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A. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of the annual actuarial valuation of assets and liabilities of the New York State Teachers' Retirement System as of June 30, 2004. The purpose of this report is to summarize the determination of the Employer Contribution Rate which will be applied to member salaries earned during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and to review the funded status of the Retirement System.

B. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE

The Employer Contribution Rate to be applied to member salaries for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 and collected in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007 consists of four components. These components may be described as follows:

The **Normal Rate** represents the annual cost of accruing active member benefits. This component includes the cost of benefits accruing to active members on account of retirement, withdrawal, disability and death, except for benefits funded by the group life insurance rate.

The **Expense Rate** represents the administrative cost of the Retirement System and is set during the budget process.

The **Group Life Rate** is a one-year term rate and represents the cost of the first \$50,000 of member death benefits.

The **Excess Benefit Plan Rate** is a one-year term rate and represents the cost of benefit payments in excess of the Internal Revenue Code Section 415 limits.

The actuarially computed Employer Contribution Rate to be applied to the member salaries for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006 is **7.97%**. The Employer Contribution Rates determined by the actuarial valuations as of June 30, 2004 and June 30, 2003 and the changes between the two are summarized below:

	As of	As of	
	6/30/2004	6/30/2003	<u>Change</u>
Normal Rate	7.58%	5.24%	+2.34%
Expense Rate	0.25	0.25	0.00
Group Life Rate	0.13	0.13	0.00
Excess Benefit Plan Rate	<u>0.01</u>	0.01	0.00
Employer Contribution Rate	7.97%	5.63%	+2.34%

As in prior years, the actual employer contributions made by participating employers during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 were equal to the employer contributions determined in accordance with the annual actuarial valuation. Additional payments are made by certain participating employers as required by statute for participation in early retirement incentives, Section 803 of Article 18 of the Retirement and Social Security Law, and Chapter 175 of the Laws of 1990.

C. GAIN/LOSS IN THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE

Compared with the prior year, the Employer Contribution Rate increased from 5.63% to 7.97%.

NORMAL RATE

The change in the Employer Contribution Rate is due entirely to the increase in the Normal Rate of 234 basis points. This change may be broken down as follows:

Salary/ Service:	This gain is due to salary and service data coming in slightly lower than expected.	-0.15
Net Investment Loss:	The investment return on the <u>actuarial</u> value of assets was approximately 5.5%, which was less than the 8.0% expected.	+1.40
New Entrants:	New Entrants join the Retirement System with no accumulated assets, did not participate in the very favorable investment experience during the 1990s, and enter with a higher average Normal Contribution Rate of approximately 11.5%. Because of this, New Entrants exert upward pressure on the Employer Contribution Rate.	+0.31
Withdrawal:	Fewer members withdrew than expected.	+0.23
Mortality:	Members are living longer than expected and receive benefits for a longer period.	+0.35
Retirement:	There were more retirements at younger ages than expected.	+0.20

TOTAL CHANGE IN THE NORMAL RATE:

+2.34%

OTHER COMPONENTS

The **Expense Rate** is set during the budget process and is unchanged from the previous year.

The **Group Life Insurance Rate** is unchanged from the previous year. Although the number of active member deaths has generally declined over the past few years, this rate is being held constant in anticipation of rising payouts in the future due to Tier 2, 3 and 4 post-retirement death benefits and the inactive death benefit.

The Excess Benefit Plan Rate is unchanged from the previous year. This rate represents the retirement benefits paid in excess of the Internal Revenue Code Section 415 limits. These payments are made exclusively from the Excess Benefit Plan. This fund was established in accordance with the Excess Benefit Plan which received final IRS approval in August 2001. The rate remains at 1 basis point in order to replenish the fund and ensure that the fund balance does not go below zero.

D. CONTRIBUTION RATE HISTORY

The following chart summarizes the Employer Contribution Rate for the last 15 years:

Salary <u>Year</u>	Employer Contribution <u>Rate</u>
1991-1992	6.64%
1992-1993	8.00
1993-1994	8.41
1994-1995	7.24
1995-1996	6.37
1996-1997	3.57
1997-1998	1.25
1998-1999	1.42
1999-2000	1.43
2000-2001	0.43
2001-2002	0.36
2002-2003	0.36
2003-2004	2.52
2004-2005	5.63
2005-2006	7.97

E. CONTRIBUTION RATE INCREASE

The Employer Contribution Rate has increased this year from 5.63% to 7.97%. This represents a 42% increase. The Normal Rate component equals 7.58%, an increase of 45% over the prior year's Normal Rate of 5.24%. The Normal Rate is greater than zero for the third consecutive year, after a Normal Rate equal to zero for the prior six years. The primary reason for this additional increase is that the recent investment returns have been substantially lower than expected. In addition, New Entrants continue to put upward pressure on the Normal Rate.

Two years ago a separate reserve was created, a "Provision for Adverse Market Deviation", in order to dampen the volatility of the Employer Contribution Rate as a

result of capital market fluctuations. This reserve continues to exist, although it has decreased sharply. As the Employer Contribution Rate continues to increase, the dampening of the volatility of the Employer Contribution Rate will greatly assist participating employers, especially school districts, with budgeting for required employer contributions.

It is important to note that the plan's New Entrant Normal Rate is approximately 11.5% of pay. This means the cost for each new member, if each year the actuarial assumptions are exactly realized, would be approximately 11.5% of pay. As the returns in the capital markets have generally decreased, the Normal Rate is increasing toward this 11.5% rate. If returns in the capital markets are below expectations and actuarial losses, as a result, continue to accrue, the Normal Rate will increase beyond the New Entrant Normal Rate of 11.5% of pay.

F. MEMBER DATA

The member data for the valuation was determined as of June 30, 2004. Compared with the previous year, the total number of members increased from 365,555 to 375,761, the number of active members increased from 247,247 to 254,515, the number of retired members increased from 113,851 to 116,842 and the number of beneficiaries receiving monthly benefits decreased from 4,457 to 4,404.

The number of retirements decreased from 10,173 during the 2002-2003 fiscal year to 7,287 during the 2003-2004 fiscal year. The 10,173 retirements last year represented a record high number of retirements in a fiscal year, and was largely due to the large number of retirements under the early retirement incentive, Chapter 69 of the Laws of 2002. There was no early retirement incentive offered in the following fiscal year. The higher number of retirements in recent years in general, however, is a trend which is expected to continue due to the increasing percentage of active members who are attaining retirement-eligible ages each year as the Baby Boom generation ages. Benefit improvements recently enacted, such as the Article 19 benefit enhancement (Chapter 126 of the Laws of 2000), military service credit (Chapter 548 of the Laws of 2000), and Tier Equity (Chapter 553 of the Laws of 2000), are an additional incentive to

retire. Finally, the retirement incentive programs enacted by the State Legislature in recent years have induced some members to retire. They have produced the following retirement totals:

Fiscal Year	Incentive	Number of Retirements under the Incentive	Total Number of Retirements
1995-1996	Chapter 12	1,661	6,267
1996-1997	Chapter 30	2,506	6,452
1997-1998	Chapter 41	1,612	5,303
1998-1999	Chapter 47	1,692	6,111
1999-2000	Chapter 70	1,212	6,658
2000-2001	Chapter 86	1,720	7,946
2001-2002	None	N/A	7,344
2002-2003	Chapter 69	2,980	10,173
2003-2004	None	N/A	7,287

G. FUNDED STATUS

The actuarial value of assets and liabilities were determined as of June 30, 2004. When compared with the previous year, the actuarial value of assets increased from \$71.8 billion to \$72.0 billion and the accrued pension benefit liability, as defined by the Retirement System's actuarial funding method, increased from \$72.2 billion to \$72.6 billion.

The funded status decreased over the prior year to 99.2% from 99.4%.

H. ACTUARIAL EXPERIENCE

Each year the Retirement System completes an experience study in order to regularly monitor the reasonableness and appropriateness of the actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation. These assumptions are used to estimate the probability a member will cease teaching by retirement, withdrawal, disability, or death. In addition, the assumptions are used to estimate future salary increases, future investment earnings, and the probability of death for retired members and beneficiaries. A summary of the results of the most recent experience study is contained in Appendix

10. The current actuarial assumptions were adopted by the Retirement Board on October 25, 2000, effective with the actuarial valuation of the Retirement System's assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2000.

The Retirement Board annually reviews the asset allocation policy to determine if historical investment experience, recent developments and/or future expectations require any changes in the policy. The current asset allocation policy as approved by the Retirement Board in July 2004 continues to produce a long-term expected annual investment rate of return of 8.0%. Therefore, the valuation rate of interest of 8.0% is reasonable and appropriate.

I. NEW LEGISLATION

During the 2004 Legislative Session the following benefit improvements were enacted:

1) De Minimus Lump Sum:

Chapter 718 of the Laws of 2004 extended until June 30, 2005 the window period in which currently retired members or beneficiaries with an annual benefit of \$2,400 or less could elect to receive a one-time actuarially equivalent lump sum instead of receiving future monthly benefits. This legislation was first introduced through Chapter 167 of the Laws of 2003.

2) Eliminate Transfer of Reserves:

Chapter 647 of the Laws of 2004 generally eliminates the requirement to transfer employer reserves for non-uniform members transferring from one public employee retirement system within the State of New York to another.

3) Retirement Incentive:

There was no early retirement incentive enacted during the 2004 Legislative Session. Incentives had been offered in seven of the past nine years.

J. FUTURE EXPECTATIONS

The Normal Rate is greater than zero for the third consecutive year, after a Normal Rate equal to zero for the prior six years. Prior to recent experience, many years of favorable investment returns, which generated large investment gains, drove the Employer Contribution Rate down to historically low levels. Unfortunately, the decline in the capital markets in recent years has led to a sharp reduction in assets and an increase in the Employer Contribution Rate.

The market value rate of return on assets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004 was 16.1%. This favorable rate of return, however, follows four consecutive years in which our market value rate of return was less than the assumed actuarial valuation rate of return of 8.0%. The five-year market value rate of return is 2.6% as of June 30, 2004. This is significantly less than the valuation assumption rate of return of 8.0%. The continued actuarial losses on account of investment returns and the upward pressure of New Entrants on the Normal Rate will very likely continue to increase the Normal Rate over the next several years. If returns in the capital markets are below expectations and actuarial losses, as a result, continue to accrue, the Normal Rate will increase beyond the New Entrant Normal Rate of 11.5% of pay.

K. CERTIFICATION

This actuarial valuation relies on member data provided by the participating

employers to the Retirement System's administrative staff. The administrative and

actuarial staffs review this data for reasonability as well as reconcile it against prior

data. In addition, the valuation relies on financial data provided by the Retirement

System's Finance Department. All data is reviewed by the Retirement System's

independent auditors as part of the annual audit.

The benefits recognized in this actuarial valuation are prescribed by New York

State statute (Article 11 of the Education Law and Articles 11, 14, 15, 18, 19, and 20 of

the Retirement and Social Security Law), and are summarized in Appendix 15. All

benefits are included in the actuarial valuation. The actuarial methods, calculations,

and actuarial assumptions are in accordance with standards of practice prescribed by

the Actuarial Standards Board and generally accepted actuarial principles and

procedures. The assumptions used in determining the liabilities and costs are internally

consistent and reasonably related to actual and anticipated future experience of the

Retirement System. I meet the qualification standards of the American Academy of

Actuaries.

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DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS

From June 30, 2003 to June 30, 2004

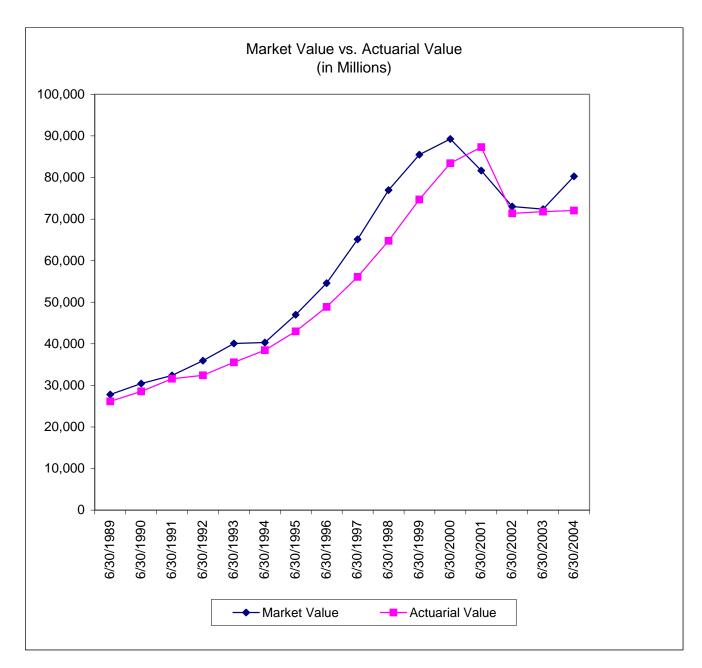
		Actuarial Value (in thousands)
1.	Actuarial Value of Assets as of June 30, 2003	\$71,738,957
2.	Contributions and Transfers	
	Employer contributions Member contributions Net transfer of reserves in/out	139,821 133,435 <u>38,277</u>
	Subtotal	311,533
	Net Investment Income/(Loss) Distributions	3,871,017
	Benefit payments Return of member contributions	3,912,021 16,744
	Subtotal	3,928,765
	Actuarial Value of Assets as of June 30, 2004	<u>\$71,992,742*</u>
6.	Market Value of Assets as of June 30, 2004	\$80,276,246

^{*}Actuarial value of assets used in determining the Normal Rate, and excludes net asset value of Group Life Insurance Fund.

APPENDIX 2

COMPARISON OF MARKET VALUE TO ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS

	Market <u>Value</u>	Actuarial <u>Value</u>			Market <u>Value</u>	Actuarial <u>Value</u>
6/30/1989	\$ 27,799.4	\$ 26,151.3		6/30/1997	\$ 65,152.4	\$ 56,085.3
6/30/1990	30,435.7	28,552.7		6/30/1998	76,980.5	64,778.9
6/30/1991	32,367.7	31,577.3		6/30/1999	85,514.4	74,721.1
6/30/1992	35,940.9	32,432.3		6/30/2000	89,247.3	83,421.8
6/30/1993	40,094.6	35,527.1		6/30/2001	81,664.2	87,295.3
6/30/1994	40,291.5	38,464.9		6/30/2002	73,041.2	71,374.4
6/30/1995	46,999.1	42,984.8		6/30/2003	72,391.5	71,780.4
6/30/1996	54,567.5	48,865.4		6/30/2004	80,276.2	72,044.4



THE ACTUARY'S VALUATION BALANCE SHEET

as of June 30, 2004 (in Thousands)

Since the liabilities of a retirement system consist largely of obligations on account of benefits which have not yet matured, an annual statement of its receipts and disbursements or of its income and expenditures is not sufficient to indicate its true financial position. These statements give a clear picture of the current transactions of a retirement system and show what the present assets are, but since these present assets are held for the payment of future benefits coming due over a longer period of time, we have no basis for judging the financial solvency of the system unless we determine by actuarial valuation what these future benefits are likely to amount to and whether the present assets, together with the prospective assets, will be sufficient to cover their costs.

The following balance sheet furnishes this comparison. It presents the results of the annual actuarial valuation of the present and prospective assets and liabilities of the retirement system, which was prepared by the Actuary as of June 30, 2004.

ASSETS

Present Assets of System for Valuation Purposes*	\$72,044,385		
Present Value of Prospective Contributions to Pension Accumulation Fund			
from Employer Contributions	9,290,908		
from Member Contributions	<u>627,626</u>		
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$81,962,919</u>		

LIABILITIES

Drocont	\/alua	of Euturo	Renefits to:	
Present	value	or Future	Benefits to:	

Retired Members and Beneficiaries	\$36,824,596
Active Members	45,078,799
Member Contributions Accumulated to Date in the Annuity Savings Fund	51,582
Benefits Due and Unpaid	<u>7,942</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$81,962,919</u>

^{*}Differs from the assets presented in the Retirement System's financial statements because the actuarial value of assets is not at market value.

FUNDING PROGRESS

The Actuary's Valuation Balance Sheet provides a point-in-time comparison, as determined by actuarial valuation, between the present value of projected future benefits and the present assets as well as prospective contributions. In order to effectively assess the funding progress of a retirement system, it is necessary to compare the actuarial value of assets and the accrued pension benefit liabilities calculated in a manner consistent with the Retirement System's funding method over a period of time.

The Retirement System's funding method has allowed the accumulation of assets sufficient for the funding of its liabilities in a systematic and reasonable manner.

Analysis of Funding Progress in Conformity with the Retirement System's Funding Method (in Millions)

Fiscal <u>Year</u>	Actuarial Value <u>of Assets</u>	Accrued Pension Benefit <u>Liability</u>	Percentage <u>Funded</u>
1985	\$15,154.5	\$16,996.6	89.2%
1986	17,177.1	18,991.6	90.4
1987	20,613.4	22,348.7	92.2
1988	22,854.7	24,610.4	92.9
1989	26,151.3	27,763.3	94.2
1990	28,552.7	30,405.9	93.9
1990	31,577.3	33,336.9	94.7
1992	32,432.3	34,158.3	94.9
1993	35,527.1	37,230.3	95.4
1994	38,464.9	40,004.1	96.2
4005	40.004.0	44.050.0	07.4
1995	42,984.8	44,258.2	97.1
1996	48,865.4	47,995.8	101.8
1997	56,085.3	50,868.0	110.3
1998	64,778.9	53,961.5	120.0
1999	74,721.1	65,636.7	113.8
2000	83,421.8	67,201.9	124.1
2001	87,295.3	69,817.0	125.0
2002	71,374.4	71,693.4	99.6
2003	71,780.4	72,209.4	99.4
2004	72,044.4	72,604.9	99.2

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE

2004 Valuation 8.00% Interest

Normal Rate		7.58 %
Group Life Rate		0.13
Excess Benefit Plan Rate		0.01
Expense Rate		0.25
Computed Contribution Rate as of June 30, 2004	=	7.97 %

2004 Valuation ~ 8.00% Interest

Liabilities

L1	Active Tier 1	
LI	Service Pension	\$10,376,603,656
	Disability Pension	2,305,458
	Vested Pension	24,368,259
	Active Death over \$50,000	42,516,406
	Death Benefit After 10-Yr Withdrawal over \$50,000	3,732
	Annuity Savings Fund	51,581,669
	COLA	270,143,776
	Total	\$10,767,522,956
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L2	Active Tier 2	DE EEO 004 E40
	Service Pension	\$5,559,064,519
	Post Retired Death over \$50,000	4,171,382
	Disability Pension	11,229,984
	Post Disabled Death over \$50,000	127,424
	Vested Pension	102,521,791
	Active Death over \$50,000	19,916,700
	Death Benefit After 10-Yr Withdrawal over \$50,000	32,846
	COLA	141,797,109
	Total	\$5,838,861,755
L3	Active Tier 3	
	Service Pension	\$5,557,152,217
	Post Retired Death over \$50,000	6,551,615
	Disability Pension	24,857,507
	Post Disabled Death over \$50,000	467,379
	Refund on Active Death	6,526,557
	Active Death over \$50,000	30,713,941
	Refund on Quit	413,150
	Vested Pension	186,323,088
	Death Benefit After 10-Yr Withdrawal over \$50,000	164,663
	Refund on Death after Vested Withdrawal	106,714
	COLA	147,314,535
	Total	\$5,960,591,366
L4	Active Tier 4	
L4	Service Pension	\$19,343,115,655
	Post Retired Death over \$50,000	47,563,523
	Disability Pension	153,728,880
	Post Disabled Death over \$50,000 Refund on Active Death	4,449,020
		24,967,457
	Active Death over \$50,000	218,289,057
	Refund on Quit	155,324,525
	Vested Pension	1,207,895,031
	Death Benefit After 10-Yr Withdrawal over \$50,000	3,470,398
	Refund on Death after Vested Withdrawal	2,182,714
	COLA	502,937,023
	Total	\$21,663,923,283

2004 Valuation 8.00% Interest

Liabilities (continued)

L5	Retirees	
_0	Retired Pension	\$32,372,279,366
	Retired Annuity	218,907,786
	Disability Pension	227,562,036
	Disability Annuity	1,709,545
	Beneficiary Pension	358,858,389
	Beneficiary Annuity	9,266,222
	DBA Pension	8,138,264
	DBA Annuity	807,031
	Escalation	4,283,581
	Post Retired Death over \$50,000	479,674
	COLA	2,268,681,893
	Catch-Up & Prior §532 Supp	1,320,119,188
	Total	\$36,791,092,975
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L6	Vesteds	
	Inactive Vested	\$137,885,151
	Death Benefit After 10-Yr Withdrawal over \$50,000	252,974
	Active Vested	395,686,907
	Death Benefit After 10-Yr Withdrawal over \$50,000	1,413,978
	COLA	13,878,859
	Total	\$549,117,869
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L7	TIAA	
	Service Pension	\$4,105,080
	Disability Pension	104,856
	Vested Pension	184,503
	Active Death over \$50,000	6,450
	COLA	325,297
	Total	\$4,726,186
L8	Miscellaneous	
	Incurred Death but not Paid	\$1,925,133
	Unclaimed Non-Member Funds	3,981,486
	Total	\$5,906,619
	Total Liabilities	\$81,581,743,009
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2004 Valuation 8.00% Interest

Assets for Valuation

Current Total Assets \$78,557,754,240

Less: Left with Organization to Accrue Interest 1,024,406

Expenses Due and Accrued 14,860,855

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Other Liabilities 103,745,059
Expense Fund 11,687,074

Sub-total \$78,426,436,846

Less: Adjustment for 5 Year Averaging of Equities 372,051,768

Less: Provision for Adverse Market Deviation 6,010,000,000

Assets for Valuation Purposes \$72,044,385,078

Less: Group Life Insurance Fund Net Asset Value \$51,642,635

Assets for Normal Rate Valuation Purposes \$71,992,742,443

Receivables

R1 Assets receivable from Normal Rate in 2004-2005 fiscal year

(2003-2004 paybase)(2002 Normal Rate)(1.0800) -7/24

(11,800,000,000) (0.0213)(1.0800) $^{-7/24}$ \$245,761,028

R2 Assets receivable from Normal Rate in 2005-2006 fiscal year

(2004-2005 paybase)(2003 Normal Rate)(1.0800) -1 7/24

 $(12,254,000,000) (0.0524)(1.0800)^{-17/24}$ \$581,348,843

R3 Assets receivable from the amortization of the 1987 Normal Rate due to the

enactment of Chapter 175 of the Laws of 1990 \$9,722,877

R4 Assets receivable from the amortization of Article 18 \$1,605,550

R5 Present Value of Future Member Contributions

(Tier 3 Present Value of Future Employee Contributions)(1.0800) -7/24

(0) (1.0800) -1/24 \$0

(Tier 4 Present Value of Future Employee Contributions)(1.0800)

(641,874,280) (1.0800) -7/24 <u>\$627,626,653</u>

\$627,626,653

2004 Valuation 8.00% Interest

Receivables (continued)

R6 Assets receivable from Retirement Incentive Payments Chapter 70 of the Laws of 1999 Receivable in 2004-2005 (6,928,193) (1.0800) - 7/24	<u>\$6,774,409</u>	\$6,774,409
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Chapter 86 of the Laws of 2000		
Receivable in 2004-2005		
(16,402,032) (1.0800) - 7/24	\$16,037,958	
Receivable in 2005-2006		
(16,317,421) (1.0800) - 1 7/24	<u>\$14,773,356</u>	
		\$30,811,314
Chapter 69 of the Laws of 2002		
Receivable in 2004-2005		
(29,521,812) (1.0800) - 7/24	\$28,866,519	
Receivable in 2005-2006	, , ,	
(24,910,051) (1.0800) - 1.7/24	\$22,552,893	
Receivable in 2006-2007	, , ,	
(24,910,051) (1.0800) - 27/24	\$20,882,309	
Receivable in 2007-2008	. , ,	
(24,910,051) (1.0800) - 3 7/24	\$19,335,471	

\$1,595,287,866

\$91,637,192

2004 Valuation 8.00% Interest

Present Value of Future Salaries

	<u>Total PVFS</u>			
Tier 1	\$3,410,798,088			
Tier 2	3,721,339,113			
Tier 3	7,979,727,189			
Tier 4	92,704,484,459			
	\$107,816,348,849	Х	$(1.0800)^{-1}$	7/24
			=	\$105,423,158,884

Normal Rate

Group Life Insurance Fund

2004 Valuation 8.00% Interest

A)	Calculation	of June 30	2004	Balance

B)

C)

D) GLIF Net Asset Value (A - C)

Actuarial Value as of J	luly 1, 2003	\$83,742,572
Interest	[83,742,572 x .08]	\$6,699,406
October 15, 2003 actual October 15, 2003 defe Premium Gain/(Loss)		(\$83,825)
Interest	[(83,825) x (1.08 ^{8.5/12} -1)]	(\$4,696)
meresi	[(65,625) x (1.06 -1)]	(\$4,090)
Death Benefits paid in	2003-2004	(\$8,624,462)
Interest	[(8,624,462) x (1.08 ^{.5} -1)]	(\$338,342)
October 15, 2006 defe	erred premium (from B)	\$16,528,200
Interest discount	[16,528,200 x (1.08 ^{-(2+3.5/12)} -1)]	(\$2,672,469)
Actuarial Value as of		\$95,246,384
Actuariar Value as or	oune 30, 2004	Ψ30,240,304
Calculation of Requir	red Premium, GLIF Rate and Deferred Premium	
Death benefits	[8,624,462 x 1.08 ^{2+9.5/12}]	\$10,691,533
Interest	[(6,699,406) x 1.08 ^{2+3.5/12}]	(\$7,991,575)
Premium Loss/(Gain) Adjustment to the GLIF Total required premium	Freserve	\$105,595 <u>\$13,722,647</u> \$16,528,200
GLIF Rate =	Required premium	
5 <u></u>	Estimated 2005-2006 paybase	
=	\$16,528,200 \$12,714,000,000	
	\$12,714,000,000	
=	0.13%	
October 15, 2006 defe	erred premium [12,714,000,000 x 0.0013]	\$16,528,200
Summary of Deferred	d Premiums	
Due October 15, 2004 Due October 15, 2005 Due October 15, 2006	\$16,048,500	Present Value <u>as of 6/30/2004</u> \$15,218,136 \$14,529,882 <u>\$13,855,731</u> \$43,603,749

Excess Benefit Plan Fund*

2004 Valuation

<u>Balan</u>	ce as of July 1, 2004	\$399,589
less	Accrual Final Adjustment for the 2004 Fiscal Year	\$735,279
plus	Employer contribution (paid 10/15/2004) [0.0001 X \$11,800,000,000 (6/30/2002 ECR rate of .01% times '03-'04 paybase)]	\$1,180,000
less	Annual Estimated Payments	<u>\$600,000</u>
Expe	eted Balance as of June 30, 2005	\$244,310
plus	Employer contribution (payable 10/15/2005) [0.0001 X \$12,254,000,000 (6/30/2003 ECR rate of .01% times est'd. '04-'05 paybase)]	\$1,225,400
less	Annual Estimated Payments (\$600,000 X 1.5)	<u>\$900,000</u>
Exped	eted Balance as of June 30, 2006	\$569,710

		Anticipated Excess Benefits Paid in 2006-2007		\$600,000 X 1.5 X 1.5
Rate	=	2005-2006 Salary	=	\$12,714,000,000
	=	\$1,350,000 \$12,714,000,000	=	0.01062%

round up to 0.01%

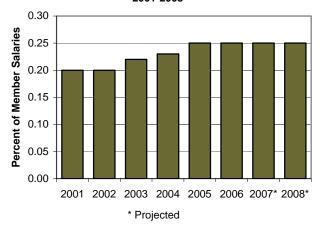
^{*} Fund is in a zero-interest checking account

The Administrative Employer Contribution Rate¹

The administrative employer contribution rate (Rate) is adopted annually by the Retirement Board as part of the overall employer contribution rate in an amount necessary to defray estimated expenses (exclusive of investment operations) for the following fiscal year. The Rate remained at 0.20% for a seven-year period from 1995-96 through 2001-02. Current economic conditions and projects set forth in the System's business plan necessitated an annual increase in the rate through 2004-05 to 0.25% where it remains today.

Projected 2006-07 member-related expenses have been calculated by increasing the 2005-06 member-related expenses by an estimated 6% based on the System's five-year plan. The projected member salary base is actuarially determined. It has been estimated at \$12,714,000,000 for 2005-06.

Administrative Employer Contribution Rate 2001-2008



Based on the calculation as shown below, the Rate for 2006-07 will be set at 0.25%.

Budgeted 2005-06 Member-Related Expenses \$29,360,271 $\times 1.06$ Projected 2006-07 Member-Related Expenses \$31,121,887

Projected 2006-07

<u>Member-Related Expenses</u> = \$\frac{31,121,887}{\$12,714,000,000} = 0.25\%

Member Salary Base

¹ From NYSTRS 2005 – 2006 Operating Budget.

Asset Valuation Worksheet

Market Value							
	Market Value	Book Value	Ratio of Market	Ratio of Market	Actuarial Value	less Actuarial	
<u>Date</u>	of Stocks	of Stocks	to Book (1 year)	to Book (5-year)	of Stocks	Value of Stocks	
6/30/67	193,622,030	174,113,382	1.1120				
6/30/68	254,183,357	215,432,574	1.1799				
6/30/69	290,440,708	260,486,967	1.1150				
6/30/70	323,557,079	377,646,664	0.8568				
6/30/71	671,384,087	557,998,577	1.2032				
6/30/72	941,919,694	742,546,482	1.2685	1.1520	855,413,547	86,506,147	
6/30/73	1,046,419,062	916,049,587	1.1423	1.1468	1,050,525,666	(4,106,604)	
6/30/74	1,098,202,008	1,171,497,464	0.9374	1.0838	1,269,668,951	(171,466,943)	
6/30/75	1,547,893,276	1,476,678,524	1.0482	1.0907	1,610,613,266	(62,719,990)	
6/30/76	1,689,457,649	1,505,122,306	1.1225	1.0881	1,637,723,581	51,734,068	
6/30/77	1,857,675,150	1,866,225,472	0.9954	1.0438	1,947,966,148	(90,290,998)	
6/30/78	1,947,456,862	2,074,089,082	0.9389	1.0058	2,086,118,799	(138,661,937)	
6/30/79	2,163,424,739	2,197,671,694	0.9844	1.0094	2,218,329,808	(54,905,069)	
6/30/80	2,500,532,983	2,432,004,801	1.0282	1.0083	2,452,190,441	48,342,542	
6/30/81	3,147,812,912	2,858,116,465	1.1014	1.0165	2,905,275,387	242,537,525	
6/30/82	2,688,241,092	3,103,527,864	0.8662	0.9828	3,050,147,185	(361,906,093)	
6/30/83	4,715,183,799	3,707,199,355	1.2719	1.0641	3,944,830,834	770,352,965	
6/30/84	4,769,110,738	4,662,925,508	1.0228	1.0631	4,957,156,108	(188,045,370)	
6/30/85	6,467,778,562	5,314,047,373	1.2171	1.1090	5,893,278,537	574,500,025	
6/30/86	8,963,298,931	6,172,606,434	1.4521	1.2022	7,420,707,455	1,542,591,476	
6/30/87	11,835,709,857	7,637,352,575	1.5497	1.3367	10,208,849,187	1,626,860,670	
6/30/88	11,363,688,597	8,803,305,570	1.2908	1.3317	11,723,362,028	(359,673,431)	
6/30/89	14,305,310,920	10,366,553,683	1.3799	1.3824	14,330,723,811	(25,412,891)	
6/30/90	16,636,940,344	11,594,113,081	1.4349	1.4157	16,413,785,889	223,154,455	
6/30/91	17,781,736,078	12,294,776,273	1.4463	1.4187	17,442,599,099	339,136,979	
6/30/92	20,567,343,426	13,488,493,286	1.5248	1.4263	19,238,637,974	1,328,705,452	
6/30/93	24,156,413,259	15,057,722,635	1.6043	1.4880	22,405,891,281	1,750,521,978	
6/30/94	24,261,470,427	16,036,657,117	1.5129	1.5102	24,218,559,578	42,910,849	
6/30/95	33,893,020,765	22,721,906,674	*	*	32,127,452,426	1,765,568,339	
6/30/96	40,549,224,315	24,915,695,917	*	*	36,526,249,444	4,022,974,871	
6/30/97	50,533,580,007	27,386,455,151	*	*	42,856,615,770	7,676,964,237	
6/30/98	60,286,117,262	29,309,696,097	*	*	49,810,326,055	10,475,791,207	
6/30/99	68,503,291,853	31,557,801,910	*	*	58,632,335,505	9,870,956,348	
6/30/00	69,534,264,698	32,316,817,116	*	*	63,712,463,653	5,821,801,045	
6/30/01	58,032,437,700	32,366,074,049	*	*	65,118,183,908	(7,085,746,208)	
6/30/02	49,458,132,096	32,632,394,594	*	*	62,721,988,613	(13,263,856,517)	
6/30/03	52,366,372,088	34,016,251,418	*	*	62,079,849,516	(9,713,477,428)	
6/30/04	61,922,956,181	35,327,475,477	*	*	61,550,904,413	372,051,768	

^{*} Method changed to compute separate adjustments for Domestic Equity, International Equity, Real Estate, Global Fixed Income, and Alternative Investments.

ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS Domestic Equity

			MV/BV		ACTUARIAL	ADJUSTMENT TO
	MARKET VALUE	BOOK VALUE	<u>1 Yr.</u>	<u>5 Yr</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	ADMITTED ASSETS
1991	17,781,736,078	12,294,776,273	1.4463			
1992	20,567,343,426	13,488,493,286	1.5248			
1993	24,156,413,259	15,057,722,635	1.6043			
1994	24,261,470,427	16,036,657,117	1.5129			
1995	27,708,449,455	16,639,109,212	1.6653	1.5571	25,908,756,954	1,799,692,501
1996	32,407,921,562	17,610,836,894	1.8402	1.6377	28,841,267,581	3,566,653,981
1997	40,505,759,373	19,194,162,406	2.1103	1.7630	33,839,308,322	6,666,451,051
1998	49,456,228,457	20,673,780,017	2.3922	1.9338	39,978,955,797	9,477,272,660
1999	56,241,849,881	22,099,879,745	2.5449	2.1443	47,388,772,137	8,853,077,744
2000	54,798,012,497	22,110,078,683	2.4784	2.2953	50,749,263,601	4,048,748,896
2001	46,680,552,985	22,273,232,404	2.0958	2.3289	51,872,130,946	(5,191,577,961)
2002	38,817,973,890	21,968,628,079	1.7670	2.2542	49,521,681,416	(10,703,707,526)
2003	41,368,456,373	23,127,578,078	1.7887	2.1322	49,312,621,978	(7,944,165,605)
2004	48,422,430,924	23,832,833,816	2.0318	2.0306	48,394,952,347	27,478,577

ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS International Equity

			MV/BV		ACTUARIAL	ADJUSTMENT TO
	MARKET VALUE	BOOK VALUE	<u>1 Yr.</u>	<u>5 Yr</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	ADMITTED ASSETS
1991	243,389,702	250,000,000	0.9736			
1992	265,538,141	250,000,000	1.0622			
1993	296,250,027	250,000,000	1.1850			
1994	2,075,382,282	1,930,000,000	1.0753			
1995	4,112,963,293	3,930,000,000	1.0466	1.0580	4,157,940,000	(44,976,707)
1996	4,856,575,588	3,930,000,000	1.2358	1.1280	4,433,040,000	423,535,588
1997	6,039,080,989	4,330,000,000	1.3947	1.2095	5,237,135,000	801,945,989
1998	6,535,358,854	4,460,000,000	1.4653	1.2712	5,669,552,000	865,806,854
1999	7,677,410,137	4,960,000,000	1.5479	1.3522	6,706,912,000	970,498,137
2000	9,060,403,809	5,010,000,000	1.8085	1.5059	7,544,559,000	1,515,844,809
2001	6,730,333,328	6,037,303,542	1.1148	1.4535	8,775,220,698	(2,044,887,370)
2002	5,826,091,451	6,126,110,193	0.9510	1.3473	8,253,708,263	(2,427,616,812)
2003	5,752,950,708	5,893,690,621	0.9761	1.2505	7,370,060,122	(1,617,109,414)
2004	7,556,572,509	6,084,576,976	1.2419	1.1981	7,289,931,675	266,640,834

ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS Real Estate

			MV/BV		ACTUARIAL	ADJUSTMENT TO
	MARKET VALUE	BOOK VALUE	<u>1 Yr.</u>	<u>5 Yr</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	ADMITTED ASSETS
1991	839,712,737	871,702,091	0.9633			
1992	1,001,942,240	1,068,540,480	0.9377			
1993	957,213,026	1,080,353,367	0.8860			
1994	992,296,569	1,115,593,881	0.8895			
1995	1,167,286,469	1,258,087,385	0.9278	0.9192	1,156,433,924	10,852,545
1996	1,578,800,939	1,680,718,149	0.9394	0.9185	1,543,739,620	35,061,319
1997	2,171,825,120	2,025,792,115	1.0721	0.9591	1,942,937,217	228,887,903
1998	2,382,344,041	2,242,961,628	1.0621	0.9963	2,234,662,670	147,681,371
1999	2,524,773,067	2,349,333,673	1.0747	1.0281	2,415,349,949	109,423,118
2000	3,005,363,738	2,594,872,894	1.1582	1.0706	2,778,070,920	227,292,818
2001	3,553,453,286	3,028,639,042	1.1733	1.1141	3,374,206,757	179,246,529
2002	3,493,798,066	3,170,967,587	1.1018	1.1175	3,543,556,278	(49,758,212)
2003	3,586,040,650	3,256,171,065	1.1013	1.1225	3,655,052,020	(69,011,370)
2004	3,654,042,306	3,270,085,890	1.1174	1.1287	3,690,945,944	(36,903,638)

ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS Alternative Investments

			MV/BV		ACTUARIAL	ADJUSTMENT TO
	MARKET VALUE	BOOK VALUE	<u>1 Yr.</u>	<u>5 Yr</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	ADMITTED ASSETS
1999	415,342,943	368,654,909	1.1266	1.1266	415,342,943	(0)
2000	653,612,843	605,623,810	1.0792	1.0972	664,490,444	(10,877,601)
2001	1,068,098,101	1,026,899,061	1.0401	1.0679	1,096,625,507	(28,527,406)
2002	1,320,268,689	1,366,688,735	0.9660	1.0266	1,403,042,655	(82,773,966)
2003	1,658,924,357	1,738,811,654	0.9541	1.0019	1,742,115,396	(83,191,039)
2004	2,289,910,442	2,139,978,795	1.0701	1.0164	2,175,074,447	114,835,995

MEMBER RECONCILIATION

ACTIVE MEMBERS:

	Men	Women	Total
July 1, 2003	62,854	184,393	247,247
Changes During Year:			
Added	4,306	14,165	18,471
Withdrawn	976	2,782	3,758
Retired	2,439	4,848	7,287
Died	56	102	158
Total Membership July 1, 2004	63,689	190,826	254,515

MEMBERS RETIRED FOR:

		Service			Vesting			Disability			Total	
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
July 1, 2003 Changes During Year:	41,064	63,898	104,962	2,925	4,049	6,974	573	1,342	1,915	44,562	69,289	113,851
Retired	2,285	4,426	6,711	131	309	440	23	113	136 *	2,439	4,848	7,287
Died	891	1,689	2,580	43	55	98	35	79	114	969	1,823	2,792
Lump Sum Restored to Active	187	531	718	306	475	781	0	0	0	493	1,006	1,499
Membership	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	5	2	3	5
July 1, 2004	42,271	66,104	108,375	2,707	3,828	6,535	559	1,373	1,932 **	45,537	71,305	116,842

BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED:

_	Service Annuitants		<u> </u>	Disability Annuitants		Active Members		Total				
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total
July 1, 2003 Changes During Year:	737	3,058	3,795	74	177	251	69	342	411	880	3,577	4,457
Added	100	265	365	6	10	16	0	0	0	106	275	381
Died	48	155	203	2	5	7	5	12	17	55	172	227
Lump Sum	33	54	87	0	2	2	29	89	118	62	145	207
July 1, 2004	756	3,114	3,870	78	180	258	35	241	276	869	3,535	4,404

SUMMARY

	Men	Women	Total
Anti-un Marchaus	62.600	100.000	254 545
Active Members	63,689	190,826	254,515
Retired Members	45,537	71,305	116,842
Beneficiaries	869	3,535	4,404
Total	110,095	265,666	375,761

^{*}Includes 3 males and 11 females retired for disability who receive a service benefit.

^{**}Includes 50 males and 67 females retired for disability who receive a service benefit.

DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS

Distribution by Age as of June 30, 2004

			Total
<u>Age</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Members</u>
15-19	4	24	28
20-24	1,783	5,955	7,738
25-29	8,763	24,755	33,518
30-34	9,546	27,103	36,649
35-39	8,349	23,734	32,083
40-44	7,121	23,376	30,497
45-49	7,020	24,788	31,808
50-54	10,033	31,976	42,009
55-59	8,353	21,304	29,657
60-64	2,084	6,272	8,356
65-69	422	1,147	1,569
70-74	133	292	425
75-79	50	80	130
80-84	26	16	42
85 or older	2	4	6
Total	63,689	190,826	254,515

Average Male age is 42 years 3 months

Average Female age is 42 years 3 months

Distribution of Active Members by Age and New York State Service as of June 30, 2004 Males

Age	Less Than 10 Years New York State Service	10 or more Years New York <u>State Service</u>	Total New York State Service
15-19	4	0	4
20-24	1,783	0	1,783
25-29	8,762	1	8,763
30-34	9,004	542	9,546
35-39	5,505	2,844	8,349
40-44	3,423	3,698	7,121
45-49	2,692	4,328	7,020
50-54	2,197	7,836	10,033
55-59	1,420	6,933	8,353
60-64	645	1,439	2,084
65-69	219	203	422
70-74	80	53	133
75-79	30	20	50
80-84	13	13	26
85 or older	0	2	2
Total	35,777	27,912	63,689

Females

	Less Than 10 Years New York State Service	10 or more Years New York State Service	Total New York State Service
15-19	24	0	24
20-24	5,955	0	5,955
25-29	24,755	0	24,755
30-34	25,584	1,519	27,103
35-39	16,146	7,588	23,734
40-44	13,026	10,350	23,376
45-49	12,178	12,610	24,788
50-54	9,442	22,534	31,976
55-59	4,321	16,983	21,304
60-64	1,395	4,877	6,272
65-69	337	810	1,147
70-74	119	173	292
75-79	28	52	80
80-84	8	8	16
85 or older	2	2	4
Total	113,320	77,506	190,826

Distribution of Active Members by Total Service as of June 30, 2004

<u>Service</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
0-4	22,689	70,517	93,206
5-9	12,642	40,785	53,427
10-14	7,113	24,133	31,246
15-19	5,550	20,828	26,378
20-24	3,887	13,803	17,690
25-29	4,196	11,046	15,242
30-34	5,890	8,318	14,208
35 or more	1,722	1,396	3,118
Total	63,689	190,826	254,515

Median Male has 8 Years of Total Service

Median Female has 7 Years of Total Service

APPENDIX 8 HISTORICAL MEMBER STATISTICS

Members and Annuitants 1925-2004

As of		
<u>June 30</u>	<u>Members</u>	Retirees
1925	29,057	1,815
1930	39,663	2,732
1935	45,031	3,919
1940	48,193	4,771
1945	52,359	5,637
1950	56,504	6,374
1955	71,273	7,897
1960	99,555	10,796
1965	129,543	16,043
1970	186,914	22,700
1975	227,038	35,252
1980	203,330	46,812
1985	178,516	57,366
1990	195,194	69,127
1995	199,398	82,459
2000	224,986	100,839
2004	254,515	121,246

Number of Active Members By Tier

As of					
<u>June 30</u>	<u>Tier I</u>	Tier II	Tier III	Tier IV	<u>Total</u>
1985	106,602	22,082	36,705	13,127	178,516
1986	101,060	20,736	34,691	22,761	179,248
1987	96,334	19,878	32,906	33,137	182,255
1988	92,858	19,809	32,095	43,171	187,933
1989	88,984	19,092	30,720	52,957	191,753
1990	85,103	18,590	29,422	62,079	195,194
1991	81,010	18,224	28,348	67,723	195,305
1992	74,872	17,801	27,495	72,205	192,373
1993	70,180	17,448	26,788	78,475	192,891
1994	67,423	17,212	26,121	84,935	195,691
1995	64,093	17,012	25,206	93,087	199,398
1996	58,850	16,596	24,546	100,926	200,918
1997	53,502	16,186	23,861	110,167	203,716
1998	49,266	15,860	23,302	120,652	209,080
1999	50,859	15,776	20,726	128,906	216,267
2000	47,234	15,700	20,159	141,893	224,986
2001	41,169	15,472	19,914	157,795	234,350
2002	35,601	15,121	19,674	172,438	242,834
2003	28,327	14,463	19,083	185,374	247,247
2004	22,986	13,947	18,835	198,747	254,515

RETIREMENT STATISTICS

RETIREMENT STATISTICS 2003-04 RETIRES RETIRED FOR:

	Service	Disability	Vesting
Number Retired	6,725	122	440
Age at Retirement:			
Average	57 yrs., 9 mos.	51 yrs., 7 mos.	55 yrs., 7 mos.
Median	56 yrs., 3 mos.	52 yrs., 3 mos.	55 yrs., 0 mos.
Years of Service:			
Average	29 yrs., 8 mos.	19 yrs., 5 mos.	14 yrs., 4 mos.
Median	33 yrs., 1 mo.	17 yrs., 2 mos.	13 yrs., 0 mos.
*Benefit:			
Average	\$47,520.01	\$22,684.68	\$7,516.51
Median	\$49,924.68	\$20,950.92	\$4,184.76
Final Average Salary:			
Average	\$75,597.70	\$59,784.56	\$30,027.43
Median	\$76,364.23	\$60,327.50	\$25,881.88
**Benefit as % of FAS:			
Average	58.62%	36.93%	21.02%
Median	66.22%	33.33%	16.33%

2003-04 RETIREES RETIRED FOR SERVICE WITH:

	Less Than 20 Yrs. N.Y.	Between 20 Yrs. N.Y. and 35 Yrs. Total	35 Yrs. Total or More
Number Retired	904	3,455	2,366
Age at Retirement:			
Average	59 yrs., 6 mos.	57 yrs., 6 mos.	57 yrs., 6 mos.
Median	58 yrs., 3 mos.	55 yrs., 10 mos.	56 yrs., 4 mos.
Years of Service:			
Average	12 yrs., 6 mos.	29 yrs., 8 mos.	36 yrs., 6 mos.
Median	13 yrs., 1 mo.	31 yrs., 2 mos.	36 yrs., 0 mos.
*Benefit			
Average	\$8,004.90	\$45,908.41	\$64,971.29
Median	\$5,413.20	\$45,843.24	\$62,775.60
Final Average Salary:			
Average	\$37,164.05	\$76,508.14	\$88,952.90
Median	\$32,521.34	\$75,299.61	\$85,675.93
**Benefit as % of FAS:			
Average	19.07%	59.16%	72.95%
Median	17.96%	62.44%	72.00%

^{*}The maximum, even though the member may have chosen an option.

^{**}The average and median of individual benefits as percentages of final average salary.

RETIREMENT STATISTICS ALL RETIREES AS OF JUNE 30, 2004 RETIRED FOR:

	Service	Disability	Vesting
Number Retired	108,492	1,815	6,535
Age at Retirement: Average Median	58 yrs., 5 mos.	48 yrs., 9 mos.	55 yrs., 8 mos.
	57 yrs., 3 mos.	49 yrs., 8 mos.	55 yrs., 0 mos.
Years of Service: Average Median	28 yrs., 7 mos.	19 yrs., 2 mos.	15 yrs., 2 mos.
	30 yrs., 5 mos.	18 yrs., 7 mos.	14 yrs., 3 mos.
*Benefit: Average Median	\$32,580.20	\$15,339.63	\$6,271.30
	\$30,890.40	\$13,325.76	\$4,118.40
Final Average Salary: Average Median	\$54,067.47	\$40,552.53	\$23,103.83
	\$54,167.67	\$39,255.28	\$20,672.24
**Benefit as % of FAS: Average Median	56.35%	36.58%	24.71%
	60.44%	33.86%	21.51%

ALL RETIREES AS OF JUNE 30, 2004 RETIRED FOR SERVICE WITH:

	Less Than 20 Yrs. N.Y.	Between 20 Yrs. N.Y. and 35 Yrs. Total	35 Yrs. Total or More
Number Retired	14,636	69,343	24,513
Age at Retirement:			
Average	59 yrs., 5 mos.	58 yrs., 0 mos.	58 yrs., 11 mos.
Median	58 yrs., 6 mos.	56 yrs., 7 mos.	58 yrs., 3 mos.
Years of Service:			
Average	15 yrs., 1 mo.	28 yrs., 7 mos.	37 yrs., 2 mos.
Median	15 yrs., 5 mos.	29 yrs., 6 mos.	36 yrs., 6 mos.
*Benefit:			
Average	\$7,456.41	\$31,366.99	\$51,012.84
Median	\$6,079.56	\$29,887.20	\$51,098.52
Final Average Salary:			
Average	\$30,081.68	\$53,792.46	\$69,166.67
Median	\$25,148.70	\$53,567.97	\$69,461.00
**Benefit as % of FAS:			
Average	24.40%	56.97%	73.67%
Median	23.83%	58.67%	73.00%

^{*}The maximum, even though the member may have chosen an option.

^{**}The average and median of individual benefits as percentages of final average salary.

2000 - 2004 EXPERIENCE STUDY

NUMBER OF SERVICE RETIREMENTS TIER 1 AND TIERS 2,3,4 AT LEAST AGE 62 OR WITH 30 YEARS OF SERVICE EXPOSURE BASED ON ACTIVE TEACHERS ASSUMPTIONS ADOPTED OCTOBER 2000 (T1, T234)

MALES FEMALES RATIO OF RATIO OF ACTUAL TO ACTUAL TO EXPECTED EXPECTED EXPECTED <u>AGE</u> **EXPOSURES ACTUAL EXPOSURES ACTUAL EXPECTED** 50 2,135 11 0.00 5,820 13 0.00 51 17 0.00 29 0.00 3,863 9,453 52 6,505 65 0.00 13,931 78 0.00 53 8,668 0.00 280 0.00 177 16,875 54 9,777 615 0.00 17,282 796 0.00 55 9,943 3,791 2,758.09 1.375 16,168 4,928 4,253.14 1.159 56 2,312 1.352 1.237 6,720 1,709.57 11,212 2,978 2,407.77 57 4,543 1,192 1,023.71 1.164 8,217 1,613 1,443.67 1.117 58 936 747.68 1.252 3,389 6,493 1,348 1,106.13 1.219 59 2,516 776 583.05 1.331 5,273 1,167 978.80 1.192 60 575 485.53 1.184 4,036 1,045 1.174 1,789 890.49 61 1,231 387 401.88 0.963 3,015 762 794.08 0.960 62 1,375 459 535.73 0.857 4,359 1,241 1,355.79 0.915 63 862 231 304.52 0.759 2,946 796 888.01 0.896 64 649 156 235.57 0.662 2,089 480 616.55 0.779 502 0.576 485 0.905 65 124 215.16 1,609 536.03 66 372 88 141.04 0.624 1,075 267 366.55 0.728 67 258 57 84.09 0.678 784 174 235.18 0.740 68 198 44 51.61 0.853 606 135 186.02 0.726 0.763 452 108 0.885 69 149 35 45.87 121.97 70 20 30.85 0.648 344 73 98.72 0.739 107 71 436 52 436.00 1,075 233 1,075.00 0.217 0.119

1.238

133,114

19,029

17,353.90

1.097

TOTAL

65,987

12,120

9,789.95

2000-2004 EXPERIENCE STUDY NUMBER OF SERVICE RETIREMENTS

TIERS 2,3,4 LESS THAN AGE 62 AND WITH LESS THAN 30 YEARS OF SERVICE EXPOSURE BASED ON ACTIVE TEACHERS ASSUMPTIONS ADOPTED OCTOBER 2000 (T234)

		MALES		RATIO OF		FEMALES		RATIO OF ACTUAL TO
<u>AGE</u>	<u>EXPOSURES</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	EXPECTED	ACTUAL TO EXPECTED	<u>EXPOSURES</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	EXPECTED	EXPECTED
50	7,778	1	0.00	-	23,225	7	0.00	-
51	7,302	4	0.00	-	20,589	15	0.00	-
52	6,264	7	0.00	-	16,934	10	0.00	-
53	5,026	8	0.00	-	13,263	17	0.00	-
54	3,958	35	0.00	-	10,622	68	0.00	-
55	3,011	197	125.28	1.572	8,697	449	571.96	0.785
56	2,266	121	86.47	1.399	7,156	310	384.18	0.807
57	1,696	86	57.33	1.500	5,870	262	257.83	1.016
58	1,311	69	43.38	1.591	4,892	244	208.35	1.171
59	1,060	60	36.85	1.628	4,162	245	193.14	1.269
60	843	53	34.32	1.544	3,479	271	191.90	1.412
61	658	51	32.22	1.583	2,748	255	180.94	1.409
62	0	0	0.00	-	0	0	0.00	-
63	0	0	0.00	-	0	0	0.00	-
64	0	0	0.00	-	0	0	0.00	-
65	0	0	0.00	-	0	0	0.00	-
66	0	0	0.00	-	0	0	0.00	-
67	0	0	0.00	-	0	0	0.00	-
68	0	0	0.00	-	0	0	0.00	-
69	0	0	0.00	-	0	0	0.00	-
70	0	0	0.00	-	0	0	0.00	-
71	0	0	0.00	-	0	0	0.00	-
TOTAL	41,173	692	415.85	1.664	121,637	2,153	1,988.30	1.083

2000-2004 EXPERIENCE STUDY NUMBER OF DEATHS AMONG ACTIVE MEMBERS EXPOSURE BASED ON ACTIVE TEACHERS ASSUMPTIONS ADOPTED OCTOBER 2000

MALES FEMALES

CENTRAL <u>AGE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	EXPECTED	RATIO OF ACTUAL TO EXPECTED	<u>ACTUAL</u>	EXPECTED	RATIO OF ACTUAL TO EXPECTED
20	0	0.11	0.000	1	0.22	4.545
25	6	6.90	0.870	8	15.69	0.510
30	12	15.22	0.788	19	25.33	0.750
35	8	16.04	0.499	11	24.01	0.458
40	10	15.56	0.643	24	31.91	0.752
45	18	29.26	0.615	51	62.44	0.817
50	60	67.44	0.890	95	117.71	0.807
55	70	88.88	0.788	78	124.37	0.627
60	28	25.15	1.113	36	50.81	0.709
65	7	6.45	1.085	17	13.35	1.273
70	10	2.08	4.808	15	3.33	4.505
TOTAL	229	273.09	0.839	355	469.17	0.757

2000-2004 EXPERIENCE STUDY NUMBER OF DISABILITY RETIREMENTS EXPOSURE BASED ON ACTIVE TEACHERS ASSUMPTIONS ADOPTED OCTOBER 2000

MALES FEMALES

CENTRAL <u>AGE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	EXPECTED	RATIO OF ACTUAL TO EXPECTED	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>EXPECTED</u>	RATIO OF ACTUAL TO EXPECTED
30	0	0.86	0.000	0	1.91	0.000
35	0	3.08	0.000	7	11.35	0.617
40	4	8.01	0.499	34	25.88	1.314
45	8	24.77	0.323	74	66.68	1.110
50	77	87.53	0.880	214	180.59	1.185
54	38	53.97	0.704	108	86.93	1.242
TOTAL	127	178.22	0.713	437	373.34	1.171

2000-2004 EXPERIENCE STUDY COMPARISON OF SALARY SCALE TO ACTUAL SALARY INCREASES ASSUMPTIONS ADOPTED OCTOBER 2000

MALES

CENTRAL <u>AGE</u>	ACTUAL SALARIES	EXPECTED SALARIES	RATIO OF ACTUAL TO <u>EXPECTED</u>
20	13,944,708	12,106,340	1.152
25	872,208,360	859,052,837	1.015
30	1,565,237,905	1,557,840,577	1.005
35	1,643,574,416	1,636,246,261	1.004
40	1,577,508,015	1,574,099,826	1.002
45	1,874,797,960	1,872,494,699	1.001
50	3,608,006,960	3,608,136,441	1.000
55	3,888,663,058	3,960,237,388	0.982
60	893,782,358	923,227,554	0.968
65	154,689,556	161,080,428	0.960
70	49,496,440	50,630,146	0.978
TOTAL	16,141,909,736	16,215,152,497	0.995

2000-2004 EXPERIENCE STUDY COMPARISON OF SALARY SCALE TO ACTUAL SALARY INCREASES ASSUMPTIONS ADOPTED OCTOBER 2000

FEMALES

CENTRAL <u>AGE</u>	ACTUAL SALARIES	EXPECTED SALARIES	RATIO OF ACTUAL TO <u>EXPECTED</u>
20	48,825,193	39,828,606	1.226
25	2,522,361,513	2,480,380,414	1.017
30	4,067,714,534	4,064,399,857	1.001
35	3,777,159,357	3,774,080,735	1.001
40	4,093,406,776	4,087,722,533	1.001
45	5,271,544,042	5,262,955,272	1.002
50	8,444,891,935	8,450,897,334	0.999
55	6,848,410,554	6,944,348,152	0.986
60	2,083,989,884	2,133,198,307	0.977
65	397,378,590	412,010,013	0.964
70	110,956,026	114,569,364	0.968
TOTAL	37,666,638,404	37,764,390,587	0.997

2000-2004 EXPERIENCE STUDY NUMBER OF WITHDRAWALS EXPOSURE BASED ON ACTIVE TEACHERS ASSUMPTIONS ADOPTED OCTOBER 2000

		MALES			FEMALES	
			RATIO OF			RATIO OF
CENTRAL			ACTUAL TO			ACTUAL TO
<u>AGE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>EXPECTED</u>	EXPECTED	<u>ACTUAL</u>	EXPECTED	EXPECTED
20	155	154.91	1.001	381	495.56	0.769
25	2,198	2,049.71	1.072	6,527	6,427.68	1.015
30	1,713	1,760.22	0.973	7,393	7,137.76	1.036
35	1,179	1,232.03	0.957	5,745	4,867.68	1.180
40	962	964.65	0.997	3,936	3,556.21	1.107
45	901	934.20	0.964	3,497	3,423.70	1.021
50	1,028	944.61	1.088	3,723	3,761.41	0.990
54	451	353.56	1.276	1,308	1,365.33	0.958
TOTAL	8,587	8,393.89	1.023	32,510	31,035.33	1.048

2000-2004 EXPERIENCE STUDY NUMBER OF DEATHS AMONG MEMBERS RETIRED FOR DISABILITY MORTALITY ADOPTED OCTOBER 2000

		MALES			FEMALES	
OFNITDAL			RATIO OF			RATIO OF
CENTRAL <u>AGE</u>	ACTUAL	EXPECTED	ACTUAL TO EXPECTED	ACTUAL	EXPECTED	ACTUAL TO EXPECTED
30	0	0.00	0.000	0	0.00	0.000
35	0	0.11	0.000	1	0.87	1.149
40	1	2.15	0.465	7	6.93	1.010
45	5	4.11	1.217	25	22.40	1.116
50	38	26.37	1.441	86	66.61	1.291
55	44	41.69	1.055	91	73.26	1.242
60	25	19.67	1.271	47	31.93	1.472
65	17	15.54	1.094	25	16.53	1.512
70	20	14.30	1.399	23	19.08	1.205
75	22	11.08	1.986	19	19.78	0.961
80	8	4.25	1.882	18	16.56	1.087
85	1	0.89	1.124	13	11.32	1.148
90	1	0.60	1.667	12	9.71	1.236
95	0	0.00	0.000	14	12.65	1.107
100	0	0.00	0.000	7	6.98	1.003
105	0	0.00	0.000	0	3.17	0.000
110	0	0.00	0.000	1	0.65	1.538
TOTAL	182	140.76	1.293	389	318.43	1.222

2000-2004 EXPERIENCE STUDY NUMBER OF DEATHS AMONG MEMBERS RETIRED FOR SERVICE MORTALITY ADOPTED OCTOBER 2000

		MALES			FEMALES	
			RATIO OF			RATIO OF
CENTRAL			ACTUAL TO			ACTUAL TO
<u>AGE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	EXPECTED	EXPECTED	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>EXPECTED</u>	EXPECTED
55	125	123.03	1.016	111	154.61	0.718
60	238	305.07	0.780	238	330.09	0.721
65	418	457.97	0.913	376	430.60	0.873
70	670	732.19	0.915	540	633.07	0.853
75	844	902.40	0.935	812	877.96	0.925
80	836	902.15	0.927	1,091	1,221.61	0.893
85	647	676.67	0.956	1,730	1,666.03	1.038
90	424	428.36	0.990	2,033	1,937.71	1.049
95	172	154.62	1.112	1,305	1,313.46	0.994
100	31	30.06	1.031	319	346.61	0.920
105	1	1.68	0.595	35	38.05	0.920
110	0	0.00	0.000	1	2.65	0.377
TOTAL	4,406	4,714.20	0.935	8,591	8,952.45	0.960

2000-2004 EXPERIENCE STUDY NUMBER OF DEATHS AMONG BENEFICIARIES MORTALITY ADOPTED OCTOBER 2000

		MALES			FEMALES	
CENTRAL <u>AGE</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>EXPECTED</u>	RATIO OF ACTUAL TO EXPECTED	<u>ACTUAL</u>	EXPECTED	RATIO OF ACTUAL TO EXPECTED
5	0	0.00	0.000	0	0.00	0.000
10	0	0.00	0.000	0	0.00	0.000
15	0	0.00	0.000	0	0.00	0.000
20	0	0.00	0.000	0	0.00	0.000
25	0	0.00	0.000	0	0.00	0.000
30	0	0.00	0.000	0	0.01	0.000
35	0	0.00	0.000	0	0.03	0.000
40	0	0.07	0.000	1	0.07	14.286
45	0	0.16	0.000	0	0.16	0.000
50	0	0.43	0.000	0	0.64	0.000
55	3	1.12	2.679	3	2.74	1.095
60	3	1.96	1.531	4	6.95	0.576
65	6	4.14	1.449	18	13.22	1.362
70	10	11.96	0.836	37	28.69	1.290
75	23	21.33	1.078	57	60.83	0.937
80	46	38.73	1.188	130	128.54	1.011
85	80	68.10	1.175	196	185.10	1.059
90	69	57.79	1.194	218	213.26	1.022
95	33	25.93	1.273	134	128.96	1.039
100	6	4.48	1.339	23	20.75	1.108
105	0	0.00	0.000	1	0.95	1.053
110	0	0.00	0.000	0	0.00	0.000
TOTAL	279	236.20	1.181	822	790.90	1.039

Investment Rate of Return¹ on Market and Actuarial Value of Assets

as of June 30, 2004

Annualized rate of return over the last:

	Based Upon Market Value of Assets	Based Upon Actuarial Value of Assets
1 Year:	16.1%	5.5%
3 Years:	4.0%	-1.9%
5 Years:	2.6%	3.1%
10 Years:	10.5%	9.7%

Annualized inflation over the last:

	Inflation Assumption		COLA Benefit	
	<u>Actual</u>	Expected	<u>Actual</u>	Expected ²
1 Year:	1.7%	3.0%	1.0%	1.75%
3 Years:	2.1%	3.0%	1.2%	1.75%

¹ The interest rate for valuation purposes is a level 8.0%.

² The annual percentage for estimating COLA benefit payments is 1.75%. The COLA percentage is one-half of the increase in the CPI with a floor of 1.0% and a cap of 3.0%. Therefore this estimate of inflation for the COLA benefit is the result of analyzing available CPI data with percentages bounded between 2.0% and 6.0%, and reduced by 50%.

HISTORY OF THE EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATE

Salary Year	Employer Contribution Rate	Salary Year	Employer Contribution Rate
1921-22	5.10 %	1961-62	18.55 %
1922-23	5.10	1962-63	19.55
1923-24	5.20	1963-64	21.13
1924-25	5.20	1964-65	17.67
1925-26	5.20	1965-66	17.70
1926-27	5.20	1966-67	17.70
1920-27	5.20	1967-68	18.50
1928-29	5.30	1968-69	18.80
1929-30	5.50	1969-70	18.60
1930-31	5.50	1970-71	18.80
1930-31	5.50	1970-71	10.00
1931-32	5.50	1971-72	18.80
1932-33	5.50	1972-73	18.80
1933-34	5.50	1973-74	18.80
1934-35	5.60	1974-75	18.80
1935-36	5.70	1975-76	19.40
1936-37	5.80	1976-77	19.40
1937-38	5.93	1977-78	20.40
1938-39	6.03	1978-79	21.40
1939-40	6.13	1979-80	22.49
1940-41	6.23	1980-81	23.49
1941-42	6.33	1981-82	23.49
1942-43	6.43	1982-83	23.49
1943-44	6.53	1983-84	22.90
1944-45	7.10	1984-85	22.80
1945-46	7.20	1985-86	21.40
1946-47	7.50	1986-87	18.80
1947-48	7.80	1987-88	16.83
1948-49	8.00	1988-89	14.79
1949-50	8.40	1989-90	6.87
1950-51	8.80	1990-91	6.84
1951-52	9.60	1991-92	6.64
1952-53	9.90	1992-93	8.00
1953-54	9.90	1993-94	8.41
1954-55	10.30	1994-95	7.24
1955-56	10.40	1995-96	6.37
1956-57	10.90	1996-97	3.57
1957-58	11.20	1997-98	1.25
1958-59	13.40	1998-99	1.42
1959-60	14.00	1999-00	1.43
1960-61	18.35	2000-01	0.43
		2001-02	0.36
		2002-03	0.36
		2003-04	2.52
		2004-05	5.63
		2005-06	7.97
		Average	10.95 %

HISTORY OF THE MEMBER CONTRIBUTION RATE

Year of Membership	Required Contribution
1921	4%
1948	5% (new members - 1948 and after)
1948	Voluntary 4% could be contributed (all members eligible)
1951	If you elected special retirement allowance: 4% went to 6.5%, 5% went to 8% (all members eligible)
1957	If you elected 1/120th plan: 6.5% went to 9%, 8% went to 11% (all members eligible)
1970	0%
1976	3% (new members - 1976 and after)

As of August 1, 1921, when the Retirement System was established, members contributed 4% of salary. These contributions were used to fund a separate annuity, over and above the regular pension. New members on or after July 1, 1948 were required to contribute 5% of salary. Additional contributions, not in excess of 4% of salary, were permitted during the five-year period beginning July 1, 1948.

Under the provisions of a law passed in 1950, members could elect before July 1, 1951, or within one year of their date of membership, if later, to contribute towards a special service retirement allowance. If their rate of contribution was 4%, their new rate would be 6.5%. If their rate of contribution was 5%, their new rate would be 8%. In 1956, an amendment was passed which provided additional benefits for service in excess of 25 years, but not in excess of 35 years, for those members who elected to contribute an additional 2.5% or 3% of their salaries. This increased the rate of contribution to 9% or 11% depending on whether the member's normal rate of contribution was 6.5% or 8%.

Throughout the 1960's the advent of the "take-home pay" program effectively reduced the required contribution rate to zero for many members. As of July 1, 1970, all members were no longer required to make contributions, nor permitted to make voluntary contributions unless they had been making them previously.

The law that created Tier 3 in 1976 reinstated member contributions and required members who joined the System after July 26, 1976 contribute 3% of their annual salary. This money, however, helps pay the member's pension and does not fund a separate annuity as before. The 3% required contribution is still in place for all current and new members who join after July 26, 1976. Effective October 1, 2000, the 3% required contributions will cease upon the attainment of the earlier of 10 years of service credit or 10 years of membership.

ACTUARIAL COST AND ASSET VALUATION METHODS

1. Actuarial Cost Method

The cost method used to determine the liabilities and normal cost in this valuation is the Aggregate Cost Method.

Each year a normal rate percentage is developed as a level percentage of total member compensation. This percentage equals the portion of the actuarial present value of projected benefits which exceeds the actuarial value of assets divided by one percent of the present value of future compensation of the active members, as of the valuation date.

The cost of active member death benefits up to \$50,000, Retirement System administrative expenses, and benefits in excess of the IRC §415 limits are each determined using a one-year term cost method.

Each year, actuarial gains and losses will occur because actual experience will vary from the actuarial assumptions. All gains and losses are automatically amortized as part of the normal rate, over the future working lifetime of active members.

2. Asset Valuation Method

The actuarial value of equities (domestic equities, international equities, equity real estate, and alternative investments) is based upon a market-related value using a five-year moving average. The book value for each investment class is multiplied by the weighted average ratio (as of the valuation date and the preceding four years) of the market value to the book value.

Domestic fixed income (short-term and long-term), and mortgages are valued at book value.

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Mortality Rates for Active Members

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
20	0.000075	20	0.000043	
21	0.000123	21	0.000073	
22	0.000141	22	0.000098	
23	0.000205	23	0.000142	
24	0.000215	24	0.000181	
25	0.000236	25	0.000215	
26	0.000317	26	0.000252	
27	0.000359	27	0.000253	
28	0.000375	28	0.000255	
29	0.000403	29	0.000257	
30	0.000428	30	0.000262	
31	0.000465	31	0.000266	
32	0.000499	32	0.000271	
33	0.000501	33	0.000273	
34	0.000502	34	0.000278	
35	0.000503	35	0.000284	
36	0.000504	36	0.000306	
37	0.000506	37	0.000309	
38	0.000509	38	0.000311	
39	0.000514	39	0.000326	
40	0.000518	40	0.000349	
41	0.000576	41	0.000409	
42	0.000645	42	0.000458	
43	0.000743	43	0.000515	
44	0.000847	44	0.000575	
45	0.000968	45	0.000602	
46	0.001072	46	0.000635	
47	0.001147	47	0.000666	
48	0.001206	48	0.000698	
49	0.001273	49	0.000771	
50	0.001326	50	0.000818	
51	0.001376	51	0.000874	
52	0.001443	52	0.000933	
53	0.001551	53	0.000998	
54	0.001592	54	0.001022	

Mortality Rates for Active Members

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
55	0.001614	55	0.001107	
56	0.001631	56	0.001159	
57	0.001635	57	0.001203	
58	0.001683	58	0.001271	
59	0.001753	59	0.001292	
60	0.001771	60	0.001331	
61	0.001894	61	0.001384	
62	0.001987	62	0.001416	
63	0.002105	63	0.001471	
64	0.002311	64	0.001508	
65	0.002494	65	0.001597	
66	0.002823	66	0.001689	
67	0.003270	67	0.001882	
68	0.003972	68	0.002143	
69	0.004725	69	0.002434	
70	0.005544	70	0.002704	

Disability Retirement Rates for Active Members

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		
<u>Age</u>	Rate	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
30	0.000016	30	0.000018	
31	0.000039	31	0.000031	
32	0.000064	32	0.000049	
33	0.000086	33	0.000074	
34	0.000098	34	0.000105	
35	0.000099	35	0.000138	
36	0.000097	36	0.000173	
37	0.000104	37	0.000204	
38	0.000135	38	0.000235	
39	0.000187	39	0.000266	
40	0.000255	40	0.000299	
41	0.000383	41	0.000332	
42	0.000471	42	0.000371	
43	0.000552	43	0.000427	
44	0.000644	44	0.000509	
45	0.000744	45	0.000602	
46	0.000926	46	0.000705	
47	0.001145	47	0.000905	
48	0.001446	48	0.001079	
49	0.001664	49	0.001174	
50	0.001751	50	0.001283	
51	0.001819	51	0.001347	
52	0.001884	52	0.001401	
53	0.001943	53	0.001488	
54	0.001992	54	0.001508	

Withdrawal Rates for Active Members

Males

	0 Years of	1 Year of	2 Years of	3 Years of	4 Years of	5 Years of	6 Years of	7 Years of	8 Years of	9 Years of	10 or more Years of
<u>Age</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Service</u>	Service	<u>Service</u>	Service	Service	Service	Service	Service	Service	<u>Service</u>
20	0.218354	0.087974	0.061209	0.038791	0.028598	0.016826	0.019724	0.018589	0.007774	0.004411	0.007144
21	0.218354	0.087974	0.061209	0.038791	0.028598	0.016826	0.019724	0.018589	0.007774	0.004411	0.007144
22	0.218354	0.087974	0.061209	0.038791	0.028598	0.016826	0.019724	0.018589	0.007774	0.004411	0.007111
23	0.223103	0.087974	0.061209	0.038791	0.028598	0.016826	0.019724	0.018589	0.007774	0.004411	0.007111
24	0.227853	0.089299	0.061209	0.038791	0.028598	0.016826	0.019724	0.018589	0.007774	0.004411	0.007144
05	0.000000	0.000000	0.004404	0.000704	0.000500	0.040000	0.040704	0.040500	0.007774	0.004444	0.0074.44
25	0.232602	0.090623	0.061404	0.038791	0.028598	0.016826	0.019724	0.018589	0.007774	0.004411	0.007144
26	0.237351	0.091948	0.061598	0.041434	0.028598	0.016826	0.019724	0.018589	0.007774	0.004411	0.007144
27	0.242100	0.093273	0.061793	0.044077	0.030471	0.016826	0.019724	0.018589	0.007774	0.004411	0.007144
28 29	0.246850 0.251599	0.094598 0.095922	0.061988 0.062183	0.046720 0.049363	0.032344 0.034217	0.020154 0.023481	0.019724 0.020206	0.018589 0.018589	0.007774 0.007774	0.004411 0.004411	0.007144 0.007144
29	0.231399	0.093922	0.002103	0.049303	0.034217	0.023461	0.020206	0.010009	0.007774	0.004411	0.007144
30	0.256348	0.097247	0.062378	0.052005	0.036090	0.026809	0.020687	0.018807	0.007774	0.004411	0.007144
31	0.259400	0.098868	0.065616	0.054574	0.037963	0.030136	0.021168	0.019025	0.009427	0.004411	0.007144
32	0.262451	0.100490	0.068855	0.057143	0.039836	0.033463	0.021649	0.019243	0.011080	0.005291	0.007144
33	0.265502	0.102111	0.072094	0.059712	0.041709	0.036791	0.022131	0.019461	0.012733	0.006172	0.007306
34	0.268554	0.103732	0.075333	0.062280	0.043582	0.040118	0.022612	0.019679	0.014387	0.007052	0.007467
35	0.271605	0.105353	0.078571	0.064849	0.045455	0.043446	0.023093	0.019897	0.016040	0.007933	0.007629
36	0.276933	0.107699	0.075381	0.068507	0.043710	0.042485	0.023898	0.020735	0.016076	0.008813	0.007790
37	0.282261	0.110045	0.072191	0.072165	0.041965	0.041524	0.024703	0.021572	0.016112	0.009693	0.007952
38	0.287589	0.112392	0.069001	0.075822	0.040220	0.040563	0.025508	0.022409	0.016149	0.010574	0.008113
39	0.292917	0.114738	0.065811	0.079480	0.038475	0.039602	0.026314	0.023246	0.016185	0.011454	0.008274
40	0.298246	0.117084	0.062620	0.083138	0.036730	0.038642	0.027119	0.024084	0.016221	0.012335	0.008436
41	0.285359	0.120663	0.068464	0.084111	0.040162	0.038653	0.025819	0.025149	0.016968	0.012862	0.008401
42	0.272473	0.124242	0.074307	0.085083	0.043595	0.038665	0.024519	0.026215	0.017714	0.013390	0.008367
43	0.259586	0.127821	0.080150	0.086055	0.047027	0.038676	0.023219	0.027281	0.018460	0.013918	0.008332
44	0.246699	0.131400	0.085993	0.087028	0.050460	0.038688	0.021919	0.028346	0.019207	0.014446	0.008297
45	0.233813	0.134979	0.091837	0.088000	0.053892	0.038700	0.020619	0.029412	0.019953	0.014973	0.008263
46	0.240524	0.136377	0.091371	0.083782	0.056500	0.040504	0.026694	0.029967	0.021063	0.016334	0.007990
47	0.247235	0.137775	0.090906	0.079563	0.059107	0.042309	0.032770	0.030523	0.022172	0.017694	0.007717
48	0.253946	0.139173	0.090441	0.075345	0.061714	0.044113	0.038846	0.031078	0.023282	0.019055	0.007444
49	0.260657	0.140571	0.089976	0.071126	0.064322	0.045918	0.044922	0.031633	0.024391	0.020415	0.007171
50	0.267368	0.141969	0.089510	0.066908	0.066929	0.047722	0.050998	0.032189	0.025501	0.021776	0.006898
51	0.274080	0.143367	0.089045	0.062689	0.069537	0.049527	0.057074	0.032744	0.026610	0.023136	0.006625
52	0.280791	0.144765	0.088580	0.058471	0.072144	0.051331	0.063149	0.033300	0.027720	0.024496	0.006352
53	0.287502	0.146163	0.088115	0.054252	0.074751	0.053136	0.069225	0.033855	0.028830	0.025857	0.006078
54	0.294213	0.147561	0.087649	0.050034	0.077359	0.054940	0.075301	0.034411	0.029939	0.027217	0.005805

Withdrawal Rates for Active Members

Females

<u>Age</u>	0 Years of <u>Service</u>	1 Year of <u>Service</u>	2 Years of <u>Service</u>	3 Years of <u>Service</u>	4 Years of <u>Service</u>	5 Years of <u>Service</u>	6 Years of <u>Service</u>	7 Years of <u>Service</u>	8 Years of <u>Service</u>	9 Years of <u>Service</u>	10 or more Years of <u>Service</u>
20	0.231046	0.085075	0.057926	0.044635	0.065672	0.054662	0.038258	0.045681	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
21	0.231046	0.085075	0.057926	0.044635	0.065672	0.054662	0.038258	0.045681	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
22	0.231046	0.085075	0.057926	0.044635	0.065672	0.054662	0.038258	0.045681	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
23	0.232395	0.085075	0.057926	0.044635	0.065672	0.054662	0.038258	0.045681	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
24	0.233744	0.090141	0.057926	0.044635	0.065672	0.054662	0.038258	0.045681	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
25	0.235092	0.095208	0.062180	0.044635	0.065672	0.054662	0.038258	0.045681	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
26	0.236441	0.100275	0.066434	0.051391	0.065672	0.054662	0.038258	0.045681	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
27	0.237790	0.105341	0.070688	0.058147	0.066897	0.054662	0.038258	0.045681	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
28	0.239139	0.110408	0.074941	0.064903	0.068122	0.056413	0.038258	0.045681	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
29	0.240487	0.115475	0.079195	0.071659	0.069347	0.058163	0.043249	0.045681	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
30	0.241836	0.120542	0.083449	0.078415	0.070572	0.059913	0.048241	0.047165	0.039018	0.040717	0.025987
31	0.237362	0.117221	0.082367	0.079831	0.071797	0.061663	0.053232	0.048648	0.041626	0.040717	0.025987
32	0.232887	0.113901	0.081285	0.081246	0.073022	0.063414	0.058223	0.050132	0.044234	0.040717	0.025987
33	0.228413	0.110581	0.080203	0.082662	0.074247	0.065164	0.063214	0.051616	0.046842	0.040717	0.025987
34	0.223938	0.107261	0.079121	0.084077	0.075472	0.066914	0.068205	0.053099	0.049451	0.040717	0.025987
35	0.219464	0.103941	0.078038	0.085493	0.076697	0.068665	0.073197	0.054583	0.052059	0.040717	0.025987
36	0.217543	0.100745	0.074466	0.078070	0.070748	0.063003	0.066416	0.050740	0.047217	0.037950	0.023969
37	0.215621	0.097548	0.070893	0.070647	0.064800	0.057342	0.059636	0.046897	0.042376	0.035182	0.021950
38	0.213700	0.094352	0.067320	0.063225	0.058851	0.051680	0.052856	0.043054	0.037535	0.032415	0.019932
39	0.211779	0.091155	0.063747	0.055802	0.052902	0.046019	0.046075	0.039211	0.032693	0.029648	0.017914
40	0.209858	0.087958	0.060174	0.048379	0.046953	0.040357	0.039295	0.035368	0.027852	0.026880	0.015896
41	0.209432	0.089486	0.061628	0.049664	0.043724	0.038635	0.037785	0.032795	0.025789	0.025670	0.014814
42	0.209006	0.091014	0.063082	0.050950	0.040495	0.036913	0.036275	0.030221	0.023726	0.024460	0.013732
43	0.208580	0.092542	0.064535	0.052235	0.037266	0.035191	0.034766	0.027648	0.021663	0.023250	0.012650
44	0.208154	0.094069	0.065989	0.053521	0.034036	0.033468	0.033256	0.025075	0.019600	0.022039	0.011568
45	0.207727	0.095597	0.067443	0.054806	0.030807	0.031746	0.031746	0.022502	0.017537	0.020829	0.010486
46	0.213134	0.099401	0.070512	0.057942	0.036194	0.035189	0.034277	0.024233	0.019206	0.020627	0.010962
47	0.218541	0.103205	0.073580	0.061078	0.041581	0.038632	0.036808	0.025965	0.020875	0.020425	0.011439
48	0.223948	0.107009	0.076649	0.064214	0.046968	0.042075	0.039339	0.027696	0.022544	0.020224	0.011915
49	0.229355	0.110813	0.079718	0.067350	0.052354	0.045518	0.041870	0.029428	0.024213	0.020022	0.012392
50	0.234762	0.114616	0.082787	0.070486	0.057741	0.048960	0.044401	0.031159	0.025882	0.019820	0.012868
51	0.240168	0.118420	0.085855	0.073622	0.063128	0.052403	0.046932	0.032890	0.027551	0.019618	0.013345
52	0.245575	0.122224	0.088924	0.076758	0.068515	0.055846	0.049463	0.034622	0.029220	0.019417	0.013821
53	0.250982	0.126028	0.091993	0.079894	0.073901	0.059289	0.051994	0.036353	0.030889	0.019215	0.014298
54	0.256389	0.129832	0.095062	0.083030	0.079288	0.062732	0.054525	0.038085	0.032558	0.019013	0.014774

Service Retirement Rates For Tier 1 Members and Tiers 2, 3 and 4 Members at Least Age 62 or with 30 Years of Service

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		
<u>Age</u>	Rate	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
55 50	0.277390	55 50	0.263059	
56	0.254401	56 57	0.214749	
57	0.225338	57	0.175693	
58	0.220620	58	0.170357	
59	0.231737	59	0.185625	
60	0.271395	60	0.220638	
61	0.326469	61	0.263375	
62	0.389623	62	0.311033	
63	0.353272	63	0.301430	
64	0.362969	64	0.295139	
65	0.428599	65	0.333144	
66	0.379139	66	0.340981	
67	0.325933	67	0.299974	
68	0.260654	68	0.306956	
69	0.307829	69	0.269845	
70	0.288309	70	0.286982	

Service Retirement Rates For Tiers 2, 3 and 4 Members Less Than Age 62 and with Less Than 30 Years of Service

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>		
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
55	0.041608	55	0.065765	
56	0.038160	56	0.053687	
57	0.033801	57	0.043923	
58	0.033093	58	0.042589	
59	0.034761	59	0.046406	
60	0.040709	60	0.055159	
61	0.048970	61	0.065844	

Mortality Rates for Service and Deferred Annuitants and Beneficiaries (Also used in calculating the benefits pursuant to subdivision b.3 of Section 512 of the Education Law)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		
<u>Age</u>	Rate	<u>Age</u>	Rate	
1	0.000592	1	0.000163	
2	0.000400	2	0.000153	
3	0.000332	3	0.000137	
4	0.000259	4	0.000130	
5	0.000237	5	0.000131	
6	0.000227	6	0.000138	
7	0.000217	7	0.000148	
8	0.000201	8	0.000164	
9	0.000194	9	0.000189	
10	0.000197	10	0.000216	
11	0.000208	11	0.000242	
12	0.000226	12	0.000262	
13	0.000255	13	0.000273	
14	0.000297	14	0.000280	
15	0.000345	15	0.000284	
16	0.000391	16	0.000286	
17	0.000430	17	0.000289	
18	0.000460	18	0.000292	
19	0.000484	19	0.000291	
20	0.000507	20	0.000291	
21	0.000530	21	0.000294	
22	0.000556	22	0.000302	
23	0.000589	23	0.000314	
24	0.000624	24	0.000331	
25	0.000661	25	0.000351	
26	0.000696	26	0.000373	
27	0.000727	27	0.000397	
28	0.000754	28	0.000422	
29	0.000779	29	0.000449	

Mortality Rates for Service and Deferred Annuitants and Beneficiaries (Also used in calculating the benefits pursuant to subdivision b.3 of Section 512 of the Education Law) (cont'd.)

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>			
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	Rate		
30	0.000801	30	0.000478		
31	0.000821	31	0.000512		
32	0.000839	32	0.000551		
33	0.000848	33	0.000598		
34	0.000849	34	0.000652		
35	0.000851	35	0.000709		
36	0.000862	36	0.000768		
37	0.000891	37	0.000825		
38	0.000939	38	0.000877		
39	0.000999	39	0.000923		
40	0.001072	40	0.000973		
41	0.001156	41	0.001033		
42	0.001252	42	0.001112		
43	0.001352	43	0.001206		
44	0.001458	44	0.001310		
45	0.001578	45	0.001428		
46	0.001722	46	0.001568		
47	0.001899	47	0.001734		
48	0.002102	48	0.001907		
49	0.002326	49	0.002084		
50	0.002579	50	0.002294		
51	0.002872	51	0.002563		
52	0.003213	52	0.002919		
53	0.003584	53	0.003359		
54	0.003979	54	0.003684		
55	0.004249	55	0.004010		
56	0.004622	56	0.004277		
57	0.005041	57	0.004568		
58	0.005509	58	0.004788		
59	0.006035	59	0.005040		

Mortality Rates for Service and Deferred Annuitants and Beneficiaries (Also used in calculating the benefits pursuant to subdivision b.3 of Section 512 of the Education Law) (cont'd.)

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	Rate
60	0.006624	60	0.005525
61	0.007284	61	0.005951
62	0.008025	62	0.006326
63 64	0.008855 0.009785	63 64	0.006753 0.007241
04	0.009765	04	0.007241
65	0.010827	65	0.007799
66	0.011994	66	0.008436
67	0.013301	67	0.009162
68	0.014766	68	0.009992
69	0.016405	69	0.010940
70	0.018241	70	0.012021
71	0.020296	71	0.013254
72	0.021659	72	0.014661
73	0.024232	73	0.016266
74	0.027108	74	0.018097
75	0.030325	75	0.020184
76	0.034855	76	0.022563
77	0.038869	77	0.024286
78	0.043351	78	0.027373
79	0.048351	79	0.031874
80	0.053926	80	0.035874
81	0.060138	81	0.040423
82	0.067991	82	0.045593
83	0.075683	83	0.051465
84	0.084231	84	0.058128
85	0.092780	85	0.065684
86	0.105082	86	0.075226
87	0.117383	87	0.085889
88	0.129685	88	0.098080
89	0.141986	89	0.110270

Mortality Rates for Service and Deferred Annuitants and Beneficiaries (Also used in calculating the benefits pursuant to subdivision b.3 of Section 512 of the Education Law) (cont'd.)

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
90	0.157604	90	0.122460
91	0.174969	91	0.137777
92	0.192333	92	0.153093
93	0.209698	93	0.172598
94	0.227062	94	0.194324
95	0.251313	95	0.209552
96	0.268147	96	0.246066
97	0.296333	97	0.275378
98	0.326497	98	0.307447
99	0.349224	99	0.342319
100	0.383158	100	0.359090
101	0.428148	101	0.379972
102	0.474607	102	0.405740
103	0.522250	103	0.434987
104	0.561346	104	0.476222
105	0.600828	105	0.519271
106	0.640199	106	0.563717
107	0.678897	107	0.609032
108	0.716331	108	0.654577

Mortality Rates for Disabled Annuitants

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
30	0.056321	30	0.035627
31	0.058172	31	0.035903
32	0.065427	32	0.036328
33	0.074062	33	0.036541
34	0.083307	34	0.038122
35	0.090672	35	0.038534
36	0.098725	36	0.039257
37	0.109383	37	0.039530
38	0.117285	38	0.040041
39	0.126681	39	0.043912
40	0.130245	40	0.046104
41	0.127932	41	0.051781
42	0.121874	42	0.054207
43	0.114362	43	0.056972
44	0.102311	44	0.061436
45	0.091650	45	0.064048
46	0.087509	46	0.065229
47	0.084593	47	0.065088
48	0.083917	48	0.064054
49	0.082265	49	0.063633
50	0.082193	50	0.063152
51	0.078108	51	0.061897
52	0.075397	52	0.059182
53	0.068776	53	0.055024
54	0.061079	54	0.049622
55	0.053000	55	0.043853
56	0.044572	56	0.038636
57	0.041872	57	0.034622
58	0.035794	58	0.031779
59	0.032687	59	0.030053

Mortality Rates for Disabled Annuitants (cont'd.)

	<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	Rate
60	0.032348	60	0.029140
61	0.034663	61	0.027987
62	0.033735	62	0.026817
63	0.037751	63	0.025586
64	0.041133	64	0.024473
65	0.041424	65	0.023710
66	0.041441	66	0.023680
67	0.043452	67	0.025290
68	0.040911	68	0.027677
69	0.039711	69	0.030642
70	0.040789	70	0.034001
71	0.043847	71	0.037403
72	0.045181	72	0.039887
73	0.045327	73	0.041401
74	0.046903	74	0.042526
75	0.046658	75	0.044128
76	0.046855	76	0.046414
77	0.047869	77	0.048805
78	0.047351	78	0.051882
79	0.048351	79	0.056336
80	0.053926	80	0.062387
81	0.060138	81	0.069301
82	0.067991	82	0.076293
83	0.075683	83	0.078236
84	0.084231	84	0.080162
85	0.092780	85	0.081540
86	0.105082	86	0.083562
87	0.117383	87	0.085889
88	0.129685	88	0.098080
89	0.141986	89	0.110270

Mortality Rates for Disabled Annuitants (cont'd.)

<u>Males</u>		<u>Fer</u>	<u>Females</u>	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	Rate	
90	0.157604	90	0.122460	
91	0.174969	91	0.137777	
92	0.192333	92	0.153093	
93	0.209698	93	0.172598	
94	0.227062	94	0.194324	
95	0.251313	95	0.209552	
96	0.268147	96	0.246066	
97	0.296333	97	0.275378	
98	0.326497	98	0.307447	
99	0.349224	99	0.342319	
100	0.383158	100	0.359090	
101	0.428148	101	0.379972	
102	0.474607	102	0.405740	
103	0.522250	103	0.434987	
104	0.561346	104	0.476222	
105	0.600828	105	0.519271	
106	0.640199	106	0.563717	
107	0.678897	107	0.609032	
108	0.716331	108	0.654577	
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Salary Scale

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Fema</u>	<u>les</u>
<u>Age</u>	Rate	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
20	1.1363	20	1.1303
21	1.1352	21	1.1294
22	1.1329	22	1.1283
23	1.1295	23	1.1261
24	1.1250	24	1.1196
25	1.1153	25	1.1108
26	1.1094	26	1.1013
27	1.1031	27	1.0934
28	1.0980	28	1.0859
29	1.0922	29	1.0802
30	1.0861	30	1.0761
31	1.0811	31	1.0728
32	1.0771	32	1.0699
33	1.0741	33	1.0680
34	1.0717	34	1.0672
35	1.0700	35	1.0670
36	1.0681	36	1.0668
37	1.0658	37	1.0660
38	1.0634	38	1.0653
39	1.0618	39	1.0648
40	1.0606	40	1.0644
41	1.0598	41	1.0640
42	1.0583	42	1.0635
43	1.0561	43	1.0624
44	1.0536	44	1.0610
45	1.0516	45	1.0594
46	1.0503	46	1.0578
47	1.0491	47	1.0561
48	1.0476	48	1.0542
49	1.0463	49	1.0526

Salary Scale (cont'd.)

<u>Males</u>		<u>Females</u>	
<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
50	1.0452	50	1.0517
51	1.0444	51	1.0512
52	1.0443	52	1.0507
53	1.0443	53	1.0500
54	1.0442	54	1.0497
55	1.0438	55	1.0499
56	1.0432	56	1.0502
57	1.0428	57	1.0500
58	1.0429	58	1.0494
59	1.0434	59	1.0487
60	1.0437	60	1.0482
61	1.0436	61	1.0479
62	1.0436	62	1.0477
63	1.0442	63	1.0478
64	1.0437	64	1.0480
65	1.0423	65	1.0482
66	1.0416	66	1.0489
67	1.0411	67	1.0495
68	1.0400	68	1.0469
69	1.0398	69	1.0438
70	1.0395	70	1.0428

Valuation Interest Assumption

The interest rate for valuation purposes is a level 8.0%. The valuation rate of interest is made up of a $3.0\%^2$ annual inflation and a 5.0% real rate of return.

² The annual percentage for estimating COLA benefit payments is 1.75%. The COLA percentage is one-half of the increase in the CPI with a floor of 1.0% and a cap of 3.0%. Therefore this estimate of inflation for the COLA benefit is the result of analyzing available CPI data with percentages bounded between 2.0% and 6.0%, and reduced by 50%. 67

SUMMARY OF BENEFIT PROVISIONS

1. Membership

Membership is mandatory for all full-time New York State public school teachers, outside New York City, except those employed under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). Membership is optional for teachers employed on other than a full-time basis and for certain employees of the State University of New York and community colleges. Generally, the membership of any person credited with less than 5 years of service will terminate when seven years have elapsed since (s)he last rendered at least 20 days of credited service in a school year.

Tiers are determined by a member's most recent date of membership in the Retirement System as follows:

Tier I: Membership prior to 7/1/73; Tier II: Membership 7/1/73 - 7/26/76; Tier III: Membership 7/27/76 - 8/31/83; Tier IV: Membership on or after 9/1/83.

Tier III members are entitled to receive the benefits of either Tier III or Tier IV, however, they may not mix the provisions of the two tiers.

2. <u>Service Retirement</u>

The service retirement benefits are payable for life generally as follows:

Tier I: If 20 or more years of NYS service: 2% of final average salary (FAS) per year of NYS service after July 1, 1959, plus 1.8% of FAS per year of NYS service prior to that date, plus 1% of FAS per year of out-of-state service. Out-of-state service is allowed only up to a maximum of 10 years, and only to the extent that it does not raise the total service credit to greater than 35 years. The provisions of Article 19 of the Retirement and Social Security Law, effective July 11, 2000 provides, to eligible members, additional service credit of one-twelfth of a year for each year of retirement credit as of the date of retirement or death, up to a maximum of two additional years. The maximum pension, as a result of Article 19, can be 79% of FAS.

If less than 20 years of NYS service, the above formula is used except the benefit is reduced by 5% for each year of service less than 20, subject to a maximum reduction of 50%.

Tier I members generally may retire at:

- Age 55 with 2 years of NYS service or
- Any age with 35 years of total service.

<u>Tier II</u>: Computed under the Tier I formula, but may be reduced for early retirement, as noted below.

Tier II members generally may retire at:

- Age 62 with 5 years of service,
- Age 55 with 30 years of service, or
- Age 55 with 5 years of service, with benefit reduced by 6% for each of the first 2 years under age 62 and 3% for each of the next 5 years.

<u>Tier III</u>: 1 2/3% of FAS per year of NYS service (if less than 20 years) or 2% of FAS per year of NYS service (if 20 to 30 years). There is no additional benefit for more than 30 years of service. At age 62 the benefit is reduced by 50% of the primary Social Security benefit accrued while in NYS public employment. A member may be eligible for automatic cost-of-living adjustments.

Tier III members generally may retire at:

- Age 62 with 5 years of service,
- Age 55 with 30 years of service, or
- Age 55 with 5 years of service, with benefit reduced by 1/15th for each of the first 2 years under age 62 and 1/30th for each of the next 5 years.

<u>Tier IV</u>: 1 2/3% of FAS per year of NYS service (if less than 20 years), or 2% of FAS per year of NYS service (if 20 to 30 years), plus 1 1/2% of FAS per year of NYS service in excess of 30 years.

Tier IV members generally may retire at:

- Age 62 with 5 years of service,
- Age 55 with 30 years of service, or
- Age 55 with 5 years of service, with benefit reduced by 6% for each of the first 2 years under age 62 and 3% for each of the next 5 years.

3. Disability Retirement

Generally a member with at least 10 years of service may qualify for a disability retirement benefit of the smaller of 1) 1 2/3% of FAS per year of projected service to age 60 or 2) 1/3 of FAS; but the benefit shall not be less than 1 2/3% of FAS per year of completed service.

4. <u>Death Benefits</u>

a) Active Service

The Tier I death benefit is generally equal to the greater of 1) 3 times annual salary after 36 years of service (proportionately reduced for less than 36 years) or 2) for members who are at least age 55 with 20 years of service, the pension reserve calculated under a prior, lower service retirement formula.

The death benefit for Tier II, III and IV members is generally equal to one of the following two options based on the member's election at entry: 1) 3 times annual salary after 3 years of service (proportionately reduced for service under 3 years) or 2) the greater of (1) above or the Tier I death benefit.

b) Not in Active Service

The death benefit for members of all tiers with at least ten years of service credit who die when not in active service is equal to one-half the active member death benefit.

5. Deferred Retirement

A member with at least 5 years of credited service who ceases teaching has a vested right to receive a deferred service retirement benefit. A member with at least five, but less than ten years of service credit, has the choice of receiving a refund of their member contributions with interest or a deferred service retirement benefit. A member with ten or more years of service credit will receive the deferred service retirement benefit.

6. Member Contributions

Tier III and IV members are required to contribute 3% of pay to provide a portion of their benefit. Such contributions cease upon the attainment of the earlier of 10 years of service credit or 10 years of membership effective October 1, 2000. Certain Tier I and II members may elect to contribute in order to receive an additional benefit.

7. Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA)

A permanent, annually-adjusted cost-of-living benefit is provided to both current and future retired members. This benefit was first paid commencing September 2001, and is increased every September thereafter, to retired members who meet one of the following eligibility criteria:

- Age 62 and retired for 5 years,
- Age 55 and retired for 10 years, or
- Retired for 5 years under a disability retirement.

The annual COLA percentage is equal to 50% of the increase in the annual CPI; not to exceed 3% nor be lower than 1%. It is applied to the first \$18,000 of annual benefit. Additionally, commencing September 2000, members retired before 1997 are eligible for a "Catch-Up" supplemental benefit upon satisfaction of the above eligibility criteria.