

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

TOTAL HOLDINGS AND INVESTMENTS OF MAJOR PUBLIC-EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEMS DECREASED FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE SECOND QUARTER OF 2010

2011 Quarter 3

For the 100 largest public-employee retirement systems in the country, total holdings and investments were down in the third quarter of 2011 following four consecutive quarterly increases. This decrease was driven largely by the decreases in corporate stocks and international securities. Total holdings and investments quarter-to-quarter decreased \$236.6 billion or 8.5 percent to \$2.5 trillion. Total holdings and investments year-to-year rose \$27.1 billion or 1.1 percent, continuing the trend of year-to-year increases for the eighth consecutive quarter. Earnings on investments were negative for the first time in over a year (since 2010:Q2) and totaled to losses of \$198.6 billion for the third quarter of 2011.

Corporate Stocks

Holdings of corporate stocks quarter-to-quarter decreased \$134.7 billion or 14.9 percent to \$769.6 billion in the third quarter of 2011, down for the second consecutive quarter. Corporate stocks year-to-year were down \$54.4 billion or 6.6 percent from \$824.0 billion in the third quarter of 2010. Corporate stocks comprised less than a third (30.4 percent) of the total cash and security holdings of major public-employee retirement systems for the current quarter.

Corporate Bonds

Corporate bonds quarter-to-quarter decreased \$37.3 billion or 8.6 percent to \$398.4 billion in the third quarter of 2011, down for the second consecutive quarter. Corporate bonds year-to-year decreased \$41.1 billion or 9.4 percent from \$439.5 billion in the third quarter of 2010. Corporate bonds comprised just under a sixth (15.7 percent) of the total cash and security holdings of major public-employee retirement systems for the current quarter.

International Securities

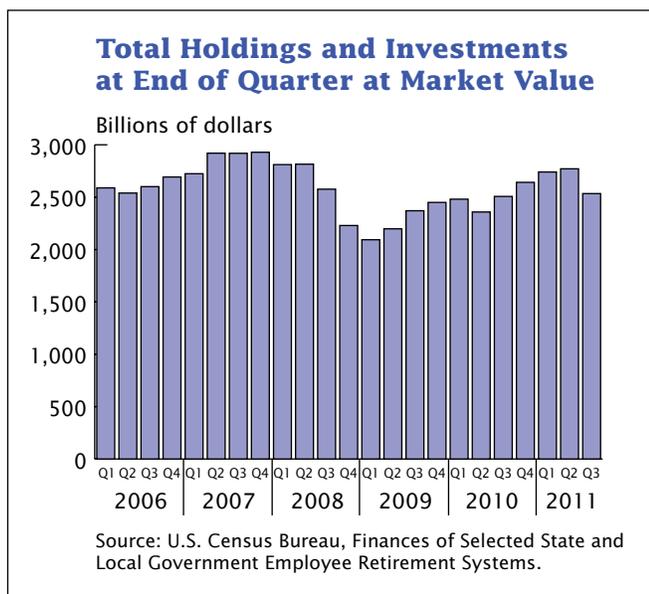
International securities quarter-to-quarter decreased for the first time in over a year (since 2010:Q2), declining \$74.5 billion or 14.2 percent to \$448.9 billion in the third quarter of 2011. This was the largest decline since the fourth quarter of 2008. International securities year-to-year decreased \$17.2 billion or 3.7 percent from \$466.1 billion in the third quarter of 2010. This was the first decline following seven consecutive quarters of year-to-year increases. International securities comprised over a sixth (17.7 percent) of the total cash and security holdings of major public-employee retirement systems for the current quarter.

Federal Government Securities

Federal government securities quarter-to-quarter decreased \$4.4 billion or 2.4 percent to \$177.8 billion in the third quarter of 2011 following three consecutive quarterly increases. Federal government securities year-to-year increased \$10.0 billion or 6.0 percent from \$167.8 billion in the third quarter of 2010. This was the eighth consecutive quarter with a year-to-year increase. Federal government securities comprised 7.0 percent of the total cash and security holdings for the current quarter.

Total Contributions

Employee contributions quarter-to-quarter decreased \$3.6 billion or 33.6 percent to \$7.2 billion, continuing a cyclical pattern that shows the third calendar quarter as having the lowest employee contributions each year. Employee contributions year-to-year increased \$0.4 billion or 6.0 percent from \$6.8 billion in the third quarter of 2010. Government contributions quarter-to-quarter decreased \$2.8 billion or 13.4 percent to \$18.1 billion for the third quarter of 2011. Government contributions year-to-year increased \$0.6 billion or 3.4 percent from \$17.5 billion in the third quarter of 2010.

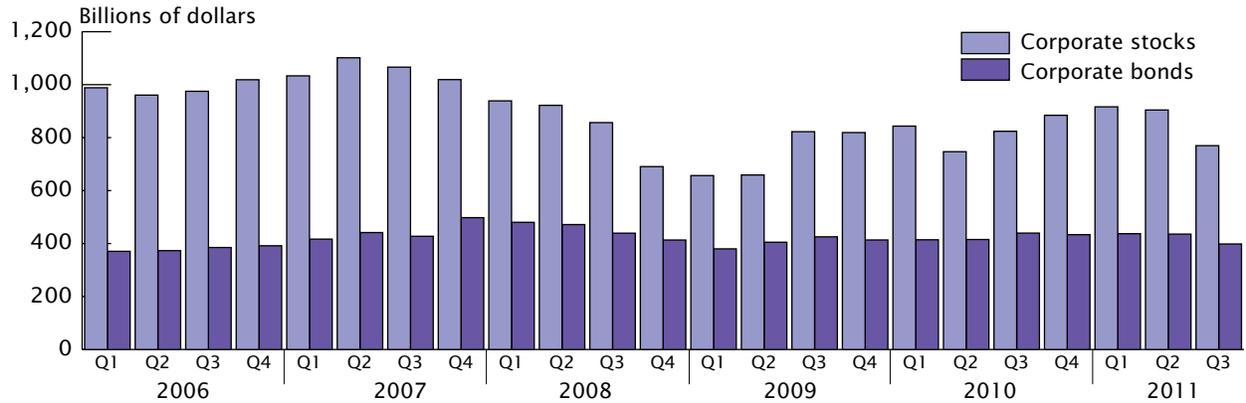


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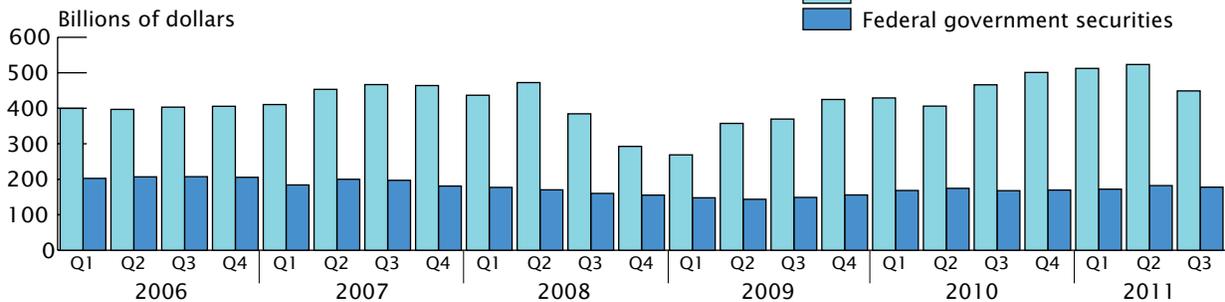
Note: This summary is based on the Finances of Selected State and Local Government Employee Retirement Systems, which consists of a panel of the 100 largest public-employee retirement systems as determined by their total cash and security holdings reported in the 2007 Census of Governments. These 100 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.

Corporate Stocks and Corporate Bonds at End of Quarter at Market Value



International Securities and Federal Government Securities at End of Quarter at Market Value



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Finances of Selected State and Local Government Employee Retirement Systems.

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
2011:3	-8.5	-14.9	-8.6	-2.4	-14.2	9.9	47.4	-10.1	4.0
2011:2	1.1	-1.3	-0.4	5.8	2.2	0.4	5.3	6.5	2.7
2011:1	3.7	3.6	0.8	1.5	2.3	-3.7	-4.4	15.9	6.4
2010:4	5.4	7.3	-1.3	1.1	7.5	-6.4	-4.9	12.7	6.5
2010:3	6.3	10.3	5.8	-3.8	14.8	1.6	17.1	-2.1	-0.9
2010:2	-4.9	-11.5	0.2	3.6	-5.3	4.5	-36.8	4.6	-2.5
2010:1	1.3	3.0	0.2	8.1	1.0	5.6	8.7	2.4	-2.5
2009:4	3.3	-0.4	-2.8	4.7	14.9	-2.8	-9.5	-2.3	6.8
2009:3	7.9	24.8	5.1	3.7	3.4	3.3	-9.9	9.9	-6.6
2009:2	5.0	0.4	6.6	-2.8	33.0	-2.8	29.4	-12.8	0.6
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	-4.4
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.