

Oklahoma State Pension Commission Retirement System Summary of Actuarial Reports

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System Characteristics and Assumptions

- Based on July 1, 2003 Actuarial Valuation Reports from Actuaries¹ and System Financial Statements
 - Retirement System comprised of the seven plans (Teachers, PERS, Police, Firefighters, Law Enforcement, Judges, Wildlife)
 - All plans employ similar funding method Entry Age Normal
 - Entry age normal is a conservative funding schedule
 - All plans employ similar asset valuation method (smoothed value)
 - Smoothing asset values allows Trustees to focus the investment program on the long term
 - Investment return assumptions range from 7.5% to 8.0%
 - Public Fund assumed investment return median is 8.0%²
 - Therefore, Oklahoma Systems are more conservative than average public fund
 - Major downward revisions with Corporate Plans, but not Public Funds
 - All plans have in place long term schedules (15 years and longer) to fully fund all programs.
- Let's not lose focus of the long term nature of what we're doing

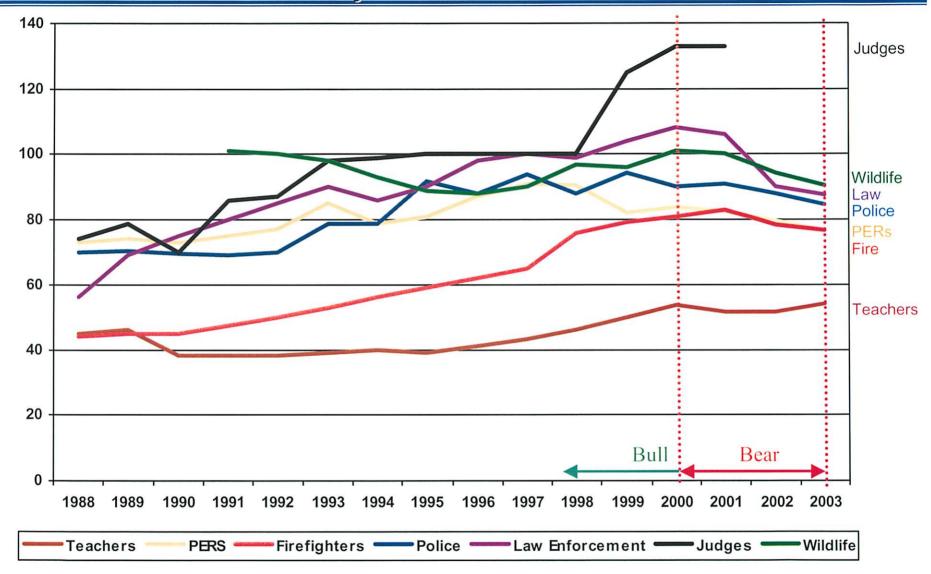
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Funded Status History – Actuarial Value of Assets



Source: 1999 and earlier: R.V. Kuhns & Associates, 2000 and later: Mellon Consultants, William M. Mercer and Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company





Funded Status

Funded Status - Actuarial Value of Assets

Valuation Date	7/01/1998	7/01/1999	7/01/2000	7/01/2001	7/01/2002	7/01/2003
Teachers	46%	50%	54%	51%	51%	54%
PERS	91%	82%	84%	83%	80%	77%
Firefighters	76%	79%	81%	83%	78%	77%
Police	89%	94%	90%	91%	88%	85%
Law Enforcement	99%	104%	108%	106%	90%	88%
Judges	100%	125%	133%	133%	NA	NA
Wildlife	97%	96%	101%	100%	94%	91%

Funded Status - Market Value of Assets

Valuation Date	7/01/1999	7/01/2000	7/01/2001	7/01/2002	7/01/2003
Teachers	57%	59%	49%	44%	47%
PERS	93%	85%	78%	68%	66%
Firefighters	84%	87%	76%	65%	64%
Police	106%	97%	86%	74%	72%
Law Enforcement	116%	114%	104%	81%	78%
Judges	142%	146%	128%	NA	NA
Wildlife	104%	113%	94%	79%	76%





Actuarial Accrued Liability and Assets (1999-2003)

2002 to 2003

* Dollars in Millions					
As of Valuation Date (
	Actuarial				
	Accrued Liability	Actuarial Value	Funded	Market Value of	Funded
	(AAL)	of Assets (AVA)	Ratio	Assets (MV)	Ratio
2003 Total	\$23,222.6	\$15,322.0	66%	\$13,231.6	57%
Teachers	\$11,925.2	\$6,436.9	54%	\$5,614.1	47%
PERS	\$6,974.6	\$5,354.8	77%	\$4,619.1	66%
Firefighters	\$1,946.8	\$1,496.9	77%	\$1,247.4	64%
Police	\$1,647.0	\$1,392.0	85%	\$1,182.3	72%
Law Enforcement	\$667.7	\$585.8	88%	\$522.4	78%
Judges	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wildlife	\$61.3	\$55.6	91%	\$46.3	76%
2002 Total	\$23,019.1	\$15,063.6	65%	\$12,835.2	56%
Teachers	12,275.9	6,311.0	51%	5,418.0	44%
PERS	6,639.7	5,299.7	80%	4,485.5	68%
Firefighters	1,858.1	1,457.2	78%	1,214.3	65%
Police	1,554.3	1,370.0	88%	1,156.6	74%
Law Enforcement	632.4	570.3	90%	514.7	81%
Judges	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Wildlife	58.7	55.4	94%	46.1	79%

1999 to 2001

* Dollars in Millions As of Valuation Date (7/1)	Actuarial Accrued Liability	Actuarial Value of Assets	Funded	Market Value of Assets	Funded
	(AAL)	(AVA)	Ratio	(MV)	Ratio
2001 Total	\$21,660.5	\$14,603.6	67%	\$13,861.1	64%
Teachers	11,591.0	5,959.0	51%	5,732.0	49%
PERS	6,190.2	5,110.2	83%	4,815.3	78%
Firefighters	1,734.9	1,438.5	83%	1,318.1	76%
Police	1,443.4	1,319.0	91%	1,238.8	86%
Law Enforcement	508.4	538.3	106%	528.5	104%
Judges	139.1	184.9	133%	178.0	128%
Wildlife	53.5	53.7	100%	50.4	94%
2000 Total	\$19,357.5	\$13,450.5	69%	\$14,231.1	74%
Teachers	10,009.0	5,373.0	54%	5,890.0	59%
PERS	5,694.7	4,785.6	84%	4,815.3	85%
Firefighters	1,665.3	1,355.7	81%	1,443.4	87%
Police	1,354.5	1,222.1	90%	1,319.3	97%
Law Enforcement	457.4	495.1	108%	521.3	114%
Judges	128.0	169.7	133%	186.9	146%
Wildlife	48.6	49.3	101%	54.9	113%
1999 Total	\$17,950.9	\$11,934.0	66%	\$13,462.6	75%
Teachers	9,458.6	4,708.0	50%	5,387.0	57%
PERS	5,179.8	4,261.6	82%	4,831.2	93%
Firefighters	1,563.0	1,235.8	79%	1,312.3	84%
Police	1,160.0	1,094.4	94%	1,224.1	106%
Law Enforcement	425.9	442.6	104%	493.2	116%
Judges	119.1	148.8	125%	168.6	142%
Wildlife	44.5	42.8	96%	46.2	104%

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Funded Status

Liability Situation - Public Funds

Public Funds (262) (246)

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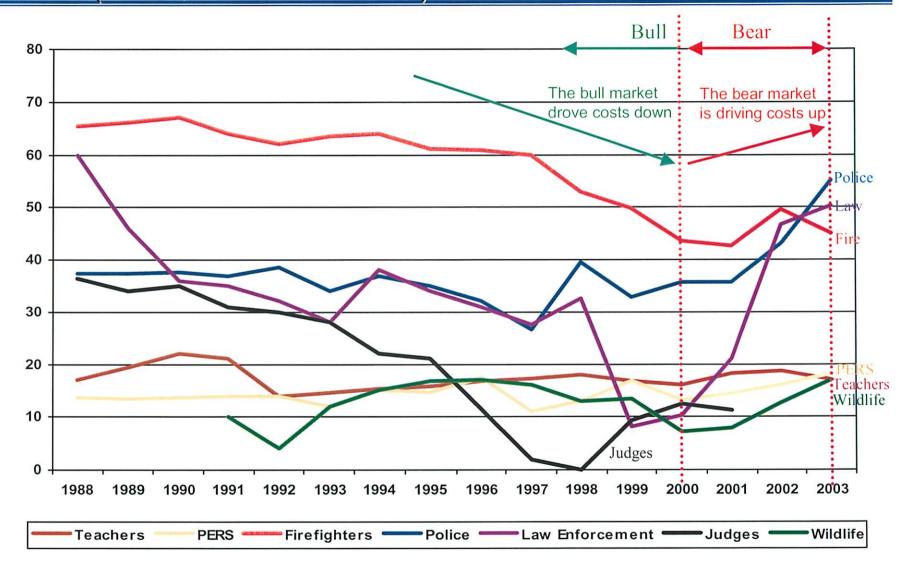
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	Total Funds		Under Funded		Over Funded		No Answer Uncertain	rl	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	
Public Funds	(151)	(127)	46%	52%	54%	48%	(111)	(119)	
State	(55)	(46)	53	54	47	46	(45)	(47)	
Municipal	(92)	(79)	43	52	57	48	(62)	(65)	
Over \$5 billion	(42)	(36)	48	58	52	42	(30)	(33)	
\$1,001-5,000 million	(50)	(39)	42	49	58	51	(33)	(36)	
\$501-1,000 million	(33)	(29)	61	52	39	48	(22)	(20)	
\$500 million and under	(26)	(23)	31	48	69	52	(26)	(30)	

Source: Greenwich Associates, Fall 2003



GASB 25 Annual Employer Cost as % of Payroll – All Sources (Local, State & Federal)





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Contributions - Employer (Local, State & Federal)

Plan Year Beginning Required Employer Contribution (assuming GASB 25 funding requirements)

	7/1/1995	7/1/1996	7/1/1997	7/1/1998	7/1/1999	7/1/2000	7/1/2001	7/1/2002	7/1/2003
Teachers	\$434.7	\$446.5	\$446.2	\$456.9	\$455.3	\$451.5	\$556.2	\$585.1	\$534.8
PERS	131.3	110.9	96	107.2	161.8	169.6	188	232.8	257.0
Firefighters	58.3	59.7	56.1	57	57	62	63.1	76.5	73.7
Police	30.9	26.5	22.4	39.8	34.7	53	54.9	71.7	96.5
Law Enforcement	7.8	6.6	6.1	8.7	6.3	4.1	10.7	23	25.4
Judges	2.5	1.2	0	0	0.4	1.1	1	NA	NA
Wildlife	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.1	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.5	2.0
Total	\$666.9	\$652.9	\$628.3	\$670.7	\$716.7	\$742.1	\$873.9	\$990.6	\$989.4
Exp. EE Contrib	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$259.6	\$270.8	\$291.2	\$307.8	\$302.1

Actual Employer Contribution

Plan Year Beginning	7/1/1995	7/1/1996	7/1/1997	7/1/1998	7/1/1999	7/1/2000	7/1/2001	7/1/2002	7/1/2003
Teachers	\$177.4	\$276.8	\$263.7	\$244.4	\$275.9	\$328.2	\$364.9	\$362.0	TBD
PERS	135.4	135.4	143.7	149.2	125.9	131.1	139.6	137.5	TBD
Firefighters	52.0	55.9	58.3	59.0	61.6	65.7	68.8	72.6	TBD
Police	31.2	33.0	35.4	36.2	37.7	40.0	42.2	44.2	TBD
Law Enforcement	16.0	17.0	18.0	18.0	19.6	19.4	20.4	21.1	TBD
Judges	4.5	4.9	0.0	0.0	2.9	1.9			TBD
Wildlife	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.2	1.2	0.8	0.9	1.2	TBD
Total	\$417.8	\$524.5	\$520.7	\$508.0	\$524.8	\$587.1	\$636.8	\$638.6	TBD
EE Contrib	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$268.6	\$293.1	\$305.5	\$300.1	TBD

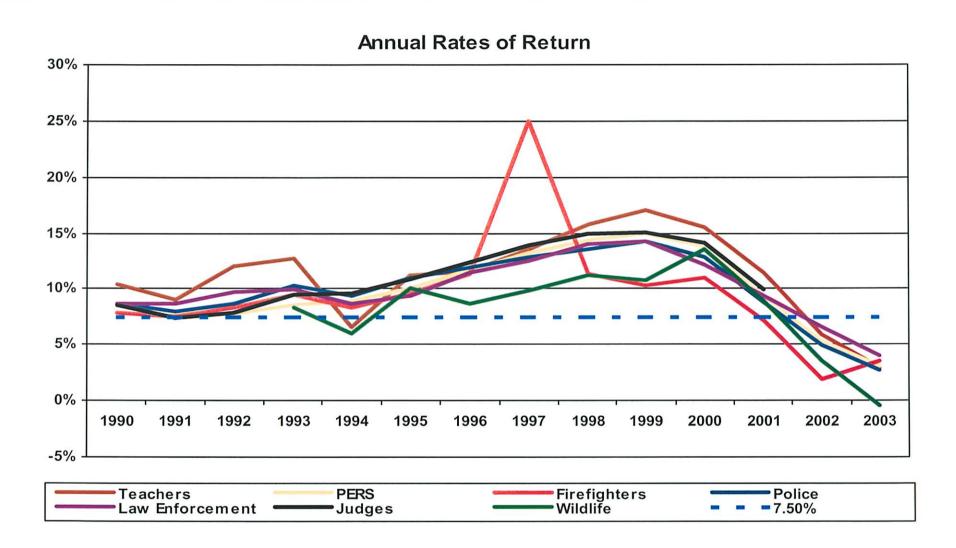
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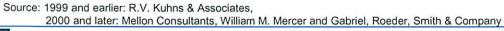


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Investment Return – Actuarial Value

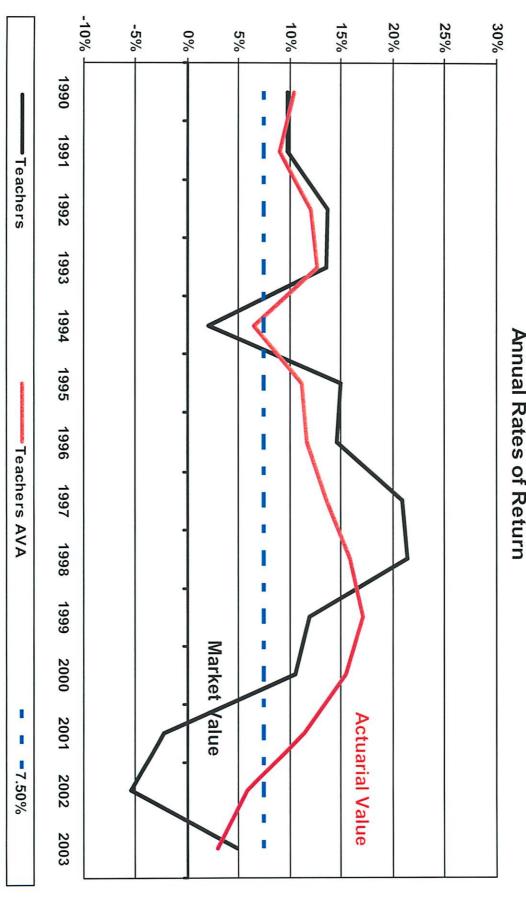






Investment Return – Market Value Volatility





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Retirement System Investment Return Assumptions

- Based on July 1, 2003 Actuarial Valuation Reports from Actuaries¹
- The assumed investment return assumption ranges from 7.5% to 8.0%
- Public Fund assumed investment return median is 8.0%²
- Distribution of investment return assumptions for surveyed public funds below (August, 2003)²

	Mean 2001	2002	Under 7.0%	7.0- 7.4%	7.5- 7.9%	8.0- 8.5%	8.6- 9.1%	9.2- 9.7%	9.8- 10.5%	Over 10.5%	No Answer/ Uncertain
Public Funds	8.3%	8.0%	2%	4%	13%	55%	6%	1%	*%	0%	18%
State	8.3	8.0	2	6	14	47	6	1	0	0	23
Municipal	8.2	8.1	1	3	14	62	5	1	1	0	14
Over \$5 billion	8.3	8.0	3	3	12	57	6	1	0	0	19
\$1,001-5,000 million	8.2	8.1	0	3	16	52	9	0	0	0	20
\$501-1,000 million	8.4	8.0	2	4	14	59	4	0	2	0	14
\$500 million and under	8.2	7.9	2	9	11	55	2	2	0	0	19

Note: Means exclude "None."

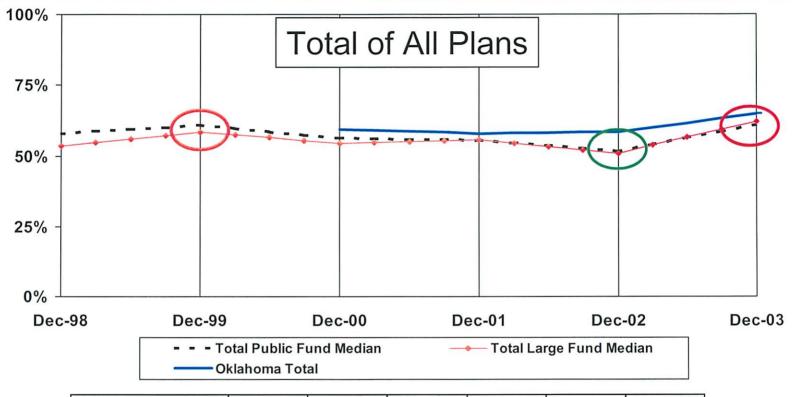
Majority of observations is between 7.5%-8.5%

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	12/98	12/99	12/00	12/01	12/02	12/03
Top 5th percentile	70.0	72.8	71.0	69.1	67.1	72.5
25th percentile	63.0	64.9	60.5	59.4	57.9	65.5
Total Public Median	58.2	61.0	56.4	55.6	51.8	61.0
75th percentile	48.2	54.4	48.8	44.3	42.3	54.6
95th percentile	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.0

Oklahoma Total - 59.3 57.9 58.5 64.6





Number of Managers Used

Mean Number of Investment Managers Used by Funds

Total Funds (1,138) (1,069) (1,064) (1,032)

										Present	t Distribu	tion of N	Managers	
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	1999	2000	2001	2002	1999	2000	2001	2002	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-30	Over 30	Unc.
Corporate Funds	14.0	13.7	14.6	13.1	13.9	14.6	14.3	13.0	20%	27%	23%	19%	6%	2%
Over \$5 billion	36.9	32.5	27.3	26.0	35.2	34.8	26.4	24.0	4	10	19	31	29	6
\$1,001-5,000 million	15.5	14.2	17.5	15.4	15.3	14.7	16.7	15.2	8	20	30	29	6	3
\$501-1,000 million	9.8	9.0	11.6	9.4	10.1	9.5	12.0	9.8	27	30	28	10	1	2
\$500 million and under	6.3	6.6	7.4	8.0	6.8	7.3	7.6	8.5	34	39	12	10	0	1
Public Funds	17.4	16.8	20.2	17.9	17.8	17.9	20.6	17.5	12%	26%	20%	26%	11%	2%
State	22.8	22.1	26.8	22.0	22.9	23.3	26.5	21.6	10	17	18	28	19	3
Municipal	14.8	14.2	16.6	15.1	15.4	15.4	17.5	15.4	13	31	22	25	6	1
Over \$5 billion	35.7	30.2	34.6	30.3	36.0	33.2	34.9	28.8	6	14	9	28	33	4
\$1,001-5,000 million	18.0	17.9	20.6	18.5	18.3	18.9	21.7	18.9	5	16	23	47	5	1
\$501-1,000 million	10.8	12.5	12.3	11.5	11.0	13.5	13.0	12.1	12	37	31	16	2	0
\$500 million and under	6.7	7.2	9.6	7.9	7.4	8.0	10.5	8.5	28	43	21	4	0	2
Endowments	18.3	18.7	17.7	17.4	20.4	21.5	18.2	19.1	13%	21%	25%	25%	10%	3%
Over \$1 billion	32.9	33.7	24.4	24.8	38.7	37.4	22.3	26.0	12	16	25	14	21	2
\$500-1,000 million	16.3	16.8	17.8	17.0	17.5	20.0	19.5	19.4	11	18	21	35	9	3
\$500 million and under	11.0	10.9	13.6	13.3	11.8	12.6	14.8	14.9	15	26	27	25	3	4
Total Funds	15.6	15.4	16.6	15.1	16.0	16.7	16.6	15.3	16%	25%	22%	22%	8%	3%

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Strategies Used

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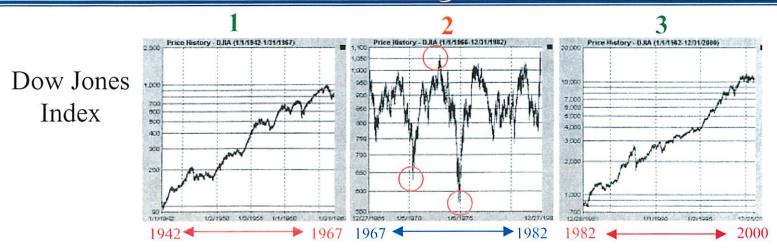
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	Now Use					Will Start	Using			
Type of Investment	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
Domestic equities - total	93%	92%	92%	94%	93%	13%	15%	12%	11%	16%
Active core equity	52%	51%	46%	44%	41%	3%	*%	2%	0%	1%
All cap equities					13%	200				*0%
Value stocks - total	87%	86%	85%	87%	85%	7%	5%	3%	6%	8%
- Large cap	84	81	81	80	75	1	1	1	1	2
- Mid cap				40	39				4	3
- Small cap	59	62	64	64	68	7	4	3	3	4
Growth stocks - total	83%	86%	84%	86%	84%	5%	5%	4%	5%	8%
- Large cap	77	79	80	78	76	2	1	1	1	2
- Mid cap	**			44	37		***		2	4
- Small cap	60	61	63	61	65	4	4	3	2	3
Small cap stocks - total	74%	74%	73%	76%	76%	8%	7%	5%	4%	6%
Passive/index domestic equities	53%	57%	63%	64%	67%	4%	3%	2%	*%	1%
Enhanced index	122	21%	27%	27%	25%		5%	3%	3%	4%
International equities - total	71%	78%	79%	82%	85%	10%	8%	7%	4%	9%
Active or passive bonds - total	92%	90%	89%	89%	91%	6%	4%	5%	4%	5%
- Global	18	18	21	21	17	1	3	1	0	*
- Domestic	94	89	84	86	88	0	0	*	0	*
- International	41	35	32	18	17	6	1	2	1	2
- High yield			28	32	35		**	3	3	4
- CMBS	-	**		**	13	**	***	**	**	*
Balanced funds	13%	10%	11%	13%	10%	1%	*%	0%	0%	0%
Equity real estate	53%	49%	49%	47%	49%	11%	2%	1%	2%	9%
Private equity	21%	29%	29%	35%	35%	5%	2%	5%	5%	5%
Hedge funds	3%		3%	6%	8%		-	2%	3%	9%
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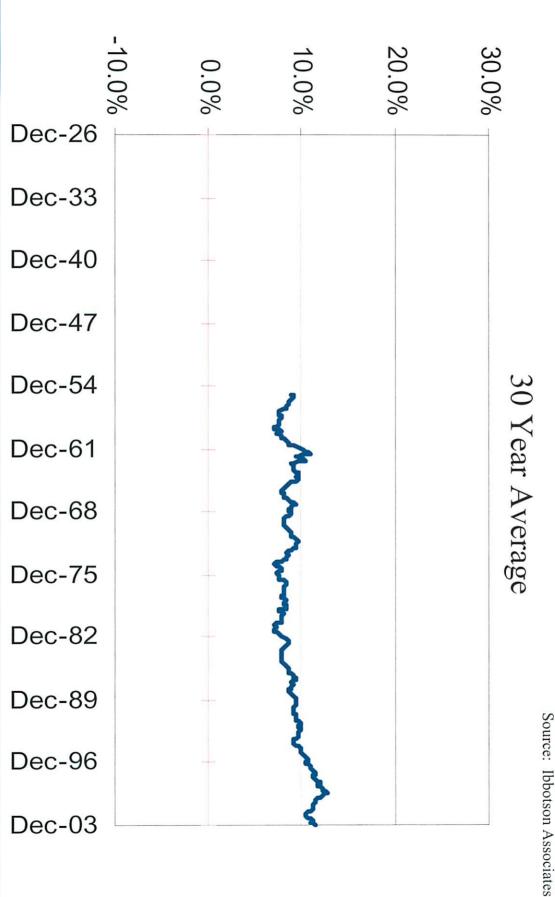
The Need for Sound Management Over Generations



- Both bond and stock markets have long spells of going nowhere, with fierce rallies and declines throughout the dry spell (180 degree reversals)
- Volatility hurts buy-and-hold strategies: over-weight equities at market tops and under-weight equities at market bottoms
- Sometimes discipline is not essential (Charts #1 and #3), sometimes it's the key ingredient to long-term success (Chart #2)
- Discipline now more than ever
- Sharpen your rebalancing plans and execute
- Think outside the box





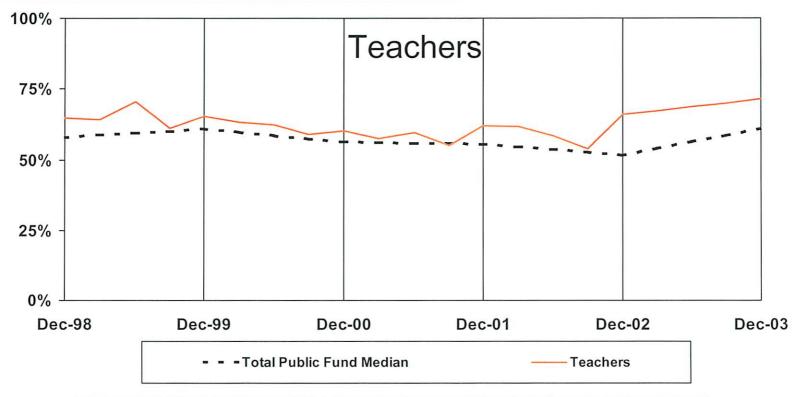






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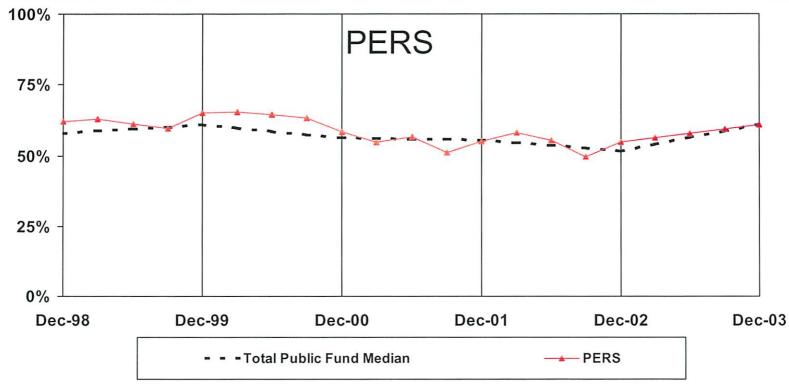


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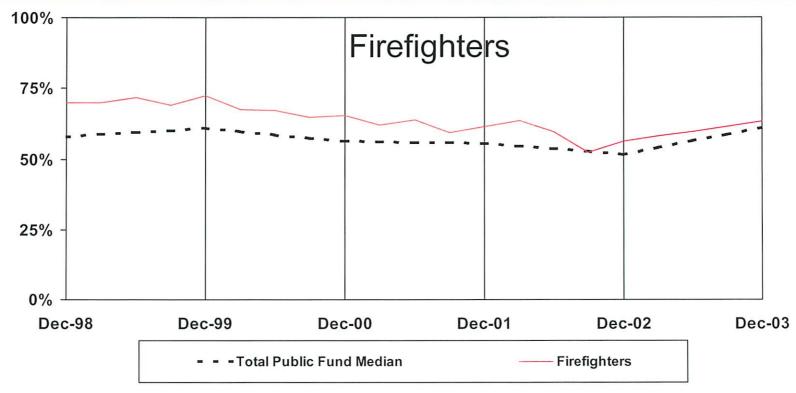




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PERS	62.0	64.9	58.3	54.9	54.8	60.7







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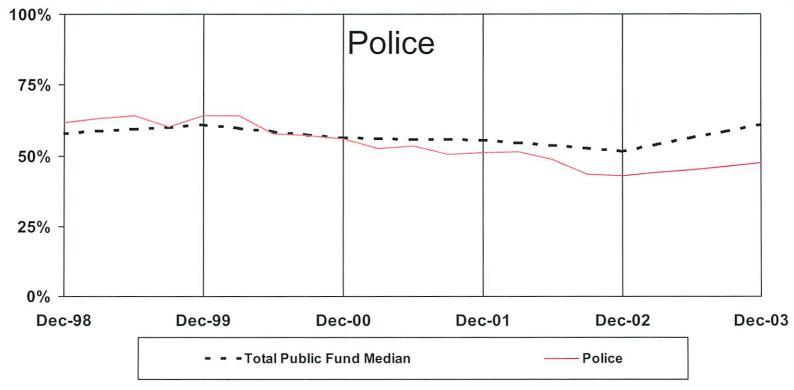
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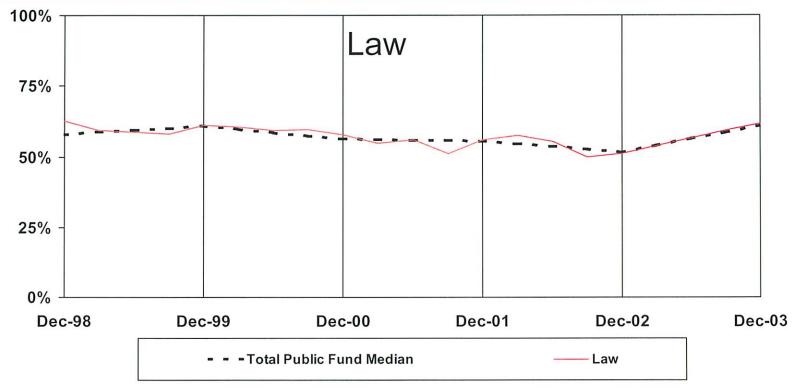


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Police	61.8	64.0	55.8	51.0	42.8	47.3





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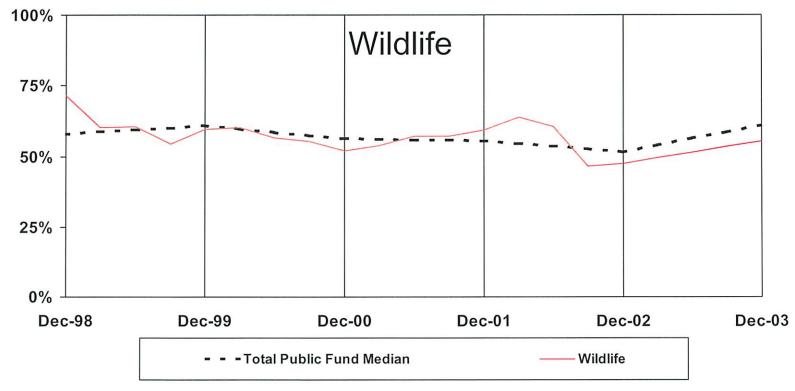
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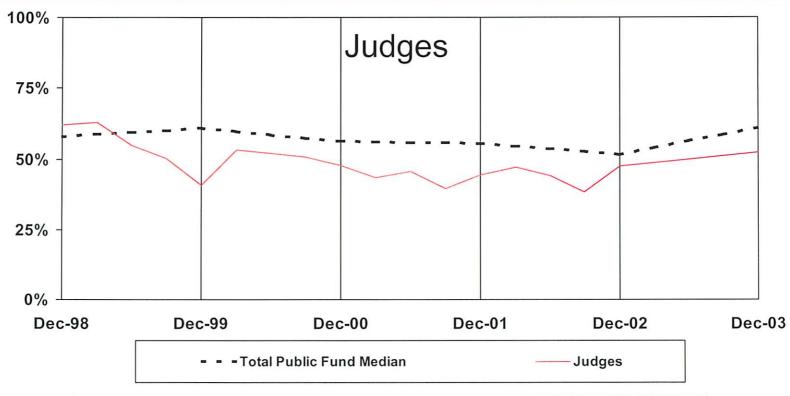


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25th percentile	63.0	64.9	60.5	59.4	57.9	65.5
Total Public Median	58.2	61.0	56.4	55.6	51.8	61.0
75th percentile	48.2	54.4	48.8	44.3	42.3	54.6
95th percentile	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	33.0
Wildlife	71.5	59.5	52.0	59.2	47.4	55.4





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Summary of Major Plan Changes

Changes	Benefit Provisions	Assumption & Methods	Funding	Legislative
System				
Teachers'	Yes	Yes	None	None
	Vesting svc req reduced	Removed Adhoc COLA		
	Interest included on refunds			
	for member < 7rs svc			
	Partial lump sum option available			
	Disabled members may select 100%JS			
OPERS	None	None	None	None
Firefighters	HB 1464:	None	None	Yes
	Retroactive election of DROP permitted			SB 286:
				Amortization of UAAL restarted
				as of July 1, 2003 (not more than
				30 years)
				SB 206: Reapportion of state
				insurance premium taxes
Police	HB 1464:	None	None	Yes
	Retroactive election of DROP permitted			SB 206: Reapportion of state
				insurance premium taxes
Law	SB 668	None	None	Yes
Enforcement	Retroactive election of DROP permitted			SB 206: Reapportion of state
				insurance premium taxes
				SB 408: Lake Patrolmen,
				Dsipatchers, may transfer into Plan
				SB 426: Reduction of funds transferred from vehilce registration fees.
Wildlife	None	None	None	None



Teachers' Retirement System – Submission of Information to State Pension Commission

- During the 2002 legislative session, legislation was adopted that requires the Retirement Board to submit information to the State Pension Commission
- A valuation was to be performed, for informational purposes only, using a prescribed set of assumptions (70 O.S. 2001, Section 17-106.1, Section H)
 - Interest rate of 7.5% (instead of 8.0%)
 - COLA assumption of 2% (instead of 0%)
 - Mortality table (2000 tables instead of 1989 and 1994 tables)
 - Set amortization period of 30 years (instead of a "floating" period)
- Required information was provided to the Board as an addendum to the June 30, 2003 Actuarial Valuation Report performed by Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company
 - AAL = \$14.5 billion (vs. \$11.9 billion)
 - UAAL = \$8.1 billion (vs. \$5.5 billion)
 - Required State contribution = \$610.7 million (vs. current actual contribution of \$128.9 million)



OPERS Retirement System – Submission of Information to State Pension Commission



- During the 2002 legislative session, legislation was adopted that requires the Retirement Board to submit information to the State Pension Commission
- A valuation was to be performed, for informational purposes only, using a prescribed set of assumptions (11 O.S. 2001, Section 50-105.4, Section H)
 - Interest rate of 7.5% (same as current valuation)
 - COLA assumption of 2% (same as current valuation)
 - Mortality table (2000 tables instead of 1983 tables)
 - Set amortization period of 30 years (instead of 40 years)
- Required information was provided to the Board by Mercer (included in the System's Annual Financial Statement)
 - AAL = \$7.2 billion (vs. \$7.0 billion)
 - UAAL = \$1.8 billion (vs. \$1.6 billion)
 - Required State contribution = \$268.8 million (vs. current contribution of \$137.5 million)



Firefighters Retirement System – Submission of Information to State Pension Commission



- During the 2002 legislative session, legislation was adopted that requires the Retirement Board to submit information to the State Pension Commission
- A valuation was to be performed, for informational purposes only, using a prescribed set of assumptions (11 O.S. 2001, Section 49-100.9, Section H)
 - Interest rate of 7.5% (same as current valuation)
 - COLA assumption of 2% (instead of 50% of assumed increase in base pay)
 - Mortality table (2000 tables instead of 1983 and 1994 tables)
 - Set amortization period of 30 years (same as current valuation)
- Required information was provided to the Board as an addendum to the June 30, 2002 Actuarial Valuation Report performed by Buck Consultants
 - AAL = \$2.3 billion (vs. \$1.9 billion)
 - UAAL = \$808 million (vs. \$450 million)
 - Required State contribution = \$92.0 million (vs. current actual contribution of \$50.2 million)



Police Submission of Information to State Pension Commission

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- During the 2002 legislative session, legislation was adopted that requires the Retirement Board to submit information to the State Pension Commission
- A valuation was to be performed, for informational purposes only, using a prescribed set of assumptions (11 O.S. 2001, Section 50 1000). Section H)
 - Interest rate of 7.5% (same as current valuation)
 - COLA assumption of 2% (same for some retireds others receive 33% to 50% of assumed increase in base pay)
 - Mortality table (same as current valuation)
 - Set amortization period of 30 years (instead of 20 years)
- Required information value provided to the Board as an addendum to the June 30, 2002 Actuarial Valuation Report performed by Buck Consultants
 - AAL = \$1.6 billion (vs. \$1.6 billion)
 - UAAL = \$196 million (vs. \$184 million)
 - Required State contribution = \$28 million (vs. current actual contribution of \$20 million)



Law Enforcement Retirement System – Submission of Information to State Pension Commission



- During the 2002 legislative session, legislation was adopted that requires the Retirement Board to submit information to the State Pension Commission
- A valuation was to be performed, for informational purposes only, using a prescribed set of assumptions (11 O.S. 2001, Section 2-303.1, Section H)
 - Interest rate of 7.5% (same as current valuation)
 - COLA assumption of 2% (instead of 3%)
 - Mortality table (same as current valuation)
 - Set amortization period of 30 years (instead of 19 years)
- Required information was provided to the Board as an addendum to the June 30, 2002 Actuarial Valuation Report performed by Buck Consultants
 - AAL = \$662 million (vs. \$667 million)
 - UAAL = \$36 million (vs. \$82 million)
 - Required State contribution = \$12.1 million (vs. current actual contribution of \$15.6 million)





Oklahoma State Pension Commission Retirement System

Summary of Pension Obligation Bonds

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Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs)



What are they?

- POBs are long-term debt obligations issued by a municipality to fund a shortfall between its pension plan liabilities and its assets at one date in time
- POBs are a leveraged attempt to arbitrage by borrowing funds at a low rate and investing those funds at a higher rate

What costs are being transferred/created?

- On an sound actuarial basis, the municipality pays the pension plan <u>annually</u> an amount equal to the normal cost plus a portion of the unfunded liability
- POBs cover the unfunded liability and reduce the municipality's annual pension contribution to just the normal cost
- That unfunded liability payment is re-directed to pay the interest cost of the **POBs**
- Going in, there should be annual cost savings to the municipality as the interest on POBs is less than annual cost to amortize the unfunded liability cost savings is measured by the interest rate difference between the POBs the pension plan's actuarial assumed interest rate Klein's sig.

Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs) – Pros and Cons



Pros for the municipality

- than offsets the interest cost of the POBs Immediate cost savings as the reduction in the annual pension contribution more
- the interest rate on the POBs Long term savings if the long term return earned on the bond proceeds exceed

Cons for the municipality

- POBS are a leveraged strategy
- POBs create two liabilities that the municipality stands behind
- No guarantee that an unfunded liability won't re-appear
- Return on the proceeds of the bond sale must exceed the POB's interest rate
- Actuary's long term assumptions (i.e. mortality) must be fairly accurate
- Cannot measure the success of issuing a POB until many decades have
- Though New Jersey only needed five years



Pension Obligation Bonds (POBs) - Conflicts

- POBs can lead to conflicts between the pension plan and the municipality (i.e. Illinois)
- Risk profiles can differ
 - The risk profile for the municipality certainly has changed
 - Now that the pension plan is (at one moment in time) fully funded, does the risk profile of the plan change?
 - Largely determined by the actuarial interest rate
- Fiduciary obligations differ
 - Pension plan Trustees possess a fiduciary obligation to the Plan's members
 - Municipality has a fiduciary obligation to the tax payer
- Future problems
 - After a cyclical bull market, pension plan funding could be driven well above 100% (see 1999 as an example)
 - Provides an opportunity to "spend" the surplus in a "cost-free" manner
 - Subsequent impact of next bear market is magnified and unfunded liability reappears
- Can be successful if long term game plan is established from day one!

