

Utah Retirement Systems 2020 Annual Summary Report

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The URS Annual Summary Report updates members on the condition of the pension fund. In this year's report, we take the opportunity to pay special tribute to you — those who serve, or have served, the public in Utah.





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Proud to Serve Those Who Serve

Dear Valued Member:

This report is our annual opportunity to tell the story of URS through facts and figures.

But this year, we also want to shine the light on you. As we reflect on 2020, a year colored by a worldwide pandemic, the importance of Utah's public employees has never been more clear.

So, let me offer a special thank-you from everyone at URS.

- » Thank you to essential public safety, fire, and medical employees who served on the front lines during a once-in-a-generation medical emergency.
- » Thank you to those public employees who had to adapt to new challenges and to new, socially distanced ways of working.
- » Thank you to URS retirees for your career of service. Thank you for the disruptions to your life that you endured for your safety and others'.
- » Thank you for your patience while our offices were closed to visitors. Thank you to those who adapted and learned new ways of engaging with us during this time of social distancing.

We've never been more proud to serve Utah's public servants, past and present. We hope that our work in providing retirement and insurance benefits on your behalf continues to give you the peace of mind that your work has given the rest of us.

URS Executive Director

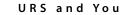
URS Mission Statement

We serve Utah public employees with retirement and insurance benefits in a partnership of trust with a commitment to value, innovation, and excellence.



Why You're Getting This Report

The URS Summary Report is provided yearly to update URS members on the condition of the pension systems and to share statistics, news, and other information about URS.



Benefiting Utah Public Employees

How we provide retirement security for those who serve Utah

Utah counts on its public employees, and they count on URS for their retirement security. We serve more than 240,000 current and past public sector workers, including teachers, firefighters, police officers, and others who provide vital services. URS administers their retirement benefits and manages the pension fund that pays for them.

members

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

2020	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	160,798	5,094	15,993	3,419	282	371	40,209	4,565	10,365	241,096
Active	51,161	379	4,596	1,427	119	41	35,895	4,301	8,942	106,861
Terminated vested	48,611	1,036	4,846	449	8	81	4,121	260	1,423	60,835
Retired	61,026	3,679	6,551	1,543	155	249	193	4	_	73,400
Active Members Average age Average years of service	51,161 50.8 17.7	379 59.3 31.1	4,596 44.8 17.4	1,427 45.5 17.6	119 55.3 14.8	41 57.8 14.7	35,895 37.9 3.7	4,301 31.3 3.8	8,942 38.2 4.3	106,861 44.3 11.3
2020 Retirees	3,491	80	331	61	5	10	71	3	N/A	4,052
Average age	64.3	65.3	53.0	52.7	63.0	67.4	67.4	52.7	N/A	63.2
Average years of service	22.1	30.5	22.9	24.1	24.0	9.2	6.2	3.9	N/A	22.0
All Retirees Average annual benefit	\$23,902	23,401	31,477	39,681	99,180	3,969	2,917	8,360	N/A	24,910

COVER PHOTOS, left to right, top to bottom: Michael Fazio, City Engineer, Bluffdale City: Shalon Jones-Miller, Mathematics Teacher, Tooele High School, Tooele County School District

PAGE 3 PHOTOS, left side, top to bottom: Jay Glazier, Treatment Operator, Park City Municipal Corporation; Jake R. Nicholas, Officer, Bountiful Police Department; Audree Ketchum, Water Meter Technician Manager, Salt Lake City; Right side, top to bottom: Roxanne Bauman, Firefighter, Layton Fire Department; Adam Arndt, Auto Teacher, Bonneville High School, Weber School District; Mikaela Vega, Officer, West Jordan Police Department; Judge Royal I. Hansen, 3rd District Court, Salt Lake City; Jeffrey Jarrow, Engineer, Farmington City Fire Department; Neriza Oka, Registered Nurse, Davis County Health Department



URS and Your Community

Benefiting Utah

How we impact lives and strengthen communities across the state

URS touches the lives of all Utahns, beyond just those who directly receive benefits.

URS provides financial stability for thousands of Utah families and their communities. Our benefits help attract and retain a vibrant public workforce. They also provide a significant, reliable economic boost to our state each year.

Following One Dollar of Retirement Contributions

Each dollar employers pay for retirement benefits multiplies before it reaches their employees' pockets and ripples throughout the Utah economy.



ONE DOLLAR

Contributed by your employer to URS to fund your retirement each paycheck.

On average, every dollar grows to about three dollars by the time you get your benefit

More than 90 percent of benefits are paid to retirees living in Utah. These dollars ripple throughout Utah, supporting the economy

An Economic Force in the State of Utah

URS paid more than \$1.8 billion in pension payments in 2020, the vast majority of which remained in the Utah economy. More than 90% of URS pension payouts in 2020 went to retirees living in Utah, including \$642 million to Salt Lake County retirees alone. Pension payments by county are shown at far right.

By the Numbers

URS pension payments ripple throughout Utah's economy, supporting jobs, expanding GDP, and providing reliable state and local tax revenue. Each year, these payments support about 8,800 Utah jobs, \$358 million in wages, \$677 million in GDP, and \$59 million in state and local tax revenue, according to a 2018 report prepared by the University of Utah's Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute.

jobs supported

8 million of earnings from these jobs

in state GDP impact





2020 BENEFITS PAID BY AMOUNT

Pension Payouts in Utah

Retirees Who Live in Uta	ah Charact	erist	ics by County
County	Recipients	:	Dollars Paid
Salt Lake County	23,084	\$	642,385,572
Utah County	9,470		251,888,022
Davis County	7,102		193,898,321
Weber County	5,819		149,973,011
Washington County	4,199		104,474,943
Cache County	2,832		70,244,841
Box Elder County	1,499		33,645,327
Tooele County	1,298		31,261,363
Iron County	1,202		28,466,686
Sanpete County	1,082		25,321,795
Summit County	795		22,694,004
Sevier County	959		24,487,952
Wasatch County	726		19,042,428
Carbon County	787		17,894,584
Uintah County	814		17,370,760
Duchesne County	672		14,213,291
Millard County	529		13,710,113
San Juan County	450		10,880,155
Emery County	461		9,735,733
Morgan County	322		9,099,975
Juab County	362		8,643,476
Grand County	306		7,038,473
Beaver County	209		5,023,099
Garfield County	200		5,048,014
Kane County	213		4,347,052
Wayne County	137		3,565,005
Rich County	98		2,251,871
Piute County	80		1,763,147
Daggett County	63		1,296,367
Out of the State of Utah	7,523		149,815,876
Total	73,293	\$1	1,879,481,256

Investing the URS Pension Fund

Built for All Seasons

How we carefully invest to meet our long-term objectives

URS manages the pension fund that pays your monthly benefit when you retire. We invest this important fund in a careful, diverse way to maximize long-term returns throughout market cycles, with an emphasis on downside protection. In other words, it's built for all seasons.

We invest to meet our long-term objectives while minimizing risk and volatility. We position the portfolio in such a way to protect principal in negative equity markets. We achieve our strategy by investing in a diverse range of asset classes,

including stocks, bonds, and private equity, as well as assets designed to achieve returns that have little correlation to others.

The URS pension fund is designed to anticipate and withstand fluctuating markets, meaning short-term investment gains or losses don't affect the retirement benefits paid to members.

We're prepared for all seasons to help give you financial security through every season of your life.



Portfolio Performance Expectations

Compared to a traditional portfolio, URS has more options to generate returns, diversify, and reduce risk. Our asset allocation is designed to be less reliant on public equity and more diversified. Higher allocations to public equity create higher portfolio risk and volatility and can lead to higher volatility in employer costs.

Strong Markets:

Outperform return objectives; however, may not outperform portfolios with higher allocations to public equity.



"Normal" Markets:

Achieve return objectives.



Negative Markets:

Preserve capital, enable quick recovery and compounding.



"I love our public employees! We could not have weathered the many storms of the past year without your dedication and tireless service. Thank you for helping to make Utah such a special place

> — DEIDRE M. HENDERSON Utah Lt. Governor

to live, work, and play."



Where Pension Funds Were Invested

As of December 31, 2020

- Equities 39.9%
- Stocks make us part owner and beneficiary of many successful companies around the world.
- Absolute Return 15.1% These strategies strive to achieve returns that have little correlation to the other asset classes.
- Debt Securities 13.5% Whether financing a country's or a corporation's need for money, bonds yield a steady stream of income.
- Real Assets 13.3% Investments include real estate, agriculture, energy, timber, and commodities.
- Private Equity 11.5% Although supplying capital to fund private companies is riskier than some investments, returns

are expected to outperform public

equity markets over the long term.

Short-term Securities 6.7% Allow URS ready funds to make advantageous moves.



Growing the URS Pension Fund

Strong Roots, Steady Growth

How the pension fund continued to thrive in 2020

Despite worldwide financial turmoil caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the URS pension fund returned 13% in 2020. It reached an all-time high, growing by \$3.8 billion to \$39.0 billion.

These gains were on top of robust historic growth. The fund more than doubled over the last decade, producing \$23.3 billion in investment income during that time. The average portion of benefits paid through investment returns over the past 20 years is 64%.

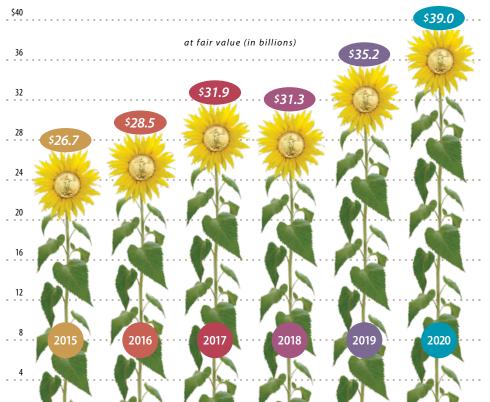
URS is considered one of the most well-managed and well-funded public pensions in the nation, and we continued to strengthen our financial roots in 2020.

Defined Benefit Pension Assets

Our asset growth has been fueled by wise investments

As of December 31, 2020, the net position of the pension fund was worth \$39.0 billion as shown at right.

investment income over the past 10 years





"The role of public employees is invaluable. A huge THANKS to thousands of ordinary people (everyday heroes) who make a difference in people's lives every single day. Utah is an amazing place to live because of the tireless efforts of wonderful men and women in public service. Whether you reside on the Wasatch front or in rural areas... thank you for choosing public service as your profession!"

SHERI NELSON
 URS Membership Council Vice Chair and Former URS Board Member



in total net assets



"I express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the excellent, hardworking public employees in the state of Utah. Your service makes all the difference by helping people become better educated, feel safe and secure in their homes and in their communities, and receive the health and social services care needed to become well. Your service as a public employee is focused on improving the lives of the citizens of this great state! I am thankful for each of you using your gifts and talents serving the public to shape the future of Utah."

ROB DOLPHIN
 URS Chief Financial Officer



Financials

Net Position

Statements of Fiduciary Net Position present the assets of the Systems that have been accumulated for the payment of your retirement benefits.

UTAH RETIREMENT SYSTEMS Statements of Fiduciary Net Position — **Pension Trust Funds**

December 31, 2020 (in thousands)

ssets:		
Cash	\$	36
Receivables:		
Member contributions		820
Employer contributions		59,542
Court fees and fire insurance tax		243
Investments	4	13,293
Total receivables	4	73,898
Investments at fair value:		
Short-term securities	2,63	31,822
Debt securities	5,3	18,719
Equity investments	15,6	69,072
Absolute return	,	20,978
Private equity		35,107
Real assets	5,23	32,310
Total investments	39,3	08,008
Invested securities lending collateral	1,1	42,783
Property and equipment at cost,		
net of accumulated depreciation		11,593
Total assets	40,9	36,318
abilities:		
Securities lending liability	1 14	42,783
Disbursements in excess of cash balance		39,51
Compensated absences, post-employmen		55,513
benefits and insurance reserve		24.700
Investment accounts payable		12,94
Real estate liabilities	1.	20,00
Total liabilities	1,93	39,939
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Additions and Deductions

The 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 \$3.78 billion in 2020.

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.

UTAH RETIREMENT SYSTEMS Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position — **Pension Trust Funds**

December 31, 2020 (in thousands)

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		Total Defined Ben	efit Pension Plans
Additions:			
Contributions:		<u></u>	20.742
Member contributions Employer contributions		\$	39,742 1,247,787
Court fees and fire insurance tax			21,689
Total contributions			1,309,218
Investment income:			
Net appreciation in fair value of inv			3,834,958
Interest, dividends, and other inve			618,509
Total income from investment a	activity		4,453,467
Less investment expenses			78,103
Net income from investment ac	tivity		4,375,364
Income from security lending activity	/		5,722
Less security lending expense			715
Net income from security lending	g activity		5,007
Net investment income			4,380,371
Transfers from affiliated systems			16,997
Total additions			5,706,586
Deductions:			
Retirement benefits			1,582,056
Cost-of-living benefits			292,608
Supplemental retirement benefits Refunds			343 4,356
Administrative expenses			12,402
Transfers to affiliated systems			16,997
Total deductions			1,908,762
Increase from operations			3,797,824
Net position restricted for pension bene Net position restricted for pension bene			35,198,555 38,996,379

Net Position Liability

The Net Pension Liability is the difference between the Total Pension Liability (present value of projected benefit payments) and the Plan Fiduciary Net Position (value of assets held in trust to pay retirement benefits).

UTAH RETIREMENT	
Schedules of Net	Pension Liability
December 31, 2020	(dollars in

December 31, 2020	(dollars in t	housands)	(3) Employers'	as a % of the Total	(5)	(Asset) as a % of
Retirement System	(1) Total Pension Liability	(2) Plan Fiduciary Net Position	Net Pension Liability/(Asset) (1) - (2)	Pension Liability (2) / (1)	Projected Covered Payroll	Covered Payroll (3) / (5)
Noncontributory	\$31,763,859	\$30,478,072	\$1,285,787	96.0%	\$3,306,382	38.9%
Contributory	1,272,690	1,335,639	(62,949)	104.9	30,748	(204.7)
Public Safety	4,694,184	4,422,517	271,667	94.2	338,919	80.2
Firefighters	1,388,497	1,551,194	(162,697)	111.7	114,458	(142.1)
Judges	271,116	244,133	26,983	90.0	20,071	134.4
Utah Governors and Legislative	13,330	12,055	1,275	90.4	757	168.3
Tier 2 Public Employees	846,868	832,485	14,383	98.3	1,609,102	0.9
Tier 2 Public Safety and Firefighter	s 129,253	120,284	8,969	93.1	188,667	4.8
Total	\$ 40,379,797	38,996,379	1,383,418	96.6%	\$ 5,609,104	24.7%







"I'm grateful for those who feel a sense of duty and pride in making service to the public their life's work, who put giving ahead of getting, and who help lay the foundation for livable and prosperous communities all across the state. Thanks for caring. Thanks for serving."

> - R. CHET LOFTIS PEHP Health & Benefit Managing Director

URS Savings Plans

Growing Personal Investments

Member balances in the 401(k), 457(b), and IRAs at year-end 2020 totaled over \$7.8 billion.

Total Balances by Investment Option and Rates of Return

Percentage Total of Each Investment Option

December 31, 2020

Percentage of Total Fair Value	(dollars In thousands	Total Investment Balance	2020 Annualized Rates of Return	Annualized 3-Year Rates of Return	Annualized 5-Year Rates of Return
12.17% 🕕	Income Fund \$	951,550	2.15%	2.30%	2.05%
3.97 🔼	Bond Fund	310,616	10.51	6.57	6.04
8.12 3	Balanced Fund	634,999	22.85	13.21	13.19
4.08	Large Cap Stock Value Fund	319,135	7.09	7.45	12.20
10.32	Large Cap Stock Index Fund	807,171	20.85	14.61	15.38
8.84 6	Large Cap Stock Growth Fund	691,405	51.78	25.77	21.80
2.84 🕖	International Fund	222,277	11.32	4.97	9.03
3.98 🔞	Small Cap Stock Fund	311,108	10.99	5.38	9.95
1.78 🤨	Tier 2 DC Nonvested	139,301	13.96	8.21	9.25
2.56 🕕	Retired Fund	200,439	8.42	5.85	6.09
2.96 🕕	2015 Fund	231,244	8.78	6.35	6.95
5.02 🕡	2020 Fund	392,805	9.74	6.99	8.02
5.81 🕕	2025 Fund	454,496	10.58	7.45	8.99
4.85 🚯	2030 Fund	378,919	13.43	8.50	10.30
4.84 🕕	2035 Fund	378,145	13.15	8.47	10.84
4.67 🔟	2040 Fund	365,426	15.39	9.33	11.56
3.97 🕡	2045 Fund	310,699	16.17	9.58	11.81
2.64 🕕	2050 Fund	206,170	16.18	9.58	11.81
1.51 🕕	2055 Fund	118,442	16.18	9.58	11.81
0.44 😃	2060 Fund	34,621	16.18	9.58	11.81
0.01 🗿	2065 Fund	753	<u>_</u> *	<u>_</u> *	<u>_</u> *
3.42 22	Brokerage Window	267,487	N/A	N/A	N/A
1.16 😃	Loan Fund	90,866	N/A	N/A	N/A
100.00%	Total \$	7,817,984			

*New Fund beginning December 2020

Choose Your Plan. 401(k), 457(b), Traditional IRA, and Roth IRA (may be subject to employer participation).

Choose Your Investments. Target Date Funds offer a one-fund approach to investing, giving you a diversified portfolio through a single investment option. Each fund is comprised of a different mix of investment types that gradually adjust over time. They automatically reallocate more conservatively as you age and enter retirement.

Core investment funds let you design your own diversified portfolio.

Personal Choice Retirement Account

(PCRA) is for experienced investors looking for specific investments.

Learn more about URS Savings Plans at www.urs.org/us/savings

2020 savings plan member balances

URS Board, from left:

Ryan G. Hessenthaler Larry W. Evans (Vice-President) Laura O. Houston Roger G. Donohoe Richard K Ellis David C. Damshen

(President) William W. Wallace



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.

Executive Committee Member / Represents

Mr. Marty Peterson (Chair)	Professional Firefighters of Utah
Ms. Sheri K. Nelson (Vice-Chair)	Utah Public Employees' Association
Ms. Amy Ehresman	
Mr. Larry Millward	Represents Utah Retired School Employees' Association
Mr. Zane Woolstenhulme	Represents Utah Association of School Business Officials

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Represents Utah Education Association
Represents Utah Association of Special Service Districts
Represents Utah League of Cities and Towns
Represents Utah Public Employees' Association
Represents Utah Association of Counties
Represents Utah Peace Officers' Association
Represents Utah Education Association
Represents Utah Education Association
Represents Utah Association of Retired Public Employees
Represents Utah Judicial Council

"Public servants, under all circumstances, give generously of themselves to meet the most essential needs of our communities: They educate our children, they provide for our safety, health, security, and economic opportunity. In 2020, our nation struggled with a global public health crisis, civil and political unrest, and looming uncertainty. The commitment and sacrifice that we asked of Utah public employees was extraordinary, and they met every challenge. I'm thankful for their dedication and service through such a tumultuous year."

> — DAVID C. DAMSCHEN URS Board President 2020 Former State Treasurer







"What a pleasure it is to represent those who serve the public in our great state. The challenges that we all overcame to make the pandemic recovery in Utah among the best in the country is in part a reflection of our great public employees and employers. Thank you to those who provided relief to reduce the suffering of others. And thank you to those who adapted to different modes of working to see that needed work and programs continued with few interruptions. We saw many challenges conquered in 2020!"

> - MARTY PETERSON URS Membership Council Chair

Want to Know More?





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Please visit www.urs.org or call our office. We can explain your benefits oneon-one or to your group.



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