Includes DROP members

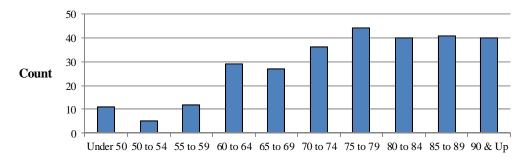


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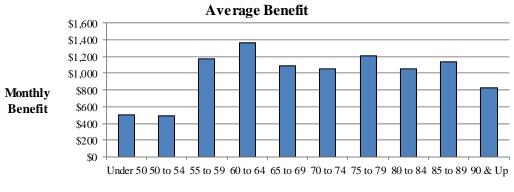
All Plans

		Number		Monthly Benefit				
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
Under 50	1	10	11	\$ 586	\$ 4,923	\$ 5,509		
50 to 54	1	4	5	366	2,082	2,448		
55 to 59	4	8	12	4,822	9,296	14,118		
60 to 64	1	28	29	2,018	37,630	39,648		
65 to 69	5	22	27	4,707	24,636	29,343		
70 to 74	7	29	36	5,578	32,535	38,113		
75 to 79	6	38	44	4,457	48,995	53,452		
80 to 84	3	37	40	2,332	39,920	42,252		
85 to 89	7	34	41	4,620	42,146	46,766		
90 & Up	5	35	40	2,595	30,696	33,291		
Total	40	245	285	\$ 32,081	\$ 272,859	\$ 304,940		

Age Distribution









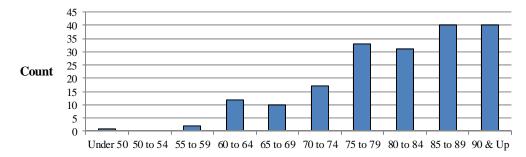


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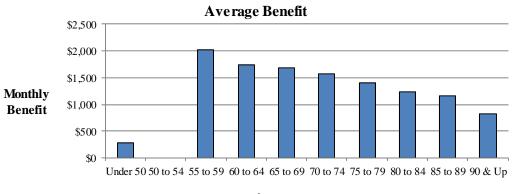
Plan 1

	Number			Monthly Benefit			
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	
Under 50	0	1	1	\$ 0	\$ 285	\$ 285	
50 to 54	0	0	0	0	0	0	
55 to 59	0	2	2	0	4,048	4,048	
60 to 64	1	11	12	2,018	18,877	20,895	
65 to 69	2	8	10	2,125	14,706	16,831	
70 to 74	2	15	17	1,561	25,193	26,754	
75 to 79	5	28	33	4,306	41,708	46,014	
80 to 84	2	29	31	1,973	36,551	38,524	
85 to 89	7	33	40	4,620	42,083	46,703	
90 & Up	5	35	40	2,595	30,696	33,291	
Total	24	162	186	\$ 19,198	\$ 214,147	\$ 233,345	

Age Distribution









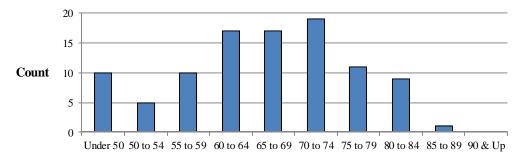


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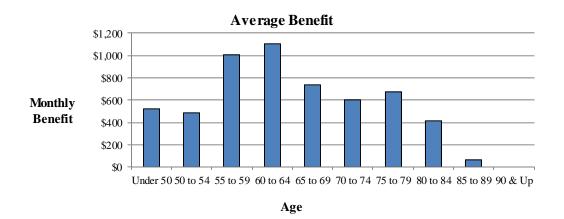
Plan 2

	Number			Monthly Benefit		
Age	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
				t 70 -		
Under 50	1	9	10	\$ 586	\$ 4,638	\$ 5,224
50 to 54	1	4	5	366	2,082	2,448
55 to 59	4	6	10	4,822	5,248	10,070
60 to 64	0	17	17	0	18,753	18,753
65 to 69	3	14	17	2,582	9,930	12,512
70 to 74	5	14	19	4,017	7,342	11,359
75 to 79	1	10	11	151	7,287	7,438
80 to 84	1	8	9	359	3,369	3,728
85 to 89	0	1	1	0	63	63
90 & Up	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16	83	99	\$ 12,883	\$ 58,712	\$ 71,595

Age Distribution









# **Summary of Benefit Provisions**

## **Defined Benefit Plans 1 and 2**

**Plan 1** is applicable to members employed prior to July 18, 1981 who have not elected to be covered by Plan 2.

**Plan 2** is applicable to members employed or re-employed on or after July 18, 1981 and before January 1, 1994 and to other employees who have elected Plan 2 coverage.

**Plan 3** is applicable to members employed on or after January 1, 1994 who have not become covered by Plan 2. Plan 3 members are automatically transferred to Plan 2 after they have 7 years of service unless they file an irrevocable election to remain in Plan 3.

### NORMAL RETIREMENT (NO REDUCTION FACTOR)

Eligibility – Plan 1: Age 60 with 7 or more years of service, or any age with 30 or more years of service.

Eligibility – Plan 2: Age 62 with 7 or more years of service (effective August 1, 1990).

**Amount of Pension – Plan 1:** Service times 2.5% of Final Average Salary to a maximum of 75% of Final Average Salary.

**Amount of Pension – Plan 2:** Service times 2.25% of Final Average Salary to a maximum of 75% of Final Average Salary (effective January 1, 2000).

**Final Average Salary – all plans:** Average for the 3 consecutive years of service which produce the highest average and which are within the last 10 years of service.

#### EARLY RETIREMENT (WITH REDUCTION FACTOR)

Eligibility – all plans: Age 55 with 7 or more years of service.

**Amount of Pension – Plan 1:** Computed as for normal retirement, but reduced for each month retirement precedes age 60. The reduction is 0.05 of 1% if service is 29 years but less than 30 years, increasing by 0.05 of 1% for each additional year of service less than 30 years, to a maximum of 0.50 of 1% if service is less than 21 years.

**Amount of Pension – Plan 2:** Computed as for normal retirement, but reduced for each month retirement precedes age 62. The reduction is 0.6% per month for every year of age less than 62 with a maximum reduction of 50.4% at age 55.



### **DEFERRED RETIREMENT (VESTED TERMINATION)**

**Eligibility** – **all plans:** 7 or more years of service. A terminated employee may apply for a reduced pension upon meeting the applicable age requirement for early retirement or an unreduced pension upon meeting the applicable age requirement for normal retirement. A terminated employee may elect a refund of employee contributions, plus applicable interest, in lieu of a deferred retirement benefit.

**Amount of Pension – all plans:** An amount computed as for normal retirement. Vested deferred pensions are adjusted during the deferral period based on changes in National Average Earnings, up to 5.5% annual adjustments.

### **DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN (DROP)**

**Eligibility** – **all plans:** Member must be eligible to retire under early reduced or normal age and/or service requirements and elect to participate in DROP for up to 5 years.

**Amount of Benefit – all plans:** Benefit computed based on years of service, Final Average Salary as of the DROP election date, and length of DROP period. Benefit is paid into member's notional DROP account during the deferral period. Member and City continue to make required employee and employer contributions during the deferral period. Interest at an annual rate of 5%, compounded monthly, is credited to the notional DROP account. Voluntary termination of employment during the DROP period results in loss of accrued interest. Balance of DROP account is payable within 90 days of actual termination of employment.

#### SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY

**Eligibility** – **all plans:** No age or service requirement. Requires total and permanent disability, as defined in State worker's compensation act, for employment by the City in a position commensurate with the employee's training, experience and education.

Amount of Pension – Plan 1: 60% of final rate of Salary.

Amount of Pension – Plan 2: 50% of final rate of Salary.

#### NON-SERVICE DISABILITY

**Eligibility** – **all plans:** 7 or more years of service. Requires total and permanent disability for employment by the City in a position commensurate with the employee's training, experience and education.

Amount of Pension – Plan 1: 30% of Final Average Salary plus 1% of Final Average Salary times service over 7 years; maximum is 50% of Final Average Salary.

Amount of Pension – Plan 2: 25% of final rate of Salary.



### **APPENDIX B: SUMMARY OF BENEFIT PROVISIONS**

#### POST-RETIREMENT SURVIVOR BENEFITS

**Eligibility** – **all plans Surviving Spouse:** Must have been married to retired employee for one year or more, at time of death if retired after January 1, 2000. If retired prior to January 1, 2000, must have been married to retired employee at retirement.

Eligibility – all plans Minor Children: Must be less than 18 years old.

Amount of Pension – all plans Surviving Spouse: 50% of amount that was being paid to retiree.

Amount of Pension – all plans Minor Child with Surviving Spouse: 10% of the member's Final Average Salary for each child under age 18. Maximum, including surviving spouse benefit, is 75% of Final Average Salary.

Amount of Pension – all plans Minor Child without Surviving Spouse: 20% of the member's Final Average Salary for each child under age 18. Maximum benefit is 60% of Final Average Salary.

If no survivor benefits are payable, any accumulated employee contributions with interest in excess of benefit payments made is refunded to the member's beneficiary or estate.

### POST-RETIREMENT FUNERAL BENEFITS

Eligibility – Designated Beneficiary: Must have been designated by the retired employee.

Amount of Benefit – Plan 1: \$1,500

Amount of Benefit – Plan 2: None

#### PRE-RETIREMENT SURVIVOR BENEFITS

Eligibility – Surviving Spouse: Death of employee with 7 or more years of service.

**Eligibility** – **Designated Beneficiary:** The beneficiary designated by an unmarried member or by a member who fails to meet the 7 year service requirement for the surviving spouse benefit.

**Amount of Pension – Surviving Spouse:** 50% of amount that the deceased employee would have been entitled to had he/she been on an unreduced retirement at time of death.

**Amount of Pension – Designated Beneficiary:** The deceased employee's contributions, plus applicable interest, plus one month's Salary for each full year of service up to a maximum benefit of 6 months of Salary.

#### **OTHER TERMINATION BENEFITS**

Eligibility – all plans: Termination of employment without eligibility for any other benefit.

**Amount of Benefit – all plans:** Accumulated employee contributions with interest at 5% per year compounded monthly are refunded.



### **POST-RETIREMENT ADJUSTMENTS OF PENSIONS**

Eligibility – Plan 1: Completion of 12 months of retirement.

**Eligibility – Plan 2:** If retired on or after January 1, 2000, completion of 12 months of retirement. If retired before January 1, 2000, there is no adjustment (effective February 19, 2000).

Annual Amount – Plan 1: 3% of the original base amount of benefit (simple COLA).

Annual Amount – Plan 2: 2% of the original base amount of benefit (simple COLA).

#### **EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS**

Plan 1: 6.4% of total compensationPlan 2: 4.7% of base salary and longevity payPlan 3: 4.7% of base salary and longevity pay

### **CITY CONTRIBUTIONS**

Actuarially determined amount which together with employee contributions and investment earnings will fund the obligations of the System in accordance with accepted actuarial principles

Plan 3: 4.7% of base salary and longevity pay, less forfeitures from non-vested terminations.

#### UNUSED SICK LEAVE

Each bi-weekly service credit of accumulated unused sick leave is converted to a service credit for the purpose of computing annual benefit amounts.

#### VESTING OF CONTRIBUTIONS

**Plan 3:** Member contributions and investment earnings thereon are 100% vested. City contributions and investment earnings thereon are 25% vested after 3 years of service, 50% vested after 5 years of service, and 100% vested after 7 years of service.

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF VESTED ACCOUNTS**

**Plan 3:** Vested accounts are payable upon termination of City employment or death. Available forms of payment are prescribed by the Board.

#### **DISABILITY RETIREMENT**

**Plan 3:** Service and non-service connected disability benefits are the same as those of Plan 2. Plan 3 members may alternatively elect to receive a refund of their Plan 3 vested account.



### **ACTUARIAL COST METHOD**

The actuarial cost method is a procedure for allocating the actuarial present value of pension benefits and expenses to time periods. The method used for the valuation is known as the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method, and 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 covered compensation.

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 assumed pensionable compensation rates between the entry age of the member and the assumed exit ages.

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 actuarial liability. Deducting actuarial assets from the actuarial liability determines the unfunded actuarial liability or (surplus). The unfunded actuarial liability/(surplus) is financed as a level percent of member payroll over an open 20-year period.

#### ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

Retirement System contribution requirements and actuarial present values are calculated by applying experience assumptions to the benefit provisions and membership information of the Retirement System, using the actuarial cost method.

The principal areas of risk which require experience assumptions about future activities of the Retirement System are:

- (i) Long-term rates of investment return to be generated by the assets of the System
- (ii) Patterns of pay increases to members
- (iii) Rates of mortality among members, retirees and beneficiaries
- (iv) Rates of termination of employment by active members
- (v) The age patterns of actual retirements



### **APPENDIX C: ACTUARIAL COST METHOD AND ASSUMPTIONS**

In making a valuation, the monetary effect of each assumption is calculated for as long as a present covered person survives – a period of time which can be as long as a century.

Actual experience of the Retirement System will not coincide exactly with assumed experience. Each valuation provides a complete recalculation of assumed future experience and takes into account all past differences between assumed and actual experiences. The result is a continual series of adjustments (usually small) to the computed contribution rate.

From time to time, one or more of the assumptions are modified to reflect experience trends (but not random or temporary year-to-year fluctuations). A complete review of the actuarial assumptions was completed in 2014. The use of updated assumptions was first effective with the December 31, 2014 valuation.

**Investment Rate of Return** (net of administrative expenses): This assumption is 7.75% a year, compounded annually and consists of 3.25% long-term price inflation and a 4.50% real rate of return over price inflation. This assumption, used to equate the value of payments due at different points in time, was adopted by the Board and was first used for the December 31, 1981 valuation, although the allocation between inflation and real return has changed periodically, most recently in 2014.

**Salary Increase Rates:** These rates are used to project current pay amounts to those upon which a benefit will be based. This table was first used in the December 31, 2014 valuation.

	Annual R	ate of Salary Increase fo	r Sample Service Durat	tions
Years	Inflation	Productivity	Merit and	
of Service	Component	Component	Longevity	Total
1	3.25%	0.75%	3.20%	7.20%
2	3.25	0.75	3.00	7.00
3	3.25	0.75	2.80	6.80
4	3.25	0.75	2.60	6.60
5	3.25	0.75	2.40	6.40
6	3.25	0.75	2.20	6.20
7	3.20	0.75	2.00	6.00
8	3.25	0.75	1.80	5.80
9	3.25	0.75	1.70	5.70
10	3.25	0.75	1.60	5.60
11	3.25	0.75	1.50	5.50
12	3.25	0.75	1.40	5.40
13	3.25	0.75	1.30	5.30
14	3.25	0.75	1.20	5.20
15	3.25	0.75	1.06	5.06
16	3.25	0.75	0.92	4.92
17	3.25	0.75	0.78	4.78
18	3.25	0.75	0.64	4.64
19	3.25	0.75	0.50	4.50
20	3.25	0.75	0.50	4.50
21	3.25	0.75	0.50	4.50
22	3.25	0.75	0.50	4.50
23	3.25	0.75	0.50	4.50
24	3.25	0.75	0.50	4.50
25	3.25	0.75	0.50	4.50
Over 25	3.25	0.75	0.25	4.25



# **APPENDIX C: ACTUARIAL COST METHOD AND ASSUMPTIONS**

The salary increase assumptions will produce 4.00% annual increases in active member payroll (the inflation and productivity base rate) given a constant active member group size. This is the same payroll growth assumption used to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability. The real rate of return over assumed wage growth is 3.75% per year.

Changes actually experienced in average pay and total payroll (excluding DROP participants) have been as follows:

			Year Ended			5 Year (Average) Compounded
	12/31/16	12/31/15	12/31/14	12/31/13	12/31/12	Annual Increase
Average Payroll	1.5%	2.1%	1.7%	0.8%	3.2%	1.9%
Total Payroll	3.4%	2.9%	3.0%	(0.2%)	2.3%	2.3%

**Mortality Table:** This assumption is used to measure the probabilities of members dying and the probabilities of each pension payment being made after retirement.

Healthy Retirees And Beneficiaries:	RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table (ages set forward two years for males, zero for females)
Disabled Retirees:	RP-2000 Disabled Table for Males and Females
Active Members:	RP-2000 Employee Table (ages set forward two years for males, zero for females)
Disabled Retirees:	females) RP-2000 Disabled Table for Males and Females

The RP-2000 Tables are used with generational mortality.

Sample		Value of Ily for Life		ture Life ancy (Years)
Ages <sup>(1)</sup>	Men	Women	Men	Women
50	\$136.27	\$141.98	30.4	34.6
55	128.67	135.41	25.7	29.7
60	118.41	127.04	21.2	25.1
65	150.86	116.91	16.9	20.7
70	91.20	104.80	13.0	16.7
75	75.12	90.90	9.7	13.0
80	58.98	75.76	6.9	9.8
85	44.42	60.20	4.8	7.1

(1) Reflects values from the basic table based on ages in 2000

This table was first used for the December 31, 2004 actuarial valuation.



**Rates of Retirement and Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) Elections:** These rates are used to measure the probability of eligible members retiring under either the regular retirement provisions or from the Deferred Retirement Option Plan.

Percent Retiring During Year					
Retirement					
Age	Plan 1	Plan 2			
55	15%	3%			
56	15	3			
57	15	3			
58	15	3			
59	15	3			
60	40	3			
61	40	20			
62	20	40			
63	20	25			
64	20	25			
65	100	50			
66	N/A	35			
67	N/A	20			
68	N/A	20			
69	N/A	20			
70	N/A	100			

In addition, the following assumptions would apply to members in this category:

- **Plan 2:** 70% of members with 33.33 or more years of service and are at least age 62 will elect the DROP with an average DROP period of 36 months.
- All members of the retirement system were assumed to retire on or before age 70.

Deferred vested members are assumed to retire at age 62.

This assumption was first used in the December 31, 2014 actuarial valuation.



# **APPENDIX C: ACTUARIAL COST METHOD AND ASSUMPTIONS**

**Rates of Separation from Active Membership:** This assumption measures the probabilities of a member terminating employment. The rates do not apply to members who are eligible to retire.

Years of	Probability of
Service	Terminating During Year
0	13.00%
1	13.00
2	11.00
3	9.00
4	8.00
5	7.00
6	6.00
7	5.00
8-12	4.50
13	4.00
14	3.50
15	3.00
16	2.75
17	2.50
18	2.50
19	2.25
20 or more	2.00

These rates were first used for the December 31, 2014 valuation.

**Forfeiture of Vested Benefits:** The assumption is that a percentage of the actuarial present value of vested termination benefits will be forfeited by a withdrawal of accumulated contributions.

Years of	Percent
Service	Forfeiting
Under 15	60%
15-19	40
20-24	20
25 or more	0

This table was first used for the December 31, 2004 actuarial valuation.

**Rates of Disability:** There is no disability assumption. This assumption was first eliminated in the December 31, 2014 valuation.

Administrative Expenses: Assumed to be paid from investment earnings.

Active Member Group Size: Assumed to remain constant.

**Vested Deferred Pensions:** Amounts are assumed to increase during the deferral period at 4.0% per year, compounded annually. This assumption was first used for the December 31, 2009 valuation.



### MISCELLANEOUS AND TECHNICAL ASSUMPTIONS

**Marriage Assumption:** 70% of non-retired participants are assumed to be married for purposes of death benefits. In each case, the male was assumed to be three years older than the female.

**Decrement Timing:** Decrements of all types are assumed to occur mid-year.

**Eligibility Testing:** Eligibility for benefits is determined based upon the age nearest birthday and service nearest whole year at the start of the year in which the decrement is assumed to occur.

**Benefit Service:** Service calculated to the nearest month, as of the decrement date, is used to determine the amount of benefit payable.

Other: The turnover decrement does not operate during retirement eligibility.

**Miscellaneous Loading Factors:** The calculated normal retirement benefits are increased by 2.5% to account for the inclusion of unused sick leave in the calculation of Service. This assumption was changed with the December 31, 2014 valuation.

**Plan 3 Transfer Assumption:** For purposes of the valuation, Plan 3 members are assumed to transfer to Plan 2 if they acquire 7 years of service.



Actuarial Liability	The difference between the actuarial present value of system benefits and the actuarial present value of future normal costs. Also referred to as "accrued liability" or "actuarial liability".
Actuarial Assumptions	Estimates of future experience with respect to rates of mortality, disability, turnover, retirement, rate or rates of investment income and salary increases. Decrement assumptions (rates of mortality, disability, turnover and retirement) are generally based on past experience, often modified for projected changes in conditions. Economic assumptions (salary increases and investment income) consist of an underlying rate in an inflation-free environment plus a provision for a long-term average rate of inflation.
Accrued Service	Service credited under the system which was rendered before the date of the actuarial valuation.
Actuarial Equivalent	A single amount or series of amounts of equal actuarial value to another singe amount or series of amounts, computed on the basis of appropriate assumptions.
Actuarial Cost Method	A mathematical budgeting procedure for allocating the dollar amount of the actuarial present value of retirement system benefit between future normal cost and actuarial liability; sometimes referred to as the "actuarial funding method".
Experience Gain (Loss)	The difference between actual experience and actuarial assumptions anticipated experience during the period between two actuarial valuation dates.
Actuarial Present Value	The amount of funds currently required to provide a payment or series of payments in the future. It is determined by discounting future payments at predetermined rates of interest and by probabilities of payment.
Amortization	Paying off an interest-discounted amount with periodic payments of interest and principal, as opposed to paying off with lump sum payment.
Normal Cost	The actuarial present value of retirement system benefits allocated to the current year by the actuarial cost method.
Unfunded Actuarial Liability	The difference between actuarial liability and the valuation assets.
	Most retirement systems have unfunded actuarial liability. They arise each time new benefits are added and each time an actuarial loss is realized.
	The existence of unfunded actuarial liability is not in itself bad, anymore than a mortgage on a house is bad. Unfunded actuarial liability does not represent a debt that is payable today. What is important is the ability to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability and the trend in its amount.