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Summer 2025

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Managing Your Money in Retirement

» When you're keeping score of your retirement money, playing the right Ls is how vou win! Focus on these 4 Ls – Longevity, Lifestyle, Liquidity, and Legacy – for the W in managing your money in retirement.

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Stay Engaged With URS **Throughout Retirement**

You've served your community with a public service career in Utah. Now, URS is proud to serve you in retirement.

Perhaps you've spent years planning and preparing for this special time in your life, but the job isn't finished just yet! Stay engaged with URS and keep making good financial decisions to keep your retirement on solid footing.



Don't be a stranger! If you have questions about your benefits or need help, don't hesitate to take advantage of the many ways to engage with URS. In this issue of *Cycles*, the magazine for URS retirees, we show you ways we can work together for your financially secure, fulfilling retirement.



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Live URS Education » Seminars

Claim Your Spot at This Free Retiree Seminar

Retiree Seminar

IN-PERSON Friday, Sept. 26, 2025 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

South Salt Lake **Granite Education Center** 2500 South State St.

VIRTUAL Friday, Nov. 7, 2025 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

spouses are welcome!



Tips and strategies to maximize your benefits and retirement

URS Seminars are free, and

Just because you're retired doesn't mean you're done with retirement planning.

URS Retiree Seminars address financial and other issues important to you. Join us in-person (Sept. 26, South Salt Lake) or virtually (Nov. 7).

Space is limited and filling up fast. To register, log in to myURS at www.urs.org and click "Education."

You'll learn about these topics:

Your Pension » Cost-of-living increases, returning to work, and beneficiaries.

Accessing Your Money » Considerations as you draw from your retirement savings plans.

Retiree Services » Medicare, Social Security, and aging resources.

Legal & Estate Planning » Wills, trusts, and more.

Go to www.urs.org/us/seminars to learn more about this seminar and how to register.





Post-Retirement Reemployment

New Return-to-Work Option Will Be Available July 1, 2025

Applies to reemployment after 90 days to one year

Starting July 1, 2025, a new post-retirement reemployment option will allow you to continue receiving your monthly pension benefit if you return to work after 90 days and within one year after retiring.

Learn about

other options

by reading this

Remployment

brochure.

Post-Retirement

If you meet the separation requirement, you can keep receiving your pension with these conditions:

Reduced Benefit: Your pension benefit will be reduced by 15% if you retired from a public safety or

firefighter system or by 20% if you retired from another system.

No COLA: You will not receive cost-of-living adjustments while reemployed. Learn more at www.urs.org/us/postretire.

> » To meet the separation requirement, you must have a bona fide termination with all participating employers.

» The rules for returning to work are part of state law and can be found in Utah Code Sections 49-11-1201 through 1208.

» Rules for post-retirement reemployment are complicated. Call us at 801-366-7770 or 800-695-4877 before you return to work.

URS Savings Plans

Fees Keep Going Down

Lower costs make URS Savings Plans a better value for you

The annual administrative fee for URS Savings Plans has been cut in half, from 0.10% to 0.05%, on January 1, 2025.

This follows a previous fee decrease from 0.16% in 2022.

Go to www.urs.org/us/savings to learn how to get started saving for a secure retirement.





What does this mean for you? Lower fees help your savings grow more over time.

So, grab the handlebars and let the momentum help carry you to a secure retirement!

See and Compare the **Performance of URS Investment Funds**

www.urs.org/dailyunitvalues





	Fund	Annual Investment Fees*	Annual Administrative Fees*	Total Annual Fees*	1
	Income Fund	0.20%	0.05%	0.25%	
	Bond Fund	0.10%	0.05%	0.15%	100
	Balanced Fund	0.24%	0.05%	0.29%	
	Large Cap Value Fund	0.41%	0.05%	0.46%	-
	Large Cap Index Fund	0.02%	0.05%	0.07%	
	Large Cap Growth Fund	0.24%	0.05%	0.29%	
	International Fund	0.05%	0.05%	0.10%	100
	Small Cap Stock Fund	0.27%	0.05%	0.32%	100
	Target Date 2065	0.10%	0.05%	0.15%	
	Target Date 2060	0.10%	0.05%	0.15%	
	Target Date 2055	0.10%	0.05%	0.15%	
	Target Date 2050	0.10%	0.05%	0.15%	
2	Target Date 2045	0.11%	0.05%	0.16%	
2	Target Date 2040	0.12%	0.05%	0.17%	
2	Target Date 2035	0.13%	0.05%	0.18%	
	Target Date 2030	0.14%	0.05%	0.19%	1
	Target Date 2025	0.14%	0.05%	0.19%	
	Target Date 2020	0.13%	0.05%	0.18%	
	Target Date 2015	0.12%	0.05%	0.17%	
	Target Date Retired	0.12%	0.05%	0.17%	Nº.
	Tier 2 Nonvested	0.13%	0.05%	0.18%	2
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For up-to-date fees, see Rates of Return and Fees at www.urs.org. pecial service fees can be found in the Su

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Retirement Planning » Inflation

Cycles

How Will Inflation Impact My Retirement?

If you're worried about the potential impact of higher consumer prices on your retirement, here are some things to consider.

Your URS Pension

As the cost-of-living rises, so will your pension benefit. The URS Cost-of-Living-Adjustment (COLA) is calculated each January based on the previous year's Consumer Price Index (CPI) as determined by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The 2024 COLA is 2.9%.

You'll be eligible for the COLA on the anniversary of your retirement date. It's based on your original retirement benefit amount and is non-compounding. Learn more at <u>www.urs.org/us/cola</u>.

Your Savings Plans

Saving for retirement in a diverse investment portfolio, like URS Target Date Funds, may help you offset higher costs in retirement. If you're concerned about inflation, consider contributing more to URS Savings Plans. Go to <u>www.urs.org/us/savings</u> to learn more.



Free Webinar:

10 a.m., Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025

How inflation affects your finances in retirement and what strategies you can use to mitigate its impact.



www.urs.org/us/inflation

Your Social Security Benefit

Social Security also provides a cost-of-living adjustment. Go to <u>www.ssa.gov/oact/cola/</u> <u>colasummary.html</u> to learn more.

How can you mitigate inflation's impact on your retirement? Go to <u>www.urs.org/us/inflation</u> to register for our free webinar. **Retirement Healthcare » Medicare**

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retirement. Meet with a PEHP Retiree Health Counselor to get your guestions answered and



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- **» Flexibility:** See any healthcare provider who accepts Medicare.
- » **Guaranteed coverage:** No medical questions asked, just enroll in the plans you want.



Special Insert to Summer 2025 URS Member Magazine

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Real Members, Real Stories, Real Security









'A Pretty

Healthy

System'

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Real Members, **Real Stories**, **Real Security**

publishes this summary report each year to update members on the condition of the pension fund with financial data and statistics. But the story of URS can't be told by numbers alone. Our members are our mission. In this report, we share the stories of real members enjoying secure and fulfilling retirements thanks to URS benefits.





To Learn More » This Summary Report contains excerpts from the URS 2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, containing detailed financial information about URS. Find it at www.urs.org/2024.



system. It's doing pretty well.

Jared Taylor

Weber Fire District

Deputy Chief,

Utah public pension system is

considered 'better than most'

The Salt Lake Tribune

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f you want the key takeaway from this report, it's this: URS is one of the most well-funded, well managed public pension systems in the nation. A February 13, 2025, article in The Salt Lake Tribune highlighted the health of the URS pension fund and the commitment in Utah to responsible funding.



Funding status is often used to reflect the health of a pension system. This metric demonstrates a fund's proportion of assets to liabilities. URS' funded status stands at 95.4% as of December 31, 2023, among the most well-funded state pensions. According to a 2023 study by the National Association of State Retirement Administrators, the average state public pension is funded at 76.4 percent.*

> *Source: NASRA Public Fund Survey for FY 2023: www.nasra.org/files/ Public%20Fund%20Survey/FY23/ AppendixB.pdf



The URS funding ratio is well above average compared to other public pension plans around the United States... You're able to say, overall, it's a pretty healthy

Keith Brainard

National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA) in The Salt Lake Tribune, February 13, 2025



2024 BENEFITS PAID BY AMOUNT

\$15-50 million \$50-100 million \$100-400 million \$400-700+ million

Pension Payouts in Utah Retirees Who Live in Utah Characteristics by County

County	Recipients	Dollars Paid
Salt Lake County	24,776	\$775,428,115
Utah County	10,581	\$317,897,924
Davis County	7,842	\$246,710,342
Weber County	6,356	\$183,557,394
Washington County	4,787	\$134,114,160
Cache County	3,125	\$87,255,704
Box Elder County	1,676	\$43,866,950
Tooele County	1,524	\$41,880,490
Iron County	1,364	\$36,555,872
Sanpete County	1,234	\$32,097,411
Sevier County	1,063	\$30,092,556
Summit County	880	\$28,831,681
Wasatch County	829	\$25,365,481
Uintah County	924	\$22,372,904
Carbon County	819	\$21,649,362
Duchesne County	772	\$18,253,810
Millard County	604	\$16,122,322
San Juan County	478	\$12,888,838
Emery County	496	\$12,331,578
Morgan County	365	\$11,508,704
Juab County	399	\$10,847,382
Grand County	343	\$8,703,328
Beaver County	248	\$6,664,084
Garfield County	233	\$6,456,399
Kane County	244	\$5,610,293
Wayne County	161	\$4,565,433
Rich County	111	\$2,894,089
Piute County	84	\$1,970,357
Daggett County	76	\$1,585,468
Total	72,394	2,148,078,428

Benefiting Utah

pension payments help keep Utah's economy buzzing, supporting thousands of jobs and significantly boosting the tax base. A recent study by the University of Utah's Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute shows how these payments ripple throughout the state's economy.

2024 URS PENSION PAYOUTS...

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EQUIVALENT PORTION OF THE STATE'S TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

%



IN 2024 THE PAYOUTS SUPPORTED...





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See Full Report »

See the full report from the University of Utah's Kem C. **Gardner Policy Institute at** www.urs.org/2024study.





A Snapshot of You When we pose all of you together, we get this picture.

2024	Noncontributory System	Contributory System	Public Safety System	Firefighters System	Judges System	Utah Governors & Legislators Plan	Tier 2 Public Employees System	Tier 2 Public Safety & Firefighter System	Tier 2 Defined Contribution Only	Averages and Totals All Systems
Total Membership	155,439	4,230	15,514	3,360	306	324	58,901	7,505	17,207	262,786
Active	40,816	178	3,420	1,172	119	12	47,702	6,671	13,428	113,518
Terminated vested	46,387	758	4,595	470	18	78	10,439	825	3,779	67,349
Retired	68,236	3,294	7,499	1,718	169	234	760	9	—	81,919
Active Members	40,816	178	3,420	1,172	119	12	47,702	6,671	13,428	113,518
Average age	52.3	60.7	47.2	48.2	54.1	55.1	39.5	32.2	39.5	44.0
Average years of service	19.6	31.9	19.9	20.2	14.8	18.2	4.9	5.1	5.3	10.9
2024 Retirees	2,787	42	220	52	8	5	164	2	N/A	3,280
Average age	64.1	64.9	53.4	55.6	64.8	67.6	67.7	56.5	N/A	63.5
Average years of service	22.1	29.2	22.9	26.1	27.1	12.6	8.7	6.2	N/A	21.6
All Retirees Average annual benefit	\$ 32,638	51,109	50,248	63,686	170,655	4,810	6,964	14,093	N/A	33,548

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Members Are the Mission

Real Members, Real Stories, Real Security



"If one of my grandkids" needs help with school, or a little extra for a trip, I can say yes.

That's what my pension allows me to do... URS didn't just give me a pension, they looked out for me like family."

Luci Transtrum walked into her HR office in tears. At age 42, a recent divorce left her bankrupt and raising three kids alone. She didn't even have a car. Her financial future seemed bleak.

"I just didn't know how my life was going to be," she recalled. "I was scared I'd end up living with my kids because I wouldn't be able to afford anything else."

Her HR rep explained something Luci didn't realize: During her years as a staff assistant for Ogden School District, the seeds for something incredibly valuable were quietly growing.

Luci already had almost 15 years of service credit. And, her HR rep explained, in about another 15 years, she'll qualify for a URS pension benefit. He estimated how much Luci could get in lifetime monthly pension payments, showed her the dollar figure, and Luci's jaw dropped.

"And I just cried again," she said. "But this time with relief. I walked out of there feeling better about my future. He told me, 'Luci, you'll be OK, you won't have to live with your children, you can take care of yourself."

Fast-forward more than 20 years, and thanks to her URS pension, Luci enjoys the kind of financial freedom today that once felt hopelessly out of reach.

She retired from Ogden School District in 2022 at age 62 with 27 years of service credit, and now her days are rich with family, friends, and activities.

There are water aerobics classes in the morning, craft nights with friends, themed staycations with her grandchildren ("We're going to Italy!" she'll announce before taking them out for pasta and gelato), and actual trips around the world to places like Thailand, Italy, and Spain. She's won blue ribbons at the Utah State Fair for her crochets.

"I wrote a list after my divorce," she said. "Plays I'd never seen. Places I'd never been. Things I'd never done. Retirement gave me the time and freedom, and my pension gives me the financial ability to start checking them off."

But it's not just about the fun—it's about financial peace of mind. "I don't need to rely on anyone," she said. "I don't have to marry for financial help. I don't have to live with my kids. I take care of me."

But not just herself — also her kids and grandkids. "They know they can come to me," Luci said. "If one of my grandkids needs help with school, or a little extra for a trip, I can say yes. That's what my pension allows me to do... URS didn't just give me a pension, they looked out for me — like family."



Debi Mofford sees retirement almost like a second childhood, thanks to URS. "This is my new childhood," she jokes. "URS is paying the bills now, and I just get to live."

After 31 years of service at Utah's WCF Insurance, Debi retired in 2022 at age 58. Thanks to her URS pension, she did so with confidence and without financial stress. "It's a security blanket," she said. "I don't have to worry about market downturns. I don't have to constantly pull from investments. My pension covers my expenses — and that gives me real freedom."

From Day 1 of retirement, Debi embraced that new freedom. She no longer sets an alarm or rushes to meetings. Instead, she spends time

'URS is paying the bills now, and I just get to live.'

traveling, trying new hobbies, and staying socially connected. She visits her grandchildren often — including trips to watch her grandson race motocross—and regularly gets together with friends for hikes, pickleball, and monthly lunches. "I thought I might get bored," she says. "But the days fly by. I'm doing everything I never had time to do when I was working."

Looking back, she sees the URS pension as the key that unlocked a full, free life. "It's a luxury a lot of retirees don't have. And for me, it's made all the difference."

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Matt Peters doesn't worry much nowadays about the stock market or whether he can cover his regular expenses.

"The pension shows up in your account every month, and you don't do a thing," he said. "You just live your life. It makes everything possible."

Everything, including a bold plan to ride his bike across America in Summer 2025. Matt retired from the Utah Geospatial Resource Center in August 2024 at age 60, after 30 years of service young enough to embrace such adventures.

For Matt, retirement isn't about slowing down. He skis midweek, explores the Wasatch when the trails are quiet, and sets off on spontaneous road trips. "I have time now," he says. "Time to think. Time to fix things. Time to experience things and kind of live

more fully."

When we spoke to Matt, he was planning

to complete a cross-country bicycle trip that was interrupted last year because of wildfires. He'll be riding from Oregon to Washington, D.C., with a friend and former colleague.

"There's a simplicity to it," he said. "You wake up, eat, ride. You meet people from every walk of life. You see small towns you never would have visited otherwise. It gives you this deep appreciation for America."

To those behind the scenes at URS, Matt puts it simply: "You can't imagine the ripple effect of what you do. Because of the pension, I get to live the life I want. That's the final product of your work. It's not just a check. It's freedom."



Investing **For Your Future**

ur pension fund asset allocation is designed to meet long-term obligations, protect members' benefits, and moderate risk and volatility. We construct the portfolio to be less reliant on public equity, preserve capital in adverse markets, and be positioned for guick recoveries in the event of market downturns.

Pension Fund Target Asset Allocation

As of Dec. 31, 2024 Actual allocations may vary based on market movement.

Growing to Meet **Obligations**

n 2024, the pension fund experienced a solid 7.5% return, growing by **\$2.7 billion** to an all-time high of **\$48 billion**. But no one single year defines the trajectory or overall condition of the fund. Our responsibilities extend across generations, and the fund is built to maximize long-term returns over market cycles for the retirement security of our members.

Billion

ear-end 2024

75% Overall growth in 2024





Putting You First » By law, URS is obligated to act as a fiduciary to you. A fiduciary is a person or organization that makes financial decisions on the behalf of someone else and is legally obligated to act only in their best financial interests. URS invests in accordance with its fiduciary responsibilities, following the prudent investor rule, for the sole purpose of maximizing risk-adjusted returns for the benefit of Utah public employees.

Benefit Options » Members in the Tier 2 system, those hired on or after July 1, 2011, choose between two retirement options, including the Tier 2 Defined Contribution Plan. If a member chooses this option, instead of earning credit toward a pension benefit, their employer contributes a portion of their salary into a 401(k) on their behalf. If you're new to URS and want to learn more about your Tier 2 choice, go to www.urs.org/us/steps.

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Average return over the last 10 years

Average portion of benefits paid through investment returns over the past 10 years



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'I love that my time is my own.'

Mike Hylland has a vision to climb the highest peaks in all 50 states. But, before he could embrace that dream, URS helped inspire a vision of what retirement could be.

"I started going to URS workshops within my first five years on the job," he says. "And every few years after that, just to keep those thoughts in my head."

Mike worked more than 30 years with the Utah Geological Survey, rising to deputy director before retiring in 2024 at age 63.

"I loved my job, but now I love that my time is my own," Mike said. Mike keeps a weekly schedule — not out of necessity, but to bring rhythm and variety to each day. One morning he's tackling a house project. Another day he's meeting friends at a coffee shop book group, discussing science, philosophy, and religion. Then there's his music — guitar, bass, drums —

sometimes jamming with his son's band, sometimes picking bluegrass with friends, often volunteering at church.

He and his wife hit the road regularly in the travel trailer they bought using a partial lump sum from his URS benefit. "We're not extravagant," Mike says. "But we travel a lot and live comfortably."

Some of those travels are part of a long-term goal: to visit the highest geographic point in all 50 U.S. states. Mike is 37 peaks in and climbing. "Some are mountains, some are hills, and some barely rise off the ground," he says, laughing. "But they all have a geologic story." He's now writing a book that tells those stories in plain language — a kind of geology travelogue, decades in the making.

"URS didn't just help me retire," Mike said. "They helped me see retirement as something to look forward to and plan for — right from the start."

Financials

he Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position show the additions (income) and deductions (expenses) of the Systems. Investment earnings and contributions comprise the additions. The deductions are composed almost entirely of benefit payments and refunds. Additions exceeded deductions by nearly \$4 billion in 2024.

The Systems are audited annually by an international CPA firm, Eide Bailly LLP. Our actuary, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, reviews the funding and contribution rates to ensure they are adequate to fund your benefits.

Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position — Pension Trust Funds December 31, 2024 (in thousands)

	Total Defined Ben	efit Pension Plans
Additions:		
Contributions:		
Member contributions	\$	743,705
Employer contributions		1,661,167
Court fees and fire insurance tax		18,850
Total contributions		2,423,722
Investment income:		4,695,603
Transfers from affiliated systems		16,800
Total additions		6,979,337
Deductions:		
Retirement benefits		1,911,054
Cost-of-living benefits		435,985
Supplemental Retirement Benefits		204
Refunds		622,096
Administrative Expenses		25,186
Transfers to affiliated systems		16,800
Total deductions		3,011,325
Increase from operations		3,968,012
Net position restricted for pension benefits beginning on Net position restricted for pension benefits end of year		54,520,494 58,488,506
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URS **Savings Plans**

Growing Personal Investments

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Total Balances by Investment Option and Rates of Return Percentage Total of Each Investment Option December 31, 2024

Percentage of Total Fair Value		(Dollars In Thousands	;) Total Investment Balance
8.59 %	1	Income Fund	\$ 902,918
2.09	2	Bond Fund	219,555
6.65	3	Balanced Fund	699,077
4.73	4	Large Cap Stock Value Fund	497,422
10.95	5	Large Cap Stock Index Fund	1,150,244
8.97	6	Large Cap Stock Growth Fund	942,494
2.09	0	International Fund	219,937
3.95	8	Small Cap Stock Fund	415,258
2.02	9	Tier 2 DC Nonvested	212,446
1.79	10	Retired Fund	188,348
2.15	0	2015 Fund	225,924
3.56	12	2020 Fund	374,058
5.17	B	2025 Fund	543,668
5.81	14	2030 Fund	610,350
6.22	ß	2035 Fund	653,508
6.11	16	2040 Fund	641,565
5.50	Ū	2045 Fund	578,429
4.08	18	2050 Fund	428,745
2.87	19	2055 Fund	301,606
1.47	20	2060 Fund	154,301
0.35	21	2065 Fund	36,659
3.86	22	Brokerage Window	406,077
1.01	23	Loan Fund	105,801
		Total	5 10,508,390



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ember balances in the 401(k), 457(b), and IRAs at year-end 2024 billion

2024 Annualized Rates of Return	Annualized 5-Year Rates of Return	Annualized 10-Year Rates of Return	
3.49%	2.38%	2.16%	
2.28	1.46	2.67	
14.29	10.01	9.46	
14.51	11.95	10.79	
24.31	14.13	12.69	
29.67	16.88	15.42	
5.12	4.14	4.93	
11.38	10.34	8.62	
10.87	7.54	6.82	
7.78	4.63	4.54	
8.12	5.07	5.15	
8.76	5.54	5.80	
9.30	6.30	6.53	
10.38	7.36	7.39	
10.94	7.62	7.75	
11.94	8.51	8.32	
12.75	9.05	8.62	
13.80	9.41	8.80	
13.80	9.41	8.80	
13.80	9.41	8.80	
13.80	*	*	
N/A	N/A	N/A	
N/A	N/A	N/A	

*Fund inception: Jan 1, 2021

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Members Are the Mission

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URS Board, from left: Larry W. Evans Christie N. Behunin (Vice-President) Richard K. Ellis Karl W. Wilson (President) Aaryn S. Birchell Laura C. Warnock Marlo M. Oaks



Meet the Board

A majority of the URS Board members are experts in banking and investments and are appointed by the Governor. The Board appoints our executive director to carry out the day-to-day operations of URS. Together they guide and safeguard URS.

Membership Advisory Council

Those who serve on the Membership Advisory Council speak for the interests of active and retired members and participating employers.

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Robin Hatch has a lifelong passion for gardening.

"I've loved to garden since I was a kid," she said. "I just find peace in the garden, playing in the dirt, watching things grow."

Much like tending to a garden, Robin patiently watched her URS benefit grow through a long career in Utah public service. And now she's reaping the rewards of a financially secure retirement.

Robin, who lives in Roosevelt, Utah, retired from Northeastern Counseling Center in 2023 at age 58 with more than 25 years of service credit. "I will never outlive my security, and that to me is huge," Robin said.

With her URS benefit, Robin's retirement priorities include expanding her garden, giving back to the community, and spending time with her children, grandchildren, and greatgrandchildren. "I don't have to worry," Robin said. "I can kick-off and go watch their dance competitions, go to their basketball games. I have the time to do what I want."

"I'm happy," she said. "Retirement is wonderful, and the peace of mind of my URS benefit is invaluable."

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Lifetime income for essential expenses

You'll need to cover basic living expenses for the rest of your life, such as housing, food, utilities, etc. Ideally, you'll pay for lifetime expenses with lifetime income sources, such as a pension and Social Security. But don't just think about your lifespan, think about your healthspan, which focuses on the *quality* of life rather than just the *quantity*. Increasing your healthspan with good habits and practices means less money spent on healthcare throughout retirement.

Lifestyle

Discretionary income to fuel your dreams

This is the fun part! Think about all the exciting and rewarding things you want to do in retirement — travel, hobbies, luxuries. Ideally, these cherries on the top of your retirement sundae will be fueled by variable resources, such as income from 401(k)s and IRAs. This may be your fun money, but you need a serious strategy for how you manage these retirement savings plans, or you could get burned by taxes and inflation.



Managing Your Money in Retirement

The Keys to Keeping in Your Retirement

For a winning record, focus on the **4** s.

sually, Ls mean losses. But when you're keeping score of your retirement money, playing the right Ls is how you win! Focus on these 4 Ls – Longevity, Lifestyle, Liquidity, and Legacy – for the W in managing your money in retirement.

These four key areas each call for an intentional, thoughtful plan with different types of retirement resources. For example, lifetime resources such as a pension benefit or a reverse mortgage may be ideal for addressing **Longevity** considerations. While protection resources, such as savings accounts, insurance, and home equity credit, can address **Liquidity** concerns — making sure you have funds readily available for contingencies.

For practical tips on addressing these important 4 Ls, join us for a free upcoming webinar about managing your money in retirement — go to www.urs.org/us/manage.

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Easily accessible funds for the unexpected

What happens when you encounter an emergency or unexpected personal event in retirement? Maybe you get in a car accident. Perhaps there's a death in the family. Maybe you get injured or sick and require a short stay in a rehab facility. You'll need access to "liquid" funds, the equivalent of "having money in the bank." That's why in retirement you *still* need "protection" resources: safe, easy-to-access money, like savings accounts or insurance.

Legacy 🧐

The inheritance or charity you leave behind

Plan how you wish to pass on your retirement savings plans to family, friends, or charities. Have you updated your beneficiaries recently? It's critical to review them at least annually. Outdated information could delay or derail your wishes. View your beneficiaries and make changes at myURS — log in at **www.urs.org**. This video (**www.urs.org/us/beneficiary**) shows how.

Free Webinar:

10 a.m., Tuesday, August 26, 2025

We'll look at four key areas for managing your money in retirement to meet your financial goals.



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Share Your Story

Help Lead the Way!

What advice would you give active URS members about planning for and living a successful retirement?

URS retirees, we need your help!

What better way to help younger URS members prepare for retirement than to hear from members like you? Please share what you've learned. How has URS helped you create your retirement lifestyle? What lessons would you share with active URS members about planning and preparing for a fulfilling and financially secure retirement?





Learn more and see examples of member stories

Interested? Email publications@urs.org

Visit <u>www.urs.org/share</u> for more information on this project and to see examples of our retiree testimonials.

Managing Your Benefits Online

We Don't Care if Your Look is Out of Date Just make sure your **information** isn't

That's why you should review your contact information and beneficiaries at least once a year. Incorrect or outdated beneficiary information could delay your wishes or prevent us from fulfilling them. That's not groovy!

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Even if your sense of fashion never changes, your personal information probably will.

1 » Log in to myURS

Go to www.urs.org and click "LOGIN"

in the top-right corner. To create an account, you'll need your URS Member Number — a "W" followed by eight digits. If you have questions, call 801-366-7700 or 800-365-8772.



2 » Click "Manage Profile"

It's the top-right corner of the myURS homepage. From here you can review and change your contact information and beneficiaries.

Go to www.urs.org/us/beneficiary for a step-by-step video tutorial.





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Donate to Charity Tax-Free From Your IRA

If you're 70 ½ or older, you can donate up to \$100,000

If you're age $70\frac{1}{2}$ or over and have a Traditional or Roth IRA, you can directly transfer, tax-free, up to \$100,000 per year to an eligible charity.

This option can be used whether or not you itemize your deductions. The distributed amount is excluded from your income; however, no deduction, such as a charitable contribution deduction on Schedule A, may be taken for the distributed amount.

To qualify, you must be age $70\frac{1}{2}$ or older at the time of distribution and the funds must be transferred directly by the IRA trustee (URS) to the eligible charity. Not all charities are eligible.

For example, donor-advised funds

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and supporting organizations are not eligible recipients. Distributions from employer-sponsored retirement plans, such as the URS 401(k) and 457(b) plans, are not eligible for this option.

Amounts transferred to a charity from your IRA are counted toward your IRA's required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year. If you've made nondeductible contributions to your Traditional IRA, a special rule treats amounts distributed to charities as coming first from taxable funds, instead of proportionately from taxable and nontaxable funds, as would be the case with regular IRA distributions.

Learn more at <u>www.urs.org/us/ira</u>.

