

City of Fresno Employees Retirement System

ACTUARIAL EXPERIENCE STUDY

Analysis of Actuarial Experience During the Period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018



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Re: Review of Actuarial Assumptions for the June 30, 2019 Actuarial Valuation

Dear Members of the Board:

We are pleased to submit this report of our review of the actuarial experience for the City of Fresno Employees Retirement System. This study utilizes the census data for the period July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018 and provides the proposed actuarial assumptions to be used in the June 30, 2019 valuation.

The review of the economic assumptions for use in the June 30, 2019 valuation is provided in a separate report.

We are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and we meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion herein.

We look forward to reviewing this report with you and answering any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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I. Introduction, Summary, and Recommendations

To project the cost and liabilities of the pension plan, assumptions are made about all future events that could affect the amount and timing of the benefits to be paid and the assets to be accumulated. Each year actual experience is compared against the projected experience, and to the extent there are differences, the future contribution requirement is adjusted.

If assumptions are modified, contribution requirements are adjusted to take into account a change in the projected experience in all future years. There is a great difference in both philosophy and cost impact between recognizing the actuarial deviations as they occur annually and changing the actuarial assumptions. Taking into account one year's gains or losses without making a change in the assumptions means that year's experience is treated as temporary and that, over the long run, experience will return to what was originally assumed. Changing assumptions reflects a basic change in thinking about the future, and it has a much greater effect on the current contribution requirements than recognizing gains or losses as they occur.

The use of realistic actuarial assumptions is important in maintaining adequate funding, while paying the promised benefit amounts to participants already retired and to those near retirement. The actuarial assumptions used do not determine the "actual cost" of the plan. The actual cost is determined solely by the benefits and administrative expenses paid out, offset by investment income received. However, it is desirable to estimate as closely as possible what the actual cost will be so as to permit an orderly method for setting aside contributions today to provide benefits in the future, and to maintain equity among generations of participants and taxpayers.

This study was undertaken in order to review the demographic actuarial assumptions and to compare the actual experience with that expected under the current assumptions during the threeyear experience period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018. The study was performed in accordance with Actuarial Standard of Practice (ASOP) No. 35 "Selection of Demographic and Other Non-Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations" and ASOP No. 27 "Selection of Economic Assumptions for Measuring Pension Obligations." These Standards of Practice put forth guidelines for the selection of the various actuarial assumptions utilized in a pension plan actuarial valuation. Based on the study's results and expected future experience, we are recommending various changes in the current actuarial assumptions.

We are recommending changes in the assumptions for merit and promotion salary increases, retirement from active employment, DROP election, pre-retirement mortality, healthy life postretirement mortality, disabled life post-retirement mortality, termination (refund and deferred vested retirement), disability, and election of optional forms of benefit at retirement.

Our recommendations for the major actuarial assumption categories are as follows:

Pg#	Actuarial Assumption Categories	Recommendation
6	Individual Salary Increases: Increases in the salary of a member between the date of the valuation to the date of separation from active service. This assumption has three components: Inflationary salary increases Real "across the board" salary increases Merit and promotion increases	Change the merit and promotion increases to those developed in Section (III)(B). Future merit and promotion salary increases are slightly higher at most years of service under the proposed assumption. The review of the inflationary and real "across-the-board" increase components of the salary increase assumption is provided as part of our review of economic actuarial assumptions for the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation.
9	Retirement Rates: The probability of retirement at each age at which participants are eligible to retire. Other Retirement Related Assumptions including: Retirement age for deferred vested members Future reciprocal members and reciprocal salary increases Percent married and spousal age differences for members not yet retired Election of optional forms of benefit at retirement	For active members, adjust the current retirement rates to those developed in Section (III)(C). We are proposing extending the ultimate 100% retirement rate from age 70 to age 75. DROP elections before the age of 55 are no longer included in setting this assumption. For deferred vested members, maintain the assumed retirement age at 55. Maintain the salary increase assumption of 3.75% for deferred vested members who elect to leave their contributions on deposit (based on expected salary increase assumptions for active members with 15 or more years of service). For active and deferred vested members, maintain the percent married at retirement assumption at 80% males and 55% for females. Maintain the spouse age difference assumption that male retirees are three years older than their spouses and female retirees are two years younger than their spouses. Maintain the percentages of married male members and unmarried members assumed to elect the Unmodified Option, Option 2 (A/B) and Option 3 (A/B) at retirement or DROP entry. For married female members and unmarried members, increase the percentage assumed to elect the Unmodified Option, and decrease the percentage assumed to elect Option 2 (A/B).

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15	Mortality Rates: The probability of dying at each age. Mortality rates are used to project life expectancies.	For pre-retirement mortality: Current: Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table projected 20 years with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015 times 85%.
		Recommended base table: Pub-2010 General Employee Amount-Weighted Mortality Table.
		For Healthy retirees and all beneficiaries: Current: Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected 20 years with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015, set forward one year.
		Recommended base table: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table times 105%.
		For disabled retirees: Current: Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected 20 years with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015, set forward four years.
		Recommended base table: Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table.
40		All recommended tables are projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018.
18		For member contribution rates and optional forms, change the mortality rates to those developed in Section (III)(D).
24	Termination Rates: The probability of leaving employment at each age and receiving either a refund of contributions or a deferred vested retirement benefit.	Adjust the current termination rates to those developed in Section (III)(F). Change the termination assumption structure previously based on service for those with less than five years of service and on age for those with five or more years of service to an age and service based table.
28	Disability Incidence Rates: The probability of becoming disabled at each age.	Adjust the current disability rates to those developed in Section (III)(G). The recommended assumptions will anticipate more disability retirements for older members.
31	DROP Assumptions: The probability of electing to enter DROP at each age at which participants are eligible and the duration of DROP participation.	Adjust the current DROP election rates to those developed in Section (III)(H). Change the DROP election assumption structure previously based on years since first eligible to one based on age and service. Maintain the current assumption that members remain in DROP for 6 years.

We have estimated the impact of all the recommended demographic and economic assumptions and the alternative investment return assumption as if they were applied to the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation. The tables below show the changes in the employer and member contribution rates due to the proposed assumption changes separately for the recommended demographic assumption changes (as recommended in Section III of this report) and the recommended and alternative economic assumption changes (as recommended in the separate report).

Cost Impact (Without Considering Any Impact on Surplus Distribution)			
	Recommended (7.00% Return and Other Recommended Assumptions)	Alternative (7.25% Return and Other Recommended Assumptions)	
Impact on Employer			
Change due to demographic assumptions	1.56%	1.56%	
Change due to economic assumptions	<u>0.07%</u>	<u>-0.62%</u>	
Total change in average employer rate	1.63%	0.94%	
Total estimated change in annual dollar amount (\$000s)*	\$2,196	\$1,272	
Impact on Member			
Change due to demographic assumptions	0.91%	0.91%	
Change due to economic assumptions	<u>-0.08%</u>	<u>-0.59%</u>	
Total change in average member rate	0.83%	0.32%	
Total estimated change in annual dollar amount (\$000s)**	\$933	\$364	
Impact on UAAL and Funded Percentage			
Change in UAAL	\$19.4 million	-\$9.8 million	
Change in funded percentage	From 114.8% to 112.7%	From 114.8% to 115.9%	

Calculated using payroll for all active employees (including employees in DROP)

Of the various demographic assumption changes, the most significant cost impacts are from the mortality assumption change followed by the change in the DROP election assumption. Of the various economic assumption changes, the most significant cost impact is from the investment return assumption change under Recommended (cost increase) and the inflation assumption change under Alternative (cost decrease).

Section II provides some background on the basic principles and methodology used for the experience study and for the review of the economic and demographic actuarial assumptions. A detailed discussion of each assumption and reasons for the proposed changes are found in the separate report for the economic assumptions and Section III for the demographic assumptions. The cost impact of the proposed changes is detailed in Section IV.

Calculating using payroll for active non-DROP employees

II. Background and Methodology

In this report, we analyzed the demographic ("non-economic") assumptions. Our analysis of the "economic" assumptions for the June 30, 2019 valuation is provided in a separate report. Demographic assumptions include the probabilities of certain events occurring in the population of members, referred to as "decrements," e.g., termination from service, disability retirement, service retirement, DROP election, and death before and after retirement. In addition to decrements, other demographic assumptions reviewed in this study include the percentage of members with an eligible spouse, domestic partner or beneficiary, spousal age difference, merit and promotion salary increases, and election of optional forms of benefit at retirement.

Demographic Assumptions

In order to determine the probability of an event occurring, we examine the "decrements" and "exposures" of that event. For example, taking termination from service, we compare the number of employees who actually terminate in a certain age and/or service category (i.e., the number of "decrements") with those "who could have terminated" (i.e., the number of "exposures"). For example, if there were 500 active employees in the 20-24 age group at the beginning of the year and 50 of them terminate during the year, we would say the probability of termination in that age group is $50 \div 500$ or 10%.

The reliability of the resulting probability is highly dependent on both the number of decrements and the number of exposures. For example, if there are only a few people in a high age category at the beginning of the year (number of exposures), we would not lend as much credibility to the probability of termination developed for that age category, especially if it is out of line with the pattern shown for the other age groups. Similarly, if we are considering the death decrement, there may be a large number of exposures in, say, the age 20-24 category, but very few decrements (actual deaths); therefore, we would not be able to rely heavily on the probability of death developed for that category.

One reason we use several years of experience for such a study is to have more exposures and decrements, and therefore more statistical reliability. Another reason for using several years of data is to smooth out fluctuations that may occur from one year to the next. However, we also calculate the rates on a year-to-year basis to check for any trend that may be developing in the later years.

III. Actuarial Assumptions

A. Economic Assumptions

The economic assumptions are reviewed in a separate reported titled "Review of Economic Actuarial Assumptions for the June 30, 2019 Actuarial Valuation."

B. Merit and Promotion Salary Increases

The System's retirement benefits are determined in large part by a member's compensation just prior to retirement or election to participate in the DROP. For that reason, it is important to anticipate salary increases that employees will receive over their careers. These salary increases are made up of three components:

- 1. Inflationary increases;
- 2. Real "across the board" Pay Increases; and
- 3. Merit and Promotion Increases.

The inflationary increases are assumed to follow the recommended general annual inflation assumption of 2.75% discussed in our separate economic assumptions report. We also discussed in that report our recommended assumption of an annual 0.50% "across the board" pay increase. Therefore, the total annual inflation and real "across the board" increase of 3.25% is used as the assumed annual rate of payroll growth at which payments to the UAAL or Prefunded Actuarial Accrued Liability are assumed to increase.

The annual merit and promotion increases are determined by measuring the actual increases received by members over the experience period, net of the inflationary and real "across the board" pay increases. Increases are measured for all current active non-DROP and DROP members. This is accomplished by:

- Measuring each continuing member's actual salary increase over each year of the a. experience period on a salary-weighted basis, with higher weights assigned to experience from members with larger salaries;
- Excluding any members with increases of more than 50% or decrease of more than 10% b. during any particular year;
- Categorizing these increases according to member demographics; c.
- Removing the wage inflation component from these increases (assumed to be equal to the d. increase in the members' average salary during the year);
- Averaging these annual increases over the experience period; and e.
- f. Modifying current assumptions to reflect some portion of these measured increases reflective of their "credibility."

To be consistent with the other economic assumptions, these merit and promotion assumptions should be used in combination with the recommended 3.25% assumed inflation and real "across the board" increases.

Due to the high variability of the actual salary increases during the last three years, we have analyzed this assumption using the data for the past nine years. The following table shows the actual average merit and promotion increases by years of service over the three-year period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2018 along with the actual average increases based on combining the current three-year period with the six-year period from the prior two experience studies (recalculated for all active non-DROP and DROP members on a salary-weighted basis). The current and proposed assumptions are also shown. The actual increases for the most recent nineyear period were reduced by the actual average inflation plus "across the board" increase (i.e., wage inflation, estimated as the increase in average salaries) for each year during the nine-year experience period.

MERIT AND PROMOTION INCREASES

	Rate (%)				
Years of Service	Current Assumptions	2015-2018 Actual Average Increase (Last 3 Years)	2009-2015 Actual Average Increase (Prior Two Studies) ¹	2009-2018 Actual Average Increase (Last 9 Years)	Proposed Assumption
Less than 1	8.00	8.53	7.45	8.14	8.00
1	5.75	7.75	4.14	6.21	6.00
2	4.50	5.64	3.11	4.15	4.50
3	3.75	5.10	2.82	3.45	3.75
4	3.00	4.45	2.29	2.67	3.00
5	1.85	4.83	1.80	2.17	2.00
6	1.05	3.25	1.32	1.53	1.25
7	0.70	3.28	0.96	1.38	1.00
8	0.70	4.43	1.19	2.08	1.00
9	0.25	2.58	1.15	1.65	1.00
10	0.25	2.25	0.40	1.09	0.75
11	0.25	2.99	0.64	1.43	0.75
12	0.25	3.01	0.61	1.37	0.75
13	0.25	2.23	0.79	1.25	0.75
14	0.25	2.99	0.24	1.23	0.75
15 & Over	0.25	1.96	0.40	0.94	0.50

Chart 1 provides a graphical comparison of the actual merit and promotion increases, compared to the proposed and current assumptions. The chart also shows the actual merit and promotion

The average rates have been recalculated for all active non-DROP and DROP members on a salary-weighted basis. We have also revised the actual average inflation plus "across the board" increase used previously for the 2012-2015 period.

increases based on averages over the current three-year period as well as over a nine-year period, including the previous two three-year experience periods. This is discussed below.

The System has had salary gains during seven of the past nine valuations meaning salaries increased less than assumed. That was the case even though we have been reducing the inflation component of the salary increase assumption. With that experience in mind, we examined the merit and promotion increases from the most recent three-year experience period together with the experience from the prior two experience studies for a combined total of nine-year experience. We believe that the combined experience provides a more reasonable representation of potential future merit and promotion salary increases over the long term. In light of the predominately favorable salary experience (i.e., increases less than assumed) over the last nine valuations, we made relatively modest adjustments to the assumptions recommended even though the data from the most three-year period might appear to support higher assumptions. We will continue to monitor the salary experience to determine if higher assumptions might be warranted in our next study.

Based on this experience, we are proposing increases in the merit and promotion salary increases. Overall, salary increases are assumed to be slightly higher when the above somewhat higher merit and promotion increases are taken into consideration with our other recommendation to lower the price inflation assumption by 0.25%.

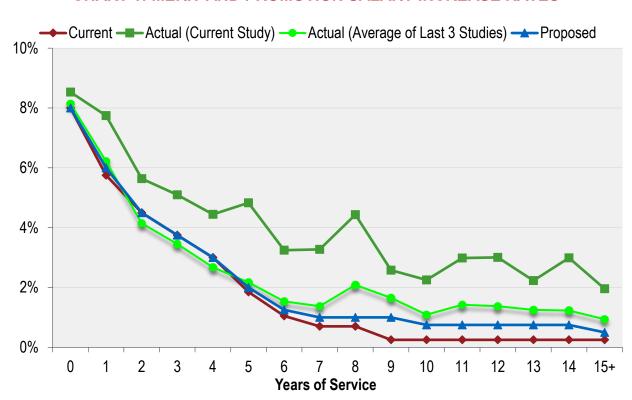


CHART 1: MERIT AND PROMOTION SALARY INCREASE RATES

C. Retirement Rates

The age at which a member retires from service (i.e., does not retire on a disability pension) will affect both the amount of the benefits that will be paid to that member as well as the period over which funding must take place.

Currently, the assumed retirement rates are a function of only member's age. Our experience review analyzed recent years' retirement experience both as a function of age and years of service in relation to the probability of retirement. Our review concludes that the retirement rates correlate with age but less so with years of service. Therefore, we recommend that retirement rates continue to be structured as a function age only.

The table on the following page shows the observed service retirement rates based on the actual experience over the past three years. The observed service retirement rates were determined by comparing those members who actually retired from service to those eligible to retire from service. This same methodology is followed throughout this report and was described in Section II. Also shown are the current rates assumed and the rates we propose.

Consistent with the prior experience study, for actives over age 55, the actual retirement experience was only a reflection of those members who never elected to participate in the DROP. However, effective January 28, 2008, actives may retire or participate in the DROP as early as age 50 with an actuarially reduced early retirement benefit.

In past studies we included experience for actives who either retired or elected the DROP before age 55 when setting the retirement rates for members between 50 and 54. We treated those DROPs as if they were retirements because the benefits received by those members were equivalent to the benefits otherwise payable at age 55 and the rates of DROP elections are much lower than those observed for members after age 55.

For the first time in this study we are including experience for actives who elected the DROP before age 55 when setting the DROP election rates; in other words, we are no longer reflecting this experience when setting the retirement rates for members between 50 and 54. This is because, unlike with retirement rates, we found a significant relationship between DROP election rates and years of service, and believe this experience is better reflected by the age and servicebased rate structure we are proposing for DROP elections discussed later in this report.

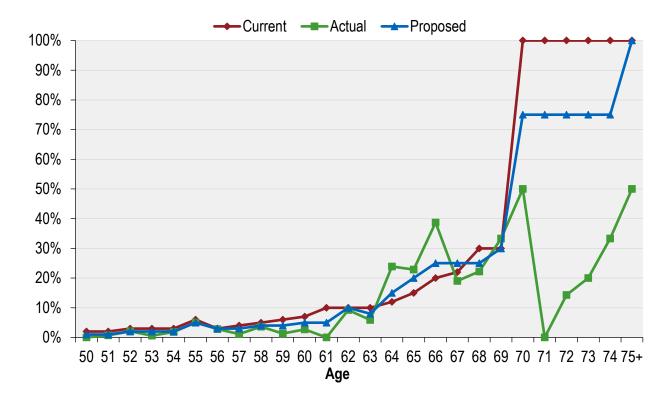
For the first time, we are also proposing that the retirement rates be extended from age 70 to 75 to reflect that not all members retired from the System by age 70.

	Rate of Retirement (%)			
Age	Current Rate	Actual Rate	Proposed Rate	
50	2.00	0.00	1.00	
51	2.00	0.69	1.00	
52	3.00	2.04	2.00	
53	3.00	0.60	2.00	
54	3.00	1.83	2.00	
55	6.00	5.03	5.00	
56	3.00	2.83	3.00	
57	4.00	1.15	3.00	
58	5.00	3.61	4.00	
59	6.00	1.30	4.00	
60	7.00	2.74	5.00	
61	10.00	0.00	5.00	
62	10.00	9.26	10.00	
63	10.00	5.88	8.00	
64	12.00	23.91	15.00	
65	15.00	22.86	20.00	
66	20.00	38.71	25.00	
67	22.00	19.05	25.00	
68	30.00	22.22	25.00	
69	30.00	33.33	30.00	
70	100.00	50.00	75.00	
71	100.00	0.00	75.00	
72	100.00	14.29	75.00	
73	100.00	20.00	75.00	
74	100.00	33.33	75.00	
75 & Over	100.00	50.00	100.00	

As shown above, we are recommending decreases in most of the retirement rates.

Chart 2 on the following page compares actual experience with the current and proposed rates of retirement.

CHART 2: RETIREMENT RATES



Deferred Vested Members

In prior valuations, deferred vested members were assumed to retire at age 55. The average age at retirement over the prior three years was 55.9 for the 46 deferred vested members who retired.

We recommend maintaining the deferred vested retirement assumption at assume age 55.

Reciprocity

Due to the distinctive design of the plan which requires that the salary rate from the most recent salary resolution prior to the date of retirement be used in determining final average salary for deferred vested members, in effect there is already an implicit assumption in the valuation that 100% of all deferred vested members will receive benefits as though they were on reciprocity. For that reason, an explicit reciprocity assumption is not necessary.

The annual salary increase assumption is based on the ultimate merit and promotion salary increase assumptions together with the 2.75% inflation and 0.50% real "across the board" salary increase assumptions that are recommended in a separate report. This assumption is utilized to anticipate salary increases from termination from the System to the expected date of retirement.

We recommend maintaining the annual salary increase assumption for current and future deferred vested members of 3.75% (i.e., 2.75% inflation plus 0.50% "across the board" plus 0.50% merit and promotion).

Survivor Continuance and Optional Forms of Benefit

In prior valuations, it was assumed that 80% of all active and inactive male members and 55% of all active and inactive (non-retired) female members would be married or have an eligible domestic partner or beneficiary when they retired. We reviewed experience for members who retired or entered DROP during the three-year period and determined the actual percentage of these new retirees that had an eligible spouse or eligible domestic partner or beneficiary at the time of retirement. The results of that analysis are shown below.

	New Retirees – Actual Percent with Eligible Spouse or Domestic Partner or Beneficiary and Selected Option with Continuance			
Year Ending June 30	Male Female			
2016	82%	48%		
2017	79%	53%		
2018	71%	56%		
Total	78%	51%		

We recommend maintaining the eligible survivor assumption for male members at 80% and maintaining the eligible survivor assumption for female members at 55%.

Pursuant to Section 3-554 of the Municipal Code, a member may elect to receive an optional form of benefit at retirement that is the actuarial equivalent of his or her unmodified retirement allowance in the form of a lesser retirement allowance payable throughout life, with one of the six options stipulated in the Code. It has been the System's longstanding practice to use only the current investment return and mortality assumptions, and without considering the value of the future COLA benefits as stipulated in the Code, in determining the actuarially equivalent optional forms of benefit.

The code section requirement of excluding the COLA assumption in calculating benefit amounts under optional forms of payment results in higher benefit amounts payable under Options 2A, 2B, 3A and 3B² as compared to the benefit amount that would result if the COLA assumption were included. This is because the value of the future COLAs expected to be paid over both the lives of the member and the beneficiary are proportionately greater than the value of the future COLAs expected to be paid over just the member's life. Since members (and their survivors) actually do receive COLAs, this Code requirement results in a slight subsidy to members whenever they elect those options.

As we pointed out in setting the contribution rates starting in the June 30, 2018 valuation, the Code requirement of excluding the COLA assumption in the optional forms of benefit calculations means that there would be a small actuarial loss when a member retires and elects one of the options mentioned and starts collecting COLA benefits. Since it would be preferable to avoid known actuarial losses by anticipating such elections, in the June 30, 2018 valuation we

Option 2A and Option 3A provide 100% and 50% continuance, respectively, of the member's modified allowance, payable to the designated beneficiary upon the member's death. Option 2B and Option 3B provide 100% and 75% continuance, respectively, of the member's modified allowance, payable to the spouse/domestic partner upon the member's death.

introduced an assumption to anticipate election of the different optional forms of benefit at retirement.

The following tables show the observed percentages of election of optional forms of benefit for male and female members with survivors over the last three years. Also shown are the current percentages assumed and the percentages we propose.

	Male Members with Survivor Election of Optional Forms of Benefit At Retirement			
Optional Form:	Current Actual System Proposed Assumption Experience Assumptio			
Unmodified	30%	29.6%	30%	
Option 2 (A/B)	50%	54.6%	50%	
Option 3 (A/B)	20%	15.8%	20%	

	Female Members with Survivor Election of Optional Forms of Benefit At Retirement			
Optional Form	Current Actual System Proposed Assumption			
Unmodified	60%	65.5%	65%	
Option 2 (A/B)	30%	21.8%	25%	
Option 3 (A/B)	10% 12.7% 10%			

We recommend maintaining the percentages of married male members and unmarried male members assumed to elect the Unmodified Option, Option 2 (A/B) and Option 3(A/B). We recommend changing the percentages of married female members and unmarried female members assumed to elect the Unmodified Option and Option 2 (A/B) while maintaining the percentage assumed to elect Option 3 (A/B) at retirement or DROP entry.

Since the value of the survivor's benefit is dependent on the survivor's age and sex, we must also have assumptions for the age and sex of the survivor. Based on the experience for members who retired during the current three-year period and studies done for other retirement systems, we recommend the following:

- 1. Since more than 85% of the survivors are actually the opposite sex, even with the inclusion of domestic partners, and other eligible beneficiaries, we will continue to assume that for all active and inactive members, the survivor's sex is the opposite of the member.
- 2. The current and proposed assumption for the age of the survivor for all active and inactive members are shown below. These assumptions will continue to be monitored in future experience studies.

	Survivor's Age as Compared to Member's Age			
Beneficiary Sex	Current Assumption	Proposed Assumption		
Male	3 years older	3.4 years older	3 years older	
Female	2 years younger	2.2 years younger	2 years younger	

We recommend maintaining the spouse age difference assumptions and that the spouse is the opposite sex of the member.

D. Mortality Rates - Healthy

The "healthy" mortality rates project the life expectancy of a member who retires from service (i.e., who did not retire on a disability pension). Also, the "healthy" pre-retirement mortality rates project what proportion of members will die before retirement. The table currently being used for post-service retirement mortality rates is the Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected 20 years using a "static" approach with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015 set forward one year. Beneficiaries are assumed to have the same mortality as members who have taken a service (non-disability) retirement.

When we conducted the last experience study, we notified the Board that we would recommend a switch from a Headcount-Weighted to a Benefit-Weighted table and from a "static" to "generational" approach to anticipate mortality improvement, but only after the Society of Actuaries (SOA) provides mortality tables based on public sector experience comparable to the RP-2014 mortality tables developed using data collected from private and multi-employer pension plans.

The Retirement Plans Experience Committee (RPEC) of the SOA has recently published the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality tables (Pub-2010). For the first time, the Pub-2010 mortality tables are based exclusively on public sector pension plan experience in the United States. Within the Pub-2010 family of mortality tables, there are separate tables by job categories of General, Safety and Teachers. Included with the mortality tables is the analysis prepared by RPEC that continues to observe that benefit amount for healthy retirees and salary for employees are the most significant predictors of mortality differences within the job categories. Therefore, Pub-2010 includes mortality rates developed for annuitants on a "benefit" weighted basis, with greater weight given to experience from annuitants receiving larger benefits to reflect that retirees with larger benefits generally live longer than those with lower benefits.

As the Pub-2010 study shows that benefit (or salary for employees) is a significant predictor of mortality difference, the Pub-2010 family of mortality tables also include mortality rates based on population with above-median benefit amount (or salary for employees), below-median benefit amount (or salary for employees) and total population within each job category. The median benefit amounts used to determine the above-median and below-median mortality rates as shown in the Pub-2010 report for General members are as follows:

	Median Amounts (\$) by Gender, Job Category, and Status			
	Males			ales
Job Category	Employees	Retirees	Employees	Retirees
General	45,800	21,200	34,700	11,900

Note: Values shown as of 2010.

After adjusting the above amounts by a measure of U.S. price inflation from 2010 to 2018 for a total increase of about 20%, a substantial portion of the benefit amounts (or salaries) paid to the System's members were both above and below those adjusted median amounts. In other words, the benefit amounts (or salaries) paid to the System's members were not disproportionately above or below the median. Therefore, we recommend that the total population version of the mortality tables for each job category be used.

As for the mortality improvement scales, they can be applied in one of two ways. Historically, the more common application is to use a "static" approach to anticipate a fixed level of mortality improvement for all annuitants receiving benefits from a retirement plan. This is in contrast to a "generational" approach where each future year has its own mortality table that reflects the forecasted improvements, using the published improvement scales. While the static approach is still used by some California public systems, including CalPERS, the "generational" approach is clearly the emerging practice within the actuarial profession.

A generational mortality table provides dynamic projections of mortality experience for each cohort of retirees. For example, the mortality rate for someone who is 65 next year will be slightly less than for someone who is 65 this year. In general, using generational mortality anticipates increases in the cost of the Plan over time as participants' life expectancies are projected to increase. This is in contrast to updating a static mortality assumption with each experience study as we have proposed in prior experience studies.

We understand that RPEC intends to publish annual updates to their mortality improvement scales. Improvement scale MP-2018 is the latest improvement scale available. We recommend that given the trend in the retirement industry to move towards generational mortality, it would be reasonable for the Board to adopt the Benefit-Weighted General Pub-2010 mortality table (adjusted for the System's experience), and project the mortality improvement generationally using the MP-2018 mortality improvement scale.

In order to use more actual System experience in our analysis, we have used experience for a nine-year period by using data from the current (from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018) and the last two (from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2015 and from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2012) experience study periods to analyze this assumption.

Even with the use of nine years of experience, based on standard statistical theory the data is only partially credible especially under the recommended benefit-weighted basis when dispersion of retirees' benefit amounts is taken into account. In 2008 the SOA published an article recommending that mortality assumptions include an adjustment for credibility. Under this approach, the number of deaths needed for full credibility for a headcount-weighted mortality table is just over 1,000, where full credibility means a 90% confidence that the actual experience will be within 5% of the expected value. Because the System had substantially fewer deaths during the study period, in our recommended assumption we have only partially adjusted the Pub-2010 mortality tables to fit the System's experience. In future experience studies, more data will be available which may further increase the credibility of the System's experience.

Pre-Retirement Mortality

The table currently being used for pre-retirement mortality rates is the Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females) projected 20 years with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015 times 85%.

We recommend changing the pre-retirement mortality to follow the Pub-2010 General Employee Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018.

Post-Retirement Mortality (Service Retirements)

Among all retired members, the actual deaths compared to the expected deaths weighted by benefit amounts under the current assumptions for the last nine years is shown in the table below. We also show the deaths weighted by benefit amount under the proposed assumptions. In the prior study we set the mortality assumption using a static mortality projection so that actual deaths would be about 120% of those assumed. As noted above, we are recommending the use of a generational mortality table rather than a static mortality table. A generational mortality table incorporates a more direct assumption for future mortality improvement by reducing the mortality rates from the base table in future years. Accordingly, the goal is to adjust the base table so that actual deaths would be about 100% of those assumed (i.e. without a margin for future mortality improvement), because future mortality improvement is already reflected in the generational projection.

Also, the proposed mortality table reflects current experience to the extent that the experience is credible based on standard statistical theory. For the System, the volume of member data makes it only partially credible. That is why, as shown in the table below, the proposed mortality table (which includes an adjustment to the base table to reflect current experience) has an actual to expected ratio of 104% rather than 100%. In future years, we would expect the actual to expected ratio to be around 100% as long as actual mortality improves at the same rates as anticipated by the generational mortality tables.

The number of actual deaths compared to the number expected under the current and proposed assumptions weighted by benefit amounts for the last nine years are as follows:

	Healthy Retirees (\$ in thousands)			
Gender	Current Expected Weighted Deaths	Actual Weighted Deaths	Proposed Expected Weighted Deaths	
Male	\$543.8	\$595.8	\$578.6	
Female	\$96.1	\$104.2	\$96.5	
Total	\$639.9	\$700.0	\$675.1	
Actual / Expected	109%		104%³	

Notes: (1) Experience shown above is weighted by annual benefit amounts instead of by headcounts.

(2) Expected amounts under the proposed generational mortality table are based on mortality rates from the base year projected with mortality improvements to the experience study period.

The combined ratio of actual to expected deaths in terms of benefit amounts was 109%. We recommend updating the current table to the Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females) times 105%, projected

If we use the benchmark Pub-2010 General table without any adjustment, the proposed actual to expected ratio would be 109%. If we used the Pub-2010 General above-median table without any adjustment, the proposed actual to expected ratio would be 117%. If we used the Pub-2010 General below-median table without any adjustment, the proposed actual to expected ratio would be 88%.

generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018. The recommended mortality tables will have an actual to expected ratio of 104%.

For this transitional year for informational purposes only, we have also provided in the table below the actual and expected deaths computed without weighting these by benefit amounts. This is similar to how actual and expected deaths ratios were developed based on the prior headcount approach.

	Healthy Retirees			
Gender	Current Expected Deaths	Actual Deaths	Proposed Expected Deaths	
Male	223	265	236	
Female	58	69	59	
Total	281	334	295	
Actual / Expected	119%		113%	

Notes: (1) Experience shown above is weighted by headcounts instead of by annual benefit amounts.

(2) Expected deaths under the proposed generational mortality table are based on mortality rates from the base year projected with mortality improvements to the experience study period.

Chart 3 compares actual to expected deaths on a benefit-weighted basis under the current and proposed assumptions over the past nine years.

Chart 4 compares actual to expected deaths on a headcount-weighted basis under the current and proposed assumptions over the past nine years, and is provided for informational purposes only.

Chart 5 shows the life expectancies (i.e., expected future lifetime) under the current and the proposed tables on a benefit-weighted basis. Life expectancies under the proposed generational mortality rates are based on age as of 2019. In practice, life expectancies will be assumed to increase based on applying the mortality improvement scale.

Beneficiaries Mortality

In studying the mortality for beneficiaries in our prior experience study, we reviewed the actual deaths compared to the expected deaths and recommended the same mortality tables for healthy retires and beneficiaries. Pub-2010 has separate mortality tables for healthy retirees and contingent annuitants. However, the Pub-2010 Contingent Survivors Table is developed only based on contingent survivor data after the death of the retiree. Considering the small size of the System's beneficiary population and the fact that those contingent survivor mortality rates are somewhat comparable (about 1% higher) to those of the healthy retiree mortality rates proposed for the System's healthy retirees, we recommend using the same mortality table for beneficiaries as for healthy retirees.

Mortality Table for Member Contributions and Optional Forms of Payment

There are administrative reasons why a generational mortality table is more difficult to implement for determining member contributions, optional forms of payment and reserves. For determining member contributions, one emerging practice is to approximate the use of a generational mortality table by the use of a static table with projection of the mortality

improvement from the measurement year over a period that is close to the duration of the benefit payments for active members. Similarly, for optional forms of payment, a generational mortality table could be approximated by static projection over a period that is close to the duration of the benefit payments for new retirees. We would recommend the use of these approximations for determining member contributions and optional forms of payment.

We recommend that the mortality table used for determining contributions for be updated to a blended table based on the Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females) times 105%, projected 30 years (from 2010) with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018, weighted 65% male and 35% female.

We recommend that the mortality table used for determining optional forms of payment be updated to a blended table based on the Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females) times 105%, projected 20 years (from 2010) with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018, weighted 65% male and 35% female.

These are based on the proposed valuation mortality table for healthy retirees and the actual gender distribution of active members.

CHART 3: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT-WEIGHTED DEATHS NON-DISABLED MEMBERS (IN THOUSANDS) (JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018)

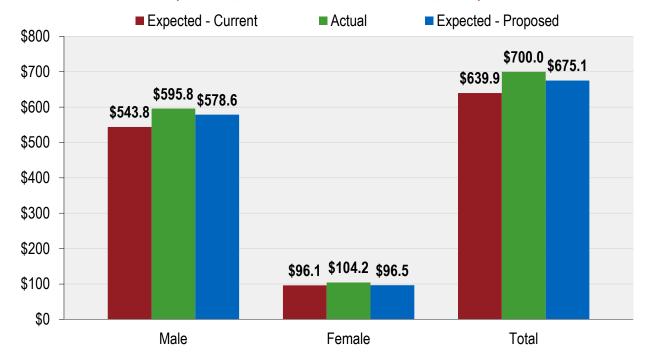


CHART 4: POST-RETIREMENT HEADCOUNT-WEIGHTED DEATHS NON-DISABLED MEMBERS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

(JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018)

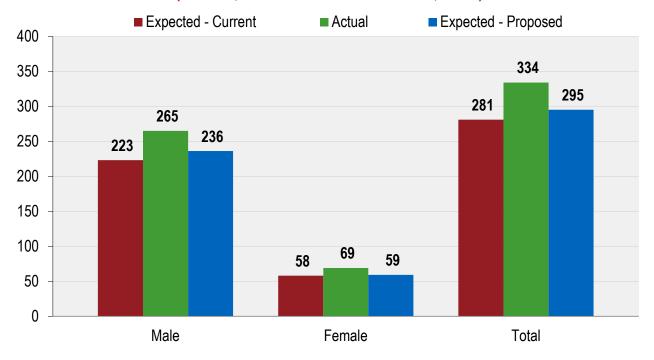
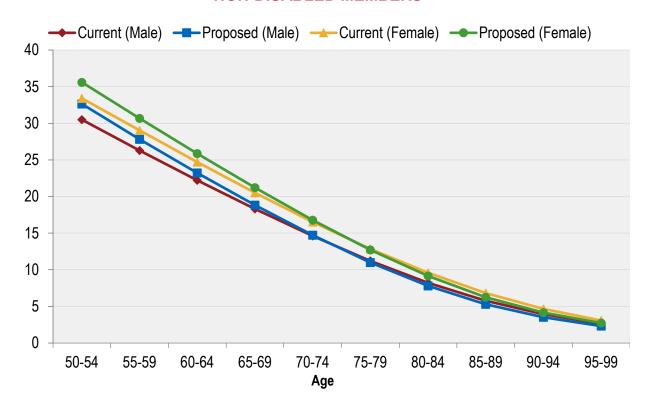


CHART 5: BENEFIT-WEIGHTED LIFE EXPECTANCIES NON-DISABLED MEMBERS



E. Mortality Rates - Disabled

Since mortality rates for disabled members can vary from those of healthy members, a different mortality assumption is often used. The table currently being used is the Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table projected 20 years using a "static" approach with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015 set forward four years.

Post-Retirement Mortality (Disability Retirements)

The number of actual deaths compared to the number expected under the current and proposed assumptions weighted by benefit amounts for the last nine years are as follows:

	Disabled Retirees (\$ in thousands)			
Gender	Current Expected Weighted Deaths	Actual Weighted Deaths	Proposed Expected Weighted Deaths	
Male	\$60.4	\$71.8	\$88.5	
Female	\$3.3	\$2.8	\$7.1	
Total	\$63.7	\$74.6	\$95.6	
Actual / Expected	117%		78%	

Notes: (1) Experience shown above is weighted by annual benefit amounts instead of by headcounts.

The Pub-2010 family of mortality tables provide separate disabled retiree mortality tables for Non-Safety disabled retirees. We recommend updating the current table for disabled members to the Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018. The recommended mortality tables has an actual to expected ratio of 78%.

For this transitional year for informational purposes only, we have also provided in the table below the actual and expected deaths computed without weighting these by benefit amounts. This is similar to how actual and expected deaths ratios were developed based on the prior headcount approach.

	Disabled Retirees			
Gender	Current Expected Deaths	Actual Deaths	Proposed Expected Deaths	
Male	29	38	45	
Female	2	2	4	
Total	31	40	49	
Actual / Expected	129%		82%	

Notes: (1) Experience shown above is weighted by headcounts instead of by annual benefit amounts.

⁽²⁾ Expected amounts under the proposed generational mortality table are based on mortality rates from the base year projected with mortality improvements to the experience study period.

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Chart 6 compares actual to expected deaths on a benefit-weighted basis for disabled members under the current and proposed assumptions over the past nine years.

Chart 7 compares actual to expected deaths on a headcount-weighted basis for disabled members under the current and proposed assumptions over the past nine years provided for informational purposes only.

Chart 8 shows the life expectancies (i.e., expected future lifetime) under the current and the proposed tables for disabled members on a benefit-weighted basis. Life expectancies under the proposed generational mortality rates are based on age as of 2019. In practice, life expectancies will be assumed to increase based on applying the mortality improvement scale.

CHART 6: POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT-WEIGHTED DEATHS DISABLED MEMBERS (IN THOUSANDS) (JULY 1, 2009 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018)

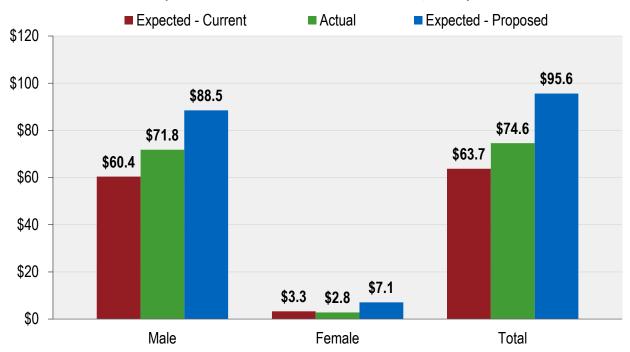


CHART 7: POST-RETIREMENT HEADCOUNT-WEIGHTED DEATHS DISABLED MEMBERS PROVIDED FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

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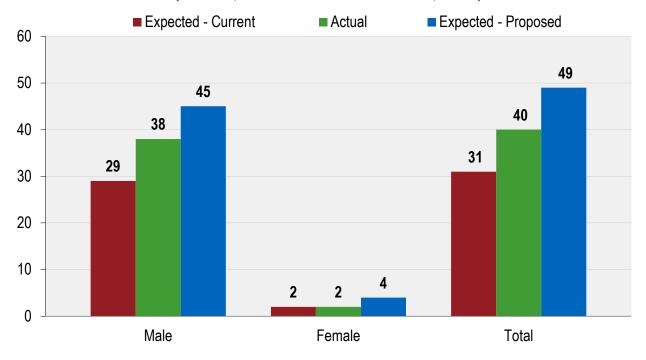
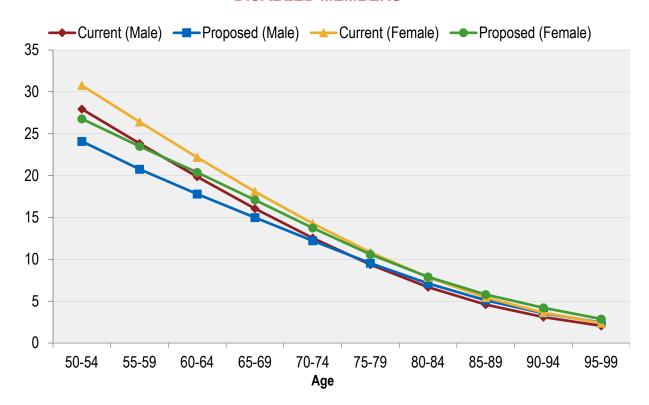


CHART 8: BENEFIT-WEIGHTED LIFE EXPECTANCIES DISABLED MEMBERS



F. Termination Rates

Termination rates include all terminations for reasons other than death, disability, or retirement. Under the current assumptions, there is an overall assumed incidence of total termination combined with a separate assumption for the percent of members who would elect to withdraw their contributions (ordinary withdrawal) versus a deferred retirement benefit (vested termination). In addition, the assumed termination rates are a function of a member's years of service for members with fewer than five years of service, and a function of a member's age for members with five or more years of service. Starting with this year's experience review, we analyzed all terminations based on age and years of service. Our review concludes that termination rates correlate better with age and service for members with fewer than five years of service and correlate well with age for members with five or more years of service.

As a result of this review, we recommend that the termination rate assumption be structured as a function of age and years of service for members with less than five years of service.

The current termination rates, termination experience (total) over the last three years, and proposed termination rates are shown in the following tables. Please note that we have excluded any members that were eligible for retirement.

Rates of Termination

		Current Rates of Termination (%)				
			Years of	Service		
Age	0 – 1	1 – 2	2 – 3	3 – 4	4 – 5	5+
20 – 24	12.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	7.50
25 – 29	12.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	7.00
30 – 34	12.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	7.00
35 – 39	12.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00
40 – 44	12.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.00
45 – 50	12.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	3.50
50+	12.00	10.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	Not Calculated

		Actual Rates of Termination (%)				
			Years of	Service		
Age	0 – 1	1 – 2	2 – 3	3 – 4	4 – 5	5+
20 – 24	18.52	20.00	20.00	0.00	Not Observed	Not Observed
25 – 29	13.27	13.64	13.16	21.43	20.00	12.50
30 – 34	12.31	4.31	10.53	7.69	9.52	10.17
35 – 39	13.48	7.59	8.77	3.13	4.55	3.27
40 – 44	17.14	4.26	3.33	0.00	7.14	2.08
45 – 50	13.46	2.04	9.68	5.26	0.00	2.81
50+	14.14	6.17	6.56	9.09	2.38	Not Calculated

		Proposed Rates of Termination (%)				
			Years of	Service		
Age	0 – 1	1 – 2	2 – 3	3 – 4	4 – 5	5+
20 – 24	15.00	15.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
25 – 29	13.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.00
30 – 34	13.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
35 – 39	13.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
40 – 44	13.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	3.00
45 – 50	13.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	3.00
50+	13.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	Not Calculated

It is important to note that not every age and service category has enough exposures and/or decrements to make the results in that category statistically credible.

We will also continue to assume that termination rates are zero at any age where members are eligible to retire. In other words, at those ages, members will either retire in accordance with the retirement rate assumptions or continue working, rather than terminate and defer their benefit. This mainly applies at the highest service categories since most members in those categories are eligible to retire and so have been excluded from our review of this experience.

Chart 9 compares actual to expected terminations over the past three years for both the current and proposed assumptions.

Chart 10 shows the average by age of actual termination rates over the past three years compared to the current and proposed assumptions.

Chart 11 shows the average by years of service the actual termination rates over the past three years compared to the current and proposed assumptions.

Based upon the recent experience, we have adjusted the termination rates accordingly.

In addition, we recommend the following assumptions for the percent of members who would elect a refund of contributions versus those who would leave their contributions on deposit and receive a deferred vested benefit.

	Proportion of Total Termination Assumed to Receive Refunds (%)			
Years of Service	Current Actual Proposed Rate Rate Rate			
0 – 4	85.0	85.0	85.0	
5 or more	45.0	45.8	45.0	

CHART 9: ACTUAL NUMBER OF TERMINATIONS COMPARED TO EXPECTED

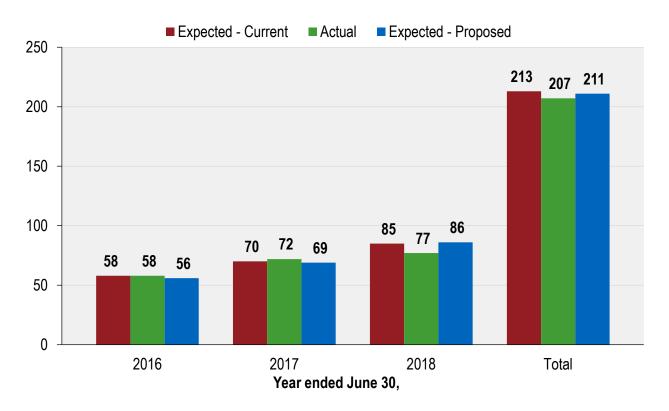


CHART 10: AVERAGE TERMINATION RATES BY AGE

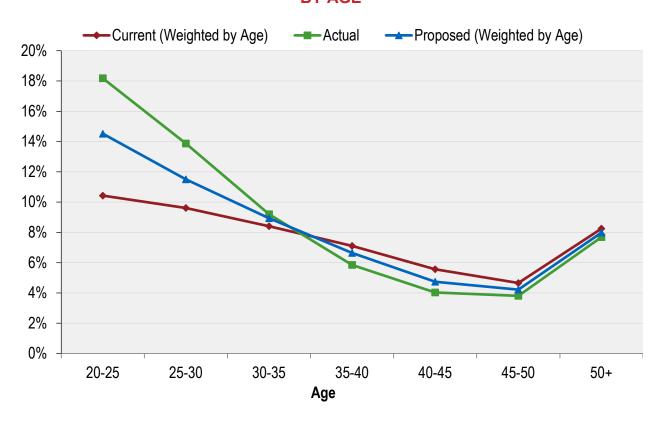
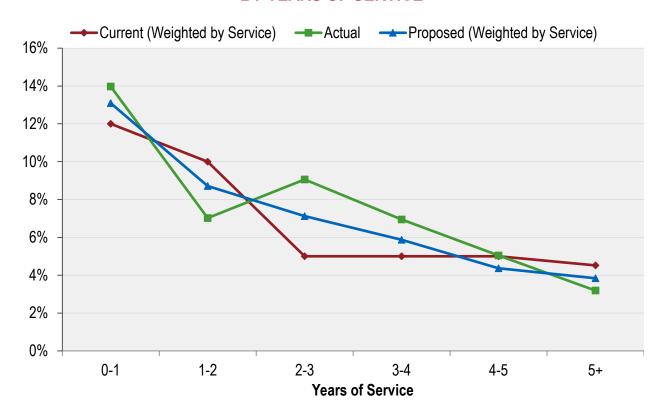


CHART 11: AVERAGE TERMINATION RATES BY YEARS OF SERVICE



G. Disability Incidence Rates

When a member becomes disabled, he or she may be entitled to a pension that may not depend on the member's years of service. Historically, we have determined the rates of disability incidence by comparing by age the actual disability incidence to the total number of actives who could have become disabled, regardless of benefit eligibility. For the first time in this study we are excluding from our analysis actives who have not yet met the eligibility requirement of ten years of service, since these members would either receive a refund of contributions or a deferred service retirement benefit.

The following summarizes the actual incidence of disabilities over the past three years compared to the current and proposed assumptions for disability incidence:

Rates of Disability Incidence

	Disability Incidence Rate (%)				
Age	Current Rate*	Actual Rate	Proposed Rate		
20 – 24	0.00	0.00	0.00		
25 – 29	0.00	0.00	0.00		
30 – 34	0.01	0.00	0.00		
35 – 39	0.05	0.00	0.00		
40 – 44	0.20	0.00	0.10		
45 – 49	0.20	0.65	0.40		
50 – 54	0.30	0.48	0.40		
55 – 59	0.60	1.77	1.20		
60 – 64	1.10	4.04	2.60		
65 – 69	2.25	5.49	3.90		
70 – 74	2.71	5.00	3.90		

The proposed disability rates were adjusted to reflect the past three years' experience. We are recommending increases in the disability incidence rates for members starting at age 45.

In preparing our prior experience studies, we included in the actual rates those members who changed status from vested terminated or service retirement to disability retirement regardless of whether their actual dates of disabilities would have fallen during the three-year period within those prior experience studies. That was done in order to capture the lag in processing the disability application.

However, we understand from our discussions with the System that the higher rates of observed disability incidence are due in part to the processing of a backlog of disability applications corresponding to the hiring of two additional counselors in fiscal year 2016.

We believe with the new staffing, we should consider excluding some of the disabilities reported from vested terminated or service retirement to disability retirement if the disability was granted

before a certain date. Below is a table which summarizes the number of such disabilities that we considered excluding based on one-year, two-ear and a three-year lag:

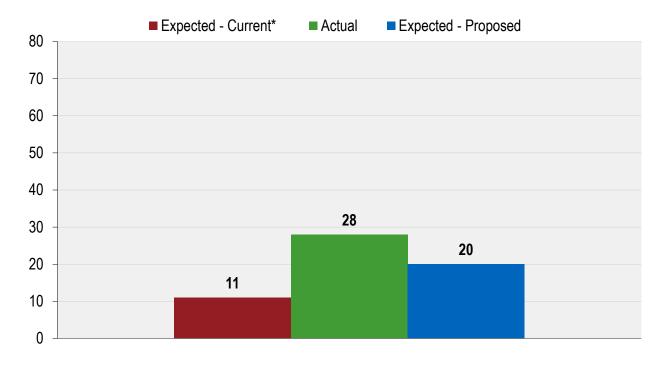
Numbe	Number of Members to be Excluded				
One-Year Lag (With Date of Retirement prior to July 1, 2014)	Two-Year Lag (With Date of Retirement prior to July 1, 2013)	Three-Year Lag (With Date of Retirement prior to July 1, 2012)			
10	7	3			

We believe despite the additional staffing it would be prudent to assume that there would still be a two-year lag in the disability application process until more data is available at the next experience study. As a result, we have only reduced the actual incidence of disability reported to us by 7.

Chart 12 compares actual to expected disabilities for over the past three years for the current and proposed assumptions.

Chart 13 shows the actual disability incidence rates over the past three years compared to the current and proposed assumptions.

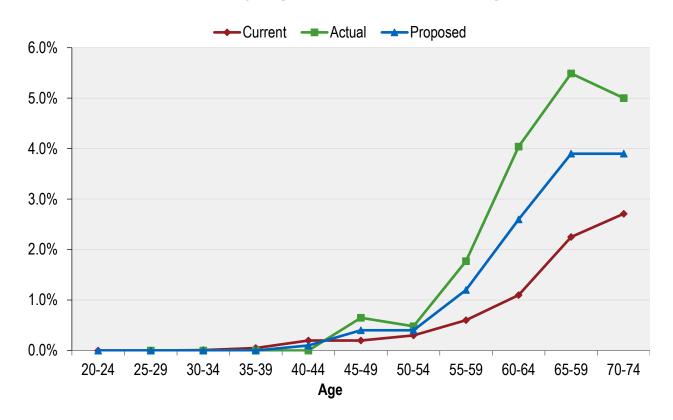
CHART 12: ACTUAL NUMBER OF DISABILITIES COMPARED TO EXPECTED



July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2018

^{*} The number of expected disabilities would have been 16 except that we apply the current assumptions only to those actives with at least ten years of service.

CHART 13: DISABILITY INCIDENCE RATES



H. Drop Election Rates

The DROP election rates are currently a function of years since first eligible for participation in the DROP. A member is considered first eligible for this purpose upon attaining age 55 with five years of service. As discussed previously, effective January 28, 2008 actives may participate in DROP as early as age 50 with an actuarially reduced benefit. However, we have historically treated those DROPs as if they were retirements because the benefits received by those members were equivalent to benefits otherwise payable at age 55, and the rates of DROP election were much lower than those observed for members after age 55.

Consistent with our analysis of other assumptions, we have analyzed recent years' DROP election experience both as a function of age and years of service in relation to the probability of election. Our review concludes that the DROP election rates correlate better with age and years of service. Since the current rates are effectively age-based for most members, we recommend that the DROP election rate structure be updated as a function of both age and years of service.

The new structure will apply different sets of rates for those in different age and service bands. In addition, for the first time we will be including experience for those members who entered DROP prior to age 55, since we have observed somewhat higher rates of DROP participation in recent years for those with high years of service. Finally, because we are adopting this new structure for the first time, we have analyzed six years' worth of experience.

The DROP election experience over the last six years is shown below.

	DROP Elections			
	Current Expected	Actual	Proposed Expected	
Under Age 55	Included in Current Retirement Assumption	97	92	
Age 55 and Over	254	252	254	
Total	254	349	346	
Actual / Expected	99%		101%	

The Actual / Expected percentage for the Current Expected DROP Elections is based on the Age 55 and Over group only, since DROP Elections for members under the age of 55 are included in the retirement assumption.

As shown, the current expected number of DROP elections closely matches actual experience for active members age 55 and over, and our proposed age and service structure does not materially change the number of expected DROP elections for this group. As previously noted, for members under the age of 55 our current practice is to include DROP elections with retirements, so it is not possible to isolate the expected number of DROPs explicitly.

On the following pages are three charts illustrating the relationship between our current assumptions, actual experience, and our proposed assumptions.

Chart 14 compares actual to expected DROP elections over the past six years for both the current and proposed assumptions.

Chart 15 shows the average by age of actual DROP election rates over the past six years compared to the current and proposed assumptions.

Chart 16 shows the average by years of service the actual DROP election rates over the past six years compared to the current and proposed assumptions.

As illustrated in Charts 14 and 15, for the age 55 and over group our current assumptions closely match both the total number of actual DROP elections over the past six years and the trend in the DROP election rates as a function of age. However, as illustrated in Chart 16, the new structure improves upon the existing assumptions by more closely matching the increasing rates of DROP election as members accrue more years of service.

It is currently assumed that members remain in DROP for 6 years. Based on the experience of members who retired from the DROP during the past six years, the average number of years of participation in the DROP was 5.8. We recommend maintaining the current DROP participation period of 6 years.

CHART 14: ACTUAL NUMBER OF DROP ELECTIONS COMPARED TO EXPECTED

(JULY 1, 2012 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2018)

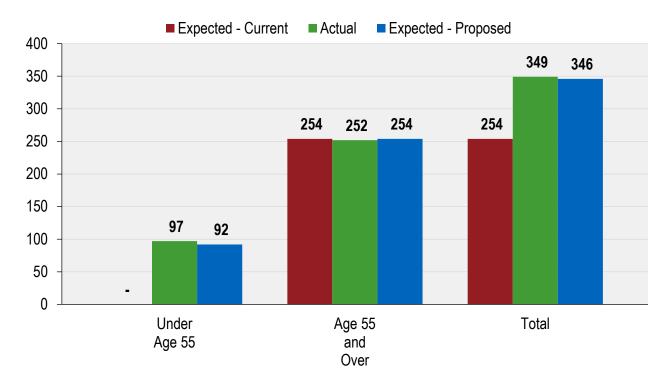


CHART 15: AVERAGE DROP ELECTION RATES BY AGE

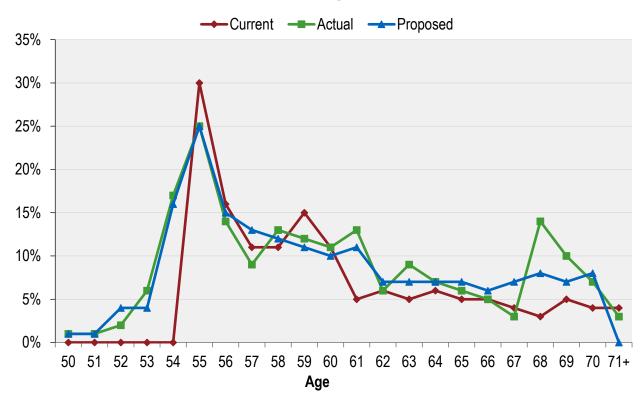
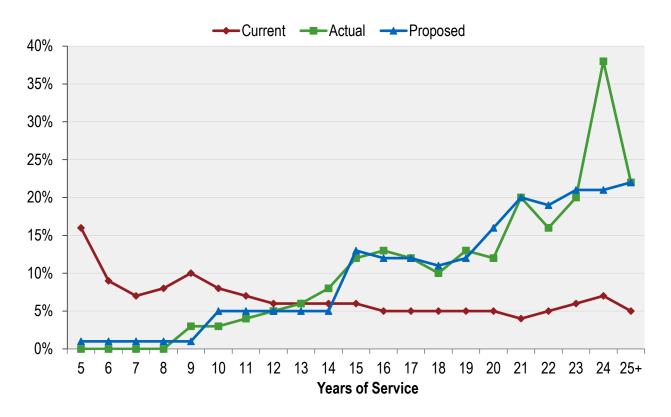


CHART 16: AVERAGE DROP ELECTION RATES BY YEARS OF SERVICE



IV. Cost Impact

We have estimated the impact of all the recommended demographic and economic assumptions and the alternative investment return assumption as if they were applied to the June 30, 2018 actuarial valuation. The tables below show the changes in the employer and member contribution rates due to the proposed assumption changes separately for the recommended demographic assumption changes (as recommended in Section III of this report) and the recommended and alternative economic assumption changes (as recommended in the separate report).

Cost Impact (Without Considering Any Impact on Surplus Distribution)			
	Recommended (7.00% Return and Other Recommended Assumptions)	Alternative (7.25% Return and Other Recommended Assumptions)	
Impact on Employer			
Change due to demographic assumptions	1.56%	1.56%	
Change due to economic assumptions	<u>0.07%</u>	<u>-0.62%</u>	
Total change in average employer rate	1.63%	0.94%	
Total estimated change in annual dollar amount (\$000s)*	\$2,196	\$1,272	
Impact on Member			
Change due to demographic assumptions	0.91%	0.91%	
Change due to economic assumptions	<u>-0.08%</u>	<u>-0.59%</u>	
Total change in average member rate	0.83%	0.32%	
Total estimated change in annual dollar amount (\$000s)**	\$933	\$364	
Impact on UAAL and Funded Percentage			
Change in UAAL	\$19.4 million	-\$9.8 million	
Change in funded percentage	From 114.8% to 112.7%	From 114.8% to 115.9%	

Calculated using payroll for all active employees (including employees in DROP)

Of the various demographic assumption changes, the most significant cost impacts are from the mortality assumption change followed by the change in the DROP election assumption. Of the various economic assumption changes, the most significant cost impact is from the investment return assumption change under Recommended (cost increase) and the inflation assumption change under Alternative (cost decrease).

Calculating using payroll for active non-DROP employees

Appendix A: Current Actuarial Assumptions

Economic Assumptions

Merit and Promotion Salary Increases

Years of Service	Annual Increase (%)
Less than 1	8.00
1	5.75
2	4.50
3	3.75
4	3.00
5	1.85
6	1.05
7	0.70
8	0.70
9 and Above	0.25

Demographic Assumptions

Post-Retirement Mortality Rates – Healthy

Healthy Members and Beneficiaries: Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected 20 years with the twodimensional scale MP-2015, set forward one year.

Post-Retirement Mortality Rates - Disabled

> Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected 20 years with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015, set forward four years.

Employee Contribution Rates and Optional Benefits:

- **Healthy Members:** Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected 20 years with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015, set forward one year, weighted 65% male and 35% female.
- **Beneficiaries:** Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected 20 years with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015, set forward one year, weighted 35% male and 65% female.

Disabled Members: Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected 20 years with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015, set forward four years, weighted 65% male and 35% female.

Pre-Retirement Mortality Rates

> Headcount-Weighted RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected 20 years with the two-dimensional scale MP-2015, times 85%.

	Rate (%)			
Age	Male Female			
25	0.04	0.01		
30	0.04	0.02		
35	0.04	0.03		
40	0.05	0.03		
45	0.07	0.05		
50	0.13	0.09		
55	0.22	0.15		
60	0.40	0.21		
65	0.68	0.30		

Disability Incidence Rates

Age	Rate (%)
20	0.00
25	0.00
30	0.01
35	0.03
40	0.14
45	0.20
50	0.26
55	0.48
60	0.90
65	1.79

Termination Rates

Less than Five Years of Service (%)					
Years of Service	Rate (%)				
Less than 1	12.00				
1	10.00				
2	5.00				
3	5.00				
4	5.00				

> 85% of members are assumed to elect a withdrawal of contributions. The remaining members are assumed to elect a deferred vested benefit. No termination is assumed after a member is assumed to retire.

Five or More Years of Service (%)					
Age	Rate (%)				
20	7.50				
25	7.20				
30	7.00				
35	6.40				
40	4.80				
45	3.70				
50	0.00				

> 45% of members are assumed to elect a withdrawal of contributions. The remaining members are assumed to elect a deferred vested benefit. No vested termination is assumed after a member is assumed to retire.

Retirement Rates

Age	Rate (%)	Age	Rate (%)	Age	Rate (%)
50	2.00	57	4.00	64	12.00
51	2.00	58	5.00	65	15.00
52	3.00	59	6.00	66	20.00
53	3.00	60	7.00	67	22.00
54	3.00	61	10.00	68	30.00
55	6.00	62	10.00	69	30.00
56	3.00	63	10.00	70 and over	100.00

DROP Assumptions

Year Eligible	Rate after attaining age 55 (%)
First	30
Second	15
Third	10
Fourth	10
Fifth	15
Sixth	10
Thereafter	0

> Members are assumed to remain in DROP for 6 years.

for Deferred Vested Members:	For current deferred vested members, the retirement assumption is age 55. We assume that no future deferred vested members will continue to work for a reciprocal employer. However, we assume there will be a 3.75% compensation increase per annum.				
Future Benefit Accruals:	1.0 year of service pe	r year.			
Unknown Data for Members:	Same as those exhibited by members with similar known characteristics. If not specified, members are assumed to be male.				
Inclusion of Deferred Vested Members:	All deferred vested members are included in the valuation.				
Percent with Survivor:	80% of male members and 55% of female members.				
Age of Spouse:	Male members are three years older than their spouses. Female members are two years younger than their spouses.				
Election of Optional Forms of Benefit at Retirement:		Members with Survivor Members			
		Male	Female	without Survivor	
	Unmodified	30%	60%	100%	
	Option 2 (A/B)				
	Option 3 (A/B) 20% 10%				

Appendix B: Proposed Actuarial Assumptions

Economic Assumptions

Merit and Promotion Salary Increases

Years of Service	Annual Increase (%)	Years of Service	Annual Increase (%)
Less than 1	8.00	8	1.00
1	6.00	9	1.00
2	4.50	10	0.75
3	3.75	11	0.75
4	3.00	12	0.75
5	2.00	13	0.75
6	1.25	14	0.75
7	1.00	15 and Above	0.50

Demographic Assumptions

Post-Retirement Mortality Rates – Healthy

Healthy Members and Beneficiaries: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females) times 105%, projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018.

Post-Retirement Mortality Rates - Disabled

> Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018.

Employee Contribution Rates:

Healthy Members: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females) times 105%, projected 30 years with the twodimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018, weighted 65% male and 35% female.

Optional Forms of Benefit:

Healthy Members: Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females) times 105%, projected 20 years with the twodimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018, weighted 65% male and 35% female.

- **Beneficiaries:** Pub-2010 General Healthy Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females) times 105%, projected 20 years with the twodimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018, weighted 35% male and 65% female.
- **Disabled Members:** Pub-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Retiree Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected 20 years with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018, weighted 65% male and 35% female.

Pre-Retirement Mortality Rates

> Pub-2010 General Employee Amount-Weighted Mortality Table (separate tables for males and females), projected generationally with the two-dimensional mortality improvement scale MP-2018.

	Rate (%)			
Age	Male	Female		
25	0.03	0.01		
30	0.04	0.01		
35	0.05	0.02		
40	0.07	0.04		
45	0.10	0.06		
50	0.15	0.08		
55	0.22	0.12		
60	0.32	0.19		
65	0.47	0.30		
70	0.70	0.49		

> Note that generational projections beyond the base year (2010) are not reflected in the above mortality rates.

Disability Incidence Rates

Age	Rate (%)
20	0.00
25	0.00
30	0.00
35	0.00
40	0.06
45	0.28
50	0.40
55	0.88
60	2.04
65	3.38
70	3.90

Termination Rates

	Rate (%)							
	Years of Service							
Age	Less Than 1	Less Than 1 2 3 4 5 & Above						
20	15.00	15.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.20		
25	13.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.20		
30	13.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.80		
35	13.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	5.00	5.80		
40	13.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	3.80		
45	13.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	3.00		
50+	13.00	8.00	6.00	5.00	3.00	0.00		

- > Members with less than five years of service: 85% of are assumed to elect a withdrawal of contributions. The remaining members are assumed to elect a deferred vested benefit. No termination is assumed after a member is assumed to retire.
- **Members with five or more years of service:** 45% of are assumed to elect a withdrawal of contributions. The remaining members are assumed to elect a deferred vested benefit. No termination is assumed after a member is assumed to retire.

Retirement Rates

Age	Rate (%)	Age	Rate (%)	Age	Rate (%)
50	1.00	59	4.00	68	25.00
51	1.00	60	5.00	69	30.00
52	2.00	61	5.00	70	75.00
53	2.00	62	10.00	71	75.00
54	2.00	63	8.00	72	75.00
55	5.00	64	15.00	73	75.00
56	3.00	65	20.00	74	75.00
57	3.00	66	25.00	75 and	100.00
58	4.00	67	25.00	Above	100.00

DROP Assumptions

	Rate (%)						
		Years of Service					
Age	5 – 10	10 – 14	15 – 19	20 – 24	25 and Above		
50	0.0	0.0	1.5	2.5	2.5		
51	0.0	0.0	1.5	2.5	2.5		
52	0.0	0.0	1.5	5.0	15.0		
53	0.0	0.0	1.5	5.0	15.0		
54	0.0	0.0	10.0	40.0	45.0		
55	1.5	15.0	35.0	45.0	50.0		
56	1.5	7.5	25.0	35.0	35.0		
57	1.5	7.5	25.0	35.0	35.0		
58	1.5	7.5	25.0	35.0	35.0		
59	1.5	7.5	18.0	35.0	15.0		
60	1.5	7.5	18.0	35.0	15.0		
61	1.5	7.5	18.0	35.0	15.0		
62	1.5	7.5	10.0	15.0	15.0		
63	1.5	7.5	10.0	15.0	15.0		
64	1.5	7.5	10.0	15.0	15.0		
65	1.5	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0		
66	1.5	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0		
67	1.5	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0		
68	1.5	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0		
69	1.5	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0		
70	1.5	7.5	10.0	10.0	10.0		
71 and Over	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

> Members are assumed to remain in DROP for 6 years.

Retirement Age and Benefit for Deferred Vested	For current deferred vested members, the retirement assumption is age 55.					
Members:	We assume that no future deferred vested members will continue to work for a reciprocal employer. However, we assume there will be a 3.75% compensation increase per annum.					
Future Benefit Accruals:	1.0 year of service per year.					
Unknown Data for Members:	Same as those exhibited by members with similar known characteristics. If not specified, members are assumed to be male.					
Inclusion of Deferred Vested Members:	All deferred vested members are included in the valuation.					
Percent with Survivor:	80% of male members and 55% of female members.					
Age of Spouse:	Male members are three years older than their spouses.					
	Female members are two years younger than their spouses.					
Election of Optional Forms of						
Benefit at Retirement:		Members with Survivor		Members without		
		Male	Female	Survivor		
	Unmodified	30%	65%	100%		
	Option 2 (A/B)	50%	25%			
	Option 3 (A/B)	20%	10%			

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