



NEW BEDFORD CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

**ACTUARIAL VALUATION
as of
January 1, 2022**

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Dear Board Members:

We are pleased to present the enclosed report providing the results of our actuarial valuation of the New Bedford Contributory Retirement System as of January 1, 2022. Our valuation was performed in accordance with the provisions contained in Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws, "M.G.L.", as of January 1, 2022. Disclosures under GASB Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans (GASB 67) and GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions (GASB 68) are provided in a separate report.

The principal results of our valuation are summarized in Section 2. The Summary of Plan Provisions and Actuarial Assumptions and Methods are shown in Sections 5 and 6, respectively. Section 7 summarizes the demographic profile of active members, retired plan members and beneficiaries and disabled plan members. Asset information and actuarial liabilities are presented in Section 2. The development of the required appropriations pursuant to Chapter 32 of the M.G.L. is shown in Section 3, including a 30-year forecast of the required appropriations and projected cash flows. Section 4 includes a summary of valuation information for PERAC as well as information relating to the primary risks to the System and an assessment of those risks.

This valuation is based upon member data provided by the New Bedford Contributory Retirement Board and asset information reported to the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) by the Retirement Board. Although we did not audit the data used in the valuation, we believe that the information is complete and reliable.

Liabilities presented in this report are based on a long-term investment return rate assumption of 7%, net of investment expense, compounded annually.

This report was completed in accordance with generally accepted actuarial standards and procedures, and conforms to the Code of Professional Conduct of the American Academy of Actuaries. The actuarial assumptions used in the determination of costs are reasonably related to the experience of the System and to reasonable expectations, and represent our best estimate of anticipated long-term experience under the System.

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Future actuarial valuation results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report. Examples of potential sources of volatility include plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions, the effect of new entrants, changes in economic or demographic assumptions, the effect of law changes and the delayed effect of smoothing techniques.

Our valuation follows generally accepted actuarial methods and we perform such tests as we consider necessary to assure the accuracy of the results. The amounts presented in this report have been appropriately determined according to the actuarial assumptions and methods stated herein.

This report is intended for the sole use of the New Bedford Contributory Retirement Board and is intended to provide information to comply with the stated purpose of the report. It may not be appropriate for other purposes.

The undersigned credentialed actuaries are Members of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries necessary to render the actuarial opinion contained herein. They are available to answer any questions with regard to this report.

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SECTION 1 - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Background

We have completed the Actuarial Valuation of the New Bedford Contributory Retirement System as of January 1, 2022. This valuation is based upon census data provided by the Retirement Board and asset information reported to the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) by the New Bedford Contributory Retirement Board. Information for the prior valuation completed as of January 1, 2020 was obtained from the valuation report prepared by KMS Actuaries.

Massachusetts General Laws

The valuation was prepared in accordance with Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws ("M.G.L."). The results are based on the active, inactive and retired members and beneficiaries as of December 31, 2021, the assets as of December 31, 2021 and assumptions regarding investment returns, salary increases, mortality, turnover, disability and retirement.

The valuation does not take into consideration:

- ◆ Changes in the law after the valuation date,
- ◆ Transfers between retirement systems pursuant to Section 3(8)(c) of Chapter 32,
- ◆ State-mandated benefits and
- ◆ Cost-of-living increases granted to members in pay status between 1982 and 1997.

GASB Statement Numbers 67 and 68

In June 2012, the GASB approved two related Statements that significantly changed the way pension plans and governments account and report pension liabilities. Effective for plans with fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2013, GASB Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans, replaced the requirements of Statement No. 25 and effective for employers with fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, replaced the requirements of Statement No. 27.

The pension standards reflect changes from those previously in place regarding how governments calculate total pension liability and pension expense. Further, the standards contain requirements for disclosing information in the notes to financial statements and presenting required supplementary information following the notes.

The required disclosures and notes under GASB Statement Number 67 and 68 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 are provided in a separate report.

Assets

This valuation is based upon asset information reported to the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC) by the New Bedford Contributory Retirement Board. The market value of assets increased from \$364,230,928 as of December 31, 2019 to \$473,508,594 as of December 31, 2021. During the plan years ended 2020 and 2021, the market value rates of return were 14.40% and 18.11%, respectively.

The actuarial value of assets increased from \$348,508,283 as of January 1, 2020 to \$426,157,735 as of January 1, 2022. During the plan years ended 2020 and 2021, the rates of return on the actuarial value of assets were 10.53% and 13.10%, respectively.

SECTION 1 - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Changes Since the Last Valuation

During the two years since the last valuation, the total unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the System was expected to decrease from \$394,656,908 as of January 1, 2020 to \$379,086,642 as of January 1, 2022, for a total decrease of \$15,570,266. The actual unfunded actuarial accrued liability, before any assumption or plan changes, was \$342,179,838, resulting in an actuarial gain of \$36,906,804. The actuarial gain was primarily due to an asset gain of approximately \$32,464,000 and a demographic experience gain of approximately \$4,443,000. The details of the gain and loss analysis are provided in Section 2, Actuarial Experience.

Appropriations

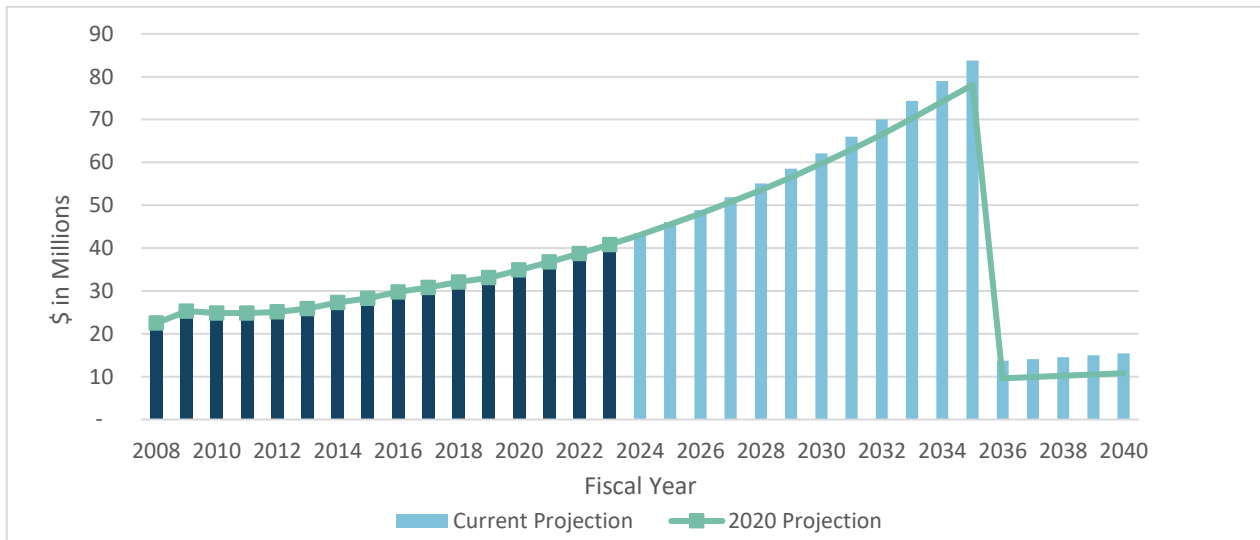
The funding appropriation for each year is computed as the sum of the normal cost, net 3(8)(c) transfers and an amortization payment to pay off the Unfunded Actuarial Liability, adjusted for four payments of the appropriation made August 1, September 1, October 1 and November 1. The appropriation calculated as of the January 1, 2022 valuation is \$44,316,220, and is made up of a normal cost payment of \$7,935,142, net 3(8)(c) transfers of \$1,048,505, and an amortization payment of \$35,332,573. The amortization method is an increasing amortization of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability at 4% over 13 years and is expected to fully pay the unfunded actuarial accrued liability by the year 2035. The development of the appropriation as of January 1, 2022 is presented in Section 3, Annual Appropriations.

For fiscal year 2023, we show the actual appropriation developed under the previous funding schedule and reported on the PERAC "Required Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriation" letter dated November 12, 2021 of \$40,827,689. For fiscal year 2024, we developed an annual appropriation of \$43,350,840, which is made up of a normal cost of \$8,595,415 and net 3(8)(c) transfers of \$1,100,000 and payment toward the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$33,655,425. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is expected to be fully paid by 2035. The Board adopted a schedule that limits the annual increase in appropriation to 6.18% per year.

The chart on the following page shows the historical (navy bars) and projected (blue bars) annual appropriations compared to the projected amounts shown in the prior valuation and funding schedule (green line).

SECTION 1 - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Historical and Projected Annual Appropriations



Plan Provisions

All Plan provisions used in this valuation are the same as those used in the prior valuation and are summarized in Section 5, Summary of Plan Provisions.

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Some Actuarial Assumptions and Methods used in this valuation have changed since the last valuation, including decreasing the net 3(8)(c) transfers assumption from \$1,500,000 to \$1,100,000, decreasing the investment return rate from 7.5% to 7%, updating the salary scale and updating the mortality and mortality improvement rates. Changing these assumptions resulted in a net increase in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability of \$47,288,114 and an increase in the employer normal cost of \$3,592,565. The Actuarial Assumptions and Methods utilized in this valuation are detailed in Section 6, Actuarial Assumptions and Methods.

Census Data

As of January 1, 2022, there are 2,217 active members who may be eligible for benefits in the future, 1,519 retirees and beneficiaries, 677 inactives and 294 disabled retirees. Summaries of the active, retired and disabled employees are included in Section 7, Plan Member Information.

The Retirement Board provided us with updated Post81 COLA reimbursements in the form of a listing prepared by the Commonwealth. Changes to the data resulted in an increase in the reimbursement of approximately \$33,000 from the prior valuation.

SECTION 1 - EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A summary of principal valuation results from the current valuation and the prior valuation follows.

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2020	% Change
Census Data			
Active Members	2,217	2,140	3.6%
Valuation Salary	\$115,305,787	\$101,157,056	14.0%
Average Salary	\$52,010	\$47,270	10.0%
Retired Members and Beneficiaries	1,519	1,537	(1.2%)
Total Annual Retirement Allowance	\$38,912,818	\$37,071,802	5.0%
Average Annual Retirement Allowance	\$25,617	\$24,120	6.2%
Disabled Members	294	317	(7.3%)
Total Annual Retirement Allowance	\$11,673,842	\$11,883,597	(1.8%)
Average Annual Retirement Allowance	\$39,707	\$37,488	5.9%
Inactive Members	677	491	37.9%
Annuity Savings Fund	\$8,029,914	\$5,444,804	47.5%
Funded Status			
Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	\$815,625,687	\$743,165,191	9.8%
Market Value of Assets (MVA)	\$473,508,594	\$364,230,928	30.0%
Unfunded Accrued Liability on MVA	\$342,117,093	\$378,934,263	(9.7%)
Funded Status on MVA	58.1%	49.0%	18.6%
Actuarial Value of Assets (AVA)	\$426,157,735	\$348,508,283	22.3%
Unfunded Accrued Liability on AVA	\$389,467,952	\$394,656,908	(1.3%)
Funded Status on AVA	52.2%	46.9%	11.3%
Appropriations			
Fiscal Year 2022	N/A	\$38,735,948	N/A
Fiscal Year 2023	\$40,827,689	\$40,827,689	0.0%
Fiscal Year 2024	\$43,350,840	\$43,105,874	0.6%
Fiscal Year 2025	\$46,029,922	\$45,511,182	1.1%

SECTION 2 - PRINCIPAL VALUATION RESULTS

Market Value of Assets

Asset information is reported annually to the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission by the New Bedford Contributory Retirement Board. The Market Value of Assets for the three most recent calendar years are as follows:

Calendar Year	2021	2020	2019
Trust Fund Composition at Year-End			
Cash	\$1,591,378	\$1,924,202	\$1,032,482
Short-Term Investments	0	0	0
Fixed Income Securities	0	0	0
Equities	0	0	0
Pooled Short Term Funds	0	0	0
Pooled Domestic Equity Funds	171,078,762	147,921,234	129,621,682
Pooled International Equity Funds	39,407,505	35,353,967	35,406,877
Pooled Global Equity Funds	90,946,824	74,462,393	62,038,214
Pooled Domestic Fixed Income Funds	76,767,291	70,842,513	64,621,480
Pooled International Fixed Income Funds	0	0	0
Pooled Global Fixed Income Funds	0	0	0
Pooled Alternative Investments	50,414,698	39,907,712	35,623,385
Pooled Real Estate Funds	43,539,666	37,441,402	35,507,121
Pooled Domestic Balanced Funds	0	0	0
Pooled International Balanced Funds	0	0	0
Hedge Funds	0	0	0
PRIT Cash	0	0	0
PRIT Fund	0	0	0
Interest Due & Accrued	0	0	0
Prepaid Expenses	0	32,233	37,038
Accounts Receivable	140,395	325,349	711,655
Land	0	0	0
Buildings	0	0	0
Accumulated Depreciation - Buildings	0	0	0
Accounts Payable	(377,925)	(352,289)	(369,006)
Total Market Value of Assets	\$473,508,594	\$407,858,716	\$364,230,928

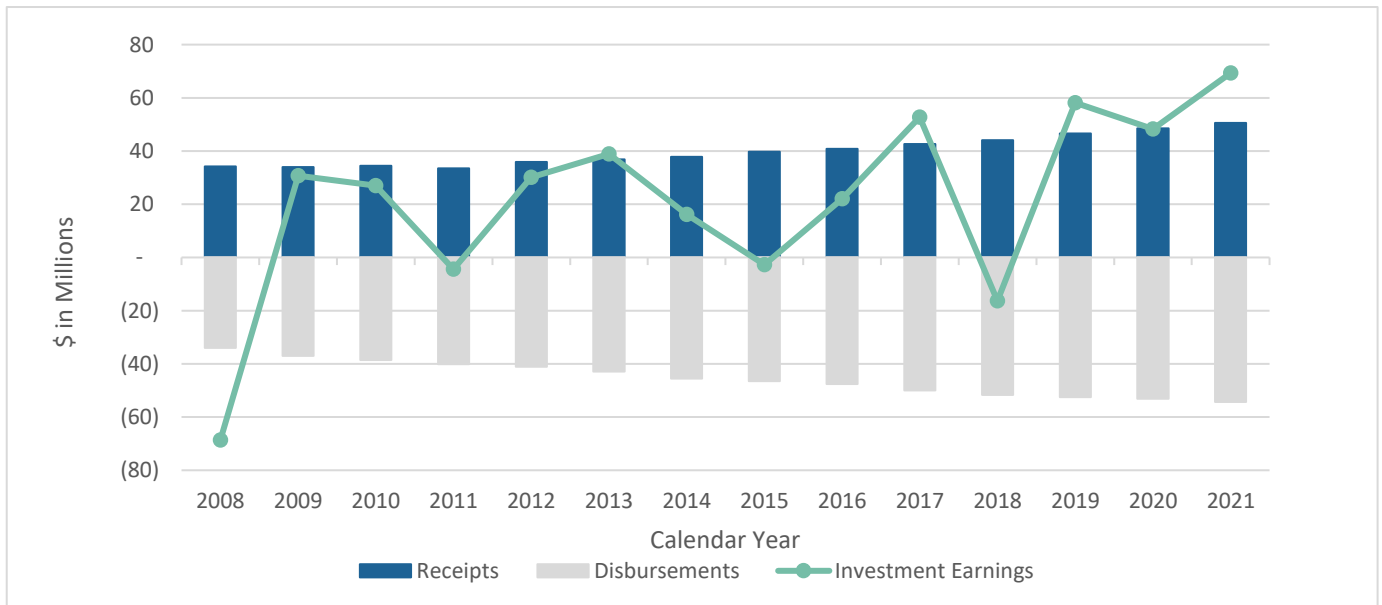
SECTION 2 - PRINCIPAL VALUATION RESULTS

Market Value of Assets

Calendar Year	2021	2020	2019
Funds			
Annuity Savings Fund	\$109,736,432	\$106,792,484	\$103,015,069
Annuity Reserve Fund	27,641,092	28,989,905	30,921,207
Special Military Service Fund	88,432	88,343	88,255
Pension Fund	42,296	247,188	(6,813,163)
Expense Fund	0	0	0
Pension Reserve Fund	336,000,342	271,740,796	237,019,560
Total Market Value of Assets	\$473,508,594	\$407,858,716	\$364,230,928
Asset Activity			
Market Value as of Beginning of Year	\$407,858,716	\$364,230,928	\$311,905,830
Contributions and Receipts	50,577,693	48,488,518	46,655,431
Benefit Payments and Expenses	(54,264,371)	(53,174,478)	(52,504,465)
Investment Return	69,336,556	48,313,748	58,174,132
Total Market Value of Assets	\$473,508,594	\$407,858,716	\$364,230,928

Rate of Return 18.11% 14.40% 19.73%

Below are the receipts and disbursements during the last 14 years. The green line reflects investment earnings, which vacillate as investment markets fluctuate. Blue bars indicate contributions, from employees and employers, and grey bars show benefit payments and administrative expenses.



SECTION 2 - PRINCIPAL VALUATION RESULTS

Actuarial Value of Assets

The Actuarial Value of Assets is the market value of assets as of the valuation date adjusted to phase in investment gains and losses over a 5-year period, further constrained to be within 10% of the market value of assets. Investment gains and losses are the excess or deficiency of the expected returns over the actual returns.

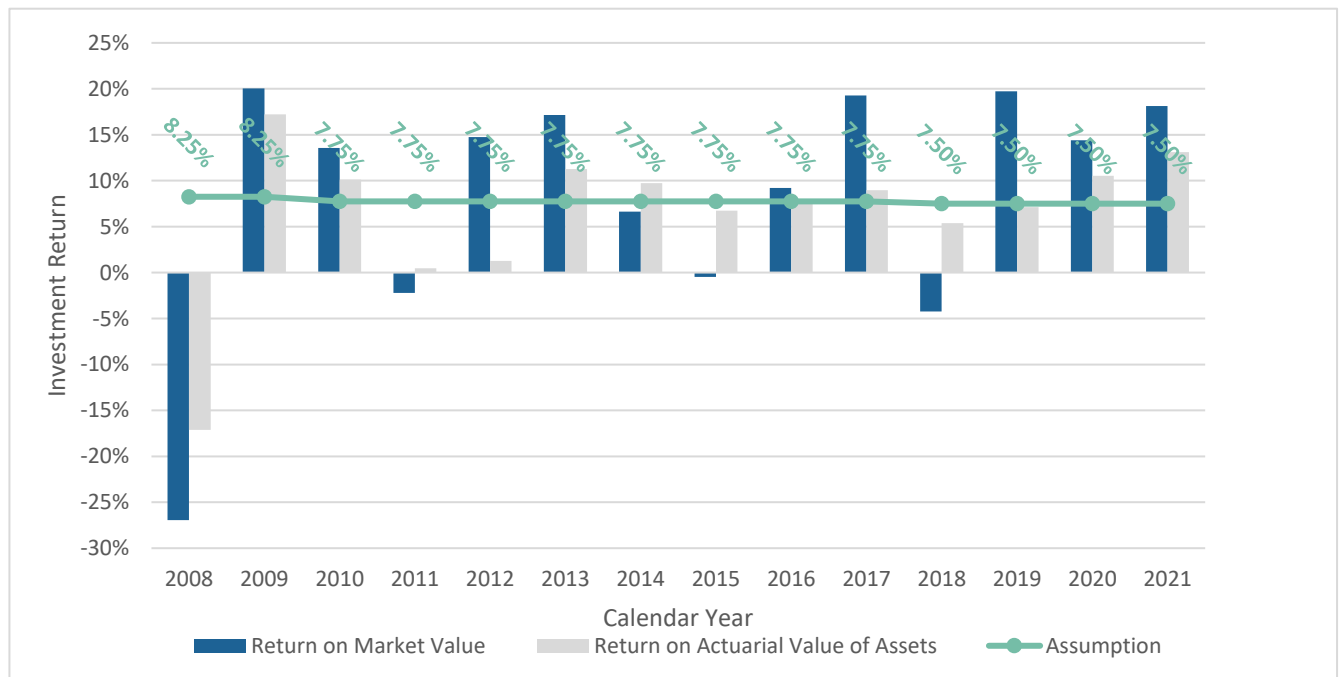
Valuation Date	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2020		
1. Expected Market Value of Assets					
a. Market Value of Assets as of prior January 1	\$407,858,716	\$364,230,928	\$311,905,830		
b. Prior Year Contributions and Receipts	50,577,693	48,488,518	46,655,431		
c. Prior Year Benefit Payments and Expenses	(54,264,371)	(53,174,478)	(52,504,465)		
d. Expected Investment Return Rate	7.50%	7.50%	7.50%		
e. Expected Investment Return	30,451,153	27,141,596	23,173,598		
f. Expected Market Value of Assets	\$434,623,191	\$386,686,564	\$329,230,394		
2. Prior Year Gain/(Loss)					
a. Market Value of Assets as of January 1	\$473,508,594	\$407,858,716	\$364,230,928		
b. Expected Market Value of Assets	434,623,191	386,686,564	329,230,394		
c. Prior Year Gain /(Loss)	\$38,885,403	\$21,172,152	\$35,000,534		
3. Phase-In of Asset Gains and Losses					
	Calendar Year	Gain / (Loss)	Unrecognized Gain / (Loss)	Unrecognized Gain / (Loss)	Unrecognized Gain / (Loss)
a.	2021	\$38,885,403	\$31,108,322	\$0	\$0
b.	2020	21,172,152	12,703,291	16,937,722	0
c.	2019	35,000,534	14,000,214	21,000,320	28,000,427
d.	2018	(41,159,706)	(8,231,941)	(16,463,882)	(24,695,824)
e.	2017	30,550,434	0	6,110,087	12,220,174
f.	2016	989,340	0	0	197,868
g.	Total Deferred Gains/(Losses)		\$49,579,886	\$27,584,247	\$15,722,645

SECTION 2 - PRINCIPAL VALUATION RESULTS

Actuarial Value of Assets

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2021	January 1, 2020
4. Actuarial Value of Assets			
a. Market Value of Assets	\$473,508,594	\$407,858,716	\$364,230,928
b. Deferred Gains/(Losses)	49,579,886	27,584,247	15,722,645
c. Market Value of Assets Less Deferred Gains/(Losses)	\$423,928,708	\$380,274,469	\$348,508,283
d. 90% of Market Value of Assets	426,157,735	367,072,844	327,807,835
e. 110% of Market Value of Assets	520,859,453	448,644,588	400,654,021
f. Actuarial Value of Assets, a., but not less than b. and not greater than c.	\$426,157,735	\$380,274,469	\$348,508,283
g. Ratio of Actuarial Value of Assets to Market Value of Assets	90.0%	93.2%	95.7%
5. Rate of Return on Actuarial Value of Assets for Prior Calendar Year	13.10%	10.53%	7.12%

Below are the investment returns during the last 14 years. The green line reflects the investment return actuarial assumption. Blue bars indicate investment return rates on market value of assets, and grey bars show investment return rates on actuarial value of assets.



SECTION 2 - PRINCIPAL VALUATION RESULTS

Actuarial Liabilities

The **Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits** is the present value of the cost to finance all benefits payable in the future, discounted to reflect the probability of payment and the time value of money. Below is the Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits from the current valuation and the prior valuation:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2020
Actives	\$476,487,319	\$378,098,280
Retired Members and Beneficiaries	377,366,140	350,317,730
Disabled Members	127,521,243	125,203,967
Inactive Members	8,029,914	5,444,804
Total Present Value of Future Benefits	\$989,404,616	\$859,064,781

The **Actuarial Accrued Liability** is the portion of the Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits which is allocated to all periods prior to a valuation year and therefore is not provided for by future Normal Costs. Below is the Actuarial Accrued Liability from the current valuation and the prior valuation:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2020
Actives	\$302,708,390	\$262,198,690
Retired Members and Beneficiaries	377,366,140	350,317,730
Disabled Members	127,521,243	125,203,967
Inactive Members	8,029,914	5,444,804
Total Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$815,625,687	\$743,165,191

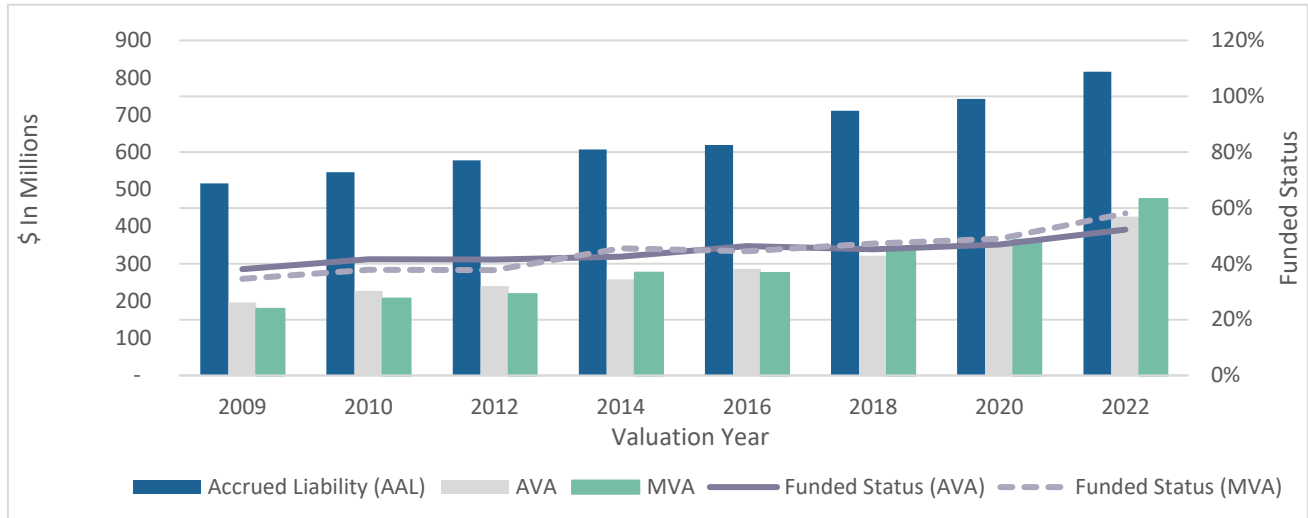
The **Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability** is the difference between the Actuarial Accrued Liability and the Actuarial Value of Assets as of the valuation date. The **Funded Status** is the Actuarial Value of Assets divided by the Actuarial Accrued Liability and is a point-in-time measurement of the amount of assets set aside to cover actuarial accrued liabilities. Below is the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability and Funded Status from the current valuation and the prior valuation:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2020
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability		
a. Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$815,625,687	\$743,165,191
b. Actuarial Value of Assets	426,157,735	348,508,283
c. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (a. - b.)	\$389,467,952	\$394,656,908
d. Funded Status (b. divided by a.)	52.2%	46.9%

SECTION 2 - PRINCIPAL VALUATION RESULTS

Actuarial Liabilities

Below are the accrued liabilities, asset values (actuarial and market) and funded status for each of the last 8 valuations. The purple solid line reflects the funded status on an actuarial value of assets (AVA) basis and the purple dotted line reflects the funded status on a market value (MVA) basis. Blue bars indicate actuarial accrued liabilities, grey bars indicate actuarial value of assets and green bars indicate market value of assets.



The **Normal Cost** is the portion of the Actuarial Present Value of Future Benefits which is allocated to a valuation year. Only active employees who have not reached Normal Retirement Age incur a Normal Cost. Below is the Normal Cost from the current valuation and the prior valuation:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2020
Total Normal Cost	\$18,160,545	\$13,384,786
As of Percentage of Salary	15.7%	13.2%
Employee Normal Cost	\$10,749,656	\$9,332,826
As of Percentage of Salary	9.3%	9.2%
Administrative Expenses	\$524,253	\$550,000
As a Percentage of Salary	0.5%	0.5%
Net Employer Normal Cost	\$7,935,142	\$4,601,960
As a Percentage of Salary	6.9%	4.5%

SECTION 2 - PRINCIPAL VALUATION RESULTS

Actuarial Experience

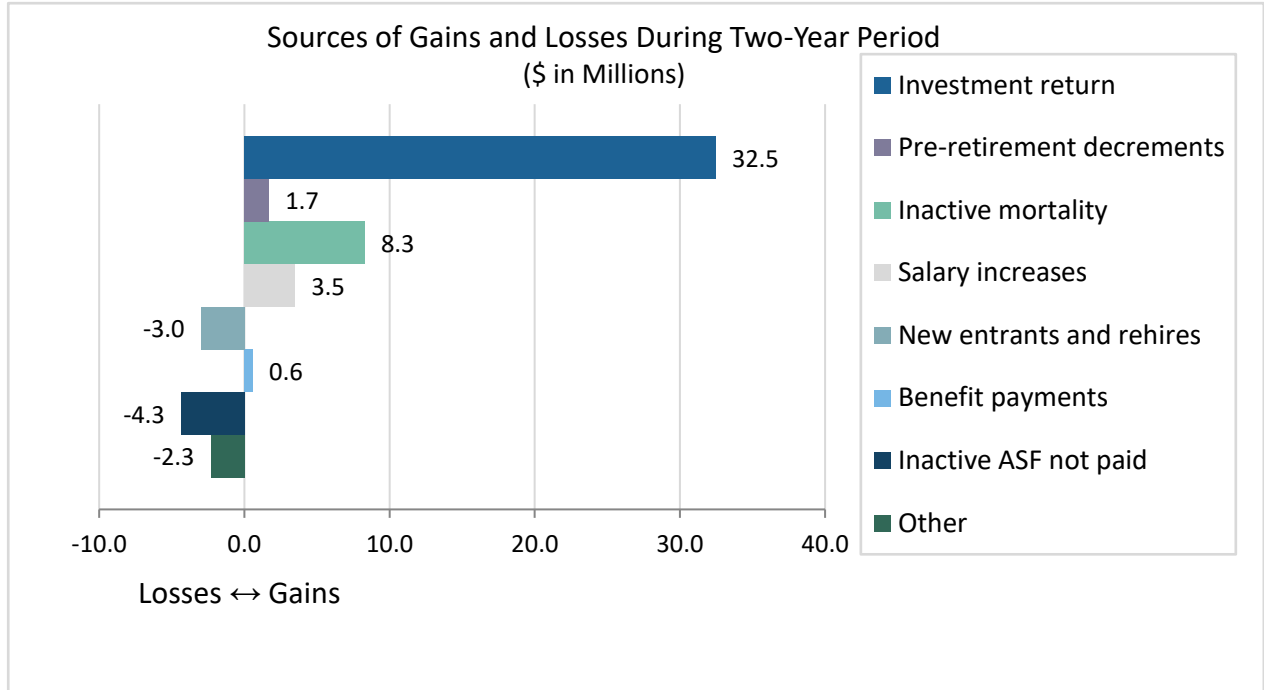
In performing the actuarial valuation, various assumptions are made regarding mortality, retirement, disability and withdrawal rates as well as salary increases and investment returns. A comparison of the results of the current valuation and the prior valuation is made to determine how closely actual experience relates to expected. During the two years since the last valuation, the total unfunded actuarial accrued liability of the System was expected to decrease by \$15,570,266. Below is the development of the Actuarial Gain for the current 2-year period:

Calendar Year Ending	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Expected Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability		
1. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, Beginning of Year	\$388,337,984	\$394,656,908
2. Normal Cost, Beginning of Year	13,114,108	13,384,786
3. Total Contributions	50,577,693	48,488,518
4. Interest (full year on 1. and 2., one-half year on 3.)	28,212,243	28,784,808
5. Expected Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$379,086,642	\$388,337,984
6. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (before changes)	342,179,838	
7. (Gain)/Loss (6. - 5.)	(\$36,906,804)	
Asset Gain/(Loss)		
1. Actuarial Value of Assets, Beginning of Year	\$380,274,469	\$348,508,283
2. Contributions and Receipts	50,577,693	48,488,518
3. Benefit Payments and Expenses	(54,264,371)	(53,174,478)
4. Assumed Rate of Return (prior valuation)	7.50%	7.50%
5. Expected Return	28,382,335	25,962,398
6. Actuarial Value of Assets, End of Year	\$426,157,735	\$380,274,469
7. Actual Return	49,569,944	36,452,146
8. Actual Rate of Return	13.10%	10.53%
9. Asset Gain/(Loss) (7. - 5.)	21,187,609	10,489,748
10. Total Asset Gain/(Loss), 2-Year Period	\$32,464,089	

SECTION 2 - PRINCIPAL VALUATION RESULTS

Actuarial Experience

Below are the various sources of gains and losses over the 2-year period. The asset gain during the period was \$32,464,089, and the total demographic gain during the period was \$4,442,715, which totals to an overall gain of \$36,906,804.



Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability

1. Changes due to:	
a. Asset Gain	(\$32,464,089)
b. Demographic Experience Gain	(4,442,715)
c. Total Gain Prior to Changes	(36,906,804)
d. Plan Change	-
e. Assumption and Method Changes	
Mortality and Mortality Improvement Rates	(5,439,823)
Salary Scale	12,853,086
Investment Return Rate	39,874,851
Total	47,288,114
f. Total Increase (Including Changes)	10,381,310
2. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability, End of Year	\$389,467,952

SECTION 3 - CHAPTER 32 OF M.G.L. APPROPRIATIONS

Annual Appropriations

The Annual Appropriation is determined in accordance with the requirements set forth in Sections 22D and 22F of Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws ("M.G.L."). The appropriation is comprised of the annual employer normal cost and amortization payments to pay the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Below are the details of the annual appropriations for the current and prior valuations, adjusted for four payments made August 1, September 1, October 1 and November 1. The appropriations shown are based on the results of the valuation and do not account for any adjustments made to appropriations in the selected funding schedule.

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2020
1. Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability		
Fully Funded Year	2035	2035
Investment Return Rate	7.00%	7.50%
Balance as of Valuation Date	\$389,467,952	\$394,656,908
Amortization Amount	\$35,332,573	\$32,833,902
Increasing Rate	4.00%	4.00%
Remaining Payment Period (from Valuation Date)	13	15
2. Total Amortization Payments	\$35,332,573	\$32,833,902
3. Normal Cost	\$7,935,142	\$4,601,960
4. Net 3(8)(c) Transfers	\$1,048,505	\$1,425,062
5. Total Appropriation as of January 1	\$44,316,220	\$38,860,924
6. Adjusted for periodic payments*	\$46,492,708	\$40,904,458

*Adjusted for four payments made August 1, September 1, October 1 and November 1.

SECTION 3 - CHAPTER 32 OF M.G.L. APPROPRIATIONS

Exhibit 3.1 - 30-Year Forecast of Annual Appropriations

Fiscal Year Ending	Employer Normal Cost	Amortization Payment of UAL	Net 3(8)(c) Transfers	Total Employer Cost	Increase over Prior Year	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability
2023	\$8,351,870	\$30,975,819	\$1,500,000	\$40,827,689		\$389,467,952
2024	8,595,415	33,655,425	1,100,000	43,350,840	6.18%	385,138,176
2025	8,874,766	36,055,156	1,100,000	46,029,922	6.18%	377,772,361
2026	9,163,197	38,611,374	1,100,000	48,874,571	6.18%	367,443,430
2027	9,461,000	41,334,020	1,100,000	51,895,020	6.18%	353,784,362
2028	9,768,482	44,233,650	1,100,000	55,102,132	6.18%	336,392,307
2029	10,085,958	47,321,486	1,100,000	58,507,444	6.18%	314,825,448
2030	10,413,752	50,609,452	1,100,000	62,123,204	6.18%	288,599,596
2031	10,752,199	54,110,219	1,100,000	65,962,418	6.18%	257,184,507
2032	11,101,645	57,837,250	1,100,000	70,038,895	6.18%	219,999,896
2033	11,462,449	61,804,850	1,100,000	74,367,299	6.18%	176,411,128
2034	11,834,978	66,028,220	1,100,000	78,963,198	6.18%	125,724,553
2035	12,219,614	70,481,973	1,100,000	83,801,587	6.13%	67,182,462
2036	12,616,752	-	1,100,000	13,716,752	-83.63%	-
2037	13,026,797	-	1,100,000	14,126,797	2.99%	-
2038	13,450,167	-	1,100,000	14,550,167	3.00%	-
2039	13,887,298	-	1,100,000	14,987,298	3.00%	-
2040	14,338,635	-	1,100,000	15,438,635	3.01%	-
2041	14,804,641	-	1,100,000	15,904,641	3.02%	-
2042	15,285,791	-	1,100,000	16,385,791	3.03%	-
2043	15,782,580	-	1,100,000	16,882,580	3.03%	-
2044	16,295,514	-	1,100,000	17,395,514	3.04%	-
2045	16,825,118	-	1,100,000	17,925,118	3.04%	-
2046	17,371,935	-	1,100,000	18,471,935	3.05%	-
2047	17,936,522	-	1,100,000	19,036,522	3.06%	-
2048	18,519,460	-	1,100,000	19,619,460	3.06%	-
2049	19,121,342	-	1,100,000	20,221,342	3.07%	-
2050	19,742,785	-	1,100,000	20,842,785	3.07%	-
2051	20,384,425	-	1,100,000	21,484,425	3.08%	-
2052	21,046,919	-	1,100,000	22,146,919	3.08%	-

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Exhibit 3.2 - 30-Year Forecast of Cash Flow

Calendar Year	Market Value of Assets, BOY	Benefit Payments	Employee Contributions	Employer Contributions	Investment Return	Market Value of Assets, EOY
2022	\$473,508,594	\$60,872,458	\$10,749,656	\$38,986,620	\$34,496,605	\$496,869,017
2023	496,869,017	54,422,532	11,099,020	41,772,928	36,577,079	531,895,512
2024	531,895,512	56,127,494	11,459,738	43,926,593	39,145,267	570,299,616
2025	570,299,616	57,986,004	11,832,179	46,638,074	41,984,381	612,768,246
2026	612,768,246	59,775,652	12,216,725	49,517,125	45,122,999	659,849,443
2027	659,849,443	61,506,393	12,613,769	52,574,101	48,599,888	712,130,808
2028	712,130,808	63,247,487	13,023,716	55,819,998	52,454,554	770,181,589
2029	770,181,589	64,920,915	13,446,987	59,266,491	56,730,423	834,704,575
2030	834,704,575	66,448,550	13,884,014	62,925,978	61,480,320	906,546,337
2031	906,546,337	67,976,251	14,335,244	66,811,621	66,759,355	986,476,306
2032	986,476,306	69,396,408	14,801,139	70,937,397	72,626,165	1,075,444,599
2033	1,075,444,599	72,519,246	15,282,176	75,318,146	79,084,971	1,172,610,646
2034	1,172,610,646	75,782,612	15,778,847	79,930,033	86,129,975	1,278,666,889
2035	1,278,666,889	79,192,830	16,291,660	13,126,117	88,794,178	1,317,686,014
2036	1,317,686,014	82,756,507	16,821,139	13,516,966	91,465,211	1,356,732,823
2037	1,356,732,823	86,480,550	17,367,826	13,920,517	94,134,662	1,395,675,278
2038	1,395,675,278	90,372,175	17,932,280	14,337,184	96,793,106	1,434,365,673
2039	1,434,365,673	94,438,923	18,515,079	14,767,393	99,430,008	1,472,639,230
2040	1,472,639,230	98,688,675	19,116,819	15,211,583	102,033,631	1,510,312,588
2041	1,510,312,588	103,129,665	19,738,116	15,670,209	104,590,926	1,547,182,174
2042	1,547,182,174	107,770,500	20,379,605	16,143,741	107,087,419	1,583,022,439
2043	1,583,022,439	112,620,173	21,041,942	16,632,663	109,507,087	1,617,583,958
2044	1,617,583,958	117,688,081	21,725,805	17,137,475	111,832,224	1,650,591,381
2045	1,650,591,381	122,984,045	22,431,894	17,658,693	114,043,296	1,681,741,219
2046	1,681,741,219	128,518,327	23,160,931	18,196,850	116,118,789	1,710,699,462
2047	1,710,699,462	134,301,652	23,913,661	18,752,498	118,035,036	1,737,099,005
2048	1,737,099,005	140,345,226	24,690,855	19,326,204	119,766,042	1,760,536,880
2049	1,760,536,880	146,660,761	25,493,308	19,918,555	121,283,285	1,780,571,267
2050	1,780,571,267	153,260,495	26,321,841	20,530,158	122,555,511	1,796,718,282
2051	1,796,718,282	160,157,217	27,177,301	21,161,638	123,548,503	1,808,448,507

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Forecast Notes

Exhibit 3.1:

- ◆ The Employer Normal Cost is expected to increase 3.25% per year.
- ◆ The Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability ("UAL") is computed as of January 1 of each year assuming no future gains or losses.
- ◆ The Amortization Payment of UAL is an increasing payment at 4% paid over 13 years through 2035.
- ◆ Net 3(8)(c) transfers are a level dollar amount based on the net transfers expected to be paid by the New Bedford Contributory Retirement Board during the current year offset by the amount received during the same period.
- ◆ Total Employer Cost is the sum of the Employer Normal Cost, net 3(8)(c) transfers and the Amortization of the UAL, all computed as of January 1 of each year and adjusted for four payments made on August 1, September 1, October 1 and November 1.
- ◆ For fiscal year 2023, we show the actual appropriation developed under the previous funding schedule of \$40,827,689. For fiscal years 2024 and later, the Board has selected a funding schedule that fully amortizes the unfunded actuarial accrued liability by 2035, with annual employer costs limited to increases of 6.18% over the prior year.

Exhibit 3.2:

- ◆ Expected benefit payments include payments expected to be made to retired members, beneficiaries, disabled members and active members expected to retire. In addition, expected benefit payments include distribution of the annuity savings fund attributed to inactive members.
- ◆ Benefit payments exclude cost-of-living increases granted to members in pay status between 1982 and 1997. In addition, benefit payments are as expected for the first ten years of the forecast, then increase by the greater of 4.5% per year thereafter or the expected future payments for the current population projected by our computer model.
- ◆ Calendar year cash flow entries are developed as of each January 1.

SECTION 4 - DISCLOSURES

4.1 - GASB 67 and GASB 68 Disclosures

In June 2012, the GASB approved two related Statements that significantly changed the way pension plans and governments account and report pension liabilities. Effective for plans with fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2013, GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, replaced the requirements of Statement No. 25 and effective for employers with fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, replaced the requirements of Statement No. 27.

The pension standards reflect changes from those previously in place regarding how governments calculate total pension liability and pension expense. Further, the standards contain requirements for disclosing information in the notes to financial statements and presenting required supplementary information following the notes.

GASB 67 requires defined benefit pension plans, such as the New Bedford Contributory Retirement System, to present a statement of fiduciary net position (pension plan assets) and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. Further, the statement requires that notes to financial statements include descriptive information such as the types of benefits provided, the classes of plan members covered and the composition of the pension plan's retirement board. Finally, GASB 67 requires pension plans to present in required supplementary information the sources of the changes in the net pension liability and information about the actuarially determined contributions compared with the actual contributions made to the plan and related ratios.

GASB 67 and GASB 68 require projected benefit payments be discounted to their actuarial present value using the single rate that reflects:

- (1) a long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments *to the extent that the pension plan's assets are sufficient to pay benefits and pension plan assets are expected to be invested using a strategy to achieve that return* and
- (2) a tax-exempt, high-quality municipal bond rate *to the extent that the conditions for use of the long-term expected rate of return are not met.*

GASB 68 establishes standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and pension expense by state and local governments.

The effective date for GASB 67 is for plan years beginning after June 15, 2013, which is the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 for the New Bedford Contributory Retirement System. The effective date for GASB 68 is for employers' fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. The GASB report, submitted under separate cover and prepared as of December 31, 2021 (the measurement date), presents information to assist the New Bedford Contributory Retirement Board in providing the required information under GASB 68 to participating employers.

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4.2 - PERAC Disclosure Information

The most recent actuarial valuation of the System was prepared by KMS Actuaries, LLC as of January 1, 2022.

Normal Cost - Employees	\$10,749,656	9.3% of payroll
Normal Cost - Employers	\$7,935,142	6.9% of payroll
Actuarial Liability - Active Members	\$302,708,390	37% of total AAL
Actuarial Liability - Retired and Inactive Members	512,917,297	63% of total AAL
Total Actuarial Liability (AAL)	<u>\$815,625,687</u>	
System Assets	\$426,157,735	
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$389,467,952	
Funded Status	52.2%	

Principal actuarial assumptions used in the valuation:

Investment Return	7.00%
Rate of Salary Increase	Based on service, 6% graded down to 4.25% for Group 1 Based on service, 7% graded down to 4.75% for Group 4

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4.3 - Risk Measures

The New Bedford Contributory Retirement System is subject to certain risks that could affect the plan's future financial condition. Here we identify the primary risks to the System, provide some background information about those risks, and provide an assessment of those risks in accordance with Actuarial Standards of Practice (ASOP) 51.

Risk is the potential of actual future measurements deviating from expected future measurements resulting from actual future experience deviating from actuarially assumed experience. Examples of potential risks that may be reasonably anticipated to significantly affect the future financial condition of the plan include the following:

- ◆ **Investment Risk** - the potential that investment returns will be different than expected.
- ◆ **Asset/Liability Mismatch Risk** - the potential that changes in asset values are not matched by changes in the value of liabilities.
- ◆ **Interest Rate Risk** - the potential that interest rates will be different than expected.
- ◆ **Longevity and Other Demographic Risks** - the potential that mortality or other demographic experience will be different than expected.
- ◆ **Contribution Risk** - the potential of actual future contributions deviating from expected future contributions. For example, that actual contributions are not made in accordance with the plan's funding policy, that other anticipated payments to the plan are not made, or that material changes occur in the anticipated number of covered employees, covered payroll, or other relevant contribution base.

We have provided several risk measures in this section that we believe are most significant for the plan. However, we believe that a more rigorous assessment of risk would be beneficial to the Board to understand the risks identified above, such as:

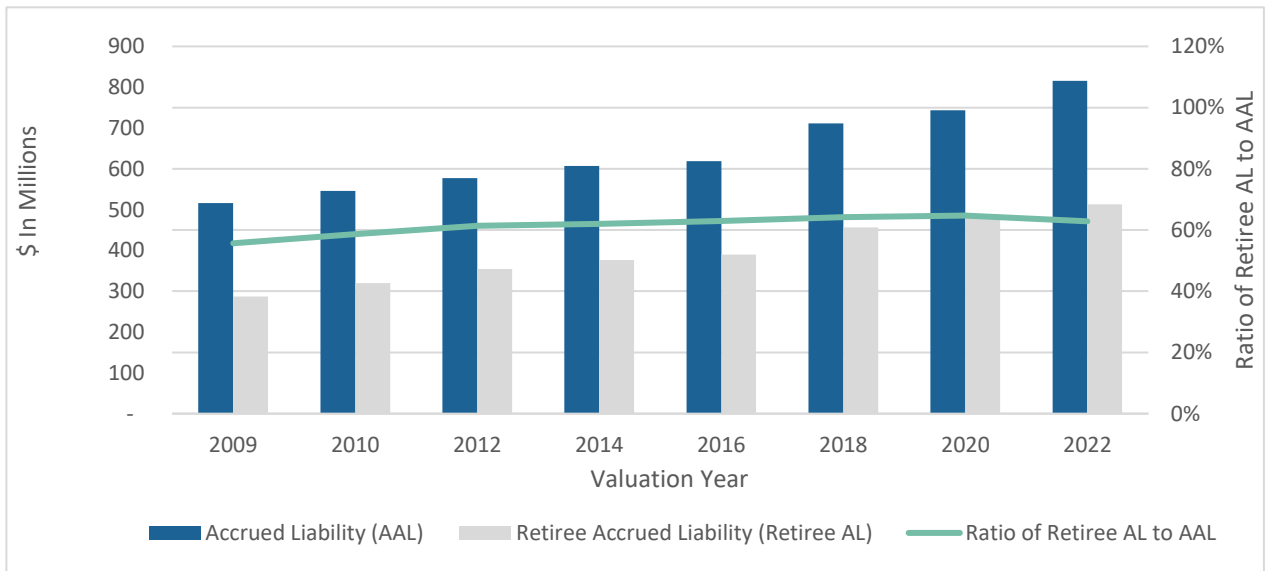
- ◆ **Scenario Test** - a process for assessing the impact of one possible event, or several simultaneous or sequentially occurring possible events, on a plan's financial condition.
- ◆ **Sensitivity Test** - a process for assessing the impact of a change in an actuarial assumption on an actuarial measurement.
- ◆ **Stochastic Modeling** - a process for generating numerous potential outcomes by allowing for random variations in one or more inputs over time for the purpose of assessing the distribution of those outcomes.
- ◆ **Stress Test** - a process for assessing the impact of adverse changes in one or relatively few factors affecting a plan's financial condition.

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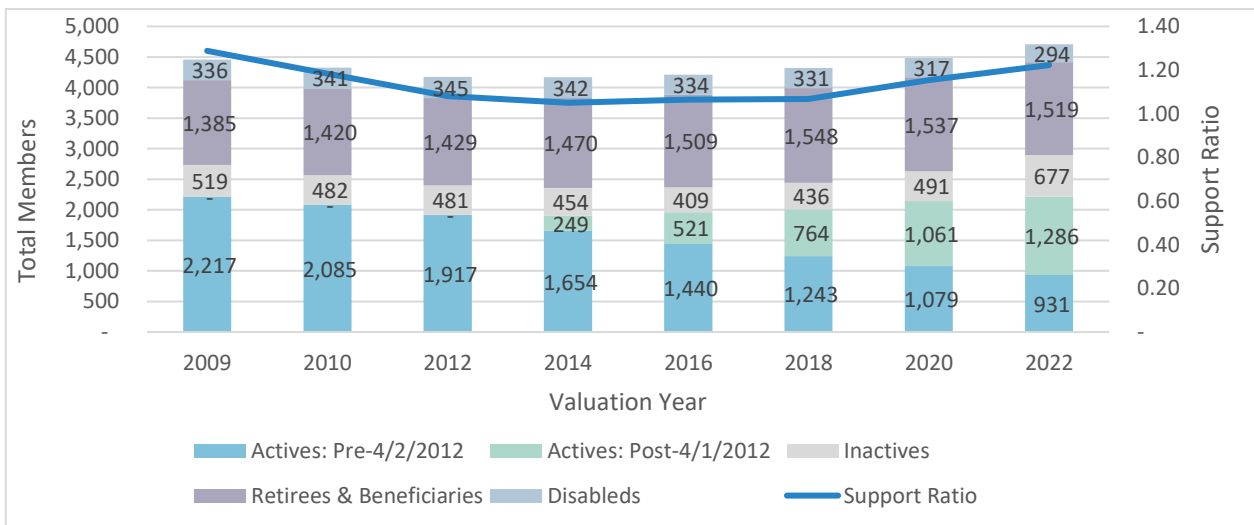
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Maturity Measures

As retirement systems mature they become much more sensitive to risks. This is because a higher proportion of the actuarial liability is attributable to participants who are no longer active. Plan maturity measures are helpful in understanding the risks associated with a plan. One such maturity measure is the ratio of the system's retiree liability to its total liability. A retirement system in its infancy will have a very low ratio of retiree liability to total liability. As the system matures, the ratio starts increasing. A mature plan will often have a ratio above 60%. For the New Bedford Contributory Retirement System and other retirement systems in the United States these ratios have been steadily increasing in recent years.



Another maturity measure is the ratio of actives to retirees, or support ratio. A retirement system in its infancy will have a very high ratio of active to retired members. As the system matures, and members retire, the support ratio starts declining. A mature system will often have a support ratio near or below one.



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4.3 - Risk Measures

Volatility Indices

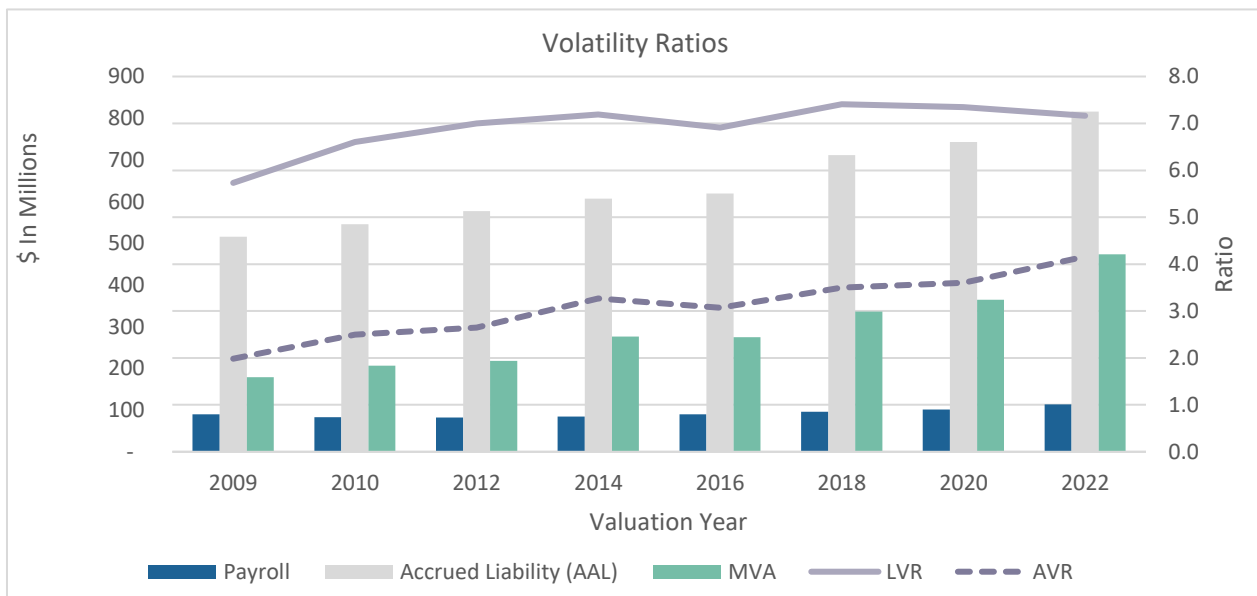
Volatility indices are measures of the relative sensitivity of employer contributions to changes in assets or liabilities. Below we present two such indices - the Asset Volatility Ratio (AVR) and the Liability Volatility Ratio (LVR):

Asset Volatility Ratio (AVR)

The Asset Volatility Ratio (AVR) is the ratio of the Market Value of Assets (MVA) to Payroll. Systems with a higher AVR experience more volatile employer contributions (as a percentage of payroll) due to investment return. This ratio indicates a measure of the system's current contribution volatility. The AVR increases over time but generally tends to stabilize as the system matures.

Liability Volatility Ratio (LVR)

The Liability Volatility Ratio (LVR) is the ratio of the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) to Payroll. Systems with a higher LVR experience more volatile employer contributions (as a percentage of payroll) due to the investment return assumption and changes in liability. This ratio indicates a longer-term potential for contribution volatility. The AVR, described above, will tend to move close to the LVR as the system matures.

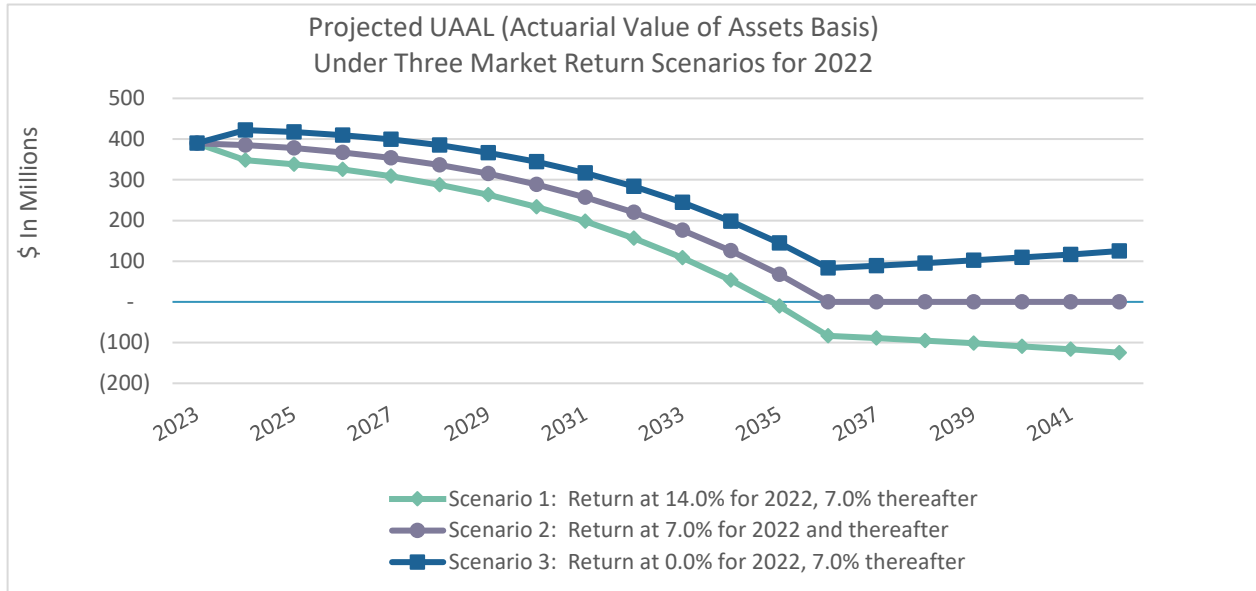


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Market Return Scenarios

Below we illustrate the projected effect on funding levels of a single year of investment return above or below the assumed investment return. Scenario 1 assumes a one-year return of 2 times the assumed return and the expected return thereafter, Scenario 2 assumes assets earn the expected return every year and Scenario 3 assumes a one-year return of 0% and the expected return thereafter.



Sensitivity Analysis

The following presents the Actuarial Accrued Liability and Funded Status calculated using the investment return rate of 7%, as well as what the Actuarial Accrued Liability and Funded Status would be if it were calculated using an investment return rate 1-percentage point lower (6%) or 1-percentage point higher (8%) than the assumed investment return rate:

	1% Decrease (6.0%)	Current Investment Return Rate (7.0%)	1% Increase (8.0%)
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$906,126,152	\$815,625,687	\$738,997,135
% Change	11%		-9%
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$426,157,735	\$426,157,735	\$426,157,735
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	479,968,417	389,467,952	312,839,400
% Change	23%	N/A	-20%
Funded Status	47.0%	52.2%	57.7%

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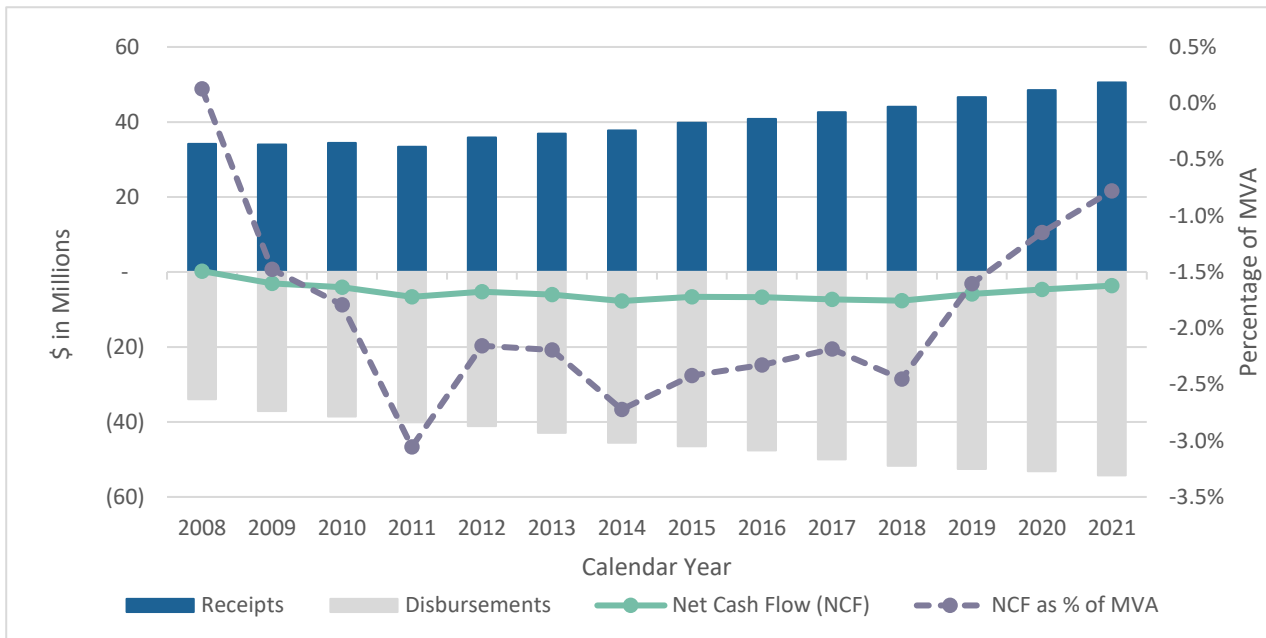
Duration

Duration is another measure that is used to describe how the present value of a cash flow series changes when small changes are made to the underlying interest rates. The duration of the New Bedford Contributory Retirement System is 10, and this represents an approximate percentage change in the Actuarial Accrued Liability for each 1% change to the investment return rate.

Net Cash Flow (NCF)

Net cash flow (NCF) during a year is the difference between contributions, both employer and employee, paid into the System and benefit payments and expenses paid from the System. If the level of benefit payments plus expenses is greater than contributions, then the System has negative NCF. Mature plans generally have a negative NCF as the number of retirees grows. When a System has negative NCF, then additional cash from existing assets are needed to pay the pension benefits.

Historical NCF since 2008 is shown in the next graph. Blue bars indicate contributions, from employees and employers, and grey bars show benefit payments and administrative expenses. The NCF is represented by the green line. The dashed purple line (which corresponds to the right-hand axis) provides the NCF as a percentage of the Market Value of Assets. As of December 31, 2021, the NCF was negative \$3.7 million, which represents -0.8% of the Market Value of Assets. The NCF falls within the range of -3.1% to 0.1% of total assets over the 14-year period.



SECTION 5 - SUMMARY OF PLAN PROVISIONS

Administration There are 104 contributory retirement systems for public employees in Massachusetts. Each system is governed by a retirement board and all boards, although operating independently, are governed by Chapter 32 of the Massachusetts General Laws and other applicable statutes. This law in general provides uniform benefits, uniform contribution requirements and a uniform accounting and funds structure for all systems.

Participation Participation is mandatory for all full-time employees. Eligibility with respect to part-time, provisional, temporary, seasonal or intermittent employment is governed by regulations promulgated by the local retirement board, and approved by PERAC. Membership is optional for certain elected officials.

Membership Groups There are four membership groups in the Retirement System:

Group 1	General employees, including clerical, administrative, technical and all other employees not otherwise classified.
Group 2	Certain specified hazardous duty positions.
Group 3	State police officers and inspectors.
Group 4	Local police officers, firefighters and other specified hazardous positions.

For members in more than one group, participation will be proportional.

Member Contributions Member contributions vary depending on the most recent date of membership:

Prior to 1975	5% of Salary
1975 - 1983	7% of Salary
1984 - June 30, 1996	8% of Salary
July 1, 1996 - present	9% of Salary
1979 - present	An additional 2% of Salary in excess of \$30,000.
Group 1 members hired on or after April 2, 2012	6% of Salary with 30 or more years of creditable service.

Rate of Interest Interest on regular deductions made after January 1, 1984 is a rate established by PERAC in consultation with the Commissioner of Banks. The rate is obtained from the average rates paid on individual savings accounts by a representative sample of at least ten financial institutions.

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Retirement Age The mandatory retirement age for some Group 2 and Group 4 members is age 65. Most Group 2 and Group 4 members may remain in service after reaching age 65. Group 4 members who are employed in certain public safety positions are required to retire at age 65. There is no mandatory retirement age for members in Group 1.

Salary Gross regular compensation. This does not include bonuses, overtime, severance pay, unused sick leave credit or other similar compensation. For employees who became members after January 1, 2011, regular compensation is limited to 64% of the federal limit found in 26 U.S.C. §401(a)(17). For 2022, the limit is 64% of \$305,000, or \$195,200.

Average Salary

Membership before April 2, 2012 ♦ Average annual rate of regular compensation received during the three consecutive years that produce the highest average, or, if greater, during the last three years (whether or not consecutive) preceding retirement.

Membership on or after April 2, 2012 ♦ Average annual rate of regular compensation received during the five consecutive years that produce the highest average, or, if greater, during the last five years (whether or not consecutive) preceding retirement.

Creditable Service The period during which a member contributes to the retirement system plus certain periods of military service and “purchased” service.

Benefit Rate The benefit rate varies with the member's retirement age, Group, membership date and years of creditable service at retirement. Each year a member retires prior to the age at which the 2.5% maximum benefit rate applies, a reduction is applied to each year of age under the maximum age. The maximum age and reduction for each Group and membership date is as follows:

	Group 1	Group 2	Group 4
2.5% for Membership before April 2, 2012:			
Maximum age:	65	60	55
Reduction:	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
2.5% for Membership on or after April 2, 2012 (less than 30 years of service):			
Maximum age:	67	62	57
Reduction:	0.15%	0.15%	0.15%
2.5% for Membership on or after April 2, 2012 (30+ years of service):			
Maximum age:	67	62	57
Reduction:	0.125%	0.125%	0.125%

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Superannuation Retirement

Eligibility if membership before April 2, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ completion of 20 years of Creditable Service, or◆ attainment of age 55 if hired prior to 1978, or◆ attainment of age 55 with 10 years of Creditable Service, if hired after 1978.
Eligibility if membership on or after April 2, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ attainment of age 60 with 10 years of Creditable Service if classified in Group 1◆ attainment of age 55 with 10 years of Creditable Service if classified in Group 2◆ attainment of age 55 if classified in Group 4
Benefit Amount	Product of the member's Benefit Rate, Average Salary and Creditable Service.
Maximum Benefit	80% of the member's Average Salary.
Veteran's Benefit	Additional benefit of \$15 per year of Creditable Service, up to a maximum of \$300.

Deferred Vested

Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">◆ completion of ten or more years of Creditable Service.◆ elected officials hired prior to 1978, completion of six years of Creditable Service.
Benefit Amount	Accrued benefit payable commencing at age 55, or the completion of 20 years of Creditable Service, or may be deferred until later at the participant's option.

Withdrawal of Contributions

- Contributions may be withdrawn upon termination of employment.
- ◆ Members hired on or after January 1, 1984 who terminate with less than ten years of Creditable Service receive contributions plus interest on the Annuity Savings Account at an annual rate of 3%.
 - ◆ All other withdrawals receive contributions plus 100% of the regular interest that has accrued to the Annuity Savings Account.

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Ordinary Disability Retirement	Eligibility	Non-job related disability after completion of ten years of Creditable Service.
	Benefit Amount for Group 1 membership before April 2, 2012 or Group 2 or Group 4	Superannuation benefit determined if the member is age 55, up to a maximum of 80% of Average Salary over three years. If the member is a veteran, 50% of final rate of salary (final year) plus an annuity based on the accumulated member contributions plus credited interest, up to a maximum of 80% of Average Salary over five years.
	Benefit Amount for Group 1 membership on or after April 2, 2012	Superannuation benefit determined if the member is age 60, up to a maximum of 80% of Average Salary over three years. If the member is a veteran, 50% of final rate of salary (final year) plus an annuity based on the accumulated member contributions plus credited interest, up to a maximum of 80% of Average Salary over five years.
Accidental Disability Retirement	Eligibility	Disabled as a result of an accident in the performance of duties. There is no minimum age or service requirement.
	Benefit Amount	72% of Salary plus an annuity based on accumulated member contributions plus credited interest.
	Maximum Benefit	100% of Salary if hired before January 1, 1988, otherwise 75% of Salary.
	Veteran's Benefit	Additional allowance of \$15 per year of Creditable Service, up to a maximum of \$300.
	Supplemental Dependent Allowance	Additional allowance of \$1010.28 per year for each child until age 18 (or age 22 if a full-time student).
Non-Occupational Death	Eligibility	For members with at least two years of creditable service who die while in active service, but not due to occupational injury.
	Benefit Amount	Benefit as if Option C had been elected. Minimum benefit of \$250 per month for surviving spouse, \$120 per month for first child and \$90 per month for each additional child.

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Accidental Death	Eligibility	For members who die as a result of an occupational injury.
	Benefit Amount	72% of Salary plus an annuity based on accumulated member contributions plus credited interest.
	Maximum Benefit	100% of Salary if hired before January 1, 1988, otherwise 75% of Salary.
	Veteran's Benefit	Additional allowance of \$15 per year of creditable service, up to a maximum of \$300.
	Supplemental Dependent Allowance	Additional allowance of \$312 per year for each child until age 18 (or age 22 if a full-time student).

Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) In accordance with the adoption of Chapter 17 of the Acts of 1997, the granting of a Cost-of-Living Adjustment will be determined by an annual vote by the Retirement Board. The amount of increase will be based upon the Consumer Price Index, limited to a maximum of 3.0%, beginning on July 1. All retirees, disabled retirees and beneficiaries who have been receiving benefit payments for at least one year as of July 1 are eligible for the adjustment. The maximum amount of pension benefit subject to a COLA is \$12,000. All COLAs granted to members after 1981 and prior to July 1, 1998 are deemed to be an obligation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and are not the liability of the Retirement System.

Optional Forms of Payment A member may elect to receive his or her retirement allowance, payable in monthly installments, in one of three forms of payment:

- ◆ Option A – Total annual allowance commencing at retirement and terminating at member's death.
- ◆ Option B – A reduced annual allowance commencing at retirement with death benefit equal to excess of member contributions plus credited interest to retirement over annuity benefit paid to member.
- ◆ Option C – A reduced annual allowance commencing at retirement with 66⅔% of benefit continued to designated beneficiary upon death of member. For members who retired on or after January 12, 1988, if the beneficiary pre-deceases the retiree, the benefit payable increases based on the factor used to determine the Option C benefit at retirement. For members who retired prior to January 12, 1988, if the System has accepted Section 288 of Chapter 194 of the Acts of 1998 and the beneficiary pre-deceases the retiree, the benefit payable increases based on the factor used to determine the Option C benefit at retirement.

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Valuation Date January 1, 2022

Investment Return 7.00% per year. Previously, 7.50% per year.
 The investment return assumption is a long-term assumption based on capital market expectations by asset class, historical returns and professional judgment. We considered analysis prepared by PRIM's investment advisor using a building block approach and using the target asset allocation, expected returns by asset class and risk analysis to determine a long-term expected average annual rate of return.

Annuity Savings Fund Interest Rate 2.00% per year

Amortization Method *Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAL):*
 Increasing dollar amount at 4% to reduce the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability to zero on or before June 30, 2035.

Salary Scale The assumed annual rates for salary increases including longevity are illustrated by the following rates:

Years of Service	Groups 1 and 2	Group 4
0	6.00%	7.00%
1	5.50%	6.50%
2	5.50%	6.00%
3	5.25%	5.75%
4	5.25%	5.25%
5	4.75%	5.25%
6	4.75%	4.75%
7	4.50%	4.75%
8	4.50%	4.75%
9+	4.25%	4.75%

The salary scale assumption is a long-term estimate derived from historical data, current and recent market expectations and professional judgment.

Cost-of-Living Allowance Cost-of-Living Allowances (COLA) are assumed to be 3% of the pension amount, capped at \$360 per year.

Inflation 2.4% per year, based on current economic data, analyses from economists and other experts, and professional judgment.

Payroll Growth 3.25% per year, based on historical data, current and recent market expectations and professional judgment.

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Mortality Rates

RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with full generational mortality improvement using Scale MP-2020. For disabled members, RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table set forward one year with full generational mortality improvement using Scale MP-2020.

General Employees: 55% of deaths are job-related.

Police and Fire : 90% of deaths are job-related.

PERAC completed a local system retiree mortality study in 2019 and selected the RP-2014 Blue Collar Mortality Table with full generational mortality improvement using Scale MP-2018 and subsequently updated the mortality improvement scale to MP-2020 in 2022. The underlying tables with generational mortality improvement selected reasonably reflect the mortality experience of the System as of the valuation date based on historical and current demographic data as well as professional judgement.

Turnover Rates

Illustrative turnover rates are shown below:

Creditable Service	Groups 1 and 2	Group 4
0	0.1500	0.0150
10	0.0540	0.0150
20	0.0200	0.0000
30	0.0000	0.0000

Disability Rates

Illustrative disability rates are shown below:

Attained Age	Groups 1 and 2	Group 4
20	0.0001	0.0010
30	0.0003	0.0030
40	0.0010	0.0030
50	0.0019	0.0125
60	0.0028	0.0085

General Employees: 55% of disabilities are accidental and 45% are ordinary.

Police and Fire : 90% of disabilities are accidental and 10% are ordinary.

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Retirement Rates

Illustrative retirement rates are shown below:

Attained Age	Groups 1 and 2		Group 4
	Male	Female	Male & Female
50	0.0100	0.0150	0.0200
51	0.0100	0.0150	0.0200
52	0.0100	0.0200	0.0200
53	0.0100	0.0250	0.0500
54	0.0200	0.0250	0.0750
55	0.0200	0.0550	0.1500
56	0.0250	0.0650	0.1000
57	0.0250	0.0650	0.1000
58	0.0500	0.0650	0.1000
59	0.0650	0.0650	0.1500
60	0.1200	0.0500	0.2000
61	0.2000	0.1300	0.2000
62	0.3000	0.1500	0.2500
63	0.2500	0.1250	0.2500
64	0.2200	0.1800	0.3000
65	0.4000	0.1500	1.0000
66	0.2500	0.2000	1.0000
67	0.2500	0.2000	1.0000
68	0.3000	0.2500	1.0000
69	0.3000	0.2000	1.0000
70	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000

The turnover, disability and retirement rates are based on PERAC's most recent experience analysis of local retirement systems which reviewed age, gender and job group. The assumptions reflect this analysis as well as professional judgment.

Actuarial Cost Method

Individual Entry Age Normal.

Actuarial Asset Method

The Actuarial Value of Assets is the market value of assets as of the valuation date reduced by the sum of:

- a) 80% of gains and losses of the prior year,
- b) 60% of gains and losses of the second prior year,
- c) 40% of gains and losses of the third prior year, and
- d) 20% of gains and losses of the fourth prior year.

Investment gains and losses are determined by the excess or deficiency of the expected return over the actual return on the market value. The actuarial valuation of assets is further constrained to be not less than 90% or more than 110% of market value.

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Census Data	Census data as of the valuation date were submitted by the Retirement Board.
Asset Data	Asset information is reported annually to the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission by the New Bedford Contributory Retirement Board.
Dependents	80% of all members will be survived by a spouse. Age assumption for spouses is that males are assumed to be three years older than females.
Net Section 3(8)(c) Transfers	Reimbursements paid to and received from other retirement systems for that portion of a retiree's pension that is based on service earned in another retirement system. Net 3(8)(c) transfers are assumed to be \$1,100,000 per year.
Administrative Expenses	<p>The anticipated administrative expenses for the fiscal year. For Fiscal Year 2023, the administrative expenses were assumed to be \$550,000 and are anticipated to increase 3.25% per year.</p> <p>The administrative expense assumption is based on information relating to the System's administrative expenses provided by the Retirement System.</p>

SECTION 7 - PLAN MEMBER INFORMATION

Exhibit 7.1 - Summary of Census Data as of January 1, 2022

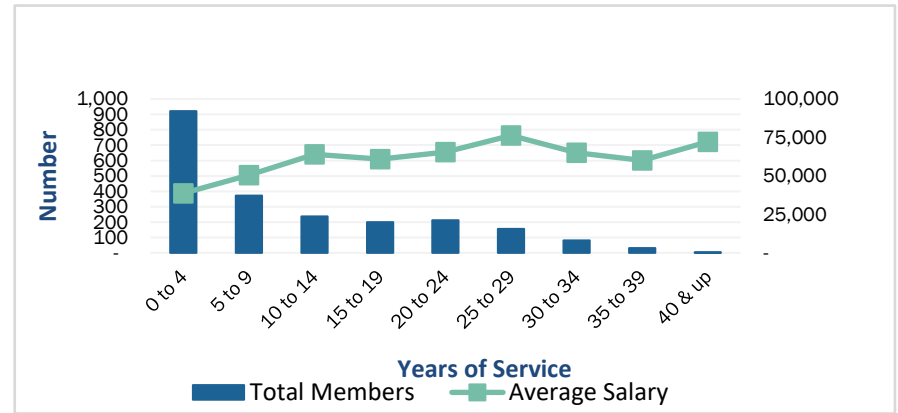
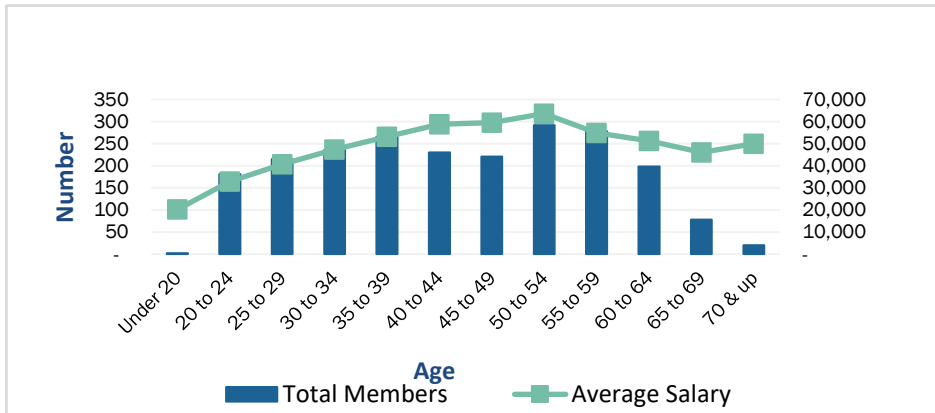
Census data as of December 31, 2021 was provided to us by the Retirement Board. We performed edits on the data to ensure that it is reasonable and complete and made certain assumptions regarding any missing or invalid data so that results are not materially affected. Presented on the following pages are summaries of the demographic profile of active members (Exhibit 7.2) and retired plan members and beneficiaries and disabled plan members (Exhibit 7.3). Below, we present a comparison of the census data from the current and prior valuations:

Valuation Date	January 1, 2022	January 1, 2020	% Change
Census Data			
Active Members	2,217	2,140	3.6%
Average Age	44.3	44.8	(1.1%)
Average Service	10.7	11.2	(4.4%)
Valuation Salary	\$115,305,787	\$101,157,056	14.0%
Average Salary	\$52,010	\$47,270	10.0%
Retired Members and Beneficiaries	1,519	1,537	(1.2%)
Average Age	74.6	74.5	0.1%
Total Annual Retirement Allowance	\$38,912,818	\$37,071,802	5.0%
Average Annual Retirement Allowance	\$25,617	\$24,120	6.2%
State Reimbursed COLAs	\$253,260	\$195,521	29.5%
Total System-Funded Retirement Allowance	\$38,659,558	\$36,876,281	4.8%
Disabled Members	294	317	(7.3%)
Average Age	68.4	68.3	0.1%
Total Annual Retirement Allowance	\$11,673,842	\$11,883,597	(1.8%)
Average Annual Retirement Allowance	\$39,707	\$37,488	5.9%
State Reimbursed COLAs	\$72,248	\$97,202	(25.7%)
Total System-Funded Retirement Allowance	\$11,601,594	\$11,786,395	(1.6%)
Inactive Members	677	491	37.9%
Annuity Savings Fund	\$8,029,914	\$5,444,804	47.5%

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Exhibit 7.2 - Active Members by Age and Years of Service as of January 1, 2022

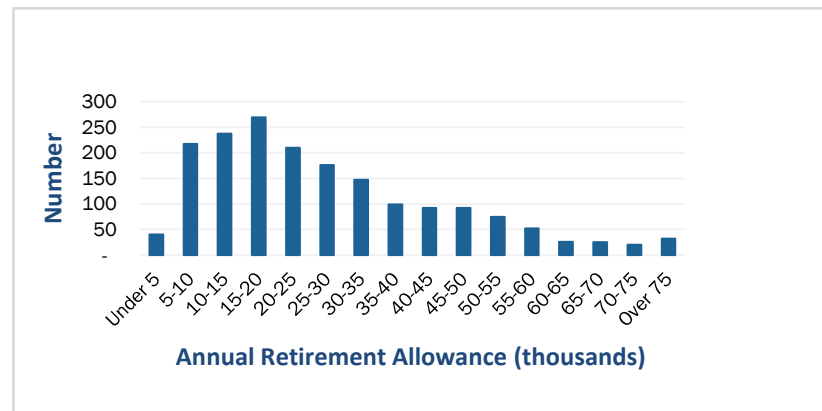
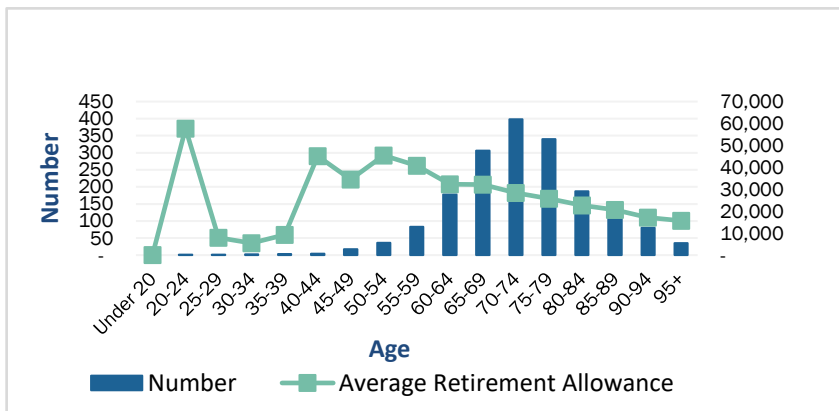
Attained Age	Years of Service									Total	Total Salary	Average Salary
	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & up			
Under 20	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	40,419	20,210
20 to 24	180	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	181	5,957,946	32,917
25 to 29	181	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	215	8,742,760	40,664
30 to 34	149	67	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	236	11,177,958	47,364
35 to 39	133	64	49	18	2	-	-	-	-	266	14,141,225	53,163
40 to 44	77	50	44	47	11	1	-	-	-	230	13,519,217	58,779
45 to 49	56	46	31	30	43	15	-	-	-	221	13,154,115	59,521
50 to 54	63	34	33	28	39	70	24	1	-	292	18,575,501	63,615
55 to 59	42	33	27	34	65	32	31	14	-	278	15,265,381	54,911
60 to 64	30	29	22	25	38	29	14	10	1	198	10,143,163	51,228
65 to 69	8	14	9	16	9	6	11	4	1	78	3,589,545	46,020
70 & up	-	1	2	2	5	4	2	2	2	20	998,556	49,928
Total	921	373	237	200	212	157	82	31	4	2,217	115,305,787	52,010
Average Salary	38,750	50,567	64,112	60,973	65,542	76,298	65,136	60,095	72,222			
Average Age:							44.3		Average Service:		10.7	



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Exhibit 7.3 - Annual Retirement Allowances as of January 1, 2022

Attained Age	Service Retirements		Disability Retirements		Beneficiaries	
	Number	Annual Retirement Allowance	Number	Annual Retirement Allowance	Number	Annual Retirement Allowance
Under 20	0	0	0	0	0	0
20-24	0	0	0	0	1	57,729
25-29	0	0	0	0	1	7,902
30-34	0	0	0	0	2	10,808
35-39	0	0	0	0	3	27,958
40-44	0	0	3	166,067	1	14,661
45-49	1	31,430	12	470,109	4	86,195
50-54	13	613,501	20	970,513	3	53,014
55-59	49	2,157,366	26	1,096,032	8	129,712
60-64	116	3,358,094	53	2,206,137	9	186,266
65-69	230	7,240,653	49	2,088,694	27	497,949
70-74	315	8,840,312	49	1,819,298	34	632,354
75-79	243	6,155,811	43	1,597,507	54	979,445
80-84	141	3,053,611	21	683,887	25	506,642
85-89	102	2,050,498	11	395,180	29	478,356
90-94	47	722,141	6	159,244	27	494,239
95+	20	319,817	1	21,174	14	206,354
Total	1,277	34,543,234	294	11,673,842	242	4,369,584
Average Age	74.2		68.4		76.9	
Average Retirement Allowance		27,050		39,707		18,056



SECTION 8 - GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Actuarial Accrued Liability – That portion of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits which is not provided by future Normal Costs or employee contributions. It is the portion of the Actuarial Present Value attributable to service rendered as of the Valuation Date.

Actuarial Assumptions – Assumptions, based upon past experience or standard tables, used to predict the occurrence of future events affecting the commencement, amount and duration of pension benefits, such as: changes in compensation, mortality, withdrawal, disablement and retirement; rates of investment earnings and asset appreciation or depreciation; and any other relevant items.

Actuarial Cost Method (or Funding Method) – A procedure for allocating the Actuarial Present Value of all past and future pension plan benefits to the current year (Normal Cost) and the past (Actuarial Accrued Liability).

Actuarial Gain or Loss (or Experience Gain or Loss) – A measure of the difference between actual experience and that expected based upon the set of Actuarial Assumptions, during the period between the valuation date and the most recent immediately preceding valuation date.

Actuarial Present Value – The dollar value on the valuation date of all benefits expected to be paid to current members based upon the Actuarial Assumptions and the terms of the Plan.

Amortization Payment – That portion of the pension plan appropriation which represents payments made to pay interest on and the reduction of the Unfunded Accrued Liability.

Annual Statement – The statement submitted by the local retirement board to PERAC each year that describes the asset holdings and Fund balances as of December 31 and the transactions during the calendar year that affected the financial condition of the retirement system.

Annuity Reserve Fund – The fund into which total accumulated Member Contributions, including interest, is transferred at the time a member retires, and from which annuity payments are made.

Annuity Savings Fund – The fund in which Member Contributions plus interest credited are held for active members and for former members who have not withdrawn their contributions and are not yet receiving a benefit (inactive members).

Assets – The total value of the investments held by the Plan trust that are for the payment of promised benefits. Employer appropriations and Member Contributions, as well as investment earnings, are added to the Plan trust. Benefit payments and other disbursements are withdrawn from the Plan trust. For valuation purposes, assets are usually measured at market value.

Cost of Benefits – The estimated payment from the pension system for benefits for the fiscal year.

Expense Fund – The fund into which the appropriation for administrative expenses is paid and from which all such expenses are paid.

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Funded Ratio – The Actuarial Value of Assets expressed as a percentage of the Actuarial Accrued Liability.

Funding Schedule – The schedule based upon the most recently approved actuarial valuation which sets forth the amount which would be appropriated to the pension system in accordance with Section 22D and section 22F of M.G.L. Chapter 32.

GASB – Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

Normal Cost – Total Normal Cost is that portion of the Actuarial Present Value of pension plan benefits which is expected to accrue in the current fiscal year. The Employee Normal Cost is the amount of the expected Member Contributions for the current fiscal year. The Employer Normal Cost is the difference between the Total Normal Cost and the Employee Normal Cost.

Pension Fund – The fund into which appropriation amounts as determined by PERAC are paid and from which pension benefits are paid.

Pension Reserve Fund – The fund which shall be credited with all amounts set aside by a system for the purpose of establishing a reserve to meet future pension liabilities. These amounts would include excess interest earnings.

Present Value of Future Benefits – The actuarial present value of the cost to finance benefits payable in the future, discounted to reflect the expected effects of the time value of money and the probabilities of payment.

Special Fund for Military Service Credit – The fund which is credited with amounts paid by the retirement board equal to the amount which would have been contributed by a member during a military leave of absence as if the member had remained in active service of the retirement board. In the event of retirement or a non-job related death, such amount is transferred to the Annuity Reserve Fund. In the event of termination prior to retirement or death, such amount shall be transferred to the Pension Fund.

Total Pension Liability – The portion of the Actuarial Present Value attributable to past service in accordance with the Entry Age cost method as stipulated by GASB Statement Number 67 (GASB 67).

Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability – The excess of the Actuarial Accrued Liability over the Actuarial Value of Assets.