



A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau

The U.S. Census Bureau is conducting the 2015 Annual Survey of Public Pensions. Your response is important. This survey provides measures of revenue, expenditures, investments, and membership for state and local government employee retirement systems in the United States. As this survey is the only comprehensive source of information on public employee retirement system finances in the United States, the information collected serves as an integral part of the foundation for developing national economic and public policy by measuring public activity.

Your response is critical to ensure the accuracy of these data. These data are used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis to update the governments sectors of the Gross Domestic Product accounts. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data in developing the Flow of Funds Accounts. Financial professionals and analysts monitor these data to assess changes in the investment patterns of public employee retirement systems. Public policy specialists and economists also use these data in econometric models to assess general economic conditions of state and local government financial activities.

The Census Bureau conducts the survey and requests your voluntary assistance under the authority of Title 13 United States Code, Sections 161 and 182. We estimate this survey to take between 1.5 hours to 8 hours to complete. On the back of this letter you will find disclosure descriptions regarding Office of Management and Budget number and expiration; authority and confidentiality; and burden estimate statement. Information provided on this questionnaire compiled from or customarily provided in public records are exempt from confidential treatment as cited in Title 13, United States Code, Section 9(b).

Please read the instructions and complete your survey online at respond.census.gov/aspp using the User ID and Password below. Your due date is

User ID:

Password:

If actual data are not available, carefully prepared estimates are acceptable. Please utilize your expertise and judgment in completing the survey.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have additional questions, please contact my staff by phone at 1-888-529-1963 weekdays between 7 AM and 5 PM ET, or by email at ewd.pensions@census.gov.

Sincerely,

John H. Thompson
Director

Enclosures

OMB Number and Expiration

You are not required to respond to this collection of information if it does not display a valid approval number from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The eight-digit OMB number is 0607-0585 and appears in the upper right corner of the login screen.

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Burden Estimate Statement

Please note that this is a national survey that applies to governments with wide differences in the size of their service areas, the amount of population served, and the extent and complexity of their activities. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to vary from 1.5 hours to 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to: ECON Survey Comments 0607-0585, U.S. Census Bureau, 4600 Silver Hill Road, Room EMD-8K122, Washington, DC 20233. You may e-mail comments to ECON.Survey.Comments@census.gov. Be sure to use ECON Survey Comments 0607-0585 as the subject.