What is the value of OPERS? The OPERS tradition of strength has and will continue to provide secure retirements for Ohio’s public employees. Throughout your life, you seek expert guidance from doctors, pharmacists, mechanics—your retirement funds should be handled the same way. The business of pensions can be complex. With your OPERS membership, your contributions are invested for you during your working years—by investment experts.

What OPERS-provided retirement security was for Traditional Pension Plan retirees in 2017:

- Average pension at year end = $27,192
- Average age at year end = 70.4
- Average service at retirement = 23.1 years

OPERS payments =

- $5.8 billion pension payments
- $1.0 billion retiree health care payments

OPERS =

- 3 pension plans
- Over 80 years of tradition
- 1,118,199 member accounts
- 3,683 contributing employers

Domestic Equities

$20.923

Fixed Income

$24.269

Real Estate

$7.586

Private Equity

$9.293

International Equities

$20.059

Derivatives, Risk Parity, GTAA and Hedge Funds

$14.227

Cash and Cash Equivalents

$4.626

OPERS reduces investment risk by investing in different areas:

More than 2/3 of pension payments come from OPERS investment returns.

OPERS invests $1.3 billion in Ohio-based companies. For every dollar paid by public employers, the Ohio economy had a $3.41 return on that investment.

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