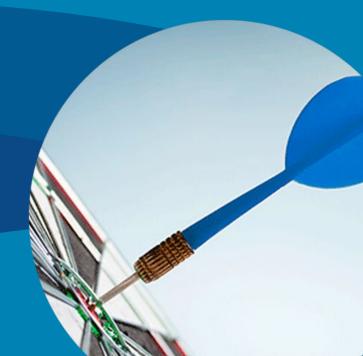


# Employer Contribution Rates: Summary of 2023 Actuarial Valuation Results

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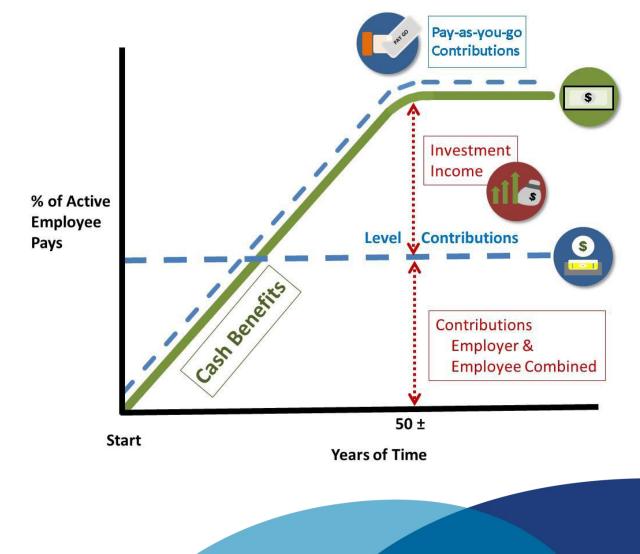
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# 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Actuarial Valuations

- Actuarial valuations of individual participating employers are made for the purposes of:
  - Revising employer contribution rates for fiscal years beginning in 2024
  - Examining the reserve strength of each separately experience-rated group
- Actuarial valuations are also made of retired life benefits being paid from the Benefit Reserve Fund to determine the financial condition of this pooled fund

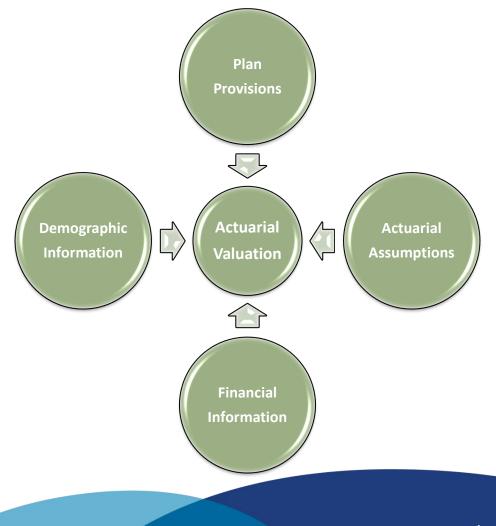


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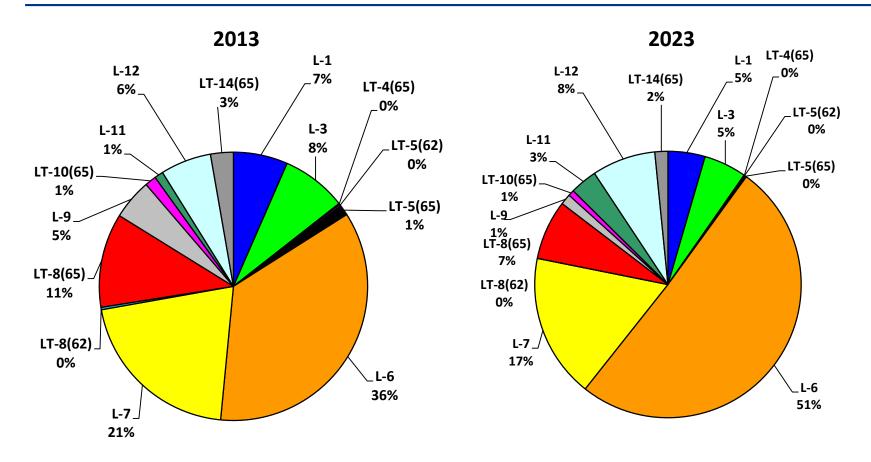
## **Actuarial Valuation Process**

- The actuarial valuation is a mathematical process used to project future payments based on specified benefit provisions
- These projected payouts are converted to equivalent present value amounts and a corresponding level percent-of-payroll contribution rate is determined





### Benefit Programs – 2013 vs. 2023 By Active Membership



Avg. Benefit Multipliers: Life: 1.66%, Temporary: 0.08%

Avg. Benefit Multipliers: Life: 1.78%, Temporary: 0.05%



## **Introduction - Risk Areas**

- Decrement Risk Areas
  - Rates of withdrawal
  - Rates of disability
  - Rates of retirement
  - Rates of mortality
- Economic Risk Areas
  - Investment return
  - Inflation
  - Patterns of salary increases

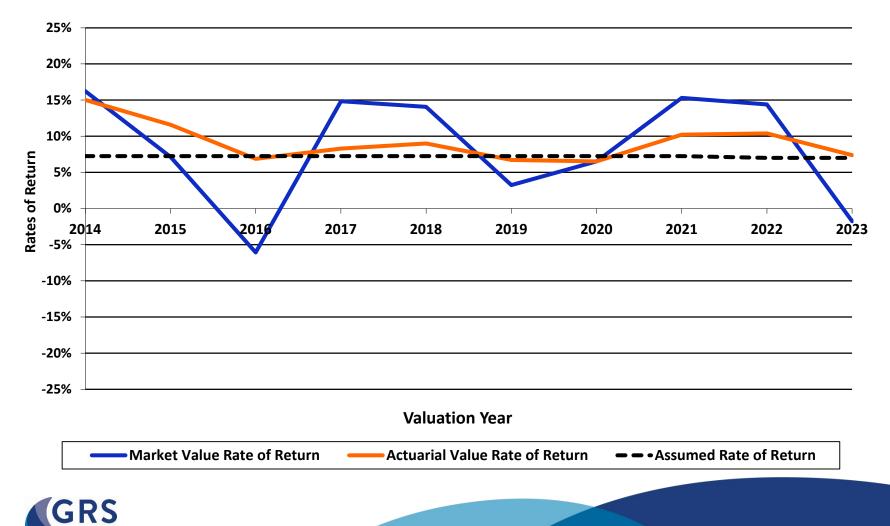


## **Actuarial Value of Assets**

- Reported market values are converted to an actuarial value of assets for valuation purposes.
- Actuarial value of assets recognizes assumed investment return fully each year. Differences between market return and assumed return are phased-in over a closed 5-year period.
- Actuarial value of assets is not permitted to deviate from market value by more than 20% (introduced in the 2003 valuations).

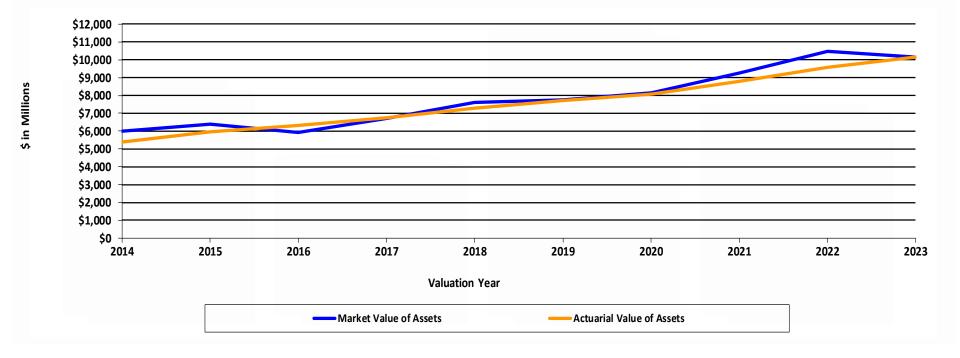


## Asset Rates of Returns



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## Market Value vs. Actuarial Value







## **Components of Employer Contribution Rates**

#### • Normal Cost Rate

- Cost associated with an active member accruing an additional year of service credit
- Casualty Rate
  - "Pooled" cost associated with disability and duty death-in-service benefits
- Prior Service Cost Rate
  - Cost associated with the amortization of the difference between actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets



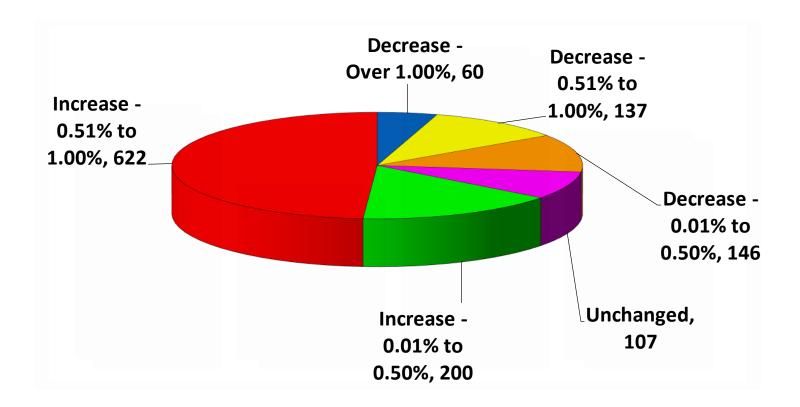
# **Change in Employer Contributions**

Valuation Date	Decreases	Unchanged	Increases	Total
2-28-2014	772	52	231	1,055
2-28-2015	738	80	244	1,062
2-29-2016*	255	53	759	1,067
2-28-2017	397	105	576	1,078
2-28-2018	494	135	487	1,116
2-28-2019	385	105	651	1,141
2-29-2020	342	94	771	1,207
2-28-2021*	659	97	469	1,225
2-28-2022	585	116	544	1,245
2-28-2023	343	107	822	1,272

\* Revised actuarial assumptions.



## **Change in Employer Contributions**





## Recent Valuation Results (\$ in Billions)

	As of February 28,					5 Year
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Average
Market Value Rate of Return	3.2%	6.5%	15.3%	14.4%	(1.8)%	7.3%
Funding Value Rate of Return	6.7%	6.5%	10.2%	10.4%	7.4%	8.2%
Market Value of Assets	\$ 7.749	\$ 8.137	\$ 9.246	\$ 10.457	\$ 10.141	
Funding Value of Assets	\$ 7.698	\$ 8.084	\$ 8.777	\$ 9.572	\$ 10.141	
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 8.113	\$ 8.631	\$ 9.182	\$ 9.922	\$ 10.659	
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 0.415	\$ 0.547	\$ 0.405	\$ 0.350	\$ 0.518	
Funded Ratio	94.9%	93.7%	95.6%	96.5%	95.1%	
BRF Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$ 3.557	\$ 3.824	\$ 3.943	\$ 4.323	\$ 4.722	
BRF Funding Value of Assets	\$ 3.840	\$ 4.122	\$ 4.615	\$ 5.141	\$ 5.573	
BRF Reserve for Future Experience	\$ 0.283	\$ 0.298	\$ 0.672	\$ 0.818	\$ 0.851	
BRF Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	
BRF Funded Ratio	108.0%	107.8%	117.1%	118.9%	118.0%	
Average Total Contribution Rates (Capped)	13.71%	14.38%	14.15%	14.25%	14.97%	
Average Total Contribution Rates (Uncapped) (as a % of payroll)	14.00%	14.76%	14.39%	14.41%	15.39%	



## **Uncapped Contribution Rate**

- Uncapped employer contribution rate as a % of payroll
  - Determined annually for each employer
  - Reflects actuarial experience during the year
    - Such as investment gains/losses
  - Increases are not limited

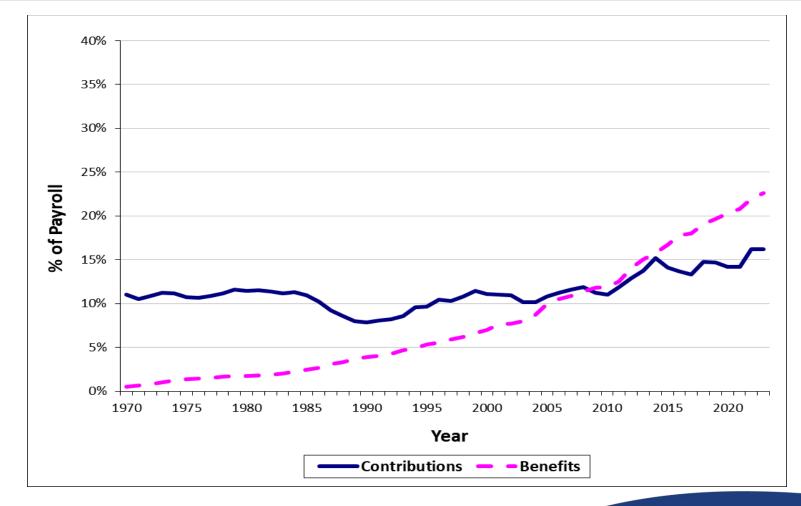


## **Capped Contribution Rate**

- Capped employer contribution rate as a % of payroll
  - Often will equal the uncapped rate
  - However, Section 70.730 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, limits the increase to one percent of payroll each year
    - Not including the effects of any benefit changes
  - In the absence of future actuarial gains, the capped rate is expected to increase by 1% of payroll each year until it equals the uncapped rate

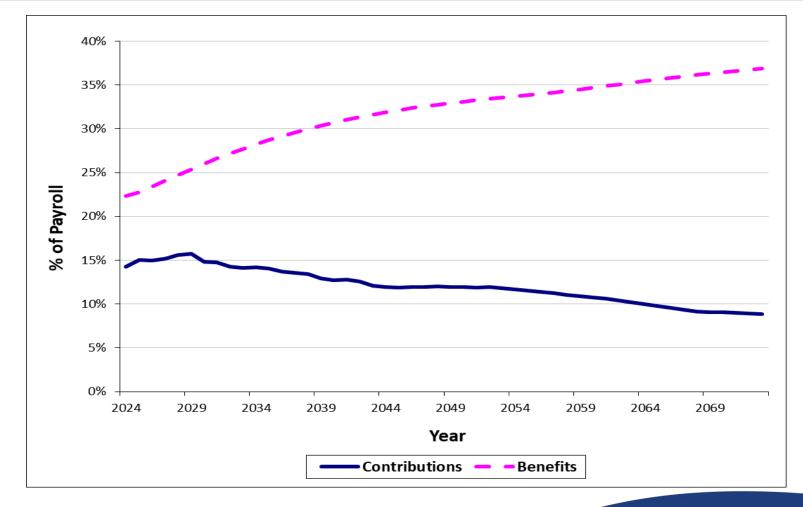


# Historical Total Contribution Income (Employer plus Member) and Benefit Payout





# Projected Total Contribution Income (Employer plus Member) and Benefit Payout





## Summary

Actuarial valuations were performed for 1,272 valuation groups

- 378 groups are at the 1% "employer cap"

- Funded ratio of the System decreased to 95.1% as of February 28, 2023 from 96.5% as of February 28, 2022
- BRF funded ratio decreased to 118.0% as of February 28, 2023 from 118.9% as of February 28, 2022
  - BRF reserve for future experience is approximately \$851 million



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