

Table 529. Public Employee Retirement Systems—Participants and Finances: 1980 to 2006

[4,629 represents 4,629,000. For fiscal year of retirement system, except data for the Thrift Savings Plan are for calendar year. For a definition of defined benefit, see headnote, Table 533]

Retirement plan	Unit	1980	1990	1995	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006, proj.
TOTAL PARTICIPANTS¹										
Federal retirement systems:										
Defined benefit:										
Civil Service Retirement System	1,000	4,629	4,167	3,731	3,256	3,201	3,133	3,035	2,958	2,878
Federal Employees Retirement System ²	1,000	(X)	1,180	1,512	1,935	2,019	2,140	2,104	2,196	2,290
Military Service Retirement System ³	1,000	3,380	3,763	3,387	3,397	3,453	3,457	3,545	3,536	3,560
Thrift Savings Plan ⁴	1,000	(X)	1,625	2,195	2,500	3,000	3,200	3,400	3,600	3,700
State and local retirement systems ^{5, 6}	1,000	(NA)	16,858	14,734	16,834	17,264	17,650	17,890	17,932	18,484
ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS										
Federal retirement systems:										
Defined benefit:										
Civil Service Retirement System	1,000	2,700	1,826	1,525	978	906	854	788	722	650
Federal Employees Retirement System ²	1,000	(X)	1,136	1,318	1,668	1,717	1,808	1,882	1,952	2,014
Military Service Retirement System ³	1,000	2,050	2,130	1,572	1,437	1,465	1,468	1,480	1,445	1,443
Thrift Savings Plan ⁴	1,000	(X)	1,419	1,930	1,900	2,300	2,400	2,500	2,800	2,600
State and local retirement systems ^{5, 6}	1,000	(NA)	11,345	12,524	13,917	14,123	14,249	14,181	14,116	14,529
ASSETS										
Total	Bil. dol.	258	1,047	1,655	2,950	3,016	3,092	3,472	3,697	4,023
Federal retirement systems	Bil. dol.	73	326	537	782	858	920	977	1,039	1,111
Defined benefit	Bil. dol.	73	318	502	684	756	791	825	866	904
Civil Service Retirement System	Bil. dol.	73	220	311	395	417	425	433	440	442
Federal Employees Retirement System ²	Bil. dol.	(X)	18	60	126	162	183	204	228	254
Military Service Retirement System ³	Bil. dol.	(⁷)	80	131	163	177	183	188	198	208
Thrift Savings Plan ⁴	Bil. dol.	(X)	8	35	98	102	129	152	173	207
State and local retirement systems ⁵	Bil. dol.	185	721	1,118	2,168	2,158	2,172	2,495	2,658	2,912
CONTRIBUTIONS										
Total	Bil. dol.	83	103	127	143	151	161	187	189	205
Federal retirement systems	Bil. dol.	19	61	67	78	85	86	95	98	108
Defined benefit	Bil. dol.	19	59	61	69	73	72	79	82	88
Civil Service Retirement System	Bil. dol.	19	28	31	33	34	29	34	33	34
Federal Employees Retirement System ²	Bil. dol.	(X)	4	6	8	10	11	13	13	15
Military Service Retirement System ³	Bil. dol.	(⁷)	27	24	28	30	32	32	38	39
Thrift Savings Plan ⁴	Bil. dol.	(X)	2	6	9	12	14	16	16	20
State and local retirement systems ⁵	Bil. dol.	64	42	60	65	66	75	92	91	97
BENEFITS										
Total	Bil. dol.	39	89	125	172	196	211	226	240	257
Federal retirement systems	Bil. dol.	27	53	66	81	86	89	93	99	105
Defined benefit	Bil. dol.	27	53	65	78	84	86	89	94	98
Civil Service Retirement System	Bil. dol.	15	31	37	44	47	48	50	52	54
Federal Employees Retirement System ²	Bil. dol.	(X)	(Z)	1	1	2	2	2	3	3
Military Service Retirement System ³	Bil. dol.	12	22	28	33	35	36	37	39	41
Thrift Savings Plan ⁴	Bil. dol.	(X)	(Z)	1	3	2	3	4	5	7
State and local retirement systems ⁵	Bil. dol.	12	36	59	91	110	122	133	141	152

NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Less than \$500 million. ¹ Includes active, separated, vested, retired employees and survivors. ² The Federal Employees Retirement System was established June 6, 1986. ³ Includes nondisability and disability retirees, surviving families, and all active personnel with the exception of active reserves. ⁴ The Thrift Savings Plan (a defined contribution plan) was established April 1, 1987. ⁵ Excludes state and local plans that are fully supported by employee contributions. ⁶ Not adjusted for double counting of individuals participating in more than one plan. ⁷ The Military Retirement System was unfunded until October 1, 1984.

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