

“Basic” Members in Minnesota Public Pension Plans

Basic members

"Basic" members are pension plan members who do not receive Social Security benefits based on service covered by the pension plan. Basic members include public safety employees and other employees hired before the retirement plan coordinated with Social Security (*generally before 1980*).

Basic member data as of July 1, 2022

	Active Members	Vested Deferred Members		Benefit Recipients					
				Retirees		Survivors		Disabilitants	
				No.	Average Annual Benefit	No.	Average Annual Benefit	No.	Average Annual Benefit
State Patrol	937	78	\$26,026	888	\$60,739	167	\$39,024	85	\$47,427
Legislators Plan/ Elected State Officers	12	25	\$22,956	257	\$25,575	92	\$21,332	0	\$0
PERA General	2	11	\$7,321	2,294	\$42,706	1,357	\$32,434	49	\$42,339
PERA MERF	4	5	\$26,038	1,873	\$40,409	548	\$37,440	56	\$30,109
PERA P&F	11,629	1,864	\$25,777	8,236	\$58,549	1,959	\$33,826	1,912	\$50,190
TRA	1	2	\$48,998	1,987	\$61,475	657	\$55,578	0	\$0
SPTIFA	0	0	\$0	1,271	\$44,800	273	\$38,481	0	\$0
Total ²	12,585	1,985	\$157,116	16,806	\$334,253	5,053	\$258,115	2,102	\$170,065

¹ Average annual benefit with augmentation to December 31, 2018, and appropriate retirement plan percentage Combined Service Annuity load

² Total Average Annual Benefit is a total of the above amounts, not the average

Statutory references

Chapter 3A Legislators first elected before July 1, 1997, and who have not elected to transfer to the Unclassified Plan.

Chapter 352B State law enforcement personnel. This includes peace officers under Section 626.84 working for:

- ❖ the State Patrol;
- ❖ the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension;
- ❖ a Fugitive Apprehension Unit at the Dept. of Corrections;
- ❖ Commerce Fraud Bureau; and
- ❖ the Dept. of Natural Resources as a conservation officer.

See Minn. Stat. § 352B.011, Subd. 10, for a complete list.

Chapter 353 PERA General Plan – A small number of local government employees in non-public-safety roles first hired before 1968.

See Minn. Stat. § 353.01, Subd. 2a.

PERA Police and Fire Plan – Local government law enforcement personnel who are peace officers under §§ 656.84 to 626.863 and full time firefighters engaged in the hazards of firefighting. This includes:

- ❖ municipal police officers including supervisory ranks up to Chief;
- ❖ county sheriff's deputies;
- ❖ University of Minnesota, Metro Transit, and Metropolitan Airports Commission police officers;
- ❖ certain employees of the Minnesota Sheriffs' Association;
- ❖ some tribal police;
- ❖ paramedics and EMTs and their supervisors employed by Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc.; and
- ❖ certain Department of Military Affairs firefighters.

See Minn. Stat. § 353.64, for a complete list of covered employees.

Chapter 354 A small number of teachers first hired before 1957. Teachers include:

- ❖ licensed teachers;
- ❖ supervisors, principals, and superintendents;
- ❖ librarians, nurses, counselors, social workers, therapists, or psychologists working in a school; and
- ❖ certain employees and faculty of the Minnesota Colleges and University system

See § 354.05 Subd. 2, for a complete list of covered employees.

Chapter 354A A small number of teachers and administrators employed by the Saint Paul School District first hired before 1978