
Revere Retirement News

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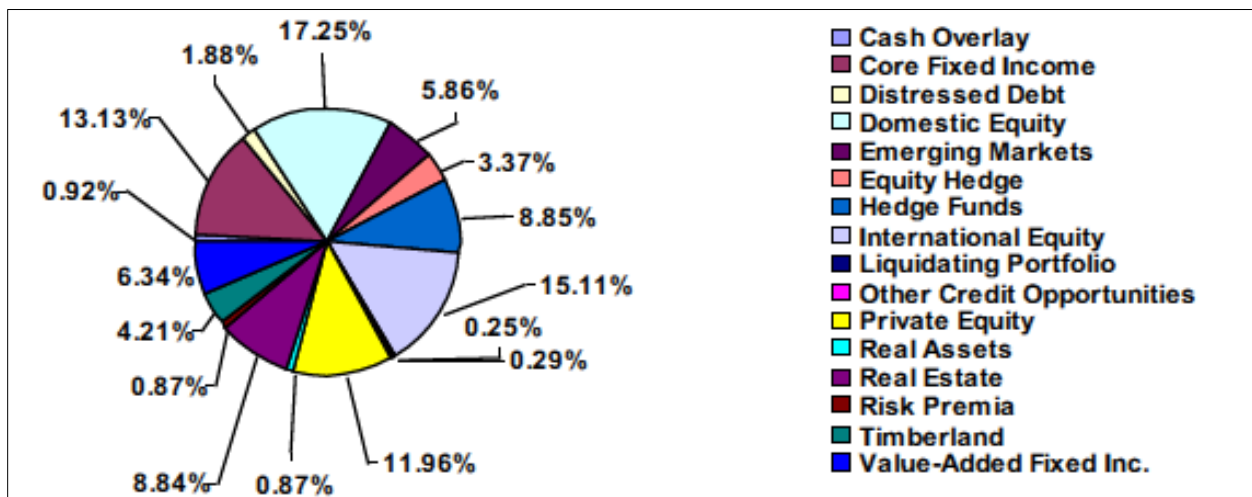
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Overview of the Financial Status of the Revere Retirement System

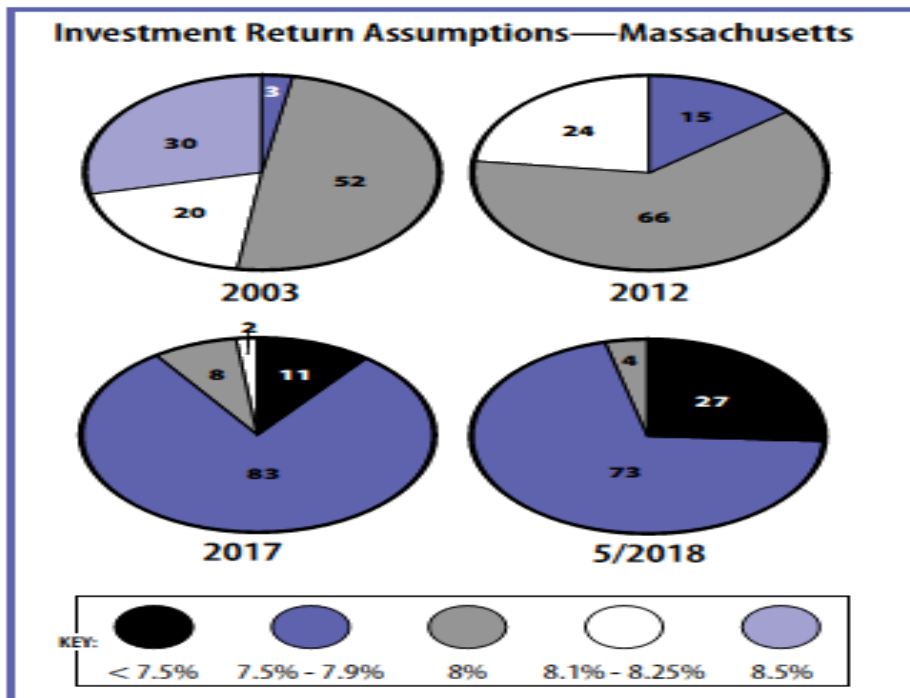
The Revere Retirement Board is pleased to provide this overview of the the financial status of the Revere Retirement System. Since a public retirement plan is an important part of a public employee and retiree’s financial security, the Board believes that members and retirees should have access to all the information regarding the plan.

The Revere Retirement Board members are fiduciaries of the funds of the Retirement System. The Retirement Board reviews its investments on an annual basis to assure that its funds are earning a maximum investment return with appropriate risk. The Retirement Board invests most of the funds of the system (\$162.7M as of 3/31/2019) in the Mass. PRIM Fund, which is a state operated fund which invests pension money for the state, teachers and many of the municipal retirement systems. The PRIM fund is very diversified. This chart shows the current investments of the Revere Retirement System as of the end of December 2018:



PRIT as of 12/31/18

The state agency in charge of public retirement systems (PERAC) biennially conducts a valuation of the Revere Retirement System. The valuation is a snap shot of the financial condition of the retirement system as of the date of the valuation. The Board, together with the state actuary, uses the information gathered for the valuation to determine assumptions that are used to determine the value of the assets of the system. One of the important assumptions is the assumed rate of return. The assets of the system are invested for the very long term, so money will be available to pay current and future retirees. The Board bases the rate of return on historic returns as well as expectations about how the assets will perform in the future. Over the last decade, the trend in public retirement systems in Massachusetts and nationwide is to lower the assumed rate of return, guessing that over the long term the value of the assets will increase at a slower pace than in the past. When the last valuation was completed as of January 2017, the Board decided to reduce the assumed rate of return to 7.4%. The state and Board are currently conducting a new valuation as of January 2019 and will again decide whether to alter the assumptions, including the assumed rate of return. This chart shows the assumed rate of return for all the public retirement systems in Massachusetts:



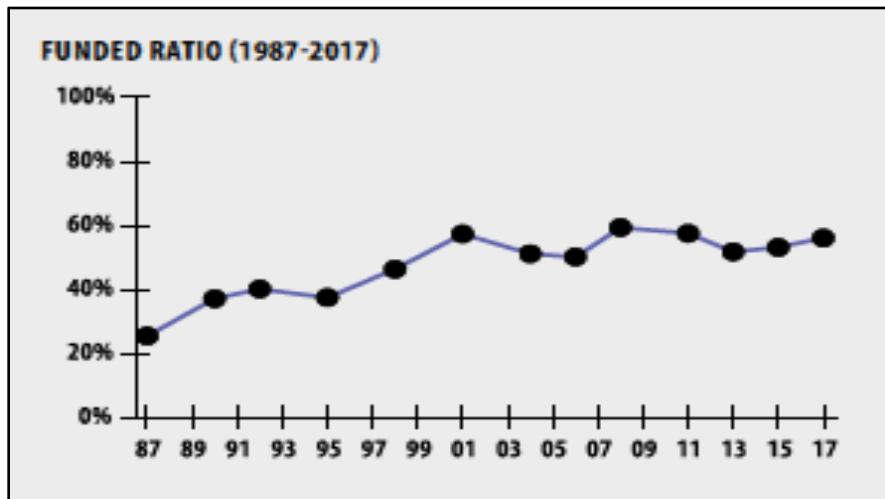
All charts courtesy of PERAC Annual Report 2017

The Board’s investments in PRIM have been profitable for the Board. The 2017 return was 17.54%. The annualized return from 2013-2017 was 9.81%. The annualized

return from 1985-2017 was 8.56%. This chart shows the investment returns over the years:



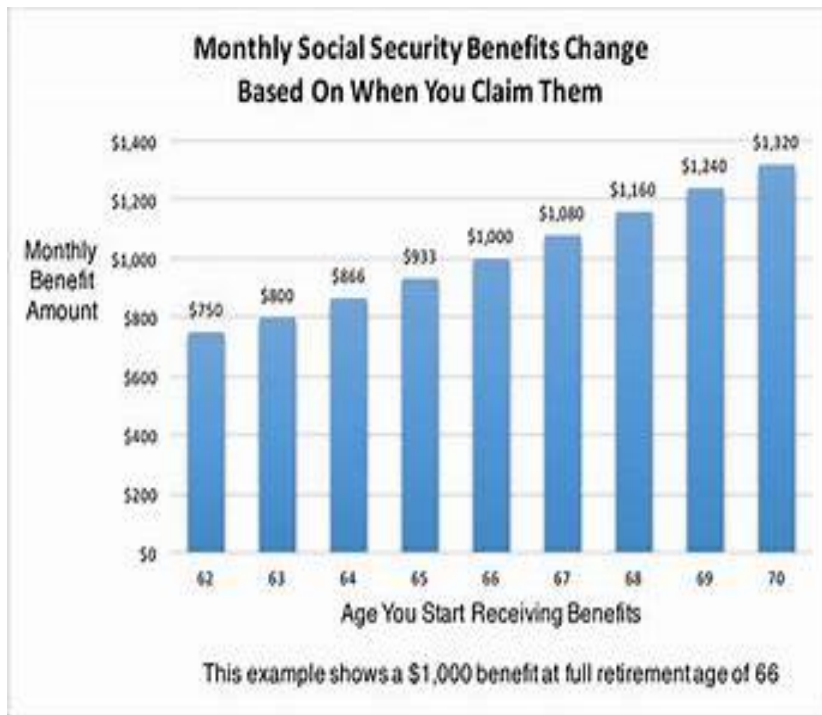
When the actual return of the Board’s assets is greater than assumed actuarial rate of return, the Board’s funding level increases greater than assumed, which is very positive. State law requires the retirement systems to be fully funded (that is, to have enough funds to pay current and future retirement benefits) by 2036. The Revere Retirement System is currently scheduled to be fully funded in 2033. This chart shows the Board’s progress in funding the system from 1987-2017:



We hope that this information is helpful in understanding the funding status of the system.

Staff in the Retirement Office are available to notarize documents. Please be sure to bring a state identification or passport. Please call to confirm the availability of a Notary Public.

Social Security News



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Direct Deposit Dates for 2019

June 28, 2019

July 31, 2019

August 30, 2019

September 30, 2019

October 31, 2019

November 21, 2019

December 18, 2019

Joyce Gaskill to Retire

Longtime Assistant Retirement Administrator Joyce Gaskill will be retiring on July 31, 2019. Joyce has served the City for over 27 years in several departments. The Board thanks Joyce for her service to the Revere Retirement System, the City and the members and retirees.

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- Social Security Letters
- Direct Deposit and other important forms
- Letters for landlords and Housing Authorities

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