

**Table 536. Public Employee Retirement Systems—Participants and Finances: 1980 to 2007**

[4,629 represents 4,629,000. For fiscal year of retirement system, except data for the Thrift Savings Plan are for calendar year. For a definition of defined benefit, see headnote, Table 540.]

Retirement plan	Unit	1980	1990	2000	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007, proj.
<b>TOTAL PARTICIPANTS<sup>1</sup></b>										
Federal retirement systems:										
Defined benefit:										
Civil Service Retirement System . . . . .	1,000	4,629	4,167	3,256	3,201	3,133	3,035	2,958	2,878	2,789
Federal Employees Retirement System <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1,000	(X) 1,180	1,935	2,019	2,140	2,104	2,196	2,290	2,371	
Military Service Retirement System <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	1,000	3,380	3,763	3,397	3,453	3,457	3,545	3,536	3,560	3,585
Thrift Savings Plan <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	1,000	(X) 1,625	2,500	3,000	3,200	3,400	3,600	3,700	3,900	
State and local retirement systems <sup>5, b</sup> . . . . .	1,000	(NA) 16,858	16,834	17,264	17,650	17,890	17,932	18,484	18,583	
<b>ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS</b>										
Federal retirement systems:										
Defined benefit:										
Civil Service Retirement System . . . . .	1,000	2,700	1,826	978	906	854	788	722	650	580
Federal Employees Retirement System <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	1,000	(X) 1,136	1,668	1,717	1,808	1,882	1,952	2,014	2,066	
Military Service Retirement System <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	1,000	2,050	2,130	1,437	1,465	1,468	1,480	1,445	1,443	1,438
Thrift Savings Plan <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	1,000	(X) 1,419	1,900	2,300	2,400	2,500	2,800	2,600	2,600	
State and local retirement systems <sup>5, b</sup> . . . . .	1,000	(NA) 11,345	13,917	14,123	14,249	14,181	14,116	14,529	14,422	
<b>ASSETS</b>										
Federal retirement systems	Bil. dol.	258	1,047	2,950	3,016	3,092	3,472	3,697	4,023	4,537
Defined benefit:	Bil. dol.	73	326	782	858	920	977	1,039	1,111	1,160
Civil Service Retirement System . . . . .	Bil. dol.	73	318	684	756	791	825	866	904	928
Federal Employees Retirement System <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	73	220	395	417	425	433	440	442	428
Military Service Retirement System <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	(X) 18	126	162	183	204	228	254	282	
Thrift Savings Plan <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	(7)	80	163	177	183	188	198	208	218
State and local retirement systems <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	(X) 8	98	102	129	152	173	207	232	
Total . . . . .	Bil. dol.	185	721	2,168	2,158	2,172	2,495	2,658	2,912	3,377
<b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>										
Federal retirement systems	Bil. dol.	83	103	143	151	161	187	189	205	222
Defined benefit:	Bil. dol.	19	61	78	85	86	95	98	108	115
Civil Service Retirement System . . . . .	Bil. dol.	19	59	69	73	72	79	82	88	94
Federal Employees Retirement System <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	19	28	33	34	29	34	33	34	35
Military Service Retirement System <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	(X) 4	8	10	11	13	13	15	16	
Thrift Savings Plan <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	(7) 27	28	30	32	32	38	39	43	
State and local retirement systems <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	(X) 2	9	12	14	16	16	20	21	
Total . . . . .	Bil. dol.	64	42	65	66	75	92	91	97	107
<b>BENEFITS</b>										
Federal retirement systems	Bil. dol.	39	89	172	196	211	226	240	257	274
Defined benefit:	Bil. dol.	27	53	81	86	89	93	99	105	112
Civil Service Retirement System . . . . .	Bil. dol.	27	53	78	84	86	89	94	98	104
Federal Employees Retirement System <sup>2</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	15	31	44	47	48	50	52	54	57
Military Service Retirement System <sup>3</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	(X) (Z)	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4
Thrift Savings Plan <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	12	22	33	35	36	37	39	41	43
State and local retirement systems <sup>5</sup> . . . . .	Bil. dol.	(X) (Z)	3	2	3	4	5	7	8	

NA Not available. X Not applicable. Z Less than \$500 million. <sup>1</sup> Includes active, separated vested, retired employees and survivors. <sup>2</sup> The Federal Employees Retirement System was established June 6, 1986. <sup>3</sup> Includes nondisability and disability retirees, surviving families, and all active personnel with the exception of active reserves. <sup>4</sup> The Thrift Savings Plan (a defined contribution plan) was established April 1, 1987. <sup>5</sup> Excludes state and local plans that are fully supported by employee contributions. <sup>b</sup> Not adjusted for double counting of individuals participating in more than one plan. <sup>7</sup> The Military Retirement System was unfunded until October 1, 1984.

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