

Houston Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund

Actuarial Valuation Report As of July 1, 2013

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Summary of Key Results (\$000)

	J	uly 1, 2013
Actuarial Contribution Rate Normal Cost (City Portion)		19.4%
Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (Surplus)		13.8
Additional Statutory Requirement		0
City's Actuarial Contribution Rate		33.2%
Employee Contribution Rate		9.0%
Summary of Assets		
Market Value	\$	3,430,437
Rate of Return		11.3%
Actuarial Value ⁽¹⁾	\$	3,430,437
Rate of Return		11.3%
Summary of Liabilities		
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$	3,963,082
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$	(3,430,437)
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$	532,645
Funded Ratio		86.6%
Summary of Data Number of Participants Included in the Valuation		
Active Participants		2,926
DROP Participants Retirees and beneficiaries		819 2,906
Vested terminated participants		2,900
Total		6,659
Projected Annual Payroll		
Active Participants	\$	202,055
DROP Participants	-	69,773
Total	\$	271,828

⁽¹⁾ Past investment gains and losses were fully recognized in the Actuarial Value of Assets at July 1, 2013. For 2013, the Actuarial Value of Assets is equal to the Market Value of Assets.



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Summary of Market Value of Assets (\$000)

	<u>July 1, 2013</u>		<u>July 1, 2012</u>		<u>July 1, 2</u>	<u>011</u>
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Investment Category						
Cash & Short Term Investments	\$ 105,737	3.1%	\$ 83,004	2.6%	\$ 54,515	1.7%
Fixed Income Investments	1,123,763	32.9%	1,096,389	34.6%	1,074,292	33.5%
Equity Securities	1,378,698	40.2%	1,148,868	36.2%	1,240,229	38.7%
Other Assets						
Alternative Investments - Partnerships	618,511	18.0%	617,652	19.5%	633,234	19.8%
Real Estate	189,252	5.5%	208,454	6.6%	176,999	5.5%
Land, Building, etc.	6,990	0.2%	7,721	0.2%	8,463	0.3%
Other Net Assets, Receivables & Payables:						
Accrued Interest & Dividends	17,507	0.5%	17,259	0.5%	17,336	0.6%
Accrued City Contributions	1,591	0.0%	1,379	0.0%	3,819	0.1%
Accrued Member Contributions	599	0.0%	519	0.0%	1,244	0.0%
Net Other	(12,211)	(0.4)%	(6,114)	(0.2)%	(7,051)	(0.2)%
Total Market Value of Assets	\$ 3,430,437	100.0%	\$ 3,175,131	100.0%	\$ 3,203,080	100.0%

Change in Market Value Assets Since the Prior Report

			Fiscal Year End June 30, 2013			
1.	Ве	eginning of Year Market Value	\$	3,175,131,356		
2.	Ind	creases Due to:				
	a.	Contributions:				
		i. City	\$	62,128,451		
		ii. Members	_	23,382,322		
		iii. Total	\$	85,510,773		
	b.	Investment Income	\$	362,250,873		
	C.	Total Increases	\$	447,761,646		
3.	De	ecreases Due to:				
	a.	Benefit Payments	\$	175,228,547		
	b.	Refund of Member Contributions		530,855		
	C.	Investment Expenses		8,687,653		
	d.	Administrative Expenses		6,725,109		
	e.	Professional Services	_	1,284,130		
	f.	Total Decreases	\$	192,456,294		
4.	En	nd of Year Market Value	\$	3,430,436,708		

Development of the Actuarial Value of Assets (\$000)

Actuarial Investment Gain (Loss)

1.	Market Value of Assets on July 1, 2012	\$	3,175,131
2.	 2012/2013 Net Cash Flow a. Contributions b. Disbursements c. Net Cash Flow 2.a 2.b. 	\$ \$	85,511 <u>175,759</u> (90,248)
3.	Expected Investment Return [1. x .085] + [2.c. x .0425]	\$	266,051
4.	Expected Market Value of Assets on July 1, 2013 1. + 2.c. + 3.	\$	3,350,934
5.	Market Value of Assets on July 1, 2013	\$	3,430,437
6.	Investment Gain / (Loss) 5 4.	\$	79,503

Development of the Actuarial Value of Assets (\$000) (continued)

Schedule of Actuarial Investment Gains (Losses)

				Unrecog	nized		
	Plan Year	Initial Actuarial	Five-Year	Gain (L As	of		
	Ending	Gain (Loss)	Recognition	July 1,	2013		
	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ \$	0 0		
Actu	Actuarial Value of Assets						
1. Market Value as of July 1, 2013					30,437		
2.	(Gain) Loss to be I	Recognized in Futu	re Years	\$	0		
3.	Actuarial Value as	\$ 3,43	30,437				

^{*} Past investment gains and losses were fully recognized in the Actuarial Value of Assets at July 1, 2013. For 2013, the Actuarial Value of Assets is equal to the Market Value of Assets.

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (\$000)

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Actuarial Present Value of:	
Future Benefits	
Active	\$ 1,245,634
DROP	1,063,303
Deferred Vested	1,238
Retired	 2,360,032
Total for All Participants	\$ 4,670,207
Future Employee Contributions	\$ 214,255
Future Normal Cost - City Portion	\$ 492,870
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 3,963,082
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ (3,430,437)
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 532,645
Total Normal Cost (BOY)	\$ 73,934

Change in Key Results Since the Prior Valuation (\$000)

1.	Analysis of	Change	in Unfunded	Liability
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١.		alysis of Change in Officiace Liability		
	a.	Unfunded at Beginning of Period	\$	2 012/2013 489,642
	b.	Estimated Change Due to Normal Operation Normal Cost Contributions	\$	70,841 (85,511)
		Interest Net Change	\$	44,007 29,337
	C.	Estimated Change due to Actuarial Experience Actuarial (gain) loss from asset sources	\$	111,583
		Actuarial (gain) loss from liability sources Net change	\$	(32,910) 78,673
	d.	Change due to Change in Actuarial Assumptions and Methods	\$	(65,007)
	e.	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability at End of Period	\$	532,645
2.	An	alysis of Change in Actuarial Asset Value		
		,		
			<u>20</u>	<u>12/2013</u>
	a.	Value at Beginning of Period		12/2013 3,263,265
	a.	Value at Beginning of Period	\$	3,263,265
	a. b.	Value at Beginning of Period Contributions	\$ \$	3,263,265 85,511
	a. b. c.	Value at Beginning of Period Contributions Distributions	\$ \$ \$	3,263,265 85,511 (175,759)
	a.b.c.d.e.	Value at Beginning of Period Contributions Distributions Expected Investment Return at 8.5%	\$ \$ \$ \$	3,263,265 85,511 (175,759) 273,542 3,446,559
	a.b.c.d.	Value at Beginning of Period Contributions Distributions Expected Investment Return at 8.5% Expected Value at End of Period Actual Actuarial Asset Value before recognition of past	\$ \$ \$	3,263,265 85,511 (175,759) 273,542 3,446,559
	a.b.c.d.e.	Value at Beginning of Period Contributions Distributions Expected Investment Return at 8.5% Expected Value at End of Period Actual Actuarial Asset Value before recognition of past investment	\$ \$ \$ \$	3,263,265 85,511 (175,759) 273,542 3,446,559
	a.b.c.d.e.	Value at Beginning of Period Contributions Distributions Expected Investment Return at 8.5% Expected Value at End of Period Actual Actuarial Asset Value before recognition of past investment gains and losses	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	3,263,265 85,511 (175,759) 273,542 3,446,559 3,334,976

Change in Key Results Since the Prior Valuation (\$000) (continued)

3. Analysis of Change in Actuarial Accrued Liability

		<u>2</u>	012/2013
a.	Actuarial Accrued Liability at Beginning of Period	\$	3,752,907
b.	Increase Due to Normal Cost	\$	70,841
C.	Decrease Due to Distributions	\$	(175,759)
d.	Interest and Other	\$	317,549
e.	Expected Actuarial Accrued Liability at End of Period	\$	3,965,538
f.	Actual Actuarial Accrued Liability before change in actuarial assumptions	\$	3,932,628
g.	Actuarial Loss (Gain) from Liability Sources	\$	(32,910)
h.	Change due to Change in Actuarial Assumptions and Methods	\$	30,454
i.	Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$	3,963,082

Historical Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (\$000)

Valuation Date	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	AVA as a Percentage of AAL	Unfunded AAL	Projected Covered Payroll	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
July 1, 1986	396,609	401,271	101	(4,662)	99,619	(5)
July 1, 1987	415,871	453,322	109	(37,451)	99,837	(38)
July 1, 1988	440,012	478,460	109	(38,448)	96,051	(40)
July 1, 1989	473,431	543,898	115	(70,467)	98,091	(72)
July 1, 1990	512,471	598,814	117	(86,343)	97,633	(88)
July 1, 1991	621,014	642,499	103	(21,485)	104,350	(21)
July 1, 1992	670,123	694,080	104	(23,957)	102,360	(23)
July 1, 1993	758,642	762,794	101	(4,152)	119,503	(3)
July 1, 1994	793,011	831,741	105	(38,730)	120,082	(32)
July 1, 1995	852,327	912,417	107	(60,090)	126,977	(47)
July 1, 1996	989,343*	1,024,569	104	(35,226)	131,641	(27)
July 1, 1997	1,128,230	1,183,817	105	(55,587)	141,989	(39)
July 1, 1998	1,271,416	1,347,414	106	(75,998)	149,045	(51)
July 1, 1999	1,470,597	1,538,487	105	(67,890)	158,965	(43)
July 1, 2000	1,589,350	1,726,302	109	(136,952)	163,630	(84)
July 1, 2001	1,650,810	1,863,098	113	(212,288)	164,315	(129)
July 1, 2002	1,970,154	1,922,405	98	47,749	190,578	25
July 1, 2004	2,266,823	2,000,302	88	266,521	181,527	147
July 1, 2005	2,461,142	2,119,203	86	341,939	192,084	178
July 1, 2006	2,670,900	2,324,999	87	345,901	218,746	158
July 1, 2007	2,892,292	2,633,625	91	258,667	232,397	111
July 1, 2008	3,080,487	2,945,086	96	135,401	239,172	57
July 1, 2009	3,209,670	3,062,174	95	147,496	258,949	57
July 1, 2010	3,337,473	3,116,848	93	220,625	265,836	83
July 1, 2011	3,558,210	3,222,288	91	335,922	272,462	123
July 1, 2012	3,752,907	3,263,265	87	489,642	270,873	181
July 1, 2013	3,963,082	3,430,437	87	532,645	271,828	196

^{*}Includes the effect of the change in plan provisions effective November 1, 1996.



Historical Solvency Test (\$000)

Actuarial Accrued Liability for:

Valuation Date Contributions (1) and Vested Participants (2) Financed Portion) (3) Actuarial Value Assets July 1, 1986 62,253 133,219 201,137 401,271 July 1, 1987 68,057 140,330 207,484 453,322 July 1, 1988 71,001 162,085 206,926 478,460 July 1, 1989 74,324 176,865 222,242 543,898 July 1, 1990 77,472 203,190 231,809 598,814 July 1, 1991 82,301 245,391 293,322 642,499 July 1, 1992 87,254 270,511 312,358 694,080 July 1, 1993 92,709 292,558 373,375 762,794 July 1, 1994 97,583 318,222 377,206 831,741 July 1, 1995 103,552 342,388 406,387 912,417	(1) 100 100 100	(2) 100 100 100	(3) 100 100
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July 1, 1996 131,421 360,055 497,867 1,024,569	100	100	100
July 1, 1997 156,501 383,605 588,124 1,183,817	100	100	100
July 1, 1998 261,186 389,700 614,957 1,347,414	100	100	100
July 1, 1999 324,154 424,990 721,453 1,538,487	100	100	100
July 1, 2000 376,688 438,303 774,359 1,726,302	100	100	100
July 1, 2001 374,918 555,332 720,560 1,863,098	100	100	100
July 1, 2002 406,522 698,964 864,668 1,922,405	100	100	94
July 1, 2004 307,036 909,085 1,050,702 2,000,302	100	100	75
July 1, 2005 351,112 997,506 1,112,524 2,119,203	100	100	69
July 1, 2006 354,007 1,162,755 1,154,138 2,324,999	100	100	70
July 1, 2007 408,856 1,245,485 1,237,951 2,633,625	100	100	79
July 1, 2008 431,132 1,568,566 1,080,789 2,945,086	100	100	87
July 1, 2009 484,085 1,599,862 1,125,723 3,062,174	100	100	87
July 1, 2010 504,946 1,737,648 1,094,879 3,116,848	100	100	80
July 1, 2011 487,277 1,971,360 1,099,573 3,222,288	100	100	69
July 1, 2012 491,509 2,157,908 1,103,490 3,263,265	100	100	56
July 1, 2013 469,528 2,361,270 1,132,284 3,430,437	100	100	

Analysis of Financial Experience (\$000)

	Gain (Loss) During	the Year From Financ	ial Experience	Gain (Loss) Due to	Composite Net		
Year Ended	Liability Sources	Asset Sources	Total	Non-Recurring Items*	Gain / (Loss) During the Year		
June 30, 1998	\$ (9,126)	\$ 7,467	\$ (1,659)	\$ (11,082)	\$ (12,741)		
June 30, 1999	(30,772)	(11,189)	(41,961)	(57,642)	(99,603)		
June 30, 2000	21,667	3,920	25,587	(15,950)	9,637		
June 30, 2001	(9,353)	(35,515)	(44,868)	68,166	23,298		
June 30, 2002	(163,358)	(39,336)	(202,694)	0	(202,694)		
June 30, 2004	(8,019)	(175,458)	(183,477)	5,142	(178,335)		
June 30, 2005	(10,841)	(21,995)	(32,836)	(15,038)	(47,874)		
June 30, 2006	(25,268)	52,355	27,087	(12,459)	14,628		
June 30, 2007	(30,485)	140,572	110,087	0	110,088		
June 30, 2008	13,952	127,248	141,200	0	141,200		
June 30, 2009	76,701	(101,923)	(25,222)	0	(25,222)		
June 30, 2010	27,205	(162,222)	(135,017)	50,881	(84,136)		
June 30, 2011	(2,184)	(99,107)	(101,291)	(24,044)	(125,335)		
June 30, 2012	18,328	(151,503)	(133,175)	(2,962)	(136,137)		
June 30, 2013	32,910	(111,583)	(78,673)	65,007	(13,666)		

^{*}Non-recurring items reflect changes in actuarial assumptions, methods and plan provisions.

Actuarially Determined City Contribution Rates

		Actuarial Valuation <u>as of July 1, 2013</u>
1.	Normal Cost (City Portion)	19.4%
2.	Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (Surplus)	13.8%
3.	Additional Statutory Requirement	0.0
4.	City's Contribution Rate	33.2%
5.	Employee Contribution Rate	9.0%

Change in Actuarially Determined City Contribution Rate Since the

Prior Valuation

1.	City Contribution rate as of July 1, 2012	31.1%					
2.	Change in the City Contribution Rate Due To: a. Normal operation of the plan b. Actuarial (gain)/loss from liability sources c. Actuarial (gain)/loss from asset sources d. Change in Employee Contribution Rate e. Change in actuarial assumptions & methods	0.7 (0.8) 2.8 0.0 (0.6)					
3.	City Contribution rate as of July 1, 2013	33.2%					
4.	4. Additional Statutory Requirement						
5.	Total City Contribution rate as of July 1, 2013	33.2					

Analysis of Actual Contribution Rates

Contribution Rate

	City*	Employee
Fiscal Year 2009	29.4%	9.0%
Fiscal Year 2010	29.4%	9.0%
Fiscal Year 2011	29.4%	9.0%
Fiscal Year 2012	23.9%	9.0%
Fiscal Year 2013	23.9%	9.0%
Fiscal Year 2014	23.9%	9.0%

Historical City Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll

Actuarially Calcu Contribution		Actual City Contribution Ra	ite
Valuation Date	Rate	Period	Rate
July 1, 1987	13.0%	July 1, 1988 through June 30, 1989	15.0%
July 1, 1988	13.3	July 1, 1989 through June 30, 1990	15.0
July 1, 1989	12.9	July 1, 1990 through June 30, 1991	15.0
July 1, 1990	13.2	July 1, 1991 through June 30, 1992	15.0
July 1, 1991	15.4	July 1, 1992 through June 30, 1993	15.0 ⁽²⁾
July 1, 1992	15.3	July 1, 1993 through June 30, 1994	15.3
July 1, 1993	15.6	July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995	15.0
July 1, 1994	14.9	July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996	15.0
July 1, 1995	13.4 ⁽³⁾	July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997	15.4
July 1, 1996	14.1 ⁽³⁾	July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998	15.4
July 1, 1997	14.9 ⁽³⁾	July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999	15.4
July 1, 1998	11.5	July 1, 1999 through June 30, 2000	15.4
July 1, 1999	11.0	July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001	15.4
July 1, 2000	$9.9^{(3)}$	July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002	15.4
July 1, 2001	14.9 ⁽³⁾	July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003	15.4
July 1, 2002	23.8	July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004	16.5 ⁽³⁾
July 1, 2003	N/A ⁽⁴⁾	July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005	18.0
July 1, 2004	31.1	July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006	23.8
July 1, 2005	33.5	July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007	23.8
July 1, 2006	32.7	July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008	23.8
July 1, 2007	29.4	July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009	29.4
July 1, 2008	24.1	July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010	29.4
July 1, 2009	23.8	July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011	29.4
July 1, 2010	23.9	July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012	23.9
July 1, 2011	26.9	July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013	23.9
July 1, 2012	31.1	July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014	23.9
July 1, 2013	33.2	July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015	TBD



⁽¹⁾ Before application of statutory minimum contribution.
(2) Excluding additional contribution due to settlement of lawsuit.
(3) Average for the year.
(4) No valuation performed.

Projection of Estimated Assets and Liabilities (\$000)*

Estimated Contributions						Market		Actuarial	Actuarial	Unfunded		
Fiscal	Annual	City	City	Actuarially	Benefit	Value of	Market	Value of	Accrued	Liability	Funded	
Year	Payroll	Amount	Percent	Determined	Payments	Assets	Return	Assets	Liability	Amount	Percent	
				Rate		(BOY)		(BOY)	(BOY)	(BOY)	(BOY)	
2014	\$ 271.828	\$ 64,967	23.9%	33.2%	\$ 223,264	\$ 3,430,437	8.50%	\$ 3,430,437	\$ 3,963,082	\$ 532,645	87%	
2015	279,984	92,955	33.2%	33.7%	244,380	3,582,504	8.50%	3,582,504	4,147,672	565,168	86%	
2016	288,383	95,743	33.2%	33.4%	266,105	3,755,425	8.50%	3,755,425	4,328,352	572,927	87%	
2017	297,035	98,616	33.2%	33.2%	288,434	3,924,092	8.50%	3,924,092	4,504,230	580,138	87%	
2018	305,946	101,556	33.2%	32.9%	311,813	4,087,623	8.50%	4,087,623	4,674,340	586,716	87%	
2019	315,124	103,815	32.9%	32.7%	335,077	4,244,584	8.50%	4,244,584	4,837,175	592,591	88%	
2020	324,578	106,077	32.7%	32.4%	357,041	4,393,850	8.50%	4,393,850	4,992,316	598,466	88%	
2021	334,315	108,393	32.4%	32.2%	382,034	4,536,150	8.50%	4,536,150	5,140,545	604,395	88%	
2022	344,345	110,770	32.2%	31.9%	408,378	4,667,820	8.50%	4,667,820	5,278,202	610,382	88%	
2023	354,675	113,210	31.9%	31.7%	436,381	4,786,636	8.50%	4,786,636	5,403,065	616,429	89%	
2024	365,315	115,714	31.7%	31.4%	321,272	4,889,872	8.50%	4,889,872	5,512,407	622,535	89%	
2025	376,275	118,284	31.4%	31.2%	337,583	5,125,492	8.50%	5,125,492	5,754,195	628,702	89%	
2026	387,563	120,923	31.2%	31.0%	356,166	5,367,844	8.50%	5,367,844	6,002,775	634,931	89%	
2027	399,190	123,631	31.0%	30.7%	375,979	5,615,233	8.50%	5,615,233	6,256,454	641,220	90%	
2028	411,166	126,412	30.7%	30.5%	398,322	5,866,910	8.50%	5,866,910	6,514,482	647,573	90%	
2029	423,501	129,267	30.5%	30.3%	389,787	6,120,709	8.50%	6,120,709	6,774,696	653,988	90%	
2030	436,206	132,199	30.3%	30.1%	399,132	6,409,112	8.50%	6,409,112	7,069,578	660,466	91%	
2031	449,292	135,209	30.1%	29.9%	410,491	6,716,536	8.50%	6,716,536	7,383,545	667,009	91%	
2032	462,771	138,300	29.9%	29.7%	423,211	7,042,615	8.50%	7,042,615	7,716,231	673,617	91%	
2033	476,654	141,474	29.7%	29.5%	436,836	7,387,636	8.50%	7,387,636	8,067,926	680,290	92%	

^{*} The projections shown on this page assume:

Assets will return 8.50% in all future years (i.e. no gains or losses)
Contributions will be made as anticipated in the "City Percent" column above Payroll will increase at 3% annually



Participant Data Reconciliation

			Deferred		
	<u>Active</u>	<u>DROP</u>	<u>Vested</u>	Retired	<u>Total</u>
1. Number of members as of July 1, 2012	2,912	876	8	2,790	6,586
2. Change in status during the plan year:					
a. Actives who retired		(119)		119	0
b. Actives who terminated					
c. Actives who entered D.R.O.P.	(71)	71			0
d. Inactives who retired					
e. Participants who became disabled	(3)	(9)		12	0
3. No longer members due to:					
a. Death	(4)			(50)	(54)
b. Nonvested terminations	(9)				(9)
c. Child attained cut-off age					
d. Benefits no longer due	(12)			(4)	(16)
4. New member due to:					
a. Initial membership	113				113
b. Death of another member				35	35
c. Correction				4	4
5. Number of members as of July 1, 2013	2,926	819	8	2,906	6,659

Summary of Active Participants as of July 1, 2013

Attained Age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up	Total
Under 25 Avg. Pay	12 15,106	60 40,319	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72 36,117
25 to 29 Avg. Pay	23 15,179	210 48,985	118 57,727	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	351 50,045
30 to 34 Avg. Pay	5 15,068	177 50,503	415 63,291	81 67,180	0	0	0	0	0	0	678 60,061
35 to 39 Avg. Pay	3 15,380	92 51,708	367 63,614	269 67,968	47 77,499	0	0	0	0	0	778 64,364
40 to 44 Avg. Pay	0	3 54,637	174 63,177	218 69,831	226 77,523	50 84,452	0	0	0	0	671 71,718
45 to 49 Avg. Pay	0	0	5 60,874	75 67,779	157 76,990	54 84,360	4 98,895	0	0	0	295 76,021
50 to 54 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	2 68,084	45 77,234	21 72,498	4 86,210	0	4 69,776	0	76 75,765
55 to 59 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	3 84,792	1 46,814	0	1 74,116	0	5 75,061
60 to 64 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
65 to 69 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
40 to 74 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
70 & up Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total Avg. Pay	43 15,160	542 49,015	1079 62,812	645 68,477	475 77,317	128 82,460	9 87,471	0	5 70,644	0	2,926 64,130
Average Age: 36.88 Average Service: 10.07											

Summary of DROP Participants as of July 1, 2013

Attained Age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up	Total
Under 25 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
25 to 29 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 to 34 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
35 to 39 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 44 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	28 80,597	0	0	0	0	28 80,597
45 to 49 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	84 80,113	44 79,877	1 108,974	0	0	129 80,256
50 to 54 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	64 77,573	119 78,959	206 82,662	6 84,599	0	395 80,751
55 to 59 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	8 70,439	28 77,769	161 81,949	34 85,139	2 87,128	233 81,562
60 to 64 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 68,893	27 73,240	2 78,158	03 83,530	33 74,342
65 to 69 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 74 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & up Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 100,880	1 100,880
Total Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	184 78,883	192 78,943	395 81,794	42 84,730	6 87,621	819 80,665
	<u> </u>	Average	Age: 5	2.73	Α	verage Ser	vice: 29.	32			

Summary of Active and DROP Participants as of July 1, 2013

Attained Age	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up	Total
Under 25 Avg. Pay	12 15,106	60 40,319	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72 36,117
25 to 29 Avg. Pay	23 15,179	210 48,985	118 57,727	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	351 50,045
30 to 34 Avg. Pay	5 15,068	177 50,503	415 63,291	81 67,180	0	0	0	0	0	0	678 60,061
35 to 39 Avg. Pay	3 15,380	92 51,708	367 63,614	269 67,968	47 77,499	0	0	0	0	0	778 64,364
40 to 44 Avg. Pay	0	3 54,637	174 63,177	218 69,831	226 77,523	78 83,068	0	0	0	0	699 72,074
45 to 49 Avg. Pay	0	0	5 60,874	75 67,779	157 76,990	138 81,775	48 81,461	1 108,974	0	0	424 77,310
50 to 54 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	2 68,084	45 77,234	85 76,319	123 79,194	210 82,417	6 84,599	0	471 79,947
55 to 59 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	11 74,353	29 76,701	162 81,901	34 85,139	2 87,128	238 81,425
60 to 64 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0		1 68,893	27 73,240	2 78,158	3 83,530	33 74,342
65 to 69 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 to 74 Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
70 & up Avg. Pay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1 100,880	1 100,880
Total Avg. Pay	43 15,160	542 49,015	1,079 62,812	645 68,477	475 77,317	312 80,350	201 79,325	400 81,655	42 84,730	6 87,621	3,745 67,746
Average Age: 40.35 Average Service: 14.28											

Historical Active and DROP Participant Data

			Percentage		
	Number of		Annual Payroll	Average Annual	Increase
Valuation Date	Participants	Average Age	(\$000)	Salary	in Average Salary
January 1, 1976	2,262	33.0	34,600	15,318	31.2%
January 1, 1978	2,158	33.5	40,200	18,639	21.7
January 1, 1980	2,543	32.5	49,900	19,646	5.4
January 1, 1982	2,942	32.5	73,844	25,100	27.8
July 1, 1984	3,204	34.0	86,068	26,863	7.0
July 1, 1986	3,167	33.7	99,619	31,455	17.1
July 1, 1987	3,164	35.3	99,837	31,554	0.3
July 1, 1988	3,023	36.1	96,051	31,774	0.7
July 1, 1989	2,967	36.7	98,091	33,061	4.1
July 1, 1990	2,926	37.1	97,633	33,367	0.9
July 1, 1991	2,969	37.6	104,350	35,147	5.3
July 1, 1992	2,913	38.3	102,360	35,139	0.0
July 1, 1993	2,958	38.6	119,503	40,400	15.0
July 1, 1994	2,945	39.2	120,082	40,775	0.9
July 1, 1995	3,084	39.2	126,977	41,173	1.0
July 1, 1996	3,039	40.1	131,641	43,317	5.2
July 1, 1997	3,202	40.2	141,949	44,331	2.3
July 1, 1998	3,229	40.9	149,045	46,158	4.1
July 1, 1999	3,282	41.4	158,965	48,435	4.9
July 1, 2000	3,271	42.1	163,630	50,024	3.3
July 1, 2001	3,318	42.1	164,315	49,522	(1.0)
July 1, 2002	3,375	41.8	190,578	56,468	14.0
July 1, 2004	3,656	40.4	181,526	48,206	(14.6)
July 1, 2005	3,894	39.4	192,084	49,358	2.4
July 1, 2006	3,796	41.2	218,746	52,731	6.8
July 1, 2007	3,819	40.5	232,397	57,581	9.2
July 1, 2008	3,876	40.2	239,172	59,909	4.0
July 1, 2009	3,949	40.3	258,949	61,053	1.9
July 1, 2010	3,911	40.5	265,836	63,296	3.7
July 1, 2011	3,861	40.5	272,462	65,712	3.8
July 1, 2012	3,788	40.8	270,873	66,631	1.0
July 1, 2013	3,745	40.4	271,828	67,746	1.2

Summary of Inactive Participants as of July 1, 2013

	Number	Annual Benefits (\$000)	Average Annual Benefits	
Benefits in Pay Status				
— Retirees	2,036	\$ 91,233	\$ 44,810	
 Beneficiaries 	543	18,508	34,084	
 Disabled Participants 	327	14,339	43,851	
— Total	2,906	\$ 124,080	\$ 42,698	
Deferred Benefits				
 Vested Terminated Participants 	8	\$ 86	\$ 10,729	
 Beneficiaries 	N/A	N/A	N/A	
 Disabled Participants 	<u>N/A</u>	N/A	N/A	
— Total	8	\$ 86	\$ 10,729	

Retirees and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls

	Added	to Rolls	Removed	from Rolls		the End e Year	_	
Period Ended	Number	Annual Benefits (\$000)	Number	Annual Benefits (\$000)	Number	Annual Benefits (\$000)	Percentage Increase in Annual Benefits	Average Annual Benefit
December 31, 1978	72	719	23	76	794	4,294	15.8%	5,408
December 31, 1979	67	719	21	83	840	5,008	16.6	5,962
December 31, 1980	33	473	23	84	850	5,498	9.8	6,468
December 31, 1981	61	862	38	159	873	6,097	10.9	6,983
December 31, 1982	63	644	26	171	910	6,772	11.1	7,442
December 31, 1983	54	605	39	207	925	7,403	9.3	8,003
June 30, 1984*	41	619	17	98	949	3,952	6.8	8,328
June 30, 1985	75	968	53	290	971	8,432	6.7	8,684
June 30, 1986	54	752	38	243	987	9,550	13.3	9,676
June 30, 1987	76	1,101	33	235	1,030	10,522	10.2	10,215
June 30, 1988	121	2,002	38	311	1,113	12,754	21.2	11,459
June 30, 1989	74	1,306	42	299	1,145	14,032	10.0	12,255
June 30, 1990	111	1,996	37	288	1,219	16,428	17.1	13,477
June 30, 1991	129	1,784	38	401	1,310	17,888	8.9	13,665
June 30, 1992	78	1,588	44	401	1,344	19,866	11.1	14,781
June 30, 1993	82	1,717	48	585	1,378	21,516	8.3	15,614
June 30, 1994	112	2,006	58	660	1,432	23,297	8.3	16,269
June 30, 1995	87	1,728	28	353	1,491	25,142	7.9	16,863
June 30, 1996	67	1,402	56	660	1,502	26,379	4.9	17,563
June 30, 1997	56	1,050	37	487	1,521	27,581	4.6	18,133
June 30, 1998	54	1,064	43	477	1,532	28,675	4.0	18,717
June 30, 1999	64	1,840	28	551	1,568	30,233	5.4	19,281
June 30, 2000	95	2,364	71	1,167	1,592	34,583	14.4	21,723
June 30, 2001	127	3,581	47	775	1,672	38,347	10.9	22,935
June 30, 2002	172	5,493	61	998	1,783	44,300	15.5	24,846
June 30, 2004**	377	N/A	109	N/A	2,051	57,676	30.2	28,121
June 30, 2005	135	4,353	53	1,107	2,133	62,882	9.0	29,481
June 30, 2006	195	7,231	60	1,437	2,268	70,420	12.0	31,050
June 30, 2007	106	3,822	59	1,407	2,315	74,948	6.4	32,375
June 30, 2008	166	9,334	21	828	2,460	98,216	31.0	39,925
June 30, 2009	133	3,369	43	2,081	2,550	94,536	-3.7	37,073
June 30, 2010	162	7,159	103	2,886	2,609	96,580	2.2	37,018
June 30, 2011	181	8,905	64	1,489	2,726	106,832	10.6	39,190
June 30, 2012	141	7,042	77	2,398	2,790	114,176	6.8	40,923
June 30, 2013	170	8,286	54	1,837	2,906	124,080	8.7	42,698



^{*} Six-month period** Two-year period

Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Actuarial Methods

Actuarial Value of Assets

Gains and losses in the market value of assets, based on the difference between the actual rate of return and the assumed rate of return, are recognized in the actuarial value over five years. Past investment gains and losses were fully recognized in the Actuarial Value of Assets at July 1, 2013. New gains and losses will be recognized over five years beginning July 1, 2014.

Actuarial Cost Method

Entry Age Method with liabilities allocated from date of entry to expected payment of benefit. The Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (Surplus), including the effects of actuarial gains and losses, is amortized as a level percentage of payroll over 30 Years. The contribution is increased for interest for one-half of a year to reflect timing of payment.

KEY ECONOMIC ASSUMPTIONS

Investment Return

Real Rate of Return 5.5%

Price Inflation 3.0%

Total Nominal Rate 8.5%

Expected future investment returns are assumed to be net of administrative and investment expenses.

Wage and Price Inflation 3.0%

Payroll Growth Rate 3.0%

Individual Pay Increase Rate

(Nominal = Merit + Wage Inflation)

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<u>Age</u>	Nominal	Merit
20	7.00%	4.00%
25	6.25%	3.25%
30	5.50%	2.50%
35	5.00%	2.00%
40	4.00%	1.00%
45	3.70%	0.70%
50	3.40%	0.40%
55	3.00%	0.00%

Demographic Assumptions

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Number of Years	Probability of Retiring
of Service	Within One Year
	Trial Total
20	1%
21	1%
22	1%
23	1%
24	1%
25	5%
26	5%
27	5%
28	5%
29	5%
30	15%
31	15%
32	15%
33	15%
34	15%
35	25%
36	25%
37	30%
38	35%
39	40%
40+	100%

Demographic Assumptions

DROP Duration	Duration of DROP at Retirement	Percentage of Participants Electi Retirement at the Specified Durat				
	0			0%		
	3			0		
	5			5		
	8			30		
	10			65		
Sample Rates	Number of Years of Service at Actual Retirement		age of Pa Specific	•		ng with
		0 yr	3 yrs	5 yrs	8 yrs	10 yrs
	20	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
	25	0	0	100	0	0
	30	0	0	5	30	65
	35	0	0	5	30	65
	40+	0	0	0	0	100

Mortality Rates

Active participants and nondisabled pensioners

RP-2000 Table projected to year 2023 using Scale

AA.

Note: The RP-2000 Mortality Table projected to year 2023 using scale AA is used to determine the mortality assumptions for the plan, including the probability of ceasing active service due to death.

Graduated rates (see table below for sample rates).

Disability Rates

Disabled pensioners

Graduated rates (see table below for sample rates).

Percentage of Deaths and Disabilities in the Line of Duty

<u>Age</u>	<u>Death</u>	<u>Disability*</u>
25	100%	60%
35	100	60
45	42	34
55	20	25

^{* 1%} of firefighters who become disabled in the line of duty are assumed to be incapable of performing any substantial gainful activity.

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Age	Termination Rate					
20	1.30%					
25	1.30					
30	1.18					
35	0.70					
40	0.40					
45	0.45					
50	0.00					

For participants terminating with at least 10 years but less than 20 years of service:

50% will elect a contribution refund

50% will elect a deferred monthly pension benefit

Marital Status at Benefit Eligibility

Percentage married 90% of participants are assumed to be married.

No beneficiaries other than the spouse assumed.

Husbands assumed to be three years older than wives.

Load of Nature of Average Monthly Salaries

Active liabilities and normal costs were increased 5% to account for differences between the plan's definition of average monthly salary (average of the highest 78 pay periods), and the average of the final 78 pay periods.

Development of Valuation Pay

Valuation pay is developed by increasing the prior year's pay with the nominal individual pay increase rate.

Age at which Benefits End for Child Beneficiaries

Benefits are assumed to end once the child beneficiary reaches age 23.

Missing Data Assumptions

Pay for New Hires None were missing.

Employee Contributions Based on the prior year's contributions and current

year's pay.

Age at First Payment for Vested Terminations:

Terminations: 50

Benefits Not Valued

The proportional retirement program between the Houston municipal, police and fire pension funds which allows for combining service credit from two or more City of Houston pension plans was not valued because its impact is expected not to be

material.

Sample Rates

Sample Rates per 100 Participants

	Non-disal	Non-disabled Mortality		Disabled Mortality		
Age	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	Male	Female	All	
20	0.03	0.02	2.30	0.70	0.75	
25	0.04	0.02	2.60	1.30	0.75	
30	0.04	0.03	2.90	1.90	0.75	
35	0.07	0.05	2.80	2.20	1.50	
40	0.10	0.07	3.10	2.30	1.50	
45	0.15	0.11	3.50	2.30	1.50	
50	0.21	0.17	4.10	2.60	1.50	
55	0.36	0.27	5.30	3.00	1.50	
60	0.67	0.50	6.50	3.40	3.00	

Changes in Assumptions and Methods Since the Prior Year

The following changes in assumptions and methods have taken place since the July 1, 2012 valuation:

The mortality rates have been changed from the RP-2000 table projected to 2022 using scale AA to the RP-2000 table projected to 2023 using Scale AA. That is, mortality improvement continues to be projected ten years beyond the valuation date.

The Retirement rates were updated for ages 37 and above to better reflect the plan experience, please refer to last year's report for last year's retirement rates.

The Termination rates were also updated for ages 42 and above to better reflect the plan experience, please refer to last year's report for last year's termination rates.

Past investment gains and losses were fully recognized in the Actuarial Value of Assets at July 1, 2013. Future investment gains and losses will be recognized over five years beginning July 1, 2014.

The valuation programming for benefits for participants in the DROP was adjusted based on a review of the assumptions and plan provisions.

Summary of Plan Provisions

Membership

Any firefighter who has not reached the age of 36 at the time he or she first enters employment shall automatically become a participant in the Fund upon completing the training period. Before October 1, 1990, the eligibility age was age 31. Before 1984, participants entered the Fund on January 1 or July 1.

Average Salary

The average of the highest 36 months of salary (or 78 pay periods), including base pay and overtime, before reduction for pre-tax employee contributions and salary deferrals.

Standard Service Pension

Eligibility

20 years of service

Benefit

For retirement on or after November 1, 1997, 50% of average monthly salary; plus 3% of average monthly salary per year of service in excess of 20 years.

For retirement on or after November 1, 1996 and prior to November 1, 1997, 48.334% of average monthly salary, plus 2.834% of average monthly salary per year of service in excess of 20 years.

For retirement on or after November 1, 1995 and prior to November 1, 1996, 46.667% of average monthly salary, plus 2.667% of average monthly salary per year of service in excess of 20 years.

For retirement on or after September 1, 1991 and prior to November 1, 1995, 45% of average monthly salary, plus 2.5% of average monthly salary per year of service in excess of 20 years, up to 30 years, plus 1.0% of average monthly salary in excess of 30 years.

For retirement on or after September 1, 1989 and prior to September 1, 1991, 45% of average monthly salary, plus 2.5% of average monthly salary per year of service in excess of 20 years.

For retirement on or after September 1, 1987 and prior to September 1, 1989, 45% of average monthly salary, plus 2% of average monthly salary per year of service in excess of 20 years.

For retirement on or after July 1, 1986 and prior to September 1, 1987, 40% of average monthly salary plus 2% of average monthly salary per year of service in excess of 20 years.



Standard Service Pension (continued)

Benefit (continued) For retirement on or after January 1, 1970 and prior to July 1,

1986, 35% of average monthly salary plus 3% of average monthly salary per year of service in excess of salary per

year of service in excess of 25 years.

Maximum For retirement on or after September 1, 1991, 80% of

average monthly salary.

For retirement on or after September 1, 1989 and prior to

September 1, 1991, 70% of average monthly salary.

For retirement on or after September 1, 1987 and prior to

September 1, 1989, 65% of average monthly salary.

For retirements on or after January 1, 1970 and prior to

September 1, 1987, 60% of average monthly salary.

In addition, a member will receive a \$5,000 lump sum

payment upon retirement.

Alternate Service Pension

Eligibility Firefighters who became participants prior to September 1,

1987 and who attain age 50 with 20 years of service will

receive the greater of the standard or alternate pension.

Benefit 50% of average monthly salary plus 1% of average monthly

salary per year of service after becoming eligible to retire on

an alternate pension.

Maximum 65% of average monthly salary.

Supplemental Bonus Check Supplemental payments totaling up to \$5 million will be

payable on a prorated basis determined by the Board of

Trustees to all retirees and survivors.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP)

Eligibility

Benefit

20 years of service.

Effective July 1, 2000, eligible participants may elect to participate in the DROP for up to ten years or until they leave active service. The member's standard or alternate service pension (whichever is greater) will be calculated based on service and earnings at the time the DROP is elected.

A notional account will be maintained for each DROP participant. This account will be credited with the following amounts while the member is a participant of the DROP:

- The member's monthly retirement pension, including applicable cost-of-living adjustments,
- The member's contribution to the Retirement Fund, and
- Investment earnings/losses at the rate of the Retirement Fund's earnings/losses averaged over a five-year period.

A benefit equal to the DROP account balance would be paid at the time the member leaves active service. The payment would be made as a single lump sum or as the member chooses.

Effective on July 1, 2000, a three-year back DROP is available for all eligible participants. The DROP account would be recalculated based on what the account balance would have been had the participant elected the DROP up to 3 years earlier than he/she actually did. The initial DROP entry date cannot be backdated prior to September 1, 1995, or prior to 20 years of credited service, and must be on the first of the month selected.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) (cont.)

The monthly benefit for a participant at actual retirement will increase 2% for every year of DROP participation (Phased in at 1% effective September 1, 2000 and 1% effective September 1, 2001).

Members can remain in the DROP for 13 years. However, the member's contributions to the Fund will only be credited to his DROP account for the first ten years. Additionally, a maximum of 20% will be added to his benefit at actual retirement.

If a DROP participant suffers an on-duty disability resulting in the inability to perform any gainful activity or dies in the line of duty, the death or disability annuity benefit would be calculated as though the participant had not entered the DROP. In addition, the DROP account would be payable to the participant or beneficiary.

Service-Connected Disability Pension

Eligibility No age or service requirements.

Benefit 50% of average monthly salary or service pension if

greater and eligible. Firefighters who are not capable of performing any substantial gainful activity will receive 75% of average monthly salary, or service

pension, if greater and eligible.

In addition, a member will receive a \$5,000 lump sum.

Non-Service-Connected Disability Pension

Eligibility No age or service requirements.

Benefit 25% of average monthly salary, plus 2.5% of average

monthly salary per year of service.

Maximum 50% of average monthly salary or service pension, if

greater and eligible.

In addition, a member will receive a \$5,000 lump sum.

Vested Pension

Eligibility At least 10 but less than 20 years of service.

Benefit 1.7% of average monthly salary per year of service,

payable beginning at age 50 or optional refund of contributions with interest at a flat rate of 5% not

compounded.



Death Benefits

Payable as specified below if survived by a spouse, dependent children, or dependent parents. Effective November 1, 1997 dependent children can continue to receive benefits between the ages of 18 and 22 if they are in college.

Non-service-connected: Monthly benefit that would have been payable had the participant retired for nonservice-connected disability on the date of his or her death (or service pension if greater).

Postretirement: Monthly benefit which was payable to the participant prior to his or her death. Effective July 1, 1998, a "graded" postretirement death benefit is payable to a surviving spouse if the retiree was not married at the time of retirement. This "graded" benefit is equal to 20% of the postretirement death benefit for each year of marriage to a maximum 100% after five years of marriage.

Preretirement: Refund of contributions made if no eligible survivors. If death occurs after 10 years of service, interest is credited on the contributions at the flat rate of 5% not compounded. If death occurs before 10 years of service, no interest is credited.

Lump sum: A one-time \$5,000 lump sum death benefit for any active or retired firefighter. This benefit applies to active members, current retirees, and disabled participants.

Additional Benefit

Effective on or after July 1, 2001, an extra monthly benefit of \$150 is payable for life to any retired or disabled member or to an eligible survivor of a deceased member. This benefit is not subject to the postretirement adjustment.

Excess Benefit

Benefit equal to the excess of any members' standard service pension benefit over the limit imposed by Section 415 of the code.

Postretirement Adjustment

Prior to October 1, 1990: Pensions adjusted each year based on changes in the CPI-U, but not below original amount or above original amount increased 3% each year, not compounded.

Pension adjustments for participants who retire after March 1, 1982 begin at age 55.

Postretirement Adjustment (continued)

Pension adjustments begin immediately for participants whose benefits become payable on or after July 1, 1986 and are based upon 30 or more years of service.

On or after October 1, 1990 and prior to November 1, 1997: Pensions adjusted each year based on changes in the CPI-U. The adjustment is based on the amount of benefits payable at the time of adjustment. The maximum annual increase shall be 3% of the benefits payable at the time of adjustment.

Pension adjustments begin immediately for participants whose benefits become payable on or after July 1, 1986 and are based upon 30 or more years of service.

On or after November 1, 1997: Pensions adjusted each year at a fixed rate of 3%. The adjustment is based on the amount of benefits payable at the time of adjustment.

Pension adjustment for participants who retire or terminate with a vested benefit after March 1, 1982 begin at age 48. Pension adjustments begin immediately for participants who become disabled and cannot perform any substantial gainful activity (current and future) and qualify for general on-duty disability benefits. Participants whose benefits become payable on or after July 1, 1986 and are based upon 30 or more years of service are also eligible for pension adjustments to begin immediately.

Contribution Rates

Members

9% of salary. Refund of contributions without interest in the event of termination before 10 years of service.

City

Beginning in 1983, the rate required to fund the Retirement Fund on an actuarial reserve basis. However, a minimum contribution of twice the employee contribution rate is required by statute.

Changes in Plan Provisions Since the Prior Year

Plan provisions reflected in the July 1, 2013 valuation are the same as those in the prior valuation.



Actuarial Certification

We certify that the information contained in this Actuarial Report has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices. To the best of our knowledge, the information fairly presents the actuarial position of the Houston Firefighters' Relief & Retirement Fund as of July 1, 2013.

The Board of Trustees of the Fund can use this report for determining the Actuarial City Contribution Rate. Use of this report for any other purpose or by anyone other than the Board may not be appropriate and may result in mistaken conclusions because of failure to understand applicable assumptions, methods, or inapplicability of the report for that purpose. No one may make any representations or warranties based on any statements or conclusions contained in this report without Buck Consultants' written consent.

Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from current measurements due to plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic and demographic assumptions, increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements, and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. An analysis of the potential range of such future differences is beyond the scope of this valuation.

In preparing the actuarial results, we have relied upon information provided by the Board of Trustees regarding plan provisions, plan participants, plan assets, contribution rates and other matters used in the actuarial valuation. Although we did not audit the data, we reviewed the data for reasonableness and consistency with the prior year's information. The results of the valuation are dependent on the accuracy of the data. The prior actuaries prepared historical information for 2004 and prior fiscal years. We did not verify or provide an actuarial review of this historical information.

The Board of Trustees selected the actuarial methods and assumptions used in this valuation. The Board has sole authority to determine the expected investment return and other actuarial assumptions. In our opinion, the actuarial assumptions used are appropriate for purposes of the valuation and are reasonably related to the experience of the Fund and to reasonable long-term expectations. The mortality improvement assumption was updated in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice No. 35. The plan provisions are the same as those used in the previous valuation.

This report was prepared under the supervision of David Driscoll and Carly Nichols. They are Fellows of the Society of Actuaries and Members of the American Academy of Actuaries. They meet the Academy's Qualification Standards to issue this Statement of Actuarial Opinion. This report has been prepared in accordance with all applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice and they are available to answer questions about it.

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