

2022 ANNUAL SUMMARY REPORT

# **TAKING THE LONG VIEW**

This annual summary report gives members a glimpse of URS financial data and statistics through the lens of a single year. Although it provides a useful short-term view, you need a wider frame to understand a generational enterprise like URS.

Our mission is to provide retirement security to Utah public employees through the years. So while we focus on today, we also keep a sharp eye to the future. We take the long view, making your lifetime retirement security the focal point of everything we do.

Look inside for the latest numbers as well as a long-term perspective on URS and our enduring commitment to you.





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This Summary Report contains excerpts from the URS 2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, containing detailed financial information about URS. Find it at www.urs.org/2022.

View From the Executive Director

# You're in a Long-Term Relationship With URS

Dear Valued Member:

s a consumer, think about all the companies and organizations that casually bounce in and out of your life through the years. You may be briefly involved through the transaction of a product or service, but once your mutual business runs its course, you part ways.

Your connection with URS is different. This is a serious, long-term relationship. To quote the Little River Band, I want to make you understand I'm talkin' about a lifetime plan.

Once most URS members meet certain vesting criteria, we're joined at the hip. We have retirees who receive a URS monthly benefit for 30 years, 40 years, 50 years, and longer.

If this talk about the future seems a bit much, let me assure you it's only because we take your financial stability seriously. Just know, when it's time for you to settle down for retirement, URS will be by your side, steady and faithful as always.

Daniel D. Andersen, URS Executive Director





Focusing on You

# **Serving Our Members**

is focused on its mission of providing retirement security for every individual member. When you zoom out, you see this composite picture of our membership.

We serve more than 250,000 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.



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

2022	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	158,118	4,655	15,737	3,407	293	351	50,735	5,863	13,186	252,345
Active	45,437	253	3,918	1,289	119	44	43,105	5,326	10,679	110,170
Terminated vested	47,415	908	4,673	467	10	70	7,173	530	2,507	63,753
Retired	65,266	3,494	7,146	1,651	164	237	457	7	_	78,422
Active Members Average age Average years of service	45,437 51.5 18.6	253 59.7 31.2	3,918 45.8 18.5	1,289 46.8 18.9	119 54.7 14.3	44 59.3 15.2	43,105 38.6 4.1	5,326 31.8 4.5	10,679 39.1 4.9	110,170 44.1 10.9
2022 Retirees	3,287	66	273	60	4	3	160	_	N/A	3,853
Average age	64.3	65.1	53.5	54.7	64.0	69.3	67.6	_	N/A	63.6
Average years of service	21.7	31.5	22.7	25.2	24.0	9.3	7.4	_	N/A	21.4
All Retirees Average annual benefit	\$ 25,102	25,970	32,817	41,521	105,684	4,199	4,008	6,054	N/A	26,159



Left side, top to bottom:

Kate Van Roosendaal

Trooper, Utah Highway Patrol **David Connors** 

District Court Judge

State of Utah

Ramona Clark Justice Court Accountant

Salt Lake City Justice Court

Travis Willinger

Sergeant, St. George Police Department

Right side, top to bottom:

**Shane Horton** 

Engineer, South Davis

Metro Fire Department

Brianna Johnson Teacher, Granite School District

Abby Williams

Assistant Office Manger / Water Conservation Coordinator Kearns Improvement District

Firefighter, Riverdale Fire Department



2022 BENEFITS PAID BY AMOUNT

\$0-15 million \$15-50 million \$50-100 million \$100-400 million \$400-700+ million

## **Pension Payouts in Utah**

#### Retirees Who Live in Utah Characteristics by County

Retirees who live in Otan Characteristics by County							
County	Recipients	Dollars Paid					
Salt Lake County	24,116	\$705,349,031					
Utah County	10,147	\$282,316,528					
Davis County	7,546	\$216,736,946					
Weber County	6,169	\$165,309,753					
Washington County	4,549	\$119,387,793					
Cache County	2,984	\$77,661,621					
Box Elder County	1,590	\$38,499,810					
Tooele County	1,407	\$35,776,272					
Iron County	1,308	\$32,204,381					
Sanpete County	1,185	\$28,156,916					
Sevier County	1,024	\$27,178,677					
Summit County	847	\$25,533,990					
Wasatch County	800	\$21,629,264					
Uintah County	898	\$19,464,593					
Carbon County	803	\$19,046,068					
Duchesne County	735	\$16,517,879					
Millard County	560	\$14,245,725					
San Juan County	462	\$11,245,674					
Emery County	478	\$11,076,439					
Morgan County	346	\$9,975,363					
Juab County	379	\$9,368,721					
Grand County	326	\$7,679,251					
Garfield County	228	\$5,961,540					
Beaver County	225	\$5,723,223					
Kane County	237	\$5,156,576					
Wayne County	162	\$4,323,736					
Rich County	106	\$2,554,250					
Piute County	85	\$1,940,888					
Daggett County	69	\$1,358,554					
Total	69,774	\$ 1,921,463,717					

# Focusing on Our Community

# **Benefiting Utah**

e keep a determined eye on our mission to provide retirement security for Utah public employees. But when you expand your view, you also see the tremendous positive impact we have on our community.

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

# Pension Provides Significant Income

\$1.9 billion

IN PENSION PAYOUTS IN UTAH

In 2022, URS paid more than \$1.9 billion in pension benefits to more than 69,774 Utahns, an amount so large, it's equivalent to 1.1 percent of the state's total personal income. For perspective, this is larger than the earnings paid by many entire industries in

69,774

Utah, including motor vehicle and parts dealers, truck transportation, and repair and maintenance. More than 90% of URS pension payouts in 2022 went to retirees

living in Utah, including \$705 million to Salt Lake County retirees alone. Pension payments by county are shown at left.

## Supporting Jobs, Taxes, GDP

URS pension payments help keep Utah's economy buzzing, supporting thousands of jobs and significantly boosting the tax base.

9,400
JOBS SUPPORTED (2021)

A 2021 study by the University of Utah's Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute shows how these payments ripple throughout the state's economy. The economic activity generated by URS pension payments in 2021 supported more than 9,400 Utah jobs, \$453 million in wages, and \$84 million in state and local tax revenue, for an

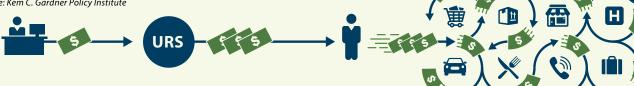
\$859 million overall economic impact in Utah.

\$453 million

of EARNINGS FROM THESE JOBS
(2021)

## **Economic Impact Ripples Across Utah**

Source: Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute



#### **URS Contributions** From Payroll

An employer contributes money to URS to fund their employee's retirement each paycheck.

#### **Financial Growth** Within URS System

On average, every dollar contributed to URS grows to about three dollars by the time the employee gets their benefit

#### **Benefits Paid Upon Retirement**

More than 90%

of the benefits are then paid to recipients residing in Utah.

#### **Economic Impact in Utah**

These dollars then ripple throughout the Utah economy as retirees spend them supporting jobs, earnings, state and local taxes, and GDP.



#### **Direct impact:**

A retired teacher uses money from her pension payment to buy a new car.

#### **Indirect impact:**

That purchase contributes to an increase in income for the car dealership and all those involved in the production of that car.

#### **Induced impact:**

This contributes to the wages paid to employees that they then spend on goods and services from other companies in the local economy.



STATE AND LOCAL TAX REVENUE

of the State's **Total Income** 



#### CLOSER LOOK

URS pays benefits to retirees living in all 28 Utah counties, which makes up 92% of total pension payments. We also make payments to retirees living in all 50 states. The top three states outside of Utah are: Arizona (1,097 URS retirees), Idaho (1,090), and Nevada (950). We make payments to retirees living in 15 foreign countries.

## Focusing on The Future

# **Investing for Your Secure Retirement**

e may be focused on the future, but we don't need to predict it. Instead, we manage the URS pension fund to stand the test of time and produce stable, long-term results throughout market cycles and changing economic conditions.

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.

We invest to meet our long-term objectives while minimizing risk and volatility. We position the portfolio in such a way to preserve capital in negative equity markets. We achieve our strategy by investing in a diverse range of asset classes, including stocks, bonds, real assets, and private equity, as well as assets designed to achieve returns that have little correlation to others.

When the bulls return, URS might not outperform portfolios with higher allocations to public equity. But in years like 2022, our strategy really pays off. By better preserving principal, the URS Pension Fund is positioned for greater future compounding and long-term wealth.

## **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.

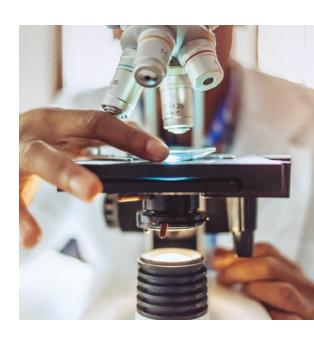


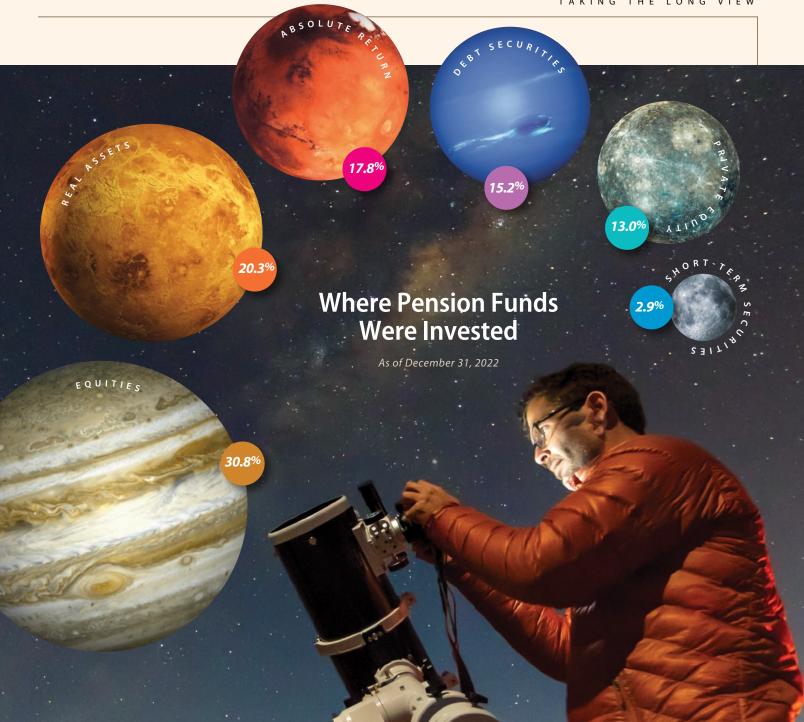
**Negative Markets:** Preserve capital, enable quick recovery and compounding.



#### A CLOSER LOOK

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 riskadjusted returns for the benefit of Utah public employees.





### Equities 30.8%

Stocks make us part owner and beneficiary of many successful companies around the world.

Real Assets 20.3%

Investments include real estate, agriculture, energy, timber, and commodities.

#### Absolute Return 17.8%

These strategies strive to achieve returns that have little correlation to the other asset classes.

Debt Securities 15.2%

Whether financing a country's or a corporation's need for money, bonds yield a steady stream of income.

#### Private Equity 13.0%

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 2.9% Allow URS ready funds to make advantageous moves.

# Focusing on Financials

# Growing to Meet Obligations \$42.1 billion

ocusing on the pension fund's single-year returns is like staring at an individual pixel of a painting. To see the full picture, you need to step back and understand our long-term objectives.

In 2022, major stock indexes suffered their worst year since 2008, with the S&P 500 Index, for example, falling almost 20%. In this tough environment, the URS Pension Fund suffered relatively small losses — about 5% of its value compared to peers and the broader investment landscape.

No single year defines the trajectory or overall condition of the fund. If you take the long view, you'll see consistent, long-term growth through the years. For perspective, the fund grew by \$10.2 billion over the last five years, from \$31.9 billion to \$42.1 billion.

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.





#### A CLOSER LOOK

PEHP Health & Benefits, a division of URS, proudly serves Utah's public employees by providing exceptional and cost-effective medical, dental, life, and long-term disability insurance plans on a self-funded basis. With a strong focus on delivering customer value, market excellence, and healthcare improvement, PEHP proudly embraces its public mission. Currently, PEHP provides insurance coverage to more than 190,000 individuals. All Utah public employers are eligible to offer PEHP benefits to their employees.



### **Defined Benefit Pension Assets**

Our asset growth has been fueled by wise investments.

As of December 31, 2022, the net position of the pension fund was worth \$42.1 billion.





#### A CLOSER LOOK

The URS Mission Statement is more than just words, it's the compass that guides the organization:

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

These principles guide us in all the actions and decisions we make through the years on behalf of our members.



# **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, 2022 (in thousands)

ssets:		
Cash	\$	3,54
Receivables:		
Member contributions		1,01
Employer contributions		69,96
Court fees and fire insurance tax		26
Investments		325,26
Total receivables		396,50
Investments at fair value:		
Short-term securities	1	,220,88
Debt securities	(	5,459,62
Equity investments	13	3,070,68
Absolute return		7,530,81
Private equity		5,529,62
Real assets	8	3,613,64
Total investments	42	2,425,28
Invested securities lending collateral		1,392,14
Property and equipment at cost,		
net of accumulated depreciation		18,30
Total assets	\$ 4	4,235,77
iabilities:		
Securities lending liability		1,392,14
Disbursements in excess of cash balance		54,05
Compensated absences, post-employment		,
benefits and insurance reserve		24,31
Investment accounts payable		590,74
Real estate liabilities		100,00
Total liabilities		2,161,26
et position restricted for pensions		2,074,51

#### **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. Deductions exceeded additions by nearly \$5.06 billion in 2022.

The Systems are audited annually by 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 —

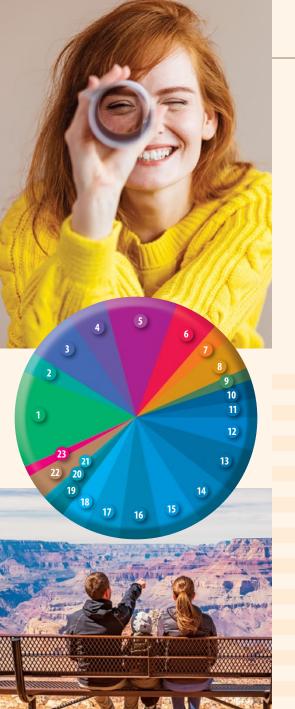
Pension Trust Funds	
December 31, 2022 (in	t h o u s a n d s )  Total Defined Benefit Pension Plans
Additions:	
Contributions:	
Member contributions	\$ 44,511
Employer contributions Court fees and fire insurance tax	1,419,856 24,073
Total contributions	1,448,440
	1,440,440
Investment income:  Net appreciation in fair value of investments.	ents (3,082,937
Interest, dividends, and other investmen	
Total income from investment activity	
Less investment expenses	131,926
Net income from investment activity	(2,362,322
Income from security lending activity	5,466
Less security lending expense	437
Net income from security lending acti	vity 5,029
Net investment income	(2,357,293
Transfers from affiliated systems	69,499
Total additions	(799,354
Deductions:	
Retirement benefits	1,760,099
Cost-of-living benefits	330,687
Supplemental retirement benefits	277
Refunds Administrative expenses	5,108 13,194
Transfers to affiliated systems	69,499
Total deductions	2,178,864
Increase (decrease) from operation	
Net position restricted for pension benefits be	eginning of year 45,052,735
Net position restricted for pension benefits er	nd of year \$ 42,074,517

## **Net Position** Liability/(Asset)

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

UTAH RETIREMENT SYSTEMS Schedules of Net Pension Liability/(Asset)

December 31, 2022	(dollars in tho	•	(3) Employers'	Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total	(5)	Pension Liability/ (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	\$ 34,931,362	32,602,563	2,328,799	93.3%	\$ 3,360,198	69.3%
Contributory	1,238,805	1,216,375	22,430	98.2	26,521	84.6
Public Safety	5,115,440	4,769,175	346,265	93.2	313,938	110.3
Firefighters	1,533,404	1,685,243	(151,839)	109.9	114,702	(132.4)
Judges	297,575	262,307	35,268	88.1	21,202	166.3
Utah Governors and Legislative	13,166	12,122	1,044	92.1	564	185.1
Tier 2 Public Employees	1,412,220	1,303,331	108,889	92.3	2,099,223	5.2
Tier 2 Public Safety and Firefighters	231,743	233,401	8,342	96.4	265,137	3.1
Total	\$ 44,773,715	42,074,517	2,699,198	94.0%	\$ 6,201,485	43.5%



# \$7.76 billion

# **URS Savings Plans**

### **Growing Personal Investments**

ember balances in the 401(k), 457(b), and IRAs at year-end 2022 totaled over \$7.76 billion.

#### Total Balances by Investment Option and Rates of Return

#### **Percentage Total of Each Investment Option**

December 31, 2022

Percentage of Total		(dollars In thousand	Investment	Annualized Rates of	Annualized 3-Year Rates of	Annualized 5-Year Rates of
Fair Value	•	Investment Option	Balance	Return	Return	Return
13.01%	_		1,011,874	1.85%	1.86%	2.07%
2.69	2	Bond Fund	208,912	(10.83)	(0.81)	1.34
6.82	3	Balanced Fund	530,048	(19.06)	4.53	6.17
5.22	4	Large Cap Stock Value Fund		(7.28)	9.34	8.65
9.78	5	Large Cap Stock Index Fund		(19.20)	7.22	8.96
5.72	6	Large Cap Stock Growth Fund	444,380	(38.93)	3.39	7.69
2.46	0	International Fund	191,489	(16.23)	0.33	0.97
4.41	8	Small Cap Stock Fund	342,721	(13.67)	7.71	5.67
1.92	9	Tier 2 DC Nonvested	149,031	(13.28)	4.20	4.69
2.29	10	Retired Fund	177,709	(9.73)	1.69	2.84
2.72	•	2015 Fund	211,840	(9.97)	2.10	3.31
4.38	<b>1</b>	2020 Fund	340,760	(10.56)	2.54	3.77
6.01	B	2025 Fund	467,582	(11.07)	3.38	4.39
5.58	14	2030 Fund	434.066	(12.74)	4.28	5.10
5.67	15	2035 Fund	441,148	(13.93)	4.14	4.96
5.47	16	2040 Fund	425,388	(14.77)	4.88	5.49
4.76	1	2045 Fund	369,829	(15.50)	5.11	5.63
3.33	18	2050 Fund	259,298	(15.67)	5.16	5.66
2.18	19	2055 Fund	169,408	(15.67)	5.16	5.66
0.85	20	2060 Fund	66,421	(15.67)	5.16	5.66
0.12	2	2065 Fund	9,078	(15.67)	*	*
3.45	22	Brokerage Window	268,405	N/A	N/A	N/A
1.15	23	Loan Fund	88,075	N/A	N/A	N/A
		Total	\$ 7,755,280			

\*Fund inception: Jan 1, 2021

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?



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





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URS Board, from left: Ryan G. Hessenthaler Larry W. Evans Christie N. Behunin Roger G. Donohoe Richard K. Ellis (President) Karl W. Wilson (Vice-President)

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.

#### Membership Council Committee Member / Represents

Mr. Marty Peterson (Chairperson)...... Professional Firefighters of Utah Senior Trooper Arlow Hancock......Utah Peace Officers' Association Mr. Brad Hardesty ...... Utah Public Employees' Association – Retirees Mr. Larry Milward......Utah Retired School Employees' Association

#### Membership Council Member / Represents

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# **This Report** Through the Years

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.



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