

Quarterly Summary of the Finances of Selected State and Local Government Employee Retirement Systems

TOTAL HOLDINGS AND INVESTMENTS OF MAJOR PUBLIC-EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS REACH HIGHEST LEVEL SINCE SECOND QUARTER 2008

2010 Quarter 4

For the 100 largest public-employee retirement systems in the country, total holdings and investments were up two consecutive quarters. With a quarter-to-quarter increase of 5.5 percent, total holdings and investments rose from \$2,498.6 billion in the third quarter of 2010 to \$2,636.6 billion in the fourth quarter of 2010, reaching the highest level since the second quarter of 2008. Total holdings and investments continued to show a year-to-year increase for the fifth consecutive quarter, rising 7.6 percent from \$2,451.4 billion in the fourth quarter of 2009.

Corporate Stocks

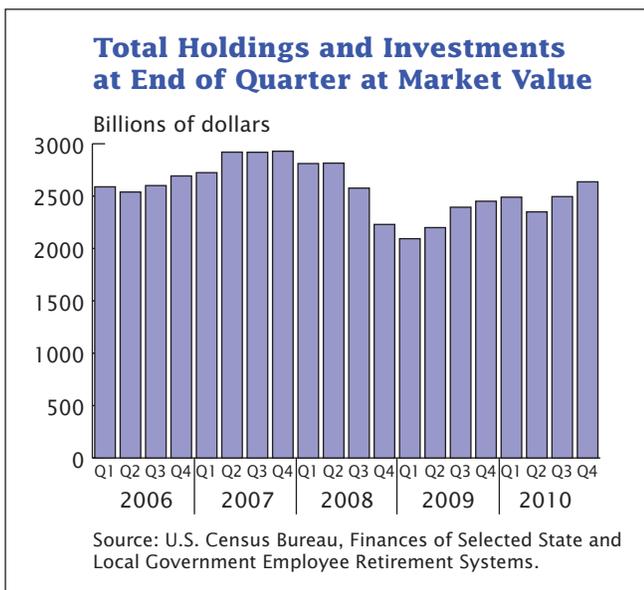
Holdings of corporate stocks were up 4.4 percent from \$819.1 billion in the fourth quarter of 2009 to \$855.1 billion in the fourth quarter of 2010, compared to last quarter's year-to-year decline of 2.4 percent. Corporate stocks rose 6.5 percent from \$802.8 billion last quarter (2010:Q3). Corporate stocks comprised just under a third (32.4 percent for 2010:Q4) of the total cash and security holdings of major public-employee retirement systems.

Corporate Bonds

Corporate bonds were up 0.6 percent from \$428.9 billion in the third quarter of 2010 to \$431.5 billion in the fourth quarter of 2010. Corporate bonds increased 2.7 percent from \$420.0 billion in the same quarter 1 year ago (2009:Q4). Corporate bonds comprised just under a sixth (16.4 percent for 2010:Q4) of the total cash and security holdings of major public-employee retirement systems.

International Securities

International securities reached the highest level since the beginning of this investment category's data collection 8 years ago (2002:Q4), increasing 6.8 percent from \$452.0 billion in the third quarter of 2010 to \$482.8 billion in the fourth quarter of 2010. International securities showed a year-to-year increase for the fifth consecutive quarter, rising 13.7 percent from \$424.8 billion in the same quarter 1 year ago (2009:Q4). International securities comprised 18.3 percent of the total cash and security holdings of major public-employee retirement systems for the fourth quarter of 2010, the highest percent distribution for international securities since the beginning of this investment category's data collection 8 years ago (2002:Q4).



Federal Government Securities

Federal government securities fell 3.2 percent from \$164.1 billion in the third quarter of 2010 to \$158.8 billion in the fourth quarter of 2010. Federal government securities continued a year-to-year increase for the third consecutive quarter, rising 6.3 percent from \$149.4 billion in the fourth quarter of 2009. Federal government securities comprised 6.0 percent of the total cash and security holdings for the fourth quarter of 2010.

Total Contributions

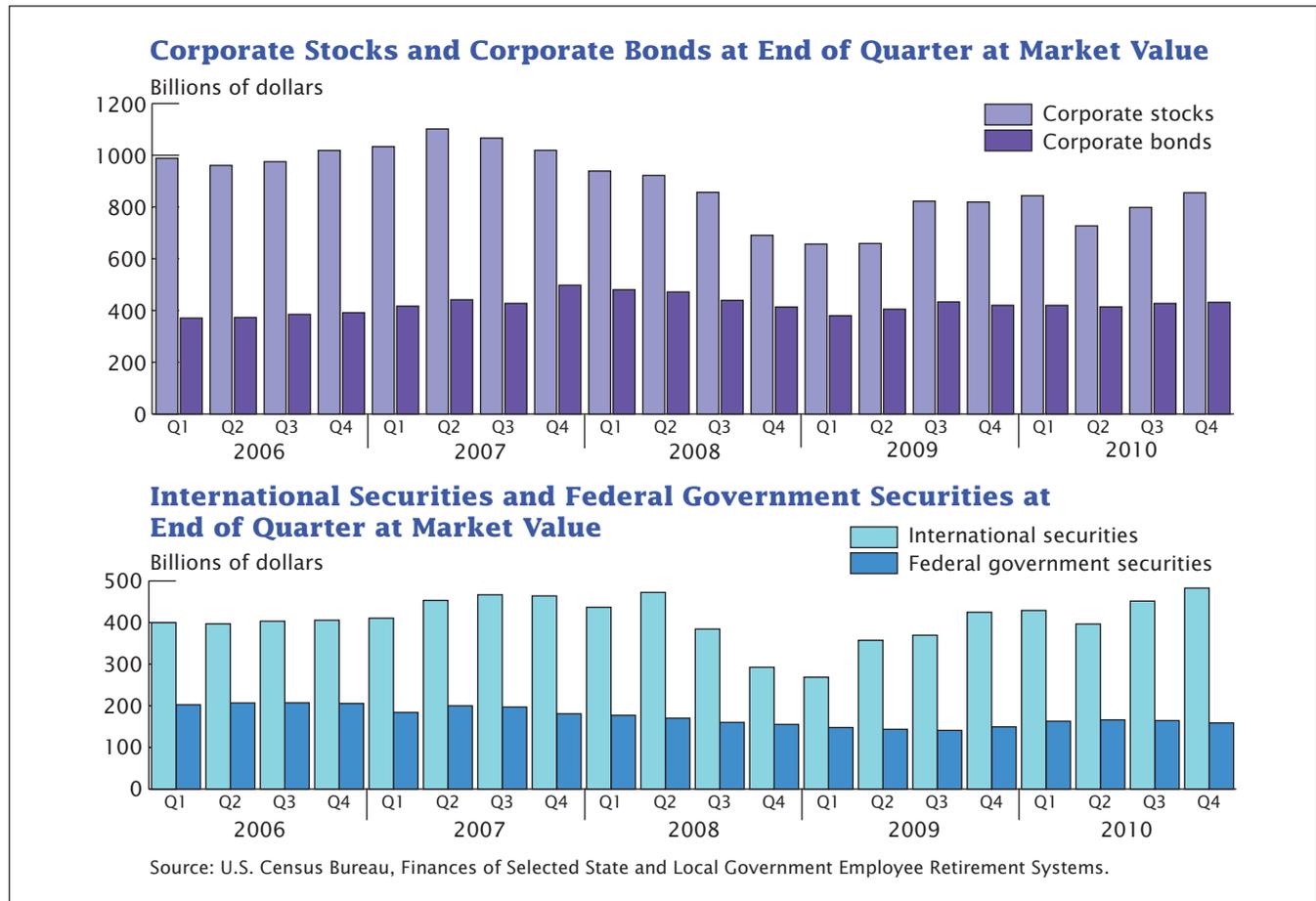
Employee and government combined contributions totaled \$32.0 billion in the fourth quarter of 2010, an increase of 18.1 percent from \$27.1 billion last year (2009:Q4). While both employee and government contributions increased, government contributions grew at the faster rate of 22.3 percent compared to employee contributions, which grew at a rate of 9.2 percent. This resulted in a 2.4 point shift in the composition of contributions toward higher government contributions and

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lower employee contributions compared with the same quarter 1 year ago (2009:Q4).

Note: This summary is based solely on the Finances of Selected State and Local Government Employee Retirement Systems, which consists of a panel of the 100 largest public-employee retirement systems as deter-

mined by their total cash and security holdings reported in the 2007 Census of Governments. These 100 systems comprised 89.4 percent of financial activity among such entities, based on the 2007 Census of Governments. Each of the 100 systems represents itself only. These data are not subject to sampling error, but are subject to various nonsampling errors, such as errors of nonresponse and respondent error.



Percentage Change From Prior Quarter of Cash and Investments at End of Quarter at Market Value

Quarter	Total	Corporate stocks	Corporate bonds	Federal government securities	International securities	Mortgages	State/local government securities	Cash and short-term investments	Other securities
2010:4	5.5	6.5	0.6	-3.2	6.8	-6.2	-18.1	12	8.8
2010:3	5.9	9.1	3.6	-2.7	13.3	2.8	17.1	-5.7	2.2
2010:2	-4.9	-12.8	-1.4	3.5	-7	4.5	-36.8	3.8	2.5
2010:1	1.3	3.0	0.0	9.0	1.0	5.6	8.7	2.4	-2.5
2009:4	3.3	-0.4	-3.1	5.9	14.9	-2.8	-9.5	-2.3	6.8
2009:3	7.9	24.8	7.0	-1.8	3.4	3.3	-9.9	9.9	-6.6
2009:2	5.1	0.4	6.6	-2.8	33.0	-2.8	29.4	-12.8	0.8
2009:1	-6.1	-4.9	-8.1	-4.8	-8.2	-0.7	1.2	3.5	-6.8
2008:4	-13.5	-19.4	-5.9	-3.0	-23.9	-12.3	0.9	13.2	-10.2
2008:3	-8.5	-7.1	-6.9	-5.9	-18.6	-7.3	48.7	-14.8	-4.48
2008:2	0.1	-1.8	-1.8	-3.9	8.2	-31.7	-39.1	-3.0	1.5
2008:1	-4.0	-7.9	-3.5	-2.1	-5.9	-4.8	10.0	12.3	0.3
2007:4	0.3	-4.4	16.4	-8.2	-0.6	41.0	8.9	-2.3	0.3
2007:3	0.0	-3.2	-3.2	-1.5	2.9	11.3	-9.0	-18.7	9.0
2007:2	7.2	6.6	6.0	8.7	10.4	1.2	-13.3	13.9	5.6
2007:1	1.2	1.4	6.4	-10.5	1.2	-1.1	10.3	1.2	1.3
2006:4	3.5	4.5	1.7	-0.8	0.6	-18.4	-7.9	8.4	7.0
2006:3	2.4	1.5	3.2	0.2	1.6	4.8	4.7	7.4	4.3
2006:2	-1.9	-2.8	0.7	2.1	-0.7	-0.5	1.5	-1.7	-4.6
2006:1	6.1	8.3	-9.0	-2.5	18.7	-4.6	-7.3	-2.7	11.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Finances of Selected State and Local Government Employee Retirement Systems. For information on nonsampling errors and definitions, see <www.census.gov/govs/www/qpr.html>. Data users who create their own estimates from this table should cite the U.S. Census Bureau as the source of the original data only.