Cents and Sensibility

Providing our members with a secure pension is a shared responsibility. Over the past 30 years, earnings on investments and member contributions produced the bulk of NYSTRS' income. Taxpayers contribute by way of employer contributions. The result of this shared commitment is a well-funded plan.

A breakdown of the NYSTRS pension dollar
30 years ending 6/30/2019

Asset Allocation Targets*

Why a Pension Pays

- Nearly 80% of benefits paid remain in New York State.
- Retiree spending creates a ripple effect through the economy.
- NYSTRS investment fees average only 26¢ per $100 managed.
- 60% of the investment portfolio is internally managed.

Contributions Collected vs. Benefits Paid
30 years ending 6/30/2019
(Billions of Dollars)

Net Position
1989 $ 23.2 Billion
2019 $ 122.5 Billion

See our Pension Education Toolkit at NYSTRS.org