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INTRODUCTORY SECTION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

February 5, 2003

Honorable Judy Martz Governor of Montana Room 204, State Capitol Helena, MT 59620

Dear Governor Martz:

On behalf of the Montana Teachers' Retirement Board, we are pleased to present the Montana Teachers' Retirement System Annual Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. This report is intended to provide comprehensive information on the financial operations of the Montana Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) for the year. Responsibility for the accuracy of the data, and the completeness and fairness of the report rests with the management of the TRS.

This report contains four sections:

- 1. An Introductory section, which includes this letter of transmittal and a list of the board members, administrative officers and professional consultants.
- 2. A Financial section containing the independent auditor's report, management's discussion and analysis, and the financial statements with accompanying footnotes and required supplementary information.
- 3. An Actuarial section representing the results of our most recent annual actuarial valuation.
- 4. A Statistical section containing tables of significant data.

The TRS was established by state law in 1937 and has completed its 65th year of operation. The TRS is providing services to over 18,000 active members and managing assets valued in excess of \$2.1 billion.

Investment Activity

Fiscal Year 2002 was another difficult year for public and corporate pension plans. The TRS investment portfolio posted a 7.2 percent negative return, resulting in an overall decrease in the fair market value of its investments. This negative impact has increased the amortization period to pay off the unfunded actuarial accrued liability from 15.1 to 23.4 years.

The Board of Investments invests the TRS and other pension portfolios for the long-term and its investment strategies are designed to provide sufficient returns over time to meet the 8 percent actuarial requirement of the TRS pension fund. Despite negative returns for the past two fiscal years, over the past ten-year period, the total annual investment return averaged 8.4 percent. This average is in excess of the 8 percent actuarial assumption. However, there is no guarantee of future investment performance. Even if the Board of Investments outperforms the stock and bond markets in the future, should the markets be depressed for a significant period of time, the requirement will not be met.

Performance in any given year will depend not only on the Board's investment performance but also on the performance of the markets themselves, which are impacted by domestic and global economic conditions, interest rates, and government policies. Unless there is a significant improvement during the next two years, which results in investment returns well above the 8 percent actuarial assumption by July 1, 2004, the amortization period of the TRS is likely to exceed 30 years.

Conclusion

The Teachers' Retirement Board is pleased to submit this 2002 annual report to you reflecting an unqualified opinion from the Legislative Audit Division, which can be found on page 11.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank the staff, the Board's advisors, and the many people whose commitment, dedication, and proficiency has directly contributed to the successful operation of the financial soundness of the Montana Teachers' Retirement System. The Teachers' Retirement Board and staff look forward to continuing to serve the educators of Montana.

Sincerely,

David L. Senn Executive Director

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANTS

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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LEGISLATIVE AUDIT DIVISION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Teachers' Retirement Board:

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets of the Teachers' Retirement System, a component unit of the state of Montana, as of June 30, 2002, and 2001, and the related Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets for each of the fiscal years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Teachers' Retirement Board. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit 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 that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Teachers' Retirement Board as of June 30, 2002, and 2001, and the changes in fiduciary net assets for each of the fiscal years then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of the Teachers' Retirement System. Management's Discussion & Analysis and the Schedules of Funding Progress and Employer Contributions & Other Contributing Entities are not a required part of the basic 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 supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Introductory Section, Investment Section, Actuarial Section, and Statistical Section listed in the foregoing table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such additional information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signature on File)

James Gillett, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor

November 27, 2002

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This discussion and analysis of the Montana Teachers' Retirement System's annual report provides a narrative overview of TRS's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. Please read this in conjunction with the transmittal letter presented in the introductory section and the financial statements with accompanying footnotes and required supplementary information included later in this financial section.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This financial section consists of two financial statements with footnotes and two schedules of historical trend information. The Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets reflects the resources available to pay benefits to retirees and beneficiaries. The Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets presents the changes that occurred in those resources for the fiscal year ended.

The Schedule of Funding Progress presents historical trend information about the actuarially funded status for the TRS plan from a long-term, ongoing perspective and the progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due. The Schedule of Employer Contributions displays historical trend data of the annual required employer contributions and the actual contributions made by employers in relation to the requirement.

Financial Highlights

- The TRS plan net assets decreased by \$197.5 million representing an 8.8% decline for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002.
- Total contributions to the plan increased slightly from the previous year from \$99.9 million to \$100.2 million.
- Net investment income (fair value of investments plus investment income less investment expense) incurred a loss for the second consecutive year. The \$159.6 million loss was an increase of 34% over the previous year's loss of \$119.1 million.
- Pension benefits and withdrawals paid to plan members and beneficiaries totaled \$136.5 million for the fiscal year. Benefit payments increased 9.4%, \$118.8 million to \$130 million, and withdrawals increased 20.5%, \$5.4 million to \$6.5 million.
- Administrative expenses totaled \$1.6 million down from \$1.7 million, a decrease of 6.4%.

Financial Analysis (in millions)

	FY2002	<u>FY2001</u>	% Inc/(Dec)
Cash/Cash Equivalents	\$ 45.1	\$ 63.9	(29.4)
Investments (fair value)	2,078.8	2,241.5	(7.3)
Liabilities	111.8	92.8	20.5
Net Assets	2,041.7	2,239.2	(8.8)
Contributions Net Investment Income/(Loss)	100.2	99.9	.3
	(159.6)	(119.1)	(34.0)
Benefit Pmts & Withdrawals	136.5	124.2	9.9
Administrative Expenses	1.6	1.7	(5.9)

- The decrease in current assets is due primarily to a decrease in our number of shares held in the Short Term Investment Pool.
- The decrease in the fair value of investments resulted mostly from the decrease in the equity value of the stocks held as of June 30, 2002.
- The increase in liabilities is due mostly to an \$8.4 million increase in the value of Securities on Loan at June 30, 2002. Also an \$11.1 million equity purchase was done with a trade date of June 28, 2002 and a settlement date of July 3, 2002, which straddles our fiscal year end date of June 30, 2002.
- The increase in net investment loss was due primarily to the 37.7% decrease in investment earnings.
- The increase in benefit payments and withdrawals was due to an increase in the number of retirees and beneficiaries plus the 1.5% guaranteed annual benefit adjustment.
- The decrease in administrative expenses was due to the net effect of a \$.2 million decrease in interest expense offset by an increase of \$.09 million in contracted services.

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS JUNE 30, 2002 AND 2001

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
ASSETS		
Cash/Cash Equivalents-Short Term		
Investment Pool (Note A)	\$ 45,106,331	\$ 63,933,176
Receivables:		
Accounts Receivable	14,336,758	14,738,284
Interest Receivable	9,740,964	6,956,040
Due from Primary Government	1,587,305	509,725
Total Receivables	\$ 25,665,027	\$ 22,204,049
Investments, at fair value (Note A):		
Mortgages	\$ 145,439,305	\$ 122,669,330
Investment Pools	1,667,824,675	1,836,565,552
Other Investments	165,596,248	190,752,951
Securities Lending Collateral (Note A)	99,887,388	91,502,255
Total Investments	<u>\$2,078,747,616</u>	\$2,241,490,088
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Assets Used in Plan Operations:	Ф 102.044	Φ 102.044
Land and Buildings	\$ 193,844	\$ 193,844
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(121,064)	(117,300)
Intangible Assets, net of amortization (Note E)	3,836,503	4,249,099 137,249
Equipment	137,249	,
Less: Accumulated Depreciation Total Other Assets	(112,035) \$ 3,934,497	(102,265) \$ 4,360,627
TOTAL ASSETS	\$\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	\$ 4,360,627 \$2,331,990,840
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,133,433,471	\$2,331,990,640
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 11,732,963	\$ 567,901
Due to Primary Government	58,173	53,068
Securities Lending Liability (Note A)	99,887,388	91,502,255
Compensated Absences (Note A)	83,811	89,085
Installment Purchase Payable (Note D)	0	570,417
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 111,762,335	\$ 92,782,726
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST		
FOR PENSION BENFITS (Schedule of		
Funding progress page 26)	<u>\$2,041,691,136</u>	<u>\$2,239,208,114</u>

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 AND 2001

	2002	<u>2001</u>
ADDITIONS		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 51,518,712	\$ 50,989,948
Plan Member	47,872,258	48,277,894
Other	762,422	611,148
Total Contributions	\$100,153,392	\$ 99,878,990
Rental Income	\$ 0	\$ 5,581
Workers Comp. Dividend	255	445
Taxes	0	84
Investment Income:		
Net Appreciation/(Depreciation)		
in Fair Value of Investments	\$(253,162,567)	\$(271,519,227)
Investment Earnings	96,262,329	154,496,707
Security Lending Income (Note A)	2,796,477	8,215,605
Investment Income/(Loss)	\$(154,103,761)	\$(108,806,915)
Less: Investment Expense	3,074,434	2,355,589
Less: Security Lending Expense (Note A)	2,407,203	7,887,445
Net Investment Income/(Loss)	<u>\$(159,585,398)</u>	\$(119,049,949)
Total Additions	\$ (59,431,751)	\$ (19,164,849)
DEDUCTIONS		
Benefit Payments	\$ 130,006,163	\$ 118,841,895
Withdrawals	6,472,327	5,370,493
Administrative Expense (Note E)	1,606,737	1,715,782
Total Deductions	\$ 138,085,227	<u>\$ 125,928,170</u>
NET INCREASE (DECREASE)		
IN PLAN NET ASSETS	\$(197,516,978)	\$(145,093,019)
NET ASSETS HELD IN TRUST		
FOR PENSION BENFITS		
BEGINNING OF YEAR	2,239,208,114	<u>2,384,301,133</u>
END OF YEAR	\$2,041,691,136	<u>\$2,239,208,114</u>

The accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements are an integral part of this Financial Statement.

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2002 AND 2001

NOTE A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), a discretely presented component unit Pension Trust Fund of the State of Montana financial reporting entity, maintains its accounts on the accrual basis of accounting. Employee and employer contributions are recognized as revenues in the period in which employee services are performed and expenses are recorded when the corresponding liabilities are incurred, regardless of when payment is made.

Valuation of Investments

Investments are reported at fair value. Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Mortgages were decreased by unamortized mortgage discount of \$22,808 in fiscal year 2002 and \$20,984 in fiscal year 2001. No investment in any one organization represents 5% or more of the net assets available for pension benefits. Investment units are bought/sold on the first business day of each month upon the decision of the Board of Investment's (BOI) Chief Investment Officer.

The six areas of investment during June 30, 2002 and 2001 include: Montana Stock Pool (MTCP); Montana International Equity Pool (MTIP); Montana Short-Term Investment Pool (STIP); Retirement Funds Bond Pool (RFBP); Montana Private Equity Pool (MPEP), and Other Investments.

1. MTCP portfolio consists of common stock in public corporations, convertible equity securities and equity derivatives. Unit values are calculated daily. On August 17, 2000, shareholders on record received one MTCP share for each MTCP share held as the result of a 2:1 split. The unit value on August 31, 2000 prior to the split was \$1,014, while the unit value after the split was \$507. Value at June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2001 was \$317 per unit and \$406 per unit respectively.

OWENS-CORNING COMPLAINT

The BOI received a summons and complaint, dated October 11, 2002, regarding the bankruptcy of Owens-Corning. The company seeks a determination that the dividend payments paid from October 1996 through July 2000 represent "fraudulent transfers under Chapter 11 Bankruptcy provisions and applicable state law, and are, therefore, voidable." The complaint states the Montana Board of Investments was the "recipient of dividends in the amount of \$357,099 for the relevant period."

- 2. MTIP portfolio includes equity investments in four funds BOI Internal International, Pyrford International, Schroder Investment Management NA and SG Pacific Assets Management. The four funds may invest in securities of foreign-based corporations listed on legal and recognized foreign exchanges as well as domestic exchanges. Security types may include ordinary common shares, preferred shares, convertible securities, American Depositary Receipts (ADR's), Global Depositary Receipts (GDR's) and other global securities, as appropriate. Unit values are calculated weekly based upon the fair value of equity holdings, other assets and liabilities. Unit value at June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2001 was \$91.12 per unit and \$99.22 per unit respectively.
- 3. STIP as per Montana Code Annotated (MCA) section 17-6-201, 202 and 204, requires investments by state agencies of available funds. Value at June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2001 was \$1 per unit. STIP portfolio includes asset-backed and variable-rate securities to provide diversification and a competitive rate of return.

Asset-backed securities are debt securities collateralized by a pool of mortgage and non-mortgage assets pledged by the issuer and have one or more forms of credit enhancement to raise the quality of the security.

Variable rate securities provide many advantages of short-term bonds because they are designed to minimize the investor's interest rate risk. As with variable rate loans issued by banks, the interest rate paid by the issuer of these securities is reset periodically depending on market conditions. The value of these securities will usually remain at or near par because their interest rates are reset to maintain a current market yield.

Accounting to the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 31, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and External Investment Pools, STIP is considered an external investment pool. An external investment pool is defined as an arrangement that pools the monies of more than one legally separate entity and invests, on the participant's behalf, in an investment portfolio. STIP is also classified as a "2a7-like" pool. A 2a7-like pool is an external investment pool that is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company, but has a policy that it will, and does, operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. If certain conditions are met, 2a7-like pools are allowed to use amortized cost rather than fair value to report net assets to compute unit values. The Board of Investments has adopted a policy to treat STIP as a 2a7-like pool.

4. RFBP portfolio includes corporate asset-backed, other corporate, U. S. government mortgage-backed, U. S. government and Yankee securities. Unit values are calculated weekly and at month end based on portfolio pricing. Value at June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2001 was \$103.56 per unit and \$102.04 per unit respectively. Realized portfolio gains/losses are distributed at least annually. The RFBP portfolio includes structured financial instruments known as REMICs (Real Estate Mortgage Investment Conduits). Some REMICs are principal-only strips (Pos) and interest-only (Ios). TRS has 39% ownership in the RFBP.

As of June 30, 2002, Enron Corp., Burlington Industries, Inc. and WorldCom Inc. presented legal and higher credit risks to the RFBP.

The RFBP holds a \$7 million par 6.40% Enron bond maturing July 15, 2006 and a \$7 million par 6.95% Enron bond maturing July 15, 2028. The combined book value of these securities was \$13,582,030 as of November 30, 2001. On December 12, 2001, the Enron Corp. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Accordingly, we reduced book value for the two issues to \$5.6 million as of June 30, 2002. In October 2002, the book value was reduced to \$2.8 million for both issues. The Board, currently, anticipates receiving up to \$2.8 million from bankruptcy claims.

DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES, INC. COMPLAINT

The BOI received a summons and complaint, dated September 3, 2002, regarding the sale of a Pennzoil Quaker State, \$5 million par, 6.75% corporate bond maturing April 1, 2009. Deutsche Bank Securities claims a "breach of contract" for the March 25, 2002 sale of the bond at a price of \$94.669 plus accrued interest. Deutsche Bank Securities seeks damages of \$538,632 for the additional costs incurred to acquire the bond from third parties, plus any statutory interest, costs and expenses. On October 1, 2002, Shell Oil Company acquired Pennzoil and subsequently announced a public tender of Pennzoil Quaker State debt. The Board tendered the Pennzoil Quaker State holdings on October 8, 2002 at a price of \$113.099. The tender was accepted with a settlement date of November 1, 2002. On November 4, 2002, the Board received \$5,683,075 in principal and interest plus \$150,000 as a consent fee.

The RFBP portfolio includes a \$6,000,000 par, 6.95% WorldCom Inc. bond maturing August 15, 2028. The book value of this bond, originally purchased at a discount, was \$5,477,400 on June 30, 2002. On July 21, 2002, WorldCom Inc. filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. As of July 31, 2002, the reduced book value is \$2,400,000. At this time, the Board expects bankruptcy recovery up to \$2,400,000. On November 7, 2002, the Attorney General for the State of Montana filed a lawsuit against certain Worldcom executives, directors and financial institutions associated with Worldcom such as Arthur Andersen and CitiGroup. The lawsuit, filed in Lewis and Clark County, Montana, alleges that the defendants filed "false and misleading registration statements" relating to the purchase of the bonds by the Montana Board of Investments.

Burlington Industries, Inc. also presented a higher credit risk as of June 30, 2001. The BOI owns a Burlington Industries, Inc., \$6 million par, 7.25% bond maturing September 15, 2005. In September 2000, the company announced a reduction of stockholders equity. Due to an increasing senior bank line and declining credit trend, the bond ratings for this issue were downgraded, in May 2001, by the Moody's and Standard & Poor's rating agencies. During fiscal year 2001, the book value of Burlington Industries Inc. was reduced to \$2,400,000. Due to the company's filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on November 11, 2001, the book value was reduced to \$1,200,000. The company is expected to emerge from bankruptcy in 2003.

As of June 30, 2001, Asarco Inc., Rite Aid and Service Corp. presented a higher credit risk to the RFBP.

The RFBP held a \$7 million par, 7.875% Asarco bond maturing April 15, 2013. Due to bond rating downgrades, high leverage and increased production costs, the book value of this security was reduced to \$5,600,000 as of June 30, 2001. In February 2002, the book value of this security was further reduced to \$4,200,000. In May 2002, this bond was sold, on the market, for \$3,474,250 including interest.

The RFBP owns a Rite Aid \$7,000,000 par, 7.13% bond maturing January 15, 2007. In May 2000, the BOI was subordinated to a secured bank line of credit on this issue and the bond ratings were downgraded by the Moody's and Standard & Poor's bond ratings agencies. Based on this subordination and ratings downgrade, the book value was reduced to \$5,600,000 as of June 30, 2000. During fiscal year 2001, the book value was further reduced to \$5,220,172. Due to an improving credit trend, amortization was resumed in June 2001. The book value of this security at June 30, 2002 is \$5,541,139. As of June 30, 2002, Rite Aid does not represent a credit risk.

The RFBP portfolio lists a Service Corp. \$5 million par, 6.875% bond maturing October 1, 2007 and a Service Corp. \$5 million par, 6% bond maturing December 15, 2005. In January 2001, the bond ratings for these two issues were downgraded by the Moody's bond rating agency. The book value of these two issues is \$4,000,000 each as of June 30, 2002 and 2001. Due to an improved credit outlook, Service Corp. is not considered a credit risk as of June 30, 2002.

5. The Montana Private Equity Pool (MPEP) was established by the BOI in April 2002. The BOI contracts with five private equity managers to invest in venture capital, leveraged buyout and other private equity investments. The retained private equity managers are Adams Street Partners, Kohlberg, Kravis, Roberts and Company (KKR), Welsh Carson Anderson and Stowe, Madison Dearborn Partners and Lexington Partners. According to BOI policy, the external managers may not invest more than 20% of private equity invested capital total in non-US company partnerships unless the fund is a designated non-US fund. Venture capital represents private equity investments in early stage financing of rapidly growing companies with an innovative product or service. Leveraged buy-outs permit an investment group to acquire a company by leveraging debt, as a financing technique, to establish a significant ownership position on behalf of the company's current management team.

The TRS transferred all their venture capital and leveraged buyout investments, at cost, into the MPEP at the start-up date and were issued units according to the fair value of each participant's portfolio and cash contributions. The initial unit value as of May 1, 2002 was \$100. Unit value at June 30, 2002 was \$97.38.

6. Other Investments are purchased in accordance with the statutorily mandated "Prudent Expert Principle" and applicable investment restrictions of the participants. The portfolio includes securities classified as corporate asset-backed, other corporate, U.S. government mortgagebacked, U.S. government, Yankee bonds, equity index, venture capital, leveraged buyouts, real estate, mortgages and loans. Corporate asset-backed securities represent debt securities collateralized by a pool of assets. U.S. government mortgage-backed securities reflect participation in a pool of residential mortgages. U.S. government securities include direct obligations of the U.S. Treasury and indirect obligations of the U.S. government. Yankee bonds are U.S. dollar denominated bonds issued by foreign corporations and governments and U.S. companies issuing debt in foreign markets. Equity index investments are investments in selected mutual funds whose equity portfolios match a broad based index or composite. In May 2000, BOI made its initial equity index investment in the S&P 500 Equity Index Fund. Venture capital represents private equity investments in early stage financing of rapidly growing companies with an innovative product or service. Leveraged buy-outs permit an investment group to acquire a company by leveraging debt, as a financing technique, to establish a significant ownership position on behalf of the company's current management team.

Effective May 1, 2002 all venture capital and leveraged buyout investments were transferred to the new Montana Private Equity Pool (MPEP).

Fair values of investments for publicly traded securities are determined primarily by reference to market prices supplied to BOI by BOI's custodial bank, State Street Bank and Trust. The real estate investments and mortgages are valued based on a discounted cash flow. The commercial in-state coal tax loans and the nonparticipating repurchase agreements are reported at amortized cost.

Real Estate – In January 1996, BOI, on behalf of the Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Systems, purchased the 100 North Park Avenue building in Helena, Montana as a real estate investment. As of June 30, 2002 the building carries a cost and fair value of \$5,701,360 and \$5,344,000, respectively. At June 30, 2001 cost and fair value was \$4,864,326 and \$5,344,000, respectively.

In August 1997, BOI authorized the construction of an office building at 2401 Colonial Drive, as a real estate investment owned equally by the Public Employees' and Teachers' Retirement Systems. As of June 30, 2002, the building carries a cost and fair value of \$6,831,438 and \$7,581,000, respectively. At June 30, 2001 cost and fair value was \$6,677,986 and \$7,581,000, respectively.

Securities Lending – Under the provisions of state statutes, BOI, via a Securities Lending Authorization Agreement, authorized the custodial bank, State Street Bank and Trust, to lend the BOI securities to broker-dealers and other entities with a simultaneous agreement to return the collateral for the same securities in the future. During the period the securities are on loan, BOI receives a fee and the custodial bank must initially receive collateral equal to 102 percent of the fair value of the loaned securities and maintain collateral equal to not less than 100 percent of the

fair value of the loaned security. BOI retains all rights and risks of ownership during the loan period.

During fiscal years 2002 and 2001, State Street lent, on behalf of BOI, certain securities held by State Street, as custodian, and received U.S. dollar currency cash, U.S. government securities, and irrevocable bank letters of credit. State Street does not have the ability to pledge or sell collateral securities unless the borrower defaults.

BOI did not impose any restrictions during fiscal years 2002 and 2001 on the amount of the loans that State Street made on its behalf. There were no failures by any borrowers to return loaned securities or pay distributions thereon during fiscal years 2002 and 2001. Moreover, there were no losses during fiscal years 2002 and 2001 resulting from a default of the borrowers or State Street.

During fiscal years 2002 and 2001, BOI and the borrowers maintained the right to terminate all securities lending transactions on demand. The cash collateral received on each loan was invested, together with the cash collateral of other qualified plan lenders, in a collective investment pool, the Securities Lending Quality Trust. The relationship between the average maturities of the investment pool and BOI loans was affected by the maturities of the loans made by other plan entities that invested cash collateral in the collective investment pool, which BOI could not determine. On June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2001, BOI had no credit risk exposure to borrowers.

As of June 30, 2002, the carrying and fair value of the underlying securities on loan within Other Investments was \$101,344,163 and \$106,533,000, respectively. The collateral provided for the securities on loan totaled \$109,960,231 in cash collateral.

As of June 30, 2001, the carrying and fair value of the underlying securities on loan within Other Investments was \$106,324,791 and \$111,818,481, respectively. The collateral provided for the securities on loan totaled \$116,327,019 in cash collateral.

DEUTSCHE BANK SECURITIES, INC. COMPLAINT

The BOI received a summons and complaint, dated September 3, 2002, regarding the sale of a Pennzoil Quaker State, \$2 million par, 6.75% corporate bond maturing April 1, 2009. Deutsche Bank Securities claims a "breach of contract" for the March 25, 2002 sale of the bond at a price of \$94.669 plus accrued interest. Deutsche Bank Securities seeks damages of \$215,453 for the additional costs incurred to acquire the bond from third parties, plus any statutory interest, costs and expenses. On October 1, 2002, Shell Oil Company acquired Pennzoil and subsequently announced a public tender of Pennzoil Quaker State debt. The Board tendered the Pennzoil Quaker State holdings on October 8, 2002 at a price of \$113.099. The tender was accepted with a settlement date of November 1, 2002. On November 4, 2002, the Board received \$2,273,230 in principal and interest plus \$60,000 as a consent fee.

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences represent 100 percent of accrued vacation and 25 percent of accrued sick leave for TRS personnel at June 30, 2002 and June 30, 2001.

NOTE B. DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The Teachers' Retirement Board is the governing body of a mandatory multiple-employer cost-sharing defined benefit pension plan, which provides retirement services to all persons in Montana employed as teachers or professional staff of any public elementary or secondary school, colleges of technology or unit of the university system. The system was established by the state of Montana in 1937 to provide, retirement, death and disability benefits and is governed by Title 19, chapter 20, of the MCA.

At June 30, 2002, the number and type of reporting entities participating in the system were as follows:

Local School Districts	378
Community Colleges	3
University System Units	2
State Agencies	8
Total	391

At June 30, 2002, the system membership consisted of the following:

Retirees and Beneficiaries Currently Receiving Benefits	9,342
Terminated Employees Entitled to But Not Yet Receiving Benefits	10,976
Current Active Members:	
Vested	11,656
Nonvested	6,543
Total Membership	38,517
University System Employees	
Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)	4,350

The pension plan provides retirement benefits and death and disability benefits. Employees with a minimum of 25 years of service or who have reached age 60 with 5 years of service are eligible to receive an annual retirement benefit equal to creditable service years divided by 60 times the average final compensation. Final compensation is the average of the highest three consecutive years of earned compensation. Benefits fully vest after 5 years of creditable service. Vested

employees may retire at or after age 50 and receive reduced retirement benefits. Effective July 1, 1999, legislation providing a Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment of 1.5% payable each January was implemented for all retirees who had been receiving benefits for at least 36 months. This legislation also provided for a one-time ad hoc \$500 minimum benefit adjustment for any retiree who retired with at least 25 or more years of creditable service and on July 1, 1999, was receiving less than \$500 per month. The employee contribution rate was also increased from 7.044% to 7.15%.

The 2001 legislature increased the \$500 minimum benefit to \$600 for members who retired with 25 or more years of creditable service with no change in contribution rates. The legislature also authorized the TRS Board to increase GABA from 1.5% to a maximum of 3.0%, providing sufficient assets are available. The GABA was not increased in FY 2002.

NOTE C. CONTRIBUTIONS

The TRS funding policy provides for monthly employee and employer contributions at rates specified by state law. Plan members are currently required to contribute 7.15% of their earned compensation and employers contribute 7.47% of earned compensation. The State General Fund contributes an additional 0.11% of earned compensation. An actuary determines the actuarial implications of the funding requirement in biennial actuarial valuations. The actuarial method used to determine the implications of the statutory funding level is the entry age actuarial cost method, with both normal cost and amortization of the accrued liability determined as a level percentage of payroll. The actuarial valuation prepared as of July 1, 2002, the most recent valuation date, indicates the statutory rate was sufficient to fund the normal cost and to amortize the unfunded accrued liability under the entry age actuarial cost method over 23.4 years.

NOTE D. INSTALLMENT PURCHASE PAYABLE

During fiscal year 1999, TRS contracted for a new data processing system. The new data processing system was financed through Wells Fargo. The first payment was made May 1, 2000. During fiscal year ended, June 30, 2001, the Board approved all debt to be paid prior to maturity. The final payment was made on September 24, 2001 for \$659,899.05. Total debt paid was \$4,858,050.60, which includes principal and interest of \$4,500,000.00 and \$358,050.60 respectively.

NOTE E. ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

The administrative costs of the TRS are financed through realized investment income. The expenses, less amortization of intangible assets, may not exceed 1.5% of retirement benefits paid. Administrative expenses for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, are outlined below:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2001</u>
Budgeted:		
Personal Services:		
Salaries	\$ 470,798	\$ 511,459
Other compensation	3,300	3,150
Employee benefits	126,179	124,149
Total Personal Services	\$ 600,277	\$ 638,758
Operating Expenses:		
Contracted services	\$ 298,056	\$ 199,503
Supplies and materials	37,198	30,949
Communications	43,207	30,153
Travel	11,067	22,146
Rent	32,490	32,289
Repair and maintenance	22,367	43,462
Other expenses	25,585	17,617
Depreciation	13,533	16,649
Interest	8,858	226,936
Total Operating	\$ 492,361	<u>\$ 619,704</u>
Nonbudgeted:		
Amortization	\$ 514,099	\$ 457,320
Total Administrative Expense	\$1,606,737	<u>\$1,715,782</u>

NOTE F. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In May of 1999, TRS contracted with Bearing Point Inc. (formerly KPMG Consulting), to customize, integrate and implement the PeopleSoft Pension Administration, Human Resource and Financials modules. The Pension Administration and Human Resource modules were to replace the functions of the Benesys software system that is currently in place at the TRS. The Financials module was needed to minimize the duplication of work effort and to enhance the reconciliation of the Teachers' Retirement and the State of Montana PeopleSoft systems. On September 19, 2001, the Board indefinitely extended the implementation date for the PeopleSoft system in anticipation of potential future development and/or enhancements that may be forthcoming from Bearing Point and/or PeopleSoft.

Teachers' Retirement System A Component Unit of the State of Montana Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Funding Progress (All dollar amounts in millions)

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (AAL) ⁽¹⁾	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (UAAL) ⁽²⁾	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll ⁽³⁾	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
July 1, 1992	\$ 954.5	\$ 1,533.9	\$ 579.3	62.2%	\$ 465.1	124.6%
July 1, 1994	1,157.5	1,712.9	555.4	67.6	472.9	117.4
July 1, 1996	1,376.7	1,939.6	562.9 (4)	71.0	501.5	112.2
July 1, 1998(5)	1,809.0	2,123.3	314.3	85.2	529.8	59.3
July 1, 1998(6)	1,809.0	2,342.7	533.7	77.2	529.8	100.7
July 1, 2000(7)	2,247.5	2,648.3	400.8	84.9	537.5	74.6
July 1, 2000(8)	2,247.5	2,652.0	404.5	84.7	537.5	75.3
July 1, 2002	2,484.8	2,980.1	495.3	83.4	563.2	87.9

- (1) Actuarial present value of benefits less actuarial present value of future normal costs based on entry age actuarial cost method.
- (2) Actuarial accrued liabilities less actuarial value of assets.
- (3) Covered Payroll includes compensation paid to all active employees on which contributions are calculated. Covered Payroll differs from the Active Member Valuation Payroll shown in Table C-1, which is an annualized compensation of only those members who were active on the actuarial valuation date.
- (4) Note that although the UAAL increased from 1994 to 1996, the Covered Payroll increased more. Therefore, both the UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll and the amortization period for the UAAL decreased
- (5) Results of July 1, 1998 Actuarial Valuation.
- (6) July 1, 1998 results adjusted for 1.5% GABA and \$500 minimum benefit for legislation which passed in April 1999 and the new salary scale adopted in November 1998.
- (7) Results of July 1, 2000 Actuarial Valuation.
- (8) July 1, 2000 results adjusted for \$600 minimum benefit for legislation passed in Spring 2001.

Teachers' Retirement System A Component Unit of the State of Montana Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Contributions from the Employer and Other Contributing Entities (All dollar amounts in thousands)

Fiscal Year Ending	Covered Employee Payroll (1)	Actual Employer Contributions (2)	Actual Employer Contribution %	Annual Required Contribution (ARC) % (3)	Percentage of ARC Contributed
6/30/1995	\$486,809	\$39,073	7.47%	7.47%	100%
6/30/1996	501,516	40,627	7.47	7.47	100
6/30/1997	511,934	41,640	7.47	7.47	100
6/30/1998	529,795	44,476	7.47	7.47	100
6/30/1999	543,071	44,987	7.47	7.47	100
6/30/2000	537,507	48,376	7.58	7.58	100
6/30/2001	567,861	51,524	7.58	7.58	100
6/30/2002	563,163	51,519	7.58	7.58	100

- (1) Computed as the dollar amount of the actual employer contribution made as a percentage of payroll divided by the contribution rate expressed as a percentage of payroll.
- (2) The actual and required employer contributions are expressed as a percentage of payroll. Contributions for termination pay are included in the actual employer contribution, but are not made as a set percentage of payroll. In Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2002, there were \$5.5 million of contributions for termination pay. Contributions made as a percentage of salaries of the members in the ORP are included. In the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2002, \$4.0 million were contributed based on ORP member salaries. The ORP contribution rate varies from year to year.
- (3) The State makes employer contributions as a percentage of actual payroll. Thus, as long as the percentage equals the percentage required by the most recent actuarial valuation, the dollar amount of the Annual Required Contributions (ARC) is equal to the actual dollar amount of the required employer contributions.

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Actuarial Cost Method

The actuarial valuation was prepared using the entry age actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the valuation is allocated as a level percentage of the individual's projected compensation between entry age and assumed exit. The portion of this actuarial present value allocated to a valuation year is called the normal cost. The normal cost was first calculated for each individual member. The normal cost rate was defined to equal the total of the individual normal costs, divided by the total pay rate as of July 1, 2002.

The portion of this actuarial present value not provided for at a valuation date by the sum of (a) the actuarial value of the assets and (b) the actuarial present value of future normal costs is called the unfunded actuarial liability. The unfunded actuarial liability is amortized as a level percentage of the projected salaries of present and future members of the System.

Valuation of Assets - Actuarial Basis

Adopted July 1, 2000, the actuarial asset valuation method spreads asset gains and losses over five years. The expected return is determined each year based on the beginning of year market value and actual cash flows during the year. Any difference between the expected market value return and the actual market value return is recognized evenly over a period of five years. The gains and losses are measured starting with the fiscal year ended June 30, 1997.

Investment Earnings

The annual rate of investment earnings of the assets of the System is assumed to be 8%, compounded annually.

Guaranteed Annual Benefit Adjustment Increases

On January 1 of each year, the retirement allowance payable must be increased by 1.5% if the retiree's most recent retirement effective date is at least 36 months prior to January 1 of the year in which the adjustment is to be made.

Future Salaries

The rates of annual salary increases assumed for the purpose of the valuation include a 5.0% annual rate of increase in the general wage level of the membership plus a variable merit and longevity rate from 0% to 4.51%. The merit and longevity increases for the Montana University System (MUS) members did not show a pattern of increasing or decreasing with service at the time of our most recent study. Therefore, the MUS members have a flat 1% merit and longevity assumption. The general wage increase assumption was adopted July 1, 1998 and the merit and longevity scales were adopted July 1, 2002.

MUS members are assumed to have a 0.63% higher average final compensation to account for the larger than average annual compensation increases observed in the years immediately preceding retirement.

Amortization Period

The current employer contribution rate of 7.47% and the State General Fund contribution of 0.11% of members' salaries are sufficient to meet the actuarial cost of the System accruing at the valuation date and to amortize the unfunded actuarial liability over an open period of 23.4 years as of July 1, 2002.

ACTUARIAL SECTION

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Section 1

Summary of Findings

As a result of the actuarial valuation of the benefits in effect under the Montana Teachers' Retirement System as of July 1, 2002, we recommend that the current employer contribution rate, 7.58% of members' salaries, remain in effect.

The 7.58% rate is sufficient to meet the actuarial cost of the System accruing at the valuation date and to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over 23.4 years. The actuarial costs are calculated using the entry age actuarial cost method. This actuarial valuation measures the adequacy of the contribution rates set in Montana State Law. MCA 19-20-604 states that the employer contribution rate will return to 7.47% when the amortization period of the System's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is 10 years or less according to the System's latest actuarial valuation.

Experience

The 2002 actuarial valuation indicates that an actuarial loss occurred during the preceding two fiscal years. The loss is primarily due to lower returns on the assets than expected by the actuarial assumptions, and is reflected in the 9.2% and 3.8% net investment return on an actuarial basis for the past two years. The following chart compares the annual returns for the past four years.

Actuarial Return over 8.0% Assumption
3% 4.3%
8% 4.8%
2% 1.2%
8% (4.2)%
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Asset gains or losses result when the return on the actuarial value of assets differs from the actuarial investment return assumption of 8.0%. The actuarial return on assets has under performed the assumption by about 3% (1.2% - 4.2%) in the last two years as shown in the last column of the chart. In contrast, the actuarial return on assets in the two years preceding the July 1, 2000 valuation exceeded the assumption by approximately 9% (4.3% + 4.8%). The asset loss in the last two years increased the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) by about \$72 million. Without the asset losses, the UAAL would be closer to \$423 million instead of the \$495 million shown in Table 6.

The asset losses of the last two years are projected to have a much larger impact on the funding of the System in the next four years. The actuarial asset method recognizes asset gains and losses over five years. At July 1, 2000 the System had \$137 million in unrecognized asset gains. These gains partially offset the recognition of losses in the last two years. At July 1, 2002 the System has \$443 million in unrecognized asset losses. This \$443 million in unrecognized asset losses, if not offset by future gains, will cause the amortization period of the UAAL in future valuations to fall outside the measures accepted as financially sound. Therefore, to stay financially sound in the future, the System will need either (1) future gains such as asset returns well over 8.0%, or (2) an increase in contribution rates.

Assumption Changes

The valuation results include all changes made to the assumptions as detailed in our Investigation of Active Member Demographic Experience, dated August 29, 2002. See Table A-1 for a summary of assumptions including those changed for this 2002 valuation.

Benefit Changes

The following benefit improvement was passed in the 2001 legislative session:

• a \$600 minimum benefit for members and beneficiaries retired at July 1, 2000 where the member at time of retirement had 25 years of service.

Contribution Changes

There have been no contribution changes since the July 1, 2000 actuarial valuation.

Impact of Changes

The effect of the asset losses and other experience on the amortization period can be distributed approximately as follows:

Amortization Period Remaining at July 1, 2002

July 1, 2000 Valuation Amortization Period			15.1 years
Passage of time		_	2.0
Effect of Changes in Benefits and Contribut	tion Rates	+	0.2
Effect of Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	S	<u>+</u>	4.1
Expected Amortization Period at July 1, 200	02		17.4 years
Effect of Experience Gains and Losses on A	Actuarial Accrued	Liability:	
Salary Increases (Gain)	- 1.1		
Retired Mortality (Loss)	+ 0.3		
Loss from Other Causes	+ 0.9	+	0.1
Effect of Experience Loss on Actuarial Asso	ets	<u>+</u>	5.9
July 1, 2002 Valuation Amortization Period		+	23.4 years

Section 2

Scope of the Report

This report presents the actuarial valuation of the Montana Teachers' Retirement System as of July 1, 2002.

A summary of the findings resulting from this valuation is presented in the previous section. Section 3 describes the assets of the System. Sections 4 and 5 describe how the obligations of the System are to be met under the actuarial cost method in use.

The actuarial procedures and assumptions used in this valuation are described in Appendix A. The current benefit structure, as determined by the provisions of the governing law on July 1, 2002, is summarized in Appendix B. Schedules of valuation data classifying the data used in the valuation by various categories of contributing members, former contributing members, and beneficiaries make up Appendix C. Appendix D provides a brief summary of the System's recent experience. Comparative statistics are presented on the System's membership and contribution rates. Appendix E is a glossary of actuarial terms used in this report.

Section 3

Assets

In many respects, an actuarial valuation can be regarded as an inventory process. The inventory is taken as of the actuarial valuation date, which for this valuation is July 1, 2002. On that date, the assets available for the payment of benefits are appraised. These assets are compared with the actuarial liabilities. The actuarial process thus leads to a method of determining what contributions by members and their employers are needed to strike a balance.

The asset valuation method being used is a five-year smoothing method. The expected return is determined each year based on the beginning of year market value and actual cash flows during the year. Any difference between the expected market value return and the actual market value return is recognized evenly over a period of five years.

Table 1 summarizes the determination of the actuarial value of assets. Table 2 shows when asset gains or losses will be recognized in the actuarial value of assets. Table 3 summarizes historical asset returns since July 1, 1994 including the amount recognized by the actuarial asset valuation method, which was greater or lesser than the actuarial investment return assumption.

Table 1

Determination of Actuarial Value of Assets July 1, 2002

Determination of Recognized Investment Gains and Losses - Five-Year Smoothing

A. Expected investment return – Year Ended 6/30/	\$	177,683,301			
B. Actual investment return – Year Ended 6/30/20	\$	(161,191,880)			
C. Gains/(losses) – 2002 [B – A]		\$	(338,875,181)		
D. Gains/(losses) – 2001		\$	(310,524,198)		
E. Gains/(losses) – 2000		\$	(3,684,142)		
F. Gains/(losses) – 1999		\$	78,945,961		
G. Gains/(losses) – 1998	\$	147,873,557			
H. Gains/(losses) recognized at July 1, 2002* [1/5 C + 1/5 D + 1/5 E + 1/5 F + 1/5 G]	\$	(85,252,802)			
Determination of Actuarial Assets					
Actuarial value of assets July 1, 2001		\$	2,428,684,863		
Contributions less benefits Expected investment return	\$ (36,333,714) 177,683,301				
Recognized investment gains/(losses)	(85,252,802)		56,096,785		
Actuarial value of assets July 1, 2002		2,484,781,648			
Unrecognized Loss		(443,099,128)			
Market Value of Assets July 1, 2002 (Actuarial Value + Unrecognized Gain)	\$	2,041,682,520			

Note: The actuarial value of assets is equal to the expected value plus a five-year smoothing of market value gains and losses. The actuarial asset method was adopted for the July 1, 2000 actuarial valuation with actuarial value of assets set equal to market value of assets at July 1, 1996. Deferred asset gains and losses prior to July 1, 1996 are ignored.

^{*} Includes \$1 rounding adjustment.

Table 2
Schedule of Investment Gain/(Loss) Recognition
(in millions)
July 1, 2002

Fiscal Year Ending <u>06/30</u>	Market Value Investment Gain/(Loss) Over the Expected 8%]		Gain/(Loss) in Past Year			Investment Ga <u>Recognized in</u>	` ,		
		<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
1997	\$ 166.1	\$ 33.2	\$ 33.2	\$ 33.2	\$ 33.2					
1998	147.9	29.5	29.5	29.5	29.5	\$ 29.5				
1999	78.9		15.8	15.8	15.8	15.8	\$ 15.8			
2000	(3.7)			(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	\$ (0.7)		
2001	(310.5)				(62.1)	(62.1)	(62.1)	(62.1)	\$ (62.1)	
2002	(338.9)					(67.8)	(67.8)	(67.8)	(67.8)	\$ (67.8)
2003	0.0						0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2004	0.0							0.0	0.0	0.0
2005	0.0								0.0	0.0
2006	0.0									0.0

Total Gain/(Loss) Recognized at Each Valuation Date								
Recognized				Scheduled to be Recognized*				
\$62.7	\$78.5	\$77.8	\$15.7	\$(85.3)	\$(114.8)	\$(130.6)	\$(129.9)	\$(67.8)

	Unrecognized Gain	n/(Loss) Rema	aining		
\$(443.1)	\$(328.3)	\$(197.7)	\$(67.8)	\$0.0	

 $^{* \ \, \}textit{The total gain/(loss) actually recognized in each future year will include additional amortizations of future gains and/or losses.}$

Table 3
Historical Investment Returns*

Fiscal Year Ending	Market Returns	Actuarial Return	Actuarial Return Over 8.0% Assumption
June 30, 1995	15.7%	8.9%	0.9%
June 30, 1996	12.4	10.4	2.4
June 30, 1997	19.4	14.9	6.9
June 30, 1998	16.6	16.0	8.0
June 30, 1999	11.9	12.3	4.3
June 30, 2000	7.8	12.8	4.8
June 30, 2001	(5.1)	9.2	1.2
June 30, 2002	(7.3)	3.8	(4.2)

^{*}Returns reflect all investment returns, including investment income and realized and unrealized investment gains and losses, and are net of investment expenses and administrative expenses paid by the System.

Section 4

Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits

In the previous section, an actuarial valuation was related to an inventory process, and an analysis was given of the inventory of assets of the System as of the valuation date, July 1, 2002. In this section, the discussion will focus on the commitments of the System, which will be referred to as its actuarial liabilities.

Table 4 contains an analysis of the actuarial present value of all future benefits for contributing members, for former contributing members, and for beneficiaries. The analysis is given by type of benefit.

The actuarial liabilities summarized in Table 4 include the actuarial present value of all future benefits expected to be paid with respect to each member covered as of the valuation date. For an active member, this value includes a measure of both benefits already earned and future benefits to be earned. Thus, for all members, active and retired, the value extends over benefits earnable and payable for the rest of their lives and, if an optional benefit is chosen, for the lives of their surviving beneficiaries.

The actuarial valuation does not recognize liabilities for employees who become members and participate in the System after the valuation date.

Table 4

Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits for Contributing Members, Former Contributing Members, and Beneficiaries

(All amounts are actuarial present values in millions)

	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2000
	Total	Total
A. Active members		
Service retirement	\$ 1,699.6	\$ 1,559.9
Disability retirement	20.4	27.2
Survivors' benefits	40.8	44.1
Vested Retirement	29.2	35.0
Refund of Member Contributions	<u>32.1</u>	<u>35.9</u>
Total	\$ 1,822.1	\$ 1,702.1
B. Inactive members and annuitants		
Service retirement	\$ 1,430.9	\$ 1,201.7
Disability retirement	16.1	15.3
Beneficiaries*	90.8	76.0
Vested terminated members	47.0	40.0
Nonvested terminated members	<u>13.6</u>	<u>13.7</u>
Total	\$ 1,598.4	\$ 1,346.7
C. Grand Total	\$ 3,420.5	\$ 3,048.8

^{*} Includes survivors of active and retired members, and children's benefits.

Section 5

Employer Contributions

In the previous two sections, attention has been focused on the assets and actuarial liabilities of the System. A comparison of Tables 3 and 6 indicates that there is a shortfall in current actuarial assets to meet the present value of all future benefits for current members and beneficiaries. This is the universal experience in all but a fully closed-down fund where no further contributions of any sort are anticipated.

In an active system, there will always be a difference between the actuarial liabilities and the assets. This difference has to be funded with future contributions and investment returns. An actuarial valuation sets a schedule of future contributions that will deal with this funding in an orderly fashion.

The method used to determine the incidence of the contributions in various years is called the actuarial cost method. For this valuation, the entry age actuarial cost method has been used. Under this method, or essentially any actuarial cost method, the contributions required to meet the difference between current assets and current actuarial liabilities are allocated each year between two elements:

- A normal cost amount, which ideally is relatively stable as a percentage of salary over the years; and
- Whatever amount is left over, which is used to amortize what is called the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

The two items described above, normal cost and unfunded actuarial accrued liability, are the keys to understanding the actuarial cost method. Let us first discuss the normal cost.

The normal cost is the theoretical contribution rate, which will meet the ongoing costs of a group of average new employees. Suppose that a group of new employees were covered under a separate fund from which all benefits and to which all contributions and associated investment return were to be paid. Under the entry age actuarial cost method, the normal cost contribution rate is that level percentage of pay, which would be exactly right to maintain this fund on a stable basis. If experience were to follow the actuarial assumptions exactly, the fund would be completely liquidated with the last payment to the last survivor of the group.

We have determined the normal cost rates separately by type of benefit under the System. These are summarized in Table 5.

The term "fully funded" is often applied to a system where contributions for everyone at the normal cost rate will fully pay for the benefits of existing as well as new employees. Often, systems are not fully funded, either because of benefit improvements in the past that have not been completely paid for or actuarial deficiencies that have occurred because experience has not been as favorable as anticipated. Under these circumstances, an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) exists.

Table 6 shows how the UAAL was derived for the System. Lines A and B show, respectively, the total present value of future benefits and the portion of the future liability that is expected to be paid from future normal cost contributions, both employer and employee. Line C shows the actuarial accrued liability: the portion of the present value of future benefits not provided by future normal cost contributions. Line D shows the actuarial value of assets available for benefits. Line E shows the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Lines F and G show the impact of the present value of future scheduled ORP contributions (described below) on the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

As can be seen from this discussion, a key consideration in the adequacy of the funding of the System is how the UAAL is being amortized. Table 7 shows that the current employer and member contribution rates are adequate to pay the total normal cost rate (10.33% of pay), with enough left over to amortize the UAAL in 23.4 years. Therefore, the current basis is sufficient to meet future requirements.

The amortization of the UAAL assumes contributions made as a percent of pay for members of the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) until June 30, 2033. Under Section 19-20-621, periodic separate valuations are to be performed to measure the liabilities of benefits to be paid under the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) for Montana University System (MUS) members. As of the 1996 valuation, there was a \$98.0 million difference, or shortfall, which is to be funded as a level percentage of future ORP salaries from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 2033. The single contribution rate determined as of July 1, 1997 was 3.97%. However, the following graded schedule for increasing the ORP contributions was adopted:

ORP Contribution Rate	Fiscal Years Ending	
2.81%	June 30, 1998	
3.12%	June 30, 1999	
3.42%	June 30, 2000	
3.73%	June 30, 2001	
4.04%	June 30, 2002 to June 30, 2033	

The July 1, 2000 actuarial valuation of the MUS calculated a \$132.7 million difference or shortfall. The contribution schedule has not been changed. The value of future ORP payments included in the July 1, 2002 TRS valuation is \$111.8 million.

The unfunded actuarial accrued liability at any date after establishment of a system is affected by any actuarial gains or losses arising when the actual experience of the system varies from the experience anticipated by the actuarial assumptions used in the valuations. To the extent actual experience as it develops differs from the assumptions used, so also will the actual emerging costs differ from the estimated costs. The impact of these differences in actual experience from the assumptions is included in Section 1, the Summary of Findings.

Table 5

Normal Cost Contribution Rates
As Percentages of Salary

	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2000
	Total	Total
Service retirement	7.86%	6.90%
Disability retirement	0.15	0.19
Survivors' benefits	0.26	0.25
Vested retirement	0.60	0.64
Refund of member contributions	1.46	1.73
Total	10.33%	9.71%

Table 6
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability
(All dollar amounts in millions)

	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2000
A. Actuarial present value of all future benefits for present and former members and their survivors (Table 4)		\$ 3,048.8
B. Less actuarial present value of total future normal costs for present members	440.4	400.5
C. Actuarial accrued liability	\$ 2,980.1	\$ 2,648.3
D. Less actuarial value of assets available for benefits (Table 1)	2,484.8	2,247.5
E. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability	\$ 495.3	\$ 400.8
F. Less present value of future ORP contributions*	111.8	96.4
G. Unfunded actuarial accrued liability funded by TRS contributions	\$ 383.5	\$ 304.4

^{*}Paid by contributions to TRS made as a percentage of the salaries of the participants in the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP). The percentage of salary will be a level 4.04% for the Fiscal Years ending in 2002 through 2033.

Table 7

Recommended Contribution Rates As Percentages of Salary

	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2000
A. Employer contribution rate*	7.58%	7.58%
B. Member contribution rate	<u>7.15</u>	<u>7.15</u>
C. Total contribution rate	14.73%	14.73%
D. Less total normal cost rate (Table 5)	10.33	9.71
E. Amount available to amortize unfunded actuarial accrued liability**	4.40%	5.02%
F. Amortization period from Valuation Date	23.4 years	15.1 years***

^{*} In accordance with MCA 19-20-604, the employer contribution rate will return to 7.47% when the amortization period of the System's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is 10 years or less according to the System's latest actuarial valuation.

^{**} In addition, a percentage of the salaries of the participants in the Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) is available to help amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability.

^{***} The amortization period as of July 1, 2000 was 15.1 years; thus, the expected period as of July 1, 2002 is 13.1 years assuming no changes in benefits or assumptions. A summary of the impact of changes since the prior valuation is in Section 1.

Section 6

Cash Flows

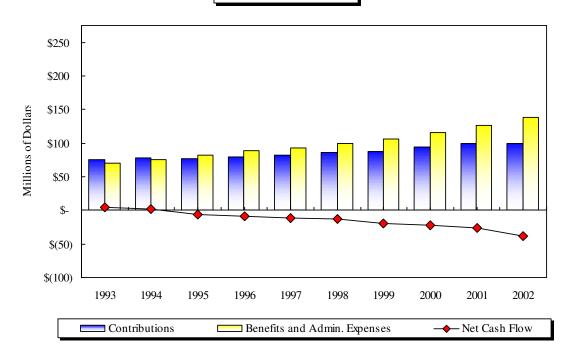
The fundamental equation for funding a retirement system is that benefits and administrative expenses must be provided for by contributions (past and future) and investment income. When a retirement system matures, benefits and administrative expenses often exceed contributions. In this case we say the system has a "negative cash flow." Mature systems are characterized by negative cash flows and large pools of assets. This is natural. Actuarial funding is designed to accumulate large pools of assets, which will in turn provide investment income and finance negative cash flows when systems mature. If the fund is looked at as a whole, investment income is usually larger than the difference between contributions and benefit payments. The retirement system's investment strategy should recognize the need for actual cash funds when benefit payments exceed the cash income from contributions.

The Table 8 shows that until 1995 the System had a positive cash flow. In the year ended June 30, 2002 the System's benefits and administrative expenses exceeded contributions by \$38 million. At the current contribution rates this is projected to increase to \$114 million for the year ending June 30, 2012.

As long as the System had a positive cash flow, there was no need to plan where the funds would come from to pay benefits since benefits could be paid by incoming contributions. A negative cash flow, as defined above, requires planning what funds will be used to pay the difference between benefits and contributions. We are providing these projections to aid in developing the investment strategy for the System's assets.

The projected contributions and administrative expenses are based on the actual amounts for the year ended June 30, 2002. Contributions are assumed to increase at the general wage increase assumption of 5%. Expenses are assumed to increase at the underlying inflation assumption of 4%.

Cash Flow History



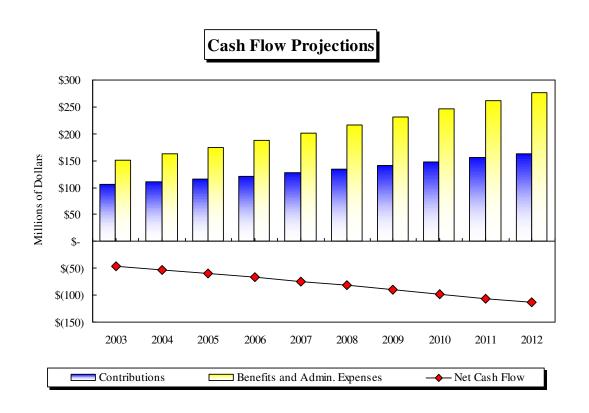


Table 8

Cash Flow History and Projections

Historical Cash Flows*

		motoriour odon i iowo				
Year		Benefits &				
Ended		Administrative	Net			
<u>June 30,</u>	Contributions	<u>Expenses</u>	Cash Flow			
1993	75	71	4			
1994	78	76	2			
1995	77	83	(6)			
1996	80	89	(9)			
1997	82	93	(11)			
1998	87	100	(13)			
1999	88	107	(19)			
2000	94	116	(22)			
2001	100	126	(26)			
2002	100	138	(38)			

Projected Cash Flows*

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Year		Benefits &	
Ending		Administrative	Net
<u>June 30,</u>	Contributions	<u>Expenses</u>	Cash Flow
2003	\$ 105	\$ 152	\$ (47)
2004	110	163	(53)
2005	116	175	(59)
2006	122	188	(66)
2007	128	202	(74)
2008	134	216	(82)
2009	141	231	(90)
2010	148	246	(98)
2011	155	262	(107)
2012	163	277	(114)

^{*} Millions of Dollars

Appendix A

Actuarial Procedures and Assumptions

The actuarial assumptions used in this valuation were adopted by the Board for the July 1, 2002 Actuarial Valuation. Several assumptions were changed as a result of our study, Investigation Of Active Member Demographic Experience, dated August 29, 2002.

Tables A-3 through A-6 give rates of decrement for service retirement, disablement, mortality, and other terminations of employment. These rates of decrement are referred to in actuarial literature as the absolute rate of decrement, or q_X . Table A-7 shows the assumed probability of retaining membership in the System among members terminating with five or more years of service.

Actuarial Cost Method

The actuarial valuation was prepared using the entry age actuarial cost method. Under this method, the actuarial present value of the projected benefits of each individual included in the valuation is allocated as a level percentage of the individual's projected compensation between entry age and assumed exit. The portion of this actuarial present value allocated to a valuation year is called the normal cost. The normal cost was first calculated for each individual member. The normal cost rate is defined to equal the total of the individual normal costs, divided by the total pay rate.

The portion of this actuarial present value not provided for at a valuation date by the sum of (a) the actuarial value of the assets and (b) the actuarial present value of future normal costs is called the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is amortized as a level percentage of the projected salaries of present and future members of the System.

Records and Data

The data used in the valuation consist of financial information; records of age, sex, service, salary, contribution rates, and account balances of contributing members; and records of age, sex, and amount of benefit for retired members and beneficiaries. All of the data were supplied by the System and are accepted for valuation purposes without audit.

Replacement of Terminated Members

The ages at entry and distribution by sex of future members are assumed to average the same as those of the present members they replace. If the number of active members should increase, it is further assumed that the average entry age of the larger group will be the same, from an actuarial standpoint, as that of the present group. Under these assumptions, the normal cost rates for active members will not vary with the termination of present members.

Employer Contributions

At the time of this valuation, the total employer contribution rate for normal costs and amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability was 7.58% of members' salaries. In accordance with MCA 19-20-604, the employer contribution rate will return to 7.47% when the amortization period of the System's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is 10 years or less according to the System's latest actuarial valuation.

Administrative and Investment Expenses

The administrative and investment expenses of the System are assumed to be funded by investment earnings in excess of 8% per year.

Valuation of Assets - Actuarial Basis

The actuarial asset valuation method spreads asset gains and losses over five years. The expected return is determined each year based on the beginning of year market value and actual cash flows during the year. Any difference between the expected market value return and the actual market value return is recognized evenly over a period of five years. The gains and losses are measured starting with the year ended June 30, 1997. Adopted in the July 1, 2000 actuarial valuation.

Investment Earnings

The annual rate of investment earnings of the assets of the System is assumed to be 8% per year, compounded annually.

Interest on Member Contributions

Interest on member contributions is assumed to accrue at a rate of 6% per annum, compounded annually. This assumption was set as of July 1, 1998.

Postretirement Benefit Increases

On January 1 of each year, the retirement allowance payable must be increased by 1.5% if the retiree's most recent retirement effective date is at least 36 months prior to January 1 of the year in which the adjustment is to be made.

Future Salaries

The rates of annual salary increase assumed for the purpose of the valuation are illustrated in Table A-2. In addition to increases in salary due to merit and longevity, this scale includes an assumed 5.0% annual rate of increase in the general wage level of the membership. The merit and longevity increases for the MUS members did not show a pattern of increasing or decreasing with service at the time of our most recent study. Therefore, the MUS members have a flat 1% merit and longevity assumption. The general wage increase assumption was adopted July 1, 1998 and the merit and longevity scales were adopted July 1, 2002.

Montana University System (MUS) members are assumed to have a 0.63% higher average final compensation to account for the larger than average annual compensation increases observed in the years immediately preceding retirement.

Service Retirement

Table A-3 shows the annual assumed rates of retirement among members eligible for service retirement. Separate rates are used when a member is eligible for reduced benefits, for the first year a member is eligible for full benefits, and for the years following the first year a member is eligible for full benefits. The rates for General Members were adopted July 1, 2002. The rates for University Members were adopted July 1, 2002.

Disablement

The rates of disablement used in this valuation are illustrated in Table A-4. The rates for General Members were adopted July 1, 2002. The rates for University Members were adopted July 1, 1996.

Mortality

The mortality rates used in this valuation are illustrated in Table A-5. A written description of each table used is included in Table A-1. These rates were adopted July 1, 2000.

Other Terminations of Employment

The rates of assumed future withdrawal from active service for reasons other than death, disability or retirement are shown for representative ages in Table A-6. These rates were adopted July 1, 2002.

Benefits for Terminating Members

Members terminating with less than five years of service are assumed to request an immediate withdrawal of their contributions with interest. Table A-7 shows the assumed probability of retaining membership in the System among members terminating with five or more years of service. These rates were adopted July 1, 2002.

We estimated the present value of future benefits for terminated vested members based on their available contribution account.

Part-Time Employees

The valuation data for active members identify part-time members, but give no indication as to the number of hours worked. As done in the past, we imputed a "part-time percentage" by comparing the pay received with their annual equivalent full-time salary. Part-time members

earning less than \$1,000 during the last year were valued at their current member contribution balance.

Optional Retirement Program

The total contribution received for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002 was \$3,960,000. Based on a contribution rate of 4.04%, we assumed the total ORP payroll for the fiscal year to be \$98,019,802 (\$3,960,000 divided by 4.04%).

Buybacks, Purchase of Service, and Military Service

The active liabilities and normal cost were increased to 100.5% of their original value to fund this additional service based on a study of the System's experience for the five calendar years 1995 through 1999. Effective July 1, 2000.

Probability of Marriage

If death occurs in active status, all members are assumed to have an eligible surviving spouse and two children. The spouse is assumed to be the same age as the member.

Table A-1

Summary of Valuation Assumptions

(July 1, 2002)

I.	Eco	nomic assumptions	
	A.	General wage increases*	5.00%
	B.	Investment return	8.00%
	C.	Growth in membership	0.00%
	D.	Postretirement benefit increases (Starting three years after retirement)	1.50%
	E.	Interest on member accounts	6.00%
II.	Den	nographic assumptions	
	A.	Individual salary increase due to promotion and longevity (General Member assumptions adopted July 1, 2002) (University Member assumptions adopted July 1, 2000)	Table A-2
	B.	Retirement (adopted July 1, 2002)	Table A-3
	C.	Disablement (adopted July 1, 2002) (General Member assumptions adopted July 1, 2002) (University Member assumptions adopted July 1, 1996)	Table A-4
	D.	Mortality among contributing members, service retired members, and beneficiaries 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table, with ages set back 3 years for males and ages set back 1 year for females. (adopted July 1, 2000)	Table A-5
	E.	Mortality among disabled members Based on the IRS Social Security Disabled Mortality Tables published in Revenue Ruling 96-7. Males are 70% of the Male IRS table to age 80, grading into the 1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table for Males between ages 80 and 85. Females are 85% of the IRS table at all ages. (adopted July 1, 2000)	Table A-5
	F.	Other terminations of employment (adopted July 1, 2002)	Table A-6
	G.	Probability of retaining membership in the System upon vested termination (adopted July 1, 2002)	Table A-7

^{*} Montana University System (MUS) members are assumed to have a 0.63% higher average final compensation to account for the larger than average annual compensation increases observed in the years immediately preceding retirement.

Table A-2
Future Salaries

		General Members			University Members	
Years of Service	Individual Merit & Longevity	General Wage Increase	Total Salary Increase	Individual Merit & Longevity	General Wage Increase	Total Salary Increase
1	4.51%	5.00%	9.51%	1.00%	5.00%	6.00%
2	4.09	5.00	9.09	1.00	5.00	6.00
3	3.46	5.00	8.46	1.00	5.00	6.00
4	2.94	5.00	7.94	1.00	5.00	6.00
5	2.52	5.00	7.52	1.00	5.00	6.00
6	2.21	5.00	7.21	1.00	5.00	6.00
7	1.89	5.00	6.89	1.00	5.00	6.00
8	1.68	5.00	6.68	1.00	5.00	6.00
9	1.47	5.00	6.47	1.00	5.00	6.00
10	1.31	5.00	6.31	1.00	5.00	6.00
11	1.16	5.00	6.16	1.00	5.00	6.00
12	1.00	5.00	6.00	1.00	5.00	6.00
13	0.84	5.00	5.84	1.00	5.00	6.00
14	0.68	5.00	5.68	1.00	5.00	6.00
15	0.58	5.00	5.58	1.00	5.00	6.00
16	0.47	5.00	5.47	1.00	5.00	6.00
17	0.37	5.00	5.37	1.00	5.00	6.00
18	0.26	5.00	5.26	1.00	5.00	6.00
19	0.21	5.00	5.21	1.00	5.00	6.00
20	0.16	5.00	5.16	1.00	5.00	6.00
21	0.11	5.00	5.11	1.00	5.00	6.00
22 & Up	0.00	5.00	5.00	1.00	5.00	6.00

Table A-3

Retirement **Annual Rates**

		General Member	s	University Members		ers
Age	Eligible for Reduced Benefits	First Year Eligible for Full Benefits	Thereafter	Eligible for Reduced Benefits	First Year Eligible for Full Benefits	Thereafter
45		18.0%	9.5%		5.0%	4.9%
46		18.0	9.5		5.0	4.9
47		12.5	9.5		5.0	4.9
48		12.5	9.5		5.0	4.9
49	*	12.5	9.5	*	5.0	4.9
50	4.0%	12.5	9.5	1.9%	8.0	4.9
51	4.0	16.0	9.5	2.2	8.0	4.9
52	4.5	16.0	9.5	2.5	8.0	6.0
53	4.5	16.0	9.5	2.8	8.0	6.0
54	5.0	16.0	9.5	3.1	12.0	6.0
55	5.5	22.0	14.0	3.4	15.0	6.0
56	6.0	22.0	14.0	3.7	15.0	6.0
57	6.5	22.0	14.0	4.0	15.0	7.0
58	6.5	22.0	15.0	4.3	15.0	7.0
59	7.0	22.0	18.0	4.7	15.0	9.0
60	*	22.0	22.0	*	19.0	10.0
61		22.0	22.0		19.0	14.0
62		27.0	27.0		24.0	24.0
63		22.0	22.0		14.0	14.0
64		25.0	25.0		20.0	20.0
65		35.0	35.0		33.0	33.0
66		30.0	30.0		23.0	23.0
67		24.0	24.0		23.0	23.0
68		22.0	22.0		23.0	23.0
69		22.0	22.0		23.0	23.0
70		**	**		**	**

 ^{*} All benefits are unreduced after attaining age 60. Reduced benefits are not available before age 50.
 ** Immediate retirement is assumed at age 70 or over.

Table A-4

Disablement Annual Rates

Age	General Members	University Members		
25	.010%	.003%		
30	.010	.006		
35	.020	.012		
40	.040	.021		
45	.080	.036		
50	.130	.055		
55	.180	.083		
60	.260	.126		

Table A-5

Mortality Annual Rates

Contributing Members, Service Retired Members and Beneficiaries

			Disabled Members	
Age	Men	Women	Men	Women
25	.06%	.03%	1.92%	1.02%
30	.07	.03	2.15	1.26
35	.08	.04	2.39	1.50
40	.09	.07	2.69	1.75
45	.13	.09	3.01	2.04
50	.19	.13	3.36	2.38
55	.32	.21	3.72	2.77
60	.56	.39	4.07	3.23
65	1.01	.76	4.46	3.76
70	1.80	1.27	5.13	4.36
75	2.85	2.04	6.22	5.32
80	4.52	3.54	7.50	6.84
85	7.55	6.10	11.48	9.30

Table A-6
Other Terminations of Employment
Among Members Not Eligible to Retire
Annual Rates

Years of Service	General Members	University Members
1	30.0%	33.0%
	16.0	17.0
2		
3	11.0	13.0
4	9.0	11.0
5	8.0	9.0
	7.7	0.2
6	7.7	8.3
7	7.3	7.7
8	7.0	7.0
9	6.6	6.6
10	6.2	6.2
11	5.8	5.8
12	5.4	5.4
13	5.0	5.0
14	4.6	4.6
15	4.2	4.2
16	3.8	3.8
17	3.4	3.4
18 and up	3.0	3.0

Table A-7
Probability of Retaining Membership in the System
Upon Vested Termination

Age	Probability of Retaining Membership					
25	54%					
30	54					
35	58					
40	58					
45	60					
50	70					
55	75					

Appendix B

Summary of Benefit Provisions

Effective Date September 1, 1937

Vesting Period 5 years. No benefits are payable unless the member has a

vested right, except the return of employee contributions

with interest.

Final Compensation Average of highest 3 consecutive years of earned

compensation.

Normal Form of Benefits Life only annuity. All benefits cease upon death; however,

in no event will the member receive less than the amount of

employee contributions with interest.

Normal Retirement Benefits

Eligibility: 25 years of service or age 60 and 5 years of service.

Benefit: The retirement benefit is equal to 1/60 of final

compensation for each year of service.

Early Retirement Benefits

Eligibility: 5 years of service and age 50.

Benefit: The retirement benefit is calculated in the same manner as

described for normal retirement, but the benefit is reduced 1/2 of 1% for each of the first 60 months early and 3/10 of

1% for each of the next 60 months early.

Death Benefit

Eligibility: 5 years of service.

Benefit: The death benefit is equal to 1/60 of final compensation for

each year of service accrued at date of death, with an actuarial adjustment based on the relation of the member's age at death to the beneficiary's age. A monthly benefit of \$200 is paid to each child until age 18. In addition, a lumpsum benefit of \$500 is paid upon the death of an active or

retired member.

Disability Benefit

Eligibility: 5 years of service.

Benefit: The disability benefit is equal to 1/60 of final compensation

for each year of service accrued at date of disability. The

minimum benefit is 1/4 of the final compensation.

Withdrawal Benefits With less than 5 years of service, the accumulated

employee contributions with interest are returned. With more than 5 years, the member may elect a refund of contributions with interest or leave the contributions and interest in the System and retain a vested right to retirement

benefits.

Contributions Member: 7.150% of compensation.

Employer: 7.580% of compensation.

MCA 19-20-604 specifies that the employer contribution rate will return to 7.47% when the amortization period of the System's unfunded actuarial accrued liability is 10 years or less according to the System's latest actuarial

valuation.

Interest on Member

Contributions Interest on member contributions is currently being

credited at a rate of 4.5% per annum.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments On January 1 of each year, the retirement allowance

payable must be increased by 1.5% if the retiree's most recent retirement effective date is at least 36 months prior to January 1 of the year in which the adjustment is to be

made.

Appendix C

Valuation Data

This valuation is based upon the membership of the System as of July 1, 2002. Membership data were supplied by the System and accepted for valuation purposes without audit. However, tests were performed to ensure that the data are sufficiently accurate for valuation purposes.

Table C-1 contains summaries of the data for contributing members. For full-time members, values shown in the tables are the numbers of members and their total and average annual salaries. For part-time members, only the numbers of members are shown.

Active Members	Number	Annual Salaries in Millions
Full-Time Members	12,796	\$ 486.2
Part-Time Members*	4,650	52.7
Total Contributing Members*	17,446	\$ 538.9
Active Members with Annual Compensation less than \$1,000	<u>723</u>	
Total Active Members	18,169	

^{*} Excludes part-time members with annual compensation less than \$1,000.

Table C-2 presents distributions of the following:

- Members receiving service retirement benefits.
- Members receiving disability retirement benefits.
- Survivors of deceased retired members receiving benefits.
- Survivors of deceased active members.
- Child beneficiaries.
- Terminated vested members.

Appendix C (continued)

The following is a summary of retired members and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits:

Type of Annuitant	Number	Annual Benefits in Thousands	Average Annual Benefits		
Service Retirement	8,438	\$ 127,870	\$ 15,154		
Survivors of Deceased Retired Members	689	6,471	9,392		
Total Service Retirement (including survivors)	9,127	134,341	14,719		
Disability Retirement	200	1,614	8,072		
Survivors of Deceased Active Members	402	3,082	7,666		
Child Beneficiaries	39	94	2,400		
Total Annuitants	9,768	\$ 139,131	\$ 14,244		

Terminated Members with Contributions Not Withdrawn*	Number
Vested Terminated Members	1,485
Non-Vested Terminated Members	<u>8,231</u>
Total Terminated Members	9,716

^{*} Includes 209 records provided in the active data with salary equal to zero and contributions greater than zero.

Table C-1

Active Members Distribution of Full-Time Employees and Salaries

as of July 1, 2002

Number of Employees - By Age Group - All Members

Age	0	1	2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40+	Totals
<25	17	66	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98
25 to 29	41	278	225	321	111	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	976
30 to 34	9	101	128	231	604	103	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,176
35 to 39	16	79	71	127	412	497	91	-	-	-	-	-	1,293
40 to 44	21	70	49	150	320	388	507	146	-	-	-	-	1,651
45 to 49	14	68	83	128	371	417	475	639	186	-	-	-	2,381
50 to 54	12	35	53	92	259	450	465	544	707	181	1	-	2,799
55 to 59	8	38	23	47	118	209	243	259	339	383	66	-	1,733
60 to 64	-	8	9	13	31	57	75	83	92	113	78	10	569
65 to 69	-	2	3	1	11	14	14	11	13	10	19	4	102
70 and up	<u> </u>	2	1	2	1	1	1	4	2	3	<u> </u>	1	18
Totals	138	747	660	1,112	2,238	2,136	1,871	1,686	1,339	690	164	15	12,796

Table C-1

Active Members Distribution of Full-Time Employees and Salaries

as of July 1, 2002

Annual Salaries in Thousands - By Age Group - All Members

Age	0	1	2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40+	Totals
<25	137	1,511	332	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	1,980
25 to 29	470	6,418	5,480	8,250	3,050	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	23,668
30 to 34	101	2,431	3,280	6,193	18,388	3,442	-	-	-	-	-	-	33,835
35 to 39	218	2,043	1,876	3,470	13,213	18,452	3,604	-	-	-	-	-	42,876
40 to 44	189	1,727	1,348	4,162	10,576	14,638	20,994	6,362	-	-	-	-	59,996
45 to 49	154	1,871	2,320	3,697	12,407	16,110	20,107	28,840	8,524	-	-	-	94,030
50 to 54	145	1,050	1,589	2,861	8,658	17,288	20,110	25,282	32,861	8,516	46	-	118,406
55 to 59	94	1,165	666	1,581	4,125	8,416	10,696	12,699	17,060	18,842	3,213	-	78,557
60 to 64	-	235	309	475	1,148	2,185	3,192	3,988	4,621	6,223	4,009	614	26,999
65 to 69	-	47	120	25	375	697	724	607	649	583	1,191	188	5,206
70 and up		35	24	35	10	25	26	209	89	152		41	646
Totals	1,508	18,533	17,344	30,749	71,950	81,253	79,453	77,987	63,804	34,316	8,459	843	486,199

Table C-1

Active Members Distribution of Full-Time Employees and Salaries

as of July 1, 2002

Average Annual Salary - By Age Group - All Members

Age	0	1	2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40+	Totals
<25	8,038	22,897	22,142	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,204
25 to 29	11,467	23,086	24,354	25,701	27,474	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,249
30 to 34	11,232	24,072	25,629	26,810	30,443	33,416	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,772
35 to 39	13,606	25,856	26,425	27,325	32,071	37,127	39,606	-	-	-	-	-	33,161
40 to 44	8,995	24,670	27,506	27,750	33,051	37,727	41,408	43,573	-	-	-	-	36,339
45 to 49	10,991	27,508	27,948	28,883	33,442	38,632	42,331	45,133	45,827	-	-	-	39,491
50 to 54	12,103	30,005	29,981	31,101	33,429	38,418	43,248	46,475	46,480	47,048	46,390	-	42,304
55 to 59	11,769	30,662	28,972	33,630	34,959	40,267	44,017	49,032	50,324	49,197	48,686	-	45,331
60 to 64	-	29,412	34,328	36,563	37,047	38,338	42,561	48,048	50,233	55,067	51,397	61,366	47,452
65 to 69	-	23,534	40,094	25,036	34,051	49,760	51,747	55,162	49,919	58,286	62,678	47,114	51,039
70 and up	<u> </u>	17,449	23,936	17,609	9,988	25,206	26,474	52,137	44,717	50,752		40,778	35,930
Totals	10,926	24,810	26,279	27,653	32,149	38,040	42,466	46,256	47,651	49,733	51,582	56,193	37,997

Table C-1

Active Members Distribution of Part-Time Employees and Salaries

as of July 1, 2002

Number of Employees - By Age Group - All Members

Age	0	1	2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40+	Totals
<25	97	73	12	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	187
25 to 29	167	146	68	54	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	459
30 to 34	58	95	54	53	85	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	387
35 to 39	89	104	80	64	84	64	28	-	-	-	-	-	513
40 to 44	119	162	99	145	152	65	48	34	-	-	-	-	824
45 to 49	89	140	99	127	212	83	36	32	21	-	-	-	839
50 to 54	70	83	69	110	178	113	54	24	30	11	-	-	742
55 to 59	37	43	30	46	89	89	30	23	9	15	4	-	415
60 to 64	21	22	13	20	38	18	17	10	9	9	5	1	183
65 to 69	10	7	8	11	12	5	6	4	4	1	2	-	70
70 and up	5	4	2	7		4	2	1	 -	<u>-</u> .		1	31
Totals	762	879	534	642	879	483	221	128	73	36	11	2	4,650

Table C-2
Distribution of Inactive Lives

Members Receiving Service Retirement Benefits as of July 1, 2002

Age	Number of Persons	Annual Ben		Average Annual Benefits		
<50	43	\$	789	\$	18,355	
50 to 54	461		8,334		18,079	
55 to 59	1,180		22,403		18,986	
60 to 64	1,596		29,504		18,486	
65 to 69	1,493		25,479		17,066	
70 to 74	1,193		17,850		14,963	
75 to 79	859		10,382		12,086	
80 to 84	688		6,841		9,944	
85 to 89	507		3,849		7,592	
90 and up	418		2,438		5,833	
Total	8,438	\$	127,870	\$	15,154	

Members Receiving Disability Retirement Benefits as of July 1, 2002

Age	Number of Persons	Annual Ben in Thousar		Average Annual Benefits		
<50	14	\$	105	\$	7,519	
50 to 54	38		315		8,291	
55 to 59	30		291		9,713	
60 to 64	28		243		8,681	
65 to 69	22		190		8,644	
70 to 74	24		199		8,287	
75 to 79	15		99		6,596	
80 to 84	17		103		6,045	
85 to 89	9		45		5,038	
90 and up	3		24		7,835	
Total	200	\$	1,614	\$	8,072	

Table C-2

Distribution of Inactive Lives

Survivors of Deceased Retired Members as of July 1, 2002

Age	Number of Persons	Annual Bene in Thousand		Average Annual Benefits		
<50	28	\$	178	\$	6,342	
50 to 54	25		210		8,399	
55 to 59	35		342		9,763	
60 to 64	52		610		11,735	
65 to 69	91		996		10,942	
70 to 74	77		863		11,208	
75 to 79	117		1,191		10,184	
80 to 84	120		1,004		8,363	
85 to 89	85		669		7,876	
90 and up	59		408		6,917	
Total	689	\$	6,471	\$	9,392	

Survivors of Deceased Active Members as of July 1, 2002

Age	Number of Persons	Annual Ber in Thousa		Average Annual Ben	
<50	79	\$	384	\$	4,858
50 to 54	43		295		6,870
55 to 59	58		479		8,257
60 to 64	37		458		12,373
65 to 69	35		262		7,489
70 to 74	43		461		10,730
75 to 79	41		401		9,778
80 to 84	32		177		5,546
85 to 89	15		80		5,351
90 and up	19		84		4,399
Total	402	\$	3,082	\$	7,666

Table C-2

Distribution of Inactive Lives

Terminated Vested Members as of July 1, 2002 Number of Persons

Age	Number
<25	-
25 to 29	4
30 to 34	90
35 to 39	143
40 to 44	211
45 to 49	283
50 to 54	391
55 to 69	237
60 to 64	112
65 to 69	11
70 & above	3
Total	1,485

Child Beneficiaries as of July 1, 2002 Number of Persons

Age	Number		
<5	2		
5 to 6	2		
7 to 8	2		
9 to 10	7		
11 to 12	3		
13 to 14	6		
15 to 16	5		
17 to 18	12		
Total	39		

Child Beneficiaries all receive \$200 per month, for a total of \$93,600 per year.

Appendix D

Comparative Schedules

This section contains tables that summarize the experience of the System shown in present and past valuation reports.

Table D-1 shows a summary of the active members covered as of the various valuation dates.

Table D-2 shows a summary of the retired and inactive members as of the various valuation dates.

Table D-3 summarizes the contribution rates determined by each annual actuarial valuation.

Table D-1

Active Membership Data

Active Members

Valuation Date (July 1)	Full-Time Members	Part-Time Members**	Total Contributing Members**	Part-Time Members Annual Compensation less than \$1,000	Annual Full-Time Salaries in Thousands	Average Full-Time Annual Salary	Average Age**	Average Years of Service**	Average Hire Age**
1987	13,105	1,955	15,060	*	\$340,481	\$25,981	*	*	*
1989	12,546	2,541	15,087	*	339,866	27,090	*	*	*
1992	13,502	3,141	16,643	*	401,092	29,706	42.4	11.6	30.8
1994	14,938	2,637	17,575	377	416,968	27,914	42.5	11.0	31.5
1996	13,251	5,444	18,695	1,295	424,085	32,004	43.3	11.6	31.7
1998	13,545	4,647	18,192	776	459,191	33,901	44.0	12.1	31.9
2000	13,289	4,245	17,534	886	477,160	35,906	44.5	12.2	32.3
2002	12,796	4,650	17,446	723	486,204	37,997	45.0	12.2	32.8

^{*} Not available.

^{**} Excludes part-time active members with annual compensation less than \$1,000.

Table D-2
Retired and Inactive Membership Data

All Annuitants					Terminated Members		
Valuation Date (July 1)	Number	Annual Benefits in Thousands	Average Annual Benefit	Average Current Age	Average Age at Retirement	Number Vested Terminated	Number Non-Vested Terminated
1987	6,036	\$ 43,236	\$ 7,163	*	*	*	*
1989	6,330	49,546	7,827	*	*	*	*
1992	6,927	63,483	9,165	*	*	*	*
1994	7,530	78,183	10,383	*	*	1,105	5,722
1996	7,896	87,351	11,063	*	*	1,152	6,479
1998	8,362	99,040	11,844	69.6	57.3	1,190	8,158
2000	9,021	117,227	12,995	69.3	57.0	1,256	9,308
2002	9,768	139,131	14,244	69.1	56.8	1,485	8,231

^{*} Not available.

Table D-3

Contribution Rates

Valuation Date		Contribution Rates			UAAL
(July 1)	Employee	Employer	Total	Cost Rate	Rate**
1989*	7.044%	7.459%	14.503%	8.827	5.676%
1992	7.044%	7.459%	14.503%	9.876	4.627%
1994	7.044%	7.470%	14.514%	9.494	5.020%
1996	7.044%	7.470%	14.514%	9.328	5.186%
1998	7.044%	7.470%	14.514%	8.880	5.634%
2000	7.15%	7.58%	14.73%	9.71	5.02%
2002	7.15%	7.58%	14.73%	10.33	4.40%

^{*} Valuation performed by Hendrickson, Miller & Associates, Inc.

^{**} The unfunded actuarial accrued liability rate is the amount available to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. It is equal to the total contribution rate, minus the normal cost rate.

Appendix E

Glossary

The following definitions are largely excerpts from a list adopted in 1981 by the major actuarial organizations in the United States. In some cases the definitions have been modified for specific applicability to the Teachers' Retirement System Retirement System. Defined terms are capitalized throughout this Appendix.

Actuarial Assumptions

Assumptions as to the occurrence of future events affecting pension costs, such as: mortality, withdrawal, disablement, and retirement; changes in compensation, rates of investment earnings, and asset appreciation or depreciation; procedures used to determine the Actuarial Value of Assets; and other relevant items.

Actuarial Cost Method

A procedure for determining the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses and for developing an actuarially equivalent allocation of such value to time periods, usually in the form of a Normal Cost and an Actuarial Accrued Liability.

Actuarial Gain (Loss)

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

Actuarial Present Value

The value of an amount or series of amounts payable or receivable at various times, determined as of a given date by the application of a particular set of Actuarial Assumptions.

Actuarial Valuation

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

Actuarial Value of Assets

The value of cash, investments and other property belonging to a pension plan, as used by the actuary for the purpose of an Actuarial Valuation.

Actuarially Equivalent

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

Amortization Payment

That portion of the pension plan contribution, which is designed to pay interest on and to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.

Entry Age Actuarial Cost Method

A method under which the Actuarial Present Value of the Projected Benefits of each individual included in an Actuarial Valuation is allocated on a level basis over the earnings of the individual between entry age and assumed exit ages. The portion of this Actuarial Present Value allocated to a valuation year is called the Normal Cost. The portion of this Actuarial Present Value not provided for at a valuation date by the Actuarial Present Value of future Normal Costs is called the Actuarial Accrued Liability.

Normal Cost

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

Actuarial Accrued Liability

That portion, as determined by a particular Actuarial Cost Method, of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits and expenses which is not provided for by future Normal Costs.

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability

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

Accrued Benefit

The amount of an individual's benefit (whether or not vested) as of a specific date, determined in accordance with the terms of a pension plan and based on compensation and service to that date.

Projected Benefits

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

Unaccrued Benefit

The excess of an individual's Projected Benefits over the Accrued Benefits as of a specified date.

STATISTICAL SECTION

REVENUES BY SOURCE & EXPENSES BY TYPE

CONTRIBUTION RATES

MEMBERSHIP

ACTIVE and INACTIVE MEMBERS
RETIRED MEMBERS and BENEFIT RECIPIENTS

LOCATION OF BENEFIT RECIPIENTS

Revenues By Source

	Employee	Employer	Investment		
<u>Year</u>	Contributions	Contributions	<u>Income</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
1992 – 1993	\$37,249,490	\$38,088,280	\$78,375,511		\$153,713,281
1993 – 1994	38,748,884	39,164,487	73,076,482		150,989,853
1994 – 1995	37,782,158	39,071,610	72,498,507		149,479,691
1995 – 1996	39,174,350	40,626,732	98,083,315	189,823	178,074,220
1996 – 1997	40,348,306	41,639,722	104,797,668	101,267	186,886,963
1997 – 1998	41,937,700	44,476,127	102,174,892	200,083	188,788,802
1998 – 1999	42,641,714	44,986,852	102,501,716	122,732	190,253,014
1999 - 2000	45,599,246	47,848,084	112,924,791	696,779	207,068,900
2000 - 2001	48,277,894	50,989,948	162,712,312	617,258	262,597,412
2001 - 2002	47,872,258	51,518,712	99,058,806	762,677	199,212,453

Expenses By Type

	Benefit		Investment	Administrative	
<u>Year</u>	<u>Payments</u>	Withdrawals	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Total</u>
1992 – 1993	\$66,012,320	\$3,971,610	\$188,655	\$581,165	\$70,753,750
1993 – 1994	70,580,682	4,156,137	198,704	647,480	75,583,003
1994 – 1995	78,589,558	3,373,147	177,081	628,596	82,768,382
1995 – 1996	83,763,230	4,158,612	12,711,571	684,885	101,318,298
1996 – 1997	88,631,324	3,839,562	12,596,802	675,961	105,743,649
1997 – 1998	94,204,970	4,826,198	10,381,523	881,452	110,294,143
1998 – 1999	100,028,083	5,126,013	9,686,951	1,360,660	116,201,707
1999 - 2000	109,231,029	5,271,306	10,667,097	1,293,805	126,463,237
2000 - 2001	118,841,895	5,370,493	10,243,034	1,715,782	136,171,204
2001 - 2002	130,006,163	6,472,327	5,481,637	1,606,737	143,566,864

Teachers' Retirement System A Component Unit of the State of Montana Contribution Rates

EMPLOYEE

1937 - 1973	5.000%
1973 - 1975	5.125%
1975 - 1977	6.125%
1977 - 1983	6.187%
1983 - 1999	7.044%
1999 -	7.150%
	<u>EMPLOYER</u>
1937 - 1945	NONE
1945 - 1959	3.750%
1959 - 1969	4.000%
1969 - 1971	4.500%
1971 - 1975	5.125%
1975 - 1977	6.250%
1977 - 1981	6.312%
1981 - 09/30/81	6.432%
10/01/81 - 06/30/83	6.463%
1983 - 1985	7.320%
1985 - 1989	7.428%
1989 - 1993	7.459%
01/01/94 -	7.470%

 ${\it Unless otherwise noted, contribution \ rate \ changes \ occur \ on \ July \ 1.}$

Active and Inactive Members

		Inactive		
	Active	Vested	Inactive	
Period Ended	<u>Members</u>	<u>Members</u>	Non-vested	<u>Total</u>
June 30, 1993	17,211	1,171	5,375	23,757
June 30, 1994	17,439	1,113	5,761	24,313
June 30, 1995	18,062	1,130	6,201	25,393
June 30, 1996	18,332	1,012	6,050	25,394
June 30, 1997	18,222	1,173	7,560	26,955
June 30, 1998	18,205	1,179	8,061	27,445
June 30, 1999	18,287	1,209	8,612	28,108
June 30, 2000	18,423	1,245	9,212	28,880
June 30, 2001	18,530	1,359	10,034	29,923
June 30, 2002	18,199	1,468	9,508	29,175

Retired Members and Benefit Recipients

				Child	
Period Ended	Retirement	<u>Survivors</u>	Disability	Benefits	<u>Total</u>
June 30, 1993	6,227	355	267	50	6,899
June 30, 1994	6,531	358	271	38	7,198
June 30, 1995	6,800	365	274	35	7,474
June 30, 1996	7,011	370	273	34	7,688
June 30, 1997	7,212	366	279	44	7,901
June 30, 1998	7,400	376	276	36	8,088
June 30, 1999	7,661	377	282	38	8,358
June 30, 2000	7,927	399	291	23	8,640
June 30, 2001	8,288	398	294	36	9,016
June 30, 2002	8,615	401	295	31	9,342

Teachers' Retirement System Location of Benefit Recipients

Alabama	6	New Mexico	20
Alaska	26	New York	13
Arizona	200	North Carolina	15
Arkansas	9	North Dakota	69
California	133	Ohio	12
Colorado	98	Oklahoma	17
Connecticut	5	Oregon	151
Florida	34	Pennsylvania	7
Georgia	9	South Carolina	6
Hawaii	10	South Dakota	38
Idaho	118	Tennessee	6
Illinois	13	Texas	52
Indiana	6	Utah	39
Iowa	13	Vermont	3
Kansas	15	Virginia	20
Kentucky	3	Washington	315
Louisiana	4	West Virginia	5
Maine	2	Wisconsin	27
Maryland	4	Wyoming	79
Massachusetts	4	APO	5
Michigan	14	Australia	3
Minnesota	62	Canada	12
Mississippi	2	Holland	1
Missouri	22	New Zealand	2
Montana	7,323	Puerto Rico	1
Nebraska	26	Scotland/England	2
Nevada	91	South Africa	<u>2</u>
New Jersey	3	TOTAL *165 recipients receive	*9,177 two benefits.

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