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Topics

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TRS Funding Update

Actuarial Funding vs. Actual State Funding

> FY 2022

Actuarial Payment \$8.9 billion Normal Cost \$1.2 billion Actual Statutory Payment \$5.7 billion Interest on the Debt \$4.6 billion

> FY 2023

Actuarial Payment \$9.1 billion Normal Cost \$1.2 billion Actual Statutory Payment \$5.9 billion Interest on the Debt \$4.8 billion

> FY 2024

Actuarial Payment \$9.6 billion Normal Cost \$1.3 billion TRS Certified Statutory Payment \$6.0 billion Interest on the Debt \$4.9 billion

> Every \$1 not paid to TRS now requires \$3 in the future to make up for the lost earnings.

Source: TRS actuarial valuation reports



Fiscal Year 2022 Key TRS Stats

> Finances

- Investments \$63 billion (down 2.1%)
- Revenue \$6.3 billion (earnings & contributions)
- Benefits Paid \$7.6 billion (up 3.9%)
- Investment Return (1.2%) *net of fees*

> Long-Term Funded Status

- Total Liability \$143.5 billion (up 3.3%)
- Unfunded Liability \$80.6 billion (*up 0.9%*)
- Funded Ratio 43.8% (<u>up</u> 1.3%)

> Membership

- Total 439,833 (<u>up</u> 1.7%)
- Active 165,566 (<u>up</u> 4.1%)
- Inactive 144,801 (down 0.7%)
- Benefit Recipients 129,466 (*up 1.5%*)
- Average Pension, all retirees \$63,276 (up 2.3%)

> Membership Breakdown

- Active Tier 1 − 103,163 (down 1.8%)
 ✓ (62.3% all active members)
- Active Tier 2 − 62,403 (*up* 15.6%) ✓ (37.7% of all active members)
- Average Age of a Retired Member 73 years old
- Average Service Credit at Retirement 27 years

Source: Fiscal Year 2022 TRS Annual Report



TRS Investment Returns

Total Portfolio Results

<u>Time Period</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>
	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
1 Year	+ 0.6%	+ 25.5%	-1.2%
3 Years	+ 4.7%	+ 9.9%	+7.6%
5 Years	+ 5.2%	+ 10.1%	+7.3%
10 Years	+ 8.3%	+ 8.4%	+8.2%
40 Years	+ 9.0%	+ 9.5%	+9.3%

- > TRS always focuses on <u>long-term</u> results more than on any one year because the System must be financially secure for *all members*, whether they're 85, 65, 45 or 25.
- > The current TRS assumed *long-term* rate of return is 7%.



Source: TRS annual reports

Gov. Pritzker's "Extra" Pension Funding

Stable State Contributions Help Move Funded Ratio in the Right Direction

- > The Governor's FY 2024 budget commits \$230 million *more* in funding to state pension systems than required by law
- > This is the third fiscal year in a row that total pension funding will total more than the statutory requirement
- > Total state pension funding to TRS will exceed \$18 billion in FY 2022, 2023 & 2024
- > After five years of hovering at 40%, the TRS Funded Ratio is inching up

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✓ FY 2020 - 40.5%
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Source: Illinois State Budget - Fiscal Year 2023 and Fiscal Year 2024



Russian Divestment

- ➤ In December, the General Assembly and Gov. Pritzker enacted Public Act 102-1108 requiring the Illinois Investment Policy Board to identify Russian companies for placement on a "no investment" list.
- ➤ Once the Policy Board adds a company to the list, TRS has 12 months to sell, redeem, divest or withdraw system assets from that Russian company if TRS holds any assets in that company.
- ➤ Currently, TRS assets in Russia total \$2.9 million, which is 0.004% of the total portfolio.





TRIP/TRAIL Updates

- Eligible with 8.000 years of TRS service credit
- Coverage always starts on the first of a month
- Insurance/prescription ID cards issued by your selected carrier
 - Premiums withheld from your TRS pension check in arrears
 - o Call MyBenefits Service Center 1-844-251-1777
 - New TRAIL carrier for 2023 AETNA
 - TRAIL premiums significantly reduced under new contract
 - TRAIL Benefits Choice is in October-November



TRIP Premiums

Monthly Contributions

The Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program (TRIP) shares the cost of health coverage with you. While TRIP covers the majority of the cost, you must make monthly contributions based upon the health plan you select.

Type of Participant	Type of Plan	Not Medicare Primary	Not Medicare Primary	Not Medicare Primary	Medicare Primary*
		Under Age 26	Age 26-64	Age 65 and Older	All Ages
TCHP when managed c		\$106.45	\$330.67	\$450.52	\$130.68
	Teachers Choice Health Plan (TCHP)	\$276.27	\$771.71	\$1,172.71	\$309.86
	TCHP when managed care is not available in your county	\$138.13	\$385.85	\$586.37	\$154.94
Dependent Beneficiary Tea	Managed Care Plan (OAP and HMO)	\$425.96	\$1,322.65	\$1,802.05	\$450.24**
	Teachers Choice Health Plan (TCHP)	\$552.55	\$1,543.41	\$2,345.44	\$619.72
	TCHP when managed care is not available in your county	\$552.55	\$1,543.41	\$2,345.44	\$464.80**

^{*} You must enroll in both Medicare Parts A and B to qualify for the lower premiums. Send a copy of your Medicare card to TRS. If you or your dependent is actively working and eligible for Medicare, or you have additional questions about this requirement, contact the CMS Group Insurance Division, Medicare Coordination of Benefits (COB) Unit (see page 7).

^{**} Medicare Primary Dependent Beneficiaries enrolled in a managed care plan, or in TCHP when no managed care plan is available, receive a premium subsidy.

TRAIL Premiums

Aetna MAPD PPO (Effective Jan. 1, 2023)						
Monthly Contributions	Member Rate	\$2.06				
	Dependent Rate	\$6.18				



Switching from TRIP to TRAIL

- Must enroll in Medicare Parts
 A & B
- Once your Medicare card is received, submit copy to TRS
- 1 month prior to the effective date, contact the MyBenefits Service Center to enroll in your TRAIL Medicare Advantage plan
- Medicare checklist available online: TRSIL.org



Birth Month

January

February

September

November

December

Month to Apply

for Medicare

October

November

December

January

February

March

April

June July

August

September

3 Months Before Your 65th Birth Month

- Contact the Social Security Administration (SSA) and apply for Medicare Parts A and B online by visiting www.ssa.gov/benefits/medicare or by phone at (800) 772-1213. Use the chart on the right to know when to apply.
- Establish how your Medicare Part B premium will be paid to the SSA. This premium is separate from your retirement insurance premium and cannot be deducted from your monthly benefit check.

If the SSA determines that you are not eligible for Medicare coverage:

 Request a statement of Medicare ineligibility from the SSA.

2 Months Before Your 65th Birth Month*

- Receive your Medicare Card or Statement of Medicare Ineligibility from SSA.
- Make a legible copy of the front side of your Medicare card or ineligibility statement and send to TRS. If you are not currently enrolled, you also need to send TRS the Participation Election Form. See reverse for submission instructions.

*Important: If your birthdate is on the 1st of any month, you must elect coverage two months before your 65th birth month to avoid an interruption in coverage. See below on how to complete the enrollment process.

1 Month Before Your 65th Birth Month

- Review the TRAIL Medicare Advantage Initial Enrollment Guide mailed to you from the State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services and MyBenefits. You can also review the materials online at MyBenefits.illinois.gov., select the TRAIL MAPD Enrollment Information tile located on the home page.
- Review the TRAIL Medicare Advantage Enrollment materials mailed to you from the TRAIL insurance carriers available in your residential area.
- ☐ Choose a TRAIL MAPD plan. You may elect your plan by visiting the website at MyBenefits.illinois.gov or by calling MyBenefits Service Center toll free at (844) 251-1777.

Note: The TRAIL MAPD plan you choose will replace your current retirement insurance plan.

TRS Member "Buyout" Programs

Accelerated Annual Increase Program

- Retiring Tier 1 members only
- > Started in January 2019, current sunset at the end of FY 2026
- > TRS asks retiring Tier 1 members if they want to participate. Once made, the decision is irrevocable
 - Give up the current Tier 1 annual increase 3% compounded for 1.5% notcompounded
 - Receive a lump-sum "accelerated pension benefit payment" 70% of the monetary difference between the lifetime value of the 3% increase and the 1.5% raise
- > Since 2019, more than 3,389 Tier 1 members have elected an accelerated payment under the AAI
 - o 20% out of 16,863 retirees have elected to participate
 - \$467.7 million in payments; average payment of nearly \$138,000



TRS Member "Buyout" Programs

Accelerated Pension Benefit Program

- ➤ Eligible inactive members only
- > Started in January 2019, current sunset at the end of FY 2026
- > TRS asks members if they want to participate. Once made, the decision is irrevocable
 - o Give up all right to a life-long TRS pension
 - Receive a lump-sum payment 60% of the current monetary value of the member's expected life-long pension
- > Since 2019, more than 1,915 inactive members have elected an accelerated payment under the APB
 - o 10.6% out of 18,042 inactive members have elected to participate
 - Average payment of \$124,468



New Legislation

- Public Act 103-0088 (SB1468) Post-retirement employment
- Through June 30, 2026, 120 paid days or 600 hours
- Not more than 100 paid days in the same classroom
- TRS does not monitor the 100 days/same classroom portion



TRS Members - Lights That Never Stop Glowing

Their Legacies Live Forever

- ➤ To date, 600 TRS members have died because of COVID-19 or complications related to the virus.
- Each of them represents the loss of a bright and shining light to their families, friends and communities, as well as their profession.
- ➤ In January, the System's oldest member 108 years young from Rushville passed on.
- ➤ The mantel of "oldest TRS member" now belongs to a retiree in Dwight, IL aged 106. She has been an annuitant since 1983.
- The oldest *full-time active* TRS member is 83 and lives in Olmstead.





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