

# SERS Snapshot

2010		2	2001-10	
<b>Fund Size</b>	\$10.79 billion	A	23%**	
Unfunded Liabilities	\$4.07 billion	4	773%**	

#### **MEMBERS**

2010		2001-10	
Members	126,015	9%**	
Average Age	48.2		
<b>Average Service</b>	9.8 years		

#### **NEW RETIREES**

2010		2	001-10
Retirees	66,127	A	12%**
<b>Average Service</b>	23.5 years	٠	
Average Age at Retirement	64 years	•	
Average Pension	\$13,908/yr.	1	36%**

Average Perision	1 \$13,9007 yr	. 30%
2010		2001-10
Employee Contributions	\$301.6 million	57%**
Employer Contributions	\$462.3 million	40%**

## Age and Service Eligibility\*



Age 55 with 30 years

Age 60 with 25 years

Age 62 with 10 years

### SERS vs. National Averages\*

#### **SERS**

Final Average Salary (FAS) at Retirement

\$29,644
Average Retirement

Age 64 years

SERS COLA

3%

Became fixed at 3% in 2002

## NATIONAL

Average Individual Income

\$41,673

Average Retirement Age

**65.4 years** 

Average CPI Increase

2.4%\*\*

Average National Life Expectancy

**78.7** years

## Average of New SERS Retirees

with 30 Years and 20 Years of Service

20 Years of Service			
	30 Years	20 Years	
1961-70	8%	22%	
1971-80	6%	26%	
1981-90	7%	32%	
1991-2000	13%	52%	
2001-10	25%	63%	
2011-18	25%	<b>57</b> %	

<sup>\*</sup> As of 2010

<sup>\*\*</sup> Average over 10 years



#### **Investments**

**AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURN** 

3.12%\*\*

**ASSUMED RATE OF RETURN** 

8%\*

SERS Asset Allocation *		SERS	Policy	
		Returns*Benchmark		
	US Equity	29%	17.2%	<b>1</b> 5.7%
	Non-US Equity	26%	15.4%	12.1%
	Private Equity	9.2%	13.4%	52.8%
	Fixed Income	25.8%	17.0%	9.5%
	Real Estate	9.2%	-16.1%	-2.8%
	Short Term	0.8%	0.4%	0.1%
	-	100%		

Hedge funds became part of the US Equity and Fixed Income portfolios in 2008.

## **Benefit Changes**

Retirement formula increased from 2.1% to 2.2% of final average salary for each year of service under 30

2003

years

SERS developed partiallump sum payment (PLOP) option

#### 2001

Increased maximum pension from **90**% to **100**% of FAS

#### 2002

COLA changed to fixed 3%, regardless of change in CPI

#### 2006

Reemployed retirees can receive a **refund** of contributions in lieu of a monthly benefit at age 65

#### 2008 Pension Reform

- · Minimum retirement age set at 55
- Must have at least 10 years of service credit to receive pension
- Increased early retirement eligibility to age 62 with 10 years and age 60 with 5 years
- Revised calculation for those who retire before age
   65 or with less than 30 years

#### \* As of 2010

\*\* Average over 10 years

\*\*\* Member contribution rate increased to 10% in 2004

#### **Contribution Rates\***

**10%** 

EMPLOYER 14%

#### **Health Care**

**Total Health Care Expenses** 

\$236.9 million\*

Percentage of Total Benefits Paid 23.7%\* Health Care Fund Balance

\$325 million\*

#### (2003) Medicare Part A Premium

Established premium for those without Medicare Part A and 25 or more years of service to be the same the premium for those with Medicare Part A and B

#### Premium Increase

(2004) Increased zero premium categories to 15% premium

(2006) Increased lowest premium categories from 15% to 17.5%

#### (2005) Premium Discount Program

Established 25% premium discount for those at or below 125% of the federal poverty level

#### (2008) Premium Subsidy

Required 20 years of service for new service retiree subsidy; 25 years of service for spousal subsidy

#### **Eligibility**

(2008) Required eligibility for school employer health care at separation as eligibility for subsidy

(2008) Allowed one-time option for waived eligibility for Medicare to enroll in the Medicare Advantage plan

#### Health Care Funding

(2008) Changed funding target for the Health Care Fund from 150% of claims to a 20-year solvency (2010) Confirmed pay-as-you-go funding when 20-year solvency is not achieved

#### Retirement Board

The Board was expanded from seven to nine members in FY2005 (added three investment experts).