# Houston Firefighters' Relief and Retirement Fund 

Actuarial Valuation Report

## CONDUENT

## Summary of Key Results (\$000)

|  | July 1, 2016 |  | July 1, 2016 |  | July 1, 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Based upon 7.25\% rate |  | Based upon $8.5 \%$ rate, before valuation rate assumption change |  |  | ed upon \% rate |
| Actuarial Contribution Rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Normal Cost (City Portion) |  | 27.9\% |  | 19.8\% |  | 19.5\% |
| Amortization of Unfunded |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Actuarial Accrued Liability (Surplus) |  | 20.6\% |  | 11.6\% |  | 11.3\% |
| Additional Statutory Requirement |  | 0 |  | 0 |  | 0 |
| City's Actuarial Contribution Rate |  | 48.5\% |  | 31.4\% |  | 30.8\% |
| Employee Contribution Rate |  | 9.0\% |  | 9.0\% |  | 9.0\% |
| Summary of Assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Market Value | \$ | 3,729,670 | \$ | 3,729,670 | \$ | 3,877,651 |
| Rate of Return |  | -1.2\% |  | -1.2\% |  | 1.3\% |
| Actuarial Value ${ }^{1}$ | \$ | 4,089,047 | \$ | 4,089,047 | \$ | 3,929,988 |
| Rate of Return |  | 6.7\% |  | 6.7\% |  | 9.3\% |
| Summary of Liabilities |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Actuarial Accrued Liability | \$ | 5,073,523 | \$ | 4,569,569 | \$ | 4,397,007 |
| Actuarial Value of Assets |  | $(4,089,047)$ | \$ | $(4,089,047)$ |  | $(3,929,988)$ |
| Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability | \$ | 984,476 | \$ | 480,522 | \$ | 467,019 |
| Funded Ratio |  | 80.6\% |  | 89.5\% |  | 89.4\% |
| Summary of Data |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of Participants Included in the Valuation |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Active Participants |  | 3,321 |  | 3,321 |  | 3,142 |
| DROP Participants |  | 773 |  | 773 |  | 796 |
| Retirees and beneficiaries |  | 3,138 |  | 3,138 |  | 3,060 |
| Vested terminated participants |  | 43 |  | 43 |  | 23 |
| Total |  | 7,275 |  | 7,275 |  | 7,021 |
| Projected Annual Payroll |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Active Participants | \$ | 227,862 | \$ | 227,862 | \$ | 221,668 |
| DROP Participants |  | 68,916 |  | 68,916 |  | 70,821 |
| Total | \$ | 296,778 | \$ | 296,778 | \$ | 292,489 |

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## Section 1: Asset Information

Summary of Market Value of Assets (\$000)

|  | July 1, 2016 |  | July 1, 2015 |  | July 1, 2014 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Amount | Percentage | Amount | Percentage | Amount | Percentage |
| Investment Category |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash \& Short Term Investments | \$ 228,539 | 6.2\% | \$ 163,566 | 4.2\% | \$ 127,736 | 2.6\% |
| Fixed Income Investments | 1,138,667 | 30.5\% | 1,216,922 | 31.4\% | 1,220,890 | 34.6\% |
| Equity Securities | 1,357,842 | 36.4\% | 1,503,799 | 38.8\% | 1,557,858 | 36.2\% |
| Other Assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alternative Investments - Partnerships | 795,039 | 21.3\% | 808,707 | 20.9\% | 812,356 | 19.5\% |
| Real Estate | 186,825 | 5.0\% | 171,053 | 4.4\% | 195,472 | 6.6\% |
| Land, building, etc. | 5,724 | 0.2\% | 5,659 | 0.1\% | 5,950 | 0.2\% |
| Other Net Assets, Receivables \& Payables |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Accrued Interest \& Dividends | 11,928 | 0.3\% | 16,984 | 0.4\% | 16,457 | 0.5\% |
| Accrued City Contributions | 3,434 | 0.1\% | 2,828 | 0.1\% | 2,474 | 0.0\% |
| Accrued Member Contributions | 927 | 0.0\% | 769 | 0.0\% | 671 | 0.0\% |
| Net Other | 745 | 0.0\% | $(12,636)$ | (0.3)\% | $(27,039)$ | (0.2)\% |
| Total Market Value of Assets | \$ 3,729,670 | 100.0\% | \$ 3,877,651 | 100.0\% | \$ 3,912,825 | 100.0\% |

## Change in Market Value of Assets

$\left.\begin{array}{lrrrrr}\hline \text { Fiscal Year End } \\ \text { June 30, 2016 }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l}\text { Fiscal Year End } \\ \text { June 30, 2015 }\end{array}\right]$

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

## Actuarial Investment Gain (Loss)

|  | Fiscal Year End June 30, 2016 |  | Fiscal Year End June 30, 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Market Value of Assets at beginning of year | \$ | 3,877,651 | \$ | 3,912,825 |
| Net Cash Flow |  |  |  |  |
| a. Contributions | \$ | 119,790 | \$ | 117,701 |
| b. Disbursements |  | 211,673 |  | 196,362 |
| c. Net Cash Flow [2.a. - 2.b.] | \$ | $(91,883)$ | \$ | $(78,661)$ |
| Expected Investment Return[1. x .085] + [2.c. x .0425] | \$ | 325,695 | \$ | 329,247 |
| Expected Market Value of Assets at end of year [1. + 2.c. + 3.] | \$ | 4,111,463 | \$ | 4,163,411 |
| Market Value of Assets at end of year | \$ | 3,729,670 | \$ | 3,877,651 |
| Investment Gain / (Loss) [5. - 4.] | \$ | $(381,793)$ | \$ | $(285,760)$ |

## Schedule of Actuarial Investment Gains (Losses)

| Plan Year Ending | Initial Actuarial <br> Gain (Loss) | Five-Year Recognition | Gain (Loss) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| As of July 1, 2016 |  |  |  |

## Actuarial Value of Assets

Market Value as of July 1, 2016
\$ 3,729,670
(Gain) Loss to be Recognized in Future Years
Actuarial Value as of July 1, 2016
\$ 359,377
\$ 4,089,047

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## Section II: Basic Valuation Results

## Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (\$000)

|  | July 1, 2016 |  | July 1, 2016 |  | July 1, 2015 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Based upon <br> 7.25\% rate |  | Based upon 8.5\% rate, before valuation rate assumption change |  |  | upon 8.5\% rate |
| Actuarial Present Value of: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Future Benefits |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Active | \$ | 1,893,138 | \$ | 1,434,587 | \$ | 1,380,606 |
| DROP |  | 1,210,689 |  | 1,085,143 |  | 1,079,558 |
| Deferred Vested |  | 1,819 |  | 1,567 |  | 1,869 |
| Retired |  | 3,108,041 |  | 2,853,759 |  | 2,711,549 |
| Total for All Participants | \$ | 6,213,687 | \$ | 5,375,056 | \$ | 5,173,582 |
| Future Employee Contributions | \$ | 265,349 | \$ | 240,815 | \$ | 235,139 |
| Future Normal Cost - City Portion | \$ | 874,815 | \$ | 564,672 | \$ | 541,436 |
| Actuarial Accrued Liability | \$ | 5,073,523 | \$ | 4,569,569 | \$ | 4,397,007 |
| Actuarial Value of Assets | \$ | $(4,089,047)$ | \$ | $(4,089,047)$ | \$ | $(3,929,988)$ |
| Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability | \$ | 984,476 | \$ | 480,522 | \$ | 467,019 |
| Total Normal Cost (BOY) | \$ | 105,570 | \$ | 81,887 | \$ | 79,670 |

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

| Analysis of Change in Unfunded Liability | 2015/2016 |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| A. Unfunded at Beginning of Period | $\$$ | 467,019 |
| B. Estimated Change Due to Normal Operation | $\$$ | 79,670 |
| Normal Cost |  | $(119,790)$ |
| Contributions | $\$$ | 1,377 |
| Interest | $\$$ | 79,257 |
| $\quad$ Net Change | $\$$ | 8,281 |
| C. Estimated Change due to Actuarial Experience | $\$$ | 3,965 |
| $\quad$ Actuarial (gain) loss from asset sources | $\$$ | 503,954 |
| Actuarial (gain) loss from liability sources | $\$$ | 984,476 |


| Analysis of Change in Actuarial Asset Value | 2015/2016 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. Value at Beginning of Period | \$ | 3,929,988 |
| B. Contributions | \$ | 119,790 |
| C. Distributions | \$ | $(211,673)$ |
| D. Expected Investment Return at 8.5\% | \$ | 330,144 |
| E. Expected Value at End of Period | \$ | 4,168,249 |
| F. Actual Actuarial Asset Value | \$ | 4,089,047 |
| G. Actuarial Gain (Loss) Due to Asset Sources | \$ | $(79,202)$ |

## Analysis of Change in Actuarial Accrued Liability

## 2015/2016

| A. Actuarial Accrued Liability at Beginning of Period | $\$$ | $4,397,007$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| B. Increase Due to Normal Cost | $\$$ | 79,670 |
| C. Decrease Due to Distributions | $\$$ | $(211,673)$ |
| D. Interest and Other | $\$$ | 371,521 |
| E. Expected Actuarial Accrued Liability at End of Period | $\$$ | $4,636,525$ |
| F. Actuarial Loss (Gain) from Liability Sources | $\$$ | $(70,921)$ |
| G. Change due to Change in Mortality Table | $\$$ | 3,965 |
| H. Change due to Change in Discount Rate | $\$$ | 503,954 |
| H. Actuarial Accrued Liability | $\$$ | $5,073,523$ |

## Section III: Contribution Rate

## Actuarially Determined City Contribution Rates

$\left.\begin{array}{|lccc|}\hline & \text { July 1, 2016 } & \text { July 1, 2016 } & \text { July 1, 2015 } \\ \text { Based upon 7.25\% } \\ \text { rate }\end{array} \begin{array}{c}\text { Based upon 8.5\% rate, } \\ \text { before valuation rate } \\ \text { assumption change }\end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c}\text { Based upon 8.5\% } \\ \text { rate }\end{array}\right]$

| 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 | $23.9 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |
| Fiscal Year 2015 | $33.2 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |
| Fiscal Year 2016 | $33.2 \%$ | $9.0 \%$ |

## Historical City Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll

| Actuarially Calculated City Contribution Rate ${ }^{1}$ |  | Actual City Contribution Rate |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 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 | 33.2 |
| July 1, 2014 | $N / A^{4}$ | July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 | 33.2 |
| July 1, 2015 | 30.8 | July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 | 33.2 |
| July 1, 2016 | 48.5 | July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 | TBD |

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## Section IV: Valuation Forecast

## Projection of Estimated Assets and Liabilities (\$000) ${ }^{1}$



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## Section V: Participant Information

## Participant Data Reconciliation

|  | Active | DROP | Deferred Vested | Retired | Total |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Number of members as of July 1, 2015 | 3,142 | 796 | 23 | 3,060 | 7,021 |
| Change in status during the plan year: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Actives who retired | (2) | (91) |  | 93 | 0 |
| Actives who terminated | (29) |  | 29 |  | 0 |
| Actives who entered DROP | (71) | 71 |  |  | 0 |
| Inactives who retired |  |  | (2) | 2 | 0 |
| Participants who became disabled | (3) | (1) |  | 4 | 0 |
| No longer members due to: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Death | (1) | (2) |  | (53) | (56) |
| Non-vested terminations |  |  |  |  | 0 |
| Child attained cut-off age |  |  |  | (7) | (7) |
| Benefits no longer due | (15) |  | (7) |  | (22) |
| New member due to: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Initial membership | 300 |  |  |  | 300 |
| Death of another member |  |  |  | 37 | 37 |
| Correction |  |  |  | 2 | 2 |
| Number of members as of July 1, 2016 | 3,321 | 773 | 43 | 3,138 | 7,275 |

Summary of Active Participants as of July 1, 2016

| 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 | 41 | 55 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 96 |
| Avg. Pay | 11,938 | 46,576 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 31,783 |
| 25 to 29 | 72 | 328 | 68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 468 |
| Avg. Pay | 8,821 | 51,992 | 64,878 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 47,223 |
| 30 to 34 | 48 | 274 | 315 | 110 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 747 |
| Avg. Pay | 10,244 | 51,531 | 66,794 | 75,827 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 58,892 |
| 35 to 39 | 13 | 73 | 207 | 484 | 45 | - | - | - | - | - | 822 |
| Avg. Pay | 10,270 | 52,820 | 66,433 | 74,871 | 79,220 | - | - | - | - | - | 70,004 |
| 40 to 44 | - | 2 | 81 | 342 | 198 | 38 | - | - | - | - | 661 |
| Avg. Pay | - | 62,542 | 65,927 | 73,398 | 84,982 | 88,653 | - | - | - | - | 76,797 |
| 45 to 49 | - | - | 1 | 154 | 212 | 53 | 5 | - | - | - | 425 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | 74,679 | 74,315 | 84,452 | 97,324 | 113,950 | - | - | - | 82,708 |
| 50 to 54 | - | - | - | 4 | 76 | 14 | 4 | - | - | - | 98 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | 69,576 | 84,655 | 83,990 | 97,629 | - | - | - | 84,474 |
| 55 to 59 | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | 1 | - | - | - | 4 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | 90,297 | 75,190 | - | - | - | 86,520 |
| 60 to 64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 65 to 69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 70 \& up | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 174 | 732 | 672 | 1,094 | 531 | 108 | 10 | - | - | - | 3,321 |
| Avg. Pay | 10,056 | 51,524 | 66,396 | 74,409 | 84,235 | 92,349 | 103,545 | - | - | - | 66,614 |
| Average Age: |  |  |  | 37.14 |  | Average Service: 9.7 |  |  | 9.7 |  |  |

Summary of DROP Participants as of July 1, 2016

| 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 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 to 29 | - | - | - | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 30 to 34 | - | - | - | - |  | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 to 39 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |  |
| 40 to 44 | - | - | - | - | - | 14 | 1 | - | - | - | 15 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | 89,722 | 96,497 | - | - | - | 90,173 |
| 45 to 49 | - | - | - | - | - | 104 | 72 | 2 | - | - | 178 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | 84,013 | 90,047 | 115,910 | - | - | 86,812 |
| 50 to 54 | - | - | - | - | - | 82 | 110 | 77 | 1 | - | 270 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | 83,749 | 86,977 | 88,123 | 76,279 | - | 86,284 |
| 55 to 59 | - | - | - | - | - | 29 | 56 | 131 | 59 | - | 275 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | 82,053 | 83,166 | 88,230 | 89,611 | - | 86,844 |
| 60 to 64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14 | 17 | 2 | 33 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 81,223 | 85,914 | 74,675 | 83,243 |
| 65 to 69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 89,095 | 89,095 |
| 70 \& up | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | - | - | - | - | - | 229 | 239 | 224 | 77 | 4 | 773 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | 84,019 | 87,049 | 88,003 | 88,622 | 81,885 | 86,558 |
| Average Age: |  |  |  | 53.37 |  | Average Service |  | 28.32 |  |  |  |

Summary of Active and DROP Participants as of July 1, 2016

| 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 | 41 | 55 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 96 |
| Avg. Pay | 11,938 | 46,576 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 31,783 |
| 25 to 29 | 72 | 328 | 68 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 468 |
| Avg. Pay | 8,821 | 51,992 | 64,878 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 47,223 |
| 30 to 34 | 48 | 274 | 315 | 110 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 747 |
| Avg. Pay | 10,244 | 51,531 | 66,794 | 75,827 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 58,892 |
| 35 to 39 | 13 | 73 | 207 | 484 | 45 | - | - | - | - | - | 822 |
| Avg. Pay | 10,270 | 52,820 | 66,433 | 74,871 | 79,220 | - | - | - | - | - | 70,004 |
| 40 to 44 | - | 2 | 81 | 342 | 198 | 52 | 1 | - | - | - | 676 |
| Avg. Pay | - | 62,542 | 65,927 | 73,398 | 84,982 | 88,941 | 96,497 | - | - | - | 77,094 |
| 45 to 49 | - | - | 1 | 154 | 212 | 157 | 77 | 2 | - | - | 603 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | 74,679 | 74,315 | 84,452 | 88,507 | 91,599 | 115,910 | - | - | 83,919 |
| 50 to 54 | - | - | - | 4 | 76 | 96 | 114 | 77 | 1 | - | 368 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | 69,576 | 84,655 | 83,784 | 87,351 | 88,123 | 76,279 | - | 85,802 |
| 55 to 59 | - | - | - | - | - | 32 | 57 | 131 | 59 | - | 279 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | 82,826 | 83,026 | 88,230 | 89,611 | - | 86,839 |
| 60 to 64 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 14 | 17 | 2 | 33 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 81,223 | 85,914 | 74,675 | 83,243 |
| 65 to 69 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 89,095 | 89,095 |
| 70 \& up | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Avg. Pay | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 174 | 732 | 672 | 1,094 | 531 | 337 | 249 | 224 | 77 | 4 | 4,094 |
| Avg. Pay | 10,056 | 51,524 | 66,396 | 74,409 | 84,235 | 86,689 | 87,711 | 88,003 | 88,622 | 81,885 | 70,380 |
| Average Age: |  |  |  | 40.20 |  | Average Service: |  | 13.22 |  |  |  |

## Historical Active and DROP Participant Data

| Valuation Date | Number of Participants | Average Age | Projected Annual Payroll (\$000) | Average Annual Salary | Percentage Increase 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 |
| July 1, 2014 | 3,826 | 40.6 | 278,166 | 70,586 | 4.2 |
| July 1, 2015 | 3,938 | 40.1 | 292,489 | 69,343 | (1.8) |
| July 1, 2016 | 4,094 | 40.2 | 296,778 | 70,380 | 1.5 |

Summary of Inactive Participants as of July 1, 2016

|  | Number | Annual Benefits (\$000) |  | Average Annual Benefits |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Benefits in Pay Status |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retirees | 2,232 | \$ | 111,348 | \$ | 49,887 |
| Beneficiaries | 591 |  | 23,281 |  | 39,392 |
| Disabled Participants | 315 |  | 15,376 |  | 48,814 |
| Total | 3,138 | \$ | 150,005 | \$ | 47,803 |
| Deferred Benefits |  |  |  |  |  |
| Vested Terminated Participants | 43 | \$ | $100^{1}$ | \$ | 2,334 |
| Beneficiaries | N/A |  | N/A |  | N/A |
| Disabled Participants | N/A |  | N/A |  | N/A |
| Total | 43 | \$ | 100 | \$ | 2,334 |

[^4]
## Retirees and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls

| Period Ended | Number | to Rolls <br> Annual Benefits (\$000) | Remo | ved from Rolls <br> Annual Benefits (\$000) | Number | at the End the Year <br> 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 ${ }^{1}$ | 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 |

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## Retirees and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls (continued)

| Period Ended | Number | d to Rolls <br> Annual Benefits (\$000) | Remo | ed from Rolls <br> Annual Benefits (\$000) | Number | s at the End the Year <br> Annual Benefits (\$000) | Percentage Increase in Annual Benefits | Average Annual Benefit |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| June 30, $2004{ }^{1}$ | 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 |
| June 30, 2014 | 162 | 7,772 | 70 | 1,401 | 2,998 | 132,749 | 7.0 | 44,279 |
| June 30, 2015 | 147 | 7,273 | 85 | 383 | 3,060 | 140,629 | 5.9 | 45,957 |
| June 30, 2016 | 138 | 7,496 | 60 | 2,302 | 3,138 | 150,005 | 6.7 | 47,803 |

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## Section VI: Miscellaneous Information

## Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

## Basis for Assumptions

The economic and demographic assumptions used in the valuation were adopted by the Board in consultation with Conduent Human Resource Services (Conduent). The Board's established practice is to review the experience of the Retirement System at least once every five years to determine if any changes to the valuation assumptions are warranted. In general, the assumptions used in the valuation are based on recommendations made and approved by the Board as part of an Experience Study covering plan years from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2013. On October 18, 2016, the Board voted to interpret the amortization period to be a closed 30 year period as of July 1, 2015. In addition on May 30, 2017, the Board reviewed the investment rate of return assumption and adopted a rate of $7.25 \%$ based upon a review of the portfolio and current analysis available that future investment expectations have declined over the last 10-15 years and an additional $0.25 \%$ margin for possible adverse deviations. Valuation results at the prior assumed investment return rate of $8.50 \%$ have also been provided at July 1, 2016 in order to quantify the impact of the assumption change.

## Actuarial Methods

## Actuarial Value of Assets

Gains and losses on 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 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 a closed amortization period 30 years effective July 1, 2015. The contribution is increased for interest for one-half of a year to reflect the anticipated timing of payment.

## Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (continued)

Key Economic Assumptions

Investment Return

| Real Rate of Return | $4.25 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Price Inflation | $3.0 \%$ |
| Total Nominal Rate | $7.25 \%$ |

Investment Returns prior to July 1, 2016 are assumed to be 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 = <br>  <br> Merit + Wage Inflation) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Age | 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 | $3.00 \%$ | $0.00 \%$ |

## Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (continued)

Key Demographic Assumptions

Retirement Rates

| Number of Years of Service | Probability of Retiring Within One Year |
| :---: | :---: |
| 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\% |

## Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (continued)

## DROP Duration

| Duration of DROP <br> at Retirement | Percentage of Participants Electing <br> Retirement at the Specified Duration |
| :---: | :---: |
| 0 | $0 \%$ |
| 3 | 0 |
| 5 | 5 |
| 8 | 30 |
| 10 | 65 |

## Sample Rates

| Number of Years of <br> Service at Actual <br> Retirement | Percentage of Participants Retiring with <br> Specific Drop Durations |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\mathbf{0}$ yr. | $\mathbf{3}$ yrs. | $\mathbf{5}$ yrs. | $\mathbf{8}$ yrs. | $\mathbf{1 0}$ yrs. |
| 20 | $\mathbf{0} \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ | $0 \%$ |
| 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 2026 using Scale AA.
Note: The RP-2000 Mortality Table projected to year 2026 using scale AA is used to determine the mortality assumptions for the plan, including the probability of ceasing active service due to death.

## Disabled pensioners

Graduated rates (see table below for sample rates).

## Disability Rates

Graduated rates (see table below for sample rates).
Percentage of Deaths and Disabilities in the Line of Duty

| Age | Death | Disability $^{1}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 | $100 \%$ | $60 \%$ |
| 35 | 100 | 60 |
| 45 | 42 | 34 |
| 55 | 20 | 25 |

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## Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (continued)

## Termination Rates

| 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.

## Age difference

Husbands assumed to be three years older than wives.

## Adjustment to Reflect Definition of Average Monthly Salary

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:
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.

## Summary of Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (continued)

## Sample Rates

|  | Sample Rates per 100 Participants |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Non-disabled Mortality | Disabled Mortality |  | Disability |  |
| Age | Male | Female | 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 | 4.01 | 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, 2015 valuation:

- In general, the mortality rates applicable to active and non-disabled participants are based on the RP-2000 table projected 10 years from the valuation date. Therefore, the mortality rates have been updated from the RP-2000 table projected to 2025 using scale AA to the RP-2000 table projected to 2026 using Scale AA. This increased the actuarial accrued liability by approximately $\$ 4$ million.
- The assumed investment rate of return was changed from 8.5\% to 7.25\%. This change increased the actuarial accrued liability by approximately $\$ 504,000,000$.


## 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.

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.

## Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)

## 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

20 years of service.
Benefit
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 fiveyear 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.

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.

## Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)

## 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.

## Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)

## 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 non-service-connected disability on the date of his or her death (or service pension if greater).

## Postretirement

Monthly benefit 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

In the case of the death of an active firefighter in the line of duty, eligible survivor will receive a benefit equal to $100 \%$ of the decedent's average monthly salary. 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.

## Summary of Plan Provisions (continued)

## 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.
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 adjustments 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. Participants receive a 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, 2016 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, 2016.

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. Because of the risk of misinterpretation of actuarial results, Conduent recommends requesting it to perform an advance review of any statement, document, or filing based on information contained in this report. Conduent will accept no liability for any such statement, document or filing made without prior review by Conduent.

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. Where presented, references to "funded ratio" and "unfunded accrued liability" typically are measured on an actuarial value of assets basis. It should be noted that the same measurements using market value of assets would result in different funded ratios and unfunded accrued liabilities. Moreover, the funded ratio presented is appropriate for evaluating the need and level of future contributions but makes no assessment regarding the funded status of the plan if the plan were to settle (ie. purchase annuities) for a portion or all of its liabilities.

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 (other than the investment return assumption, as noted earlier) on the basis of an experience study covering the five-year period ending June 30, 2013. 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.

We are Members of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the Academy to render the actuarial opinions contained in this report. This report has been prepared in accordance with all applicable Actuarial Standards of Practice, and we are available to answer questions about it.

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[^2]:    ${ }^{1}$ Before application of statutory minimum contribution.
    ${ }^{2}$ Excluding additional contribution due to settlement of lawsuit.
    ${ }^{3}$ Average for the year.
    ${ }^{4}$ No valuation performed.

[^3]:    ${ }^{1}$ The projections shown on this page assume:
    Assets will return $7.25 \%$ 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.

[^4]:    ${ }^{1}$ Does not include $\$ 561,000$ in pending refunds.

[^5]:    ${ }^{1}$ Six-month period

[^6]:    ${ }^{1}$ Two-year period

[^7]:    ${ }^{1} 1 \%$ of firefighters who become disabled in the line of duty are assumed to be incapable of performing any substantial gainful activity.

