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INTRODUCTION SECTION



OFFICES OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

Timothy L. Firestine
Chief Administrative Officer

December 8, 2015

Honorable County Executive and
Members of the Montgomery County Council

I am pleased to present to you the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) of the Montgomery County, Maryland (County) Employee Retirement Plans (Plans) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. This annual report is designed to assist you in understanding the structure and current status of the Plans.

FORMAL TRANSMITTAL OF THE CAFR

This report was prepared pursuant to the provisions of Section 33-51(b) of the Montgomery County Code, 2004, as amended (Code), and includes the independent auditors' report, issued by the County Council's appointed independent public accounting firm. Responsibility for the accuracy of the presented data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation including all disclosures rests with the County. We believe the data, as presented, is accurate in all material respects; that it is presented in a manner designed to fairly set forth the plan net assets and the changes in plan net assets and financial position of the Plans; and that all disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain the maximum understanding of the financial affairs of the Plans have been included.

PROFILE OF THE RETIREMENT PLANS

History

The Employees' Retirement System (System) was established in 1965, as a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan providing benefits to the employees of the County and other agencies or political subdivisions who elect to participate. Participating agencies and subdivisions include the: Montgomery County Revenue Authority, Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County, Town of Chevy Chase, Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc., Washington Suburban Transit Commission, Montgomery County Employees Federal Credit Union, and certain employees of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation and the District Court of Maryland. The System is closed to employees hired on or after October 1, 1994, except public safety bargaining unit employees and Guaranteed Retirement Income Plan (GRIP) participants. The Montgomery County Council passed legislation in FY 2009 enabling the County to establish and maintain a GRIP, a cash balance plan that is part of the System, for employees. During FY 2010 eligible County employees who were members of the Retirement Savings Plan (RSP) were granted the option to elect to participate in the GRIP and to transfer their RSP member account balance to the GRIP and cease being a member of the RSP. There were 5,541 active members, including 1,352 in the GRIP, and 6,380 retirees and beneficiaries participating in the System as of June 30, 2015.

The RSP was established in 1994, as a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined contribution plan providing benefits to all non-public safety and certain public safety employees hired on or after October 1, 1994. Employees covered by the System may make an irrevocable decision to transfer to the RSP. At June 30, 2015, there were 3,756 active plan members.

The Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) was established pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended. During Fiscal Year (FY) 1999, in accordance with Federal legislation, the assets of the County Plan were placed in trust for the sole benefit of participants and their beneficiaries.

Benefit Provisions

The benefit provisions of the System are established by the Code. The System provides for normal service retirement and early service retirement benefits for members who attain age and service requirements. The System also provides options for disability and death benefits to eligible participants. Members are vested after five years of service.

The RSP provides for immediate vesting of employee contributions, and employer contributions are vested after three years of service or upon death, disability or reaching retirement age.

Major Initiatives

During FY 2015, the Board continued to implement portfolio adjustments which will result in further diversification of the investment portfolio and better management of the System's risk. Toward this effort, the Board approved new investments in the following sectors: public equities, private equity, private real assets, public real assets, and opportunistic.

INFORMATION USEFUL IN ASSESSING THE RETIREMENT PLANS' ECONOMIC CONDITION

Financial Information

Accounting System and Reports

The Plans' financial statements have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting. Contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Benefits, refunds and distributions are recognized when due in accordance with the terms of the Plans.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), which can be found on pages 15 to 19 of this report, provides a brief analysis of the financial performance of the Plans and an introduction to the financial statements of the Plans for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Investments

Montgomery County has established a Board to be responsible for the investment management of the Plans' assets for the exclusive benefit of the members and participants. The Board consists of thirteen members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

In overseeing the management of the assets of the Plans, the Board has developed sound and prudent investment policies. The Board believes an appropriate balance must be struck between risks taken and returns sought to ensure the long term health of the defined benefit plan. The Board has adopted an investment policy that works to control the extent of downside risk to which the System is exposed while maximizing the potential for long term increases in the value of assets. To achieve this objective, System assets are allocated to a broad array of investment sectors as follows: domestic equities 19.8 percent, private equity/debt 7.1 percent, international equities 16.0 percent, global equities 3.7 percent, fixed income 25.0 percent, inflation indexed bonds 10.5 percent, commodities 3.2 percent, opportunistic 3.3 percent, private real assets 5.1 percent, global REITs 5.3 percent and public real assets 1.0 percent. For the twelve months ended June 30, 2015, the total return achieved by the System's investments was a gain of 2.82

percent, compared to the gain recorded by the System's benchmark index of 1.21 percent and the actuarial assumed rate of return of 7.5 percent.

Section 33-125 of the Montgomery County Code authorizes the Board to establish, for members of the RSP, a diversified slate of mutual and commingled investment funds from which participants may select options. The Board has developed an investment policy outlining its oversight of the investment products offered.

The Board has also established a diversified slate of mutual and commingled funds for the County Plan which offers a range of options from which participants may select. The Board has constructed an investment policy stipulating investment objectives and oversight by the Board.

Funding

The System's actuary uses a five-year smoothed market-related value to determine the actuarial value of assets. The smoothing prevents extreme volatility in employer contribution rates due to short-term fluctuations in the investment markets. For the June 30, 2015 valuation, the actuarial value of assets was \$3.6 billion and the aggregate actuarial liability was \$4.1 billion, resulting in a funded status ratio of 89.6%.

The Schedule of Changes in the Employers' Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios, included as Required Supplementary Information in the Financial Section, expresses the System's actuarial value of assets as a percentage of the total pension liability, providing one indication of the System's funding status on a going-concern basis. The actuary has determined that the present net asset base, expected future contributions and investment earnings thereon, are sufficient to provide for full payment of future benefits under the entry-age normal actuarial cost method.

Internal Control Structure and Budgetary Controls

The Plans' management is responsible for maintaining internal accounting controls to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized and recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. We believe the internal controls in effect during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 adequately safeguard the Plans' assets and provide reasonable assurance regarding the proper recording of financial transactions. In addition, the Board, in conjunction with the Chief Administrative Officer, approves and actively monitors the annual budgets for each plan. Because the cost of internal controls should not exceed the anticipated benefits, the objective is to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements are free of any material misstatement.

Independent Audit and Actuarial Certification

An independent auditors' report and actuarial certification are included in this report.

AWARDS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014. The Certificate of Achievement is a prestigious national award, recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government financial reports. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized comprehensive annual financial report, whose contents conform to program standards. Such a report must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements.

A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. The Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans have received the Certificate of Achievement for the last fourteen consecutive years. We believe our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program requirements and we are submitting it to the GFOA.

Acknowledgements

The Plans' CAFR was prepared by the Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans' staff in conjunction with staff support from the County's Department of Finance. I would like to express my appreciation to the employees who have worked hard throughout the year to ensure the successful operation of the Plans.

Respectfully submitted,



Timothy L. Firestine
Chief Administrative Officer
Plan Administrator

BOARD OF INVESTMENT TRUSTEES

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Term Expires March 2017

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Gabriel Roeder Smith & Company

Auditor

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The Northern Trust Company

Investment Consultants

Wishire Associates

Franklin Park

Albourne America, LLC

FLAG Capital Management

Investment Managers-Employees' Retirement System

Aberdeen Asset Management, Inc.

Adams Street Partners

AEW Partners

Altaris Capital Partners

Altus Capital Partners

Atlas Capital Resources

Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss

Blackrock Financial Management

Bridgewater Associates

Carmel Partners

Castlelake

Chickasaw Capital Management

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DW Healthcare Partners

Eagle Asset Management

EnerVest Ltd.

First Quadrant LP

FLAG Capital Management

Franklin Park

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Gryphon International Investment Corporation

Hampshire Companies

HarbourVest Partners

Homestead Capital

Hudson Bay Capital Management LP

Jennison Associates

JP Morgan Investment Management

K1 Investment Management, LLC

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Lime Rock Resources

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MKP Opportunity Partners

Mondrian Investment Partners Ltd.

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Och-Ziff Capital Management

Odyssey Investment Partners

Pearlmark Real Estate Partners

Pomona Capital

RhumbLine Advisors

Riverside Partners

Sands Capital Management

Schroder Investment Management

Siris Capital Group LLC

TA Associates

TA Associates Realty LLC

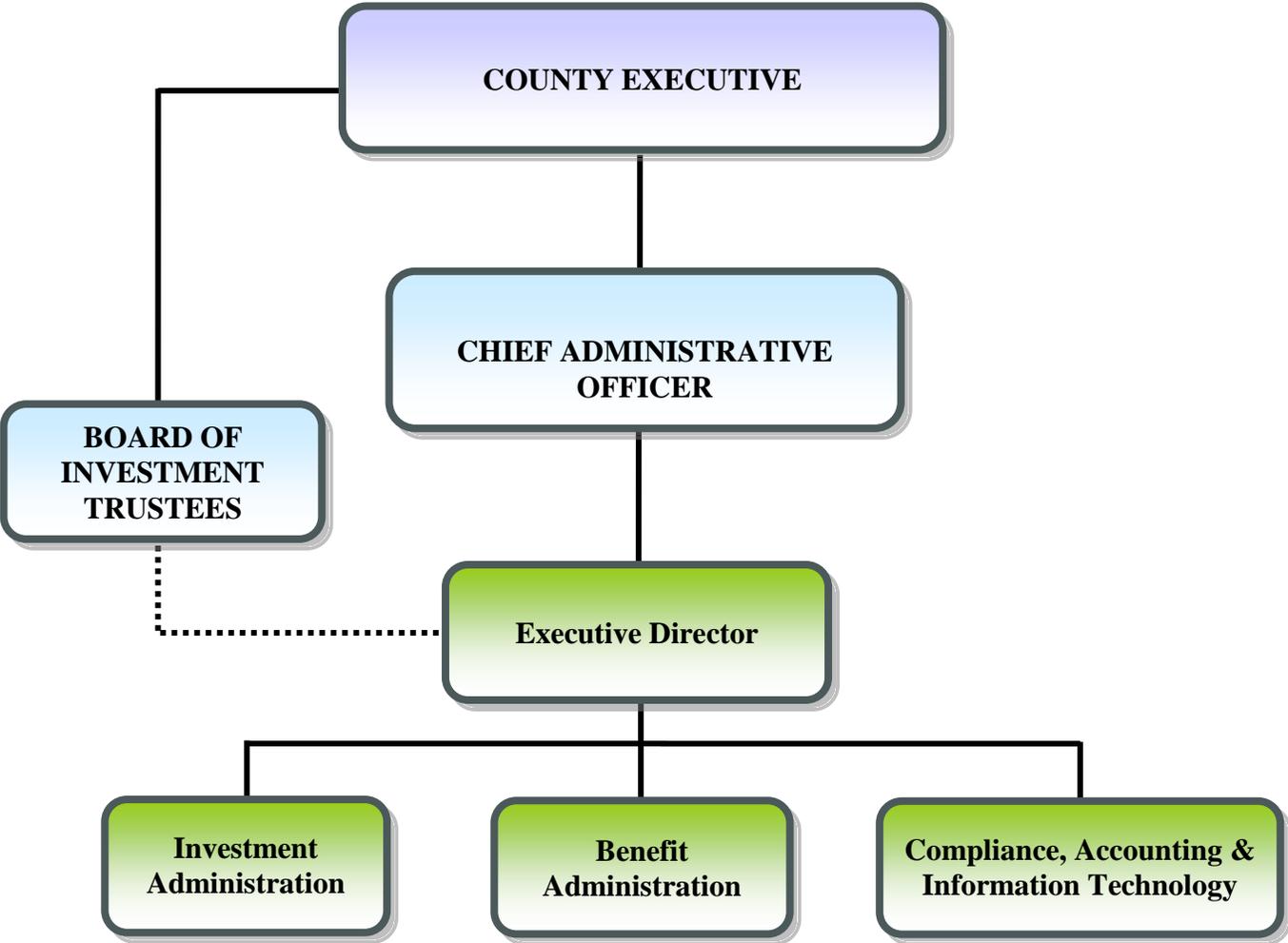
Thoma Bravo

Wellington Management

Wicks Group

* Public equity commission brokers are listed on page 52.

Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans Administrative Organization Chart





FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable County Council of Montgomery County, Maryland
Board of Investment Trustees
Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans
Rockville, Maryland

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans (the Plans), which comprise the statements of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2015, and the related statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 auditors' 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.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Plans as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 schedules of changes in the employers' net pension liability and related ratios, employer contributions and investment returns and related notes, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the 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 financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the 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 Plan's financial statements. The schedules of administrative expenses and investment expenses and the statements of fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position for the employees retirement system, retirement savings plan and the deferred compensation plan (supplementary information), as listed in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

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

The introduction, investment, actuarial, and statistical sections, as listed in the table of contents, have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 8, 2015 on our consideration of the Plans' internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Plans' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Baltimore, Maryland
December 8, 2015



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

INTRODUCTION

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans (Plans) financial performance provides an introduction to the financial statements of the Plans as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015. Since the MD&A is designed to focus on current activities, resulting changes and current known facts, it should be read in conjunction with the transmittal letter in the Introduction Section on page 4, and the financial statements, required supplementary information, and other supplementary information which follow this discussion.

REQUIRED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements for the Plans have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Statements of Fiduciary Net Position comprise the Plans' assets and liabilities and provide information about the nature and amount of investments, as well as the liabilities. The Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position report the changes of the Plans' net position, measured by the additions by major sources and deductions by type. Comparative financial statements of the three plans are presented in the latter part of the financial section.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS

Shown below is a condensed presentation of the net position of the Employees' Retirement System (ERS), Retirement Savings Plan (RSP), and Deferred Compensation Plan (DCP) at June 30:

Net Position (Millions)						
	ERS		RSP		DCP	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Assets:						
Cash and investments	\$ 3,925.6	\$ 3,882.8	\$ 313.8	\$ 291.3	\$ 351.9	\$ 343.6
Receivables	15.1	11.6	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.6
Capital assets	0.6	0.9	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>3,941.3</u>	<u>3,895.3</u>	<u>315.3</u>	<u>292.5</u>	<u>352.6</u>	<u>344.2</u>
Liabilities	279.6	242.4	-	-	-	-
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,661.7</u>	<u>\$ 3,652.9</u>	<u>\$ 315.3</u>	<u>\$ 292.5</u>	<u>\$ 352.6</u>	<u>\$ 344.2</u>

Shown below is a condensed summary of the changes in net position of the ERS, RSP, and DCP for the years ended June 30:

Changes in Net Position						
(Millions)						
	ERS		RSP		DCP	
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Additions:						
Employer contributions	\$ 151.3	\$ 144.7	\$ 18.5	\$ 17.1	\$ -	\$ -
Member contributions	26.6	26.5	9.7	8.7	19.2	17.0
Net investment income	67.1	534.4	7.5	42.4	15.3	48.9
Total additions	<u>245.0</u>	<u>705.6</u>	<u>35.7</u>	<u>68.2</u>	<u>34.5</u>	<u>65.9</u>
Deductions:						
Benefits	230.6	229.7	-	-	-	-
Refunds and distributions	2.9	4.3	12.7	11.6	26.1	25.5
Administrative expenses	2.7	3.0	0.2	0.2	-	-
Total deductions	<u>236.2</u>	<u>237.0</u>	<u>12.9</u>	<u>11.8</u>	<u>26.1</u>	<u>25.5</u>
Total change in net position	<u>\$ 8.8</u>	<u>\$ 468.6</u>	<u>\$ 22.8</u>	<u>\$ 56.4</u>	<u>\$ 8.4</u>	<u>\$ 40.4</u>

The following schedules provide a comparative summary and an analysis of each Plan's assets, liabilities and net position, at June 30:

Employees' Retirement System			
Net Position			
(Millions)			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Assets:			
Cash and investments	\$ 3,925.6	\$ 3,882.8	1.1 %
Receivables	15.1	11.6	30.2
Capital Assets	0.6	0.9	(33.3)
Total assets	<u>3,941.3</u>	<u>3,895.3</u>	1.2
Liabilities:			
Benefits payable and other liabilities	5.7	9.0	(36.7)
Obligations under securities lending agreements	273.9	233.4	17.4
Total liabilities	<u>279.6</u>	<u>242.4</u>	15.3
Total net position	<u>\$ 3,661.7</u>	<u>\$ 3,652.9</u>	0.2 %

The table shown above reflects a slight increase of \$8.8 million, a 0.2 percent increase in ERS' net position during fiscal year (FY) 2015.

Retirement Savings Plan			
Net Position			
(Millions)			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Assets:			
Cash and investments	\$ 313.8	\$ 291.3	7.7 %
Receivables	1.5	1.2	25.0
Total net position	<u>\$ 315.3</u>	<u>\$ 292.5</u>	7.8 %

During FY 2015, net position increased 7.8 percent to \$315.3 million. The change is primarily due to increased employee and employer contributions during FY 2015.

Deferred Compensation Plan			
Net Position			
(Millions)			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Assets:			
Investments	\$ 351.9	\$ 343.6	2.4 %
Receivables	0.7	0.6	16.7
Total net position	<u>\$ 352.6</u>	<u>\$ 344.2</u>	2.4 %

Net position of the DCP increased 2.4 percent to \$352.6 million during FY 2015. The change is attributable to increased employee contributions during FY 2015.

ADDITIONS

The primary sources of additions for the Plans include member and employer (where applicable) contributions and investment income. The following tables compare the source and amount of additions for each Plan during FY 2015 and FY 2014.

Employees' Retirement System			
Contributions and Investment Income			
(Millions)			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Employer contributions	\$ 151.3	\$ 144.7	4.6 %
Member contributions	26.6	26.5	0.4
Net investment income	67.1	534.4	(87.4)
	<u>\$ 245.0</u>	<u>\$ 705.6</u>	(65.3) %

Investment income decreased by 87.4 percent during FY 2015 due to the weakness of the financial markets.

The net investment income for the ERS totaled \$67.1 million for FY 2015, comprised of \$22.8 million in net appreciation in fair value of investments, \$65.7 million in dividends and interest, \$1.1 million from securities lending activities, and \$22.5 million

related to investment expenses. This is compared to net investment income of \$534.4 million in FY 2014. The decrease in investment earnings compared to the previous fiscal year is due to the weaker financial markets in FY 2015.

Retirement Savings Plan			
Contributions and Investment Income			
(Millions)			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Employer contributions	\$ 18.5	\$ 17.1	8.2 %
Member contributions	9.7	8.7	11.5
Net investment income	7.5	42.4	(82.3)
	<u>\$ 35.7</u>	<u>\$ 68.2</u>	(47.7) %

Employer contributions to the RSP were \$18.5 million in FY 2015, an increase of 8.2 percent from FY 2014 due to salary increases and increased enrollment of employees. The lower investment income in FY 2015 is primarily attributable to the weakness of the financial markets.

Deferred Compensation Plan			
Contributions and Investment Income			
(Millions)			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Member contributions	\$ 19.2	\$ 17.0	12.9 %
Net investment income	15.3	48.9	(68.7)
	<u>\$ 34.5</u>	<u>\$ 65.9</u>	(47.6) %

Member contributions to the DCP were \$19.2 million for FY 2015, an increase of 12.9 percent from the FY 2014 level due to higher rollover contributions.

Net investment income for the DCP was \$15.3 million compared to \$48.9 million in the previous fiscal year. The lower level in FY 2015 is primarily due to weaker returns from the financial markets during the fiscal year.

DEDUCTIONS

The primary sources of deductions from the Plans include the payment of retiree and survivor benefits, participant refunds and distributions, and administrative expenses. The following tables show the use and amount of deductions for each plan during FY 2015 and 2014.

Employees' Retirement System			
Deductions by Type			
(Millions)			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Benefits	\$ 230.6	\$ 229.7	0.4 %
Refunds	2.9	4.3	(32.6)
Administrative expenses	2.7	3.0	(10.0)
	<u>\$ 236.2</u>	<u>\$ 237.0</u>	(0.3) %

During FY 2015, refunds decreased by \$1.4 million largely due to less DROP distributions during FY2015 compared to FY2014.

Retirement Savings Plan			
Deductions by Type			
(Millions)			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Distributions	\$ 12.7	\$ 11.6	9.5 %
Administrative expenses	0.2	0.2	-
	<u>\$ 12.9</u>	<u>\$ 11.8</u>	9.3 %

The expenses related to the RSP are comprised of distributions and administrative costs. The 9.5 percent increase in distributions is due to employee turnover.

Deferred Compensation Plan			
Deductions by Type			
(Millions)			
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Percentage Change</u>
Distributions	<u>\$ 26.1</u>	<u>\$ 25.5</u>	<u>2.4 %</u>

During FY 2015, distributions paid from the DCP increased 2.4% over the FY 2014 level.

For additional information regarding this report, please contact the Board of Investment Trustees at 240-777-8220.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
 STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 JUNE 30, 2015

	Employees' Retirement System	Retirement Savings Plan	Deferred Compensation Plan
ASSETS			
Equity in County's pooled cash and investments	\$ 981,456	\$ 671,139	\$ -
Investments:			
Government and agency obligations	395,527,073	-	-
Municipal/Provincial obligations	12,358,783	-	-
Asset-backed securities	3,464,339	-	-
Corporate bonds	656,471,268	-	-
Common and preferred stock	1,455,833,853	-	-
Mutual and commingled funds	365,620,792	313,170,346	351,892,072
Short-term investments	119,853,979	-	-
Cash collateral received under securities lending agreements	273,912,882	-	-
Real assets	380,180,632	-	-
Private equity/debt	261,364,506	-	-
Total investments	<u>3,924,588,107</u>	<u>313,170,346</u>	<u>351,892,072</u>
Dividend, interest, and other receivables	6,640,354	-	-
Contributions receivable	8,443,224	1,483,331	754,780
Capital assets	900,043	-	-
Less depreciation	300,014	-	-
Net Capital assets	<u>600,029</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total assets	<u>3,941,253,170</u>	<u>315,324,816</u>	<u>352,646,852</u>
LIABILITIES			
Payable for collateral received under securities lending agreements	273,912,882	-	-
Benefits payable and other liabilities	5,679,044	23,900	-
Total liabilities	<u>279,591,926</u>	<u>23,900</u>	<u>-</u>
Net position restricted for pensions	<u>\$ 3,661,661,244</u>	<u>\$ 315,300,916</u>	<u>\$ 352,646,852</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	Employees' Retirement System	Retirement Savings Plan	Deferred Compensation Plan
ADDITIONS			
Contributions:			
Employer	\$151,301,867	\$ 18,502,353	\$ -
Members	26,627,493	9,728,222	19,228,978
Total contributions	<u>177,929,360</u>	<u>28,230,575</u>	<u>19,228,978</u>
Investment income	88,488,213	7,498,168	15,258,958
Less investment expenses	<u>22,506,400</u>	<u>5,437</u>	<u>-</u>
Net gain from investment activities	<u>65,981,813</u>	<u>7,492,731</u>	<u>15,258,958</u>
Income from securities lending	1,156,632	-	-
Less securities lending expenses	<u>68,012</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net income from securities lending	<u>1,088,620</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total additions	<u>244,999,793</u>	<u>35,723,306</u>	<u>34,487,936</u>
DEDUCTIONS			
Retiree benefits	171,784,946	-	-
Disability benefits	49,879,651	-	-
Survivor benefits	8,982,132	-	-
Refunds and distributions	2,874,357	12,693,995	26,122,796
Administrative expenses	<u>2,684,560</u>	<u>235,300</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deductions	<u>236,205,646</u>	<u>12,929,295</u>	<u>26,122,796</u>
Increase in net position	<u>8,794,147</u>	<u>22,794,011</u>	<u>8,365,140</u>
Net position restricted for pensions			
Beginning of year	<u>3,652,867,097</u>	<u>292,506,905</u>	<u>344,281,712</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 3,661,661,244</u>	<u>\$ 315,300,916</u>	<u>\$ 352,646,852</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PLANS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

INTRODUCTION

The Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans (Plans) are offered to Montgomery County (County) employees whose eligibility to participate is based on employment status and other factors. Each of the Plans described below was established under a separate section of the Montgomery County Code (Code). The accompanying notes summarize the significant accounting policies and plan provisions for each of the Plans, including the Employees' Retirement System, a defined benefit pension plan; the Retirement Savings Plan, a defined contribution plan; and the Deferred Compensation Plan, a plan established pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code.

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM - Defined Benefit Pension Plan

The Montgomery County Employees' Retirement System (System or Plan) is considered part of the County's financial reporting entity and is included in the County's basic financial statements as a pension and other employee benefit trust fund. The accompanying financial statements present only the operations of the System in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) applicable to public employee retirement systems. They are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the entire County.

The Montgomery County Council passed legislation in FY 2009 enabling the County to establish and maintain a Guaranteed Retirement Income Plan (GRIP), a cash balance plan that is part of the Plan, for employees. During FY 2010 eligible County employees who were members of the Retirement Savings Plan (RSP) were granted the option to elect to participate in the GRIP and to transfer their RSP member account balance to the GRIP and cease being a member of the RSP.

A. Plan Description and Contribution Information

Plan Membership. At June 30, 2015, the date of the latest actuarial valuation, membership in the System consisted of:

Retirees and beneficiaries receiving benefits	6,380
Terminated plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	402
Active plan members	5,541

Plan Administration. The System, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, was established in 1965 and is sponsored by the County. Eight other agencies and political subdivisions have elected to participate. The System is closed to employees hired on or after October 1, 1994, except public safety bargaining unit employees and GRIP participants. All covered full-time employees of the County and participating agencies must become members of the System as a condition of employment. All covered career part-time employees of the County and participating agencies may become members on an individual basis.

Contributions. The System is a contributory plan with employees contributing a percentage of their base annual salary. Contribution rates range from 6 percent to 11.25 percent of regular earnings annually based on group classification and contributions earn interest at the rate of 4 percent per annum as specified under Section 33-39(b) of the Code. The County and each participating agency are required to contribute the remaining amounts necessary to fund the System using the actuarial basis as specified in Section 33-40 of the Code. Employee contributions for the Elected Officials' Plan are 4 percent of regular earnings.

The GRIP, as defined in Section 33-35 of the Code, requires non-public safety employees to contribute 4 percent of regular earnings up to the Social Security wage base and 8 percent above the Social Security wage base. Public safety employees are required to contribute 3 percent of regular earnings up to the Social

Security wage base and 6 percent above the Social Security wage base. Section 33-40 of the Code requires the County and each participating agency to contribute 8 percent and 10 percent of regular earnings for non-public safety and public safety employees, respectively.

Benefit Provisions. Benefit provisions are established under the Code beginning with Section 33-35. All benefits vest at five years of service. There are different retirement groups within the System. Members enrolled before July 1, 1978, belong to either the optional non-integrated group or the optional integrated group. Members enrolled on or after July 1, 1978, belong to the mandatory integrated group. Within the groups are different retirement membership classes. The retirement group assigned depends upon the job classification of the member (i.e., non-public safety, police, fire, sheriffs and correctional staff). Normal and early retirement eligibility, the formula for determining the amount of benefit, and the cost of living adjustment varies depending upon the retirement group and retirement membership class. Normal retirement is a percentage of earnings multiplied by years of credited service. Earnings for optional non-integrated group members and optional integrated group members is defined as the high 12 months and for mandatory integrated plan members, the high 36 months. The percentage of earnings, the maximum years of credited service and the cost of living adjustment varies depending upon the retirement membership class and group. Members who retire early receive normal retirement benefits reduced by a minimum of 2 percent to a maximum of 60 percent depending on the number of years early retirement precedes normal retirement. The System provides options for disability and death benefits to eligible participants. Annual cost-of-living adjustments are provided to retirees and beneficiaries based on the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index.

Deferred Retirement Option Plans (DROP). Legislation enacted by the Montgomery County Council in November 1999 required the Chief Administrative Officer of the County to establish Deferred Retirement Option Plans, or DROP Plans, allowing any employee who is a member of a specified membership group or bargaining unit, and who meets certain eligibility requirements, to elect to “retire” but continue to work for a specified time period, during which pension payments are deferred. When the member’s participation in the DROP Plan ends, the member must stop working for the County, draw a pension benefit based on the member’s credited service and earnings as of the date that the member began to participate in the DROP Plan, and receive the value of the DROP Plan payoff. The balance of amounts held by the System pursuant to DROP Plans at June 30, 2015 was \$11,439,991.

For members of the GRIP, employee contributions and earnings thereon vest immediately and employer contributions and earnings thereon are vested after three years of service or upon death, disability, or reaching retirement age. At separation, a participant’s benefit is determined based upon the account balance which includes contributions and earnings.

B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting. The System’s financial statements have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting. Member and employer contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are required to be made as specified under the County Code. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due in accordance with the terms of the Plan. The cost of administering the Plan is paid by the System.

Method Used to Value Investments. Investments are stated at fair value. The fair value is generally based on quoted market prices at June 30, 2015. Fair value for private investments funds, including private equity and private real assets, is determined using unit values supplied by the fund managers, which are based upon the fund managers’ appraisals of the funds’ underlying holdings. Such values involve subjective judgment and may differ from amounts which would be realized if such holdings were actually sold. The fair value of limited partnership investments are based on valuations of the underlying assets of the limited partnerships as reported by the general partner. Cash received as collateral on securities lending transactions and investments made with such cash are reported as assets along with a related liability for collateral received.

Equity in County’s Pooled Cash and Investments. The System maintains its short-term cash with the County, which invests cash and allocates interest earned, on a quarterly basis to the System based on the System’s average daily balance of its equity in pooled cash. The County’s policy is to fully collateralize the cash maintained in the pool.

Capital Assets. The System reports capital assets, which include computer software, in the Statements of Fiduciary Net Position. The System defines capital assets as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$10,000

or more, and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. An asset's cost basis may be adjusted after acquisition due to improvements or impairments to the asset. However, the costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Accounting Changes. GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, (GASB 68) is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014. This Statement provides accounting and reporting guidance for employers participating in pension plans falling under the guidance of GASB 67. Participating employers will recognize their proportionate share of the collective pension amounts as of a measurement date no earlier than the end of the employer's prior fiscal year. The provisions of GASB 68 do not apply to the plan, however the plan issued a separate report as of June 30, 2015 to provide to its participating employers with the information needed to implement GASB 68 in their respective financial statements.

C. Net Pension Liability

The components of the net pension liability of the System as of June 30, 2015, were as follows:

Total Pension Liability (a)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a-b)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of Total Pension Liability (b/a)
\$4,082,394,812	\$3,661,661,244	\$420,733,568	89.69%

Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation is as follows.

Valuation date	June 30, 2015
Actuarial cost method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Amortization method for funding	Level percentage of payroll, separate closed period bases for Public Safety and GRIP, single closed period amortization base for non-Public Safety.
Amortization period for funding	For Public Safety and GRIP: Initial amortization period of 20 years for the base established July 1, 2015. Initial amortization period of 20 years for subsequent bases. For non-Public Safety: Single closed amortization period of 9 years established July 1, 2015. Average amortization period of 11.7 years for total ERS.
Asset valuation method	Market Value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	7.50% per year
Projected salary increases depending on service	3.25%-9.50%
Cost-of-living (inflation rate) adjustments	2.75% on the benefit attributable to credited service earned prior to June 30, 2011. 2.3% on the benefit attribution to credited service earned on or after July 1, 2011, reflecting the 2.5% cap.
Post-retirement Increases	Consumer Price Index - by Group
Mortality rates after retirement	RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, sex-distinct for healthy mortality. Rates are set forward six years for male disabled mortality and eight years for the female disabled mortality assumption. To provide a margin for future mortality improvements, generational mortality improvements from 2014 using projection scale MP-2014 was used.

An experience study was conducted for the period July 1, 2009 to July 1, 2014 in September 2015. The results of the experience study have been incorporated into the FY2015 financial statements where applicable. An actuarial experience study is conducted every five years.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method 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. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2015 (see the discussion of the System's investment policy) are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Long Duration Fixed Income	2.10 %
High Yield Fixed Income	3.40
Credit Opportunities	5.40
TIPS	1.20
Domestic Equity	4.55
International Equity	4.55
Emerging Equity	4.55
Global Equity	4.75
Private Markets	7.20
Global REITs	3.60
Commodities	2.00
Master Limited Partnerships	7.50
Cash	0.00
Hedge Funds	4.35

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.5%. The projection of cash flows to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and contributions from the County and other participating agencies will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the System calculated using the discount rate of 7.5%, as well as what the System's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.50%) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 6.50%	Current Discount Rate 7.50%	1% Increase 8.50%
Net pension liability	\$888,145,312	\$420,733,568	\$29,532,075

D. Trustees of the Plan

The County established a Board of Investment Trustees (Board) for the System to be responsible for the investment management of the System's assets for the exclusive benefit of the members. The Board consists of thirteen members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

E. Investments

Section 33-61C of the Code, authorizes the Board to act with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances that a prudent person acting in a similar capacity and familiar with the same matters would use to conduct a similar enterprise with similar purposes. The Code also requires that such investments be diversified so as to minimize the risk of large losses unless it is clearly not prudent to diversify under the

circumstances. The Board has adopted an investment policy that works to control the extent of downside risk to which the System is exposed while maximizing the potential for long term increases in the value of assets. The overall investment policies do not address specific levels of credit risk, interest rate risk or foreign currency risk. The Board believes that risks can be managed, but not eliminated, by establishing constraints on the investment portfolios and by monitoring the financial markets, the System's asset allocation and the investment managers hired by the System. Each investment manager has a specific benchmark and investment guidelines appropriate for the type of investments they are managing.

The following was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy as of June 30, 2015:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>
Long Duration Fixed Income	12.50 %
High Yield Fixed Income	8.00
Credit Opportunities	2.00
TIPS	10.00
Domestic Equity	15.75
International Equity	12.50
Emerging Equity	3.25
Global Equity	3.50
Private Markets	18.00
Global REITs	2.50
Commodities	4.00
Master Limited Partnerships	2.00
Cash	1.00
Hedge Funds	5.00
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>

Rate of Return. The annual money-weighted rate of return on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expenses, for FY 2015 was 2.19%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the investment. The Board's investment policies and guidelines manage interest rate risk by establishing duration constraints on each fixed income manager's portfolio based on the duration of each manager's respective benchmark. Duration is a measure of interest rate risk based on a bond price's sensitivity to a 100-basis point change in interest rates. The greater the duration of a bond, or a portfolio of bonds, the greater its price volatility will be in response to a change in interest rates and vice-versa. Duration of eight would mean that, given a 100-basis point change up/down in rates, a bond's price would move down/up by 8 percent. As of June 30, 2015, the System's fixed income portfolio had the following sensitivity to changes in interest rates:

<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Effective Duration in Years</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Percentage of Portfolio</u>
U.S. Government Obligations	16.10	\$ 128,828,385	10.86 %
Foreign Government Obligations	3.35	10,536,018	0.89
Asset-Backed Securities	12.98	3,464,339	0.29
Municipal/Provincial Obligations	13.93	12,358,783	1.04
Corporate Bonds	7.03	588,867,097	49.63
Fixed Income Pooled Funds	N/A	323,766,841	27.28
Short-term Investments and Others *	N/A	118,827,948	10.01
Total Fixed Income Securities		<u>\$ 1,186,649,411</u>	<u>100.00 %</u>

*Short-term investments consist of U.S. Treasury and government sponsored securities, money market funds, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, repurchase agreements, asset backed securities, notes and bonds issued by U.S. corporations, and other allowable instruments that meet short-term maturity or average life, diversification, and credit quality restrictions.

Credit Risk/Concentration of Credit Risk. Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Board's investment policies and guidelines limit the percentage

of the total fund and individual manager's account which can be invested in fixed income securities rated below investment grade. In addition, the Board's investment policies and guidelines, for the majority of public fund managers, limit the percentage of each investment manager's account that may be allocated to any one security, position, issuer or affiliated issuer, to less than 5 percent of the fair value of the investment manager's account. The System does not have investments (other than those issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. Government or pooled investments) in any one company that represents 5 percent or more of net assets.

The quality ratings of investments in fixed income securities as described by nationally recognized rating organizations as of June 30, 2015 are as follows:

Type of Investment	Quality Rating	Fair Value	Percentage of Portfolio
U.S. Government Obligations*	AAA	\$ 128,828,385	10.86 %
Foreign Government Obligations	AAA	783,288	0.07
	AA	398,286	0.03
	A	4,446,272	0.37
	BBB	1,833,805	0.15
	CCC	51,018	0.01
	Unrated	3,023,349	0.26
Asset-Backed Securities	AAA	3,464,339	0.29
Municipal/Provincial Bonds	AAA	1,665,080	0.14
	AA	9,383,201	0.79
	A	1,310,502	0.11
Corporate Bonds	AAA	5,801,132	0.49
	AA	34,339,675	2.89
	A	142,478,179	12.01
	BBB	133,990,218	11.29
	BB	96,243,298	8.11
	B	115,243,787	9.71
	CCC	41,528,208	3.50
	CC	128,500	0.01
	D	764,862	0.07
	Unrated	18,349,238	1.55
Fixed Income Pooled Funds	Unrated	323,766,841	27.28
Short-term Investments and others	Unrated	118,827,948	10.01
Total Fixed Income Securities		\$ 1,186,649,411	100.00 %

*Obligations of the U.S. government or obligations explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government are not considered to have credit risk and do not have purchase limitations.

Foreign Currency Risk. Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The Board's International Investing Policy's objective is to achieve long-term capital appreciation and current income by investing in diversified portfolios of non-U.S. equities and bonds. The System has indirect exposure to foreign currency risk as follows:

International Securities	Equity	Fixed Income	Short-term and Other	Total Non-U.S. Dollar
Euro	\$ 136,581,467	\$ 1,247,131	\$ 71,856,795	\$ 209,685,393
Japanese yen	137,758,990	-	62,341,850	200,100,840
Norwegian krone	1,899,876	-	45,255,217	47,155,093
Australian dollar	3,035,321	1,190,470	34,703,717	38,929,508
Swiss franc	34,528,124	-	-	34,528,124
British pound sterling	91,823,952	-	(67,060,362)	24,763,590
Danish krone	14,882,743	-	-	14,882,743
Hong Kong dollar	13,431,089	-	462,787	13,893,876
Swedish krona	15,768,783	-	(9,415,951)	6,352,832
Mexican peso	-	4,056,504	-	4,056,504
Other Currencies	6,092,024	4,786,649	(142,773,148)	(131,894,475)
Total International Securities	\$ 455,802,369	\$ 11,280,754	\$ (4,629,095)	\$ 462,454,028

Derivatives. In accordance with the Board's Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives, the System regularly invests in derivative financial instruments in the normal course of its investing activities to manage exposure to certain risks within the fund. During FY 2015, the System invested directly in various derivatives including exchange-traded futures contracts, forward currency contracts, and swaps. Investment managers are prohibited from purchasing securities on margin or using leverage unless specifically permitted within the investment manager's guidelines. These investments generally contain market risk resulting from fluctuations in interest and currency rates. The credit risk of these investments is associated with the creditworthiness of the related parties to the contracts. The System could be exposed to risk if the counterparties to the contracts are unable to meet the terms of the contracts. The Board's Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives seeks to control this risk through counterparty credit evaluations and approvals, counterparty credit limits, and exposure monitoring procedures. In addition, the System has indirect exposure to market and credit risk through its ownership interests in certain mutual and commingled funds which may hold derivative financial instruments. The System is not a dealer, but an end-user of these instruments.

The notional or contractual amounts of derivatives indicate the extent of the System's involvement in the various types of derivative financial instruments and do not measure the System's exposure to credit or market risk and do not necessarily represent amounts exchanged by the parties. The amounts exchanged are determined by reference to the notional amounts and the other terms of the derivatives.

As permitted by the Board's policies, the System holds off-financial statement derivatives in the form of exchange-traded financial futures, and foreign currency exchange contracts.

Futures contracts are contracts in which the buyer agrees to purchase and the seller agrees to make delivery of a specified financial instrument at a predetermined date and price. Gains and losses on futures contracts are settled daily. Futures contracts are standardized and are traded on exchanges. The exchange assumes the risk that a counterparty will not pay. As of June 30, 2015, the System held 427 long US Treasury futures contracts with a fair value of \$54,890,820 and 561 short US Treasury futures contracts with a fair value of (\$110,485,125).

Foreign exchange contracts involve an agreement to exchange the currency of one country for the currency of another country at an agreed-upon price and settlement date. Foreign exchange contracts contain market risk resulting from fluctuations in currency rates. The credit risk is associated with the creditworthiness of the related parties to the contracts. As of June 30, 2015, the System held \$653,090,415 buy foreign exchange contracts and (\$673,033,045) sell foreign exchange contracts. The unrealized loss on the System's contracts was \$1,534,370.

Securities Lending. Board policy permits the System to lend its securities to broker-dealers and other entities (borrowers) for collateral that will be returned for the same securities in the future. The System's custodian is the agent in lending the System's securities for collateral of 102 percent for domestic and 105 percent for international securities. The custodian receives cash, securities or irrevocable bank letters of credit as collateral. All securities loans can be terminated on demand by either the System or the borrower. Cash collateral received from the borrower is invested by the lending agent, as an agent for the System, in a short-term investment pool in the name of the System, with guidelines approved by the Board. Such investments are considered a collateralized investment pool. The relationship between the maturities of the investment pool and the System's loans is affected by the maturities of securities loans made by other plan entities that invest cash collateral in the investment pool, which the System cannot determine. The System records a liability for the return of the cash collateral shown as collateral held for securities lending in the statement of fiduciary net position. The agent indemnifies the System by agreeing to purchase replacement securities, or return the cash collateral thereof, in the event a borrower fails to return loaned securities or pay distributions thereon. There were no such failures by any borrower during the fiscal year, nor were there any losses during the period resulting from a default of the borrower or lending agent.

As of June 30, 2015, the fair value of securities on loan was \$390,940,192. Cash received as collateral and the related liability of \$273,912,882 as of June 30, 2015, is shown on the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position. Securities received as collateral are not reported as assets since the System does not have the ability to pledge or sell the collateral securities absent borrower default. Securities lending revenues and expenses amounting to \$1,156,632 and \$68,012, respectively, have been classified with investment income and investment expenses, respectively, in the accompanying financial statements.

The following represents the balances relating to the securities lending transactions at June 30, 2015:

Securities Lent	Underlying Securities	Non-Cash Collateral Value	Cash Collateral Investment Value
Lent for Cash Collateral:			
U.S. Government Obligations	\$ 87,710,859	\$ -	\$ 89,511,877
Corporate Bonds	80,386,134	-	82,053,823
Equities	100,063,899	-	102,347,182
Lent for Non-Cash Collateral:			
U.S. Government Obligations	2,199,242	2,243,149	-
Corporate Bonds	4,383,667	4,477,281	-
Equities	116,196,391	124,743,197	-
Total	<u>\$ 390,940,192</u>	<u>\$ 131,463,627</u>	<u>\$ 273,912,882</u>

At year-end, the System has no credit risk exposure to borrowers because the amounts the System owes the borrowers exceeded the amounts the borrowers owe the System. The System is fully indemnified by its custodial bank against any losses incurred as a result of borrower default.

Custodial Credit Risk. Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the System will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At June 30, 2015, there were no funds held by a counterparty that was acting as the System's agent in securities lending transactions.

F. Capital Assets

On June 30, 2014, the Employees' Retirement System purchased a computer software system, which was depreciated during FY2015 as shown below:

	Balance 6/30/2014	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/2015
Depreciable Capital Assets:				
Capital Assets	<u>\$ 900,043</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 300,014</u>	<u>\$ 600,029</u>

G. Allocated Insurance Contract

On August 1, 1986, the County entered into an agreement with Aetna Life Insurance Company (Aetna) wherein Aetna accepted future responsibility for monthly payments to all members retired prior to January 1, 1986, in exchange for a lump sum payment. The County is liable for cost of living increases effective January 1, 1986, and later. Monthly payments made under this agreement have not been recognized in the System's financial statements.

H. Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service issued a determination letter in September 2013, which stated that the System and its underlying trust qualify under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and are exempt from federal income taxes. In the opinion of the plan administrator, the System and its underlying trust have operated within the terms of the System and are qualified under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN - Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The Montgomery County Retirement Savings Plan (Plan) is considered part of the County’s financial reporting entity and is included in the County’s basic financial statements as a pension and other employee benefit trust fund. The accompanying financial statements present only the operations of the Plan in conformity with GAAP. They are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the entire County.

The Montgomery County Council passed legislation in FY 2009 enabling the County to establish and maintain a Guaranteed Retirement Income Plan (GRIP), a cash balance plan that is part of the Employees’ Retirement System, for employees. During FY 2010 eligible County employees who were members of the Retirement Savings Plan (Plan) were granted the option to elect to participate in the GRIP and to transfer their Plan member account balance to the GRIP and cease being a member of the Plan.

A. Plan Description and Contribution Information

Membership. At June 30, 2015 membership in the Plan consisted of:

Active plan members	3,756
Inactive plan members	853

Plan Description. The Plan, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined contribution plan, was established in 1994 and is sponsored by the County. Eight other agencies or political subdivisions have elected to participate. All non-public safety and certain public safety employees not represented by a collective bargaining agreement and hired on or after October 1, 1994 are covered by the Plan unless they elect to participate in the GRIP. Eligible employees covered by the Montgomery County Employees’ Retirement System may make an irrevocable decision to transfer to this Plan.

Contributions. For fiscal year 2015, under Section 33-116 of the Code, the Plan required non-public safety employees to contribute 4 percent of regular earnings up to the Social Security wage base and 8 percent above the Social Security wage base. Public safety employees are required to contribute 3 percent of regular earnings up to the Social Security wage base and 6 percent above the Social Security wage base. Section 33-117 of the Code requires the County and each participating agency to contribute 8 percent and 10 percent of regular earnings for non-public safety and public safety employees, respectively.

Benefit Provisions. Employee contributions and earnings thereon vest immediately and employer contributions and earnings thereon are vested after three years of service or upon death, disability, or reaching retirement age. Members are fully vested upon reaching normal retirement (age 62) regardless of years of service. At separation, a participant’s benefit is determined based upon the account balance which includes contributions and investment earnings.

B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting. The Plan’s financial statements have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting. Member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are required to be made as specified in the County Code. Benefits, refunds and distributions are recognized when due in accordance with the terms of the Plan. The cost of administering the Plan is paid by the County and participating agencies.

Method Used to Value Investments. Investments are stated at fair value. The fair value is generally based on quoted market prices at June 30, 2015.

Equity in County’s Pooled Cash and Investments. The Plan maintains its short-term cash with the County, which invests cash and allocates interest earned, on a quarterly basis to the Plan based on the Plan’s average daily balance of its equity in pooled cash. The County’s policy is to fully collateralize the cash maintained in the pool.

C. Trustees of the Plan

The County established a Board of Investment Trustees (Board) for the RSP to oversee the investment program. The Board consists of thirteen members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

D. Investments

Section 33-125 of the Code authorizes the Board to establish a diversified slate of mutual and commingled investment funds from which participants may select an option. The Board exercises the Standard of Care as delineated in Section 33-61 of the Code. As of June 30, 2015, the fair value of the mutual and commingled investment funds was \$313,170,346, of which \$75,654,256 was invested in international mutual funds.

E. Income Taxes

The Internal Revenue Service issued a determination letter in December 2010, which stated that the Plan and its underlying trust qualify under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and are exempt from federal income taxes. In the opinion of the plan administrator, the Plan and its underlying trust have operated within the terms of the Plan and are qualified under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

During FY 2005, the Montgomery County Council passed legislation enabling the County to establish and maintain one or more additional deferred compensation plans for employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement. All County non-represented employees, those County represented employees who elected to participate, and employees who were retired at the time of transfer, continue to participate in the Montgomery County Deferred Compensation Plan administered by the County (the County Plan). County represented employees who elected and all represented employees hired after March 1, 2005 participate in the newly created Montgomery County Union Employees Deferred Compensation Plan (the Union Plan) administered by the bargaining units. The purpose of these Plans is to extend to employees deferred compensation plans pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The accompanying financial statements present only the operations of the County Plan in conformity with GAAP. They are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the entire County. The assets of the Union Plan are not included in the accompanying financial statements since neither the County nor the Board of Investment Trustees (Board) have fiduciary or other responsibility for the Union Plan except as required by federal law, including any regulation, ruling, or other guidance issued under law.

A. Plan Description and Contribution Information

Plan Description. During 1999, in accordance with Federal legislation, the assets were placed in Trust for the sole benefit of participants and their beneficiaries. Trust responsibilities for the County Plan are assigned to the Board. The Board has a third-party administrator contract to provide investment vehicles and administrative services to plan participants. Under the County Plan, contributions are sent to the providers for different types of investments as selected by the participants. A separate account, which reflects the monies deferred, investment of the monies, and related investment earnings is maintained for each participant by the third-party administrator. Withdrawals are made upon retirement, termination of employment, death, and/or in unforeseeable emergencies.

Plan Contributions. In accordance with Section 457 of the IRC, the Plan limits the amount of an employee's annual contributions to an amount not to exceed the lesser of \$17,500 in 2014 and \$18,000 in 2015 or 100% of the employee's eligible compensation. The Plan also provides certain catch-up contribution provisions for participants age 50 or older and for participants within three years of their normal retirement age. Amounts contributed by employees are deferred for federal and state income tax purposes until benefits are paid to the employees. Under Section 33-11 of the County Code, all eligible employees hired after July 1, 2008 are automatically enrolled in the Plan with a 1% contribution unless they elect out within 60 days from the date of hire. If they do not opt out of the Plan within 60 days from the date of hire, they begin making a contribution equivalent to 1% of their salary.

B. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting. The County Plan's financial statements have been prepared under the accrual basis of accounting. Member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are made. Distributions are recognized when paid in accordance with the terms of the County Plan, and administrative costs are recognized as incurred.

Method Used to Value Investments. Investments are stated at fair value. The fair value is generally based on quoted market prices at June 30, 2015.

C. Trustees of the Plan

The County established a Board to oversee the investment program of the County Plan. The Board consists of thirteen members appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Council.

D. Investments

The Board is required to establish a diversified slate of mutual and commingled funds from which participants may select investment options. The Board exercises the Standard of Care as delineated in Section 33-61 of the Code. As of June 30, 2015, the fair value of the mutual and commingled investment funds was \$351,892,072, of which \$43,773,219 was invested in international mutual funds.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Historical trend information about the Employees' Retirement System (System) defined benefit pension plan is presented below as required supplementary information. This information is intended to help users assess the System's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons with other public employee retirement systems.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE EMPLOYERS' NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

Fiscal year ending June 30,	2015	2014
Total Pension Liability		
Service Cost	\$ 74,984,370	\$ 70,019,055
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	291,040,049	281,988,785
Benefit Changes	3,626,601	-
Difference between Expected and Actual Experience	602,431	-
Assumption Changes	(12,706,870)	-
Benefit Payments	(230,646,729)	(229,664,720)
Refunds	(2,874,357)	(4,329,834)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	124,025,495	118,013,286
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	3,958,369,317	3,840,356,031
Total Pension Liability - Ending (a)	\$ 4,082,394,812	\$ 3,958,369,317
Plan Fiduciary Net Position		
Employer Contributions	\$ 151,301,867	\$ 144,709,675
Member Contributions	26,627,493	26,462,839
Pension Plan Net Investment Income	67,070,433	534,397,733
Benefit Payments	(230,646,729)	(229,664,720)
Refunds	(2,874,357)	(4,329,834)
Pension Plan Administrative Expense	(2,684,560)	(2,953,807)
Other	-	-
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	8,794,147	468,621,886
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	3,652,867,097	3,184,245,211
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (b)	\$ 3,661,661,244	\$ 3,652,867,097
Net Pension Liability - Ending (a) - (b)	\$ 420,733,568	\$ 305,502,220
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability	89.69%	92.28%
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 418,728,584	\$ 402,899,096
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	100.48%	75.83%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Actual Contribution as a % of Covered Payroll
2006	\$ 88,184,159	\$ 88,184,159	-	\$ 340,333,414	25.91 %
2007	109,436,001	109,436,001	-	352,636,518	31.03
2008	117,686,375	117,686,375	-	372,214,906	31.62
2009	109,567,014	109,567,014	-	376,895,171	29.07
2010	113,957,784	113,957,784	-	431,226,155	26.43
2011	109,343,933	109,343,933	-	405,336,529	26.98
2012	107,855,595	107,855,595	-	398,460,248	27.07
2013	127,887,620	127,887,620	-	395,988,026	32.30
2014	144,709,675	144,709,675	-	402,899,096	35.92
2015	151,301,867	151,301,867	-	418,728,584	36.13

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS

Valuation Date: July 1, 2014

Notes Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of July 1, 2013 which is 24 months prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported. Assumptions were updated in the 2015 valuation, which first affects fiscal year 2017 contributions.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine Contribution Rates:

Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Amortization Method	Level percentage of pay, separate closed period bases
Remaining Amortization Period	Initial amortization period of 18 years for the base established July 1, 2010. Initial amortization period of 20 years for subsequent bases. Average amortization period of 13 years.
Asset Valuation Method	5-year smoothed market
Inflation	2.75% per year
Salary Increases	3.25%-9.50%
Investment Rate of Return	7.50% per year
Retirement Age	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition and years of service. Last updated for the 2015 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period 2009-2014.
Mortality	RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, sex-distinct for healthy mortality. Rates are set forward six years for the male disabled mortality and eight years for the female disabled mortality assumption. To provide a margin for future mortality improvements, generational mortality improvements from 2014 using projection scale MP-2014 was used.

Other Information:

Notes Effective July 1, 2015, a DROP was implemented for eligible uniformed correctional officers and sworn deputy sheriffs participating in Group E. Effective July 1, 2015, updated actuarial assumptions were used in the valuation, which first affect fiscal year 2017 contributions and are summarized above.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS

<u>Fiscal year ending June 30</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Annual money weighted rate of return, net of investment expense	2.19%	16.95%

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SCHEDULE OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Personnel Services:	
Salaries and wages	\$ 1,106,591
Retirement contributions	70,915
Insurance	107,645
Social security	73,763
Total personnel services	<u>1,358,914</u>
Professional Services:	
Actuarial	235,786
Independent public accountants	25,014
Outside legal	1,355
Computer technical support	152,235
Other professional services	571
Temporary	1,665
Total professional services	<u>416,626</u>
Benefit Processing:	
Disbursement services	48,590
Recordkeeping services	73,924
Disability management	363,069
Total benefit processing	<u>485,583</u>
Due diligence and continuing education	<u>28,432</u>
Office Management:	
Office equipment and supplies	92,910
Depreciation expense	300,014
Miscellaneous	2,081
Total office management	<u>395,005</u>
Total administrative expenses	<u>\$ 2,684,560</u>

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT EXPENSES
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Investment Management Expenses:	
Aberdeen Asset Management Inc	\$ 1,131,841
Barrow Hanley Mewhinney & Straus LLC	492,140
BlackRock Financial Management	368,286
Bridgewater Associates	7,043,391
Chickasaw Capital Management LLC	48,917
CoreCommodity Management LLC	187,327
Eagle Asset Management	524,272
E.I.I. Capital Management	166,955
First Quadrant L.P.	939,409
Gryphon International Investment	901,097
Jennison Associates LLC	603,283
JP Morgan Investment Management	1,434,502
Los Angeles Capital Management	426,842
Loomis Sayles	877,070
Marathon London	1,263,582
Mondrian Investment Partners Ltd.	781,055
Nomura Asset Management	876,303
RhumbLine Advisors	14,925
Sands Capital Management	708,456
Schroder Investment Management	453,962
Systematic Financial Management	16,431
Wellington Management	611,413
Wellington Trust Company	424,446
The Northern Trust Company	419,657
Abel Noser Corp.	5,000
Aetna Life Insurance Company	3,145
Albourne America LLC	400,000
Bloomberg Financial Systems	21,263
Flag Capital Management LLC	525,000
Franklin Park	525,000
MSCI	8,105
Wilshire Associates	303,325
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Total investment management expenses	22,506,400
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Securities lending borrower rebates	(151,638)
Securities lending agent fees	219,650
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Total securities lending expenses	68,012
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Total investment expenses	\$ 22,574,412
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EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Equity in County's pooled cash and investments	\$ 981,456	\$ 971,114
Investments:		
Government and agency obligations	395,527,073	359,793,807
Municipal/Provincial bonds	12,358,783	58,203,905
Asset-backed securities	3,464,339	3,345,101
Corporate bonds	656,471,268	632,632,391
Collateralized mortgage obligations	-	419,500
Common and preferred stock	1,455,833,853	1,391,796,570
Mutual and commingled funds	365,620,792	453,648,456
Short-term investments	119,853,979	99,565,286
Cash collateral received under securities lending agreements	273,912,882	233,431,419
Real assets	380,180,632	391,199,845
Private equity/debt	261,364,506	257,774,913
Total investments	<u>3,924,588,107</u>	<u>3,881,811,193</u>
Dividend, interest, and other receivables	6,640,354	3,875,781
Contributions receivable	8,443,224	7,717,664
Capital assets	900,043	900,043
Less depreciation	300,014	-
Net Capital Assets	<u>600,029</u>	<u>900,043</u>
Total assets	<u>3,941,253,170</u>	<u>3,895,275,795</u>
LIABILITIES		
Payable for collateral received under securities lending agreements	273,912,882	233,431,419
Benefits payable and other liabilities	5,679,044	8,977,279
Total liabilities	<u>279,591,926</u>	<u>242,408,698</u>
Net Position restricted for pensions	<u>\$ 3,661,661,244</u>	<u>\$ 3,652,867,097</u>

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
ADDITIONS		
Contributions:		
Employer	\$ 151,301,867	\$ 144,709,675
Members	26,627,493	26,462,839
Total contributions	<u>177,929,360</u>	<u>171,172,514</u>
Investment Income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	22,807,866	483,192,812
Dividends and interest	65,680,347	70,406,663
Total income from investment activities	<u>88,488,213</u>	<u>553,599,474</u>
Less investment expenses	22,506,400	20,357,819
Net income from investment activities	<u>65,981,813</u>	<u>533,241,655</u>
Income from securities lending	1,156,632	1,077,992
Less securities lending expenses	68,012	(78,086)
Net income from securities lending	<u>1,088,620</u>	<u>1,156,078</u>
Total additions	<u>244,999,793</u>	<u>705,570,247</u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Retiree benefits	171,784,946	172,472,289
Disability benefits	49,879,651	48,606,540
Survivor benefits	8,982,132	8,585,891
Refunds and distributions	2,874,357	4,329,834
Administrative expenses	2,684,560	2,953,807
Total deductions	<u>236,205,646</u>	<u>236,948,361</u>
Net increase in net position	8,794,147	468,621,886
NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS		
Beginning of year	<u>3,652,867,097</u>	<u>3,184,245,211</u>
Ending of year	<u>\$ 3,661,661,244</u>	<u>\$ 3,652,867,097</u>

RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
 STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Equity in County's pooled cash and investments	\$ 671,139	\$ 586,404
Investments	313,170,346	290,735,529
Contributions receivable	<u>1,483,331</u>	<u>1,215,635</u>
Total assets	<u>315,324,816</u>	<u>292,537,568</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accrued expenses	<u>23,900</u>	<u>30,663</u>
Net position held in trust for pension benefits	<u><u>\$ 315,300,916</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 292,506,905</u></u>

RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
ADDITIONS		
Contributions:		
Employers	\$ 18,502,353	\$ 17,117,342
Members	<u>9,728,222</u>	<u>8,694,887</u>
Total contributions	<u>28,230,575</u>	<u>25,812,229</u>
Investment income	7,050,419	42,040,389
Other income	<u>447,749</u>	<u>396,592</u>
Net investment income	<u>7,498,168</u>	<u>42,436,981</u>
Less investment expenses	<u>5,437</u>	<u>4,800</u>
Total additions	<u>35,723,306</u>	<u>68,244,410</u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Distributions	12,693,995	11,681,985
Administrative expenses	<u>235,300</u>	<u>197,453</u>
Total deductions	<u>12,929,295</u>	<u>11,879,438</u>
Net increase	22,794,011	56,364,972
Net position - beginning of year	<u>292,506,905</u>	<u>236,141,933</u>
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 315,300,916</u>	<u>\$ 292,506,905</u>

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Investments	\$ 351,892,072	\$ 343,639,371
Contributions receivable	<u>754,780</u>	<u>642,341</u>
Total position and net position held in trust for pension benefits	<u>\$ 352,646,852</u>	<u>\$ 344,281,712</u>

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
 STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
 FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
ADDITIONS		
Contributions - members	\$ 19,228,978	\$ 17,011,184
Investment income	<u>15,258,958</u>	<u>48,863,366</u>
Total additions	<u>34,487,936</u>	<u>65,874,550</u>
DEDUCTIONS		
Distributions	<u>26,122,796</u>	<u>25,505,605</u>
Total deductions	<u>26,122,796</u>	<u>25,505,605</u>
Net increase	8,365,140	40,368,945
Net position - beginning of year	<u>344,281,712</u>	<u>303,912,767</u>
Net position - end of year	<u><u>\$ 352,646,852</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 344,281,712</u></u>



INVESTMENT SECTION

Employees' Retirement System

EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE, POLICY, STATISTICS AND ACTIVITY

The Board of Investment Trustees (Board), and the investment staff, are responsible for managing the \$3.7 billion Employees' Retirement System (the System), invested solely in the interests of its beneficiaries. It is a significant responsibility due to the majority of the average retiree's benefit coming from investment earnings on contributions from members, the County, and participating agencies. According to Wilshire Associates, a national consulting firm, the median return among U.S. public pension plans over \$1 billion in size in FY 2015 was a gain of 3.43%, gross of fees. The System's return for the fiscal year was a gain of 2.82% gross of fees, ranking below median in the universe. The private equity sector of the System's portfolio produced the strongest returns for FY15. The same study ranked the System's three-year gain of 10.28% and its five-year return of 11.45% in the top quartile of this universe. The gross returns for the one-year period exceeded the performance benchmark established by the Board by 161 basis points, with returns for the three-year and five-year periods exceeding the performance benchmarks by 186 basis points and 142 basis points, respectively. Returns for the System are calculated on a time weighted basis (except where noted on page 46). The key drivers of the performance for the twelve month period ending June 30, 2015 were the System's both private equity and private real assets, and public equities holdings.

In the investment of public funds, adequate funding of employee retirement benefits at a reasonable and affordable cost is a paramount concern. An appropriate balance must be struck between risks taken and returns sought to ensure the long term health of the System. The Board has adopted an investment policy that works to control the extent of downside risk to which the System is exposed while maximizing the potential for long term increases in the value of assets.

Specific investment objectives include:

- To realize the actuarial assumed rate of return of 7.5 percent.
- To manage portfolio risk so as to limit potential downside fluctuations in the value of the total System assets.
- To realize as high a rate of total return as possible consistent with the above.

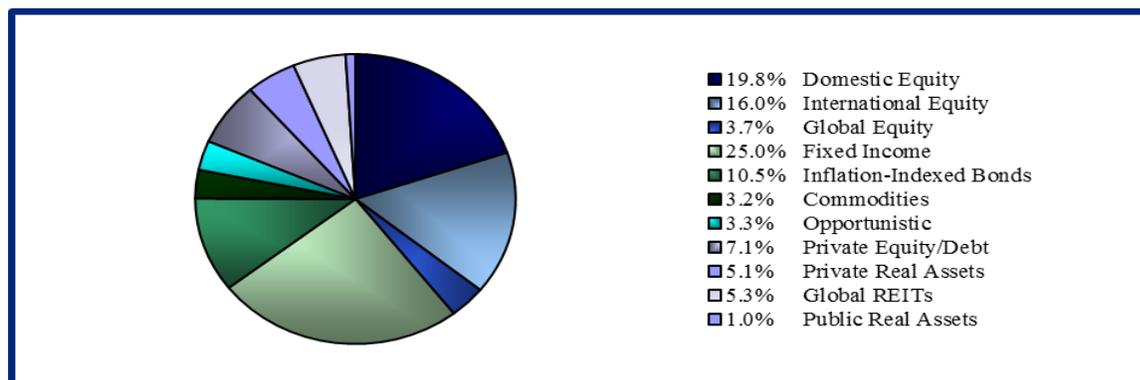
To achieve these objectives, the following investment policies are employed:

- Allocate System assets to a broad array of investment sectors and strategies.
- Maintain the asset allocation in compliance with the Board's rebalancing policy (+/- 5% for major asset classes and +/- 1.5% to 3% for sub-asset classes).
- Monitor the individual investment managers' market value to ensure compliance with the Board's Manager Funding Policy.
- Evaluate the performance of all investment managers against their specific performance and style objectives, assigned risk, and the returns achieved by other similar managers.
- Evaluate the System's overall risk exposure and modify investments through rebalancing when necessary.

During FY 2015, the Board continued to implement portfolio adjustments which will result in further diversification of the investment portfolio and better management of the System's risk. Toward this effort, the Board approved new investments in the following sectors: public equities, private equity, private real assets, public real assets, and opportunistic.

The following pages reflect comments on the investment portfolio and were prepared by the Board.

ASSET ALLOCATION – JUNE 30, 2015



INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

ANNUALIZED DATA FOR PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2015

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year
Total Fund Time-Weighted Returns			
MCERS	2.82 ^A %	10.28 ^A %	11.45 ^A %
Policy Benchmark	1.21 ^A	8.42 ^A	10.03 ^A
Total Domestic Equities Return			
MCERS	9.67	19.51	18.52
Russell 3000	7.29	17.73	17.54
Total Private Equities Return			
MCERS	15.10 ^B	14.60 ^B	13.90 ^B
Russell 3000 + 300 Bpts	9.70 ^B	21.4 ^B	20.90 ^B
Total International Equities			
MCERS	(1.59)	11.75	9.87
MSCI All Country World X US	(5.26)	9.44	7.76
Total Global Equities			
MCERS	(7.90)	N/A	N/A
MSCI All Country World	0.71	N/A	N/A
Total Private Real Assets			
MCERS	11.40 ^B	12.42 ^B	11.26 ^B
CPI + 500 Bpts	5.16 ^C	6.35 ^C	6.74 ^C
Total Fixed Income			
MCERS	1.82	6.03	8.45
Custom Fixed Income Benchmark	1.07	4.24	7.02
Total Opportunistic			
MCERS	1.32 ^D	6.09 ^D	4.87 ^D
HFRI Fund of Funds Composite	3.84	6.23	4.08
Total Commodities			
MCERS	(22.90)	(8.59)	(3.23)
DJ UBS Commodities Index	(23.71)	(8.76)	(3.91)
Total Global Inflation Indexed Bonds			
MCERS	9.13	7.45	14.63
Custom IIB Benchmark	5.33	3.16	7.99

Return data for the System was calculated on a time weighted basis (except where noted). Returns shown are provided by the System's custodian bank, The Northern Trust Company. Valuations are based on published national securities exchange prices, where available, and all valuations are reconciled between the various investment managers and the custodian bank. Returns are gross of fees paid to investment managers except where noted.

A: Total Fund returns utilize lagged valuations for private equity and private real assets investments.

B: Returns computed on dollar-weighted basis and are net of investment management fees.

C: Benchmark comparison is not meaningful at this time due to the short investment history of the System's private real assets program.

D: Returns computed net of investment management fees.

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

PUBLIC EQUITY

The market value of the total Public Equity Portfolio as of June 30, 2015 represented approximately 39.5% of the total Fund, split between Domestic Equity at 19.8%, International Equity at 16.0%, and Global Equity at 3.7%. The Domestic Equity Portfolio outperformed the Russell 3000 Benchmark by 2.38% for the one year ending June 30, 2015. The U.S. equity markets rallied throughout the fiscal year on signs of stronger-than-expected economic reports while investors kept their eye on the timing of the Fed's interest rate hike. Despite the impacts of declining oil prices on the energy sector and a stronger dollar weighing on multi-national companies, the markets continued to perform strongly each quarter with the S&P 500 Index reaching an all time high during the fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2015, the International Equity Portfolio was allocated as follows: 81.6% active EAFE and 18.4% active emerging markets. The International Equity Portfolio outperformed the MSCI ACWI ex U.S. benchmark by 3.67% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. International markets started the fiscal year on a negative note on growing concerns about geopolitical events in Ukraine and the Middle East. With the IMF cutting its global growth forecast and the ECB reducing forecast for growth in the European region, international markets continue to decline towards the mid-year. However, with the Eurozone showing signs of economic recovery and the European central banks easing globally, the markets started to advance strongly in the second half of the fiscal year. Emerging markets trailed both the U.S. and international developed markets on concerns over geopolitical events and China's growth trajectory.

Equity: Top 15 Holdings

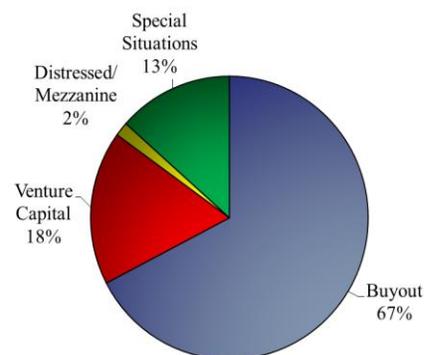
The top 15 holdings in the Public Equity Portfolio comprised 3.6% of ERS assets at June 30, 2015. In comparison to the top 15 holdings of last year, Novartis, Fresenius, BNP Paribas, ING Groep, VISA, Toyota, Seven & I Holdings, Inditex, and Ericsson remained and Adecco, Barclays, Facebook, Koninklijke Ahold, Salesforce.com, and Smith were added.

Equity	Shares	Value
Novartis	126,827	\$ 12,505,600
Fresenius	173,810	11,145,082
ING Groep	666,815	11,003,316
Adecco	119,450	9,701,198
VISA Inc.	143,994	9,669,197
Toyota Motor Corp.	129,700	8,694,717
BNP Paribas	142,901	8,621,779
Barclays PLC	2,104,441	8,621,649
Seven & I Holdings	186,600	8,021,215
Facebook Inc.	93,010	7,977,003
Koninklijke Ahold	414,270	7,754,538
Salesforce Com Inc.	111,282	7,748,566
Ericsson	679,833	7,037,982
Inditex	215,705	6,323,142
Smith(DS)	1,144,215	6,946,097

PRIVATE EQUITY

The System began investing in private equity in 2003 to achieve returns greater than those available in the public equity markets and to gain exposure to diversified alpha sources. At June 30, 2015, the Private Equity Portfolio comprised 6.8% of total Fund assets, and approximately 69.5% of the dollars committed had been called. On a long-term basis, the Private Equity program seeks to outperform the Russell 3000 Index by 3%. System returns are calculated on a dollar-weighted or internal rate-of-return basis, and the annualized return since inception (2003) through June 30, 2015 was 9.1%. By comparison, the dollar-weighted return for the Russell 3000 Index plus 3% for the same period was 12.0%.

As compared to the prior fiscal year, private equity investment activity related to buyout deals saw a decline. Conversely, venture capital deals raised more capital than the previous fiscal year. The exit environment of both buyout and venture investments slowed after an active 2014. Purchase valuations were up versus the prior fiscal year while leverage fell slightly from previous year's peak.



PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

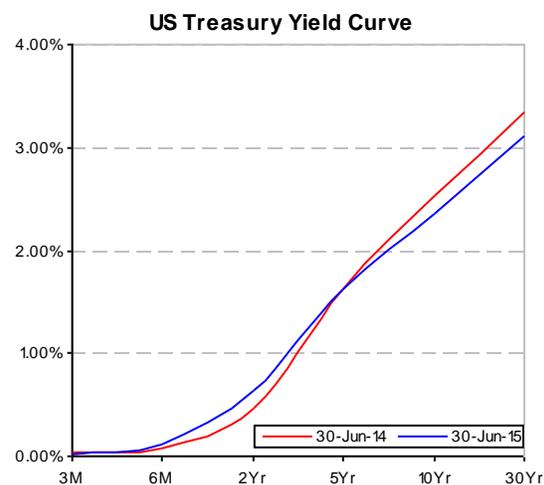
PRIVATE DEBT

The System began investing a portion of its portfolio in Private Debt in FY14 to enhance returns and further diversify the portfolio. The market value of the Private Debt Portfolio as of June 30, 2015 represented approximately 0.3% of the total Fund. Bank loan issuances remained high relative to historical averages. Leverage on mid-market LBOs receded slightly from last year's post-crisis peak.

FIXED INCOME

The System invests a portion of its portfolio in fixed income securities to reduce total Fund volatility, produce income and provide a measure of protection in the event of a slowing economic environment, in which these lower volatility assets should provide downside protection. The market value of the Fixed Income Portfolio as of June 30, 2015 represented approximately 25.0% of the total Fund. The Fixed Income Portfolio returned 1.82%, outperforming the benchmark return of 1.07% during the fiscal year. Positive performance was driven by the high yield and long duration investments, representing approximately 9.6% and 12.3%, of total Fund assets, respectively.

During the fiscal year, the Federal Reserve officially concluded its latest round of bond purchases, designed to keep yields low and stimulate wealth by boosting other risk financial assets such as equities. Since that time, domestic economic data has pointed to an environment of moderate expansion, while global growth rates have been revised downwards due primarily to a slowdown in China, the world's second largest economy. As a result of unimpressive U.S. economic indicators and rising global growth concerns, the Fed has so far been reluctant to move the Fed Funds Rate off its 0% base. The flattening of the U.S. Treasury Yield Curve (see chart above) and a rise in short-term rates reflects investor's anticipation of looming Fed rate hikes, while a drop in the long end of the curve may signal retracted long-term inflation expectations.



Fixed Income: Top 15 Holdings

Fifteen Largest Fixed Income Holdings	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Fair Value
United States Treasury Bonds	4.500 %	February 15, 2036	\$ 29,634,341
United States Treasury Bonds	2.875	May 15, 2043	25,248,914
United States Treasury Bonds	3.750	November 15, 2043	13,610,950
United States Treasury Bonds	3.125	August 15, 2044	12,793,960
United States Treasury Bonds	2.500	February 15, 2045	10,912,992
United States Treasury Bonds	2.250	November 15, 2024	7,951,248
United States Treasury Bonds	3.625	February 15, 2044	7,839,320
HSBC	7.000	January 15, 2039	7,331,054
United States Treasury Bonds	3.000	November 15, 2044	6,028,665
Citigroup Inc.	8.125	July 15, 2039	5,981,153
Wells Fargo	5.606	January 15, 2044	5,813,249
Bank of America	6.000	October 15, 2036	5,698,094
United States Treasury Bonds	2.750	August 15, 2042	5,559,086
General Electric	6.875	January 10, 2039	5,122,301
Verizon Communications Inc	4.672	March 15, 2055	4,368,909

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

OPPORTUNISTIC

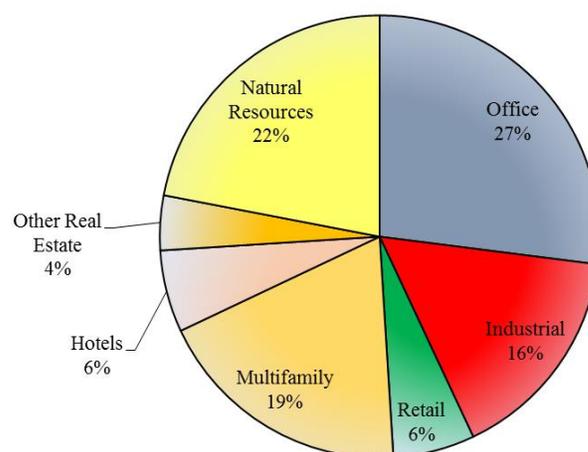
The System invests a portion of its portfolio in absolute return strategies (hedge funds) to enhance returns and reduce total fund volatility. The market value of the Opportunistic Portfolio as of June 30, 2015 represented approximately 3.3% of the total Fund. The Portfolio returned 1.32%, underperforming the benchmark return of 3.84% during the fiscal year.

Within the hedge fund universe, performance for most strategies was positive for the one year period ending June 30, 2015. The HFRI Activist Index returned 9.29% over the period and the HFRI Macro Systematic Diversified Index recorded an 8.68% return. On a regional basis, Asia performed strongly with both the HFRI Japan Index and the HFRI Emerging Markets Asia ex-Japan Index up 10.87% and 15.49%, respectively. Equity strategies were generally positive whereas Event Driven strategies were more mixed with weakness in the Distressed/Restructuring Index, which recorded a loss of 5.89% as credit suffered across most sectors, energy in particular. Most Relative Value strategies generated positive though modest returns over the period.

PRIVATE REAL ASSETS

The System began investing in value-added and opportunistic private real estate and natural resources in 2006 to attain real returns less correlated with the broad securities markets. Returns are computed on a dollar-weighted or internal rate-of-return basis, and from inception (2006) to June 30, 2015 the investments generated an annualized gain of 4.2%. By comparison, the dollar-weighted return for the benchmark CPI + 5% for the same period was a gain of 6.7%. The Private Real Assets Portfolio comprised 5.1% of the Fund at June 30, 2015 with approximately 84% of the dollars committed called.

During the fiscal year, real estate transaction activity increased significantly and capitalization rates declined across all major property types (multi-family, industrial, retail and office) in the United States. Domestic energy investments declined noticeably as many upstream oil and gas companies decreased capital expenditure programs due to lower energy prices.



PUBLIC REAL ASSETS

Global Real Estate Securities

The System began investing in global real estate securities in November 2012 to attain liquid public market exposure to real estate. As of June 30, 2015, the Global Real Estate Securities Portfolio represented 5.3% of the total Fund. For the fiscal year, the portfolio returned a loss of 0.92%, underperforming the benchmark by 0.56%.

Listed global real estate securities began the fiscal year under pressure due to rising interest rates in the U.S. and weak economic data out of Europe and Asia. Global REIT security prices generally recovered as dovish global monetary bank policies provided tailwinds to the sector and strong capital flows were prevalent from investors seeking higher yielding assets. Performance in Q2 2015 pushed REITs into the negative territory for the fiscal year due to the threat of rising U.S. interest rates weighing heavily on domestic security returns.

PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

Global Inflation-Indexed Bonds

The System allocates a portion of Fund assets to inflation-indexed bonds which provide protection against inflation risk as well as providing a diversified return stream to manage volatility. The Inflation-Indexed Bond Portfolio represented 10.5% of total Fund assets at June 30, 2015. The Portfolio, which also includes an absolute return fund, returned 9.13% during the fiscal year, outperforming the benchmark by 3.80%.

The returns on global inflation-indexed bonds were positive during the fiscal year as real yields declined primarily due to strong central bank stimulation in Europe and Japan. Performance of the total portfolio benefited from the opportunistic allocations made by the absolute return fund to nominal bonds, developed market equities, currencies, and corporate credit.

Inflation-Indexed Bonds - Country Exposures	
United States	45 %
United Kingdom	20
Canada	10
France	10
Germany	7
Sweden	5
Australia	3

Commodities

The System began investing in commodities in January 2009 to further diversify the portfolio to reduce risk and to provide a hedge against unexpected inflation. The Commodities Portfolio represented 3.2% of the total Fund as of June 30, 2015. The Portfolio outperformed the benchmark by 0.81% for the year ended June 30, 2015.

The commodities markets declined precipitously during the fiscal year. Weak global growth and demand, below average inflation, low interest rates and an appreciating dollar pushed commodity prices lower. Energy prices declined on crude oversupply concerns due to production growth from OPEC nations and US shale. US dollar appreciation hurt precious metals and industrial metals fell on weakening global industrial production. Agriculture prices declined as favorable weather conditions led to abundant production which created oversupply conditions.

INVESTMENT MANAGERS

The diversified investment structure as of June 30, 2015 is reflected in the following table, which lists System managers by asset class and style.

Public Equity	Investment Style	Opportunistic	Investment Style
Domestic Equity		GMO, LLC*	Global Macro
Eagle Asset Management	Small Cap Growth	Grosvenor Capital Management*	Fund-of-Funds
Barrow, Hanley, Mewhinney & Strauss	Large Cap Value	Hudson Bay Capital Mgmt*	Relative Value
JP Morgan Investment Management*	Large Cap Core Plus	Luxor Capital Partners*	Event Driven
Los Angeles Capital Management*	Large Cap Alpha	MKP Opportunity Partners*	Global Macro
RhumbLine Advisors	Russell 1000 Index	Och-Ziff Capital Mgt*	Multi-Strategy
Sands Capital Management	Large Cap Growth		
Wellington Management	Small Cap Value		
International Equity		Private Equity	Investment Style
Gryphon Int'l Investment Corp.	EAFE	Adams Street Partners*	Fund-of-Funds
Marathon Asset Management LLP	EAFE	Altus Capital Partners*	Buyout
Mondrian Investment Partners Ltd*	Emerging Markets	Altaris Capital Partners*	Buyout
		Atlas Capital Resources*	Turnaround
Global Equity		DW Healthcare Partners*	Buyout
Aberdeen Asset Management*	Global	Franklin Park*	Fund-of-Funds
		HarbourVest Partners*	Fund-of-Funds
		K1 Investment Mgmt. LLC*	Growth/Buyout
		KPS Capital Partners*	Turnaround
		Landmark Partners, Inc.*	Fund-of-Funds
		Mason Wells*	Buyout
		Odyssey Inv. Partners*	Buyout
		Pomona Capital*	Fund-of-Funds
		Riverside Partners*	Buyout
		Siris Capital Group LLC*	Buyout
		TA Associates*	Growth Equity
		Thoma Bravo*	Buyout
		Wicks Group*	Buyout
Fixed Income	Investment Style	Private Debt	Investment Style
BlackRock Financial Mgt.*	Core	Castlelake*	Distressed
Loomis Sayles & Co.	High Yield	Levine Leichtman Capital Partners*	Structured Equity
Jennison Associates	Long Duration		
Nomura Asset Management	High Yield		
Schroder Investment Mgt.	Long Duration		
Inflation-Indexed Bonds	Investment Style	Private Real Assets	Investment Style
Bridgewater Associates*	Inflation Indexed Bonds	AEW Partners*	Real Estate
		Carmel Partners*	Real Estate
		EnerVest, Ltd.*	Energy
		FLAG Capital Mgt.*	Fund-of-Funds
		Hampshire Companies*	Real Estate
		Homestead Capital*	Agriculture
		LBA Realty*	Real Estate
		Lime Rock Resources*	Energy
		Lyme Timber Company*	Timber
		Meridian Realty Partners*	Real Estate
		Pearlmark Real Estate Ptrs*	Real Estate
		TA Associates Realty LLC*	Real Estate
Foreign Currency	Investment Style		
First Quadrant LP*	Foreign Currency		
Global REIT	Investment Style		
BlackRock Financial Mgt.*	Passive		
Commodities	Investment Style		
BlackRock Financial Mgt.*	Passive		
CoreCommodity Mgt.*	Active		
Wellington Management*	Active		
Public Real Assets	Investment Style		
Chickasaw Capital Management	Active		

* Pooled Funds

PUBLIC EQUITY COMMISSIONS

January 1, 2014 Through December 31, 2014

Brokers	Commissions (thousands)
Lynch Jones & Ryan	\$ 37
Society Generale	30
Deutsche Bank	29
Sanford Bernstein	13
Joh. Berenberg, Gossler	11
Exane S.A	11
Citigroup	9
Credit Suisse	8
Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith	8
Instinet	6
UBS	6
Goldman Sachs	5
Other Brokers (81 brokers)	69
Total	\$ 242

INVESTMENT SUMMARY

	2015 Fair Value	Percent of Total Value		2014 Fair Value	Percent of Total Value
Government and agency obligations	\$ 395,527,073	10.84 %	\$	359,793,807	9.86 %
Municipal/Provincial obligations	12,358,783	0.34		58,203,905	1.60
Asset-backed securities	3,464,339	0.09		3,345,101	0.09
Corporate bonds	656,471,268	17.98		632,632,391	17.34
Collateralized mortgage obligations	0	0.00		419,500	0.01
Common and preferred stock	1,455,833,853	39.88		1,391,796,570	38.15
Mutual and commingled funds	365,620,792	10.02		453,648,456	12.43
Short-term investments	119,853,979	3.28		99,565,286	2.73
Real assets	380,180,632	10.41		391,199,845	10.72
Private equity/debt	261,364,506	7.16		257,774,913	7.07
Total	\$ 3,650,675,225	100.00 %	\$	3,648,379,774	100.00 %

Cash collateral received under securities lending agreements is not included in the investment summary shown above.



ACTUARIAL SECTION
Employees' Retirement System

December 8, 2015

Ms. Linda Herman
Executive Director
Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans
101 Monroe Street, 15th Floor
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Linda:

At your request, we have performed an actuarial valuation for funding purposes and a separate actuarial valuation for accounting purposes of the Montgomery County Employees' Retirement System ("System") as of July 1, 2015. The purpose of the funding actuarial valuation, which is performed annually, is to determine the funding status and annual contribution requirements of the System. The actuarial valuations were performed specifically at your request and are intended for use by the System and Montgomery County ("County") and those designated by the System and the County. This report may be provided to parties other than the System and County only in its entirety and only with the permission of the System and County. GRS is not responsible for reliance upon this valuation for any other purpose, or by any other party.

Funding Objective

The funding objective for the System is to collect employer and employee contributions sufficient to pay the benefits of the Montgomery County Employees' Retirement System when due and to achieve a funded ratio of 100 percent at the end of the amortization period. The total contribution rate is equal to the normal cost rate plus amortization of the unfunded liability as a level percentage of payroll. The unfunded liability as of July 1, 2015, was amortized over a single 9-year closed period for the non-Public Safety groups and single closed 20-year periods for the Public Safety groups and the Guaranteed Retirement Income Plan ("GRIP"). Any additional unfunded liability from subsequent actuarial valuations for the Public Safety groups and GRIP will be amortized over separate 20-year closed periods. The equivalent single amortization period for the total System is about 12 years as of the July 1, 2015 valuation. This funding policy is consistent with generally accepted actuarial standards for the funding of retirement systems. The total contribution rate minus the average employee contribution rate equals the County contribution rate. The valuation as of July 1, 2015, establishes the County contribution rate for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016.

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

The actuarial cost method used in this valuation is the same as the method used in the prior actuarial valuation. The actuarial method utilized by the System for both non-GRIP and GRIP members is the individual Entry-Age Normal method. The objective of this method is to finance the benefits of the System as a level percentage of payroll over the members' careers. Any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL) under this method is separately financed. All

actuarial gains and losses under this method are reflected in the UAAL. The actuarial assumptions have changed since the prior valuation and are based on an experience review for the five-year period ending July 1, 2014.

The actuarial assumptions and methods used, including the economic and demographic assumptions, the actuarial cost method and asset method, are in conformity with the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board for the funding of public sector pension plans and are set by the County. Assumptions and methods required by GASB Statement 67 and 68 were used in the preparation of the accounting disclosures and schedules required by GASB 67 and 68.

Benefit Provisions

Effective July 1, 2015, a DROP was implemented for eligible uniformed correctional officers and sworn deputy sheriffs participating in Group E. There have been no other plan changes reflected in the valuation as of July 1, 2015, since the actuarial valuation at July 1, 2014.

Participant Data

A total of 5,541 active members (excluding DRSP and DROP) were included in the valuation as of July 1, 2015. Between the 2014 and 2015 valuations, the number of active employees increased by six members, or 0.1 percent. The average annual valuation pay (excluding DRSP and DROP) increased by 3.8 percent, from \$72,791 to \$75,569 between the 2014 and 2015 valuation. The number of benefit recipients (including DRSP and DROP) increased from 6,242 to 6,380, or 2.2 percent, since the last valuation. The average monthly benefit increased by 0.4 percent, from \$3,065 to \$3,077.

Aetna Contract

There is a group of retirees that have benefits that are insured by Aetna. The total benefit amounts reported for these members in the valuation report include the insured benefit amount. The actuarial liabilities calculated in the valuation report exclude the value of the insured benefits. The liabilities for these members that are included in the actuarial valuation are for the cost of living adjustments provided and are paid by the Montgomery County Employees' Retirement System.

Valuation Assets

On a market value basis, the Plan assets had an investment return of approximately 2.82 percent (net of investment expenses). Partial recognition of investment gains during fiscal years ending 2011, 2013 and 2014 were partially offset by recognition of the fiscal year end 2012 and 2015 investment losses, which resulted in an estimated net asset rate of return of 10.74 percent on an actuarial value of assets basis, which compares to the assumed rate of return of 7.50 percent.

Reliance on Others

The valuation was based upon information furnished by the County Staff, concerning benefits provided by the Montgomery County Employees' Retirement System, financial transactions, plan provisions and active members, terminated members, retirees and beneficiaries. We checked for

Ms. Linda Herman
Montgomery County Employee Retirement Plans
December 8, 2015

internal and year-to-year consistency, but did not otherwise audit the data. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by the County Staff.

The trend data in the Financial Section and the schedules and other data in this Section are prepared by County Staff with our input.

Accounting Schedules Under GASB Statement Nos. 67 and 68

The total pension liability (actuarial accrued liability) is based on a measurement date of July 1, 2014, with results projected to July 1, 2015, assuming no liability gains and losses, under the Entry Age Normal actuarial cost method. A single discount rate of 7.50 percent, which is the same rate that is used in the funding valuation, was used to measure the total pension liability. All other assumptions and methods used in the funding valuation for calculation of the actuarial accrued liabilities as of July 1, 2015, were used in the GASB 67/68 valuation for calculation of the total pension liability for fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

The net pension liability is measured as the total pension liability, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position (market value of assets) as of June 30, 2015.

Certification

To the best of our knowledge the information contained in this report is accurate and fairly presents the actuarial position of the Montgomery County Employees' Retirement System as of the valuation date of July 1, 2015, based on the data and actuarial techniques described above and applicable statutes. All calculations have been made in conformity with generally accepted actuarial principles and practices, and with the Actuarial Standards of Practice issued by the Actuarial Standards Board. Lance Weiss and Amy Williams are Members of the American Academy of Actuaries and meet the Qualification Standards of the American Academy of Actuaries to render the actuarial opinion herein.

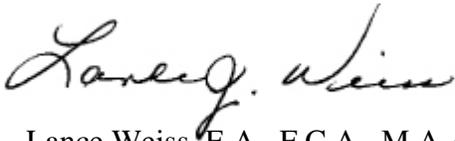
Future actuarial measurements may differ significantly from the current measurements presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or 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. Due to the limited scope of the actuary's assignment, the actuary did not perform an analysis of the potential range of such future measurements in this report.

This report should not be relied on for any purpose other than the purpose stated.

The signing actuaries are independent of the plan sponsor.

Ms. Linda Herman
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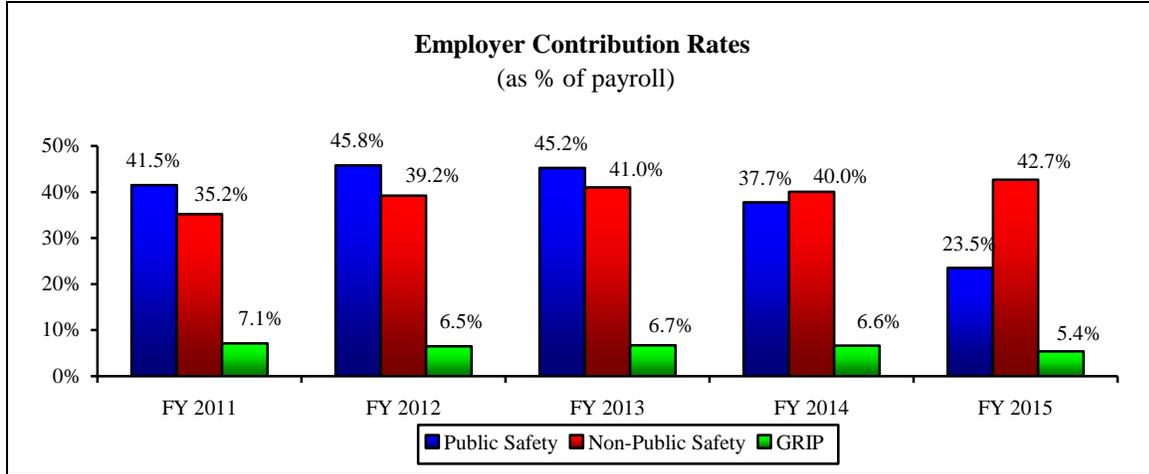
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**SUMMARY OF VALUATION RESULTS
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

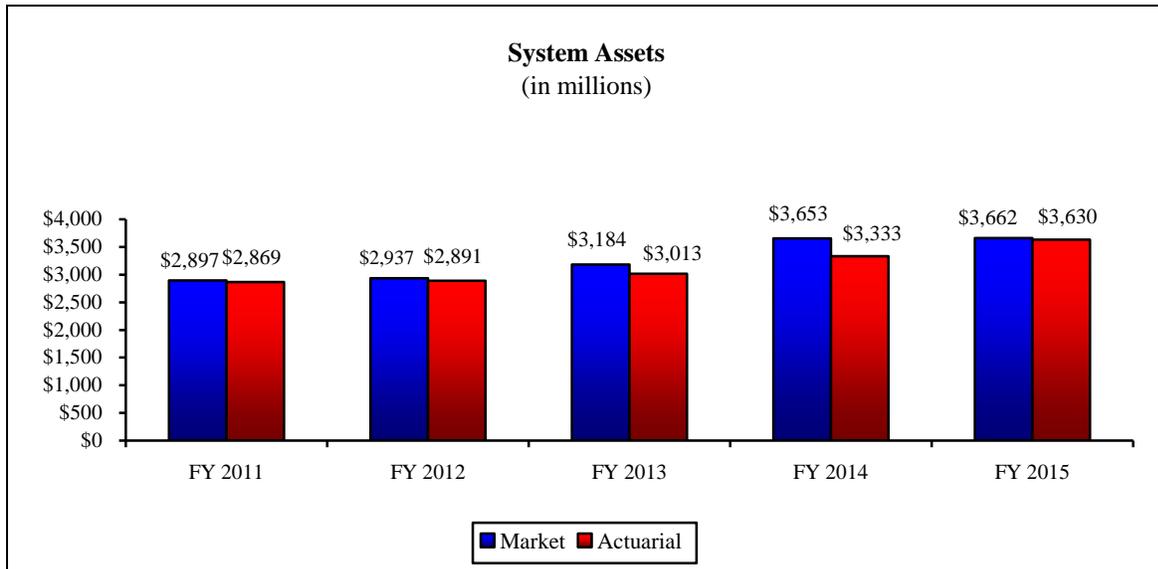
A. Overview

This report presents the results of our June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation of the Montgomery County Employees' Retirement System.

The major findings of the valuation are summarized in the following charts:

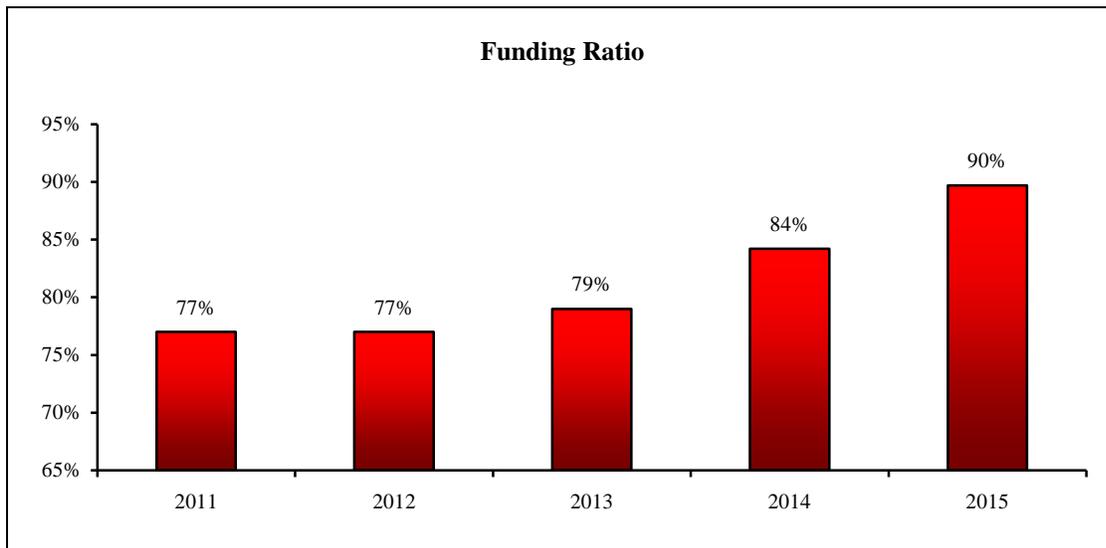


The change in the employer contribution rate in FY 2015 was due to actual System experience as well as changes in the actuarial assumptions related to the experience study.





The unfunded actuarial liability decreased in FY 2015 primarily due to deferred asset gains, higher contributions than expected, lower than expected cost of living increases for retired members, and demographic experience.



The ratio of actuarial assets to the actuarial accrued liability has improved primarily due to the factors noted above.

B. Summary of Results

	<u>July 1, 2014</u>	<u>July 1, 2015</u>
Actuarial Liability		
a. Active Members	\$1,373,483,134	\$1,352,696,130
b. Retired Members and Beneficiaries	2,558,985,389	2,671,003,607
c. Vested Former Members	<u>26,461,195</u>	<u>27,037,115</u>
d. Total	<u>\$3,958,929,718</u>	<u>\$4,050,736,852</u>
Valuation Assets	\$3,333,484,724	\$3,630,075,610
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$625,444,994	\$420,661,242
Normal Cost		
a. Gross Normal Cost	\$77,951,170	\$73,661,793
b. Anticipated Employee Contributions	\$22,235,192	\$24,551,555
c. County Normal Cost (a -b)	<u>\$55,715,978</u>	<u>\$49,110,238</u>
Amortization Payment	\$59,111,574	\$42,872,473
County Contribution Required at Date Shown	\$114,827,552	\$91,982,711
County FY 2015/FY 2016 Contribution (as a % of covered payroll)		
Public Safety Employees	37.73%	23.51%
Non-Public Safety Employees	40.02%	42.71%
Guaranteed Retirement Income Plan	6.61%	5.35%

C. Valuation Highlights

1. System Assets

As of June 30, 2015, the System had assets, valued at market, of \$3.662 billion, as compared to \$3.653 billion at June 30, 2014. The increase of \$9 million was attributable to the following:

- a. An increase of \$178 million from employer and employee contributions;
- b. An increase of \$67 million from investment gain;
- c. A decrease of \$236 million due to the payment of benefits to System participants and administrative expenses.

When measured on an actuarial basis, System assets were \$3.630 billion at June 30, 2015, and \$3.333 billion at June 30, 2014. The asset valuation method smoothes the fluctuations generated by intermittent market gains and losses. This method phases-in investment gains and losses arising during and after the 1994 fiscal year over a five-year period from the date established. Effective July 1, 1997, the calculation of the actuarial value of assets was changed to exclude the present value of estimated accrued contributions.

2. System Liabilities

The Unfunded Actuarial Liability decreased \$204 million, from \$625 million at July 1, 2014, to \$421 million at July 1, 2015, as follows:

Unfunded Actuarial Liability at beginning of year	\$ 625,444,994
Unfunded Actuarial Liability at end of year	<u>420,661,242</u>
Decrease in Unfunded Actuarial Liability	<u>\$ 204,783,752</u>

The decrease in Unfunded Actuarial Liability for the year ended June 30, 2015, is comprised of the following:

Decrease due to gain on actuarial value of assets	\$ 107,001,671
Decrease due to demographic gain and other factors	44,478,489
Decrease due to amortization payment and contributions	57,897,157
Increase due to plan changes	<u>(4,593,565)</u>
Decrease in Unfunded Actuarial Liability	<u>\$ 204,783,752</u>

3. System Contributions

Contributions to the System include a “normal cost” rate which covers the portion of projected liabilities related to service of members. In addition, an amortization payment is made to fund the unfunded liability related to changes made to benefits in previous years which are being funded over a specific period of time.

The increase/decrease in the employer contribution rate is attributable to the following:

	Non-Public Safety (non-GRIP)		Public Safety (non-GRIP)		GRIP	
Employer contribution rate - June 30, 2014	40.02	%	37.73	%	6.61	%
Decrease due to gain on actuarial value of assets	(3.57)		(1.82)		(0.17)	
Decrease due to actuarial gains	(2.19)		(2.08)		(1.09)	
Increase due to plan changes	0.00		0.17		0.00	
Increase/decrease due to assumption and method changes	<u>8.45</u>		<u>(10.49)</u>		<u>0.00</u>	
Employer contribution rate - June 30, 2015	<u><u>42.71</u></u>	%	<u><u>23.51</u></u>	%	<u><u>5.35</u></u>	%

4. Membership

The active membership of the System increased from 5,535 at June 30, 2014 to 5,541 at June 30, 2015. The System was closed to all new employees hired after October 1, 1994, except public safety, bargaining unit employees and GRIP participants. Inactive members, including retirees and beneficiaries, increased from 6,242 at June 30, 2014 to 6,380 at June 30, 2015 and the number of former members with vested rights decreased from 403 to 402.

**SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

A. Funding Method

The funding method used for the System's valuation is the "Individual Entry-Age Normal" actuarial cost method. The objective of this method is to finance the benefits of the System as a level percentage of payroll over the members' careers. The normal cost for each individual active member, payable from the date of employment to the date of retirement, is sufficient to accumulate the value of the member's benefit at the time of retirement. Each annual normal cost is a constant percentage of the member's year by year projected covered pay. An *actuarial liability* is calculated at the valuation date as the present value of benefits allocated to service prior to that date. The *Unfunded Actuarial Liability* at the valuation date is the excess of the actuarial liability over the assets of the System.

B. Actuarial Value of Assets

The actuarial value of assets is used for purposes of determining the County's contribution to the System. The asset adjustment method dampens the volatility of asset values that could occur because of short term fluctuations in market conditions. Use of an asset smoothing method is consistent with the long term nature of the actuarial valuation process. Assets are valued at market value but with a phase-in of investment gains and losses arising after July 1, 1994, over a 5-year period. The gains and losses are net of expenses. Effective July 1, 1997, the calculation of the actuarial value of assets does not include the present value of accrued contributions.

**ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS
 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM**

A. Demographic Assumptions

1. Mortality

RP-2014 Employee and Healthy Annuitant (non-disabled)

Age	Pre-Retirement Future Life Expectancy (years) in 2015		Post-Retirement Future Life Expectancy (years) in 2015		Age	Pre-Retirement Future Life Expectancy (years) in 2015		Post-Retirement Future Life Expectancy (years) in 2015	
	Men	Women	Men	Women		Men	Women	Men	Women
20	69.11	73.41	66.75	69.71	65	22.53	26.52	21.72	23.83
25	63.79	68.08	61.34	64.28	70	18.15	21.72	17.56	19.45
30	58.45	62.75	55.98	58.89	75	14.09	17.11	13.69	15.37
35	53.12	57.44	50.68	53.59	80	10.43	12.74	10.23	11.68
40	47.79	52.14	45.47	48.38	85	7.29	8.82	7.30	8.47
45	42.48	46.86	40.37	43.26	90	5.00	5.95	5.02	5.90
50	37.25	41.64	35.42	38.23	95	3.48	4.06	3.48	4.06
55	32.15	36.51	30.67	33.28	100	2.49	2.84	2.49	2.84
60	27.21	31.47	26.10	28.46	105	1.88	2.09	1.88	2.09

2. Rates of Termination of Employment (prior to retirement eligibility)

Years of Service	Non-Public Safety and GRIP		Public Safety			
	Male	Female	Group E		Group F and G	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0	11.50%	12.50%	12.00%	15.00%	6.00%	9.00%
1	9.50	10.50	10.00	12.00	5.00	7.00
2	8.00	9.50	6.00	7.00	4.00	5.00
3	6.00	6.50	5.00	6.50	3.00	4.50
4	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	2.50	3.50
5	4.00	4.25	3.90	3.90	2.25	3.00
6	4.00	4.25	3.80	3.80	2.00	2.75
7	4.00	4.25	3.70	3.70	1.75	2.50
8	4.00	4.25	3.60	3.60	1.50	2.00
9	4.00	4.25	3.50	3.50	1.25	1.75
10	3.25	2.75	2.00	2.00	1.00	1.50
11	3.25	2.75	1.50	1.50	0.75	1.25
12	3.25	2.75	1.00	1.00	0.50	1.00
13	3.25	2.75	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.75
14	3.25	2.75	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.50
15+	2.00	2.50	1.00	1.00	0.50	0.50

Vested participants that terminate are assumed to elect the option with the greater present value:

- 1) A refund of their accumulated contributions with interest or
- 2) A deferred benefit.

3. Disability

Annual Disabilities per 1,000 Members

Age	Non-Public Safety Employees		Public Safety Employees					
	Male	Female	Group E		Group F		Group G	
			Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
20	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1
25	1	0	1	1	2	3	2	3
30	1	0	2	2	4	8	4	8
35	1	1	3	3	5	12	5	12
40	2	1	4	5	7	16	9	16
45	3	3	7	12	13	44	16	44
50	6	4	11	17	22	59	26	59
55	7	4	14	17	27	62	35	62
60	8	4	14	17	27	62	35	62

4. Deaths

**Disabled Mortality
 Future Life Expectancy (years) in 2015**

Age	Men	Women
20	60.55	61.48
25	55.16	56.08
30	49.84	50.78
35	44.62	45.58
40	39.53	40.48
45	34.59	35.45
50	29.83	30.51
55	25.25	25.74
60	20.88	21.22
65	16.78	17.03
70	13.03	13.21
75	9.67	9.79
80	6.85	6.94

5. Rates of Retirement

<u>Age</u>	Non Public Safety		GRIP	
	Under 30 Years of Service	30 Years of Service & Over	Under 15 Years of Service	15 Years of Service & Over
45 - 49	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%	0.0%
50 - 54	3.0	15.0	0.0	0.0
55	6.0	15.0	3.0	3.0
56	6.0	15.0	3.0	3.0
57	6.0	15.0	6.0	6.0
58	8.0	15.0	6.0	6.0
59	8.0	15.0	6.0	6.0
60	13.0	18.0	6.0	10.0
61	13.0	18.0	6.0	10.0
62	13.0	18.0	8.0	25.0
63	13.0	18.0	8.0	25.0
64	13.0	18.0	8.0	25.0
65 - 69	20.0	25.0	20.0	30.0
70 - 74	40.0	40.0	50.0	50.0
75	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

<u>Age</u>	Public Safety							
	Group E		Group F			Group G		
	Under 25 Years of Service	25 Years of Service & Over	Under 25 Years of Service	25 Years of Service	26 Years of Service & Over	Under 20 or 21 - 24 Years of Service	20 Years of Service	25 Years of Service & Over
Under 42	3.5%	3.5%	2.5%	20.0%	2.5%	2.5%	10.0%	5.0%
42 - 44	3.5	3.5	2.5	20.0	2.5	5.0	10.0	5.0
45	3.5	8.0	2.5	20.0	2.5	7.5	10.0	10.0
46	3.5	8.0	3.5	20.0	3.5	7.5	10.0	10.0
47	3.5	8.0	4.5	20.0	4.5	7.5	10.0	10.0
48	3.5	8.0	5.5	20.0	5.5	7.5	10.0	10.0
49	3.5	8.0	6.5	20.0	6.5	7.5	10.0	10.0
50	10.0	10.0	10.0	20.0	20.0	10.0	15.0	17.5
51	10.0	10.0	10.0	20.0	20.0	10.0	15.0	17.5
52	10.0	12.0	10.0	20.0	20.0	12.5	20.0	25.0
53	10.0	12.0	15.0	25.0	25.0	12.5	20.0	25.0
54	10.0	12.0	15.0	25.0	25.0	12.5	20.0	25.0
55 - 59	15.0	30.0	15.0	40.0	40.0	20.0	40.0	35.0
60 - 64	25.0	50.0	25.0	70.0	70.0	40.0	40.0	40.0
65	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

6. Sick Leave Credit

Service credit is increased by 2.2% for Group A employees, 2.5% for Group E employees, 4.0% for Group F employees, 3.1% for Group G employees, and 1.6% for Group H employees to account for additional credit from unused sick leave. Sick leave is capped at 2 years.

7. Marital assumption

80% of active participants are assumed to be married. Women are assumed to be three years younger than their spouses.

B. Economic Assumptions

1. Investment Return: 7.5% compound per annum
2. Cost-of-Living Increases: 2.75% on credited service earned prior to June 30, 2011. 2.3% on credited service earned on or after July 1, 2011, reflecting the 2.5% cap
3. Increase in Social Security Wage Base: 3.25% compound per annum
4. Expense load: Assumed administrative expenses are based on 105% of the average of the administrative expenses over the past three years. For FY 2017 this figure is \$2,813,800.
5. Salary Increase: Merit and promotional increases assumed to be based on service as shown below:

Non-Public							
Service	Safety*	Service	Group E	Service	Group F	Service	Group G
1	6.00%	1	9.50%	1 – 3	8.00%	1	9.50%
2	5.50	2	9.00	4	6.50	2	9.00
3	5.00	3	7.00	5	6.00	3	7.00
4	4.50	4	6.50	6	5.50	4	6.50
5 – 10	4.00	5	6.00	7	5.00	5 – 10	6.00
11+	3.25	6	5.50	8	4.50	11 – 15	4.50
		7	5.00	9 – 20	4.00	16 – 20	4.00
		8	4.50	21+	3.25	21+	3.25
		9 – 20	4.00				
		21+	3.25				

* Includes GRIP

ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL EXPERIENCE

Gains and Loss in Accrued Liability During Years Ended June 30 Resulting from Differences Between Assumed Experience and Actual Experience

Type of Activity	2012	2013	2014	2015
Investment gain/(loss)	\$ (110,314,254)	\$ (33,134,494)	\$ 163,194,287	\$ 107,001,671
Combined liability experience	<u>102,995,793</u>	<u>93,060,972</u>	<u>7,865,965</u>	<u>81,145,514</u>
Gain/(loss) during year	<u>\$ (7,358,461)</u>	<u>\$ 59,926,478</u>	<u>\$ 171,060,252</u>	<u>\$ 188,147,185</u>

SOLVENCY TEST

Aggregate Accrued Liability

Valuation Date	(1) Active Members Contributions	(2) Retirees, Vested Terms, Beneficiaries	(3) Active Members (Employer Financed Portion)	Reported Assets	Portion of Accrued Liabilities Covered by Reported Assets (%)		
					(1)	(2)	(3)
6/30/2008	\$ 186,171,030	\$ 1,847,516,034	\$ 1,307,862,361	\$ 2,701,119,470	100	100	51
6/30/2009	200,669,572	1,892,331,796	1,396,056,191	2,736,010,044	100	100	46
6/30/2010	213,191,851	2,054,949,883	1,377,434,607	2,791,144,974	100	100	38
6/30/2011	236,934,960	2,181,816,842	1,325,970,792	2,869,422,276	100	100	34
6/30/2012	210,537,737	2,465,714,392	1,092,493,833	2,891,435,563	100	100	20
6/30/2013	248,331,006	2,526,844,154	1,046,205,572	3,012,547,244	100	100	23
6/30/2014	265,055,643	2,585,446,584	1,108,427,491	3,333,484,724	100	100	44
6/30/2015	280,135,577	2,693,402,804	1,072,560,553	3,630,075,610	100	100	61

SCHEDULE OF RETIREES AND SURVIVORS
During Years Ended June 30

	New Retirees and Disableds	Survivors	Total
July 1, 2008	4,926	380	5,306
New retirements & disabilities	186	0	186
Deaths with beneficiaries	(24)	24	0
Deaths/benefits ended	(95)	(18)	(113)
July 1, 2009	4,993	386	5,379
New retirements & disabilities	328	0	328
Deaths with beneficiaries	(22)	22	0
Deaths/benefits ended	(88)	(28)	(116)
July 1, 2010	5,211	380	5,591
New retirements & disabilities	282	0	282
Deaths with beneficiaries	(20)	20	0
Deaths/benefits ended	(154)	(7)	(161)
July 1, 2011	5,319	393	5,712
New retirements & disabilities	201	0	201
Deaths with beneficiaries	(47)	47	0
Deaths/benefits ended	(87)	(2)	(89)
July 1, 2012	5,386	438	5,824
New retirements & disabilities	269	0	269
Deaths with beneficiaries	(38)	38	0
Deaths/benefits ended	(104)	(28)	(132)
July 1, 2013	5,513	448	5,961
New retirements & disabilities	400	0	400
Deaths with beneficiaries	(23)	23	0
Deaths/benefits ended	(100)	(19)	(119)
July 1, 2014	5,790	452	6,242
New retirements & disabilities	264	0	264
Deaths with beneficiaries	(24)	24	0
Deaths/benefits ended	(98)	(28)	(126)
July 1, 2015	5,932	448	6,380

SCHEDULE OF ANNUAL ALLOWANCE
During Years Ended June 30

	<u>New Retirees and Disableds</u>	<u>Survivors</u>	<u>Total</u>
July 2008	\$ 162,705,712	\$ 6,067,357	\$ 168,773,069
Average Annual Allowance	33,030	15,467	31,808
Annual Allowances Added to the Rolls	4,887,240	453,616	5,340,856
Annual Allowances Removed From the Rolls	(3,242,232)	(370,344)	(3,612,576)
July 2009	\$ 164,350,720	\$ 6,150,629	\$ 170,501,349
Average Annual Allowance	32,916	15,934	31,698
Annual Allowances Added to the Rolls	13,218,960	304,035	13,522,995
Annual Allowances Removed From the Rolls	(1,306,672)	(419,291)	(1,725,963)
July 2010	\$ 176,263,008	\$ 6,035,373	\$ 182,298,381
Average Annual Allowance	33,825	15,883	32,606
Annual Allowances Added to the Rolls	14,287,432	580,328	14,867,760
Annual Allowances Removed From the Rolls	(868,937)	(103,095)	(972,032)
July 2011	\$ 189,681,503	\$ 6,512,606	\$ 196,194,109
Average Annual Allowance	35,661	16,572	34,348
Annual Allowances Added to the Rolls	8,947,253	1,102,270	10,049,523
Annual Allowances Removed From the Rolls	(2,498,388)	(34,529)	(2,532,917)
July 2012	\$ 196,130,368	\$ 7,580,347	\$ 203,710,715
Average Annual Allowance	36,415	17,307	34,978
Annual Allowances Added to the Rolls	11,709,284	867,622	12,576,906
Annual Allowances Removed From the Rolls	(5,027,794)	(572,950)	(5,600,744)
July 2013	\$ 202,811,858	\$ 7,875,019	\$ 210,686,877
Average Annual Allowance	36,788	17,578	35,344
Annual Allowances Added to the Rolls	21,907,364	699,388	22,606,753
Annual Allowances Removed From the Rolls	(3,506,950)	(217,824)	(3,724,774)
July 2014	\$ 221,212,272	\$ 8,356,583	\$ 229,568,856
Average Annual Allowance	38,206	18,488	36,778
Annual Allowances Added to the Rolls	8,938,666	612,732	9,551,398
Annual Allowances Removed From the Rolls	(3,140,736)	(366,643)	(3,507,379)
July 2015	\$ 227,010,202	\$ 8,602,673	\$ 235,612,875
Average Annual Allowance	38,269	19,202	36,930

Schedule of Active Member Valuation Data

<u>Valuation Date</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Annual Payroll</u>	<u>Annual Average Pay</u>	<u>% Increase in Average Pay</u>
July 1, 2008	5,060	\$376,002,333	\$74,309	4.96%
July 1, 2009	5,012	376,014,994	75,023	0.96
July 1, 2010	5,786	431,226,155	74,529	-0.66
July 1, 2011	5,515	405,336,529	73,497	-1.38
July 1, 2012	5,554	398,460,248	71,743	-2.39
July 1, 2013	5,606	395,988,026	70,636	-1.54
July 1, 2014	5,535	402,899,096	72,791	3.05
July 1, 2015	5,541	418,728,584	75,569	3.82



STATISTICAL SECTION

Employee Retirement Plans

STATISTICAL SECTION

The Statistical Section presents detailed information in the areas shown below, as a context for understanding what the information in the Financial Section says about the overall financial health of the Employee Retirement Plans:

The schedules beginning on page 74 are designed to show financial trend information to assist users in understanding and assessing how the Employee Retirement Plans' financial position has changed over the past ten years. The financial trend schedules presented are:

- Changes in Fiduciary Net Position – Information to help the reader understand the Plans' historical contributions, earnings, and expenses.
- Benefit, Refund and Distribution Deductions from Fiduciary Net Position – Information to help the reader understand the historical benefits, refund, and distribution deductions.

The schedules beginning on page 80 display demographic, economic, and operating information. The demographic and economic information is intended to assist users in understanding the environment in which the Employee Retirement Plans operate. The operating information is intended to provide contextual information about the Employee Retirement Plans' operations to assist readers in using financial statement information. The demographic and economic information and the operating information presented include:

- Principal Participating Employers
- Retired Members by Benefit Type
- Average Benefit Amounts
- Retired Members by Type of Retirement
- Average Benefit Payments and Average Final Valuation Pay
- Schedule of Participating Agencies and Political Subdivisions

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF CHANGE IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(dollars in thousands)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Additions					
Member contributions	\$ 16,085	\$ 16,362	\$ 18,851	\$ 18,245	\$ 20,431
Employer contributions	88,184	109,436	117,686	109,567	113,958
Transfer of member account asset balances	-	-	-	-	31,530
Investment income (loss) (net of expenses)	<u>187,004</u>	<u>420,847</u>	<u>(81,746)</u>	<u>(428,525)</u>	<u>304,185</u>
Total additions	<u>291,273</u>	<u>546,645</u>	<u>54,791</u>	<u>(300,713)</u>	<u>470,104</u>
Deductions					
Benefit payments	125,818	136,833	147,027	168,618	169,089
Refunds	635	793	673	668	1,415
Administrative expenses	<u>1,920</u>	<u>2,431</u>	<u>2,557</u>	<u>2,803</u>	<u>2,907</u>
Total deductions	<u>128,373</u>	<u>140,057</u>	<u>150,257</u>	<u>172,089</u>	<u>173,411</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 162,900</u>	<u>\$ 406,588</u>	<u>\$ (95,466)</u>	<u>\$ (472,802)</u>	<u>\$ 296,693</u>

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF BENEFIT AND REFUND DEDUCTIONS FROM FIDUCIARY NET POSITION BY TYPE
JUNE 30, 2015
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(dollars in thousands)

	2006	2007*	2008	2009	2010
Type of Benefit					
Service benefits:					
Retirees	\$ 112,210	\$ 98,653	\$ 105,369	\$ 123,560	\$ 122,861
Survivors	1,483	5,952	6,723	7,333	7,620
Disability	<u>12,125</u>	<u>32,228</u>	<u>34,935</u>	<u>37,725</u>	<u>38,608</u>
Total benefits	<u>\$ 125,818</u>	<u>\$ 136,833</u>	<u>\$ 147,027</u>	<u>\$ 168,618</u>	<u>\$ 169,089</u>
Refund of Contributions	\$ 635	\$ 793	\$ 673	\$ 668	\$ 1,415

*Allocation method used in FY 2007 was changed to reflect the actual classification of benefits.

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$ 18,592	\$ 22,833	\$ 24,854	\$ 26,463	\$ 26,627
109,344	107,855	127,888	144,710	151,302
-	-	-	-	-
<u>510,018</u>	<u>117,692</u>	<u>307,859</u>	<u>534,397</u>	<u>67,071</u>
<u>637,954</u>	<u>248,380</u>	<u>460,601</u>	<u>705,570</u>	<u>245,000</u>
178,792	202,773	208,804	229,664	230,647
1,568	2,495	1,925	4,330	2,874
3,079	3,546	2,401	2,954	2,685
<u>183,439</u>	<u>208,814</u>	<u>213,130</u>	<u>236,948</u>	<u>236,206</u>
<u>\$ 454,515</u>	<u>\$ 39,566</u>	<u>\$ 247,471</u>	<u>\$ 468,622</u>	<u>\$ 8,794</u>

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$ 129,941	\$ 150,413	\$ 153,566	\$ 172,472	\$ 171,785
7,944	8,233	8,602	8,586	8,982
40,907	44,127	46,636	48,606	49,880
<u>\$ 178,792</u>	<u>\$ 202,773</u>	<u>\$ 208,804</u>	<u>\$ 229,664</u>	<u>\$ 230,647</u>
\$ 1,568	\$ 2,495	\$ 1,925	\$ 4,330	\$ 2,874

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
SCHEDULE OF CHANGE IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(dollars in thousands)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Additions					
Member contributions	\$ 5,860	\$ 6,798	\$ 8,118	\$ 11,263	\$ 8,871
Employer contributions	9,437	11,227	13,583	20,625	16,401
Transfer of member account asset balances	-	-	-	-	(31,530)
Investment income (loss) (net of expenses)	<u>8,237</u>	<u>17,174</u>	<u>(8,383)</u>	<u>(26,722)</u>	<u>14,191</u>
Total additions	<u>23,534</u>	<u>35,199</u>	<u>13,318</u>	<u>5,166</u>	<u>7,933</u>
Deductions					
Distributions	4,306	4,455	5,216	3,669	3,902
Administrative expenses	<u>243</u>	<u>293</u>	<u>258</u>	<u>300</u>	<u>237</u>
Total deductions	<u>4,549</u>	<u>4,748</u>	<u>5,474</u>	<u>3,969</u>	<u>4,139</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 18,985</u>	<u>\$ 30,451</u>	<u>\$ 7,844</u>	<u>\$ 1,197</u>	<u>\$ 3,794</u>

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN
SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION DEDUCTIONS FROM FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(dollars in thousands)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Distributions	\$ 4,306	\$ 4,455	\$ 5,216	\$ 3,669	\$ 3,902

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$ 8,686	\$ 8,435	\$ 8,274	\$ 8,695	\$ 9,728
16,072	11,792	15,629	17,117	18,502
-	-	-	-	-
<u>32,877</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>23,716</u>	<u>42,432</u>	<u>7,493</u>
<u>57,635</u>	<u>20,370</u>	<u>47,619</u>	<u>68,244</u>	<u>35,723</u>
5,854	6,950	9,389	11,682	12,694
244	305	201	197	235
<u>6,098</u>	<u>7,255</u>	<u>9,590</u>	<u>11,879</u>	<u>12,929</u>
<u>\$ 51,537</u>	<u>\$ 13,115</u>	<u>\$ 38,029</u>	<u>\$ 56,365</u>	<u>\$ 22,794</u>

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$ 5,854	\$ 6,950	\$ 9,389	\$ 11,682	\$ 12,694

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
SCHEDULE OF CHANGE IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(dollars in thousands)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Additions					
Member contributions	\$ 16,562	\$ 16,649	\$ 17,294	\$ 18,058	\$ 17,029
Investment income (loss) (net of expenses)	<u>20,486</u>	<u>32,394</u>	<u>(9,378)</u>	<u>(44,479)</u>	<u>19,411</u>
Total additions	<u>37,048</u>	<u>49,043</u>	<u>7,915</u>	<u>(26,421)</u>	<u>36,440</u>
Deductions					
Distributions	11,226	12,410	15,714	13,391	8,723
Administrative expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total deductions	<u>11,226</u>	<u>12,410</u>	<u>15,714</u>	<u>13,391</u>	<u>8,723</u>
Change in net position	<u>\$ 25,822</u>	<u>\$ 36,633</u>	<u>\$ (7,799)</u>	<u>\$ (39,812)</u>	<u>\$ 27,717</u>

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN
SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTION DEDUCTIONS FROM FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2015
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS
(dollars in thousands)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Distributions	\$ 11,226	\$ 12,410	\$ 15,714	\$ 13,391	\$ 8,723

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$ 17,029	\$ 14,974	\$ 18,229	\$ 17,011	\$ 19,229
<u>42,988</u>	<u>286</u>	<u>34,096</u>	<u>48,864</u>	<u>15,259</u>
<u>60,017</u>	<u>15,260</u>	<u>52,325</u>	<u>65,875</u>	<u>34,488</u>
16,178	17,688	19,847	25,506	26,123
<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>16,178</u>	<u>17,688</u>	<u>19,847</u>	<u>25,506</u>	<u>26,123</u>
<u>\$ 43,839</u>	<u>\$ (2,428)</u>	<u>\$ 32,478</u>	<u>\$ 40,369</u>	<u>\$ 8,365</u>

2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
\$ 16,178	\$ 17,688	\$ 19,847	\$ 25,506	\$ 26,123

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 PRINCIPAL PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS
 CURRENT FISCAL YEAR AND NINE YEARS AGO
 JUNE 30, 2015

Participating Government	2015*		2006	
	Covered Employees	Percentage of Total System	Covered Employees	Percentage of Total System
Montgomery County	5,398	97.4%	5,185	96.2%
Town of Chevy Chase	2	0.0%	5	0.1%
Strathmore Hall	6	0.1%	7	0.1%
Housing Opportunities Commission	126	2.3%	157	2.9%
Revenue Authority	5	0.1%	17	0.3%
Washington Suburban Transit Commission	-	-	2	0.0%
Montgomery County Employees Federal Credit Union	3	0.1%	8	0.2%
State Department of Assessment and Taxation	-	-	5	0.1%
District Court	1	0.0%	5	0.1%
Total	5,541	100%	5,391	100%

* Includes GRIP participants

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
 EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
 SCHEDULE OF RETIRED MEMBERS BY BENEFIT TYPE
 JUNE 30, 2015

Fiscal Year	Retiree	Disability	Survivor	Total
2006	3,564	919	365	4,848
2007*	3,661	975	361	4,997
2008	3,905	1,021	380	5,306
2009	3,957	1,036	386	5,379
2010	4,132	1,079	380	5,591
2011	4,245	1,074	393	5,712
2012	4,309	1,077	438	5,824
2013	4,412	1,101	448	5,961
2014	4,669	1,121	452	6,242
2015	4,807	1,125	448	6,380

*Allocation method used in FY 2007 was changed to reflect the actual classification of benefits.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE BENEFIT AMOUNTS
JUNE 30, 2015

Fiscal Year	Retiree	Disability	Survivor	Total
2006	\$ 31,484	\$ 13,193	\$ 4,063	\$ 25,953
2007*	26,947	33,055	16,487	27,383
2008	26,983	34,216	17,692	27,710
2009	31,226	36,414	18,997	31,347
2010	29,734	35,781	20,052	30,243
2011	30,610	38,088	20,214	31,301
2012	34,907	40,972	18,797	34,817
2013	34,807	42,357	19,201	35,028
2014	36,940	43,360	18,995	36,793
2015	35,736	44,337	20,049	36,152

*Allocation method used in FY 2007 was changed to reflect the actual classification of benefits.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF RETIRED MEMBERS BY TYPE OF RETIREMENT
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

Amount of Monthly Benefit	Number of Retired Members	Type of Retirement ^a			Option Selected ^b							
		1	2	3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Deferred	402											
\$ 1 – \$ 500	476	411	59	6	244	110	14	8	38	16	46	
501 – 1,000	593	450	121	22	250	132	36	17	48	41	69	
1,001 – 1,500	645	481	92	72	261	151	27	23	43	36	104	
1,501 – 2,000	580	437	52	91	226	130	22	29	20	50	103	
2,001 – 2,500	570	414	47	109	203	134	19	30	25	50	109	
2,501 – 3,000	541	393	23	125	168	134	12	28	27	61	111	
3,001 – 3,500	506	344	18	144	158	119	8	27	20	69	105	
3,501 – 4,000	459	335	11	113	149	110	6	23	16	59	96	
Over 4,000	<u>2,010</u>	<u>1,542</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>443</u>	<u>785</u>	<u>467</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>304</u>	<u>288</u>	
Total	6,782	4,807	448	1,125	2,444	1,487	151	288	293	686	1,031	

Notes:

^a Type of retirement:

- 1—Retiree
- 2—Beneficiary
- 3—Disabled Retiree

^b Option selected:

- Option 1—Modified Cash Refund
- Option 2—Certain and Continuous
- Option 3—Life Annuity
- Option 4—Joint and Survivor 50%
- Option 5—Joint and Survivor 100%
- Option 6—Other Joint and Survivor Options
- Option 7—Social Security Adjustment Options

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF AVERAGE BENEFIT PAYMENTS AND AVERAGE FINAL VALUATION PAY
LAST EIGHT FISCAL YEARS

	Years Credited Service						
	0 – 5	5 – 10	10 – 15	15 – 20	20 – 25	25 – 30	30 +
Retirement Effective Dates							
Period 7/1/2007 to 6/30/2008							
Average monthly benefit*	\$ 2,994	\$ 3,061	\$ 1,180	\$ 2,287	\$ 2,927	\$ 3,466	\$ 4,330
Average final valuation pay**	\$ 50,803	\$ 66,024	\$ 62,986	\$ 73,335	\$ 78,696	\$ 74,908	\$ 74,647
Number of retired members***	1	8	18	58	60	57	87
Period 7/1/2008 to 6/30/2009							
Average monthly benefit*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,821	\$ 2,760	\$ 3,560	\$ 4,309	\$ 5,425
Average final valuation pay**	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 77,385	\$ 77,304	\$ 88,521	\$ 87,167	\$ 98,906
Number of retired members***	-	-	5	20	21	16	12
Period 7/1/2009 to 6/30/2010							
Average monthly benefit*	\$ -	\$ 3,212	\$ 2,747	\$ 2,815	\$ 3,548	\$ 4,008	\$ 5,289
Average final valuation pay**	\$ -	\$ 63,839	\$ 82,064	\$ 83,152	\$ 85,524	\$ 83,495	\$ 86,947
Number of retired members***	-	6	6	43	49	39	68
Period 7/1/2010 to 6/30/2011							
Average monthly benefit*	\$ 1,965	\$ 3,412	\$ 2,674	\$ 3,091	\$ 3,303	\$ 4,136	\$ 5,079
Average final valuation pay**	\$ 46,807	\$ 65,268	\$ 65,263	\$ 85,031	\$ 82,627	\$ 88,067	\$ 84,544
Number of retired members***	1	4	5	37	80	50	57
Period 7/1/2011 to 6/30/2012							
Average monthly benefit*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,738	\$ 1,840	\$ 3,020	\$ 5,064	\$ 5,546
Average final valuation pay**	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 56,551	\$ 61,633	\$ 80,696	\$ 98,400	\$ 90,742
Number of retired members***	-	-	3	14	30	34	57
Period 7/1/2012 to 6/30/2013							
Average monthly benefit*	\$ -	\$ 331	\$ 1,595	\$ 2,147	\$ 3,063	\$ 4,641	\$ 5,845
Average final valuation pay**	\$ -	\$ 50,497	\$ 56,936	\$ 72,901	\$ 76,904	\$ 90,509	\$ 94,904
Number of retired members***	-	1	5	17	46	38	69
Period 7/1/2013 to 6/30/2014							
Average monthly benefit*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,636	\$ 2,941	\$ 4,552	\$ 5,790
Average final valuation pay**	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 71,521	\$ 75,097	\$ 90,425	\$ 92,772
Number of retired members***	-	-	-	17	53	98	71
Period 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015							
Average monthly benefit*	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,231	\$ 1,654	\$ 3,273	\$ 4,388	\$ 5,062
Average final valuation pay**	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 72,858	\$ 62,439	\$ 82,958	\$ 90,297	\$ 91,982
Number of retired members***	-	-	1	11	49	74	57

* Based on current benefits only. Does not take into account any future benefits.

** Pay used for last valuation (when member was an active employee).

*** Only includes participants who changed from active to retiree status.

Beginning with periods after 7/1/2011, counts include members that were in DRSP or DROP in the previous valuation and were retired in the current valuation.

**SCHEDULE OF PARTICIPATING AGENCIES
AND POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM
RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN**

Town of Chevy Chase
Strathmore Hall Foundation, Inc.
Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County
Montgomery County Revenue Authority
Washington Suburban Transit Commission
Montgomery County Employees Federal Credit Union

Certain employees of the:
State Department of Assessments and Taxation
District Court of Maryland



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