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As Required by Section 3307.51, Ohio Revised Code

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Year in Review-2024

The State Teachers Retirement Board is permitted by law to offer a cost-sharing, multiple-employer health care plan. STRS Ohio provides access to health care coverage to eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined plan and their eligible dependents.

Coverage under the current program includes hospital inpatient and outpatient services, physicians' services, outpatient services, prescription drugs and partial reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The State Teachers Retirement Board has discretionary authority over how much, if any, of the associated health care costs will be absorbed by the plan. Benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. STRS Ohio has established a health care assistance program for low-income career teachers that provides health care coverage at no cost to the benefit recipient.

The Retirement Board has established a Health Care Fund within the Employers' Trust Fund from which health care benefits are paid. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Board continued to allocate 0% of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. Assets in the Health Care Fund are reported at fair value, and investment earnings are credited at the market rates of return earned by the total pool of STRS Ohio investments.

In December 2018, the Retirement Board adopted a health care plan policy. The policy including the Metrics to Guide Funding Policy and Metrics to Guide Health Care Plan Management Policy in the Board Policy Appendices states the board's objectives for the health care plan and lays out clear criteria for making decisions regarding changes to benefits, as well as when those changes should be considered by the board. The policy indicates the goal is to provide a sustainable long-term health care program and to make benefit adjustments as conditions allow or are necessary.

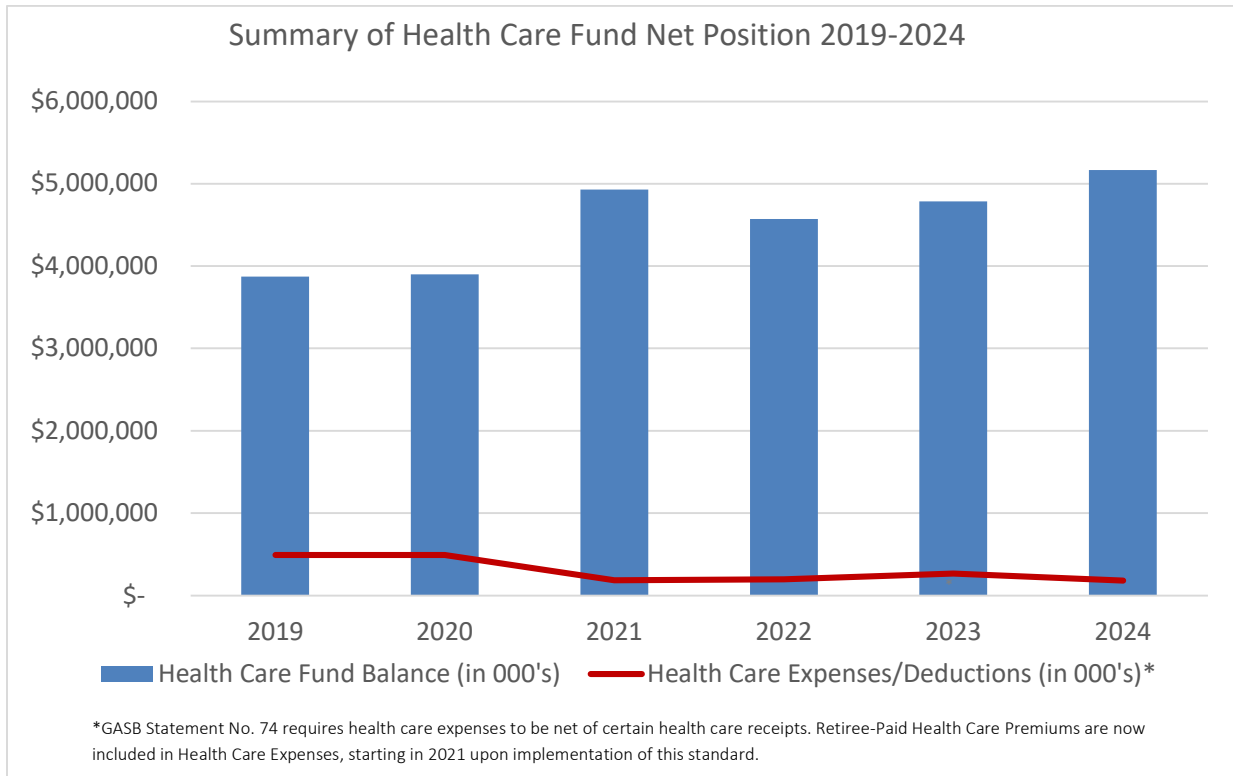
The Health Care Plan net position increased to \$5.2 billion as of June 30, 2024, from \$4.8 billion as of June 30, 2023, primarily as a result of net investment income in fiscal year 2024. Government reimbursements were \$91.9 million in fiscal 2024 compared to \$100.5 million in fiscal 2023 due to decreases in federal reinsurance for the STRS Ohio Medicare Part D drug plan. Payments for health care claims, net of health care premiums and provider administrative fees, totaled \$182.8 million in fiscal 2024, a decrease of \$82.8 million or 31% from the previous fiscal year. This is primarily attributed to the board approving measures that provided a \$600 rebate to health care enrollees during fiscal 2023, that was not repeated in fiscal 2024. Premium income was \$150.6 million in fiscal 2024 compared to \$176.6 million in fiscal 2023.

The annual health care actuarial valuation showed that benefit payments for the 12-month period ending June 30, 2024, totaled \$333.4 million. The funded ratio of the plan is 158.0% and assuming the fund earns 7.00% in all future years and all other plan experience matches assumptions, the fund is projected to remain solvent for all current retirees with a 47% probability of funding 60 years from now. The health care program remains susceptible to volatility from investment returns, government reimbursement changes, enrollment fluctuations and health care inflation and received no employer contributions.

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Financial Information
Fiscal Year 2024 (in 000's)

Additions	Deductions	Fund Balance	Solvency Period ¹	Employer Allocation
\$568,200	\$184,917	\$5,166,687	Solvent for all current retirees with 47% chance of funding 60 years from now	0%



Health Care Fund Balance (as graphed above)		
	Health Care Fund Balance (in 000's)	Health Care Expenses/Deductions (in 000's)*
2019	\$ 3,872,158	\$ 491,521
2020	\$ 3,897,296	\$ 492,817
2021	\$ 4,929,739	\$ 185,734
2022	\$ 4,570,040	\$ 195,912
2023	\$ 4,783,404	\$ 267,851
2024	\$ 5,166,687	\$ 184,917

¹Solvency period based on each system's individual valuation and underlining assumptions.

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Average Cost Per Participant Paid by State Teachers Retirement System Fiscal Year 2024

Non-Medicare Recipients	Medicare Recipients
\$810	\$132

Non-Medicare recipients include all benefit recipients who are not eligible for Medicare.

Medicare recipients include all benefit recipients who are eligible for Medicare Part A and/or Part B. The enrollee premiums are based on pooling Medicare-eligible individuals together; therefore, the above STRS Ohio subsidies reflect costs averaged across enrollees with Medicare Parts A&B and Medicare Part B-only. Without this pooling, the actual cost for enrollees with Medicare Part B-only would be three times higher than the combined cost.

Population of Benefit Recipients As of June 30, 2024

Age and Service	Disability	All Others (Survivors, Beneficiaries, etc.)	Total Recipients	Percent Medicare A&B	Percent Medicare B-only	Percent Non-Medicare
90,025	2,741	3,915	96,681	82%	10%	8%

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Aetna Basic (Non-Medicare)

	In-Network & Indemnity ¹	Out-of-Network ¹
Deductible ²	\$2,500 per enrollee	\$5,000 per enrollee
Out-of-Pocket Limit ²	\$6,500 per enrollee (includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance)	\$13,000 per enrollee (includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance)
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited	
Medical Services (% covered by plan)		
Outpatient	Plan pays 80%	Plan pays 50%
Mental Health	Inpatient and Outpatient: Plan pays 80%	Inpatient and Outpatient: Plan pays 50%
Surgery	Plan pays 80%	Plan pays 50%
Emergency Services		
Emergency Room	Enrollee pays \$150, then 20% after deductible; copayment waived if admitted	
Urgent Care	Enrollee pays \$40, then 20% after deductible	
Preventive Services		
Annual Physical	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible); limit one per calendar year	
Flu Vaccines	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible)	
EKG, Cholesterol, Blood Sugar, Lipid, Colonoscopy, Sigmoidoscopy, Bone Density Testing	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible); limited designated services; frequency/age/gender limitations apply based on U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations	

¹ For services deemed medically necessary by the plan administrator, indemnity and out-of-network payments are based on allowed amounts determined by the prevailing geographical area fee schedule. If nonparticipating providers charge in excess of these amounts, the enrollee may be responsible for the excess charges.

² Annual deductible must be met before plan begins making payments, unless otherwise noted. In-network and out-of-network accumulations are separate.

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Aetna Basic Health Care Assistance Plan (Non-Medicare)

	In-Network & Indemnity ¹	Out-of-Network ¹
Deductible ²	\$300 per enrollee	\$300 per enrollee
Out-of-Pocket Limit ²	\$1,100 per enrollee (includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance)	\$3,300 per enrollee (includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance)
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited	
Medical Services (% covered by plan)		
Outpatient	Plan pays 80%	Plan pays 50%
Mental Health	Inpatient and Outpatient: Plan pays 80%	Inpatient and Outpatient: Plan pays 50%
Surgery	Plan pays 80%	Plan pays 50%
Emergency Services		
Emergency Room	Enrollee pays \$150, then 20% after deductible; copayment waived if admitted	
Urgent Care	Enrollee pays \$40, then 20% after deductible	
Preventive Services		
Annual Physical	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible); limit one per calendar year	
Flu Vaccines	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible)	
EKG, Cholesterol, Blood Sugar, Lipid, Colonoscopy, Sigmoidoscopy, Bone Density Testing	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible); limited designated services; frequency/age/gender limitations apply based on U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations	

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Aetna Medicare Plan (Medicare)

	In-Network or Extended Service Area ¹	Out-of-Network ¹
Deductible ²	\$0 per enrollee	\$500 per enrollee
Out-of-Pocket Limit ²	\$1,500 per enrollee (includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance)	\$2,500 per enrollee (includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance)
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited	
Medical Services (% covered by plan)		
Outpatient	Plan pays 96%	Plan pays 92%
Mental Health	Inpatient: Plan pays 96% Outpatient: Enrollee pays \$25 (no deductible)	Inpatient: Plan pays 92% Outpatient: Enrollee pays \$55 after deductible
Surgery	Plan pays 96%	Plan pays 92%
Emergency Services		
Emergency Room	Enrollee pays \$75 (no deductible); waived if admitted	
Urgent Care	Enrollee pays \$40 (no deductible)	
Preventive Services		
Annual Physical	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible); limit one per calendar year	
Flu Vaccines	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible)	
EKG, Cholesterol, Blood Sugar, Lipid, Colonoscopy, Sigmoidoscopy, Bone Density Testing	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible); limited designated services; frequency/age/gender limitations apply based on U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations	

¹ If providers do not accept Medicare assignment or charge in excess of Medicare payments, the enrollee is responsible for excess charges.

² Annual deductible must be met before plan begins making payments, unless otherwise noted. In-network and out-of-network accumulations are combined.

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Aetna Basic Plan (Medicare)

	In-Network & Indemnity ^{1,3}	Out-of-Network ^{1,3}
Deductible ²	\$2,500 per enrollee	\$5,000 per enrollee
Out-of-Pocket Limit ²	\$6,500 per enrollee (includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance)	\$13,000 per enrollee (includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance)
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited	
Medical Services (% covered by plan)		
Outpatient	Plan pays 80% ⁴	Plan pays 50% ⁴
Mental Health	Inpatient and Outpatient: Plan pays 80%	Inpatient and Outpatient: Plan pays 50%
Surgery	Plan pays 80%	Plan pays 50%
Emergency Services		
Emergency Room	Enrollee pays \$150, then 20% after deductible; copayment waived if admitted	
Urgent Care	Enrollee pays \$40, then 20% after deductible	
Preventive Services		
Annual Physical	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible); limit one per calendar year	
Flu Vaccines	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible)	
EKG, Cholesterol, Blood Sugar, Lipid, Colonoscopy, Sigmoidoscopy, Bone Density Testing	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible); limited designated services; frequency/age/gender limitations apply based on U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations	

¹ For services deemed medically necessary by the plan administrator, indemnity and out-of-network payments are based on allowed amounts determined by the prevailing geographical area fee schedule. If nonparticipating providers charge in excess of these amounts, the enrollee may be responsible for the excess charges.

² Annual deductible must be met before plan begins making payments, unless otherwise noted. In-network and out-of-network accumulations are separate.

³ Benefits are payable after Medicare payments.

⁴ Enrollees with Medicare Part B-only must use in-network providers for hospital services to receive maximum claims payment.

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Aetna Basic Health Care Assistance Plan (Medicare)

	In-Network & Indemnity ¹	Out-of-Network ¹
Deductible ²	\$300 per enrollee	\$300 per enrollee
Out-of-Pocket Limit ²	\$1,100 per enrollee (includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance)	\$3,300 per enrollee (includes deductible, copayments and coinsurance)
Lifetime Maximum	Unlimited	
Medical Services (% covered by plan)		
Outpatient	Plan pays 80% ³	Plan pays 50% ³
Mental Health	Inpatient and Outpatient: Plan pays 80%	Inpatient and Outpatient: Plan pays 50%
Surgery	Plan pays 80%	Plan pays 50%
Emergency Services		
Emergency Room	Enrollee pays \$150; waived if admitted	
Urgent Care	Enrollee pays \$40, then 20% after deductible	
Preventive Services		
Annual Physical	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible); limit one per calendar year	
Flu Vaccines	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible)	
EKG, Cholesterol, Blood Sugar, Lipid, Colonoscopy, Sigmoidoscopy, Bone Density Testing	Enrollee pays 0% (no deductible); limited designated services; frequency/age/gender limitations apply based on U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommendations	

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² Annual deductible must be met before plan begins making payments, unless otherwise noted. In-network and out-of-network accumulations are separate.

³ Enrollees with Medicare Part B-only must use in-network providers for hospital services to receive maximum claims payment.

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CVS Caremark Prescription Plan (Non-Medicare)

Retail/Mail Service	
Annual Deductible	\$275 per enrollee for covered brand-name drugs
Generic	Retail: Enrollee pays \$10 Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$9 for Low-Cost Generic Drug Program medications; \$25 for all other generic medications
Preferred Brand	Retail: Enrollee pays \$30 after deductible Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$75 after deductible
Non-Preferred Drug	Retail: Enrollee pays \$75 after deductible Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$187.50 after deductible
Nonformulary Drug	Not covered
Specialty Drugs	Retail: Not available; must use CVS Specialty Pharmacy Mail Service (CVS Specialty Pharmacy): After deductible, enrollee pays the lesser of 8% of the cost or \$450 for supply of 1–31 days, \$900 for supply of 32–60 days and \$1,350 for supply of 61–90 days
Maximum Annual Expense	If an enrollee pays a total of \$4,000 out of pocket in copayments/coinsurance/deductible for covered medications, that enrollee pays nothing for covered medications for the remainder of the year.

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CVS Caremark Prescription Plan (Non-Medicare)
For Health Care Assistance Program

Retail/Mail Service	
Annual Deductible	Not applicable
Generic	Retail: Enrollee pays \$5 Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$10
Preferred Brand	Retail: Enrollee pays \$20 Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$40
Non-Preferred Drug	Retail: Enrollee pays \$50 Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$100
Nonformulary Drug	Not covered
Specialty Drugs	Retail: Not available; must use CVS Specialty Pharmacy Mail Service (CVS Specialty Pharmacy): Enrollee pays \$10 for Generic; \$40 for Preferred Brand; \$100 for Non-Preferred Drug
Maximum Annual Expense	If an enrollee pays a total of \$500 out of pocket in copayments for covered medications, that enrollee pays nothing for covered medications for the remainder of the year.

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SilverScript Medicare Part D Prescription Plan (Medicare)

Retail/Mail Service	
Annual Deductible	\$275 per enrollee for covered brand-name drugs
Generic	<p>Retail: Enrollee pays \$10</p> <p>Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$9 for Low-Cost Generic Drug Program medications; \$25 for all other generic medications</p>
Preferred Brand	<p>Retail: Enrollee pays \$30 after deductible</p> <p>Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$75 after deductible</p>
Non-Preferred Drug	<p>Retail: Enrollee pays \$75 after deductible</p> <p>Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$187.50 after deductible</p>
Nonformulary Drug	Not covered
Specialty Drugs	<p>Retail/Mail Service: After deductible, enrollee pays the lesser of 8% of the cost or \$450 for supply of 1–31 days, \$900 for supply of 32–60 days and \$1,350 for supply of 61–90 days</p>
Maximum Annual Expense	<p>If an enrollee pays a total of \$4,000 out of pocket in copayments/coinsurance/deductible for covered medications, that enrollee pays nothing for covered medications for the remainder of the year.</p>

SilverScript Medicare Part D Prescription Plan (Medicare)

For Health Care Assistance Program

Retail/Mail Service	
Annual Deductible	Not applicable
Generic	Retail: Enrollee pays \$5 Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$10
Preferred Brand	Retail: Enrollee pays \$20 Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$40
Non-Preferred Drug	Retail: Enrollee pays \$50 Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$100
Nonformulary Drug	Not covered
Specialty Drugs	Retail: Enrollee pays \$5 for Generic; \$20 for Preferred Brand; \$50 for Non-Preferred Drug Mail Service: Enrollee pays \$10 for Generic; \$40 for Preferred Brand; \$100 for Non-Preferred Drug
Maximum Annual Expense	If an enrollee pays a total of \$500 out of pocket in copayments for covered medications, that enrollee pays nothing for covered medications for the remainder of the year.

Health Care Future – Fiscal Year 2024

Based on the 7.00% expected rate of investment return, the STRS Ohio Health Care Program remains in good financial position but is moving from the period where plan enhancements could be supported and paid solely by monies in the health care fund to now looking for increased costs being funded by enrollees and additional funding to maintain the long-term sustainability goal. As of June 30, 2024, the program is 158.0% funded, meaning there is, if all actuarial assumptions are met, projected solvency for all current retirees with a 47% probability that the plan will remain solvent for 60 or more years. The current subsidy strategy was changed from pre-Medicare subsidies being frozen at the increased 2023 levels and Medicare subsidy increases being capped at the lesser of 6% or the actual trend to pre-Medicare subsidies not being frozen and Medicare subsidies not being capped. In addition, benefit recipients enrolled in a Medicare plan in the STRS Ohio Health Care Program receive a \$30 per month premium credit as partial reimbursement for Medicare Part B premiums.

A significant contributor to the current funding status has been the continuing consistent levels of federal government reimbursements resulting from operating a Medicare Advantage and self-insured Prescription Part D (MAPD) program and the increasing formulary drug rebates. STRS Ohio recognizes these payments are not guaranteed and are subject to significant volatility. Additionally, the system has investment return volatility associated with the current asset mix. It is also important to note that employer contributions to the Health Care Fund ceased beginning July 1, 2014. As a result of potential funding volatility and lack of employer contributions, benefit changes are likely to be minimal until the health care scorecard is no longer negative, and the slope of the 20 year actuarially projected funded ratio moves back to being positive.

Due to the negative scorecard funding level, the Retirement Board did not make any benefit coverage improvements for 2025 beyond lowering the Medicare prescription program's annual out-of-pocket limit to \$2,000 as required by Medicare.

Eligibility and subsidy changes for the STRS Ohio Health Care Program occurred in August 2023. Members who retired before Aug. 1, 2023, are grandfathered under their current requirements. This change, announced ten years ago, originally required members who retire on or after Aug. 1, 2023, to have at least 20 years of total service credit to access coverage, and required five additional years of service credit to receive the subsidy grandfathered retirees receive. In March and May 2024, the subsidy changes were modified to grandfather health care subsidies to match those who retired prior to August 1, 2023 for anyone who retires between August 1, 2023 and July 31, 2032 with 29 or more years of service. After that, the

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maximum subsidy for health care plan participants who retire August 1, 2032 or later will align with the eligibility for pensions.

Supplementary Statutory Requirements

The following is provided in accordance with the requirements of Revised Code section 3307.51(E)

(1) A description of the statutory authority for the benefits provided:

Ohio Revised Code, section 3307.39, states:

The State Teachers Retirement Board may enter into an agreement with insurance companies, health insuring corporations, or government agencies authorized to do business in the state for issuance of a policy or contract of health, medical, hospital, or surgical coverage, or any combination thereof, for those individuals receiving, under the STRS defined benefit plan, service retirement or a disability or survivor benefit who subscribe to the plan. Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, the policy or contract may also include coverage for any eligible individual's spouse and dependent children as the board considers appropriate.

The board may contract for coverage on the basis of part or all of the cost of the coverage to be paid from appropriate funds of the state teachers retirement system. The cost paid from the funds of the system shall be included in the employer's contribution rate provided by section 3307.28 of the Revised Code.

Ohio Revised Code section 3307.39, also states "the board may make a monthly payment to each recipient of service retirement, or a disability or survivor benefit under the STRS defined benefit plan who is enrolled in coverage under part B of the Medicare program established under Title XVIII of "The Social Security Amendments of 1965," 79 Stat. 301 (1965), 42 U.S.C.A. 1395j, as amended."

(2) A summary of coverage for 2024:

A summary of the coverage for calendar year 2024 is provided on pages 5 through 13 in the attached ORSC Health Care Report.

(3) A summary of the eligibility requirements for the benefits:

In general, service retirees are required to have 15 years of qualified service credit to be eligible for the STRS Ohio Health Care Program, and eligibility is extended to disability recipients and some survivor annuitants and survivor benefit recipients. Service retirees who retire on or after August 1, 2023, will need 20 years of service to be eligible for the STRS Ohio Health Care Program.

More details on eligibility requirements for the STRS Ohio Health Care Program are provided in Attachment A on pages 21 and 22.

(4) A statement of the number of participants eligible for the benefits:

As of June 1, 2024, there were 141,314 benefit recipients eligible to participate in the STRS Ohio Health Care Program.

(5) A description of the accounting, asset valuation, and funding method used to provide the benefits:

The Retirement Board has established a Health Care Fund within the Employers' Trust Fund from which health care benefits are paid. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the Board continued to allocate 0% of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. Assets in the Health Care Fund are reported at fair value, and investment earnings are credited at the market rates of return earned by the total pool of STRS Ohio investments.

The Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) is calculated as the normal cost determined under the Entry Age Normal Actuarial Cost Method, plus the amortization of the unfunded actuarial liability over a 30-year open level percent of pay, plus anticipated administrative expenses. Currently, the ADC is negative and is projected to remain negative, thus the employer is not expected to make any future contributions to the Health Care Fund.

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(6) A statement of the net assets available for the provision of the benefits as of the last day of the fiscal year:

**Post-Employment Health Care
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**

As of June 30, 2024
(In Thousands)

Assets:

Cash and short-term investments	\$ 61,751
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Receivables:

Accrued interest and dividends	21,146
Securities sold	67,035
Medical benefits receivable	0
Total receivables	88,181

Investments, at fair value:

Fixed income	1,148,977
Domestic equities	1,279,444
International Equities	1,125,613
Real estate	560,116
Alternative investments	1,077,115
Total investments	5,191,265
Invested securities lending collateral	31,275
Total assets	5,372,472

Liabilities:

Securities purchased and other investment liabilities	41,189
Debt on real estate investments	120,778
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	3,529
Medical benefits payable	9,022
Obligations under securities lending program	31,257
Total liabilities	205,785

Fiduciary net position restricted for post-employment health care coverage:

5,166,687

(7) A statement of any changes in the net assets available for the provision of benefits, including participant and employer contributions, net investment income,

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administrative expenses, and benefits provided to participants, as of the last day of the fiscal year:

**Post-Employment Health Care
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

(In Thousands)

Additions:

Contributions:

Employer	\$ 0
Government reimbursements	91,900
<i>Total contributions</i>	91,900

Investment income from investing activities:

Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	395,809
Interest	41,016
Dividends	46,190
Real estate income	10,017
<i>Investment income (loss)</i>	453,032
Less internal investment expenses	(2,521)
Less external asset management fees	(14,431)
<i>Net income (loss) from investing activities</i>	476,080
Securities lending income	247
Securities lending expenses	(27)
<i>Net income from securities lending activities</i>	220
<i>Net investment income (loss)</i>	476,300
Total additions	568,200

Deductions:

Health care	182,827
Administrative expenses	2,090
Total deductions	184,917
Net increase (decrease) in net position	383,283

Fiduciary net position restricted for post-employment health care coverage:

Beginning of year	4,783,404
End of year	5,166,687

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(8) For the last six consecutive fiscal years, a schedule of the net assets available for the benefits, the annual cost of benefits, administrative expenses incurred, and annual employer contributions allocated for the provision of benefits:

		Six-Year History					
		Fiscal Year Ended (in Thousands)					
		2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Employer contributions	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Government reimbursements	\$	91,900	\$ 100,515	\$ 97,713	\$ 96,478	\$ 81,876	\$ 84,789
Retiree-paid health care premiums	\$	0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 295,779	\$ 312,841
Net investment income (loss)	\$	476,300	\$ 380,700	\$ (261,500)	\$ 1,121,699	\$ 140,300	\$ 244,700
Health care expenses	\$	182,827	\$ 265,603	\$ 193,572	\$ 183,390	\$ 490,559	\$ 489,169
Administrative expenses	\$	2,090	\$ 2,248	\$ 2,340	\$ 2,344	\$ 2,258	\$ 2,352
Fiduciary net position available for benefits	\$	5,166,687	\$ 4,783,404	\$ 4,570,040	\$ 4,929,739	\$ 3,897,296	\$ 3,872,158

(9) A description of any significant changes that affect the comparability of the report required under this division:

GASB Statement No. 74 requires health care expenses to be net of certain health care receipts. Retiree-Paid Health Care Premiums are now included in Health Care Expenses, starting in 2021 upon implementation of this standard.

(10) A statement of the amount paid under division (B) of section 3307.39 of the Revised Code:

In calendar year 2022, STRS Ohio reimbursed benefit recipients who were enrolled in an STRS Ohio health care plan and Medicare Part B \$29.90 per month toward their total Medicare Part B premium. Starting in calendar year 2023, the Medicare Part B premium reimbursement was moved to a \$30 subsidy credit for all benefit recipients who pay Medicare enrollee premiums.

Attachment A – Summary of STRS Ohio Eligibility Requirements for the Benefits

3307:1-11-03 Health care services - medical plan.

(A) Eligibility

The following individuals shall be eligible to participate in a medical plan offered by the retirement system:

(1) A service retiree with an effective benefit date:

(a) Before January 1, 2004; or

(b) Between January 1, 2004 and July 1, 2023, and the benefit is based on fifteen or more years of total service credit; or

(c) After August 1, 2023 and the benefit is based on twenty or more years of total service credit.

(2) A service retiree who began receiving service retirement benefits with no break in monthly benefits following the termination of disability benefits, with a disability effective benefit date:

(a) Before January 1, 2004; or

(b) Between January 1, 2004 and July 1, 2023 and the service retiree benefit is based on fifteen or more years of total service credit; or

(c) After August 1, 2023 and the service retiree benefit is based on twenty or more years of total service credit.

(3) A disability benefit recipient.

(4) A survivor annuitant.

(5) A survivor benefit recipient under division (C)(1) of section [3307.66](#) of the Revised Code who was eligible for coverage as a dependent at the time of the member's or disability benefit recipient's death where the effective date of survivor benefits or the effective date of disability benefits of the deceased member is:

(a) Before January 1, 2004; or

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- (b) Between January 1, 2004 and July 1, 2023 provided that the deceased member had fifteen or more years of total service credit at the time of death; or
 - (c) After August 1, 2023 provided the deceased member had twenty or more years of total service credit at the time of death.
- (6) A survivor benefit recipient under division (C)(2) of section [3307.66](#) of the Revised Code who was eligible for coverage as a dependent at the time of the member's or disability benefit recipient's death.
- (7) Dependents, to the extent that a medical plan and/or ancillary plan allows for dependent coverage.
- (8) Notwithstanding paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(7) of this rule, an individual not eligible for medicare coverage is not eligible for primary coverage in a medical plan offered by the retirement system if the individual is employed and has access to an entity's medical plan or if similarly situated, non-retired employees have access to an entity's medical plan, provided the medical plan includes prescription coverage and provides equivalent coverage at a cost no more than what is available to full-time employees as defined by the entity. The retirement board may require each enrollee to annually file a verification of employment statement disclosing the availability for enrollment as an employee in an entity's medical plan.
- (a) When an individual is enrolled in an entity's medical plan and a medical plan offered by the retirement system, coverage in the retirement system's medical plan will be limited to secondary coverage applied only to those covered medical expenses not paid by the entity's medical plan.
 - (b) An employed individual not eligible for Medicare who does not file a verification of employment statement with the retirement system when requested by the retirement system; does not enroll in the entity's medical plan when eligible to enroll, or is excluded from the entity's medical plan based upon being an enrollee is not eligible to enroll or remain enrolled in a medical plan offered by the retirement system.