

Michigan Judges' Retirement System

Retiree Health Actuarial Valuation Results as of September 30, 2019

Retiree Health Benefits

Participants Eligible for Employer Subsidized Benefits

- Plan 1 and Plan 2 members, both defined benefit
 (Tier 1) and defined contribution (Tier 2)
- Covered participants pay 2% of compensation while actively employed
- Covered participants receive employer subsidized health benefits after retirement
- Other retired judges may enroll in the health plan, but pay the "full cost" of their coverage



Retiree Health Benefits The Funding Issue

- Unlike pensions, health benefits have not been pre-funded for a long period of time
 - Most plan sponsors nationwide have not pre-funded health benefits either
 - Currently very little investment income to help pay benefits
- Costs rise as more members retire, and health inflation outpaces general inflation
- Pre-funding contribution rates have been calculated since 1999 – but full pre-funding started in Fiscal Year (FY) 2018



September 30, 2019 Valuation

- Purpose of the September 30, 2019 valuation is twofold:
 - Determines the actuarially computed employer contribution for FY 2020
 - Measures the retiree health plan's funding progress
- Reflects FY 2019 supplemental contribution of approximately \$7.3 million
- Reflects the investment return assumption remaining at 7.00% as the market rate of return for FY 2019 was not high enough to trigger the provisions of the Dedicated Gains Policy adopted by the Board of Trustees



FY 2019 – Expenditures vs. Contributions

- FY 2019 expenditures for retiree health care benefits:
 - **-** \$651,023
 - Excludes retiree paid premiums
 - Excludes \$327,232 in other governmental contributions
- FY 2019 contributions for retiree health care benefits:
 - \$7,557,353 Employer contributions
 - Excludes \$327,232 in other governmental contributions
 - \$101,821 Employee contributions (i.e., 2% of payroll active member contributions for members eligible for state paid subsidies)

Above reported amounts from the JRS 2019 financial statements.



Actuarially Computed Employer Contribution FY 2020

 Actuarially computed employer contribution for FYE September 30, 2020:

	FY 2020
Employer Normal Cost	\$ 274,385
Amortization of UAAL ¹	 123,769
Actuarially Computed Employer Contribution	\$ 398,154

¹ Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (UAAL) were amortized over 17 years from October 1, 2019.

 Once fully funded, the annual employer contribution requirement decreases to the normal cost



Actuarial Gain/(Loss) – FY 2019

	 Gain/(Loss)
1. Premiums. Gains and losses resulting from	
actual premiums in valuation year versus	
that assumed from prior valuation.	\$ 153,820
2. Investment Income. If there is greater	
investment income than assumed, there is a	
gain. If less income, a loss.	4,222
3. Demographic and Other. Gains and losses	
resulting from demographic experience,	
data adjustments, timing of financial	
transactions, etc.	(923,100)
4. Composite Gain/(Loss) During Year.	\$ (765,058)

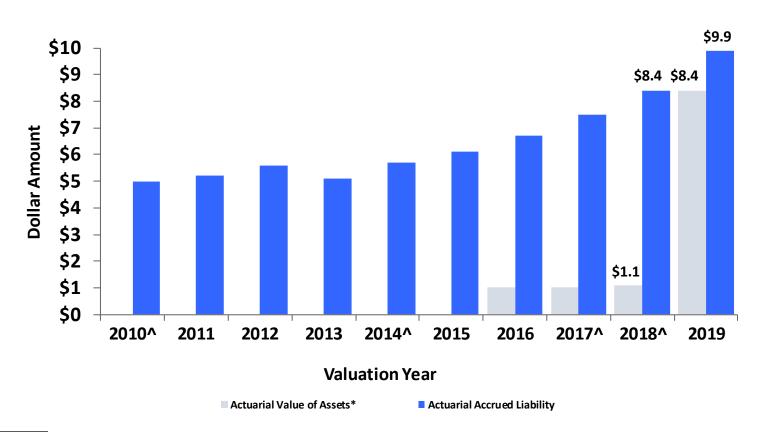


Circumstances That Would Increase Projected Costs

- Medicare funding reductions or cost shifting
- Unexpected new entrants into the retiree health plan (from health benefit cutbacks of other employers)
- Medical inflation worse than assumed; the actual future contributions will depend on future per capita health cost increases (health inflation)*
- Active member population decline (contribution rates as a percentage of payroll would increase)
- Lower than expected investment returns; bigger impact as plan assets grow
- This is not a complete list
 - * Per capita costs are projected to increase 7.50% the first year, graded down to 3.50% in the fifteenth year.



Health Assets & Accrued Liabilities Full Actuarial Funding (Amounts in Millions)

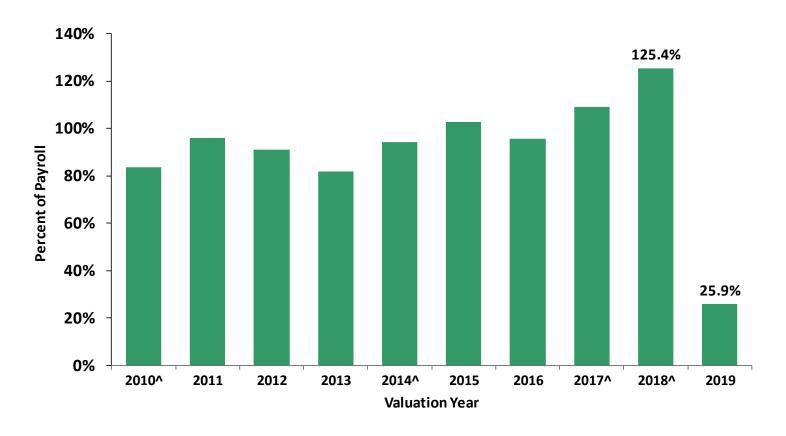


[^] Reflects assumption changes (not including trend assumption)

^{*} Actuarial value of assets were equal to the market value of assets prior to 2018



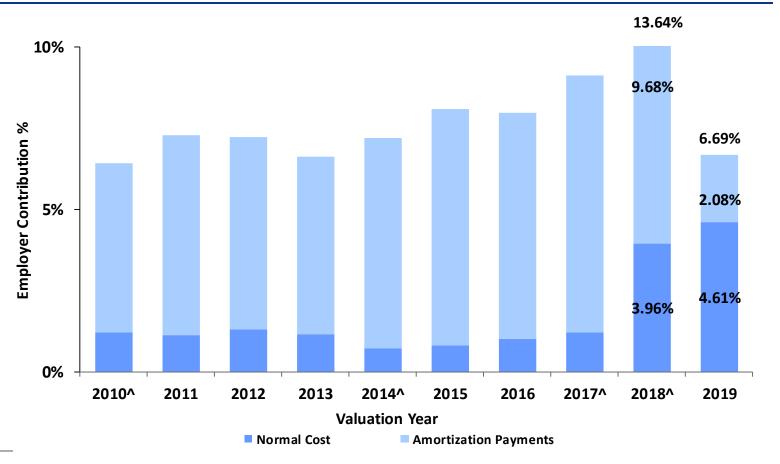
Unfunded Accrued Liabilities as %'s of Payroll – Full Actuarial Funding



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Required Employer Contributions as Percents of Pay* (Full Actuarial Funding)

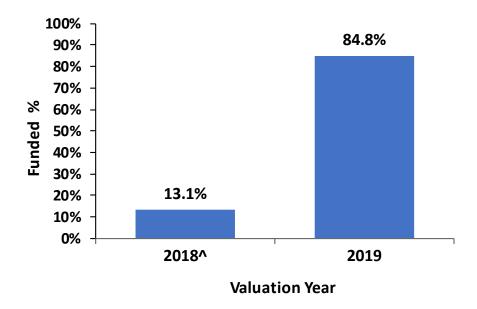


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^{*} Projected pay



Funded Percent



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