

Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

TOGETHER

FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND JUNE 30, 2020

A Component Unit of the State of Oklahoma

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Two words describe this past year: *APART. TOGETHER.*

Fiscal year 2021 was extraordinary. Challenges and disruptions seemed to be the norm. Being apart for extended periods of time was one challenge to be expected. We were APART from what we knew to be familiar. APART from our office space, our colleagues and the Oklahoma citizens we serve. Staff began working from home in early 2020 and continued to thrive at a high level. However, all across the state, people were missing the ability to gather and connect. URSJJ staff met these challenges and shifted to a new way of working to provide services without interruption. Although APART, we still found ways to be TOGETHER.

Like other state employees, URSJJ staff did not stop or slow down. We adapted to new methods of delivering services to our members. Technology allowed staff to remain highly engaged and connected with our members. URSJJ remained strong and committed to our members. All while keeping our eye on the end goal of providing continuous, sound retirement services. In short, it brought us TOGETHER.

The information contained in this report represents a financial summary during a year that despite being APART, we continued to remain focused on what brings us TOGETHER: *providing a secure retirement benefit for a lifetime.*





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2021 TOGETHER

In a year unlike most, virtual teamwork and problem-solving brought people TOGETHER with great results. The combined efforts of many binds us TOGETHER and is more valuable than what keeps us APART.

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Letter of Transmittal

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November 18, 2021

To the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System
and Members of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges:

State law requires that, after July 1 and before December 1 of each year, the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges (the System) publish an annual report that covers the operation of the System during the past fiscal year, including income, disbursements and the financial condition at the end of the fiscal year. This report is published, in part, to fulfill that requirement for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of the information contained in this report, based upon a comprehensive framework of internal control that it has established for this purpose. Because the cost of internal control should not exceed anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatements.

Eide Bailly LLP, Certified Public Accountants, has issued an unmodified opinion on the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges' statement of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2021, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended. The independent auditor's report is located at the front of the Financial Section of this report.

Management's discussion and analysis (MD&A) immediately follows the independent auditor's report and provides a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis of the basic financial statements. MD&A complements this letter of transmittal and should be read in conjunction with it.

Profile of the Plan

The System is a single-employer public employee retirement plan, which is a defined benefit pension plan, covering all Justices and Judges of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Workers' Compensation Court, Court of Appeals, and District Courts. The System is administered by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) and its Board of Trustees (the Board). The employee and employer contribution rates are established by the Oklahoma Legislature after recommendation by the Board based on an actuarial calculation which is performed to determine the adequacy of such contribution rates.

Members qualify for full retirement benefits at their normal retirement age, defined as: (1) when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals 80 or (2) at age 65 with 8 years of judicial service, (age 67 with 8 years of judicial service if becoming a member on or after January 1, 2012), or (3) at age 60 with 10 years of judicial service (age 62 with 10 years of judicial service if becoming a member on or after January 1, 2012). Benefits are determined at 4% of the member's average salary, as defined, multiplied by the number of years of service, not to exceed 100% of the member's average monthly salary received as a Justice or Judge for the highest 36 months of compensation. Justices and Judges retiring after September 1, 2005, may elect a maximum benefit with no survivor option or one of two actuarially reduced retirement benefits that provide for a lifetime benefit to be paid to the member's joint annuitant after the member's death. The original surviving spouse benefit for married Judges who were members prior to September 1, 2005, continues to be available. All Justices and Judges pay a uniform contribution rate of 8%.

The System also administers the Health Insurance Subsidy Plan (HISP), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plan that provides OPEB covering the same categories of employees covered by the pension plan. HISP provides a health insurance premium subsidy for retirees of the System who elect to maintain health insurance with the Oklahoma Employees Group Insurance Division (EGID). This subsidy continues until the retiree terminates health insurance coverage with EGID or other qualified plan, or until death. The subsidy is only for the retiree, not joint annuitants or beneficiaries.

The Board of Trustees of OPERS consists of fourteen appointed members, some by position and some by association. Those serving through position are a member of the Corporation Commission or the Commission's designee selected by the Commission, the Director of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services or the Director's designee, the State Insurance Commissioner or the Commissioner's designee, the Director of Human Capital Management of the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, a member of the Tax Commission selected by the Tax Commission, and the State Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee. Of the remaining members, three are appointed by the Governor, one is appointed by the Supreme Court, two are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two are appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Qualifications for certain of these appointees include a balance of individuals having experience in investment management, pension management, public fund management, the banking profession or a licensed attorney or a licensed accountant.

Each year, OPERS, along with other state agencies, is required to file a budget work program with the Office of Management and Enterprise Services. Administrative overhead expenses of URSJJ, including personnel and other supporting services costs, are paid for by OPERS and allocated to URSJJ based on an estimate of the cost of services provided. The allocated costs are charged to URSJJ and paid with funds provided through operations of URSJJ. The OPERS budget work program, which includes the costs related to URSJJ, is approved by the Board and includes a description of all funds available for expenditure and shows spending by major program category. URSJJ receives no state appropriations and is funded through employee and employer contributions and investment earnings.

Additionally in each even-numbered year, OPERS, along with other state agencies, must file a strategic plan covering five fiscal years beginning with the next odd-numbered fiscal year. The strategic plan includes a mission statement, the core values and behaviors inherent to operations, and a summary of goals and objectives to be achieved through specific projects outlined for the five-year period. The mission of the OPERS Board and staff is to provide and promote comprehensive, accountable and financially sound retirement services to Oklahoma's public servants in a professional, efficient and courteous manner. The core values and behaviors inherent to the agency's operations are honesty and integrity; excellence in customer experience; quality in service delivery; collaboration and community; and strategic perspective. The summary of goals and objectives outlined in the strategic plan are:

- Create an excellent customer experience for members
- Improve the stability, reliability and security of agency resources and data
- Enhance digital resources to streamline service delivery
- Empower employees and members through knowledge and resources
- Foster a culture of employee development and success

Investments

The standard for URSJJ in making investments is to exercise the care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and unless under the circumstances it is clearly prudent not to do so. URSJJ's funds are invested solely in the best interest of the members and their beneficiaries with a goal of keeping administrative expenses as low as possible. The Board has established an investment policy and guidelines that identify asset allocation as the key determinant of return and diversification, both by and within asset classes, as the primary risk control element. Passive fund portfolios are considered to be suitable investment strategies, especially in highly efficient markets.

The Board engages outside investment managers to manage the various asset classes where URSJJ has exposure. At fiscal year end, the investment portfolio of URSJJ was actively managed by three fixed income managers and passively managed by another investment manager with holdings in one fixed income index fund, two domestic equity index funds and one international equity index fund.

Included in the Investment Section of this report are a summary of the Investment Portfolio by Type and Manager and a comparison of the above amounts to the target allocations, as shown in the Asset Comparison chart. For fiscal year 2021, investments provided a 27.7 percent rate of return. The annualized rate of return for URSJJ was 12.4 percent over the last three years and 11.6 percent over the last five years.

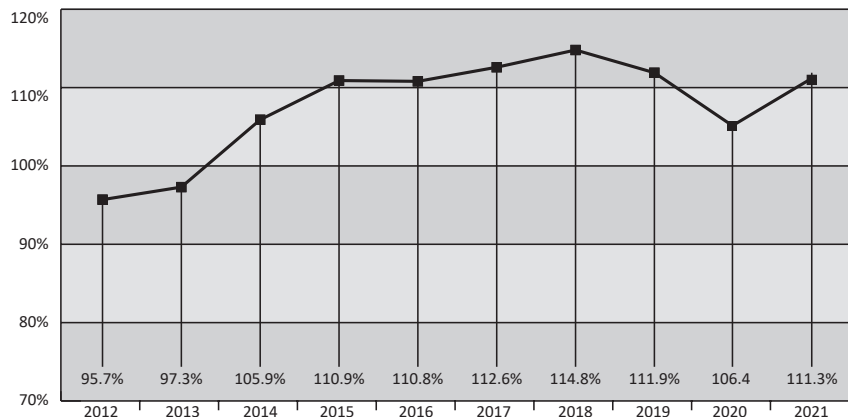
Funding

A pension fund is well funded when it has enough money in reserve to meet all expected future obligations to participants. It must also have a revenue source sufficient to keep up with future obligations. The funding objective for URSJJ is to meet long-term benefit promises through contributions that remain approximately level as a percent of member payroll. The greater the level of funding, the larger the ratio of assets accumulated to the actuarial accrued liability and the greater the level of investment potential. The advantage of a well-funded plan is that the participants can look at assets that are committed to the payment of benefits. The actuarial accrued liability and actuarial value of assets as of July 1, 2021 amounted to \$341.9 million and \$380.4 million, respectively.

The URSJJ funded status increased to 111.3 percent at July 1, 2021. This is a significant rebound from the 81.3 percent at July 1, 2010. Historically, the URSJJ has been well-funded with the funded status reaching as high as 148.2 percent at June 30, 2002. However, a steep decline occurred beginning in January 2001 when the contribution rate was decreased, and the salary cap was lifted for the benefit calculation. Effective July 1, 2005, in an effort to address the decline, the employer rate was increased 1.0 percent annually for two years, and at July 1, 2007 it was increased 1.5 percent annually until reaching 22.0 percent for fiscal years ending 2019 and thereafter. In 2009 the Legislature designated \$6.0 million in the Supreme Court's Management Information System Fund to pay employer contributions to the Plan in fiscal year 2010. The funded ratio rebounded significantly to 96.3 percent at July 1, 2011 due to the removal of the cost of living adjustment (COLA) assumption. The Legislature has provided a statutory requirement that retirement bills be analyzed for actuarial fiscal impact and contains adequate funding sources sufficient to pay the cost of the change. A detailed discussion of funding is provided in the Actuarial Section of this report.

Funded Ratio Chart

As of July 1



Awards and Acknowledgements

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. This was the twenty-third year URSJJ has received this prestigious award. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report that satisfies both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

The preparation of this report would not have been possible without the efficient and dedicated service of the entire staff of OPERS. We wish to express our appreciation to all staff members who assisted and contributed to the preparation of this report. Credit also must be given to the Board of Trustees for their unfailing support for maintaining the highest standards of professionalism in the financial management of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Fox
Executive Director

Brian Wolf
Chief Financial Officer and Director of Finance

Chairperson's Letter

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November 18, 2021

Dear Members:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to present the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges (URSJJ) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

This report is designed to provide a detailed look at the financial, investment and actuarial aspects of the System, which continues to be a strong retirement system.

You are encouraged to carefully review this report, as it contains a wealth of information about your retirement system. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact us. We can be reached at P.O. Box 53007, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-3007. Our telephone number is 405-858-6737 (or toll-free 1-800-733-9008).

I also want to thank the staff for their diligent work in preparing this report and their commitment to continually improve the administrative operations necessary to operate your retirement system.

Sincerely,

Dana Webb
Chairperson

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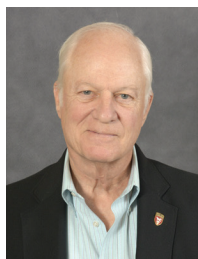
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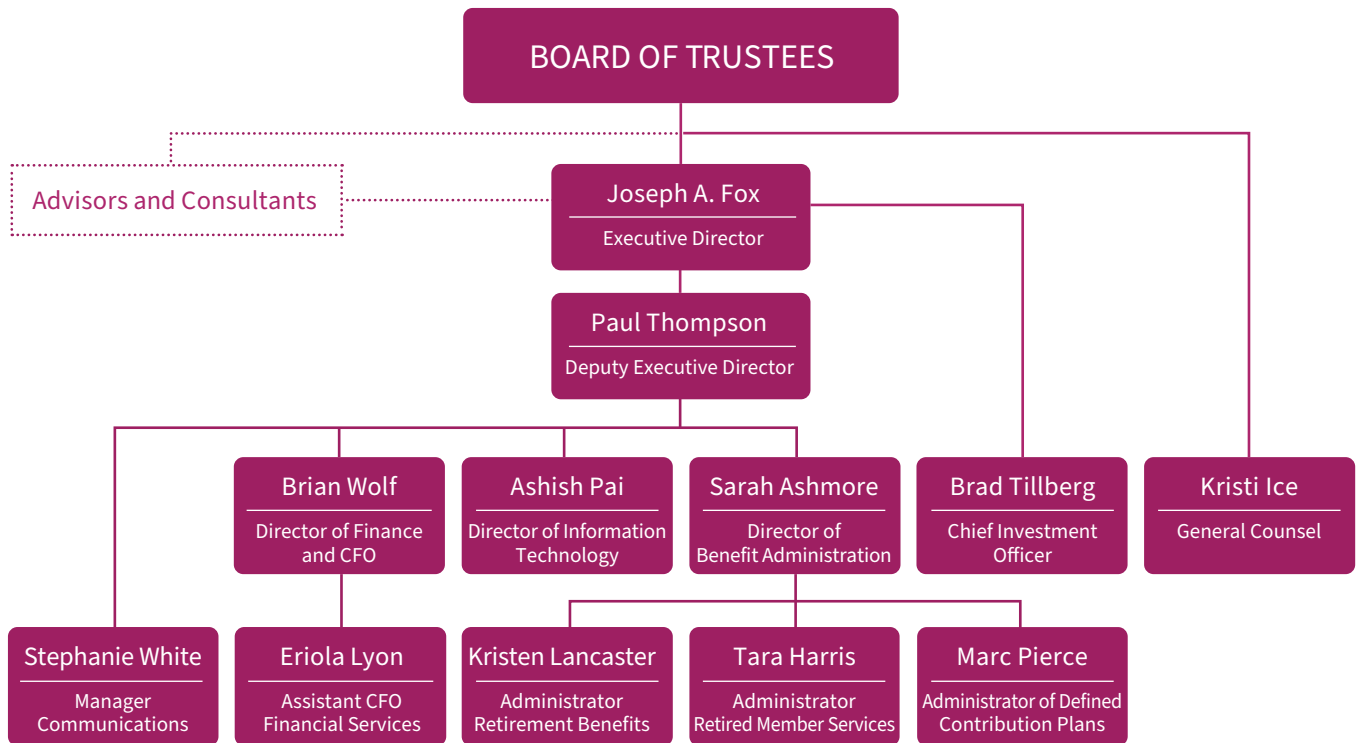


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*The Schedules of Investment Expenses and Professional/Consultant Fees (pages 50 and 52, respectively) in the Financial Section provide more information regarding advisors and consultants.



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Executive Director/CEO

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Whether far APART or close TOGETHER, dedication, adaptation and boldness characterized this year. The Financial Section reflects the strength of our financial strategy to assist our members in reaching financial security in retirement.

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees
Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges (the System), a component unit of the State of Oklahoma, which comprise the statements of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of changes in fiduciary net position, for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective fiduciary financial position of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective statements of changes in fiduciary net position thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges, are intended to present the fiduciary net position, and the changes in fiduciary net position of only that portion of the System. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the fiduciary net position of other Plans governed by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the changes in its fiduciary net position for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters*Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and the required supplementary information, as referenced within the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the System's basic financial statements as a whole. The other supplementary information is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The other supplementary information accompanying financial information listed as other supplementary information, as referenced within the table of contents, is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying financial information listed as supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.



Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
October 13, 2021

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

As management of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges (the System) we offer readers of the System's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the System for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019.

Financial Highlights

- The net position restricted for pension and health insurance subsidy plan (HISP) totaled \$433.5 million at June 30, 2021, compared to \$350.9 million at June 30, 2020 and \$347.5 million at June 30, 2019. The net position restricted for pension/HISP benefits is available for payment of monthly retirement benefits and other qualified distributions to the System's participants. The increase of \$82.6 million and increase of \$3.4 million of the respective years have resulted primarily from the changes in the fair value of the System's investments.
- At June 30, 2021, the total number of members participating in the System was 587, compared to 582 at June 30, 2020. The total number of retirees increased to 306 for June 30, 2021 compared 304 for June 30, 2020.

Overview of the Financial Statements

The System is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan. The System covers all Justices and Judges of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Workers' Compensation Court, Court of Appeals, and District Courts. Benefits are determined at 4% of the average monthly compensation received as a justice or judge based on the highest thirty-six months of compensation multiplied by the number of years of credited service, not to exceed 100% of the retiree's average monthly salary received as a justice and judge for the highest thirty-six months of compensation. Normal retirement ages under the System are 62 with 10 years of judicial service, 67 with 8 years of judicial service, or when the sum of the member's age and years of credited service equals or exceeds 80 (Rule of 80). Members become eligible to vest fully upon termination of employment after attaining eight years of service as a justice or judge, or the members' contributions may be withdrawn upon termination of employment.

The System also includes a single-employer defined benefit public employee other post-employment benefit plan. This plan is called the Health Insurance Subsidy Plan (HISP), and it provides a health insurance premium subsidy for retirees of the System who elect to maintain health insurance with the Oklahoma Employees Group Insurance Division (EGID) or other qualified insurance plan provided by the employer. This subsidy continues until the retiree terminates health insurance coverage with EGID or other qualified plan, or until death. The subsidy is only for the retiree, not joint annuitants or beneficiaries.

The System's financial statements are comprised of The Statements of Fiduciary Net Position and Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for both pension and HISP, and Notes to Financial Statements. Also, included are certain required supplementary information and supplementary information for both pension and HISP.

The System is a component unit of the state of Oklahoma (the State) and is administered by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, a component unit of the State, which together with the System and other similar funds comprise the fiduciary-pension and HISP trust funds of the State.

Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

(Unaudited)

The *Statements of Fiduciary Net Position* present information on the System's assets, liabilities and the resulting *net position restricted for pensions and HISP*. This statement reflects the System's investments, at fair value, along with cash and cash equivalents, receivables, and other assets and liabilities.

The *Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position* present information showing how the System's net position restricted for pensions and HISP changed during the years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020. It reflects contributions by members and participating employers along with deductions for retirement benefits, refunds and withdrawals, and administrative expenses. Investment income during the period is also presented showing income from investing and securities lending activities.

The *notes to financial statements* provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statements.

The *required supplementary information* presents a schedule of changes in the net pension asset, schedule of pension employer contributions, schedule of money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, schedule of changes in the net HISP asset, schedule of HISP employer contributions, and schedules of money-weighted rate of return on HISP investments. Schedules of certain expenses and fees paid are presented as *supplementary information*.

Financial Analysis

The following are the condensed Schedules of Fiduciary Net Position and Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019.

Condensed Schedules of Fiduciary Net Position

(\$ millions)

	2021			2020			2019		
	Pension	HISP	Combined	Pension	HISP	Combined	Pension	HISP	Combined
Assets:									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17.7	\$ 0.1	\$ 17.8	\$ 9.7	\$ 0.1	\$ 9.8	\$ 4.3	\$ -	\$ 4.3
Receivables	18.8	0.2	19.0	8.9	0.1	9.0	10.3	0.1	10.4
Investments	430.6	4.4	435.0	344.8	3.4	348.2	342.2	3.3	345.5
Securities lending collateral	15.7	0.2	15.9	17.5	0.2	17.7	12.4	0.1	12.5
Total assets	482.8	4.9	487.7	380.9	3.8	384.7	369.2	3.5	372.7
Liabilities:									
Other liabilities	37.9	0.4	38.3	15.9	0.2	16.1	12.6	0.1	12.7
Securities lending collateral	15.7	0.2	15.9	17.5	0.2	17.7	12.4	0.1	12.5
Total liabilities	53.6	0.6	54.2	33.4	0.4	33.8	25.0	0.2	25.2
Ending fiduciary net position	\$ 429.2	\$ 4.3	\$ 433.5	\$ 347.5	\$ 3.4	\$ 350.9	\$ 344.2	\$ 3.3	\$ 347.5

Condensed Schedules of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

(\$ millions)

	2021			2020			2019		
	Pension	HISP	Combined	Pension	HISP	Combined	Pension	HISP	Combined
Member contributions	\$ 2.9	\$ -	\$ 2.9	\$ 2.8	\$ -	\$ 2.8	\$ 2.7	\$ -	\$ 2.7
Participating court employers	7.6	0.3	7.9	7.4	0.2	7.6	7.1	0.2	7.3
Net investment income	94.5	0.8	95.3	15.5	0.1	15.6	20.1	0.2	20.3
Total additions	105.0	1.1	106.1	25.7	0.3	26.0	29.9	0.4	30.3
Retirement, death and survivor benefits	23.0	0.2	23.2	22.0	0.2	22.2	20.4	0.2	20.6
Refunds and withdrawals	0.1	-	0.1	0.2	-	0.2	-	-	-
Administrative expenses	0.2	-	0.2	0.2	-	0.2	0.2	-	0.2
Total deductions	23.3	0.2	23.5	22.4	0.2	22.6	20.6	0.2	20.8
Net increase in fiduciary net position	81.7	0.9	82.6	3.3	0.1	3.4	9.3	0.2	9.5
Beginning of year	347.5	3.4	350.9	344.2	3.3	347.5	334.9	3.1	338.0
End of year	\$ 429.2	\$ 4.3	\$ 433.5	\$ 347.5	\$ 3.4	\$ 350.9	\$ 344.2	\$ 3.3	\$ 347.5

Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

(Unaudited)

For the year ended June 30, 2021, fiduciary net position increased \$82.6 million, or 23.5%. Total assets increased by \$103.0 million, or 26.8%, due to an increase of 24.9% in investments, an increase of 111.1% in receivables and an increase of 81.6% in cash and cash equivalents. The System achieved a rate of return of 27.7% compared to the prior year of 4.6% resulting in most of the increase in fiduciary net position. Total liabilities increased 60.4% primarily due to an 137.9% increase in pending purchases of securities. For fiscal year 2021, we saw a slight decrease in securities lending collateral by 10%.

Fiscal year 2021 showed a \$80.1 million increase in total additions and a \$0.9 million increase in total deductions. Compared to the prior year, additions increased 308.1% due to investment income increasing \$79.7 million mostly due to higher appreciation this year. The 4.0% increase in total deductions was primarily due to a 4.5% increase in retirement benefits. Administrative costs were consistent with prior year.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, fiduciary net position increased \$3.4 million, or 1.0%. Total assets increased by \$12.0 million, or 3.2%, due to an increase of 0.8% in investments, an increase of 41.6% in securities lending collateral and partially offset by a decrease of 13.5% in receivables. The System achieved a rate of return of 4.6% compared to the prior year of 6.2% resulting in the majority of the increase in fiduciary net position. Total liabilities increased 34.1% primarily due to an 26.7% increase in pending purchases of securities and a 41.6% increase in securities lending collateral.

Fiscal year 2020 showed a \$4.3 million decrease in total additions and a \$1.8 million increase in total deductions. Compared to the prior year, additions decreased 14.2% due to investment income decreasing \$4.7 million mostly due to lower appreciation this year. The 8.7% increase in total deductions was primarily due to a 7.8% increase in retirement benefits. Administrative costs were consistent with prior year.

Additions to Fiduciary Net Position

For the year ended June 30, 2021, additions to fiduciary net position increased \$80.1 million, or 308.1%, from the prior year. The significant increase in the appreciation in the fair value of investments from prior year of \$79.7 million is reflective of the strong market, compared to fiscal year 2020. Interest income decreased \$0.7 million and securities lending income decreased 31.8%. Contributions increased \$0.4 million, or 3.8% compared to prior year.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, additions to fiduciary net position decreased \$3.4 million, or 1.0%, from the prior year. The significant decrease in the appreciation in the fair value of investments from prior year of \$4.5 million is reflective of the softening market, compared to fiscal year 2019. Interest income decreased \$0.1 million and securities lending income increased 76.0%. Contributions increased \$0.4 million, or 4.0%, because of the statutory increase in the contribution percentage for participating court employers.

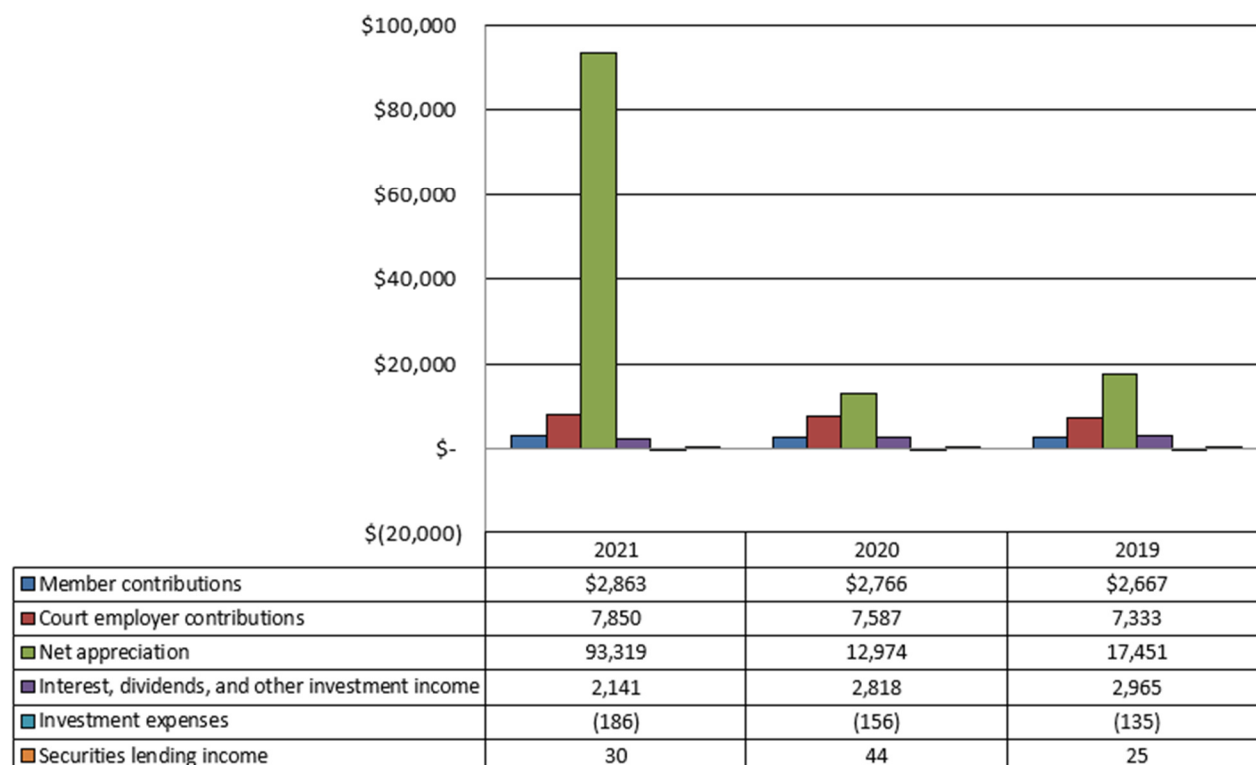
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Additions to Fiduciary Net Position

Comparative Data for Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019

(\$ thousands)



Reductions to Fiduciary Net Position

For the year ended June 30, 2021, total deductions on the following page increased \$0.9 million, or 4.1%, from the prior year. Retirement, death, and survivor benefits increased \$1.0 million, or 4.7%, and the average benefit increased 0.5% compared to the prior year due to a 0.7% increase in the number of retirees. Refunds and withdrawals decreased 54.1% from the prior year because the total amount withdrawn is dependent on contribution amounts of the specific members electing to withdraw contributions each year. Administrative costs decreased 0.6% when compared to the prior year.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, total deductions on the following page increased \$1.8 million, or 8.5%, from the prior year. Retirement, death, and survivor benefits increased \$1.7 million, or 8.0%, and the average benefit increased 4.6% compared to the prior year due to a 1.3% increase in the number of retirees. Refunds and withdrawals increased 180% from the prior year because the total amount withdrawn is dependent on contribution amounts of the specific members electing to withdraw contributions each year. Administrative costs increased 3.5% when compared to the prior year.

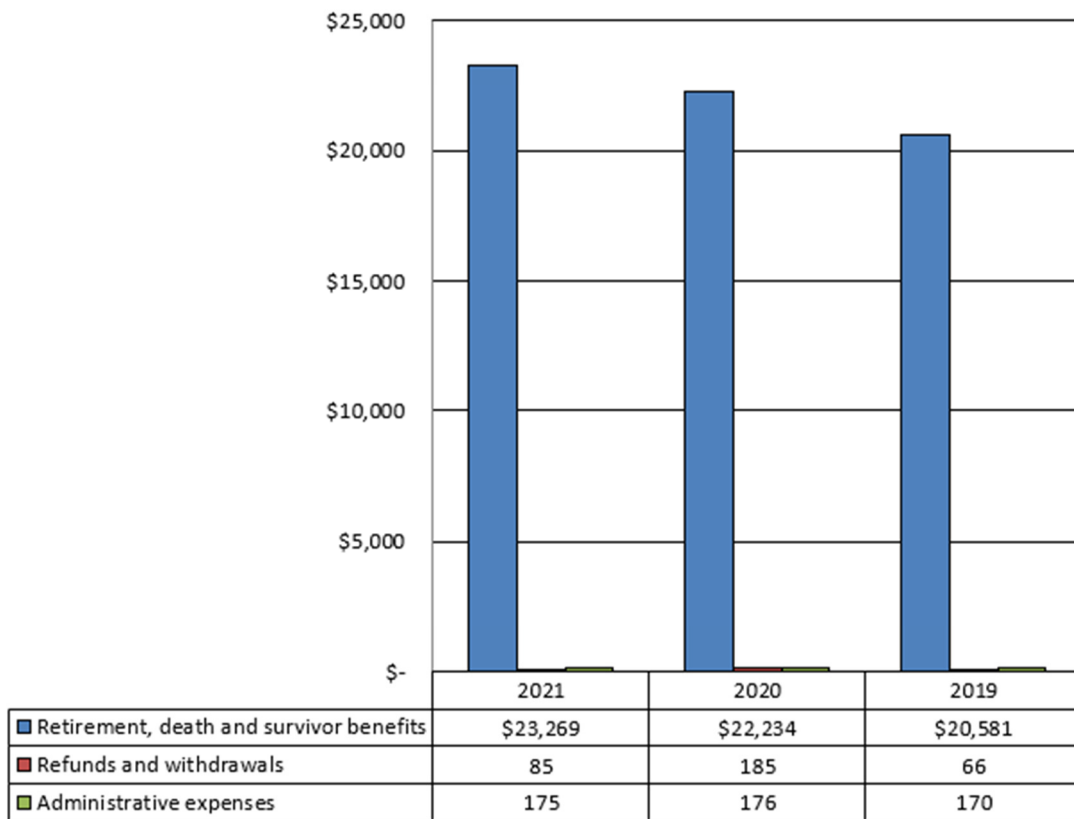
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Deductions to Fiduciary Net Position

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Investments

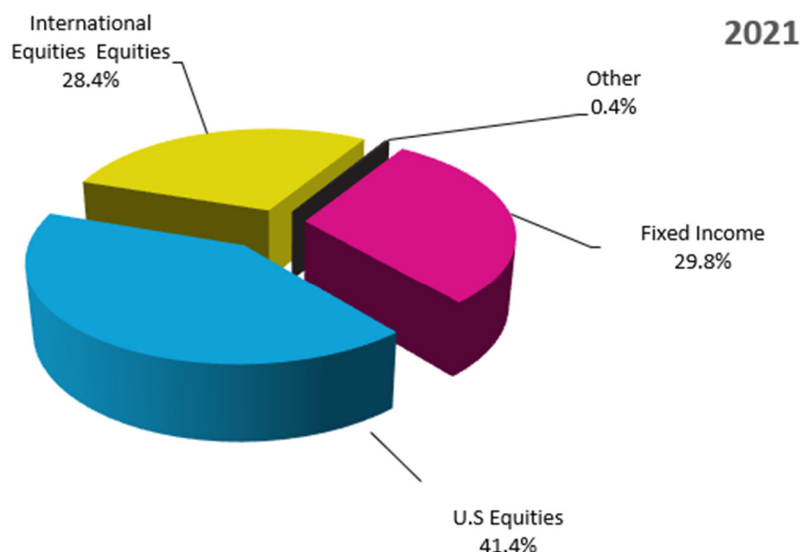
The investment portfolio is reported in the chart below by the asset class of the investment managers' portfolios which includes the cash equivalents in those portfolios. A summary of the System's cash equivalents and investments for fiscal years ended June 30, 2021, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investment Portfolio
(\$ millions)

	June 30,		
	2021	2020	2019
Fixed income	\$ 148.4	\$ 123.9	\$ 110.0
U.S. equities	179.1	141.7	142.8
International equities	123.2	91.5	95.9
Other	1.9	0.8	1.1
Total managed investments	452.6	357.9	349.8
Cash equivalents on deposit with State	0.2	0.1	0.1
Securities lending collateral	15.9	17.7	12.5
Total cash, cash equivalents, and investments	\$ 468.7	\$ 375.7	\$ 362.4

The 2021 increase in the System's managed investments is due mainly in the increase in Fixed income investments, U.S. equities and International equities. The System's overall return for the year ended June 30, 2021 was 27.7%. Equity index funds correlated closely with market trends with U.S. and international equities showing returns of 46.0% and 36.0%, respectively. Fixed income showed a negative return of 0.1%. An amount of \$13.2 million of the portfolio was used to supplement the cash requirements of monthly retiree benefit payments. The change in securities lending collateral is dependent on the securities loaned by the System's master custodian at year end.

As of June 30, 2021, the distribution of the System's investments including accrued income and pending trades was as follows:

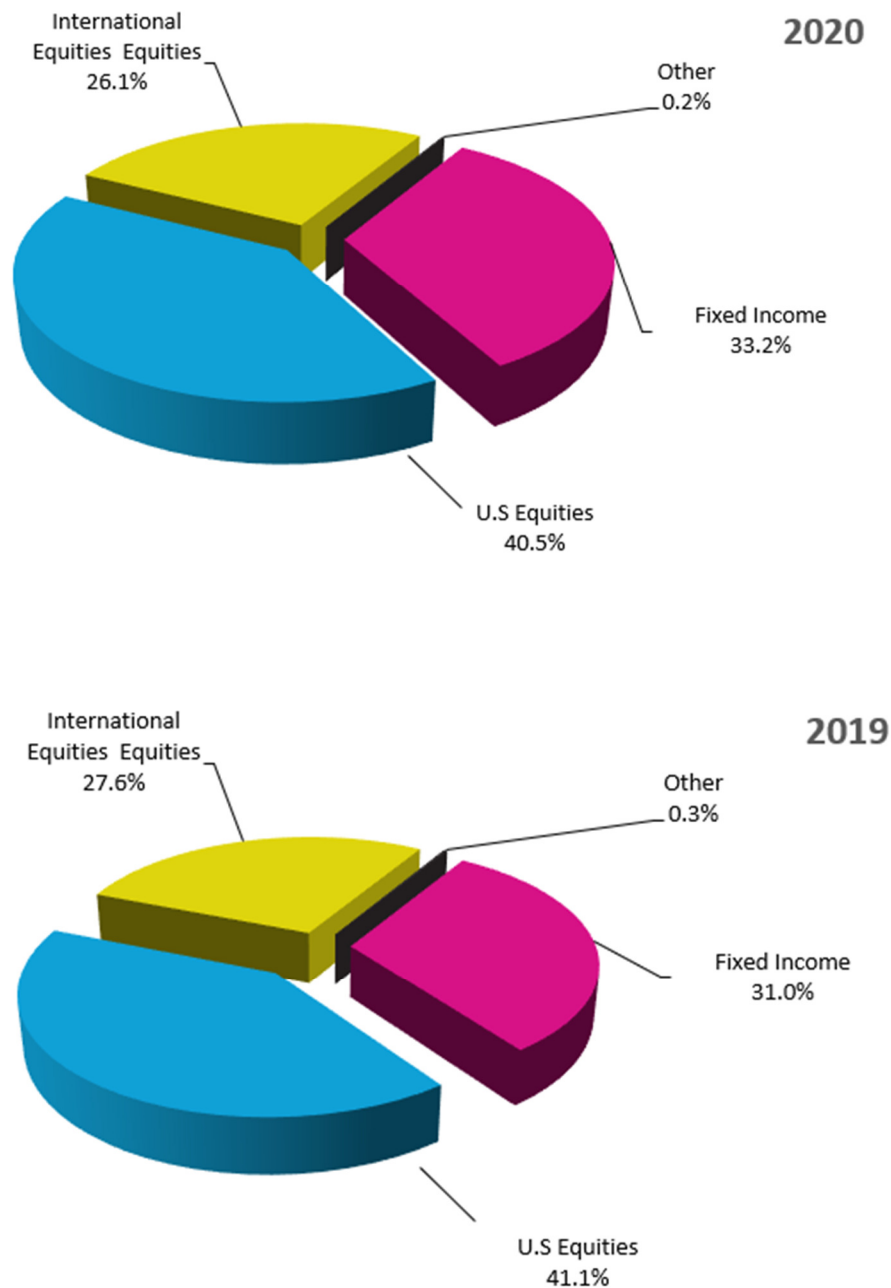


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The 2020 increase in the System's managed investments is due mainly in the increase in fixed income investments and securities lending collateral. The System's overall return for the year ended June 30, 2020 was 4.6%. Equity index funds correlated closely with market trends with U.S. and international equities showing returns of 5.3% and negative 4.6%, respectively. Fixed income showed a return of 11.8%. An amount of \$11.2 million of the portfolio was used to supplement the cash requirements of monthly retiree benefit payments. The change in securities lending collateral is dependent on the securities loaned by the System's master custodian at year end.

As of June 30, 2020 and 2019 the distribution of the System's investments including accrued income and pending trades was as follows:



Management's Discussion and Analysis (continued)

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Economic Factors

Ratio of Fiduciary Net Position to Total Pension Liability and to Total HISP Liability

The ratio of fiduciary net position to the total pension liability was as follows:

	June 30,		
	2021	2020	2019
Total pension liability	\$ 339,028,732	\$ 330,152,206	\$ 305,801,494
Plan fiduciary net position	\$ 429,150,928	\$ 347,508,299	\$ 344,205,778
Ratio of fiduciary net position to total pension liability	126.58%	105.26%	112.56%

The ratio of fiduciary net position to the total HISP liability was as follows:

	June 30,		
	2021	2020	2019
Total HISP liability	\$ 2,907,424	\$ 2,870,520	\$ 2,813,691
Plan fiduciary net position	\$ 4,300,474	\$ 3,453,996	\$ 3,317,718
Ratio of fiduciary net position to total HISP liability	147.91%	120.33%	117.91%

Other

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021, valuation are based on the results of the most recent actuarial experience study, which covered the three-year period ending June 30, 2019.

Other than changes in the fair value of System assets as may be impacted by the equity and bond markets, no other matters are known by management to have a significant impact on the operations or financial position of the System.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the System's finances for all those with an interest. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Financial Reporting Division, OPERS, P.O. Box 53007, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152-3007.

Statements of Fiduciary Net Position

As of June 30, 2021

	Pension Plan	Health Insurance Subsidy Plan	Combined
Assets			
Cash equivalents	\$ 17,651,957	\$ 95,846	\$ 17,747,803
Receivables:			
Due from brokers for securities sold	18,394,866	187,955	18,582,821
Accrued interest	402,708	4,115	406,823
Total receivables	18,797,574	192,070	18,989,644
Investments, at fair value:			
Short-term investments	1,385,754	14,160	1,399,914
Government obligations	96,635,768	987,408	97,623,176
Corporate bonds	33,294,625	340,198	33,634,823
Domestic equities	177,341,228	1,812,044	179,153,272
International equities	121,953,123	1,246,097	123,199,220
Securities lending collateral	15,735,857	160,787	15,896,644
Total investments	446,346,355	4,560,694	450,907,049
Total assets	482,795,886	4,848,610	487,644,496
Liabilities			
Due to brokers and investment managers	37,909,101	387,349	38,296,450
Securities lending collateral	15,735,857	160,787	15,896,644
Total liabilities	53,644,958	548,136	54,193,094
Net position restricted for pension/HISP benefits	\$ 429,150,928	\$ 4,300,474	\$ 433,451,402

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statements of Fiduciary Net Position

As of June 30, 2020

	Pension Plan	Health Insurance Subsidy Plan	Combined
Assets			
Cash equivalents	\$ 9,720,373	\$ 51,215	\$ 9,771,588
Receivables:			
Member contributions	208,119	-	208,119
Participating court employers	566,615	5,712	572,327
Due from brokers for securities sold	7,653,484	77,146	7,730,630
Accrued interest	498,912	5,028	503,940
Total receivables	8,927,130	87,886	9,015,016
Investments, at fair value:			
Short-term investments	88,182	889	89,071
Government obligations	75,540,936	761,447	76,302,383
Corporate bonds	38,265,980	385,718	38,651,698
Domestic equities	140,319,757	1,414,415	141,734,172
International equities	90,595,713	913,198	91,508,911
Securities lending collateral	17,478,161	176,178	17,654,339
Total investments	362,288,729	3,651,845	365,940,574
Total assets	380,936,232	3,790,946	384,727,178
Liabilities			
Due to brokers and investment managers	15,949,772	160,772	16,110,544
Securities lending collateral	17,478,161	176,178	17,654,339
Total liabilities	33,427,933	336,950	33,764,883
Net position restricted for pension/HISP benefits	\$ 347,508,299	\$ 3,453,996	\$ 350,962,295

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Pension Plan	Health Insurance Subsidy Plan	Combined
Additions			
Contributions:			
Members	\$ 2,863,279	\$ -	\$ 2,863,279
Participating court employers	7,617,960	231,600	7,849,560
Total contributions	10,481,239	231,600	10,712,839
Investment income:			
From investing activities:			
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	92,514,863	804,374	93,319,237
Interest	2,122,289	18,946	2,141,235
Total investment income	94,637,152	823,320	95,460,472
Less – Investment expenses	(184,294)	(1,602)	(185,896)
Income from investing activities	94,452,858	821,718	95,274,576
From securities lending activities:			
Securities lending income	32,943	286	33,229
Securities lending expenses:			
Borrower rebates	1,672	15	1,687
Management fees	(5,151)	(45)	(5,196)
Income from securities lending activities	29,464	256	29,720
Net investment income	94,482,322	821,974	95,304,296
Total additions	104,963,561	1,053,574	106,017,135
Deductions			
Retirement, death and survivor benefits	23,063,177	205,590	23,268,767
Refunds and withdrawals	84,534	-	84,534
Administrative expenses	173,221	1,506	174,727
Total deductions	23,320,932	207,096	23,528,028
Net increase in net position	81,642,629	846,478	82,489,107
Net position restricted for pension/HISP benefits			
Beginning of year	347,508,299	3,453,996	350,962,295
End of year	\$ 429,150,928	\$ 4,300,474	\$ 433,451,402

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Pension Plan	Health Insurance Subsidy Plan	Combined
Additions			
Contributions:			
Members	\$ 2,765,684	\$ -	\$ 2,765,684
Participating court employers	7,384,490	202,800	7,587,290
Total contributions	10,150,174	202,800	10,352,974
Investment income:			
From investing activities:			
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	12,855,923	118,288	12,974,211
Interest	2,791,574	26,554	2,818,128
Total investment income	15,647,497	144,842	15,792,339
Less – Investment expenses	(154,405)	(1,421)	(155,826)
Income from investing activities	15,493,092	143,421	15,636,513
From securities lending activities:			
Securities lending income	174,786	1,608	176,394
Securities lending expenses:			
Borrower rebates	(123,515)	(1,136)	(124,651)
Management fees	(7,645)	(70)	(7,715)
Income from securities lending activities	43,626	402	44,028
Net investment income	15,536,718	143,823	15,680,541
Total additions	25,686,892	346,623	26,033,515
Deductions			
Retirement, death and survivor benefits	22,024,967	208,740	22,233,707
Refunds and withdrawals	184,977	-	184,977
Administrative expenses	174,427	1,605	176,032
Total deductions	22,384,371	210,345	22,594,716
Net increase in net position	3,302,521	136,278	3,438,799
Net position restricted for pension/HISP benefits			
Beginning of year	344,205,778	3,317,718	347,523,496
End of year	\$ 347,508,299	\$ 3,453,996	\$ 350,962,295

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

June 30, 2021 and 2020

(1) Reporting Entity

The Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges (the System) is a defined benefit cost-sharing single employer plan consisting of a retirement plan and a health insurance subsidy plan (HISP) both held in irrevocable trusts. The System, together with other similar fiduciary pension trust funds of the state of Oklahoma (the State), is a component unit of the State. The System is administered by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). As set forth in Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes, at Section 1108, a portion of the administrative overhead expenses, including personnel and other supporting services costs, which are paid for by a separate retirement fund also administered by OPERS, are allocated to the System. The allocation is based on OPERS' estimate of the cost of services provided to the System by the separate fund. Allocated costs are charged to the System and paid with funds provided through operations of the System.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The following are the significant accounting policies followed by the System.

(a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting under which expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, revenues are recorded in the accounting period in which they are earned and become measurable, and investment purchases and sales are recorded as of their trade dates. Member and employer contributions are established by statute as a percentage of salaries and are recognized when due, pursuant to legal requirements. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the System.

- (b) **Investments** – The System's investments are presented at fair value. Purchases and sales are recorded at the trade date. At month end, there may be certain pending trades that were initiated by managers but not confirmed and, therefore, are not included in the fair value of investments.

The System is authorized to invest in eligible investments as approved by the Board of Trustees of OPERS (the Board) as set forth in its investment policy.

System investments are reported at fair value, which is the price that would be received if the investments were sold in an orderly transaction between a willing buyer and a willing seller. Short-term investments include bills and notes and commercial paper. Short-term investments, domestic debt securities, and equity securities are reported at fair value, as determined by the System's custodial agent, generally based on pricing services or prices quoted by independent brokers. The fair value of the pro rata share of units owned by the System in index and commingled trust funds is determined by the respective fund trustees based on quoted sales prices of the underlying securities.

Cash equivalents include investments in money market funds and investment pools and are reported at amortized cost.

Net investment income includes net appreciation in the fair value of investments, interest income, securities lending income and expenses, dividend income, and investment expenses, which includes investment management and custodial fees and all other significant investment related costs.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

The System's investment policy provides for investments in combinations of stocks, bonds, fixed income securities, and other investment securities, along with investments in commingled trust and index funds. Investment securities and investment securities underlying the trust and index fund investments are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate and credit risks. Due to the risks associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities may occur in the near term, and those changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the statements of fiduciary net position.

(c) Use of Estimates

Management of the System has made a number of estimates and assumptions relating to the reporting of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities to prepare these financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), note disclosure and required supplementary information (RSI). Actual results could differ from these estimates.

(d) Risk and Uncertainties – Actuarial Assumptions

Contributions to the System and the actuarial information included in Note (6) Net Pension Asset, Net OPEB Asset and Actuarial Information and the RSI are reported based on certain assumptions pertaining to interest rates, inflation rates, and employee compensation and demographics. Due to the changing nature of these assumptions, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in these assumptions may occur in the near term and, due to the uncertainties inherent in setting assumptions, that the effect of such changes could be material to the financial statements.

(e) Composition of Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees consists of fourteen appointed members, some by position and some by association. Those serving through position are a member of the Corporation Commission as selected by the Commission, a member of the Tax Commission as selected by the Tax Commission, the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management or designee, the State Insurance Commissioner or designee, the Director of State Finance or designee, and the State Treasurer or designee. Of the remaining members, three are appointed by the Governor, one is appointed by the Supreme Court, two are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives and two are appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate. Qualifications for certain of these appointees include a balance of individuals having experience in investment management, pension management, public fund management, the banking profession or a licensed attorney or a licensed accountant.

(3) System Descriptions and Contribution Information

The following brief description of the System is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to Title 20 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 1101 through 1111, for more complete information.

(a) General

The System is a single-employer public employee retirement plan, which is a defined benefit pension plan covering all justices and judges of the Oklahoma Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Workers' Compensation Court, Court of Appeals, and District Courts.

The System also administers the Health Insurance Subsidy Plan (HISP), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that provides OPEB covering the same categories of employees covered by the System.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

The supervisory authority for the management and operation of the System and HISP is the Board, which acts as a fiduciary for investment of the funds and the application of System interpretation.

At June 30, the System's membership consisted of:

	2021	2020
Inactive members or their beneficiaries currently receiving benefits*	306	304
Inactive members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	17	15
Active members	264	263
Total	587	582

*Of the inactive members or their beneficiaries currently receiving benefits, 163 are retirees and beneficiaries in the Health Insurance Subsidy Plan (HISP) as of June 30, 2021 and 163 as of June 30, 2020. The Plan also includes 17 and 15 inactive vested terminated members entitled to a refund of their member contributions as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

(b) *Benefits*

Pensions

Benefits are determined at 4% of the member's average monthly compensation for covered active service over the highest thirty-six months of compensation as a justice or judge times the total years of service in the System not to exceed 100% of the retiree's average monthly salary received as a justice or judge for the highest thirty-six months of compensation.

Normal retirement ages under the System are as follows:

For participants who became members prior to January 1, 2012:

- When the sum of at least 8 years of credited years and age equals or exceeds 80 (Rule of 80)
- Age 65 with 8 years of judicial service
- Age 60 with 10 years of judicial service

For participants who became members on or after January 1, 2012:

- Age 67 with 8 years of judicial service
- Age 62 with 10 years of judicial service

Members are eligible to vest fully upon termination of judicial service after accumulating eight years of judicial service, or the member's contributions may be withdrawn at the time such member ceases to be a justice or judge of a court within the System. Disability retirement benefits are available for members who have attained age 55 and have 15 years of continuous judicial service and are determined to be disabled by the Court of the Judiciary. The benefits are calculated in the same manner as the normal retirement benefit. The Court of the Judiciary may override these requirements if it is determined that any judge or justice is no longer capable of performing regular duties.

Upon the death of an active member, the System will pay to the designated beneficiary the active member's accumulated employee contributions. However, if the deceased member contributed to survivor benefits, an eligible spouse of the member may choose to vest the member's service (8 years required) until the spouse is eligible to receive monthly survivor benefits as defined by the System.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Upon the death of a retired member, the System will pay a \$5,000 death benefit to the member's beneficiary or estate of the member if there is no living beneficiary. The death benefit will be paid in addition to any excess employee contributions or survivor benefits due to the estate or beneficiary. Death benefits paid for the year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 totaled \$58,334 and \$45,000, respectively.

Surviving spouse benefits are paid to a member's spouse, provided the member makes the required contributions and the spouse qualifies under the System provisions. These payments are made monthly over the remaining life of the spouse. If the member has ten years of service and the death is determined by the Workers' Compensation Court to be employment related, the benefit is payable immediately to the spouse. Members must have eight years of credited service before their spouses are eligible for normal survivor benefits. The benefit payment is equal to 50% up to 65% of the normal retirement benefit if certain contributions and other criteria are met. Survivor benefits are also available to the retiree's designated joint annuitant according to the option elected by the member. The first option gives the member a reduced lifetime annuity with 50% of the amount paid to the member's survivor at the member's death. The second option pays the member an even further reduced annuity with the same amount paid to the survivor after the member's death.

Health Insurance Subsidy Plan

HISP provides a health insurance premium subsidy for retirees of the System who elect to maintain health insurance with the Oklahoma Employees Group Insurance Division (EGID) or other qualified insurance plan provided by the employer. This subsidy continues until the retiree terminates health insurance coverage with EGID or other qualified plan, or until death. The subsidy is only for the retiree, not joint annuitants or beneficiaries.

Benefits are established and may be amended by the State Legislature from time to time.

(c) Contributions

The contribution requirements of the System are an established rate determined by the Oklahoma Legislature and are based on a comparison to an actuarial calculation which is performed to determine the adequacy of the contribution rate. An actuarially determined portion of the total contributions to the System are set aside to finance the cost of the benefits of the HISP in accordance with provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

The contribution rate of all justices and judges is 8% of a member's monthly salary. The member may elect a maximum benefit with no survivor option or one of two types of actuarially reduced retirement benefits that provide for a lifetime benefit to be paid to the member's joint annuitant after the member's death. This election is available for any judge or justice without regard to marital status. Each married member of the System provided for spousal survivor benefits and contributed at the rate of 8% unless the member's spouse agreed to waive spousal benefits. Participating court employers are required to contribute monthly a percentage of the gross salaries of the active members of the System. The percentages established by the Oklahoma Legislature for the year ended June 30, 2021 was 22% of member payroll. Only employers contribute to the HISP.

Prior to July 2009, the Board was authorized to adjust the contribution rate to prevent a funded ratio of the System of less than 100%. Effective July 1, 2009, the statutory responsibility of the Board was modified to adjust the employer contribution rate to prevent a funded ratio below the target of "at or near" ninety percent. In May 2010, legislation was enacted to remove the authority of the Board to adjust the employer contribution rate.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

(4) Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents represent short-term investment funds held by the Office of the State Treasurer (State Treasurer) and the System's custodial agent.

At June 30, cash equivalents were:

	2021	2020
Cash equivalents		
State Treasurer	\$ 121,672	\$ 114,556
Custodial agent	17,626,131	9,657,032
Total cash and cash equivalents	\$17,747,803	\$ 9,771,588

Cash is deposited to *OK INVEST*, an internal investment pool of the State Treasurer with holdings limited to obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrumentalities, agency senior debt and mortgage-backed pass-through securities, tri-party repurchase agreements, money market mutual funds, collateralized certificates of deposit, commercial paper, obligations of state and local governments, and State of Israel Bonds. Participants are limited to qualifying agencies and funds within the State's reporting entity, and each participant maintains an interest in the underlying investments of *OK INVEST* and shares the risk of loss on the fund in proportion to the respective investment in the fund. The custodial agent cash equivalents consist of temporary investments in commingled trust funds of the System's custodial agent. The fund is composed of high-grade money market instruments with short maturities. Each participant in the fund shares the risk of loss on the fund in proportion to the respective investment in the fund.

Deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk if they are not covered by depository insurance and the deposits are uncollateralized, collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agency but not in the depositor-government's name. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the cash equivalents in *OK INVEST* and the System's custodial agent cash equivalents were not exposed to custodial credit risk because their existence cannot be evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

(5) Investments

(a) General

Investments are pooled for administrative purposes and then allocated to the pension plan and HISP based on actuarial data, inflows and outflows. The OPERS Statement of Investment Policy states that the Board believes that System assets should be managed in a fashion that reflects the System's unique liabilities and funding resources, incorporating accepted investment theory and reliable empirical evidence. Specifically, the Board has adopted the following principles:

- Asset allocation is the key determinant of return, and therefore, commitments to asset allocation targets will be maintained through a disciplined rebalancing program.
- Diversification, both by and within asset classes, is the primary risk control element.
- Passive fund portfolios are suitable investment strategies, especially in highly efficient markets. These index funds, which are externally managed by professional investment management firms selected through due diligence of the Board, are deemed to be actively managed accounts within the meaning of Section 909.1(D) of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

The investment policy, guidelines, and objectives which govern the investment of System assets shall be developed and adopted by the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled public Board meeting, at least annually, prior to August 1 of each year. Changes to the investment policy may be made, as necessary, at any public meeting of the Board of Trustees, in compliance with the Open Meeting Act.

The asset allocation guidelines established by policy at June 30, 2021 and 2020, were U.S. equities – 40%, international equities – 28%, and domestic fixed income – 32%. The guidelines also establish minimum and maximum percentages for each asset class allocation, and when allocations move outside these limits, portfolios are rebalanced.

The fair value of investments held by the System at June 30 was as follows:

	2021	2020
U.S. Treasury notes/bonds	\$ 52,627,663	\$ 34,043,752
U.S. TIPS index fund	14,180,530	11,878,551
Government agencies	1,569,489	219,402
Government mortgage-backed securities	29,603,912	28,226,964
Foreign bonds	769,603	898,946
Municipal bonds	271,895	1,034,768
Corporate bonds	25,584,775	30,190,042
Asset-backed securities	4,172,392	4,605,209
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,583,905	2,347,828
Non government backed collateralized mortgage obligations	1,293,749	1,597,690
U.S. equity index funds	179,153,272	141,734,172
International equity index fund	123,199,220	91,508,911
Securities lending collateral	15,896,644	17,654,339
Total investments	\$ 450,907,049	\$ 365,940,574

The System participates in fixed income and international and domestic equity index funds managed by BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A. (BTC). BTC, a subsidiary of BlackRock, Inc., is a national banking association and operates as a limited purpose trust company. Its primary regulator is the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), the agency of the U.S. Treasury Department that regulates United States national banks. Each fund is a collective fund which is a group trust and an entity separate from BTC, other funds, and the investing participants. BTC is trustee of each of the collective fund trusts and holds legal title to each trust's assets for the exclusive benefit of the System. The fair value of the System's position in the pool is the same as the value of the pool shares. In 2021 and 2020, the System invested in a fixed income index fund, two domestic equity index funds, and an international equity index fund. The System shares the risk of loss in these funds with other participants in proportion to its respective investment. Because the System does not own any specific identifiable investment securities of these funds, the risk associated with any derivative investments held in these funds is not apparent. The degree of risk depends on the underlying portfolios of the funds, which were selected by the System in accordance with its investment policy guidelines including risk assessment.

(b) *Securities Lending*

The System's investment policy provides for its participation in a securities lending program. The program is administered by the System's master custodian, and there are no restrictions on the amount of loans that can be made. During 2021 and 2020, the types of securities loaned were primarily U.S. Government and corporate bonds. Certain securities of the System are loaned to participating brokers, who must provide collateral in the form of cash, U.S. Treasury or Government Agency securities, or letters of credit issued by approved banks.

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Under the terms of the securities lending agreement, collateral is required to be provided in the amount of 102% of the fair value of U.S. securities loaned and 105% of the fair value of non-U.S. securities loaned. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the System has no credit risk exposure to borrowers because the amounts the System owes the borrowers exceed the amounts the borrowers owe the System. The market value of the cash and non-cash collateral received in 2021 and 2020 was \$15,896,644 and \$8,206,711 and \$17,654,339 and \$8,633,021, respectively. The master custodian provides for full indemnification to the System for any losses that might occur in the program due to the failure of a broker to return a security that was borrowed (and if the collateral is inadequate to replace the securities lent) or failure to pay the System for income of the securities while on loan. The loan premium paid by the borrower of the securities is apportioned between the System and its custodial agent in accordance with the securities lending agreement. All securities loans can be terminated on demand by either the lender or the borrower.

Securities On Loan	2021	%	2020	%
Collateralized by Cash Collateral	\$ 15,558,197	66%	\$ 17,271,026	67%
Collateralized by non- Cash Collateral	8,021,680	34%	8,426,678	33%
Total	\$ 23,579,877	100%	\$ 25,697,704	100%

The securities lending agreement provides that cash collateral be invested in the custodial agent's short-term investment pool and sets forth credit quality standards, acceptable investments, diversification standards, and maturity and liquidity constraints for the investment fund. The System's investment guidelines do not require a matching of investment maturities with loan maturities but do establish minimum levels of liquidity and other investment restrictions designed to minimize the interest rate risk associated with not matching the maturities of the investments with the loans. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the cash collateral investments had an average weighted maturity of 31 and 26 days, respectively, and the relationship between the maturities of the custodial agent's investment pool and the System's loans is affected by the maturities of the securities loans made by other entities that use the agent's pool, which the System cannot determine. The System's non-cash collateral is represented by its allocated share of a pool administered by the agent for the System and other pool participants and the System cannot pledge or sell them unless the borrower defaults, thus is not included in the statements of fiduciary net position.

(c) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will default or will otherwise not fulfill its obligations.

The System's investment guidelines provide for the domestic fixed income managers to follow one of four investment styles and specify quality guidelines for each style.

The *Constrained Core* manager will invest in a broadly diversified portfolio with characteristics similar to a broad fixed income market index, such as the Barclays Capital Aggregate Bond Index. The total portfolio minimum quality should be single-A as rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO). The portfolio should primarily consist of investment grade securities, with a minimum quality rating for any issue of triple-B rating by at least one NRSRO. In the event that a credit rating is downgraded below this minimum, the investment manager shall immediately notify OPERS staff and provide an evaluation and recommended course of action.

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The *Core Plus* manager will invest in a broadly diversified portfolio with characteristics similar to the Constrained Core manager and will add a “plus” of limited exposure to high yield bonds. The total portfolio minimum quality should be single-A as rated by an NRSRO. No more than 20% of the portfolio shall consist of non-investment grade issues. The minimum quality rating for any issue is single-B rating by at least one NRSRO, and no more than 5% of a portfolio shall be invested in issues rated below double-B rating by at least one NRSRO. In the event that a credit rating is downgraded below this minimum, the investment manager shall immediately notify OPERS staff and provide an evaluation and recommended course of action.

The *Interest Rate Anticipator* manager follows a style that seeks to correctly forecast the long-term trend in interest rates and adjust the portfolio duration accordingly. The total portfolio minimum quality should be single-A as rated by an NRSRO, and the portfolio should consist of investment grade securities only.

The *Passive* fixed income style consists of a Treasury Inflation-Protection Securities (TIPS) index fund. TIPS are securities issued by the U.S. Government that are designed to protect the purchasing power of the investor.

At June 30, 2021, the domestic fixed income portfolio consisted of a constrained core fixed income portfolio, a core plus fixed income portfolio, a rate anticipator portfolio, and a passive U.S. TIPS index fund. All components met the stated policy restrictions, except the core fixed income portfolio, which held \$397,098 of the portfolio in issues rated below triple-B minus, and the core plus fixed income portfolio, which held \$618,675 in issues rated below single-B. At June 30, 2020, the domestic fixed income portfolio consisted of a constrained core fixed income portfolio, a core plus fixed income portfolio, a rate anticipator portfolio, and a passive U.S. TIPS index fund. All components met the stated policy restrictions, except the core fixed income portfolio, which held \$82,267 of the portfolio in issues rated below triple-B minus, and the core plus fixed income portfolio, which held \$627,372 in issues rated below single-B.

Investments issued by or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government are not considered to have credit risk. At June 30, 2021, the System held 43.6% of fixed income investments that were not considered to have credit risk and 10.7% in a U.S. TIPS index fund made up of explicitly guaranteed U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities. At June 30, 2020, the System held 30.5% of fixed income investments that were not considered to have credit risk and 10.3% in a U.S. TIPS index fund made up of explicitly guaranteed U.S. Treasury Inflation-Protected Securities.

The System’s exposure to credit risk at June 30, 2021 is presented below, in thousands, by investment category as rated by an NRSRO.

	Triple-A	Double-A	Single-A	Triple-B	Double-B	Single-B	Triple-C	Total
Government agencies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133
Foreign government bonds	-	-	47	537	186	-	-	770
Municipal bonds	54	185	21	12	-	-	-	272
Corporate bonds	91	559	6,966	16,798	1,006	96	69	25,585
Asset-backed securities	3,420	307	120	-	47	183	95	4,172
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,359	178	19	28	-	-	-	2,584
Non government backed collateralized mortgage obligations	443	421	4	224	-	202	-	1,294
Total fixed income securities exposed to credit risk	\$ 6,367	\$ 1,650	\$ 7,177	\$ 17,732	\$ 1,239	\$ 481	\$ 164	\$ 34,810
Percent of total fixed income portfolio	4.8%	1.2%	5.4%	13.4%	0.9%	0.4%	0.1%	26.2%

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The System's exposure to credit risk at June 30, 2020 is presented below, in thousands, by investment category as rated by an NRSRO.

	Triple-A	Double-A	Single-A	Triple-B	Double-B	Single-B	Triple-C	Total
Government agencies	\$ 13.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 114	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 127
Foreign government bonds	-	-	22	877	-	-	-	899
Municipal bonds	351	481	99	104	-	-	-	1,035
Corporate bonds	143	1,341	10,910	16,428	1,127	229	12	30,190
Asset-backed securities	3,322	616	278	84	-	170	135	4,605
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,166	141	17	24	-	-	-	2,348
Non government backed collateralized mortgage obligations	846	224	74	216	130	108	-	1,598
Total fixed income securities								
exposed to credit risk	\$ 6,841	\$ 2,803	\$ 11,400	\$ 17,847	\$ 1,257	\$ 507	\$ 147	\$ 40,802
Percent of total fixed income portfolio	5.9%	2.6%	9.9%	15.5%	1.1%	0.4%	0.1%	35.5%

The exposure to credit risk of the underlying investments of the System's cash equivalents is 100% invested in Double -A credit rating at June 30, 2021 and 2020.

(d) Concentration of Credit Risk

Investments can be exposed to concentration of credit risk if significant amounts are invested in any one issuer. The System's investment policy states that portfolios managed on behalf of the System should not hold more than 5% of the outstanding securities of any single issuer. As of June 30, 2021, and 2021, the System did not have 5% or more of its total investments in any single issuer.

(e) Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or a deposit. Duration is a measure of a debt investment's exposure to fair value changes arising from changing interest rates based upon the present value of cash flows, weighted for those cash flows as a percentage of the investment's full price. Effective duration estimates the sensitivity of a bond's price to interest rate changes and makes assumptions regarding the most likely timing and amounts of variable cash flows arising from investments such as callable bonds, collateralized mortgage obligations, and other mortgage-backed securities.

The System does not have a formal investment policy on interest rate risk. Interest rate risk is controlled through diversification of portfolio management styles.

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At June 30, the System's exposure to interest rate risk as measured by effective duration is listed below by investment category.

	2021		2020	
	Fair Value	Effective duration in years	Fair Value	Effective duration in years
U.S. Treasury notes/bonds	\$ 52,627,663	10.3	\$ 34,043,752	13.6
U.S. TIPS index fund	14,180,530	7.5	11,878,551	7.7
Government agencies	1,569,489	1.2	219,402	9.6
Government mortgage-backed securities	29,603,912	3.8	28,226,964	3.9
Foreign bonds	769,603	8.8	898,946	8.7
Municipal bonds	271,895	15.2	1,034,768	11.4
Corporate bonds	25,584,775	7.8	30,190,042	7.5
Asset-backed securities	4,172,392	2	4,605,209	2.2
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,583,905	4.2	2,347,828	4.8
Non government backed collateralized mortgage obligations	1,293,749	1.7	1,597,690	2.6
Total fixed income	\$ 132,657,913		\$ 115,043,152	
Portfolio duration		7.5		8.2

Some investments' sensitivity to changing interest rates may derive from prepayment options embedded in an investment. Asset-backed securities, mortgage-backed securities, and collateralized mortgage obligations are pass-through securities that represent pooled debt obligations repackaged as securities that pass income and principal from debtors through the intermediary to investors.

Asset-backed securities are bonds or notes backed by loan paper or accounts receivable originated by banks, credit card companies, or other providers of credit and often enhanced by a bank letter of credit or by insurance coverage provided by an institution other than the issuer. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the System held \$4,172,392 and \$4,605,209, respectively, in asset-backed securities.

Mortgage-backed securities are securities backed by mortgages issued by public and private institutions. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the System held \$29,603,912 and \$28,226,964, respectively, in government mortgage-backed securities issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC), Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA), and Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) as well as \$2,583,905 and \$2,347,828, respectively, in commercial mortgage-backed securities.

Collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs) are mortgage-backed bonds that allocate mortgage cash flows (interest and principal) into different maturity classes, called tranches. This is accomplished by dedicating mortgage cash flows to specific tranches and paying each tranche off, in turn by prespecified rules. In return for a lower yield, CMOs provide investors with increased security about the life of their investment compared to purchasing a pass-through mortgage-backed security. If mortgage rates drop (rise) sharply, prepayment rates will increase (decrease), and CMO tranches may be repaid before (after) the expected maturity. At June 30, 2021 and 2020, the System held \$1,293,749 and \$1,597,690, respectively in non-government backed CMOs.

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The exposure to interest rate risk of the underlying investments of the System's cash equivalents at June 30 is as follows:

Maturities		
(in days)	2021	2020
0 - 14	47.4 %	36.3 %
15 - 30	4.3	8.3
31 - 60	9.7	14.6
61 - 90	17.7	11.2
91 - 180	9.2	22.9
181 - 364	11.2	3.3
365 - 730	0.5	3.6
	100.0 %	100.0 %

(f) *Rate of Return*

For the year ended June 30, 2021 and 2020, the annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expenses, was 27.68% and 4.59% respectively, and the annual money-weighted rate of return on OPEB plan investments, net of OPEB plan investment expenses, was 23.73% and 4.34% respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

(g) *Fair Value Measurement*

The System categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The inputs to the three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1:** Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2:** Significant other observable inputs, including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active and other market corroborated inputs
- Level 3:** Significant unobservable inputs

Debt securities classified in Level 2 are subject to pricing by an alternative pricing source due to lack of information available by the primary vendor.

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Assets measured at fair value and net asset value at June 30, 2021 are as follows:

Investments by Fair Value Level	6/30/2021	Fair Value Measurements Using			
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	
Cash Equivalents by Fair Value Level					
Short-term investment fund	\$ 17,626,131	\$ -	\$ 17,626,131	\$ -	
Investments by Fair Value Level					
U.S. Treasury notes/bonds	\$ 52,627,663	\$ -	\$ 52,627,663	\$ -	
Government agencies	1,569,489	-	1,569,489	-	
Government mortgage-backed securities	29,603,912	-	29,603,912	-	
Foreign bonds	769,603	-	769,603	-	
Municipal bonds	271,895	-	271,895	-	
Corporate bonds	25,584,775	-	25,584,775	-	
Asset-backed securities	4,172,392	-	4,172,392	-	
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,583,905	-	2,583,905	-	
Non government backed collateralized mortgage obligations	1,293,749	-	1,293,749	-	
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	\$ 118,477,383	\$ -	\$ 118,477,383	\$ -	
Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value (NAV)					
U.S. TIPS index fund	\$ 14,180,530				
International equity index fund	123,199,220				
U.S. equity index funds	179,153,272				
Total Investments Measured at the NAV	316,533,022				
Securities lending collateral	15,896,644				
Total Investments	\$ 450,907,049				

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Assets measured at fair value and net asset value at June 30, 2020 are as follows:

Investments by Fair Value Level	6/30/2020	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in	Significant Other	Significant
		Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Cash Equivalents by Fair Value Level				
Short-term investment fund	\$ 9,657,032	\$ -	\$ 9,657,032	\$ -
Investments by Fair Value Level				
U.S. Treasury notes/bonds	\$ 34,043,752	\$ -	\$ 34,043,752	\$ -
Government agencies	219,402	-	219,402	-
Government mortgage-backed securities	28,226,964	-	28,226,964	-
Foreign bonds	898,946	-	898,946	-
Municipal bonds	1,034,768	-	1,034,768	-
Corporate bonds	30,190,042	-	30,190,042	-
Asset-backed securities	4,605,209	-	4,605,209	-
Commercial mortgage-backed securities	2,347,828	-	2,347,828	-
Non government backed collateralized mortgage obligations	1,597,690	-	1,597,690	-
Total Investments by Fair Value Level	\$ 103,164,601	\$ -	\$ 103,164,601	\$ -
Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value (NAV)				
U.S. TIPS index fund	\$ 11,878,551			
International equity index fund	91,508,911			
U.S. equity index funds	141,734,172			
Total Investments Measured at the NAV	245,121,634			
Securities lending collateral	17,654,339			
Total Investments	\$ 365,940,574			

There have been no significant changes in valuation techniques during the fiscal years ended June 30, 2021 and 2020.

Certain investments that do not have a readily determinable fair value are measured at NAV (or its equivalent), such as member units or an ownership interest. NAV per share is calculated as of the System's year-end in a manner consistent with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's measurement principles for investment companies. The redemption method for investments measured at the NAV per share (or its equivalent) is presented in the table below.

Investments Measured at the Net Asset Value	6/30/2021	6/30/2020	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
U.S. TIPS index fund (1)	\$ 14,180,530	\$ 11,878,551	Daily	2 days
International equity index fund (2)	123,199,220	91,508,911	Daily	2 days
U.S. equity index funds (3)	179,153,272	141,734,172	Daily	1 day
	\$ 316,533,022	\$ 245,121,634		

⁽¹⁾ **U.S. TIPS index fund** – The US Treasury Inflation Protected Securities fund is an index fund that establishes an objective of delivering investment performance approximating the rate of return for outstanding US Treasury inflation protected securities with a maturity of one year or greater. The investment is valued at the net asset value of units held at the end of the period based upon the fair value of the underlying investments.

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⁽²⁾ **International Equity Index Fund** – The International equity fund consists of an index fund that is designed to track various segments of non-US equity markets. That index fund is the ACWI ex-US Index Fund. The index fund is invested and reinvested in portfolios of non-US developed and emerging markets equity securities, with the objective of approximating the capitalization-weighted return of each respective market segment for publicly traded equity securities. The investment is valued at the net asset value of units held at the end of the period based upon the fair value of the underlying investments.

⁽³⁾ **U.S. Equity Index Funds** – The US equity funds consist of index funds that are designed to track various segments of US equity markets. Those index funds include the Russell 1000 Index Fund and the Russell 2000 Index Fund. The index funds are invested and reinvested in portfolios of US equity securities, with the objective of approximating the capitalization-weighted return of each respective market segment for publicly traded equity securities. The investment is valued at the net asset value of units held at the end of the period based upon the fair value of the underlying investments.

The System had no unfunded commitments related to investments measured at NAV as of June 30, 2021 and 2020.

(6) Net Pension Asset, Net OPEB Asset and Actuarial Information**(a) Net Pension Asset and Net OPEB Asset**

The components of the net pension asset of the employer at June 30 were as follows:

	2021	2020
Total pension liability	\$ 339,028,732	\$ 330,152,206
Plan fiduciary net position	\$ 429,150,928	\$ 347,508,299
Employer's net pension asset	<u>\$ (90,122,196)</u>	<u>\$ (17,356,093)</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	126.58%	105.26%

The components of the net OPEB asset of the employer at June 30 were as follows:

	2021	2020
Total OPEB liability	\$ 2,907,424	\$ 2,870,520
OPEB plan fiduciary net position	\$ 4,300,474	\$ 3,453,996
Employer's net OPEB asset	<u>\$ (1,393,050)</u>	<u>\$ (583,476)</u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	147.91%	120.33%

(b) Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The total pension liability and total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, were determined based on actuarial valuations prepared as of July 1, 2021 and July 1, 2020, using the following actuarial assumptions:

- Salary increases – 3.50% per 2021 and 2020, including inflation
- Post-retirement benefit increases – No increases assumed
- Investment return – 6.50%, compounded annually net of investment expense, and including inflation in 2021 and 2020
- Assumed inflation rate – 2.50% in 2021 and 2020

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- Payroll growth – 3.25% per year for 2021 & 2020
- Actuarial cost method—Entry age
- Mortality Rates – In 2021, Pub-2010 Below Media, General Membership Active/Retiree Healthy Mortality Table with base rates projected to 2030 using Scale MP-2019. Male rates are set back one year, and female rates are set forward one year.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2021 valuations are based on the results of the most recent actuarial experience study, which covered the three-year period ending June 30, 2019. The experience study report is dated May 13, 2020.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments and OPEB plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The HISP represents a subsidy that is capped at \$105 per month per retiree.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major class, as used in the June 30, 2019 experience study, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Large Cap Equity	34.0%	4.7%
U.S. Small Cap Equity	6.0%	5.8%
Int'l Developed Equity	23.0%	6.5%
Emerging market Equity	5.0%	8.5%
Core Fixed Income	25.0%	0.5%
Long term Treasuries	3.5%	0.0%
US TIPS	3.5%	0.3%
Total	100.0%	

(c) *Discount rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability and the total OPEB liability was 6.50% for 2021 and 2020. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and the employer will be made at the current contribution rate as set out in state statute. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position and the OPEB plan's fiduciary net position were to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current System members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan and OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability and total OPEB liability. The discount rate determined does not use a municipal bond rate.

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Sensitivity of the net pension asset and the net OPEB asset to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net pension liability or asset of the employer calculated using the discount rate of 6.50% for 2021 and 2020, as well as what the System's net pension liability or asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2021			June 30, 2020		
	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Current Discount Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Current Discount Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)
Net pension liability (asset)	\$ (58,730,752)	\$ (90,122,196)	\$ (117,370,657)	\$ 13,204,558	\$ (17,356,093)	\$ (43,868,073)

The following presents the net HISP liability or asset of the employer calculated using the discount rate of 6.50% for 2021 and 2020, as well as what the System's net HISP liability or asset would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

	June 30, 2021			June 30, 2020		
	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Current Discount Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Current Discount Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)
Net HISP liability (asset)	\$ (1,148,920)	\$ (1,393,050)	\$ (1,607,361)	\$ (342,068)	\$ (583,476)	\$ (795,318)

Due to the structure of the HISP, healthcare cost trend rate sensitivity analysis is not meaningful.

(7) Federal Income Tax Status

Pursuant to a determination by the IRS, the System is qualified under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended and, therefore, is exempt from federal income taxes. The latest determination letter is dated October 28, 2014 and was a favorable determination for the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges. The System has been amended since receiving the determination letter; however, the System administrator believes that the System is designed and is currently being operated in substantial compliance with the applicable requirements of the Internal Revenue Code and will retain its status as a qualified plan.

Required Supplementary Information

(Unaudited)

June 30, 2021

Schedule 1**Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Asset (\$ in Thousands)**

Year Ended June 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability								
Service cost	\$ 9,841	\$ 9,194	\$ 9,003	\$ 8,897	\$ 10,085	\$ 9,689	\$ 9,602	\$ 9,489
Interest	20,719	20,642	19,623	19,162	19,229	19,341	18,812	18,529
Benefits changes	-	5,786	-	-	-	-	-	-
Difference between expected and actual experience	1,465	(738)	7,246	(2,004)	(6,664)	(7,480)	(4,598)	(7,597)
Changes of assumptions	-	11,677	-	-	3,979	5,843	-	(1,046)
Benefit payments	(23,063)	(22,025)	(20,384)	(18,462)	(17,648)	(17,198)	(16,093)	(14,940)
Refunds of contributions	(85)	(185)	(66)	(52)	(89)	(161)	(111)	(57)
Net change in total pension liability	8,877	24,351	15,422	7,541	8,892	10,034	7,612	4,378
Total pension liability - beginning	330,152	305,801	290,379	282,838	276,434	266,400	258,788	254,409
Adoption of GASB 74	-	-	-	-	(2,488)	-	-	-
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ 339,029	\$ 330,152	\$ 305,801	\$ 290,379	\$ 282,838	\$ 276,434	\$ 266,400	\$ 258,787
Plan Fiduciary Net Position								
Contributions - employer	\$ 7,618	\$ 7,384	\$ 7,146	\$ 6,504	\$ 6,013	\$ 5,832	\$ 5,295	\$ 4,611
Contributions - member	2,863	2,766	2,666	2,608	2,664	2,666	2,706	2,544
Net investment income	94,482	15,537	20,115	26,189	36,312	1,441	8,174	46,212
Benefit payments	(23,063)	(22,025)	(20,384)	(18,461)	(17,648)	(17,198)	(16,093)	(14,940)
Administrative expense	(173)	(174)	(169)	(154)	(153)	(149)	(144)	(132)
Refunds of contributions	(85)	(185)	(65)	(52)	(89)	(161)	(111)	(57)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	81,642	3,303	9,309	16,634	27,099	(7,569)	(173)	38,238
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	347,509	344,206	334,897	318,263	293,727	301,296	301,469	263,231
Adoption of GASB 74	-	-	-	-	(2,563)	-	-	-
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	429,151	347,509	344,206	334,897	318,263	293,727	301,296	301,469
Net pension asset - ending (a) - (b)	\$ (90,122)	\$ (17,357)	\$ (38,405)	\$ (44,518)	\$ (35,425)	\$ (17,293)	\$ (34,896)	\$ (42,682)

Schedule of the Net Pension Asset (\$ in Thousands)

Year Ended June 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Total pension liability	\$ 339,029	\$ 330,152	\$ 305,801	\$ 290,379	\$ 282,838	\$ 276,434	\$ 266,400	\$ 258,787
Plan fiduciary net position	429,151	347,509	344,206	334,897	318,263	293,727	301,296	301,469
Net pension asset	\$ (90,122)	\$ (17,357)	\$ (38,405)	\$ (44,518)	\$ (35,425)	\$ (17,293)	\$ (34,896)	\$ (42,682)
Ratio of plan fiduciary net position to total pension liability	126.58%	105.26%	112.56%	115.33%	112.52%	106.26%	113.10%	116.49%
Covered payroll	\$ 35,377	\$ 35,113	\$ 33,839	\$ 33,359	\$ 34,811	\$ 34,537	\$ 34,282	\$ 34,326
Net pension asset as a % of covered payroll	-254.74%	-49.43%	-113.49%	-133.45%	-101.76%	-50.07%	-101.79%	-124.34%

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*2016 and prior columns have not been restated for the effect of the adoption of GASB Statement No. 74

Discounted Rate is 6.50% for 2021 and 2020, 7.00% 2019, 2018 and 2017, 7.25% for 2016 and 7.50% for 2015, compounded annually, net of investment expense and including inflation

Required Supplementary Information**Schedule of Pension Employer Contributions (\$ in Thousands)**

(Unaudited)

June 30, 2021

Schedule 2

Year Ended June 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Actuarially determined employer contribution	\$ 3,254	\$ 790	\$ 352	\$ 1,638	\$ 3,626	\$ 3,454	\$ 4,897	\$ 7,215
Actual employer contributions	7,618	7,384	7,146	6,504	6,013	5,832	5,295	4,611
Annual contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ (4,364)	\$ (6,594)	\$ (6,794)	\$ (4,866)	\$ (2,387)	\$ (2,378)	\$ (398)	\$ 2,604
Covered payroll	\$ 35,377	\$ 35,113	\$ 33,839	\$ 33,359	\$ 34,811	\$ 34,537	\$ 34,282	\$ 34,326
Actual contributions as a % of covered payroll	21.53%	21.03%	21.12%	19.50%	17.27%	16.89%	15.45%	13.43%

* Covered payroll beginning in 2017 is for the defined benefit plan members only. Note: 2017 was the first year to exclude the health insurance subsidy.

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Notes to Schedule

Valuation date:

Actuarially determined contributions are calculated as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported

Methods and assumptions used to determine contribution rates:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, closed
Remaining amortization period	7 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Inflation	2.50% for 2021 and 2020, 2.75% for 2019, 2018 and 2017, 3.00% for 2016 and 2015
Salary increase	3.50% for 2021 and 2020, 3.75% for 2019, 3.75% for 2018 and 2017, 5.00% for 2016 and 2015, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.50% for 2021 and 2020, 7.00% for 2019, 2018 and 2017, 7.25% for 2016 and 7.50% for 2015, compounded annually, net of investment expense and including inflation
Retirement age	Age 67 with eight years of judicial service or age 62 with 10 years of judicial service for judges taking office on or after January 1, 2012. Age 65 with eight years of judicial service or age 60 with 10 years of judicial service for judges taking office prior to January 1, 2012.
Mortality	For 2021 and 2020 - Pub-2010 Below Median, General membership Active/ Retiree Healthy Mortality table with base rates projected to 2030 using Scale MP-2019. Males rates are set back one year, and female rates are set forward one year. For 2019 and 2018, active participants and nondisabled pensioners – RP-2014 Mortality Table projected to 2025 by Scale MP-2016 (disabled pensioners set forward 12 years). For 2016 and 2015, RP-2000 Combined Active/Retired Healthy Mortality Table projected to 2010, set back one year

Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Money-Weighted Rate of Return on Pension Plan Investments

(Unaudited)

June 30, 2021

Schedule 3

Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense	
Year ended June 30, 2021	27.68%
Year ended June 30, 2020	4.59%
Year ended June 30, 2019	6.11%
Year ended June 30, 2018	8.35%
Year ended June 30, 2017	12.68%
Year ended June 30, 2016	0.49%
Year ended June 30, 2015	2.75%
Year ended June 30, 2014	17.83%

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Required Supplementary Information

(Unaudited)

June 30, 2021

Schedule 4**Schedule of Changes in the Net HISP Asset (\$ in Thousands)**

Year Ended June 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total HISP Liability					
Service cost	\$ 114	\$ 108	\$ 115	\$ 112	\$ 122
Interest	180	190	183	183	174
Difference between expected and actual experience	(52)	(139)	(11)	(88)	(13)
Changes of assumptions	-	107	-	-	107
Benefit payments	(206)	(209)	(197)	(182)	(179)
Net change in total HISP liability	36	57	90	25	211
Total HISP liability - beginning	2,871	2,814	2,724	2,699	2,488
Total HISP liability - ending (a)	\$ 2,907	\$ 2,871	\$ 2,814	\$ 2,724	\$ 2,699
Plan Fiduciary Net Position					
Contributions - employer	\$ 231	\$ 203	\$ 187	\$ 180	\$ 178
Net investment income	822	144	190	251	330
Benefit payments	(205)	(209)	(197)	(182)	(179)
Administrative expense	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	(1)
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	846	136	179	248	328
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	3,454	3,318	3,139	2,891	2,563
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)	4,300	3,454	3,318	3,139	2,891
Net HISP asset - ending (a) - (b)	\$ (1,393)	\$ (583)	\$ (504)	\$ (415)	\$ (192)

Schedule of the Net HISP Asset (\$ in Thousands)

Year Ended June 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total HISP liability	\$ 2,907	\$ 2,871	\$ 2,814	\$ 2,724	\$ 2,699
Plan fiduciary net position	4,300	3,454	3,318	3,139	2,891
Net HISP asset	\$ (1,393)	\$ (583)	\$ (504)	\$ (415)	\$ (192)
Ratio of plan fiduciary net position to total HISP liability	147.91%	120.32%	117.92%	115.21%	107.10%
Covered payroll*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net HISP asset as a percentage of covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Covered Payroll is not meaningful to formulate a ratio of net HISP liability as a percentage of covered payroll. Contributions are only received from employers.

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Required Supplementary Information**Schedule of HISP Employer Contributions (\$ in Thousands)**

(Unaudited)

June 30, 2021

Schedule 5

Year Ended June 30,	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Actuarially determined employer contribution	\$ 28	\$ 7	\$ 3	\$ 15	\$ 35
Actual employer contributions	232	203	187	180	178
Annual contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ (204)	\$ (196)	\$ (184)	\$ (165)	\$ (143)
Covered payroll*	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Actual contributions as a % of covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Notes to Schedule**Valuation date:**

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Required Supplementary Information

Schedule of Money-Weighted Rate of Return on HISP Investments

(Unaudited)

June 30, 2021

Schedule 6

Annual money-weighted rate of return, net of investment expense	
Year ended June 30, 2021	23.73%
Year ended June 30, 2020	4.34%
Year ended June 30, 2019	6.06%
Year ended June 30, 2018	8.68%
Year ended June 30, 2017	12.89%

Supplementary Information**Schedule of Investment Expenses**

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

Schedule 7

	2021	2020
Investment management fees		
Fixed Income Managers:		
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	\$ 46,799	\$ 44,765
Hoisington Investment Management	17,338	17,795
Metropolitan West Asset Management, LLC	71,345	46,602
U.S. Equity Managers:		
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A.	11,239	11,637
International Equity Managers:		
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A.	23,438	19,748
Total investment management fees	170,159	140,547
Investment consultant fees		
Verus Advisory, Inc.	7,734	7,507
Investment custodial fees		
Northern Trust Company	1,305	1,479
Other investment related expenses	6,698	6,293
Total investment expenses	\$ 185,896	\$ 155,826

Supplementary Information

Schedule of Administrative Expenses

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

Schedule 8

	2021	2020
Professional / consultant services	\$ 16,008	\$ 14,330
Allocated administrative expenses (see note below)	158,719	161,702
	<u>\$ 174,727</u>	<u>\$ 176,032</u>

Note to Schedule of Administrative Expenses

Administrative overhead expenses, including personnel and other supporting services costs, which are paid for by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), are allocated to the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges and two other retirement funds also administered by OPERS. The allocation is based on OPERS' estimate of the cost of service provided by the Plan to all the funds it administers.

Supplementary Information

Schedule of Professional/Consultant Fees

Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

Schedule 9

		2021	2020
Professional/Consultant	Service		
Cavanaugh Macdonald Consulting, Inc.	Actuarial	\$ 2,655	\$ 4,257
Arledge & Associates	External Auditor	1,085	1,008
Eide Bailly LLP	External Auditor	1,962	1,923
Finley & Cook, PLLC	Internal Auditor	5,629	2,306
Gartner Inc.	IT Consulting	3,975	3,858
OMES-Communications	IT Consulting	-	296
True Digital Security	IT Consulting	702	682
		\$ 16,008	\$ 14,330

2021 TOGETHER

Nothing is more important than protecting the financial well-being of our investments. Working TOGETHER and delivering on the mission of serving public employees, we help ensure our members can have the best possible retirement.

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Investment Consultant's Report

Investment Objectives

The primary financial objective for Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges (URSJJ) is to earn a long-term return sufficient to avoid deterioration in funded status. The System's actuary estimates this return requirement to be 6.5% while its investment consultant estimates the return requirement to be 4.4% for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. It is important to note that Verus uses a 10-year investment horizon whereas actuarial consultants use a much longer time horizon in developing forecasts, typically 30 years.

The secondary goals for URSJJ are to outperform the asset allocation-weighted benchmark and target a median ranking in the universe of large public pension funds.

Asset Allocation

The System's Investment Philosophy stresses the following key points:

1. Asset allocation is the key determinant of return. Therefore, commitments to asset allocation targets are maintained through a disciplined rebalancing program.
2. Diversification, both by and within asset classes, is the primary tool for risk control.
3. Passive instruments (index funds) are suitable strategies in highly efficient markets.

ASSET CLASS	6/30/21 ALLOCATION	LOW	TARGET	HIGH	% PASSIVE OR SEMI-PASSIVE
U.S. EQUITY	41.3%	41.0%	40.0%	43.8%	100.0%
FIXED INCOME	29.8%	29.2%	32.0%	32.0%	58.0%
INT'L EQUITY	28.4%	26.5%	28.0%	28.6%	100.0%
CASH	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%

Review of Fiscal Year 2021 Investment Environment

Market Environment

Two steps forward, one step back. Slow and bumpy improvement probably best describes the trajectory of the global economy over the last year. The faster-than-expected distribution of highly effective vaccines within the developed world paved the way for gradual reopening of developed economies, but emerging economies with less access to quality vaccines were less prepared to deal

with the litany of more-virulent mutations and had to respond with more draconian social distancing controls to mitigate increases in case growth.

Risk-on sentiment propelled financial markets forward, backstopped by continued support from global central banks, the light at the end of the tunnel provided by vaccines, and the inclination of markets to shrug off big surprises on earnings and economic data. Expectations for a strong rebound in economic growth and inflation over the intermediate-term sparked a rotation from the growth sectors that had performed well through the crisis toward more value-oriented sectors prospectively positioned to outperform in a period of rising interest rates. This reflation trade thrived from around mid-August until mid-May but began to unravel late in the fiscal year as a result of concerns about the Delta Covid-19 variant impeding a full and swift global economic recovery, as well as a hawkish pivot from the Federal Reserve which reduced the likelihood of higher inflation and interest rates over the longer term. Looking ahead, the major questions investors are grappling with center around the staying power of high levels of inflation, the timeframe over which the Federal Reserve may begin to taper asset purchases, the outlook for fiscal stimulus, and the capability of companies to sustain high enough levels of earnings growth to justify elevated valuations.

U.S. Equity

Up and to the right has been the story for U.S. equity prices over the past year as investors largely looked through the shorter-term impact of pandemic-related shutdowns and bet that fiscal and monetary support would be able to build a bridge to a post-pandemic world. As of June 30th, 2020, the S&P 500 Index remained -8.4% beneath its previous high-water mark of 3386. By August 18th, the overall index had reached a fresh all-time high, and would proceed to close at record high levels in 53 of the 218 remaining trading days in the fiscal year, delivering a 40.8% total return along the way. Realized and implied volatility receded to levels more in line with longer-term historical averages. Since making its full recovery in August of 2020, the largest drawdown from prior peak levels suffered by the S&P 500 Index was -9.6%, and between November 4th 2020 and June 30th 2021, the index never closed further than 5% beneath its previous record high.

Corporate revenues began to recover over the year, and higher operating leverage ratios which resulted from a litany of cost-saving initiatives implemented during the pandemic worked to supercharge earnings growth. Per FactSet, the estimated year-over-year earnings growth for the S&P 500 Index as of Q2 2021 is 64.0%. If that rate were to materialize, it would mark the highest year-over-year rate reported by the index since Q4 2009 (109.1%). Despite the massive increase in corporate earnings, increasing prices prevented a material rerating of U.S. equity valuations, which remain at stretched levels relative to recent history. The forward 12-month price-to-earnings ratio of the S&P 500 Index remains at 21.4x -- well above both the five-year (18.1x) and ten-year (16.2x) averages.

In terms of size and style, small-cap equities (Russell 2000 Index +62.0%) made back some lost ground relative to large-cap equities (Russell 1000 Index +43.1%) and the value factor (Russell 1000 Value Index +43.7%) narrowly outperformed the growth factor (Russell 1000 Growth Index +42.5%). Much of the outperformance of the value factor was driven by the reflation trade which dominated the market narrative from around August when news broke about the successful mRNA vaccines to around mid-May and June when concerns around the Delta variant and a hawkish Fed pivot pushed down the long end of the U.S. yield curve. That reflation trade favored sectors more heavily weighted in the value benchmarks, including financials, industrials, and materials, which returned 57.6%, 47.5%, and 46.0% over the fiscal year, respectively.

International Equity

Global equities largely tracked U.S. equities over the trailing twelve months, and the MSCI ACWI Index returned 39.3% in U.S. dollar terms, with weakness in the U.S. dollar providing a slight boost to returns experienced by unhedged U.S. investors. Emerging market equities delivered a total return of 40.9% in U.S. dollar terms, edging out U.S. equities (S&P 500 Index +40.8%) and outpacing international developed equities (MSCI EAFE +32.4%).

The superior performance of emerging market equities was driven by a rebound in its Latin American contingent broadly, and Brazil and Mexico specifically. The MSCI Brazil Index returned +46.6%, boosted by a 10% appreciation of the Brazilian real relative to the U.S. dollar. In Mexico, stocks advanced 55.9%, as the Mexican peso appreciated 15.4% relative to the dollar. In Asia, Taiwanese (+70.5%) and Korean (+66.2%) equities delivered impressive returns, but Chinese equities returned just 27.4%, materially lagging the global opportunity set. Chinese equities began to sell off in late February, with the initial catalyst being a decision from the People's Bank of China to shift its focus away from ensuring accommodative financial conditions to enable a swift economic recovery and toward limiting the risks of excessive leverage which has been building up in certain segments of the economy, most notably the domestic housing market. This shift sparked a sell-off in some of the high-flying tech companies that had driven emerging market outperformance in the early days of the pandemic. Losses in China accelerated in the second quarter of 2021.

In Europe, stocks returned just 26.6% in local terms, but the strong run of the euro relative to the dollar boosted performance for unhedged U.S. investors in European equities to 35.1%. Inflation in Europe has picked up more slowly than in the U.S. or the emerging markets. This, combined with the Eurozone's relative inflexibility with regard to fiscal policy, likely supports the case that the European Central Bank will have the longest runway for continuing to provide monetary accommodation. Within the international developed complex in Asia, Japanese equities underperformed in both local (+28.4%) and U.S. dollar (+24.8%) terms. The Japanese yen was one of the few currencies which depreciated relative to the dollar over the last year, due in part to the significant increase in U.S. Treasury yields above Japanese government bond yields, which officials at the Bank of Japan have committed to keeping within a relatively narrow range (within 25 basis points of 0.0%).

Fixed Income

The reflation narrative and debate over the persistence of higher inflation rates largely directed the global fixed income markets over the last year. In the U.S., the 10-year Treasury yield rose from 0.66% to a post-pandemic peak of 1.74% by the end of the first quarter of 2021, before moderating to 1.47% by the end of the fiscal year. Breakeven inflation rates tracked Treasury yields in terms of direction – the ten-year breakeven inflation rate rose from 1.34% to an eight-year high of 2.56% in May before moderating slightly during the last few weeks of the fiscal year. Overall, the Fed has remained steadfast in its view that recent increases in inflation rates have been a byproduct of the broad economic reopening, pandemic-related supply chain disruptions, and low base effects (inflation is a year-over-year calculation which means the depressed prices of early 2020 create the appearance of rising inflation). In other words, their view is that increases in inflation are more likely to be transitory than persistent. In any case, the Fed appears to be focusing more on the risks to the labor market and economic recovery of pulling back on accommodative policy too early, rather than the risk of runaway inflation. This likely stoked a sizeable steepening in the yield curve and a surge in longer-term interest and breakeven inflation rates. However, at their June meeting, Fed officials

signaled that a full labor market recovery was more of a “when” question rather than an “if” question, which markets took as hawkish on the margin. Currently, conversations at the Fed are focused on the optimal time to begin tapering asset purchases.

In terms of performance, global treasuries returned 1.2% in U.S. dollar terms, with U.S. Treasuries underperforming (-3.5%), and longer-duration Treasuries in the U.S. faring the worst (-10.6%). Large increases in breakeven inflation rates helped to buffer Treasury inflation-protected securities from the impact of increasing interest rates, and the Bloomberg Barclays TIPS Index returned 6.5%. Credit spreads compressed to the lowest level since the Global Financial Crisis and default rates fell to below average levels, supporting outperformance of riskier credit. In the U.S., corporates within the Bloomberg Barclays Aggregate Index delivered a return of 3.3%, high-yield credit returned 15.4% as spreads dipped from 6.26% to 2.68%, and bank loans advanced 11.7%.

Portfolio Review

The Board maintained its existing strategic asset allocation in fiscal year 2021 as well as its portfolio structure. There were no changes to the URSJJ portfolio during the fiscal year.

Performance Review

At quarterly intervals, the System reviews performance at the total fund, asset class and individual manager levels. At each level, returns are evaluated versus appropriate indexes and peers. Index comparisons have as return objectives various after-fee return premiums with risk (standard deviation) not exceeding 125%-150% of the underlying index. URSJJ targets a median return within peer comparisons over longer periods of time.

Investment returns achieved through June 30, 2021 have been calculated using a time-weighted rate of return methodology based upon market values. As shown in the following table, for annualized time periods ended June 30, 2021, the U.S. Equity asset class matched its benchmark since the asset class is managed in a passive fashion. The U.S. Equity composite ranked above median in US equity peer group for the periods measured. The Non-U.S. Equity asset class, which is also invested passively, matched or nearly matched its benchmark for all annualized time periods measured. The Non-U.S. Equity composite ranked in the third quartile of the peer group or slightly below third quartile over time periods ended 6/30/21. URSJJ’s fully passive exposure is very cost effective but has lagged active non-U.S. equity investment management. The Fixed Income asset class performed above the benchmark for the 1-year period and all annualized time periods measured as of June 30, 2021. During the fiscal year, bonds lagged equities by a wide margin in an environment where high beta strategies were rewarded. The Fixed Income composite was in the bottom quartile of the peer group over the fiscal year end. The asset class ranked above median for the 3, 7 and 10-year annualized periods and third quartile for the 5-year period. The peer ranking is impacted by the fact that its structure is more conservative compared to many defined benefit public plan peers.

The total URSJJ Plan outperformed its Policy Benchmark for the 1-year period ended June 30, 2021 and matched its Policy Benchmark over annualized periods. The total URSJJ Plan ranked in the upper third of its peer universe of Public Funds over longer-term time periods measured as of 6/30/21.

PERIODS ENDED 6/30/21	ONE YEAR	THREE YEARS	FIVE YEARS
Domestic Equity	46.0%	18.3%	17.8%
<i>85% Russell 1000 / 15% Russell 2000</i>	45.9%	18.4%	17.8%
Rank*	33	31	38
Non-U.S. Equity	36.0%	9.6%	11.4%
<i>MSCI ACWI ex-U.S.</i>	36.3%	9.9%	11.6%
Rank*	78	64	61
Fixed Income	-0.1%	6.6%	3.8%
<i>78% BC Agg./11% Citi 20+ Year Tsy./11% BC U.S. TIPS</i>	-0.7%	5.8%	3.2%
Rank*	87	30	61
Total Fund	27.7%	12.4%	11.6%
<i>Policy Benchmark**</i>	26.9%	12.4%	11.6%
Public Fund Defined Benefit Median*	26.8%	11.5%	11.0%
Rank*	38	23	28

* Ranking 1 is best, 100 is worst. Rankings source is Investment Metrics (formerly called InvestorForce).

** Policy Benchmark is:

40% Custom Domestic Equity Benchmark (85% Russell 1000/ 15% Russell 2000) /

32% Custom Fixed Income Benchmark (78% BC U.S. Aggregate / 11% Citi 20-Year+ Treasury / 11% BC U.S. TIPS) /

28% MSCI ACWI ex-U.S. Index.

Verus continues to believe that URSJJ is managed in a prudent and extremely cost effective manner through the extensive use of passive management and fee benefits from its association with OPERS. The sound and disciplined policies implemented by URSJJ are evidenced by its competitive performance compared to relevant benchmarks over longer time periods.

Yours truly,

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Chief Investment Officer's Report

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Dear Members:

The Fund's total return of 27.67% (gross of fees) for fiscal year 2021 was impressive, and well above the 6.5% long-term actuarial return target. The result also exceeded the 26.94% return of the policy portfolio for the period. The bull market run of the stock market in the U.S. resumed with vigor during the fiscal year. Stock market returns outside the U.S. were also very strong and contributed substantially to the total return of the Fund. The return to the broad bond market in the U.S. was subdued, as medium-and long-term rates rose during the period. While global capital markets still exhibited some volatility due to uncertainties concerning the coronavirus pandemic, the trajectory of global equity markets was decisive. Coming off market lows in March of 2020, the U.S. stock market garnered returns for the fiscal year that counted among the strongest returns in history. The nominal return to the Fund was the highest recorded in more than 30 years. Taking equity risk, especially in the U.S., was handsomely rewarded for the fiscal year.

We endeavor to build a durable portfolio that will weather tumultuous market conditions. Maintaining diversification among asset classes and geographical regions is a critical component of that effort. We also de-emphasize active management in the portfolio, as demonstrated by our large holdings of index funds. This year's letter, which covers the 2021 fiscal year, will follow the same format as in years past. First, I will discuss the general economic environment and the performance of various markets throughout the fiscal year. Next, I will focus on the Fund by reviewing the investment performance and the asset allocation. Then, I will offer an investment outlook and discuss recent events at the Fund. Finally, I will review the Fund's investment philosophy and guiding principles, because both are critically important to the investment decision-making process.

Economic Environment

Gross Domestic Product (GDP), the primary gauge for economic activity in the U.S., reflected the continued recovery in the second quarter of 2021 by growing at an annualized rate of 6.6% (revised upward from the advance estimate). This result was a modest improvement over the annualized growth rate of 6.3% registered for the first quarter of 2021, but still disappointed economists who has forecasted a far higher growth rate. The overall increase in economic activity in the U.S. came as consumer spending rose nearly 12% during the second quarter. Consumer spending accounts for almost 70% of all the economic activity in the U.S. The U.S. economy suffered a 31.4% collapse in the second quarter of 2020 but bounced back 33.4% in the subsequent three-month period. The National Bureau of Economic Research declared the shortest recession on record, beginning in February 2020 and ending in April 2020. The recovery in the GDP growth rate in the U.S. showed that, so far, the economic damage from the measures taken to reduce the spread of the coronavirus was waning. The labor market had also improved, as the national unemployment rate dropped to 5.9% for June 2021. That was down from the 11.1% unemployment rate recorded for June 2020. Recent hiring activity has been robust in the services sector, specifically in the Leisure and Hospitality sectors, which accounted for 40% of the 943,000 non-farm payroll gains in July of 2021. While the labor market has shown signs of improvement, initial jobless claims continue to be persistently high, at 400,000 claims per week as of the writing of this report. The inflation rate experienced in the U.S. also jumped dramatically over the period. Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell stated "that if the economy evolved broadly as anticipated, it could be appropriate to start reducing the pace" of asset purchases (known as quantitative easing). Many Federal Reserve observers interpreted Chairman Powell's comments to mean that the Federal Reserve would look to curtail the quantitative easing programs in the 4th quarter of 2021. However, a rise in the infection rates of the Delta variant has threatened to

delay or pause the economic progress experienced thus far. Given the generally sanguine economic data, the U.S. dollar weakened relative to the basket of non-U.S. developed market currencies. Note that a weaker dollar makes U.S. exports less expensive in other countries and contributes positively to U.S. dollar-based investor returns in foreign markets.

Economic activity in the Eurozone followed a similar trajectory, but did not exhibit the same robust acceleration as the U.S. economy. The economies of many overseas countries have yet to recover to levels last seen prior to the pandemic-related decline in activity. Like the U.S., inflation showed a marked increase across the Eurozone, driven by increases in energy prices and supply shortages. The European Central Bank (ECB) announced that it would “moderately lower” the pace of bond buying in the future, given the recent improvement in economic dynamics. This came after an announcement to “significantly” increase the rate of bond purchases earlier in the year. The monetary response by central banking authorities, which has been on a global scale to lessen the damaging impact of the pandemic on economies, appears to be approaching the wind-down phase in developed economies.

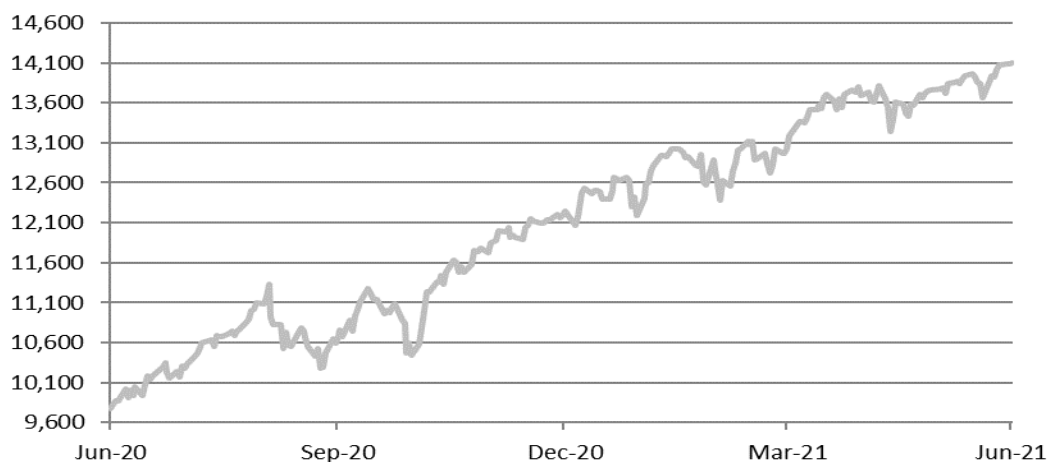
U.S. and Global Stock Markets

The U.S. stock market, as measured by the Russell 3000 Index, exhibited a bit of volatility but still rose dramatically during the fiscal year. The Russell 3000 Index is one of the broadest domestic equity indices available and a good proxy for the U.S. equity market as a whole. The equity market was sensitive to fears regarding the continued pandemic and uncertainty of new economic stimulus during the fiscal year but still produced historic gains.

Change in the Russell 3000 Index during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021

Value at 6/30/21 14,098.8

Value at 6/30/20 9,779.7



Source: FTSE Russell

The Russell 3000 ended the one-year period through June 30, 2021 up 44.16%, despite the volatility exhibited in the first half of the fiscal year. While still rising in the first two quarters of the fiscal year, investors experienced volatility in the market from continued fears of the pandemic and uncertainty regarding the politics surrounding more domestic fiscal stimulus. Despite these fears, the market delivered a robust return for the fiscal year. Within the Russell 1000 index, the returns to sectors were very strong and favored the more economically sensitive sectors. All of the sectors in the index produced strongly positive returns for the fiscal year. The two “laggards” of the sectors within the index, consumer staples and healthcare, did not exceed a 30% return threshold for the fiscal year. Large capitalization stocks, while still having performed admirably, dramatically underperformed small capitalization stocks as the Russell 2000 index rebounded over last fiscal year by gaining over 62% for the one-year period ending June 30. Equity style (i.e. market capitalization size, growth, value) leadership reversed the trend that favored large capitalization and growth-oriented stocks during the fiscal

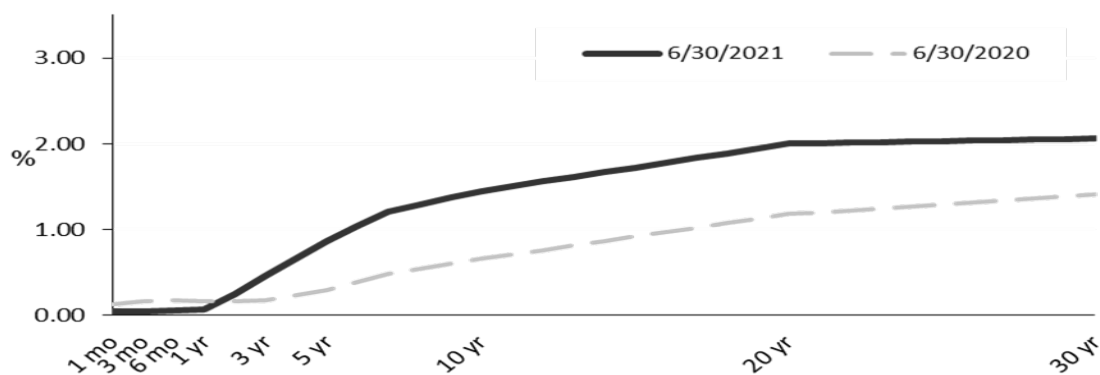
year. The value index just edged out the growth index in large capitalization space, but returns were decidedly in favor of the value style in small capitalization space. The payoff to assuming equity risk in the most economically sensitive and “riskier” areas of the market, like small capitalization stocks, was epic.

The rest of the developed world continued to underperform the U.S. equity market on a U.S. dollar basis. The MSCI All Country World Index ex-U.S. (ACWI ex-U.S. Index), which includes public equities from both developed and emerging markets, gained 35.72% (net) in U.S. dollar terms for the fiscal year. The U.S. dollar weakened relative to many other foreign currencies, which contributed to gains experienced by U.S. dollar investors in foreign markets. Emerging market returns in U.S. dollar terms were better than non-U.S. developed market returns, having returned almost 41% for the period (again, with an assist from a weakening dollar). It is worth mentioning that two countries experienced subdued returns and underperformed their respective indices, one developed and one emerging. In the U.K., the stock market return reflected not only the underlying economic challenges brought on by the pandemic, but also continued challenges as the country extricates itself from the E.U. The stock market in China also faced pressure related to the emergence of the Delta variant, and regulatory tightening on technology companies that weighed on the market.

Interest Rates

The chart below depicts the U.S. Treasury term structure of interest rates. The yield curve is a graphical representation of yield levels across the spectrum of bond maturities. As shown, the yield curve steepened over the course of the fiscal year, as medium-and long-term rates rose. The Federal Reserve has kept the Federal Funds Rate at a range of 0%-0.25%, where it has been since March of 2020. Prices paid by consumers skyrocketed towards the end of the fiscal year, as Core CPI, the preferred measure of inflation by the Federal Reserve, increased to an annual rate of 4.5% in June. The increase, driven by continued supply constraints due to the pandemic and proliferation of the Delta variant, was the largest in the last 13 years. While the Federal Funds Rate remains low, recent strength in the U.S. economy has given rise to discussion about curtailing some of the other accommodative measures. Federal Reserve Chairman Powell stated that the decision to raise rates was a “different and substantially more stringent test” than the “coming reduction in asset purchases.” The current expectation is that in late 2021 the Federal Reserve will begin to taper the asset purchase programs implemented at the beginning of the pandemic. Outside of the U.S., yields for many countries remained at depressed levels despite a notable increase in inflation. The European Central Bank recently announced new rules to allow more latitude in tolerating elevated inflation levels before raising interest rates. Much like the Federal Reserve, the ECB also signaled that the policy of easy money would likely continue, but that other programs (like asset purchases) had a limited shelf life.

U.S. Treasury Yield Curve



Source: U.S. Treasury

Investment Returns Through June 30, 2021

U.S. Equity	Style	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
Russell 3000	Broad U.S. Equity	44.16%	18.73%	17.89%
S&P 500	Large Cap Equity	40.79%	18.67%	17.65%
Russell 1000	Large Cap Equity	43.07%	19.16%	17.99%
Russell 1000 Growth	Large Cap Growth	42.50%	25.14%	23.66%
Russell 1000 Value	Large Cap Value	43.68%	12.42%	11.87%
Russell 2000	Small Cap Equity	62.03%	13.52%	16.47%
Russell 2000 Growth	Small Cap Growth	51.36%	15.94%	18.76%
Russell 2000 Value	Small Cap Value	73.28%	10.27%	13.62%
Uniform Retirement System for Justices & Judges	Broad U.S. Equity	45.95%	18.30%	17.79%
U.S. Fixed Income	Style	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
ML 3-Month T-Bill	Cash	0.07%	1.22%	1.13%
Barclays U.S. Aggregate	Core Bonds	-0.33%	5.34%	3.03%
Citigroup 20-year Treasury Average	Long Term Bonds	-10.63%	8.10%	3.15%
Barclays Corporate High Yield	High Yield Bonds	15.37%	7.45%	7.48%
Uniform Retirement System for Justices & Judges	Domestic Fixed Income	-0.08%	6.60%	3.80%
International Equity	Style	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
MSCI ACWI Ex-US (net)	Broad Non-US Equity	35.72%	9.38%	11.08%
MSCI EAFE (net)	Developed Non-US Equity	32.35%	8.27%	10.28%
MSCI Emerging Market (net)	Emerging Non-US Equity	40.90%	11.27%	13.03%
Uniform Retirement System for Justices & Judges	Non-U.S. Equity	35.98%	9.64%	11.38%
Uniform Retirement System for Justices & Judges	Total Fund	27.67%	12.37%	11.62%

Source: Various index providers, including FTSE Russell, S&P, Barclays, Citigroup, and MSCI. URSJJ returns were calculated using the BAI Iterative method (as such returns are time-weighted) and are gross of investment fees.

Investment Performance

Bull market returns

The Fund produced a total return of 27.67% for the period gross of fees (27.62% net of fees), which outperformed the policy benchmark portfolio by 73 basis points (gross of fees) for the period. The extraordinary nominal returns were driven by the strength of the equity markets, across both the U.S. as well as in non-U.S. equity markets. The diversifying assets of the Fund, namely fixed income and cash, did not contribute meaningfully to the total return experienced over the fiscal year. But active management in the fixed income asset class somewhat countered the negative impact of the performance of the asset class over the period.

The outperformance of the Fund relative to the Policy portfolio can be attributed to two main factors, the actual asset allocation relative to the policy allocation and the results from the active managers. Both factors contributed to the excess return of the Fund. At the manager level, the results from active management in excess of respective benchmarks this year were accretive to the excess return of the Fund. From an asset allocation perspective, remaining overweight to the equity markets, but still within the allocation range contained in the policy, proved most beneficial.

U.S. Equity

The Fund uses passive index investment management for the entire U.S. equity portfolio. Passive investment management is an efficient and cost-effective way to manage the assets, while maintaining broad exposure to the desired asset class. Equity markets in the U.S. delivered returns that were extraordinary, as the domestic equity portfolio produced a total return of almost 46% in aggregate for the fiscal year. Over the fiscal year, small capitalization stocks dramatically outperformed large capitalization stocks, and value-oriented stocks performed better than stocks oriented to higher growth. The Fund's allocation to dedicated large capitalization stocks delivered returns in excess of 43% for the fiscal year, and the holdings in small capitalization stocks delivered an incredible return of over 62% for the period. The overall U.S. equity portfolio returned 45.95% for the period. Fund's modest overweight to small capitalization stocks throughout the course of the fiscal year caused the U.S. equity portion of the Fund to modestly outperform the policy return for the period.

Fixed Income

The Fund's bond portfolio was essentially flat and did not contribute meaningfully to nominal returns for the fiscal year. As mentioned above, yields rose in the medium-and long-term segments of the curve, which resulted in a negative total return to the asset class. The bond portfolio provided a negative nominal return for the fiscal year but still outperformed the index due to the results of the advisors for the period. The two advisors who focus on the broader bond market both outperformed the benchmark, and despite rising rates, delivered meaningful excess returns for the period by emphasizing non-Treasury sectors of the bond market. The price impact of rising rates is felt most in the longer end of the yield curve. The Fund's advisor who uses interest rate positioning in managing its portion of the bond portfolio performed unfavorably in nominal terms, having lost over 11% for the period. However, that is after having gained almost 30% in the prior fiscal year as rates declined dramatically due to the pandemic. The inflation-sensitive portion of the bond portfolio, which features U.S. Treasury securities, again performed quite well as inflationary pressures mounted. Bonds are maintained in the portfolio for their volatility-dampening effect when combined with exposure to the equity markets. Emphasizing the non-Treasury bonds in the index helped to enhance returns, but the rising rate environment over the fiscal year proved hard to overcome given the general low level of yields at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Non-U.S. Equity

This portion of the Fund is also managed entirely in a passive style. The index consists of stocks from developed and emerging countries outside of the United States. The non-U.S. equity segment lagged the total return of the U.S. equity segment of the Fund, having returned almost 36% in U.S. dollar terms for the period. Emerging markets performed better than non-U.S. developed markets for the period, having delivered returns of almost 41% in U.S. dollar terms. However, the index fund marginally underperformed the actual index return for the period. The U.S. dollar weakened relative to many other foreign currencies, which contributed positively to gains experienced by U.S. dollar investors in foreign markets. Overall, the non-U.S. equity portfolio contributed strongly to the total return of the fund for the period.

Asset Allocation**Diversification Reduces Volatility**

Diversification is the most effective defense against the risks associated with any one individual security or asset class. Risks are controlled by allocating the Fund's assets across various asset classes and sectors within asset classes. There were no changes to the policy asset allocation during the fiscal year.

Asset Class	Min	6/30/2021	Target	Max
Cash	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Domestic Fixed Income	27.5%	29.8%	32.0%	36.5%
U.S. Equity	34.4%	41.3%	40.0%	45.6%
Non-U.S. Equity	25.0%	28.4%	28.0%	31.0%
Total Fund		100%	100%	

May not equal 100% due to rounding

Outlook and Recent Events

Outlook

If you've read this report in previous years, you know that I begin this section on a cautionary note regarding the accuracy of forecasted market returns. Correctly and consistently forecasting the market's behavior is impossible and taking any forecast as fact is sheer folly. We build the Fund according to the tenets set forth in our Investment Policy while making diversification a priority with respect to different asset classes and within each asset class. We endeavor to structure the Fund so it may benefit from strong returns in relatively riskier asset classes but are ever mindful to maintain a level of diversification to dampen the return volatility that can result.

The outlook for the global economic environment continues to lack clarity and is very much dependent on getting the COVID-19 (and variant) pandemic under control. Global economic activity rebounded from the depths of the pandemic-related collapse, but not all economies have recovered to pre-pandemic levels of activity. The U.S. has experienced a substantial recovery in the jobs lost due to the pandemic. The global response from governments world-wide has provided a stabilizing force for their respective economies and has unquestionably supported financial markets. More recently, policymakers have signaled these programs, which had averted economic chaos, appear to be in the initial phase of winding-down. Inflation has increased, and uncertainty with respect to the durability of inflationary forces has caused some concern. If the Federal Reserve and other global policymakers act too swiftly to remove the stimulus, the result could be subdued growth going forward. However, if the actions are too slow, economies run the risk of overheating and introducing new and more durable inflationary forces into the economy. Last year, I said the evolution of support in the form of fiscal and monetary policy will be a key factor to consider in the outlook going forward. This year, I believe the timing of the withdrawal of those highly successful global programs is the key to the outlook.

My largest concern continues to be the prospect of generating and maintaining investment results that match or exceed the actuarial assumed rate of return of 6.5%. This will continue to be a challenging task going forward. Interest rates remain historically low, which pressures the long-term return-generating capacity of a diversified portfolio. Additionally, with the stock market hitting record levels, equity market valuation levels appear stretched and potentially detached from the underlying economic fundamentals, which reduces prospective future returns. The returns from equity markets are highly unlikely to repeat the results experienced this fiscal year.

Fixed Income

Over a long period of time, the total return of the bond market ***tends*** to resemble the yield of years past. Over short periods, interest rate movements may have a profound impact on the capital gains (or losses) experienced by bond investors. Given the sell-off in the bond market and increase in yields, the total return of the bond market was negative as the low level of yields was not enough to compensate for the capital losses from rising rates over the course of the fiscal year. Despite the rise in rates, the level of yields in the market continues to be relatively low. My medium-term expectation for the total return of the broad U.S. fixed income market going forward would more closely reflect current yields, which are around 1%. Bonds are a necessary part of a diversified portfolio but are unlikely to contribute as significantly to the total return of the Fund as they have in the past.

Equity

Equity markets are particularly difficult to predict with any type of precision. Over short periods of time, market sentiment and technical factors (buying and selling) have an overwhelming impact on returns experienced by investors. ***Over a long period of time***, the real return from the equity markets can be attributable to three main sources: dividends on stocks, the growth rate of corporate earnings, and changes in the valuation ratios. Generally, the growth rate of earnings depends on the economic environment. The global economy has emerged from the effects of the pandemic, but growth rates are not robust or evenly distributed globally. Corporate earnings have been surprisingly strong, but inflationary forces could pressure earnings that the market has priced to near perfection, and beyond in several sectors. Volatility of the market is high and is likely to remain elevated over the foreseeable future as investors vacillate between the economic realities created by the pandemic and the effect of stimulative measures by policymakers. Optimism regarding the recovery of the

economy in the face of the pandemic won the day for this fiscal year, pushing equity markets in the U.S. to new highs. But with the market priced to or through perfection, the continuation of robust equity market returns is doubtful to say the least.

Recent Events

There were no changes to the Fund structure or the managers within the Fund during the year.

Investment Philosophy and Guiding Principles

The investment philosophy and the principles that guide the stewardship of the Fund have remained consistent and are listed below. A pension fund has the longest of investment horizons and, therefore, rightly focuses on factors impacting long-term results:

- Asset allocation is the key factor determining long-term results.
- Disciplined rebalancing toward the desired asset allocation maintains diversification and controls risk.
- Diversification within and across asset classes is the most effective tool for controlling risk.
- Passive investment management is commonly the most effective approach in efficient markets; active investment management can succeed in less efficient markets.

For a complete discussion of the investment portfolio and policies thereof, please see the Statement of Investment Policy. A copy of the policy is posted on the OPERS website, www.OPERS.OK.gov/Investments. If you have any questions about this report or the management of the Fund's investments, please contact me. Thank you.

Regards,

Brad Tillberg, CFA
Chief Investment Officer

Largest Holdings

The Plan's ten largest fixed income at June 30, 2021, are described in the following schedules. The Plan invests in four index funds which are separately presented.

Ten Largest Fixed Income Holdings (By Fair Value):

Security	Par	Fair Value
FNMA Single Family Mortgage 2.5% 30 Years	5,705,937 \$	5,890,488
U.S. Treasury Bonds 2.25% due 08-15-2046	4,850,000	5,014,824
U.S. Treasury Notes 0.125% due 05-31-2023	3,655,000	3,647,147
U.S. Treasury Bonds 2.5% due 05-15-2046	3,155,000	3,417,999
U.S. Treasury Notes 0.125% due 04-30-2023	3,115,000	3,109,159
FNMA Single Family Mortgage 2% 30 Years	2,646,845	2,667,317
U.S. Treasury Notes 0.75% due 04-30-2026	2,522,000	2,509,193
U.S. Treasury Notes 0.75% due 05-31-2026	2,289,000	2,275,946
U.S. Treasury Notes 0.125% due 06-30-2023	2,235,000	2,229,674
U.S. Treasury Bonds 2.25% due 05-15-2051	2,029,000	2,166,275

Investments in Funds (By Fair Value):

Fund	Units	Fair Value
BlackRock Russell 1000 Index Fund	431,316 \$	151,101,903
BlackRock ACWI ex-U.S. Index Fund	3,376,558	123,199,218
BlackRock Russell 2000 Index Fund	342,824	28,051,369
BlackRock U.S. TIPS Index Fund	529,679	14,180,530

A complete list of portfolio holdings is available upon request from the OPERS Investment Accounting and Financial Reporting Department.

Schedule of Stock Brokerage Commissions Paid

Year Ended June 30, 2021

None

Investment Portfolio by Type and Manager

At June 30, 2021, the investment portfolio of URSJJ was allocated by type and style as follows:

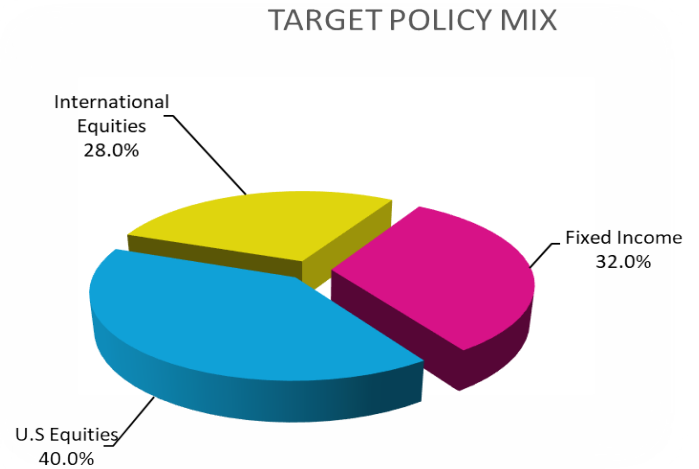
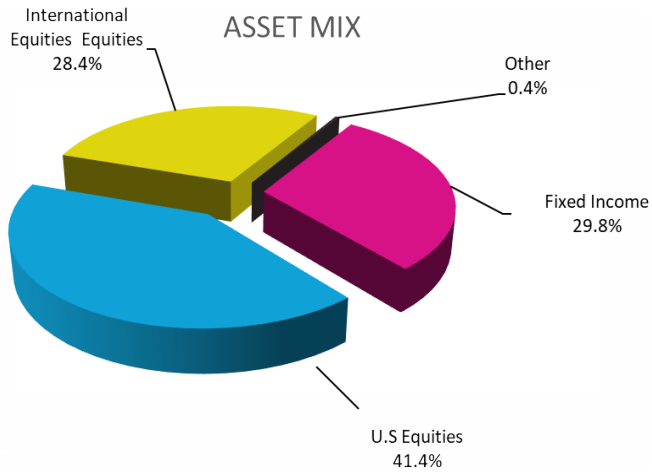
Investment Type and Manager	Style	Fair Value*	Percent of Total Fair Value
		(000's)	
Fixed Income:			
Blackrock Financial Management, Inc.	Constrained Core	\$ 74,428	16.4%
Hoisington Investment Management	Interest Rate Anticipation	13,593	3.0%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company	Index Fund – U.S. TIPS	14,181	3.1%
Metropolitan West Asset Management	Core Plus	46,204	10.2%
Total Fixed Income		148,406	32.7%
U.S. Equities:			
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company	Index Fund – Russell 2000	28,051	6.2%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company	Index Fund – Russell 1000	151,103	33.4%
Total U.S. Equities		179,154	39.6%
International Equities:			
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company	Index Fund – ACWI ex-U.S.	123,199	27.2%
Short-term Investment Funds	Operating Cash	1,877	0.4%
Total Managed Investments		452,636	99.9%
Securities Lending Collateral		15,897	
Cash Equivalents on Deposit with State		122	
Total Investments and Cash Equivalents		\$ 468,655	
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position			
Cash Equivalents		17,748	
Investments		450,907	
Total Investments and Cash Equivalents		\$ 468,655	

* Manager fair values include their respective cash and cash equivalents.

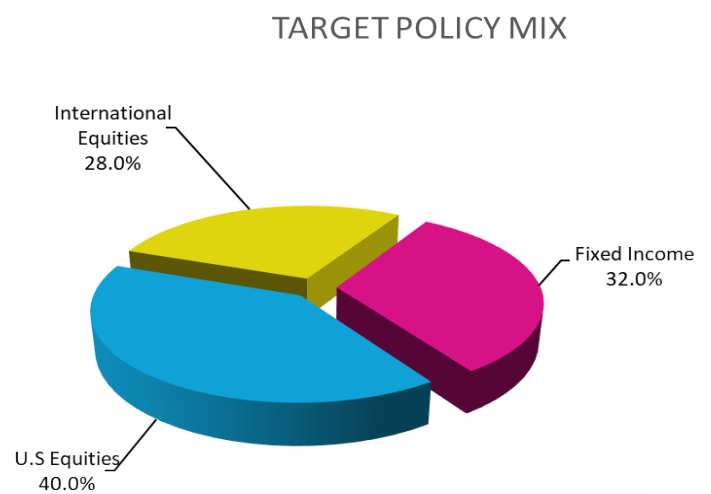
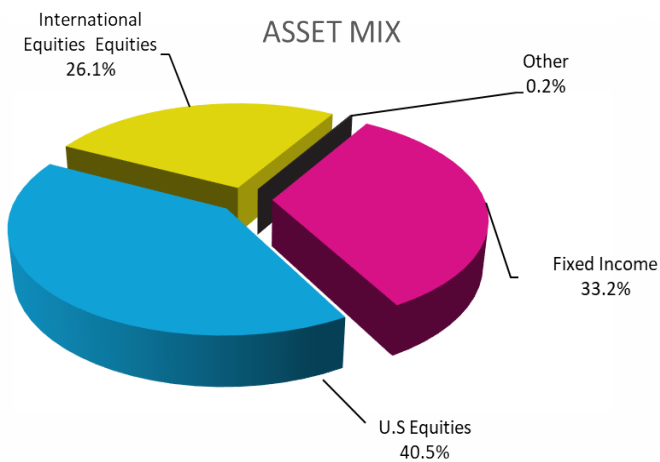
Asset Comparison

A comparison of the actual investment distribution at June 30, 2021 and 2020, based on the net investment manager holdings, including accrued income, payables and receivables, compared to the target allocation for each year is as follows:

2021



2020



2021 TOGETHER

Strong financial stewardship allows OPERS to meet future challenges. TOGETHER with wisdom and forward-thinking, the commitment in providing a secure retirement remains solid.

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In this report are submitted the results of the annual valuation of the assets and liabilities of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges ("URSJJ" of "System"), prepared as of July 1, 2021.

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the funded status of the System as of July 1, 2021 and to provide the actuarially determined rate. While not verifying the data at the source, the actuary performed tests for consistency and reasonability. There have been no changes to the actuarial assumptions or methods since the last valuation.

The promised benefits of the System are included in the actuarially calculated contribution rates which are developed using the Entry Age Normal cost method. A five-year market-related value of assets is used for actuarial valuation purposes. Gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) that is being amortized by regular annual contributions as a level percentage of payroll, on the assumption that payroll will increase by 3.25% annually.

As in recent valuations, liabilities have been calculated without considering future cost of living adjustments (COLAs) and/or stipends in keeping with House Bill 2132 (2011). Should funding of future COLAs and/or stipends be provided by the System, the COLAs and/or stipends should be included in the actuarial valuation.

We note that as we prepare this report, the world is in the midst of a pandemic. We have considered available information, but do not believe that there is yet sufficient data to warrant the modification of any of our assumptions. We will continue to monitor the situation and advise the Board in the future of any adjustments that we believe would be appropriate.

We have prepared the Schedule of Funding Progress and Trend Information shown in the financial section of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

This is to certify that the independent consulting actuaries are members of the American Academy of Actuaries and have experience in performing valuations for public retirement systems, that the valuation was prepared for funding purposes with assumptions and methods that meet the parameters of the Actuarial Standards of Practice, and that the actuarial calculations were performed by qualified actuaries in accordance with accepted actuarial procedures, based on the current provisions of the retirement system and on actuarial assumptions that are internally consistent and reasonably based on the actual experience of the System.

In order to prepare the results in this report, we have utilized appropriate actuarial models that were developed for this purpose. These models use assumptions about future contingent events along with recognized actuarial approaches to develop the needed results. Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to factors such as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Because the potential impact of such factors is outside the scope of a normal annual actuarial valuation, an analysis of the range of results is not presented herein.

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) contains several exhibits that disclose the actuarial position of the System. We have also reviewed the supplemental medical benefits provided by the System under Section 401(h) of the Internal Revenue Code and have determined that these benefits are subordinate to the retirement benefits as required. This annual report, prepared as of July 1, 2021, provides data and tables that we prepared for use in the following sections of the ACFR:

Actuarial Section:

- Analysis of Financial Experience
- Solvency Test
- Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data
- Schedule of Retirants, Disabled Retirants, and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls

Statistical Section:

- Member Statistics
- Distribution of Retirees and Beneficiaries
- Summary of Active Members

In our opinion, in order for the System to meet all the benefit obligations of the plan for current active and retired members, contributions equal to at least the actuarially determined rate are necessary for future fiscal years. Assuming these contributions are made to the System, from year to year in the future at the rates recommended on the basis of the successive actuarial valuations, the continued sufficiency of the retirement fund to provide the benefits called for under the System may be safely anticipated. Because the statutory contribution exceeds the actuarially determined rate in this valuation, we recommend the statutory contribution be used to protect against future investment and experience losses.

Respectfully submitted,



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Chief Actuary

Summary of Results

	7/1/2021 Valuation	7/1/2020 Valuation	% Change
1. PARTICIPANT DATA			
Number of:			
Active Members	264	263	0.4
Retired and Disabled Members and Beneficiaries	306	304	0.7
Inactive Members	17	15	13.3
Total members	587	582	0.9
Projected Annual Salaries of Active Members	\$ 36,298,820	\$ 35,377,422	2.6
Annual Retirement Payments for Retired Members and Beneficiaries	\$ 23,137,268	\$ 22,872,164	1.2
2. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES			
Total Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 341,936,156	\$ 333,022,726	2.7
Market Value of Assets	\$ 433,451,402	\$ 350,962,295	23.5
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$ 380,404,742	\$ 354,486,299	7.3
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ (38,468,586)	\$ (21,463,573)	79.2
Funded Ratio	111.3%	106.4%	4.6
3. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION RATES AS A PERCENT OF PAYROLL			
Normal Cost Rate	25.85%	26.42%	
Amortization of Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	(19.67%)	(9.80%)	
Budgeted Expenses	0.66%	0.65%	
Total Actuarial Required Contribution Rate	6.84%	17.27%	
Less Member Contribution Rate	8.00%	8.00%	
Employer Actuarial Required Contribution Rate	(1.16%)	9.27%	
Less Statutory State Employer Contribution Rate	22.00%	22.00%	
Contribution Shortfall/(Surplus)	(23.16%)	(12.73%)	

Analysis of Financial Experience

Gains & Losses in Actuarial Accrued Liability During the Year Ended June 30, 2021
Resulting from Differences Between Assumed Experience & Actual Experience

Type of Activity	(Gain) or Loss for Year End 2021
1. Age & Service Retirements. If members retire at older ages or with smaller benefits than assumed, there is a gain. If they retire at younger ages or have higher average pays, a loss occurs.	\$ (600,000)
2. Disability Retirements. If disability claims are less than assumed, then there is a gain. If more claims, a loss.	0
3. Death Benefits. If survivor claims are less than assumed, there is a gain. If more claims, there is a loss.	40,000
4. Withdrawal from Employment. If more liabilities are released by withdrawals than assumed, there is a gain. If smaller releases, a loss.	(170,000)
5. Pay Increases. If there are smaller pay increase than assumed, there is a gain. If greater increases, a loss.	1,050,000
6. New Entrants. All new entrants to the System create a loss.	110,000
7. Other/Data Changes. Miscellaneous gains and losses resulting from data adjustments, employee transfers, valuation methods, etc.	980,000
8. (Gain) or Loss During Year From Financial Experience.	(16,100,000)
9. Composite (Gain) or Loss During Year.	\$ (14,690,000)

Solvency Test

The Judges funding objective is to be able to pay long-term benefit promises through contributions that remain approximately level from year to year as a percent of salaries earned by members. In this way, members and employers in each year pay their fair share for retirement service accrued in that year by URSJJ members.

If the retirement system follows level contribution rate financing principles, the system will pay all promised benefits when due – the ultimate test of financial soundness.

A short-term solvency test is one means of monitoring URSJJ funding progress. In a short-term solvency test, the retirement System's present valuation assets are compared with: 1) active member contributions on deposit, 2) the liabilities for future benefits to persons who have retired and the liabilities for terminated employees with vested benefits, and 3) the liabilities for service already rendered by active members. In a system that has been following the discipline of level contribution rate financing, the liabilities for member contributions on deposit (liability 1), the liabilities for future benefits to present retirees and the liabilities for future benefits for terminated employees (liability 2) will be fully covered by present assets, except in rare circumstances.

In addition, the liabilities for service already rendered by members (liability 3) will be partially covered by the remainder of present assets. Generally, if the system has been using level contribution rate financing, the funded portion of liability 3 will increase over time; however, a decrease generally occurs in those years when substantial benefit improvements are granted by the Legislature. It is unusual for liability 3 to be fully funded. The funded ratio of the System based on total actuarial accrued liabilities (1 + 2 + 3) provides an indication of how well the System is funded.

The schedule below illustrates the progress of funding the actuarial accrued liabilities of URSJJ.

Actuarial Accrued Liabilities ¹ and Valuation Assets						Portion of Actuarial Accrued Liabilities Covered by Reported Assets			
Date	Active Member Contributions (Liability 1)	Retirees, Beneficiaries and Terminated Vested Members (Liability 2)	Employer Financed Portion of Active Members (Liability 3)	Total Liability (1 + 2 + 3)	Reported Assets ¹	(1)	(2)	(3)	Funded Ratio of Total Accrued Actuarial Liabilities
July 1, 2012	\$21,278,738	\$137,448,040	\$90,652,122	\$249,378,900	\$238,553,638	100	100	88.1	95.7
July 1, 2013	23,130,164	136,834,202	94,444,597	254,408,963	247,531,035	100	100	92.7	97.3
July 1, 2014	24,434,587	140,084,348	94,268,742	258,787,677	274,070,696	100	100	100.0	105.9
July 1, 2015	23,390,700	158,199,138	84,810,188	266,400,026	295,355,061	100	100	100.0	110.9
July 1, 2016	25,199,268	159,092,241	92,142,032	276,433,541	306,256,213	100	100	100.0	110.8
July 1, 2017	25,438,215	172,934,885	87,163,806	285,536,906	321,405,873	100	100	100.0	112.6
July 1, 2018	26,453,365	177,660,433	88,989,691	293,103,489	336,354,636	100	100	100.0	114.8
July 1, 2019	22,988,211	209,998,302	75,628,672	308,615,185	345,235,761	100	100	100.0	111.9
July 1, 2020	23,802,541	225,749,579	83,470,606	333,022,726	354,486,299	100	100	100.0	106.4
July 1, 2021	24,706,873	227,116,243	90,113,040	341,936,156	380,404,742	100	100	100.0	111.3

¹ Actuarial value of assets based on the smoothing technique adopted by the Board.

Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data

Valuation Date	Number	Annual Payroll	Annual Average Pay	% Increase in Average Pay
July 1, 2021	264	\$36,298,820	\$137,496	2.22%
July 1, 2020	263	35,377,422	134,515	3.05
July 1, 2019	269	35,112,886	130,531	2.22
July 1, 2018	265	33,838,528	127,693	0.29
July 1, 2017	262	33,359,101	127,325	(1.61)
July 1, 2016	269	34,810,851	129,408	1.54
July 1, 2015	271	34,537,376	127,444	1.86
July 1, 2014	274	34,281,695	125,116	(0.49)
July 1, 2013	273	34,325,368	125,734	0.33
July 1, 2012	266	33,336,632	125,326	(2.13)

Schedule of Retirants, Disabled Retirants, and Beneficiaries Added to and Removed from Rolls

Year Ended	Added to Rolls		Removed from Rolls		Rolls – End of Year		% Increase in Annual Allowances	Average Annual Allowances
	No.	Annual Allowances	No.	Annual Allowances	No.	Annual Allowances		
June 30, 2021	10	\$904,719	8	\$525,788	306	\$23,137,268	1.16%	\$75,612
June 30, 2020	14	1,233,210	10	513,986	304	22,872,164	6.04	75,237
June 30, 2019	35	3,235,367	7	200,255	300	21,569,313	16.38	71,898
June 30, 2018	11	1,003,518	4	314,465	272	18,534,201	3.86	68,140
June 30, 2017	16	1,470,169	11	581,210	265	17,845,148	5.24	67,340
June 30, 2016	5	409,553	5	412,096	260	16,956,189	0.01	65,216
June 30, 2015	30	2,395,473	5	298,613	260	16,958,732	14.11	65,226
June 30, 2014	19	1,330,374	14	838,912	235	14,861,872	3.42	63,242
June 30, 2013	7	439,982	10	576,225	230	14,370,410	(0.94)	62,480
June 30, 2012	7	550,850	9	188,030	233	14,506,653	2.57	62,260

Supplementary Information

The schedule of changes in the net pension and OPEB liabilities present a schedule of funding progress for each of the ten most recent years based on the actuarial methods and assumptions used for funding purposes. These schedules are intended to show a 10-year trend and additional years will be reported as they become available. 2017 was the first year to exclude the Medical Supplement.

GASB 67 Paragraph 36.b. **Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total Pension Liability	\$339,028,732	\$330,152,206	\$305,801,494	\$290,379,164	\$282,837,412	\$276,433,541	\$266,400,026	\$258,787,677		
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>429,150,928</u>	<u>347,508,299</u>	<u>344,205,778</u>	<u>334,896,669</u>	<u>318,262,645</u>	<u>293,726,797</u>	<u>301,296,105</u>	<u>301,469,209</u>		
Net Pension Liability/(Asset)	(\$90,122,196)	(\$17,356,093)	(\$38,404,284)	(\$44,517,505)	(\$35,425,233)	(\$17,293,256)	(\$34,896,079)	(\$42,681,532)		
Ratio of Plan Fiduciary Net Position to Total Pension Liability	126.58%	105.26%	112.56%	115.33%	112.52%	106.26%	113.10%	116.49%		
Covered Payroll	\$35,377,422	\$35,112,886	\$33,838,528	\$33,359,101	\$34,810,851	\$34,537,376	\$34,281,695	\$34,325,368		
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	-254.74%	-49.43%	-113.49%	-133.45%	-101.76%	-50.07%	-101.79%	-124.34%		

GASB 74 Paragraph 36.b. **Schedule of Changes in the Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)**

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Total OPEB Liability	\$2,907,424	\$2,870,520	\$2,813,691	\$2,724,325	\$2,699,494					
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>4,300,474</u>	<u>3,453,996</u>	<u>3,317,718</u>	<u>3,138,717</u>	<u>2,891,232</u>					
Net OPEB Liability/(Asset)	(\$1,393,050)	(\$583,476)	(\$504,027)	(\$414,392)	(\$191,738)					
Ratio of Plan Fiduciary Net Position to Total OPEB Liability	147.91%	120.33%	117.91%	115.21%	107.10%					
Covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Net OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A					

Summary of System Provisions

<i>Employees Included:</i>	All Justices and Judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Criminal Appeals, Workers Compensation Court, Courts of Appeals or District Court who serve in the State of Oklahoma participate in the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges.
<i>System Contributions:</i>	The contributions are received from the employer agencies based on a percentage of salary of covered members. Effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006, employer contributions increased to 3.0% of the member's salary and will increase annually up to 22.0% of member payroll for fiscal years ending June 30, 2019, and thereafter.
<i>Member Contributions:</i>	Before September 1, 2005, basic member contributions equal 5% of salary, while married members could have elected an 8% contribution rate in order to provide survivor coverage. After September 1, 2005, the member contribution rate for all members is 8% of salary.
<i>Final Average Salary:</i>	The average monthly salary received during the highest three (3) years of active service as a Justice or Judge in a court of record.
<i>Retirement Date:</i>	A member who completes eight (8) years of service and attains age sixty-five (65), or completes ten (10) years of service and attains age sixty (60), or completes eight (8) years of service and whose sum of years of service and age equals or exceeds eighty (80), may begin receiving retirement benefits at his/her request. For Justices or Judges taking office after January 1, 2012, retirement age is sixty-seven (67) with eight (8) years of service or age sixty-two (62) with ten (10) years of service.
<i>Normal Retirement Benefit:</i>	General formula is 4% of average monthly salary multiplied by service, up to a maximum benefit of 100% of final average salary.
<i>Disability Benefit:</i>	After fifteen (15) years of service and age fifty-five (55), provided the member is ordered to retire by reason of disability and is eligible for disability retirement benefits. This benefit, payable for life, is calculated in the same manner as a normal retirement benefit but cannot exceed 100% of final average salary.

Survivor Benefit:

The spouse of a deceased active member who had met normal or vested retirement provisions may elect a spouse's benefit. The spouse's benefit is the benefit that would have been paid if the member had retired and elected the joint and 100% survivor option (Option B), or a 50% unreduced benefit for certain married participants making 8% of pay contributions prior to September 1, 2005. If the member has ten (10) years of service and the death is determined to be employment related, this benefit is payable immediately to the spouse. In order to be eligible for this survivor coverage, members must be married to their spouse for three (3) years preceding death and they must be married ninety (90) days prior to the member's termination of employment as a Justice or Judge. Effective October 1, 2004, the benefit for surviving spouses may be higher than 50% of the member's benefit, up to 65% for certain members who made additional voluntary survivor benefit contributions of 3% of salary prior to July 1, 1999, and who die or retire after July 1, 1999.

Optional Forms of Retirement Benefits:

The normal form of benefit for a single member is a single life monthly annuity with a guaranteed refund of the contribution accumulation. The normal form for a married member is a 50% joint and survivor annuity benefit. Optional forms of payment with actuarial reduction (if applicable) are available to all members retiring under the normal retirement or vested retirement provisions. After September 1, 2005, the options providing post-retirement death benefits are:

Option A -- Joint and 50% survivor annuity with a return to the unreduced amount if the joint annuitant dies.

Option B -- Joint and 100% survivor annuity with a return to the unreduced amount if the joint annuitant dies.

For married members, spousal consent is required for any option other than Option A.

Participant Death Benefit:

\$5,000 lump sum.

Supplemental Medical Insurance Premium:

The System contributes the lesser of \$105 per month or the Medicare Supplement Premium to the Oklahoma State and Education Employee's Group Health Insurance Program for members receiving retirement benefits.

Summary of Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

1. The investment return rate used in the valuation was 6.50 percent per year, net of investment expenses, compounded annually. This rate of return is not the assumed real rate of return. The real rate of return is the rate of return in excess of the inflation rate. Considering other financial assumptions, the 6.50 percent investment return rate translates to an assumed real rate of return of 4.00 percent.
2. Pub-2010 Below Median, General Membership Active/Retiree Healthy Mortality Table with base rates projected to 2030 using Scale MP-2019. Male rates are set back one year, and female rates are set forward one year.
3. The probability of withdrawal from service is 2% for all years of service. The individual pay increase assumption is 3.50% per year.
4. The probabilities of retirement are shown in Schedule 1.
5. Because of the passage of House Bill 2132, benefits are not assumed to increase due to future ad hoc cost-of-living increases. We note that House Bill 3350 (2020) granted a one-time stipend to certain retirees funded by the System.
6. The individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method of valuation was used in determining actuarial accrued liability and normal cost. Actuarial gains and losses reduce or increase the unfunded actuarial accrued liability and are amortized over the remaining amortization period (6 years as of July 1, 2021).
7. The actuarial value of assets is based on a five-year moving average of expected actuarial values and market values. A preliminary expected value is determined equal to the prior year's actuarial value of assets plus net cash flow for the year ending on the valuation date, assuming the valuation investment return. The expected actuarial asset value is equal to the preliminary expected actuarial value plus the unrecognized investment gains and losses as of the beginning of the previous fiscal year. Twenty percent (20%) of the gain/loss as measured by the difference between the expected actuarial value and the market value at the valuation date is added to the preliminary expected actuarial value plus twenty percent (20%) of the unrecognized gains or losses for the four preceding fiscal years. The final result is constrained to a value no less than 80% and no more than 120% of the market value at the valuation date.
8. The actuarial assumptions and methods used in the valuation were adopted by the Board on based on System experience from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Schedule 1

Percent of Eligible Active Members Retiring Within Next Year

Retirement Ages	Percent	Retirement Ages	Percent
Below 59	5%	67	20%
59	10%	68	20%
60	10%	69	25%
61	10%	70	25%
62	15%	71	25%
63	15%	72	25%
64	15%	73	25%
65	15%	74	25%
66	15%	75	100%

2021 TOGETHER

Statistics brings TOGETHER data as a context for understanding previous and current years. APART and without context, statistics have little meaning. However, TOGETHER and with context, statistics provide a decision-making tool based on historical performance.

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The Statistical Section provides additional historical perspective, context, and detail to assist the reader in using the information in the financial statements, notes to financial statements and required supplementary information to understand and assess the economic condition of the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges (URSJJ) on a combined basis, including both the Defined Benefit Pension Plan and the Health Insurance Subsidy Plan.

Financial trend information is intended to assist users in understanding and assessing the changes in the financial position over time. Schedules presenting financial trend information are *Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position, Schedule of Revenue by Source, Schedule of Expenses by Type, Schedule of Benefit Payments and Refunds by Type, and Funded Ratio Chart*.

Revenue capacity information is intended to assist users in understanding and assessing the factors affecting the ability of URSJJ to generate own-source revenue, specifically investment income. The schedule presenting revenue capacity information is the *Rate of Return by Type of Investment*.

Operating information is intended to provide contextual information about the operations and resources of URSJJ to assist readers in using financial statement information to understand and assess the economic condition. Schedules and charts presenting operating information are *Schedule of Retired Members by Type of Benefit, Schedule of Average Benefit Payments, Principal Employer, Demographics Chart, Member Statistics*, Distribution of Retirees and Beneficiaries*, Summary of Active Members**.

Schedules and information are derived from URSJJ internal sources unless otherwise noted.

*Schedules and data are provided by actuarial consultant Cavanaugh MacDonald Consulting, LLC.

Schedule of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

Year Ended June 30,	Additions			Deductions			Total Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
	Member Contributions	Employer Contributions	Investment Income (Loss)	Benefit Payments	Administrative Expenses	Refunds	
2021	\$ 2,863,279	\$ 7,849,560	\$ 95,304,296	\$ 23,268,767	\$ 174,727	\$ 84,534	\$ 82,489,107
2020	2,765,684	7,587,290	15,680,541	22,233,707	176,032	184,977	3,438,799
2019	2,666,542	7,333,003	20,305,127	20,580,861	170,153	65,548	9,488,110
2018	2,608,284	6,684,275	26,439,554	18,642,900	155,666	52,038	16,881,509
2017	2,663,717	6,190,796	36,643,672	17,827,148	154,659	89,298	27,427,080
2016	2,666,001	5,831,884	1,441,579	17,198,048	149,149	161,575	(7,569,308)
2015	2,706,406	5,295,012	8,173,421	16,093,317	143,582	111,044	(173,104)
2014	2,543,885	4,610,812	46,212,132	14,939,499	132,190	56,892	19,411,540
2013	2,543,584	4,129,300	27,498,371	14,599,877	128,007	31,831	(4,369,589)
2012	2,562,347	3,619,677	4,411,958	14,478,117	154,623	330,831	37,008,455

Schedule of Revenue by Source

Year Ended June 30,	Member Contributions	Employer Contributions		Investment Income (Loss)	Total
		Dollars	% of Annual Covered Payroll		
2021	\$ 2,863,279	\$ 7,849,560	21.62 %	\$ 95,304,296	\$ 106,017,135
2020	2,765,684	7,587,290	21.45	15,680,541	26,033,515
2019	2,666,542	7,333,003	20.88	20,318,433	30,317,978
2018	2,608,284	6,684,275	19.75	26,439,554	35,732,113
2017	2,663,717	6,190,796	18.56	36,643,672	45,498,185
2016	2,666,001	5,831,884	16.75	1,441,579	9,939,464
2015	2,706,406	5,295,012	15.33	8,173,421	16,174,839
2014	2,543,885	4,610,812	13.45	46,212,132	53,366,829
2013	2,543,584	4,129,300	12.03	4,411,958	10,593,982
2012	2,562,347	3,619,677	10.86	44,556,035	50,417,220

The employer contribution rate was raised to 13.0% effective July 1, 2012, 14.5% effective July 1, 2013, 16.0% effective July 1, 2014, 17.5% effective July 1, 2015, 19.0% effective July 1, 2016 and 20.5% effective July 1, 2017.

Schedule of Expenses by Type

Year Ended June 30,	Benefit Payments	Administrative		Total
		Expenses	Withdrawals	
2021	\$ 23,268,767	\$ 174,727	\$ 84,534	\$ 23,528,028
2020	22,233,707	176,032	184,977	22,594,716
2019	20,580,861	170,153	65,548	20,816,562
2018	18,642,900	155,666	52,038	18,850,604
2017	17,827,148	154,659	89,298	18,071,105
2016	17,198,048	149,149	161,575	17,508,772
2015	16,093,317	143,582	111,044	16,347,943
2014	14,939,499	132,190	56,892	15,128,581
2013	14,599,877	128,007	31,831	14,759,715
2012	14,478,117	154,623	330,831	14,963,571

Schedule of Benefit Payments and Refunds by Type

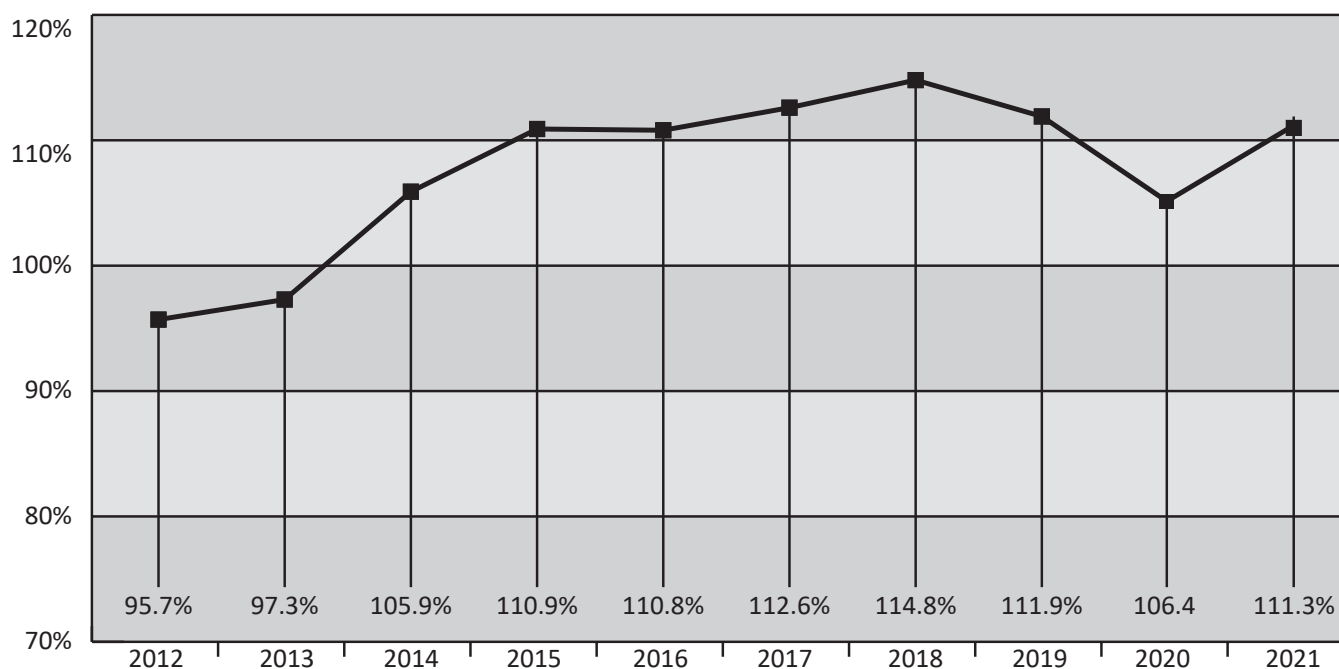
The following schedule provides information as to the type of benefit expenses incurred by the Plan as reflected in the "Benefit Payment" and "Refunds" columns of the **Schedule of Expenses by Type** included elsewhere in this Statistical Section.

Year Ended June 30,	Benefits			Refunds				Total Benefit Payments and Refunds
	Age and Service	Disability	Beneficiary Death	Withdrawals	Transfers to Other Systems	Member Death	Other	
2021	\$ 22,997,743	\$ 212,689	\$ 58,334	\$ 84,554	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$23,353,320
2020	21,974,375	214,333	45,000	29,367	-	155,610	-	22,418,686
2019	20,336,707	234,154	10,000	65,548	-	-	-	20,646,409
2018	18,364,345	231,055	47,500	-	-	52,038	-	18,694,938
2017	17,471,154	323,494	32,500	42,418	-	46,479	401	17,916,446
2016	16,877,693	295,355	25,000	161,575	-	-	-	17,359,623
2015	15,811,374	246,943	35,000	111,044	-	-	-	16,204,361
2014	14,748,689	157,476	33,334	56,892	-	-	-	14,996,391
2013	14,387,401	157,476	55,000	(46,560)	-	78,391	-	14,631,708
2012	14,290,643	157,476	30,000	234,514	-	96,317	-	14,808,950

Negative withdrawal amounts represent the cancellation of a withdrawal issued in a prior fiscal year. This occurs very infrequently.

Funded Ratio Chart

As of July 1



Rate of Return by Type of Investment

Year Ended June 30,	Fixed Income	U.S. Equity	International Equity	Total
2021	(0.1) %	46.0 %	36.0 %	27.7 %
2020	11.8	5.3	(4.6)	4.6
2019	8.4	7.8	1.6	6.2
2018	0.3	15.1	7.6	8.3
2017	(0.8)	19.0	20.9	12.7
2016	7.2	1.6	(10.0)	0.6
2015	2.4	7.4	(5.0)	2.8
2014	5.1	25.1	22.0	17.7
2013	(1.2)	21.7	13.9	11.5
2012	12.1	3.4	(14.3)	1.9

Schedule of Retired Members by Type of Benefit

June 30, 2021

Amount of Monthly Benefit	Number of Retirees	Type of Retirement*				Option Selected #			
		1	2	3	4	1	2	3	4
\$1 – 1,000	5	-	5	-	-	-	4	1	-
1,001 – 2,000	13	2	11	-	-	1	11	-	1
2,001 – 3,000	32	14	18	-	-	3	21	2	6
3,001 – 4,000	36	20	14	-	2	4	21	3	8
4,001 – 5,000	36	27	8	1	-	4	20	5	7
Over 5,000	184	172	11	1	-	24	115	14	31
Totals	306	235	67	2	2	36	192	25	53

*Type of Retirement

- Type 1 – *Normal retirement for age and service:* For participants who became members prior to January 1, 2012, they are eligible at (1) when the sum of the member's age plus years of service equals 80 points and has judicial service of at least 8 years, or (2) age 65 with 8 years of judicial service, or (3) age 60 with 10 years of judicial service. For participants who became members on or after January 1, 2012, they are eligible at (1) age 67 with 8 years of judicial service, or (2) age 62 with 10 years of judicial service.
- Type 2 – *Survivor payment:* Normal.
- Type 3 – *Disability:* Available for members who have attained age 55 and have 15 years of credited service and are determined to be disabled by the Court of the Judiciary.
- Type 4 – *Survivor payment:* Disability retirement.

Option Selected

- Option 1 – *Single-life annuity:* The maximum benefit is paid for the member's lifetime.
- Option 2 – *50% to 65% Survivor Annuity:* Paid to surviving spouse for his or her lifetime if certain contributions were paid by the justice or judge while actively participating and if other criteria are met.
- Option 3 – *Option A – ½ Joint and Survivor Annuity:* The member will receive a reduced retirement benefit for life and ½ of the reduced retirement benefit will be paid to the surviving joint annuitant for their lifetime. This option became available September 1, 2005.
- Option 4 – *Option B – 100% Joint and Survivor Annuity:* A reduced benefit is paid to the member for life and the same benefit is paid to a surviving joint annuitant for their lifetime. This option became available September 1, 2005.

Deferred Members

At June 30, 2021, there are 17 former members with deferred future benefits.

Schedule of Average Benefit Payments

Retirement Effective Dates	Years of Credited Service						
	0 to 5	6 to 10	11 to 15	16 to 20	21 to 25	26 to 30	31+
July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2021							
Period 7/1/11 to 6/30/12							
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ -	\$ 3,731	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,456	\$ 10,868	\$ -
Average Final Average Salary	\$ -	\$ 10,364	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,828	\$ 10,868	\$ -
Number of Active Retirees	-	1	-	-	3	1	-
Period 7/1/12 to 6/30/13							
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ -	\$ 3,064	\$ 4,495	\$ 5,036	\$ 8,486	\$ -	\$ -
Average Final Average Salary	\$ -	\$ 9,157	\$ 9,601	\$ 7,405	\$ 9,962	\$ -	\$ -
Number of Active Retirees	-	2	2	2	2	-	-
Period 7/1/13 to 6/30/14							
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ -	\$ 3,441	\$ -	\$ 5,911	\$ 8,031	\$ 10,364	\$ 10,364
Average Final Average Salary	\$ -	\$ 9,559	\$ -	\$ 8,663	\$ 9,828	\$ 10,364	\$ 10,364
Number of Active Retirees	-	1	-	5	3	1	1
Period 7/1/14 to 6/30/15							
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ -	\$ 2,959	\$ 5,181	\$ 7,868	\$ 9,557	\$ 9,077	\$ 9,756
Average Final Average Salary	\$ -	\$ 9,614	\$ 10,010	\$ 10,309	\$ 10,301	\$ 9,655	\$ 10,197
Number of Active Retirees	-	5	4	5	7	2	3
Period 7/1/15 to 6/30/16							
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ -	\$ 4,350	\$ -	\$ 6,132	\$ 7,883	\$ -	\$ -
Average Final Average Salary	\$ -	\$ 10,874	\$ -	\$ 9,017	\$ 9,272	\$ -	\$ -
Number of Active Retirees	-	1	-	1	3	-	-
Period 7/1/16 to 6/30/17							
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ -	\$ 3,169	\$ 4,072	\$ 7,044	\$ 10,041	\$ 10,615	\$ 12,220
Average Final Average Salary	\$ -	\$ 8,848	\$ 9,119	\$ 10,266	\$ 10,780	\$ 10,615	\$ 12,220
Number of Active Retirees	-	3	2	3	6	2	1
Period 7/1/17 to 6/30/18							
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,244	\$ 4,540	\$ 9,240	\$ 8,009	\$ 10,691
Average Final Average Salary	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,974	\$ 6,722	\$ 10,133	\$ 9,280	\$ 11,500
Number of Active Retirees	-	-	3	1	4	1	2
Period 7/1/18 to 6/30/19							
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ -	\$ 2,476	\$ 4,337	\$ 7,681	\$ 9,811	\$ 10,133	\$ 10,548
Average Final Average Salary	\$ -	\$ 8,052	\$ 10,377	\$ 10,460	\$ 10,292	\$ 10,133	\$ 11,172
Number of Active Retirees	-	3	7	8	11	2	4
Period 7/1/19 to 6/30/20							
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ -	\$ 2,467	\$ 4,635	\$ 6,701	\$ 9,772	\$ 9,726	\$ -
Average Final Average Salary	\$ -	\$ 8,518	\$ 9,851	\$ 10,229	\$ 10,525	\$ 11,263	\$ -
Number of Active Retirees	-	1	4	2	6	1	-
Period 7/1/20 to 6/30/21							
Average Monthly Benefit	\$ -	\$ 2,771	\$ 4,018	\$ 5,795	\$ 9,272	\$ 10,657	\$ -
Average Final Average Salary	\$ -	\$ 11,426	\$ 8,371	\$ 10,021	\$ 10,779	\$ 12,199	\$ -
Number of Active Retirees	-	1	1	2	5	1	-

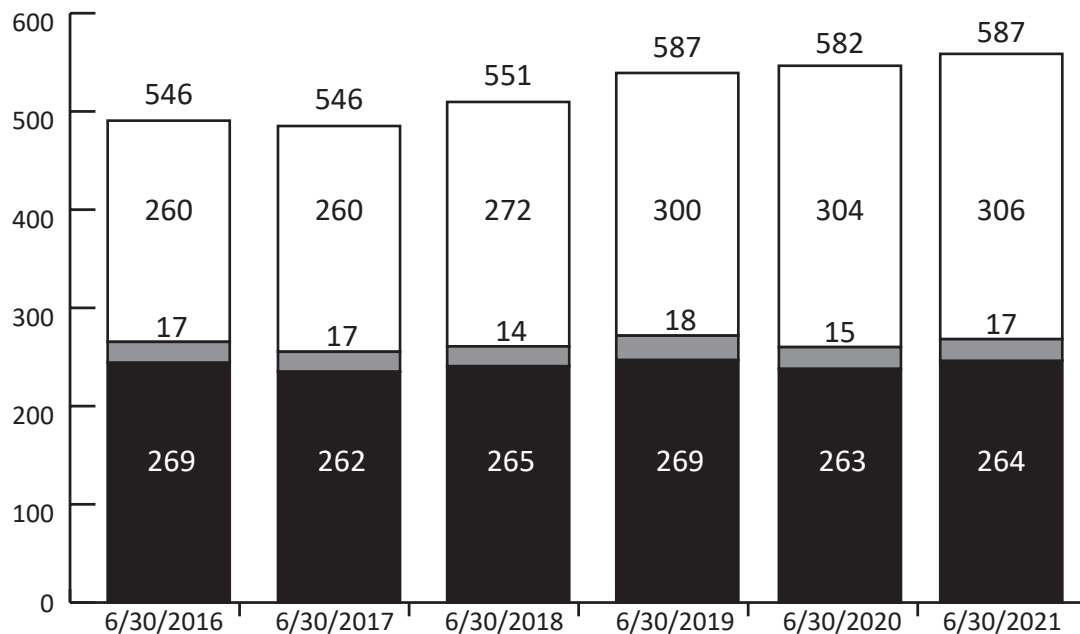
Principal Employer

The Uniform Retirement System of Justices and Judges is a single-employer public employee retirement plan. The Plan covers Justices and Judges who sit on the Supreme Court of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals, the Oklahoma Courts of Civil Appeals, the Oklahoma District Courts, and the Oklahoma Workers' Compensation Court. The Plan also covers the Administrative Director of the Courts.

Year Ended June 30,	Covered Employees of the State
2021	264
2020	263
2019	269
2018	265
2017	262
2016	269
2015	271
2014	274
2013	273
2012	266

Demographics Chart

■ Active ■ Vested □ Retirees



Member Statistics

Inactive members as of July 1, 2021	Number	Amount of Annual Benefit
Members receiving benefits		
Retired	235	\$ 20,320,165
Surviving spouses	69	2,683,399
Disabled	2	133,704
Total	306	\$ 23,137,268
Members with deferred benefits		
Vested terminated	12	\$ 602,153
Assumed deferred vested members (estimated benefits)	5	211,206
Total	17	\$ 813,359

Statistics for	Average			
	Number	Age	Service	Earnings
Active members as of July 1, 2020				
Continuing	255	56.9	10.5	\$ 130,174
New	8	49.5	0.5	59,458
Total	263	56.6	10.2	\$ 128,023
Active members as of July 1, 2021				
Continuing	249	57.3	10.7	\$ 135,962
New	15	49.4	0.8	81,117
Total	264	56.8	10.2	\$ 132,846

Distribution of Retirees and Beneficiaries

Age	Number			Annual Benefits		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 50	-	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
50-55	-	1	1	-	71,728	71,728
55-60	-	4	4	-	267,004	267,004
60-65	9	4	13	862,445	299,390	1,161,835
65-70	34	18	52	3,370,955	1,369,208	4,740,163
70-75	70	13	83	6,365,734	789,503	7,155,237
75-80	46	24	70	3,929,877	1,506,724	5,436,601
80-85	30	11	41	1,996,507	393,962	2,390,469
85-90	7	12	19	466,339	451,138	917,477
90-95	5	9	14	343,660	248,410	592,070
95-100	3	5	8	222,941	152,353	375,294
Over 100	1	-	1	29,390	-	29,390
Total	205	101	306	\$ 17,587,848	\$ 5,549,420	\$ 23,137,268

Summary of Active Members

Age and years of credited service

Earnings tabulated are average rates of pay as of July 1, 2021

Age	Years of Service									Total
	0 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 to 39	40 & Up	
Under 35										
Average Pay										
35 to 39	10	1								11
Average Pay	\$121,009	\$145,566								\$123,241
40 to 44	16	7	3							26
Average Pay	\$119,632	\$132,645	\$138,029							\$125,258
45 to 49	15	9	6	3						33
Average Pay	\$121,791	\$129,949	\$139,914	\$122,954						\$127,417
50 to 54	16	3	5	2	2	1				29
Average Pay	\$122,743	\$141,798	\$140,248	\$143,446	\$139,914	\$134,261				\$130,741
55 to 59	10	11	21	9	4					55
Average Pay	\$126,914	\$136,429	\$135,761	\$137,244	\$142,740					\$135,036
60 to 64	11	18	15	4	4	3	2			57
Average Pay	\$126,037	\$137,791	\$137,275	\$134,261	\$131,434	\$137,087	\$165,393			\$135,624
65 to 69	3	6	10	5	1		2	2		29
Average Pay	\$119,616	\$124,838	\$137,228	\$134,825	\$134,261		\$150,421	\$142,033		\$133,567
70 & up	1	4	3	6	4	1		1	4	24
Average Pay	\$134,261	\$131,434	\$130,492	\$144,860	\$139,913	\$161,112		\$161,112	\$157,290	\$142,986
Total	82	59	63	29	15	5	4	3	4	264
Average Pay	\$122,727	\$134,317	\$136,963	\$136,940	\$138,029	\$141,326	\$157,907	\$148,393	\$157,290	\$132,846



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