



2024 Edition of OCERS by the Numbers
(As of the December 31, 2023 actuarial valuation)

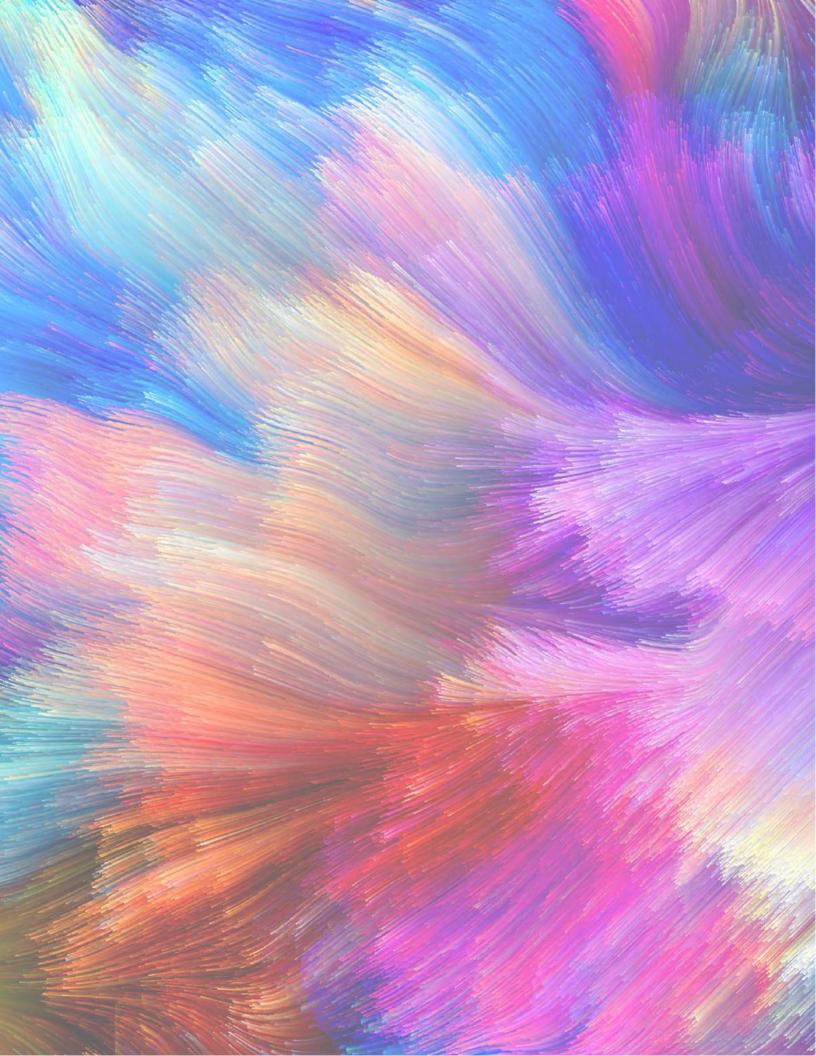


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Our Members Tell Our Story

OCERS members do not receive Social Security benefits for their years of service in our community, so they depend on us to help them achieve a measure of financial security in retirement.

OCERS partners with 13 active participating employers to provide pension benefits for retirees and their beneficiaries. Our members include many different public servants, including deputy sheriffs, firefighters, probation officers, physicians, secretaries, and bus drivers.

\$1,200 bn. paid in pension benefits annually (as of Dec. 31, 2023)

\$4,093 average monthly allowance for retired General members (excludes DRO's and beneficiaries)

\$7,277 average monthly allowance for retired Safety members (excludes DRO's and beneficiaries)

\$4,866 average monthly allowance for General members who retired with service retirement in 2023

\$8,069 average monthly allowance for Safety members who retired with service retirement in 2023

39% of all retirees who receive a monthly allowance receive less than \$3,000

15% of all retirees receive a pension greater than \$100,000 annually; they are typically attorneys, department heads, and other professionals

52,644 members

20% Safety members

80% General members

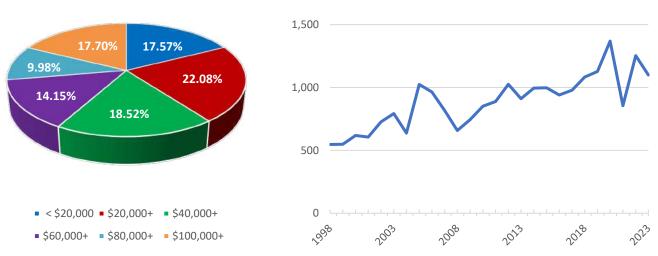
OCERS Pension Quick Facts

As of December 31, 2023

		(For more de	Quick Fact etails on retirees s			
Members & Employers	31,; active & mem	inactive	retirees, b	283 eneficiaries vivors	20 Participating Employers	52,644 total membership
Pension Averages	\$4,093 monthly allowance for all General members and payees	\$7,277 monthly allowance for all Safety members and payees	average years of service for General members who retired in 2023	average years of service for Safety members who retired in 2023	61 years old average age at retirement for General members who retired in 2023	54 years old average age at retirement for Safety members who retired in 2023







FUNDING STATUS:

As of December 31, 2023 OCERS is approximately 82.63% funded based on the valuation value of assets of \$22.14 billion in trust fund assets. The unfunded liability is estimated at \$4.7 billion. (The Segal Group, Inc.)

CONTRIBUTION SOURCES:

Every dollar paid to OCERS pensioners comes from three sources:*

OCERS active members – 14¢

Employers - 33¢

Investment Earnings - 53¢

* Source: OCERS income to trust fund over last 26 years



Orange County Employees Retirement System

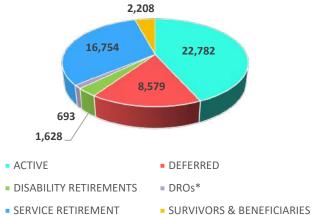
As of December 31, 2023

Demographics

OCERS Active Participating Employers

- 1. City of San Juan Capistrano
- 2. County of Orange
- 3. Orange County Cemetery District
- 4. Orange County Children and Families Commission (First 5)
- 5. Orange County Employees Retirement System
- 6. Orange County Fire Authority
- 7. Orange County In-Home Supportive Services Public Authority
- 8. Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
- 9. Orange County Public Law Library
- 10. Orange County Sanitation District
- 11. Orange County Superior Court
- 12. Orange County Transportation Authority
- 13. Transportation Corridor Agencies

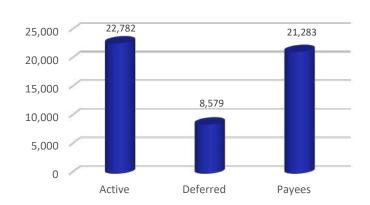
Members and Payees by Benefit Types 2,208



^{*} DRO: A court order dividing a pension benefit due to a divorce or legal separation.

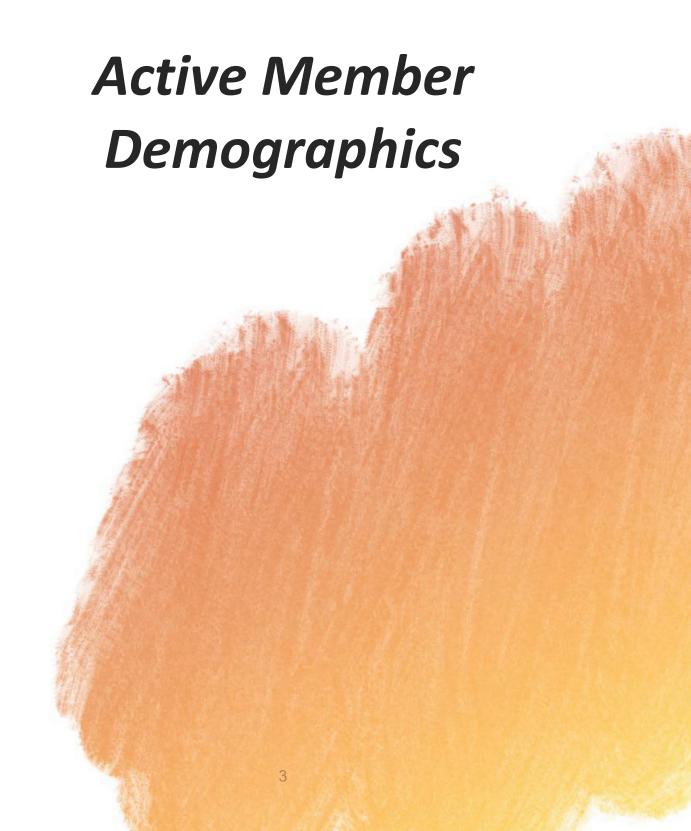
OCERS Inactive Participating Employers

- 1. Capistrano Beach Sanitary District
- 2. City of Rancho Santa Margarita
- 3. Cypress Recreation and Park District
- 4. Orange County Department of Education
- 5. Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District
- 6. University of California, Irvine Medical Center
- 7. University of California, Irvine Campus



Count of Active, Deferred and Payee by Status As of December 31, 2023

	General	Safety	Total
Active	18,805	3,977	22,782
Deferred	8,014	565	8,579
Payee	16,967	4,316	21,283
Total	43,786	8,858	52,644
Active Members per Payee	1.11	0.92	1.07



Count of Active Members by Status As of December 31, 2023

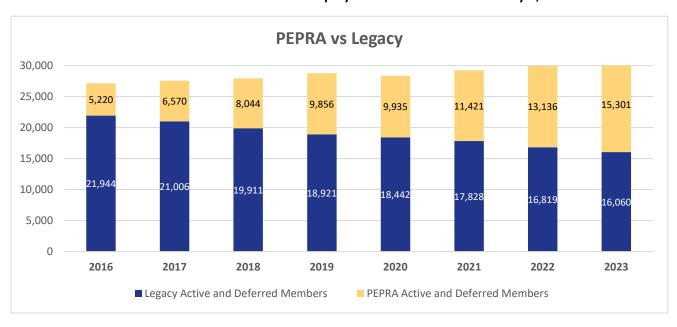
	General	Safety	Total Count
Active	18,805	3,977	22,782



Count and Percentage of PEPRA to Legacy Members

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Legacy Active and Deferred Members	21,944	21,006	19,911	18,921	18,442	17,828	16,819	16,060
PEPRA Active and Deferred Members	5,220	6,570	8,044	9,856	9,935	11,421	13,136	15,301
Total	27,164	27,576	27,955	28,777	28,377	29,249	29,955	31,361
Percentage of PEPRA to Legacy Members	19%	24%	29%	34%	35%	39%	44%	49%

PEPRA Members are new Public Employees hired on or after January 1, 2013



Count of Active Members by Plans and by Employers As of December 31, 2023

Retirement Plans

Employers	A	В	H 2.5% @ 55	l 2.7% @ 55	J 2.7% @ 55	N 2% @ 55	P 1.62% @ 65	S 2% @ 57	T PEPRA 1.62% @ 67	W PEPRA 1.62% @ 65	U PEPRA 2.5% @ 67	F Probation Safety 3% @ 50	F Safety 3% @ 50	R Safety 3% @ 55	V PEPRA Probation Safety 2.7% @ 57	V PEPRA Safety 2.7% @ 57	TOTAL
City of SJC				1	12			9		2	31						55
Local Agency Formation Comm.					2				3								5
Cemetery District						13					11						24
Children & Families					4						10						14
OCFA					74	36					215		485	159		591	1,560
IHSS Public Authority		5									21						26
Public Law Library			11								3						14
OCERS					34				44		35						113
Superior Court					688		14				757						1,459
ОСТА	1	692									571						1,264
Orange County		442		5	5,745		138		6,838		1,671	477	631	393	122	1,119	17,581
Sanitation District		52	191								365						608
Transportation Corridor Agencies						18					41						59
TOTAL:	1	1,191	202	6	6,559	67	152	9	6,885	2	3,731	477	1,116	552	122	1,710	22,782

Plan Formulas

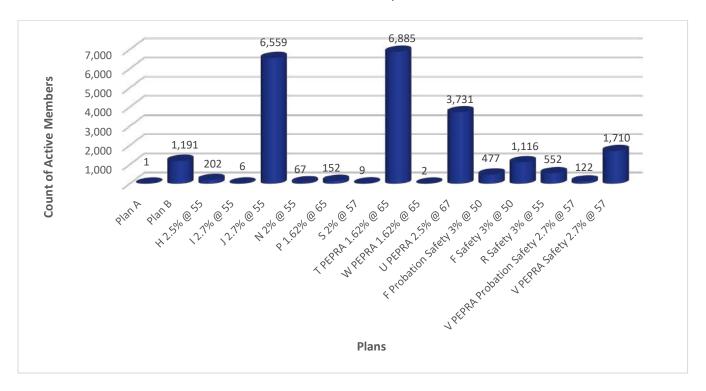
Eligible to retire for plans A – S (Legacy plans for public employees hired before Jan		Tier 1	Tier 2 (ł	nired on or after Sep 21, 1979)
1, 2013 including reciprocity) if:	12 month i	measuring period	36 mon	th measuring period
- 50 years old and has 10 or more years of <i>eligible service</i>	General	Α	В	Other General Members
		G	Н	2.5% @ 55
		1	J	2.7% @ 55
- Safety member has 20 years or more of <i>eligible service at any age</i>		M	N	2% @ 55
		0	P	1.62% @ 65
- 70 years old			S	2% @ 57
- General member has 30 years or more of <i>eligible service at any age</i>	Safety	C E	D F	2% @ 50 3% @ 50
Eligible to retire for PEPRA compliant/alternative plans T and W if:		Q	R	3% @ 55
- 50 years old and has 10 or more years of eligible service				
- 70 years old	New Public	c Employees hired o	n or after Ja	an 1, 2013
Eligible to retire for PEPRA plan U if:	General		T & W	1.62% @ 65
- 52 years old and has 5 or more years of <i>eligible service</i>			U	2.5% @ 67
- 70 years old	Safety		V	2.7% @ 57

Eligible to retire for PEPRA Safety plan V if:

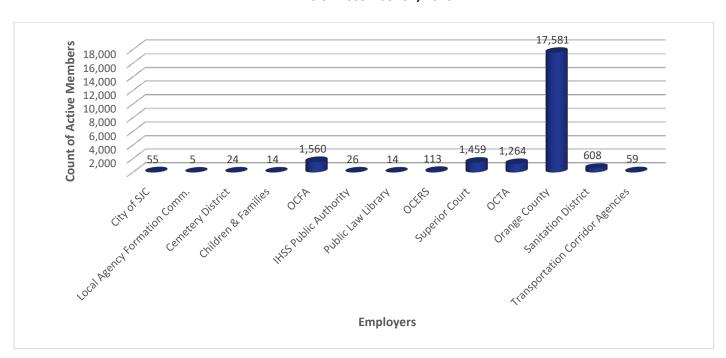
- 50 years old and has 5 or more years of *eligible service*
- 70 years old

Eligible Service = current service + incoming reciprocal service

Count of Active Members by Plans As of December 31, 2023



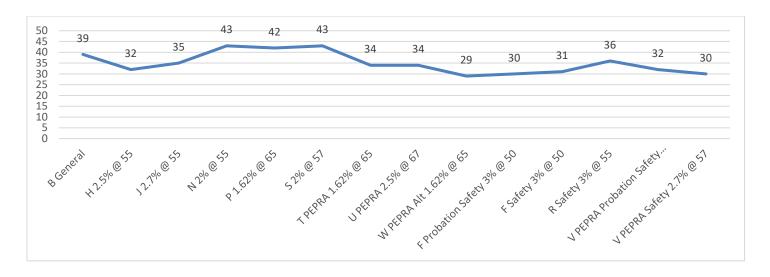
Count of Active Members by Employers As of December 31, 2023



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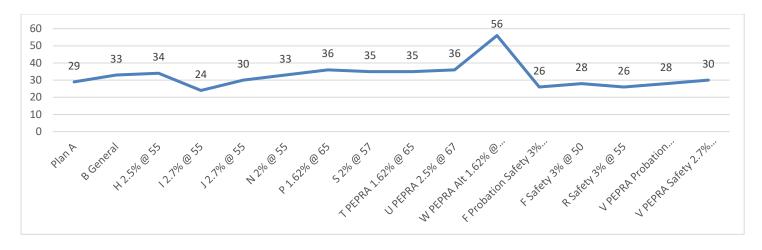
Average Entry Age of Active Members With Reciprocity by Plan Formula As of December 31, 2023

WITH RECIPROCITY	B General	H 2.5% @ 55	J 2.7% @ 55	N 2% @ 55	P 1.62% @ 65	S 2% @ 57	T PEPRA 1.62% @ 65	U PEPRA 2.5% @ 67	W PEPRA Alt 1.62% @ 65	F Probation Safety 3% @ 50	F Safety 3% @ 50	R Safety 3% @ 55	V PEPRA Probation Safety 2.7% @ 57	V PEPRA Safety 2.7% @ 57	AVERAGE ENTRY AGE
Average Entry Age by Plan	39	32	35	43	42	43	34	34	29	30	31	36	32	30	34



Average Entry Age of Active Members Without Reciprocity by Plan Formula As of December 31, 2023

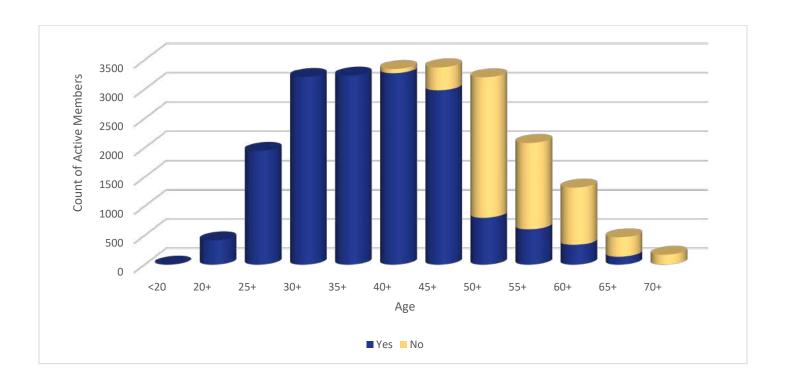
WITHOUT RECIPROCITY	Plan A	B General	H 2.5% @ 55	l 2.7% @ 55	J 2.7% @ 55	N 2% @ 55	P 1.62% @ 65	S 2% @ 57	T PEPRA 1.62% @ 65	U PEPRA 2.5% @ 67	W PEPRA Alt 1.62% @ 65	F Probation Safety 3% @ 50	F Safety 3% @ 50	R Safety 3% @ 55	V PEPRA Probation Safety 2.7% @ 57	V PEPRA Safety 2.7% @ 57	AVERAGE ENTRY AGE
Average Entry Age by Plan	29	33	34	24	30	33	36	35	35	36	56	26	28	26	28	30	32



Count of Active Members Eligible to Retire by Age Groups As of December 31, 2023

Age Groups

Eligible to Retire	< 20	20+	25+	30+	35+	40+	45+	50+	55+	60+	65+	70+	TOTAL
No	1	416	1,949	3,213	3,235	3,275	2,984	803	607	338	136		16,957
Yes						73	391	2,403	1,477	981	332	168	5,825
													22,782



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Active Members – Eligible to Retire by Employers As of December 31, 2023

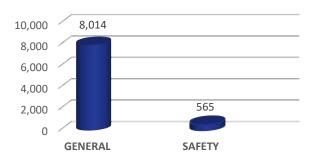
Plans	Plan A	Plan B General	H 2.5% @ 55		J 2.7% @ 55	N 2% @ 55	P 1.62% @ 65	S 2% @ 57	T PEPRA 1.62% @ 65	U PEPRA 2.5% @ 67	F Probation Safety 3% @ 50	F Safety 3% @ 50	R Safety 3% @ 55	V PEPRA Probation Safety 2.7% @ 57	TOTAL ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE	% ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE
City of SJC				1	8			5							14	25%
Local Agency Formation Comm.					2										2	40%
Cemetery District						8				1					9	38%
Children & Families					1					2					3	21%
OCFA					48	18				3		289	29		387	25%
IHSS Public Authority		4													4	15%
Public Law Library			9												9	64%
OCERS					19				2	1					22	19%
Superior Court					394		10			9					413	28%
ОСТА	1	472													473	37%
Orange County		256		5	3,146		58		99	35	320	361	39	1	4,331	25%
Sanitation District		16	117							13					146	24%
Transportation Corridor Agencies						10				2					12	20%
TOTAL ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE:	1	748	126	6	3,618	36	68	5	101	66	320	650	68	1	5,825	26%
% ELIGIBLE BY PLAN NAME:	100%	63%	62%	100%	55%	54%	45%	56%	1%	2%	67%	58%	12%	1%		

(Percentages rounded)

Deferred Member Demographics

Count of Deferred Members by Status As of December 31, 2023

	General	Safety	Total Count
Deferred	8,014	565	8,579

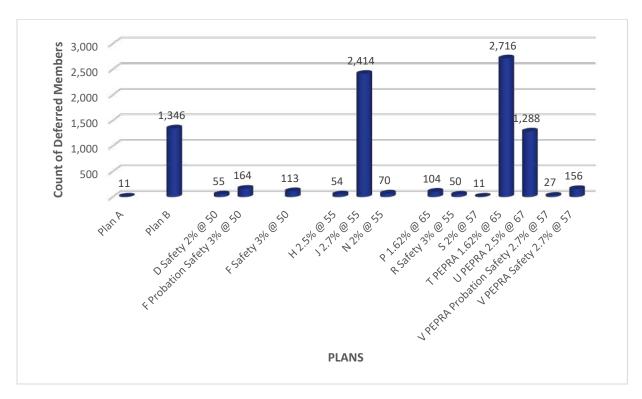


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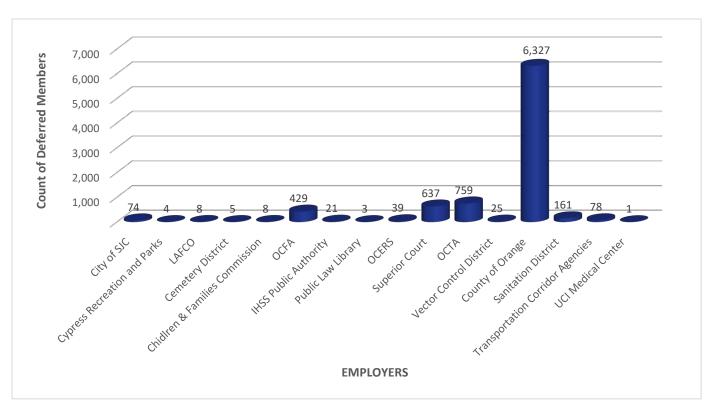
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City of SJC		4		36			11		23							74
Cypress Recreation and Parks		4														4
LAFCO				3		2		3								8
Cemetery District					2				3							5
Children & Families Commission				2					6							8
OCFA		6		85	30				172	2		32	14		88	429
IHSS Public Authority		3							18							21
Public Law Library		1	2													3
OCERS				19				12	8							39
Superior Court		15		266		15		310	31							637
ОСТА	2	496							261							759
Vector Control District		25														25
County of Orange	7	740		2,003		87		2,391	670	53	164	81	36	27	68	6,327
Sanitation District	1	40	52						68							161
TCA		12			38				28							78
UCI Medical Center	1															1
TOTAL:	11	1,346	54	2,414	70	104	11	2,716	1,288	55	164	113	50	27	156	8,579

Count of Deferred Members by Plans As of December 31, 2023



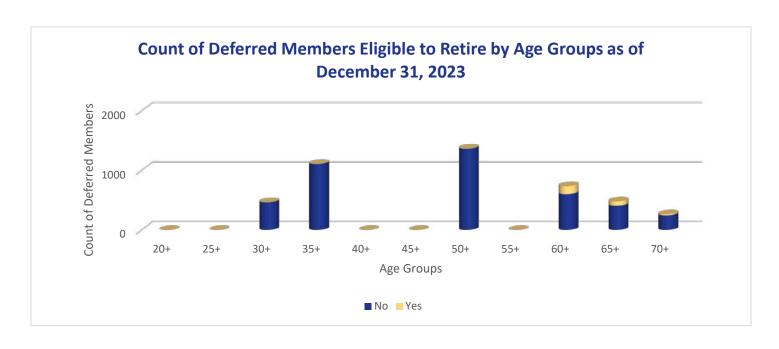
Count of Deferred Members by Employers As of December 31, 2023



Count of Deferred Members Eligible to Retire by Age Groups As of December 31, 2023

Age Groups

Eligible to Retire	20+	25+	30+	35+	40+	45+	50+	55+	60+	65+	70+	Total
No	69	465	1,109	1,376	1,569	1,365	1,009	602	408	244		8,216
Yes						2	55	134	72	19	81	363
												8,579



Count of Deferred Members - Eligible to Retire by Employers As of December 31, 2023

Employers	Plan A	Plan B	н 2.5% @ 55	J 2.7% @ 55	N 2% @ 55	P 1.62% @ 65	T PEPRA 1.62% @ 65	U PEPRA 2.5% @ 67	D Safety 2% @ 50	F Probation Safety 3% @ 50	F Safety 3% @ 50	R Safety 3% @ 55	TOTAL ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE	% ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE
City of San Juan Capistrano		1		3				1					5	7%
Cypress Recreation and Parks		1											1	25%
Local Agency Formation Comm. (LAFCO)													0	0%
O.C. Cemetery District													0	0%
O.C. Children & Families Commission													0	0%
O.C. Fire Authority		1		8	2						2		13	3%
O.C. IHSS Public Authority								1					1	5%
O.C. Law Library													0	0%
O.C. Retirement System				2									2	5%
O.C. Superior Court		2		21			1	1					25	4%
O.C. Transportation Authority (OCTA)	1	61						2					64	8%
O.C. Vector Control District		6											6	24%
Orange County	5	84		101		4	12	4	3	10	3	1	227	4%
Sanitation District	1	5	6										12	7%
Transportation Corridor Agencies					6								6	8%
UCI Medical Center (bi- weekly)	1												1	100%
TOTAL ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE:	8	161	6	135	8	4	13	9	3	10	5	1	363	4%
% ELIGIBLE BY PLAN NAME:	73%	12%	11%	6%	11%	4%	0%	1%	5%	6%	4%	2%	4%	

Plan Formulas

Eligible to retire for plans A – S (Legacy plans for public employees hired
hefore Ian 1 2013 including reciprocity) if:

- 50 years old and has 10 or more years of eligible service
- Safety member has 20 years or more of eligible service at any age
- 70 years old
- General member has 30 years or more of *eligible service at any age*

Eligible to retire for PEPRA compliant/alternative plans T & W if:

- 50 years old and has 10 or more years of eligible service
- 70 years old

Eligible to retire for PEPRA plan U if:

- 52 years old and has 5 or more years of eligible service
- 70 years old

Eligible to retire for PEPRA Safety plan V if:

- 50 years old and has 5 or more years of eligible service
- 70 years old

Eligible Service = current service + incoming reciprocal service

	Tier 1	Tier 2 (h	ired on or after Sep 21, 1979
12 month	measuring period	36 mont	h measuring period
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	I	J	2.7% @ 55
	M	N	2% @ 55
	0	P	1.62% @ 65
		S	2% @ 57
	Α	В	Other General Members
Safety	С	D	2% @ 50
	E	F	3% @ 50
	Q	R	3% @ 55

New Public Employees hired on or after Jan 1, 2013

General	T & W	1.62% @ 65
	U	2.5% @ 67
Safety	V	2.7% @ 57

Deferred Member Demographics

Retiree & Beneficiary Demographics (Payees)

Retiree & Beneficiary Demographics

All benefit recipients as of December 31, 2023

•	For Retired General members with service and disability retirements:	14,755
•	For General member survivors and other payees:	2,212
•	For Safety members with service and disability retirements:	3,627
•	For Safety member survivors and other payees:	689
	Total Benefit Recipients:	21,283

Average age at retirement for members who retired with a service retirement in 2023

For General members: 60.77 years old
 For Safety members: 54.21 years old

Average years of service for members who retired with a service retirement in 2023

For General members: 23.40For Safety members: 21.93

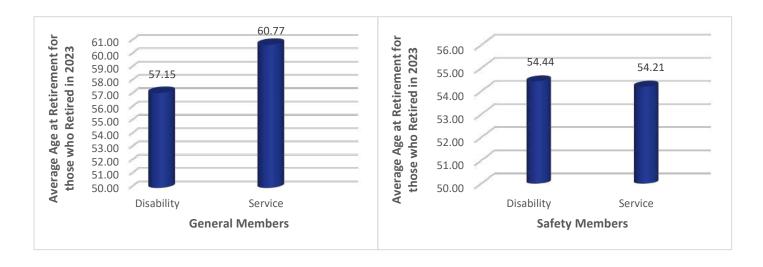
Average years of service for all General and Safety members who retired with service and disability retirements as of December **31, 2023**: 23.04

Average Years Into Retirement of Currently Retired Members As of December 31, 2023

			RVICE	cember	, 		DISABILITY		TOTAL
		3E	Safety	Safety	-		DISABILITY		TOTAL
Capistrano Beach		General	2%	3%		General	Safety 2%	Safety 3%	
Sanitary District	Count:	3							;
	Years:	14.48							14.4
City of San Juan	Count:	139				6			14!
Capistrano	Years:	12.20				18.15			12.4
Cypress Recreation	Count:	17							17
and Parks	Years:	15.73							15.73
Department Of	Count:	12							12
Education	Years:	21.06							21.0
Local Agency	Count:	5							!
Formation Comm. (LAFCO)	Years:	11.02							11.0
(LAPCO)	Count:	7							-
Cemetery District	Years:	8.42			-				8.42
Children &	Count:	10							10
Families	Years:	9.87							9.87
Commission					-				
OCFA	Count:	220	49	496	-	13	32	256	1,066
	Years:	10.02	20.65	10.47	-	14.08	23.63	9.01	10.94
IHSS Public	Count:	4				1			
Authority	Years:	4.92				8.83			5.70
Public Law Library	Count:	11							11
	Years:	10.39			-				10.39
OCERS	Count:	51				3			54
	Years:	10.25			_	24.17			11.0
Superior Court	Count:	1,124				18			1,14
	Years:	10.14				13.25			10.13
ОСТА	Count:	1,123				262			1,38
	Years:	11.01				19.58			12.63
Vector Control	Count:	41							4:
District	Years:	11.58							11.58
Orange County	Count:	10,382	447	1,878		539	189	280	13,71
	Years:	12.37	19.37	9.34		19.76	30.23	9.69	12.67
Rancho Santa	Count:	1							:
Margarita	Years:	7.71							7.7
Sanitation District	Count:	522				19			54:
	Years:	10.30				19.47			10.6
Transportation	Count:	66							60
Corridor Agencies	Years:	9.48							9.48
UCI (monthly)	Count:	13				1			14
oo. (monthly)	Years:	20.04				19.45			20.0
UCI Medical	Count:	133				9			14:
Center (bi-weekly)	Years:	25.22				28.92			25.4
TOTAL:	Count:	13,884	496	2,374		871	221	536	18,382
AVERAGE:	Years:	12.07	19.50	9.58		19.56	29.28	9.37	12.43

Average Age at Retirement by Employer and Benefit Type For Those That Retired With An Effective Retirement Date in 2023

		General	
	Disability	Service	Average
City of San Juan Capistrano	61.61	56.73	58.36
OCFA		61.77	61.77
OCERS		65.20	65.20
Superior Court		60.91	60.91
OCTA		63.17	63.17
Orange County	55.66	60.49	60.49
Sanitation District		59.36	59.36
Transportation Corridor Agencies		59.59	59.59
AVERAGE:	57.15	60.77	60.74

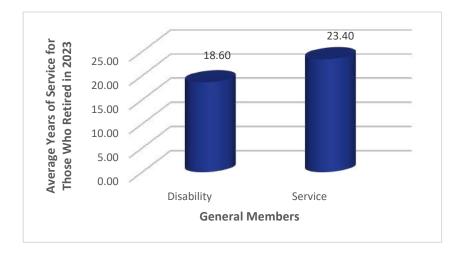


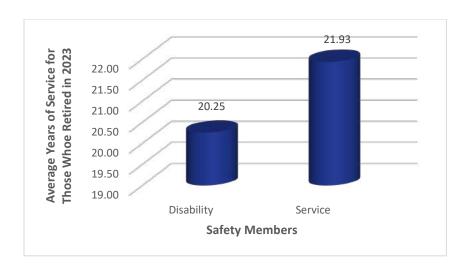
Average Age at Retirement for Service and Disability Retirements Combined Over Last 10 Years

Year Ended December 31	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General	60.79	59.37	59.44	60.79	61.3	61.14	61.01	60.47	59.93	58.96
Safety	54.06	53.51	53.58	55.09	55.15	54.53	53.86	53.47	54.35	54.33

Average Years of Service at Retirement by Employer and Benefit Type For Those That Retired With an Effective Retirement Date in 2023

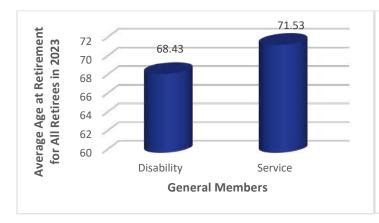
		General			Safety	
Plan Sponsor	Disability	Service	Total	Disability	Service	To
City of San Juan Capistrano	9.09	15.68	24.77			
OCFA		16.02	16.02	22.71	19.02	
OCERS		16.69	16.69			
Superior Court		23.50	23.50			
OCTA		21.42	21.42			
County of Orange	21.78	23.79	45.57	18.16	22.78	
Sanitation District		25.26	25.26			
Transportation Corridor Agencies		18.88	18.88			
Average	18.60	23.40		20.25	21.93	





Average Age of All Retirees by Employer and Benefit Type As of December 31, 2023

		General	
	Disability	Service	Average
Capistrano Beach Sanitary District		77.44	77.44
City of San Juan Capistrano	65.39	70.30	70.10
Cypress Recreation and Parks		72.63	72.63
Department of Education		82.23	82.23
Local Agency Formation Comm. (LAFCO)		67.91	67.91
OC Cemetery District		72.92	72.92
OC Children & Families Commission		69.08	69.08
OC Fire Authority (OCFA)	65.50	67.83	67.70
OC IHSS Public Authority	76.40	64.08	66.54
OC Law Library		73.18	73.18
OCERS	75.69	70.38	70.96
OC Superior Court	65.88	69.29	69.24
OC Transportation Authority (OCTA)	69.03	72.01	71.45
OC Vector Control District		73.37	73.37
Orange County	68.01	71.78	71.59
Rancho Santa Margarita		78.95	78.95
Sanitation District	69.09	69.13	69.13
Transportation Corridor Agencies		70.32	70.32
UCI (monthly)	72.62	76.93	76.62
UCI Medical Center (bi-weekly)	82.47	82.79	82.77
Average	68.43	71.53	71.35





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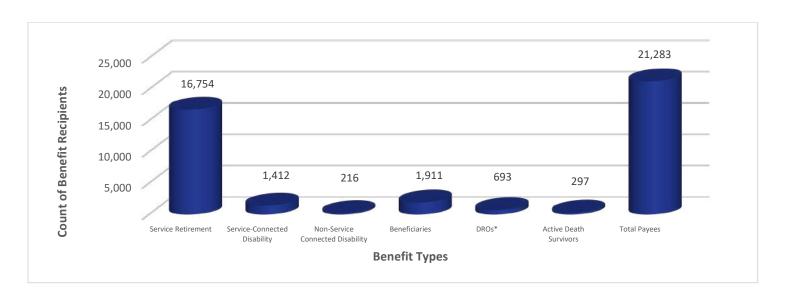
Benefit Recipients by Employers and Plans As of December 31, 2023

	Plan A	Plan B	G 2.5 % @ 55	H 2.5% @ 55	l 2.7% @ 55	J 2.7% @ 55	N 2% @ 55	P 1.6 2% @ 65	S 2% @ 57	T PEPR A 1.62 % @ 67	U PEPRA 2.5% @ 67	C Safety 2% @ 50	D Safety 2% @ 50	E Probation Safety 3% @ 50	F Probation Safety 3% @ 50	E Safety 3% @ 50	F Safety 3% @ 50	R Safety 3% @ 55	V PEPRA Safety 2.7% @ 57	TOTAL
Capistrano Beach Sanitary District		3																		3
City of SJC	19	43			4	89			4		5									164
Cypress Recreation and Parks	9	12																		21
Department of Education	14																			14
LAFCO		1				4														5
Cemetery District	3	3					8													14
Children & Families Commission	1				2	9														12
OC Fire Authority	6	38			16	179	5				5	27	69			16	866	10	5	1,242
IHSS Public Authority		4									1									5
Public Law Library		3		8																11
OCERS	2	12			1	41					2									58
Superior Court	53	59			146	952		1		4										1,215
ОСТА	346	1,262									8									1,616
Vector Control District	15	33																		48
County of Orange	2,294	2,232			959	7,084		19		36	20	492	330	45	453	276	1,660	31	36	15,967
Rancho Santa Margarita				1																1
Sanitation District	67	72	30	460							5									634
Transportatio n Corridor Agencies	4	10					56				3									73
UCI (monthly)	14	1																		15
UCI Medical Center (bi- weekly)	165																			165
TOTAL:	3,012	3,788	30	469	1,128	8,358	69	20	4	40	49	519	399	45	453	292	2,526	41	41	21,283

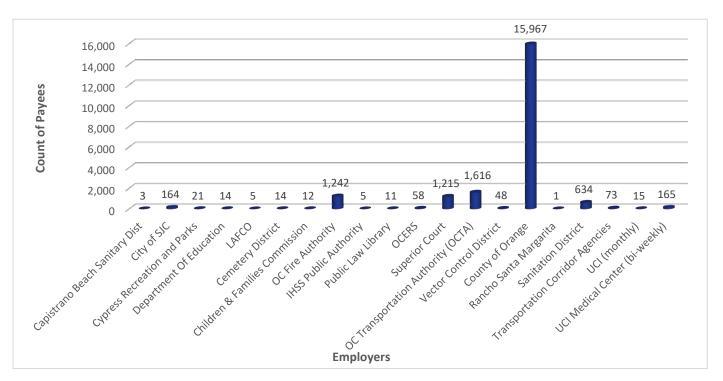
Benefit Recipients by Benefit Types As of December 31, 2023

Service Retirement	Service- Connected Disability	Non-Service Connected Disability	Beneficiaries	DROs*	Active Death Survivors	Total Payees
16,754	1,412	216	1,911	693	297	21,283

^{*} DRO: A court order dividing a pension benefit due to a divorce or legal separation.

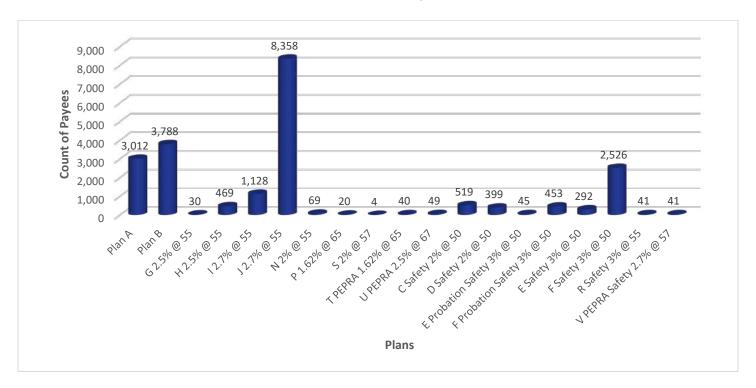


Benefit Recipients by Employers As of December 31, 2023



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Benefit Recipients by Plans As of December 31, 2023



Benefit Recipients by Payment Options December 31, 2023

Monthly Benefit	Unmodified	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4	DRO Benefit	Annuity Only	Total Payees
\$0001-0500	631	1	23	2	2	81	12	752
\$0500-1,000	1,184	2	53	1	3	131		1,374
\$1,000-1,500	1,413		50	2	4	115		1,584
\$1,500-2,000	1,411	1	34	2	1	90		1,539
\$2,000-2,500	1,388	1	38	6	9	83		1,525
\$2,500-3,000	1,546	1	25		7	46		1,625
\$3,000-3,500	1,399		18	2	6	50		1,475
\$3,500-4,000	1,273	1	24	2	7	39		1,346
\$4,000-4,500	1,059		10	2	12	19		1,102
\$4,500-5,000	964		17	1	13	12		1,007
\$5,000-5,500	919		19	1	9	8		956
\$5,500-6,000	868		15	1	10	7		901
\$6,000-6,500	699		11	1	4	5		720
\$6,500-7,000	653	1	7		8	2		671
\$7,000+	4,583	2	59	2	56	4		4,706
Total	19,990	10	403	25	151	692	12	21,283
Percentage	93.92%	0.05%	1.89%	0.12%	0.71%	3.25%	0.06%	100.00%

Definition of Payment Options

Unmodified: This option provides the maximum lifetime retirement allowance with a 60 percent continuance to an

eligible spouse, qualified domestic partner or eligible child for service retirement and 100 percent for

service-connected disability retirement.

Option 1: Cash refund annuity. This option provides a reduced lifetime monthly allowance and a refund of any of the remaining member's contributions to the designated beneficiary.

Option 2: A 100 percent joint and survivor annuity. This option provides a reduced lifetime monthly allowance with the same monthly allowance to the designated beneficiary for the remainder of his or her lifetime.

Option 3: A 50 percent joint and survivor annuity. This option provides a reduced lifetime monthly allowance with 50 percent of the monthly allowance to the designated beneficiary for the remainder of his or her lifetime.

Option 4: This option allows multiple lifetime monthly allowances to designated beneficiaries and varying payment

percentages if approved in advance by the Retirement Board.

DRO Benefit: Domestic Relations Order Benefit. This is a court order allocating a portion of a retired member's pension

to an ex-spouse or domestic partner.

Annuity Only: This payment option provides the actuarial equivalent of the member's accumulated contributions at the

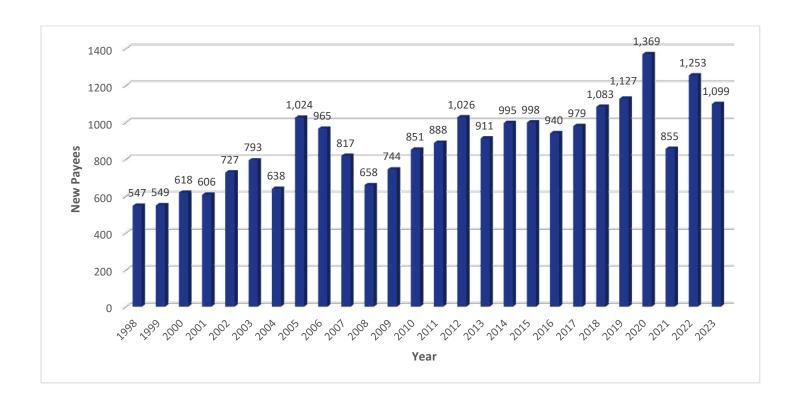
time of retirement and is used for very specific situations usually related to disability retirement payments

and reciprocity.

Number of New Payees by Calendar Year

1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
547	549	618	606	727	793	638	1,024	965	817	658	744	851	888

2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
1,026	911	995	998	940	979	1,083	1,127	1,369	855	1,253	1,099



Payees' Residences by Region & State As of December 31, 2023



Foreign Countries & US T	erritories	44
North Central		280
Northeast		288
Northwest		976
Southeast		1,409
Southwest		17,955
Total Count of Payees		20,952*
	* Payees with multiple benefits are cou	nted only once.
Total Annual Benefits Paid in California	\$930,662,709.62	16,193

\$667,020,590.12

Total Annual Benefits Paid in Orange County



10,938

Benefits



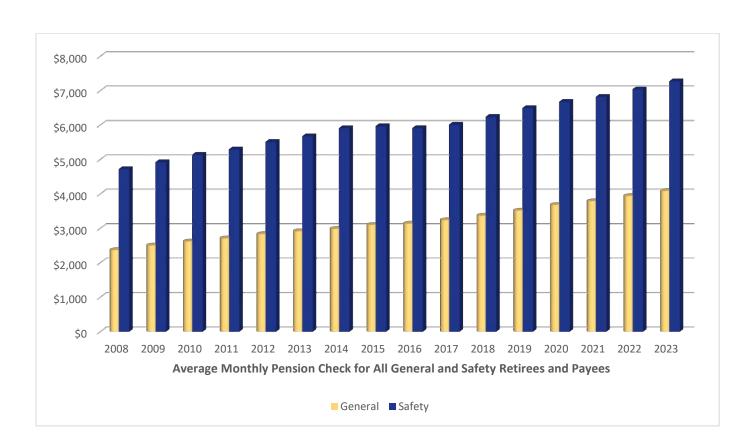
Benefits as of December 31, 2023

Average benefit

- For all General member retirees and other payees \$4,092.69 monthly; \$49,112.24 annually
- For all Safety member retirees and other payees \$7,276.80 monthly; \$87,321.65 annually
- For all General and Safety retirees and payees combined \$4,738.40 monthly; \$56,860.77 annually
- For all General and Safety retirees only \$5,072.15 monthly; \$60,865.81 annually

Average monthly pension check for all General and Safety retirees and payees

Years Ended	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Dec. 31																
General	\$2,373	\$2,508	\$2,621	\$2,714	\$2,836	\$2,924	\$2,991	\$3,103	\$3,142	\$3,244	\$3,372	\$3,520	\$3,686	\$3,791	\$4,207	\$4,093
Safety	\$4,724	\$4,926	\$5,141	\$5,297	\$5,516	\$5,679	\$5,914	\$5,974	\$5,917	\$6,017	\$6,245	\$6,499	\$6,680	\$6,825	\$7,690	\$7,277
Total Payees	11,778	12,243	12,762	13,289	13,947	14,505	15,169	15,810	16,369	16,947	17,674	18,420	19,419	19,826	17,899	21,283



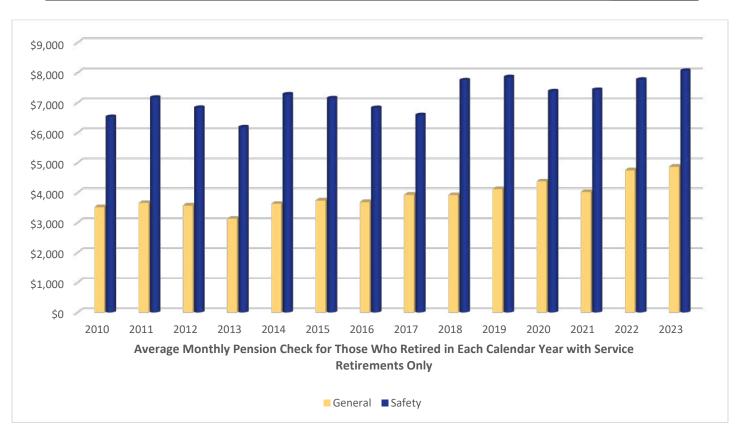
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Average benefit for General and Safety members with a service retirement (no disabilities) that retired in 2023

- For General members \$4,866.26 monthly; \$58,395.09 annually
- For Safety members \$8,068.82 monthly; \$96,825.81 annually

Average monthly pension check for those who retired in each calendar year with service retirements only

Years Ended Dec. 31	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
General	\$3,518	\$3,660	\$3,570	\$3,132	\$3,632	\$3,744	\$3,689	\$3,934	\$3,922	\$4,118	\$4,380	\$4,028	\$4,751	\$4,866
Safety	\$6,528	\$7,169	\$6,832	\$6,187	\$7,281	\$7,146	\$6,827	\$6,586	\$7,752	\$7,854	\$7,380	\$7,432	\$7,772	\$8,069



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History of OCERS' Cost-of-Living Adjustments

OCERS annually adjusts the benefit allowances relative to the increase or decrease in the Consumer Price Index (CPI).* This adjustment, known as a Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA), is effective April 1st of each year. To determine the change in CPI, OCERS' actuary compares the Bureau of Labor Statistics' annual average CPI for all urban consumers for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim area for each of the past two years and derives the percentage change between the two. The increase or decrease in the CPI is rounded to the nearest one-half of one percent. The maximum COLA of 3% shall be granted on every retirement allowance, optional death allowance, or annual death allowance payable to or on account of any member of the system.

For years in which the CPI exceeds 3%, the excess amount is banked and drawn from for future years when the CPI is less than 3%.

	Actual		Max	
Date	СРІ	СРІ	COLA	COLA
Granted	Rate	Rounded	Rate	Granted
4/1/2023	7.45	7.5	3	3
4/1/2022	3.83	4.0	3	3
4/1/2021	1.62	1.5	3	1.5
4/1/2020	3.07	3	3	3
4/1/2019	3.81	4	3	3
4/1/2018	2.79	3	3	3
4/1/2017	1.89	2	3	2
4/1/2016	0.91	1	3	1
4/1/2015	1.35	1.5	3	1.5
4/1/2014	1.08	1	3	1
4/1/2013	2.04	2	3	2
4/1/2012	2.67	2.5	3	2.5
4/1/2011	1.20	1	3	1
4/1/2010	-0.80	-1	3	0/-1**
4/1/2009	3.53	3.5	3	3
4/1/2008	3.30	3.5	3	3
4/1/2007	4.26	4.5	3	3
4/1/2006	4.45	4.5	3	3
4/1/2005	3.31	3.5	3	3
4/1/2004	2.63	2.5	3	2.5
4/1/2003	2.76	3	3	3
4/1/2002	3.32	3.5	3	3
4/1/2001	3.31	3.5	3	3
4/1/2000	2.34	2.5	3	2.5
4/1/1999	1.44	1.5	3	1.5
4/1/1998	1.58	1.5	3	1.5

^{*} Per Government Code Section 318780.1

^{* * 2009} saw a unique scenario, a -1% CPI reflecting economic deflation in that year. For new retirees as of April 1, 2010, 0% was determined to be a COLA "floor", as no benefit will ever be reduced. For longer retired members however, who had accumulated a COLA bank as of 2010, that bank was reduced by -1%.

Schedule of Average Monthly Pension Benefit Payments for Service Retirements by Years of Service

2014 – 2023

	Years of	Service					
Retirement Effective Dates	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30 & Over
PERIOD 1/1/14 –12/31/14							
Average Monthly Pension Benefits	\$421	\$1,152	\$1,925	\$3,188	\$4,117	\$6,444	\$6,719
Average Monthly "Final Average Salary"	\$8,176	\$6,955	\$6,301	\$6,961	\$7,003	\$8,463	\$7,349
Number of Retired Members	23	45	146	96	143	192	138
PERIOD 1/1/15 –12/31/15							
Average Monthly Pension Benefits	\$582	\$1,263	\$1,755	\$2,850	\$3,895	\$5,679	\$7,235
Average Monthly "Final Average Salary"	\$8,802	\$6,888	\$5,970	\$6,673	\$6,800	\$7,893	\$8,352
Number of Retired Members	22	63	128	119	110	200	182
PERIOD 1/1/16 –12/31/16							
Average Monthly Pension Benefits	\$427	\$1,244	\$2,135	\$2,886	\$4,272	\$5,549	\$6,782
Average Monthly "Final Average Salary"	\$8,298	\$6,907	\$6,911	\$6,580	\$7,383	\$7,651	\$7,762
Number of Retired Members	24	56	121	120	113	195	163
PERIOD 1/1/17 –12/31/17							
Average Monthly Pension Benefits	\$541	\$1,215	\$2,073	\$3,062	\$4,513	\$5,851	\$7,069
Average Monthly "Final Average Salary"	\$7,952	\$6,800	\$6,844	\$6,810	\$7,743	\$7,975	\$7,931
Number of Retired Members	21	47	122	147	112	190	153
PERIOD 1/1/18 –12/31/18							
Average Monthly Pension Benefits	\$554	\$1,190	\$1,943	\$2,879	\$4,681	\$6,074	\$7,439
Average Monthly "Final Average Salary"	\$10,584	\$7,287	\$6,904	\$6,859	\$8,134	\$8,246	\$8,561
Number of Retired Members	23	62	125	144	127	205	208
PERIOD 1/1/19 –12/31/19							
Average Monthly Pension Benefits	\$367	\$1,424	\$2,332	\$3,073	\$4,831	\$6,475	\$7,324
Average Monthly "Final Average Salary"	\$7,568	\$8,243	\$7,509	\$6,985	\$8,088	\$8,591	\$8,249
Number of Retired Members	31	54	121	150	135	249	191
PERIOD 1/1/20 -12/31/20							
Average Monthly Pension Benefits	\$536	\$1,475	\$2,149	\$3,422	\$4,697	\$6,151	\$6,825
Average Monthly "Final Average Salary"	\$9,267	\$8,556	\$6,784	\$7,473	\$8,046	\$8,340	\$7,917
Number of Retired Members	29	59	128	166	237	281	288
PERIOD 1/1/21 –12/31/21							
Average Monthly Pension Benefits	\$540	\$1,524	\$2,361	\$3,532	\$5,406	\$6,602	\$7,219
Average Monthly "Final Average Salary"	\$9,897	\$8,823	\$7,781	\$7,749	\$9,348	\$8,941	\$8,377
Number of Retired Members	27	53	87	102	142	112	128
PERIOD 1/1/22 –12/31/22							
Average Monthly Pension Benefits	\$644	\$1,545	\$2,631	\$3,798	\$5,690	\$7,481	\$8,077
Average Monthly "Final Average Salary"	\$10,744	\$9,289	\$8,820	\$8,432	\$9,473	\$10,023	\$9,238
Number of Retired Members	33	91	117	127	226	210	224
PERIOD 1/1/23 –12/31/23							
Average Monthly Pension Benefits	\$421	\$1,584	\$2,815	\$3,837	\$5,083	\$7,496	\$7,399
Average Monthly "Final Average Salary"	\$10,111	\$9,737	\$9,149	\$8,347	\$8,452	\$10,150	\$8,439
Number of Retired Members	29	60	61	114	188	181	210

Benefits 31

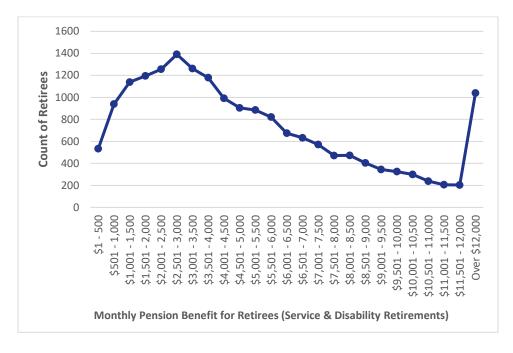
Schedule of Median Monthly Pension Benefit Payments for Service Retirements by Years of Service

2014 – 2023 Years of Service

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Retirement Effective Dates	0-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	25-30	30 & Over
PERIOD 1/1/14 -12/31/14							
Median Monthly Pension Benefits	\$289	\$830	\$1,448	\$2,627	\$3,721	\$6,451	\$5,720
Median "Final Average Salary"	\$8,646	\$4,876	\$5,188	\$5,990	\$6,265	\$8,561	\$6,319
Number of Retired Members	23	45	146	96	143	192	138
PERIOD 1/1/15 –12/31/15							
Median Monthly Pension Benefits	\$426	\$914	\$1,640	\$2,514	\$3,511	\$5,241	\$5,965
Median "Final Average Salary"	\$7,350	\$4,979	\$4,926	\$5,999	\$5,924	\$7,379	\$6,869
Number of Retired Members	22	63	128	119	110	200	182
PERIOD 1/1/16 –12/31/16							
Median Monthly Pension Benefits	\$339	\$980	\$1,878	\$2,563	\$3,933	\$5,080	\$6,198
Median "Final Average Salary"	\$9,412	\$5,885	\$6,015	\$5,707	\$6,714	\$7,314	\$7,020
Number of Retired Members	24	56	121	120	113	195	163
PERIOD 1/1/17 –12/31/17							
Median Monthly Pension Benefits	\$393	\$843	\$1,703	\$2,574	\$3,845	\$5,404	\$6,333
Median "Final Average Salary"	\$8,043	\$4,996	\$5,560	\$5,946	\$6,842	\$7,673	\$7,058
Number of Retired Members	21	47	122	147	112	190	153
PERIOD 1/1/18 –12/31/18							
Median Monthly Pension Benefits	\$584	\$876	\$1,807	\$2,489	\$4,367	\$5,284	\$6,335
Median "Final Average Salary"	\$10,653	\$6,447	\$5,795	\$5,709	\$7,430	\$7,255	\$7,151
Number of Retired Members	23	62	125	144	127	205	208
PERIOD 1/1/19 –12/31/19							
Median Monthly Pension Benefits	\$349	\$1,108	\$1,956	\$2,715	\$4,141	\$5,591	\$6,524
Median "Final Average Salary"	\$6,738	\$7,434	\$6,459	\$6,068	\$7,308	\$7,328	\$7,430
Number of Retired Members	31	54	121	150	135	249	191
PERIOD 1/1/20 –12/31/20							
Median Monthly Pension Benefits	\$411	\$1,169	\$1,713	\$2,799	\$3,944	\$5,508	\$5,916
Median "Final Average Salary"	\$7,754	\$8,310	\$5,501	\$6,241	\$6,845	\$7,328	\$6,860
Number of Retired Members	29	59	128	166	237	281	288
PERIOD 1/1/21 –12/31/21							
Median Monthly Pension Benefits	\$447	\$1,295	\$1,940	\$2,868	\$4,751	\$5,930	\$6,397
Median "Final Average Salary"	\$8,984	\$8,490	\$6,440	\$6,740	\$7,753	\$8,273	\$7,445
Number of Retired Members	27	53	87	102	142	112	128
PERIOD 1/1/22 –12/31/22							
Median Monthly Pension Benefits	\$631	\$1,429	\$2,468	\$3,466	\$5,204	\$6,590	\$7,255
Median "Final Average Salary"	\$10,051	\$9,881	\$7,753	\$7,491	\$8,653	\$8,954	\$8,088
Number of Retired Members	33	91	117	127	226	210	224
PERIOD 1/1/23 –12/31/23							
Median Monthly Pension Benefits	\$315	\$1,373	\$2,314	\$3,057	\$4,641	\$6,668	\$6,539
Median "Final Average Salary"	\$9,305	\$9,282	\$7,809	\$6,865	\$7,472	\$9,338	\$4,257
Number of Retired Members	29	60	61	114	188	181	210

Schedule of Monthly Pension Benefit for Retirees (Service and Disability Retirements) As of December 31, 2023

Monthly Benefit	Number of Retirees
\$1 - 500	533
\$501 - 1,000	939
\$1,001 - 1,500	1,119
\$1,501 - 2,000	1,195
\$2,001 - 2,500	1,256
\$2,501 - 3,000	1,391
\$3,001 - 3,500	1,262
\$3,501 - 4,000	1,179
\$4,001 - 4,500	992
\$4,501 - 5,000	905
\$5,001 - 5,500	885
\$5,501 - 6,000	821
\$6,001 - 6,500	674
\$6,501 - 7,000	633
\$7,001 - 7,500	571
\$7,501 - 8,000	471
\$8,001 - 8,500	473
\$8,501 - 9,000	404
\$9,001 - 9,500	345
\$9,501 - 10,000	325
\$10,001 - 10,500	300
\$10,501 - 11,000	239
\$11,001 - 11,500	206
\$11,501 - 12,000	204
Over \$12,000	1,040
Total	18,382



The OCERS Fund



Funding Sources for Benefits

(OCERS' net additions for the period 1998 - 2023)

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Employee Contributions

This is the money active employees pay into the fund for future benefits

Net Investment Income

This includes earnings from stocks, bonds, alternatives, real estate and other investments, minus fees.

Employer Contributions

This is the money paid to OCERS from employers for pension benefits.

A common misunderstanding with regard to public pension retirement benefits is that they are funded solely out of the taxpayers' pocket.

That is not true.

We have illustrated here a dollar going out the door in a benefit payment from OCERS to one of our retirees. What were the source funds for that dollar?

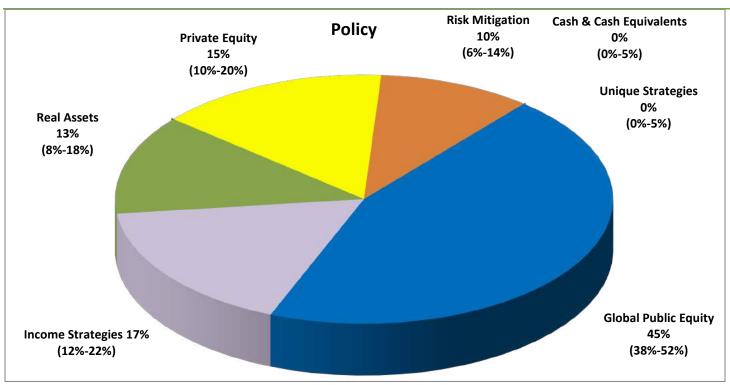
The first portion of that dollar, at 53 cents, represents earnings achieved by the OCERS investment portfolio. The OCERS Board of Trustees takes the contributions OCERS receives from both employees and employers and invests those contributions on behalf of our approximately 53,000 members. OCERS grows those "seed" contributions through careful investments to an amount likely larger than an individual employee might have done solely on his or her own.

The next largest portion of that benefit dollar, at 33 cents, comes from employer contributions, such as those paid by the County of Orange, the City of San Juan Capistrano, the Public Law Library, and other public employers within Orange County. You might ask if those aren't local taxpayer dollars then, but the answer would be no. Many of those 33 cents do come from Orange County taxpayers, without a doubt, but some might just as well be paid from various federal government grant programs or other sources. Interestingly, that figure of 33 cents paid by the employers would be even larger were it not for the fact that some OCERS employees assist in paying the employer obligation.

Despite what is sometimes reported in the press, the hard-working employees of the County of Orange and our other participating employers are contributing their own dollars to the retirement plan as well. The final portion of the benefit dollar in the amount of 14 cents represents the deduction taken directly from the paychecks of OCERS' members. In addition, as noted in the prior paragraph, several employee groups pay a portion of the employer contribution out of their own pockets to further help fund their own retirement benefit. One example of this additional payment is found with the County of Orange, which some years ago contracted with labor groups to have certain employees pay a portion of the employer contribution in what is commonly termed a "reverse pick up.

Fund Performance

Asset Allocation Policy for 2023



Income Strategies – Consist of investments in any income-producing vehicles where most of the returns are coming from income. These investments include a number of sub-asset classes such as public and private debt and royalties.

Global Public Equity – A stock or any other security representing an ownership interest. (Domestic – U.S.; Global – U.S. and developed countries outside the U.S.; International – developed countries outside of the U.S.; Emerging Markets – countries that are less economically developed).

Private Equity – Private equity includes investments in venture capital, buyouts, secondaries and special situations including distressed debt. These assets are illiquid and valuations are not marked to market on a daily basis. Valuations for private equity investments are based on estimates of fair value in accordance with industry standards.

Real Asset – Investments in physical or tangible assets that have a value due to their substance and properties. Real assets consist of both private and public securities, and include both equity and debt-oriented investments. Real assets include a number of sub-asset classes including agriculture, energy, timber, infrastructure, and real estate.

Risk Mitigation – investments aimed at protecting OCERS' portfolio during severe equity market downturns with a secondary objective of producing an uncorrelated positive real return in the long-term.

Unique Strategies – An investment that can have characteristics representative of any asset class, wholly or blended. These investments are designed to achieve rates of return consistent with or in excess of the actuarial expected rate of return with low correlation to other portfolio holdings. Often these investments are private, and valuations may be based on estimates of fair value in accordance with industry standards.

OCERS by the Numbers

After experiencing a 7.84% decline in 2022 amidst a broad market sell-off following seven interest rate hikes by the Fed (from 0.25% to 4.5%), OCERS' portfolio rebounded in 2023, finishing the year with an 11.44% gain net of fees. OCERS ranked in the 49th percentile among pension plans in its peer group for the year and in the top 13th, 34th and 33rd percentile over the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods. The portfolio closed the year with a market value of \$22.3 billion, up from \$20.4 billion in 2022. As of December 31st, 2023, the portfolio delivered annualized returns of 6.18%, 8.81%, and 6.91% over the 3-, 5-, and 10-year periods, respectively. The policy benchmark achieved returns of 6.19%, 8.51%, and 7.07% over the same periods.

Overall, 2023 proved robust for public equities, driven by better-than-expected corporate earnings, the continued strength of the U.S. consumer due to a strong labor market, and moderating inflation. Within OCERS' portfolio, Global Public Equity led with a return of 22.89%, outperforming the MSCI ACWI IMI benchmark return of 21.58%. OCERS' private real assets portfolio returned an impressive 12.23% during the year as energy and infrastructure assets benefitted from the higher inflationary environment. OCERS' real estate portfolio struggled in 2023 declining 10.46% as the higher interest rates caused real estate cap rates to increase. This resulted in real estate valuations declining in 2023. OCERS' private equity portfolio returned 2.47% during 2023.

OCERS' strong performance in 2023 underscores the investment team's dedication to a strategy emphasizing diversified exposure to long-term, rewarding risk factors. It also highlights the importance of maintaining strategic allocation despite short-term market volatility.

¹InvestorForce peer rankings are for defined benefit public funds over \$1 billion in assets.

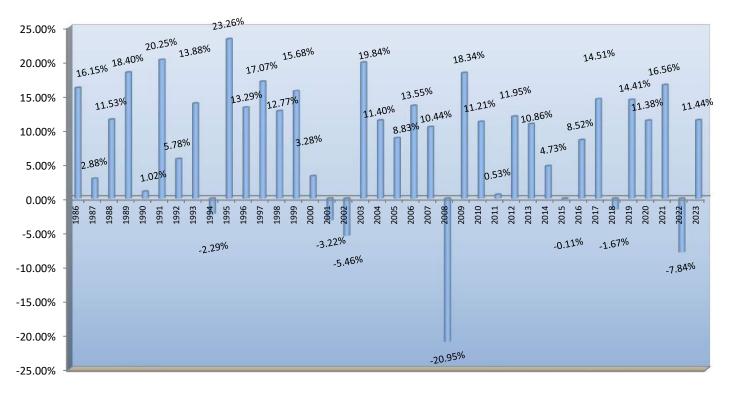
OCERS' Fund Performance by Calendar Years 1987 - 2023

As of Dec. 31	Return	Assumed Rate of Return
1987	2.88%	7.25%
1988	11.53%	7.25%
1989	18.40%	7.50%
1990	1.02%	7.50%
1991	20.25%	8.00%
1992	5.78%	8.00%
1993	13.88%	8.00%
1994	-2.29%	8.00%
1995	23.26%	8.00%
1996	13.29%	8.00%
1997	17.07%	8.00%
1998	12.77%	8.00%
1999	15.68%	8.00%
2000	3.28%	8.00%
2001	-3.22%	8.00%
2002	-5.46%	8.00%
2003	19.84%	7.50%
2001	11.40%	7.75%

As of Dec. 31	Return	Assumed Rate of Return
2005	8.83%	7.75%
2006	13.55%	7.75%
2007*	10.44%	7.75%
2008	-20.95%	7.75%
2009	18.34%	7.75%
2010	11.21%	7.75%
2011	.53%	7.75%
2012	11.95%	7.25%
2013	10.86%	7.25%
2014	4.73%	7.25%
2015	-0.11%	7.25%
2016	8.52%	7.25%
2017	14.51%	7.00%
2018	-1.67%	7.00%
2019	14.41%	7.00%
2020	11.38%	7.00%
2021	16.56%	7.00%
2022	-7.84%	7.00%
2023	11.44%	7.00%

^{*}As of 2007, returns are presented net of fees.

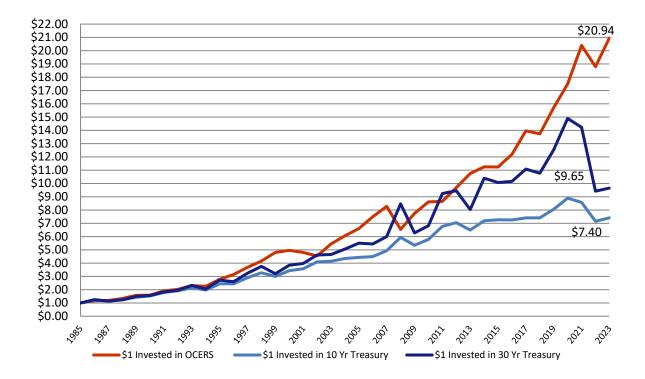
OCERS Fund Performance



Growth of a Dollar in OCERS Compared to Treasury Bonds 1985 – 2023

	\$1 Invested in OCERS	\$1 Invested in 10 Yr Treasury	\$1 Invested in 30 Yr Treasury
1985	\$1.00	\$1.00	\$1.00
1986	\$1.16	\$1.20	\$1.25
1987	\$1.19	\$1.16	\$1.15
1988	\$1.33	\$1.23	\$1.24
1989	\$1.58	\$1.44	\$1.49
1990	\$1.59	\$1.53	\$1.56
1991	\$1.91	\$1.80	\$1.84
1992	\$2.03	\$1.91	\$1.96
1993	\$2.31	\$2.14	\$2.32
1994	\$2.25	\$1.97	\$2.04
1995	\$2.78	\$2.44	\$2.72
1996	\$3.15	\$2.44	\$2.60
1997	\$3.68	\$2.90	\$3.24
1998	\$4.16	\$3.27	\$3.76
1999	\$4.81	\$3.00	\$3.20
2000	\$4.96	\$3.43	\$3.84
2001	\$4.80	\$3.57	\$3.97
2002	\$4.54	\$4.09	\$4.61
2003	\$5.44	\$4.15	\$4.65
2004	\$6.06	\$4.35	\$5.06
2005	\$6.60	\$4.44	\$5.50
2006	\$7.49	\$4.50	\$5.44
2007	\$8.27	\$4.94	\$5.99
2008	\$6.54	\$5.94	\$8.47
2009	\$7.74	\$5.35	\$6.27
2010	\$8.61	\$5.78	\$6.82
2011	\$8.65	\$6.76	\$9.24
2012	\$9.69	\$7.05	\$9.46
2013	\$10.74	\$6.50	\$8.04
2014	\$11.25	\$7.19	\$10.40
2015	\$11.24	\$7.26	\$10.07
2016	\$12.19	\$7.25	\$10.15
2017	\$13.96	\$7.40	\$11.08
2018	\$13.73	\$7.40	\$10.77
2019	\$15.71	\$8.06	\$12.54
2020	\$17.50	\$8.89	\$14.90
2021	\$20.39	\$8.58	\$14.23
2022	\$18.79	\$7.15	\$9.42
2023	\$20.94	\$7.40	\$9. 65

OCERS by the Numbers



Revenue

Member and Employer Contributions and Investment Income and Losses to Pension Trust

Year	Member Contributions	Employer Contributions (Cash Payments Only to Pension Trust)	Employer Contributions from POB Funds*	Investment Income (Losses)
1998	\$50,557,000	\$17,977,000	\$42,020,000	\$493,491,000
1999	\$55,693,000	\$17,591,000	\$47,129,000	\$685,178,000
2000	\$61,179,000	\$15,561,000	\$48,555,000	\$45,284,000
2001	\$68,635,000	\$12,060,000	\$41,319,000	(\$149,858,000)
2002	\$77,917,000	\$13,289,000	\$65,180,000	(\$269,188,000)
2003	\$81,581,000	\$124,243,000	\$26,209,000	\$789,086,000
2004	\$81,931,000	\$194,430,000	\$3,579,000	\$569,000,000
2005	\$107,544,000	\$226,130,000	\$9,675,000	\$461,980,000
2006	\$137,582,000	\$277,368,000	\$11,000,000	\$830,200,000
2007	\$159,476,000	\$326,736,000	\$11,000,000	\$784,961,000
2008	\$172,291,000	\$360,365,000	\$12,600,000	(\$1,596,776,000)
2009	\$171,928,000	\$338,387,000	\$34,900,000	\$1,064,855,000
2010	\$177,929,000	\$372,437,000	\$11,000,000	\$888,542,000
2011	\$183,820,000	\$387,585,000	\$11,000,000	\$50,456,000
2012	\$191,215,000	\$406,521,000	\$5,500,000	\$1,004,770,000
2013	\$209,301,000	\$427,095,000	\$5,000,000	\$1,152,647,000
2014	\$232,656,000	\$625,520,000	\$5,000,000	\$499,195,000
2015	\$249,271,000	\$571,298,000	\$0	(\$10,873,000)
2016	\$258,297,000	\$567,196,000	\$0	\$1,061,243,000
2017	\$262,294,000	\$572,104,000	\$0	\$1,939,635,000
2018	\$270,070,000	\$580,905,000	\$0	(\$324,628,000)
2019	\$279,373,000	\$653,793,000	\$0	\$2,183,808,000
2020	\$279,384,000	\$659,807,000	\$5,000,000	\$2,173,184,000
2021	\$271,334,000	\$698,791,000	\$15,077,000	\$3,222,065,000
2022	\$269,999,000	\$719,691,000	\$14,462,000	(\$2,058,590,000)
2023	\$277,455,000	\$749,776,000	\$10,000,000	\$2,325,481,000



^{*} In September 1994, the County of Orange issued \$320 million in Pension Obligation Bonds (POB's) of which \$318.3 million in proceeds were paid to OCERS to fund the County's portion of the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL). For accounting purposes, OCERS maintains the proceeds for the POBs in the County Investment Account. OCERS and the County of Orange, a single participating district, entered into an agreement which provided an offsetting credit based upon an amount actuarially determined to deplete the County Investment Account over the then remaining UAAL amortization period. The County determines annually how the account will be applied to contribution requirements.

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Fund Status

OCERS' independent actuary, Segal Consulting, performed an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2023 and determined that OCERS' funding ratio of actuarial assets to the actuarial accrued liability is 82.63%, which increased from the prior's year's funded status of 81.51%. (See *The Evolution of OCERS UAAL* at ocers.org)

OCERS' Funded Status by Calendar Years 1988 – 2023

(Dollars in thousands)

	Total Unfunded							
Actuarial		Actuarial Accrued	Actuarial Accrued					
Valuation Date	Valuation Value of	Liability (AAL)	Liability (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Investment			
Dec. 31 2023	Assets (VVA) (a)	(b) \$26,788,041	(b) - (a)	(a) / (b) 82.63%**	Returns/(Losses) 11.44%			
	\$22,135,285		\$4,652,756					
2022	\$20,691,659	\$25,386,669	\$4,695,010	81.51%	-7.84%			
2021	\$19,488,761	\$24,016,073	\$4,527,312	81.15%	16.56%			
2020	\$17,525,117	\$22,904,975	\$5,379,858	76.51%	11.38%			
2019	\$16,036,869	\$21,916,730	\$5,879,861	73.17%	14.41%			
2018	\$14,994,420	\$20,703,349	\$5,708,929	72.43%	-1.67%			
2017	\$14,197,125	\$19,635,427	\$5,438,302	72.30%	14.51%			
2016	\$13,102,978	\$17,933,461	\$4,830,483	73.06%	8.52%			
2015	\$12,228,009	\$17,050,357	\$4,822,348	71.72%	-0.11%			
2014	\$11,449,911	\$16,413,124	\$4,963,213	69.76%	4.73%			
2013	\$10,417,125	\$15,785,042	\$5,367,917	65.99%	10.86%			
2012	\$9,469,208	\$15,144,888	\$5,675,680	62.52%	11.95%			
2011	\$9,064,355	\$13,522,978	\$4,458,623	67.03%	0.53%			
2010	\$8,672,592	\$12,425,873	\$3,753,281	69.79%	11.21%			
2009	\$8,154,687	\$11,858,578	\$3,703,891	68.77%	18.34%			
2008	\$7,748,380	\$10,860,715	\$3,112,335	71.34%	-20.95%			
2007*	\$7,288,900	\$9,838,686	\$2,549,786	74.08%	10.44%			
2006	\$6,466,085	\$8,765,045	\$2,298,960	73.77%	13.55%			
2005	\$5,786,617	\$8,089,627	\$2,303,010	71.53%	8.83%			
2004	\$5,245,821	\$7,403,972	\$2,158,151	70.85%	11.40%			
2003	\$4,790,099	\$6,099,433	\$1,309,334	78.53%	19.84%			
2002	\$4,695,675	\$5,673,754	\$978,079	82.76%	-5.46%			
2001	\$4,586,844	\$4,843,899	\$257,055	94.69%	-3.22%			
2000	\$4,497,362	\$4,335,025	(\$162,337)	103.74%	3.28%			
1999	\$3,931,744	\$4,017,279	\$85,535	97.87%	15.70%			
1998	\$3,504,708	\$3,682,686	\$177,978	95.17%	12.77%			
1997	\$3,128,132	\$3,332,967	\$204,835	93.85%	17.07%			
1996	\$2,675,632	\$2,851,894	\$176,262	93.82%	13.29%			
1995	\$2,434,406	\$2,633,884	\$199,478	92.43%	23.26%			
1994	\$2,177,673	\$2,550,059	\$372,386	85.40%	-2.29%			
1993	\$2,024,447	\$2,305,019	\$280,572	87.83%	13.88%			
1992	\$1,807,319	\$2,140,081	\$332,763	84.45%	5.78%			
1991	\$1,567,131	\$1,763,894	\$196,763	88.84%	20.25%			
1990	\$1,297,575	\$1,840,915	\$543,340	70.49%	1.02%			
1989	\$1,136,210	\$1,651,988	\$515,778	68.78%	18.40%			
1988	\$985,030	\$1,453,858	\$468,828	67.75%	11.53%			
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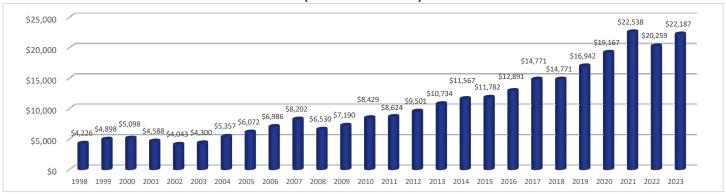
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^{**} Note: On a market value basis OCERS' funded status is 80.76%

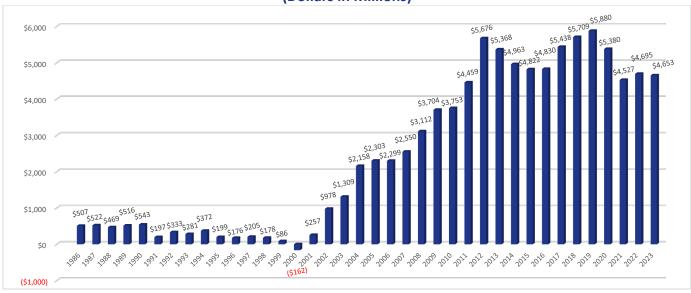
OCERS by the Numbers

Growth of System Net Investments at Fair Value

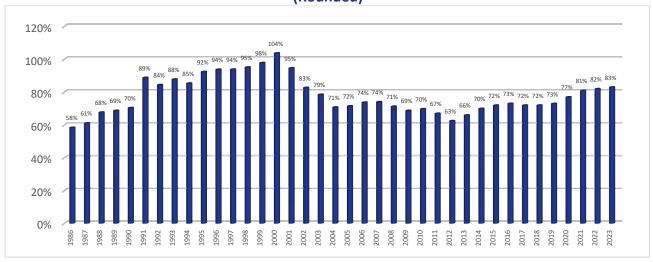
(Dollars in Millions)



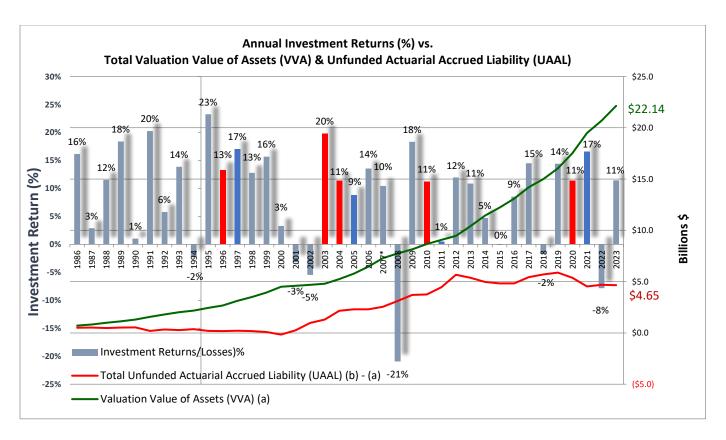
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (UAAL) (Dollars in Millions)



Funded Ratio by Calendar Years (Rounded)



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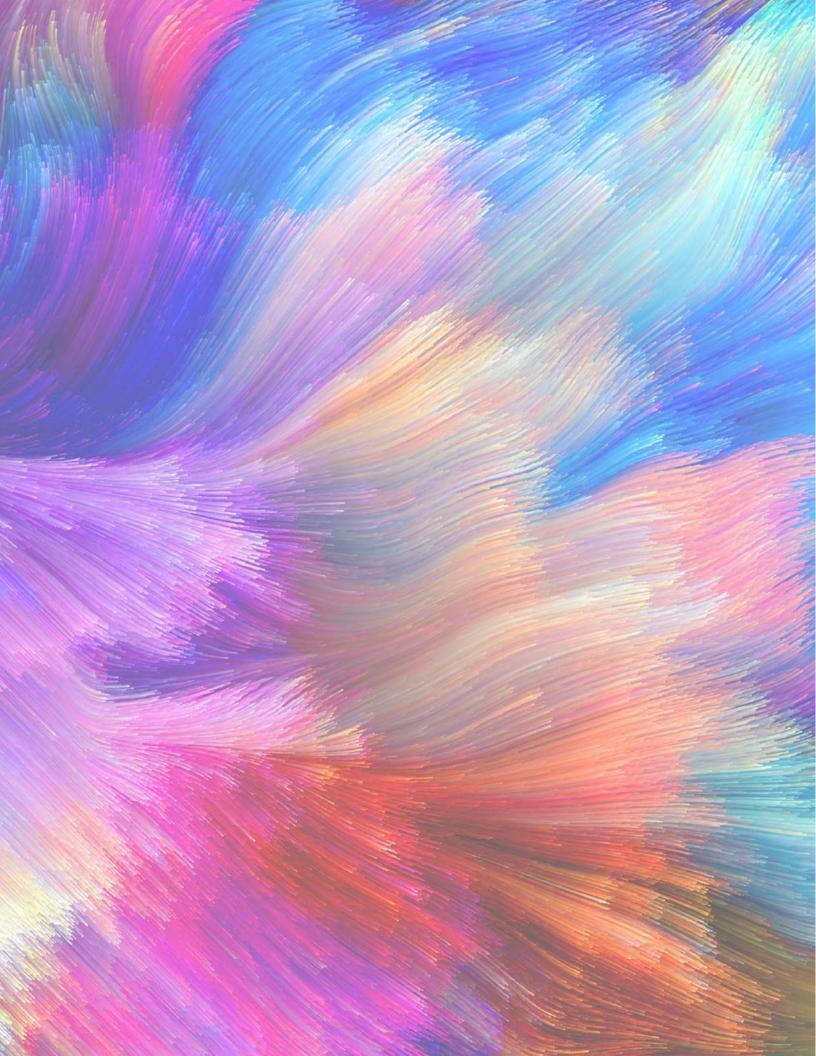
This chart demonstrates how positive earnings in most years will cause the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) to decrease. Interestingly this chart also illustrates how the UAAL can grow larger even when the pension fund's investment portfolio returns are positive.

First, we need a definition for the UAAL. It simply means that the value of the retirement benefits promised by employers is larger than the actual dollars the retirement system has on hand. The difference between the two is called the UAAL. Having a UAAL is not a bad thing, a retirement system does not need to have in the bank today every benefit dollar that will ever be paid out in the coming 10, 20, 30 years or more. It is much like a parent saving for his or her child's college education. All the dollars required to pay that future obligation do not need to be in the parent's bank account today. In fact, the parent is planning on including the returns from sound investments to help meet that future obligation.

OCERS has a plan in place to pay off the UAAL in 20-year increments. That plan includes an expectation that the OCERS portfolio will earn on average 7.00% each calendar year, while each employer and individual member in turn continues to pay the monthly contribution required of them by OCERS' actuary. It's good to note here that no OCERS employer or individual OCERS member has ever failed to make the annual actuarially required contribution to the OCERS retirement system.

While it is fairly easy to understand that when the portfolio does not earn its expected 7.00% in a year, that will cause the UAAL to grow, how is it possible for the UAAL to grow even in years where the portfolio earnings are at least positive? Note the chart above. The blue bars indicate how much OCERS earned on its investment portfolio each calendar year. The green line measuring total assets held in the portfolio is doing well and growing strongly because of those many good years. The red line tracks the rise and fall of the UAAL. The few red bars indicate when the portfolio actually lost money. In those years with the red bars, as you would expect, you can see an uptick in the UAAL as measured by the red line. But back to our basic question, how is it that even in some good years you can see a rise in the UAAL as tracked by that red line?

Two basic reasons – in some years, such as 2011, even though the earnings bar is blue, it is barely blue. Positive returns yes, but since it was not enough to meet the earnings expectation in that year, there was an uptick in the UAAL. The other cause can occur when there is a change made to a basic assumption. 2012 is a good example of that – a strong blue bar representing a 12% return; easily beating our then expected 7.75%. However, in that same year of 2012 we lowered what we assumed could be earned in future years from 7.75% to 7.25% so the UAAL rose. If a parent saving for their child's college education is expecting to earn 7.75% on their savings account suddenly learns the bank is only crediting 7.25% in the future, the parent won't have enough dollars in that account when the child finally reaches the big day. So too with OCERS, by lowering its assumed earnings rate for future years in 2012 the red line had to tick upward despite the good earnings in that year to account for the fact that OCERS had to anticipate fewer future dollars would be gained from investment earnings.







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