



A message from the Director, U.S. Census Bureau...

The U.S. Census Bureau is requesting your help with the 2014 Annual Survey of Public Pensions. This survey, authorized by Title 13, United States Code, Section 182, provides measures of revenue, expenditures, investments, and membership for state and local government employee retirement systems in the United States.

This survey is the only comprehensive source of information on public employee retirement system finances in the United States. The information collected serves as an integral part of the foundation for developing national economic and public policy by measuring public activity.

Your response is critical to ensure the accuracy of these data. These data are used by the Bureau of Economic Analysis to update the governments sectors of the Gross Domestic Product accounts. The Federal Reserve Board uses these data in developing the Flow of Funds Accounts. Investment bankers and analysts monitor these data to assess changes in the investment patterns of public employee retirement systems. Also, public policy specialists and economists use these data in econometric models to assess general economic conditions of state and local government financial activities.

You may respond to this survey online at the following address: **respond.census.gov/aspp**. To log in and complete the questionnaire online, use the User ID and Password found on the enclosed paper questionnaire. If you prefer to respond by mail, answer the questions on the questionnaire and return the questionnaire in the enclosed envelope. Respond either by mail or online – but not both.

If you need assistance with your response, please contact us by phone at 1-800-832-2839 weekdays between 7 AM and 5 PM ET, or by email at govs.pensions@census.gov.

Please retain a copy of your response for your records.

Thank you for participating in the 2014 Annual Survey of Public Pensions. The Census Bureau appreciates your help.

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