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Holdings of Selected Public- Employee Retirement Systems

MARCH 31, 1969

Major retirement systems in the United States covering employees of State and local governments held \$42.2 billion in cash and investment securities as of March 31, 1969. This amount represented an increase of 2 percent over the \$41.3 billion holdings reported 3 months earlier.

More than half of this sum, \$23.5 billion, was in the form of corporate bonds, as shown in the table below. The increase of \$0.6 billion in holdings of corporate bonds in 3 months reflects the continuing reliance on this form of security as the primary area of investment by the publicly operated retirement systems. The table also shows other major holdings of more than \$5 billion of United States Government securities, \$5.2 billion invested in mortgages, and \$3.7 billion in corporate stocks. Investments in securities of State and local governments amounted to \$2 billion.

The total cash balances of \$323 million include interest-earning time deposits as well as

demand accounts; therefore, this amount does not entirely represent uninvested funds.

The 100 systems canvassed in this survey hold approximately 90 percent of the assets of all retirement systems operated by State and local governments throughout the United States, although more than 2,100 such systems were counted in the 1967 Census of Governments. The proportionate share of nongovernmental securities (corporate bonds and stocks, mortgages, etc.) held by the largest funds is especially high.

The statistics in this report are based on a quarterly mail survey which covers the 100 public-employee retirement systems in the United States with the largest amount of cash and security holdings. Usable reports are received each quarter from about nine-tenths of the systems canvassed. Estimates are developed for the remainder of the 100 systems from the latest available data.

Cash and Security Holdings of 100 Major Public-Employee Retirement Systems: March 31, 1969 and Prior Balances

(Millions of dollars)

Date	Cash and security holdings							
	Total	Cash and deposits	Federal securities	State and local government securities	Corporate bonds	Corporate stocks	Mortgages	Other securities
March 31, 1969.....	42,177	323	5,058	2,112	23,479	3,724	5,207	2,274
December 31, 1968.....	41,338	358	5,268	2,127	22,912	3,471	5,116	2,086
September 30, 1968.....	40,528	338	5,413	2,167	22,378	3,109	5,005	2,118
June 30, 1968.....	39,419	288	5,422	2,182	21,624	2,837	4,974	2,092
March 31, 1968.....	38,271	283	5,632	2,257	20,466	2,537	4,903	2,193

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