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"Basic" members are pension plan members who do not receive Social Security benefits, including 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, 2018 <sup>1</sup>

	Active Members	Vested Deferred Members		Benefit Recipients					
				Retirees		Survivors		Disabilitants	
				No.	Average Annual Benefit <sup>2</sup>	No.	Average Annual Benefit	No.	Average Annual Benefit
State Patrol	921	56	\$22,355	862	\$59,926	150	\$35,700	59	\$45,190
Old Legislators Plan/ Elected State Officers	19	39	\$29,478	293	\$24,251	79	\$21,478	0	\$0
PERA General	3	18	\$13,111	3,533	\$40,641	1,807	\$31,090	82	\$42,205
PERA MERF	9	14	\$11,550	2,416	\$38,462	604	\$34,601	80	\$26,866
PERA P&F	11,669	1,580	\$20,137	7,534	\$54,890	1,875	\$31,897	1,347	\$46,650
TRA	2	5	\$42,319	2,878	\$58,921	737	\$52,928	0	\$0
SPTRFA	1	3	\$112,334	1,504	\$43,498	278	\$38,454	1	\$13,681
Total <sup>3</sup>	12,624	1,715	\$251,284	19,020	\$320,589	5,530	\$246,148	1,569	\$174,592

<sup>1</sup> Not including volunteer firefighters, whose benefits are not likely a major portion of their retirement earnings

<sup>2</sup> Average annual benefit with augmentation to December 31, 2018, and appropriate retirement plan percentage Combined Service Annuity load

<sup>3</sup> Total Average Annual Benefit is a total of the above amounts, not the average

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## Basic member statutory references

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- 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