What is the value of OPERS? 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 2012:

Average annual pension = $23,775
Average age = 59
Average years of service = 22 years

Good for employees:
OPERS’ Traditional Pension Plan and Combined Plan members have exceptional retirement opportunities:
- Access to health care
- Voluntary additional payments
- Turnkey handling of pension benefits—no need to become an investment expert

Good for Ohio:
OPERS invests almost $300 million in businesses headquartered in Ohio. For every dollar paid by public employers, the Ohio economy had a $3.49 return on that investment.

Almost 2/3 of pension payments come from OPERS investment returns

OPERS reduces investment risk by investing in different areas:
- Domestic Equities
- International Equities
- Fixed Income
- Derivatives and Hedge Funds
- Real Estate
- Private Equities
- Cash and Short-Term Investments

OPERS payments =
- $4.2 billion pension payments
- $1.6 billion retiree health care payments

OPERS =
- 3 pension plans
- 78 years of tradition
- 1,006,500 member accounts
- 3,700 contributing employers

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