

NEVADA STATE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

PERS Report

to the

2024 Delegate Assembly

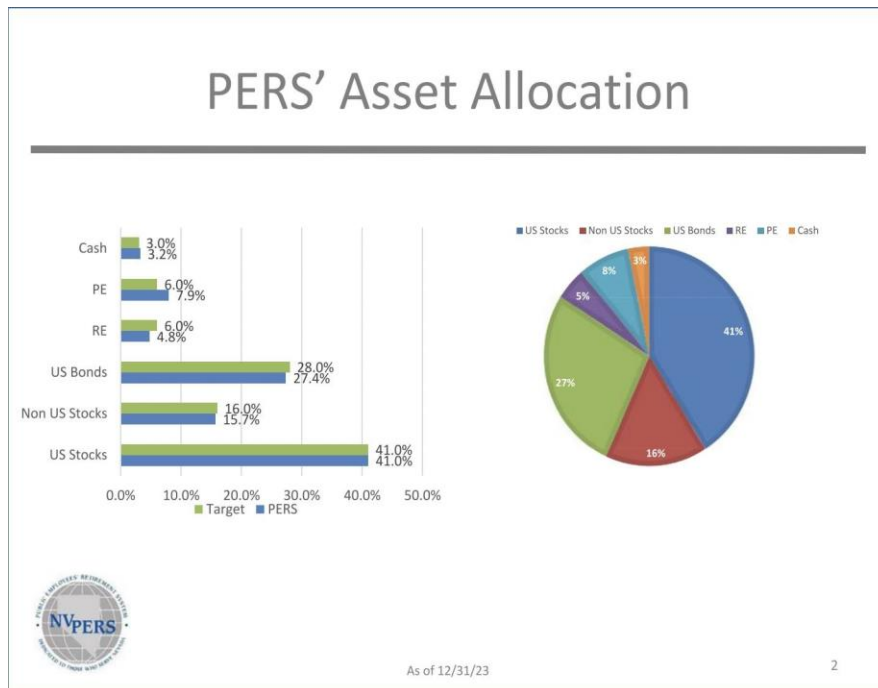
The Nevada Public Employees' Retirement System (NV PERS/System) recently celebrated its 75th year! The 1947 Session of the Nevada Legislature passed the Nevada Retirement Act. This Act created the Nevada Public Employees' System and was signed into law on March 27, 1947, by Governor Vail Pittman. The System started with approximately 3,000 members and 64 retirees. In 1949, the average retirement benefit was approximately \$90 per month, and the Retirement Act limited benefits to a maximum of \$200 per month. Keep in mind that in 1949, you could probably buy a pair of Levis for about \$3.00.

Today, the Public Employees' Retirement System has approximately 106,000 active members and over 76,000 benefit recipients. The average monthly benefit for regular members of the system is just over \$3,300, and the System maintains a strong financial standing with over \$60 billion.

Nevada's pension fund is known for its simple and conservative portfolio strategy despite an increasing trend of complex investment strategies pursued by many of its pension peers. Due to this simple and conservative strategy, PERS has continued to be one of the top-ranked pension funds in the nation.

The System's total costs to administer the program continue to be significantly lower than other states. The System is designed for maximum efficiency. The industry cost is approximately \$318.9 million while the System's is \$76.2 million. The System's administration cost is 76% less than the industry. Over long periods, the System's low-cost portfolio structure has outperformed more complex, higher-cost investment programs.

The System is 100% indexed in public market asset classes. Index funds are benchmarked to replicate broadly diversified, high quality, liquid securities to provide pure exposure to equity and fixed income market risk. Indexing allows PERS to reduce the portfolio's complexity and to keep costs low.



“I think that the most exciting thing about working for a public pension is that, unlike a lot of jobs, I never forget why I'm here. Our job is to ensure that the investment portfolio does its job for our members and beneficiaries. Every day I see myself coming to work for the 150,000 members who are public employees of our system. I feel pretty good about that. I feel good about getting to do something that I feel is worthwhile and can positively influence the hardworking public employees of the State of Nevada. I believe in what we're doing and that is the most exciting thing about working for Nevada PERS.”

- Steve Edmundson, Investment Officer

PERS will continue with this proven strategy and rebalance the portfolio assets as the market fluctuates. Due to the simple and conservative strategy, PERS can respond quicker to market impacts.

Planning to Retire!

Planning for your Retirement Programs are available for all current public employees who may or may not be vested in the PERS System or those who want to learn more about PERS benefits. NVPERS will discuss retirement benefits, disability benefits, survivor benefits, purchasing service credit and more!

Ready to Retire!

Topics include a brief review of the benefit formula, the timeline for retirement, the application completion process, check deductions, post-retirement increases, reemployment and the PERS website. Attend this program *after* the Planning for Your Retirement Program.

This program is for members who are within 1 year of retirement.

Visit the website below for either program:

<https://www.nvpers.org/informational/carson-city/planning-ahead>

Respectfully Submitted,
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