



ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT • JUNE 30, 2024

# Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia

## A Component Unit of the State of Georgia

**Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations and  
Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer and Nonemployer**

Greg S. Griffin | State Auditor



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Georgia Department  
of Audits & Accounts



## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Commissioners of the Magistrates Retirement  
Fund of Georgia  
and  
Mr. Homer Bryson, Secretary-Treasurer  
Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia

### ***Opinions***

We have audited the schedule of employer and nonemployer allocations of the Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia (Fund), a component unit of the State of Georgia, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes. We have also audited the total for all entities of the columns titled net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total employer pension expense (specified column totals) included in the accompanying schedule of pension amounts by employer and nonemployer of the Fund as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes (collectively, the Schedules).

In our opinion, the Schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the employer and nonemployer allocations and net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources and total employer pension expense of the Fund as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedules* section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Fund, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Schedules***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedules in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedules that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

## ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Schedules***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedules are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the Schedules.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the Schedules, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the Schedules.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the Schedules.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Other Matter***

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the Fund as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024. Our report thereon, dated July 16, 2025, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

***Restriction on Use***

Our report is intended solely for the information and use of the Fund's management, the Board of Commissioners, the Fund employers, nonemployer contributing entities, and their auditors and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg S. Griffin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Greg S. Griffin  
State Auditor

July 16, 2025

**MAGISTRATES RETIREMENT FUND OF GEORGIA**

(A Component Unit of the State of Georgia)

Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations

For the year ended June 30, 2024

<u>Employer</u>	<u>Earnings Cap</u>	<u>Employer Allocation Percentage</u>
State of Georgia - Nonemployer Contributing Entity		
State's Proportionate Share Associated with:		
Appling	\$ 42,808.37	0.6319%
Atkinson	42,781.22	0.6315%
Baker	42,781.22	0.6315%
Baldwin	51,981.05	0.7673%
Banks	42,808.37	0.6319%
Barrow	62,540.53	0.9232%
Bartow	66,815.13	0.9863%
Bibb	71,477.58	1.0551%
Bleckley	42,808.37	0.6319%
Brantley	42,808.37	0.6319%
Bryan	51,981.05	0.7673%
Bulloch	62,540.53	0.9232%
Burke	45,864.67	0.6770%
Butts	45,864.67	0.6770%
Calhoun	42,781.22	0.6315%
Camden	58,261.05	0.8600%
Candler	42,781.22	0.6315%
Carroll	66,815.13	0.9863%
Catoosa	58,261.05	0.8600%
Charlton	42,808.37	0.6319%
Chatham	84,570.69	1.2484%
Chattooga	45,864.67	0.6770%
Cherokee	84,570.69	1.2484%
Clay	42,781.22	0.6315%
Cobb	100,937.38	1.4900%
Coffee	51,981.05	0.7673%
Colquitt	51,981.05	0.7673%
Columbia	71,477.58	1.0551%
Cook	42,808.37	0.6319%
Coweta	66,815.13	0.9863%
Crisp	45,864.67	0.6770%
Dade	42,808.37	0.6319%
Decatur	48,920.97	0.7222%
Dekalb	100,937.38	1.4900%
Dodge	42,808.37	0.6319%
Dougherty	62,540.53	0.9232%
Douglas	66,815.13	0.9863%
Early	42,781.22	0.6315%
Echols	42,781.22	0.6315%
Effingham	58,261.05	0.8600%
Elbert	42,808.37	0.6319%
Emanuel	45,864.67	0.6770%
Evans	42,781.22	0.6315%
Fannin	45,864.67	0.6770%

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State of Georgia - Nonemployer Contributing Entity State's Proportionate Share Associated with:		
Fayette	66,815.13	0.9863%
Floyd	62,540.53	0.9232%
Forsyth	84,570.69	1.2484%
Franklin	45,864.67	0.6770%
Fulton	100,937.38	1.4900%
Gilmer	48,920.97	0.7222%
Gordon	58,261.05	0.8600%
Grady	45,864.67	0.6770%
Greene	42,808.37	0.6319%
Gwinnett	100,937.38	1.4900%
Habersham	51,981.05	0.7673%
Hall	77,907.15	1.1501%
Hancock	42,781.22	0.6315%
Haralson	48,920.97	0.7222%
Harris	48,920.97	0.7222%
Heard	42,781.22	0.6315%
Henry	77,907.15	1.1501%
Houston	71,477.58	1.0551%
Irwin	42,781.22	0.6315%
Jasper	42,808.37	0.6319%
Jeff Davis	42,808.37	0.6319%
Jefferson	42,808.37	0.6319%
Johnson	42,781.22	0.6315%
Lamar	42,808.37	0.6319%
Lanier	42,781.22	0.6315%
Laurens	51,981.05	0.7673%
Lee	48,920.97	0.7222%
Liberty	58,261.05	0.8600%
Lincoln	42,781.22	0.6315%
Long	42,808.37	0.6319%
Lumpkin	48,920.97	0.7222%
Macon	42,808.37	0.6319%
Madison	48,920.97	0.7222%
Marion	42,781.22	0.6315%
Mcduffie	45,864.67	0.6770%
Mcintosh	42,781.22	0.6315%
Meriwether	45,864.67	0.6770%
Miller	42,781.22	0.6315%
Mitchell	45,864.67	0.6770%
Montgomery	42,781.22	0.6315%
Morgan	45,864.67	0.6770%
Murray	51,981.05	0.7673%
Oconee	51,981.05	0.7673%

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State of Georgia - Nonemployer Contributing Entity		
State's Proportionate Share Associated with:		
Oglethorpe	42,808.37	0.6319%
Paulding	71,477.58	1.0551%
Peach	45,864.67	0.6770%
Pickens	48,920.97	0.7222%
Pierce	42,808.37	0.6319%
Pike	42,808.37	0.6319%
Polk	51,981.05	0.7673%
Pulaski	42,781.22	0.6315%
Putnam	45,864.67	0.6770%
Quitman	42,781.22	0.6315%
Rabun	42,808.37	0.6319%
Randolph	42,781.22	0.6315%
Rockdale	62,540.53	0.9232%
Secretary-Treasurer	100,937.38	1.5216%
Schley	42,781.22	0.6315%
Screven	42,808.37	0.6319%
Spalding	58,261.05	0.8600%
Stephens	45,864.67	0.6770%
Taliaferro	42,781.22	0.6315%
Tattnall	45,864.67	0.6770%
Taylor	42,781.22	0.6315%
Terrell	42,781.22	0.6315%
Thomas	51,981.05	0.7673%
Tift	51,981.05	0.7673%
Towns	42,808.37	0.6319%
Treutlen	42,781.22	0.6315%
Troup	58,261.05	0.8600%
Twiggs	42,781.22	0.6315%
Union	45,864.67	0.6770%
Upson	45,864.67	0.6770%
Walker	58,261.05	0.8600%
Walton	62,540.53	0.9232%
Ware	48,920.97	0.7222%
Warren	42,781.22	0.6315%
Wayne	48,920.97	0.7222%
Webster	42,781.22	0.6315%
Wheeler	42,781.22	0.6315%
White	45,864.67	0.6770%
Whitfield	66,815.13	0.9863%
Wilcox	42,781.22	0.6315%
Wilkes	42,781.22	0.6315%
Wilkinson	42,781.22	0.6315%

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State of Georgia - Nonemployer Contributing Entity		
State's Proportionate Share Associated with:		
Worth	45,864.67	0.6770%
Total	\$ 6,774,205.00	100.0000%
Each Employer of Plan Members - Employer Share		0.000000%

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Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer and Nonemployer

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<u>Employer</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			<u>Total Employer Pension Expense</u>
	<u>Net Pension Asset</u>	<u>Changes in Assumptions</u>	<u>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Changes in Assumptions</u>	<u>Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments</u>	<u>Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience</u>	
State of Georgia - Nonemployer Contributing Entity							
State's Proportionate Share Associated with:							
Appling	\$ (99,921)						\$ 4,161
Atkinson	(99,858)						4,159
Baker	(99,858)						4,159
Baldwin	(121,332)						5,053
Banks	(99,921)						4,161
Barrow	(145,979)						6,079
Bartow	(155,957)						6,495
Bibb	(166,840)						6,948
Bleckley	(99,921)						4,161
Brantley	(99,921)						4,161
Bryan	(121,332)						5,053
Bulloch	(145,979)						6,079
Burke	(107,055)						4,458
Butts	(107,055)						4,458
Calhoun	(99,858)						4,159
Camden	(135,990)						5,663
Candler	(99,858)						4,159
Carroll	(155,957)						6,495
Catoosa	(135,990)						5,663
Charlton	(99,921)						4,161
Chatham	(197,402)						8,221
Chattooga	(107,055)						4,458
Cherokee	(197,402)						8,221
Clay	(99,858)						4,159
Cobb	(235,605)						9,814
Coffee	(121,332)						5,053
Colquitt	(121,332)						5,053
Columbia	(166,840)						6,948
Cook	(99,921)						4,161
Coweta	(155,957)						6,495
Crisp	(107,055)						4,458
Dade	(99,921)						4,161
Decatur	(114,189)						4,755
Dekalb	(235,605)						9,814
Dodge	(99,921)						4,161
Dougherty	(145,979)						6,079

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State of Georgia - Nonemployer Contributing Entity							
State's Proportionate Share Associated with:							
Douglas	(155,957)						6,495
Early	(99,858)						4,159
Echols	(99,858)						4,159
Effingham	(135,990)						5,663
Elbert	(99,921)						4,161
Emanuel	(107,055)						4,458
Evans	(99,858)						4,159
Fannin	(107,055)						4,458
Fayette	(155,957)						6,495
Floyd	(145,979)						6,079
Forsyth	(197,402)						8,221
Franklin	(107,055)						4,458
Fulton	(235,605)						9,814
Gilmer	(114,189)						4,755
Gordon	(135,990)						5,663
Grady	(107,055)						4,458
Greene	(99,921)						4,161
Gwinnett	(235,605)						9,814
Habersham	(121,332)						5,053
Hall	(181,847)						7,573
Hancock	(99,858)						4,159
Haralson	(114,189)						4,755
Harris	(114,189)						4,755
Heard	(99,858)						4,159
Henry	(181,847)						7,573
Houston	(166,840)						6,948
Irwin	(99,858)						4,159
Jasper	(99,921)						4,161
Jeff Davis	(99,921)						4,161
Jefferson	(99,921)						4,161
Johnson	(99,858)						4,159
Lamar	(99,921)						4,161
Lanier	(99,858)						4,159
Laurens	(121,332)						5,053
Lee	(114,189)						4,755
Liberty	(135,990)						5,663

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<u>Employer</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>				<u>Total Employer Pension Expense</u>
	<u>Net Pension Asset</u>	<u>Changes in Assumptions</u>	<u>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Changes in Assumptions</u>	<u>Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments</u>	<u>Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience</u>	<u>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
State of Georgia - Nonemployer Contributing Entity								
State's Proportionate Share Associated with:								
Lincoln	(99,858)							4,159
Long	(99,921)							4,161
Lumpkin	(114,189)							4,755
Macon	(99,921)							4,161
Madison	(114,189)							4,755
Marion	(99,858)							4,159
Mcduffie	(107,055)							4,458
Mcintosh	(99,858)							4,159
Meriwether	(107,055)							4,458
Miller	(99,858)							4,159
Mitchell	(107,055)							4,458
Montgomery	(99,858)							4,159
Morgan	(107,055)							4,458
Murray	(121,332)							5,053
Oconee	(121,332)							5,053
Oglethorpe	(99,921)							4,161
Paulding	(166,840)							6,948
Peach	(107,055)							4,458
Pickens	(114,189)							4,755
Pierce	(99,921)							4,161
Pike	(99,921)							4,161
Polk	(121,332)							5,053
Pulaski	(99,858)							4,159
Putnam	(107,055)							4,458
Quitman	(99,858)							4,159
Rabun	(99,921)							4,161
Randolph	(99,858)							4,159
Rockdale	(145,979)							6,079
Secretary-Treasurer	(235,605)							9,814
Schley	(99,858)							4,159
Screven	(99,921)							4,161
Spalding	(135,990)							5,663
Stephens	(107,055)							4,458
Taliaferro	(99,858)							4,159
Tattnall	(107,055)							4,458
Taylor	(99,858)							4,159
Terrell	(99,858)							4,159
Thomas	(121,332)							5,053
Tift	(121,332)							5,053

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<u>Employer</u>	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>			<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>				<u>Total Employer Pension Expense</u>
	<u>Net Pension Asset</u>	<u>Changes in Assumptions</u>	<u>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Changes in Assumptions</u>	<u>Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments</u>	<u>Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience</u>	<u>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>	
State of Georgia - Nonemployer Contributing Entity								
State's Proportionate Share Associated with:								
Towns	(99,921)							4,161
Treutlen	(99,858)							4,159
Troup	(135,990)							5,663
Twiggs	(99,858)							4,159
Union	(107,055)							4,458
Upton	(107,055)							4,458
Walker	(135,990)							5,663
Walton	(145,979)							6,079
Ware	(114,189)							4,755
Warren	(99,858)							4,159
Wayne	(114,189)							4,755
Webster	(99,858)							4,159
Wheeler	(99,858)							4,159
White	(107,055)							4,458
Whitfield	(155,957)							6,495
Wilcox	(99,858)							4,159
Wilkes	(99,858)							4,159
Wilkinson	(99,858)							4,159
Worth	(107,055)							4,458
<b>TOTAL STATE OF GEORGIA</b> (Nonemployer Contributing Entity)	<u>\$ (15,812,039)</u>	<u>55,806</u>	<u>55,806</u>	<u>1,191,395</u>	<u>272,390</u>	<u>2,432,015</u>	<u>3,895,800</u>	<u>658,501</u>
Each Employer of Plan Members - Employer Share	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total for All Entities</b>	<u>\$ (15,812,039)</u>	<u>55,806</u>	<u>55,806</u>	<u>1,191,395</u>	<u>272,390</u>	<u>2,432,015</u>	<u>3,895,800</u>	<u>658,501</u>

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June 30, 2024

**Note 1: Plan Description**

The Magistrates Retirement Fund of Georgia (the Retirement Fund) was created July 1, 2006, by the General Assembly of Georgia for the purpose of paying retirement benefits to chief magistrates of the magistrate courts of the State of Georgia. The Retirement Fund administers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 25*.

Employees of magistrate courts, including the chief magistrate, are employees of the county in which the court is located. The counties, as the employers of the members of the Retirement Fund, do not make contributions to the Retirement Fund. The State of Georgia provides nonemployer contributions to the Retirement Fund through the collection of court filing fees. These nonemployer contributions are recognized as revenue by the Retirement Fund when collected from the courts.

**Note 2: Basis of Presentation**

The Schedule of Employer and Nonemployer Allocations and Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer and Nonemployer (the schedules) are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

**Note 3: Components of Collective Net Pension Liability**

The components of the collective net pension liability of the participating employers and nonemployers at June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Total pension liability	\$ 31,421,549
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>(47,233,588)</u>
Net pension liability (asset)	<u><u>\$ (15,812,039)</u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	150.32%

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*Actuarial Assumptions*

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2023, with update procedures used to roll forward the total pension liability to June 30, 2024. The roll forward calculation adds the normal cost (also called service costs), subtracts the actual benefit payments and refunds for the plan year, and then applies the discount rate for the year. This actuarial valuation used the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25%	
Salary increases	N/A	
Investment rate of return	6.50%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation	
Retirement age:	Active retirement rates are shown below	
	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>
	60	30%
	61 – 70	10%
	71+	100%

Mortality rates were based on the PUB-2010 Mortality table projected generationally using the MP-2021 mortality improvement scale, with the following adjustment by status:

Active Members: Sex Distinct Amount Weighted General Employees Table

Non-Disabled Retirees: Sex Distinct Amount Weighted General Healthy Retiree Table

Contingent Survivors: Sex Distinct Amount Weighted Contingent Survivor Table

Disabled Retirees: Sex Distinct Amount Weighted Disabled Retiree Table

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation.

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*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes revenues will remain level. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset class</u>	<u>Target allocation</u>	<u>Long term expected real rate of return*</u>
U.S. Equity	32.0 %	5.33 %
International Equity	22.0	5.63
Core Fixed Income	36.0	1.18
Core Real Estate	5.0	4.27
Private Equity	5.0	6.65
	<u>100.0 %</u>	

\*Rates shown are net of the 2.25% assumed rate of inflation

*Sensitivity of the Collective Net Pension Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate*

The following table presents the collective net pension liability of the Retirement Fund, calculated using the discount rate of 6.50%, as well as what the Retirement Fund's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.50%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.50%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Current discount rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)
Collective net pension asset	\$ <u>(12,570,465)</u>	<u>(15,812,039)</u>	<u>(18,583,065)</u>

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**Note 4: Special Funding Situation**

The State of Georgia, although not the employer of the Retirement Fund's members, makes contributions to the Retirement Fund through the collection of court filing fees as specified by O.C.G.A. §47-25-60. The State makes all these contributions to the Retirement Fund on behalf of the employers. Therefore, these employers are considered to be in a special funding situation as defined by GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*.

Since the employers of the Retirement Fund's members do not contribute directly to the Retirement Fund, there is no net pension liability to recognize for each employer. However, the notes to each employer's financial statements must disclose the portion of the nonemployer contributing entity's share of the collective net pension liability that is associated with that employer. In addition, each employer must recognize its portion of the collective pension expense of the State as well as recognize revenue contributions from the State in an equal amount.

**Note 5: Allocation Methodology**

GASB Statement No. 68 requires participating employers and nonemployer contributing entities to recognize their proportionate share of collective net pension liability and pension expense. These schedules are prepared to provide employers and nonemployer contributing entities with their calculated proportionate share.

As discussed in Note 4, the counties, as employers of the Retirement Fund's members, do not make contributions to the Retirement Fund; therefore, the proportionate share allocation for each employer is 0%. The proportionate share attributable to the State of Georgia, as the nonemployer contributing entity, is therefore 100%.

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Effective July 1, 2014, O.C.G.A. §47-25-81 was amended so that benefits and member contributions are based on the member's compensation, subject to a limit that is based on the population of the member's county. This law allows the Retirement Fund's Board of Commissioners to increase the population-based salary limits. The amounts attributable to the State of Georgia, as the nonemployer contributing entity, have been allocated to each employer participating in the Retirement Fund based on the maximum salary used to calculate benefits as of June 30, 2024. These maximum salaries are shown in the following table:

<u>Population of County</u>	<u>Annual Salary Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Salary Maximum</u>
0 to 11,889	\$ 42,781.22	\$ 3,565.10
11,890 to 19,999	44,102.26	3,675.19
20,000 to 28,999	47,250.93	3,937.58
29,000 to 38,999	50,399.60	4,199.97
39,000 to 49,999	53,552.18	4,462.68
50,000 to 74,999	60,021.99	5,001.83
75,000 to 99,999	64,430.82	5,369.24
100,000 to 149,999	68,834.62	5,736.22
150,000 to 199,999	73,637.99	6,136.50
200,000 to 249,999	80,261.90	6,688.49
250,000 to 299,999	87,126.84	7,260.57
300,000 to 399,999	96,178.37	8,014.86
400,000 to 499,999	100,083.29	8,340.27
500,000 or more	103,988.21	8,665.68

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**Note 6: Collective Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources**

The following table presents a summary of changes in the collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Year of deferral	Amortization period	Beginning of year balance	Current Year		End of year balance
				Additions	Deductions	
<b>Deferred outflows of resources</b>						
Changes in assumptions						
	2021	7.7 years	\$ 7,894	-	1,680	6,214
	2022	7.3 years	61,125	-	11,533	49,592
Total deferred outflows of resources			\$ 69,019	-	13,213	55,806
<b>Deferred inflows of resources</b>						
Changes in assumptions						
	2019	6.8 years	\$ 12,021	-	6,679	5,342
	2020	8.1 years	1,568,652	-	382,599	1,186,053
Differences between expected and actual experience						
	2018	7.5 years	20,173	-	13,448	6,725
	2019	6.8 years	87,362	-	48,533	38,829
	2020	8.1 years	306,559	-	74,770	231,789
	2021	7.7 years	949,630	-	202,049	747,581
	2022	7.3 years	676,219	-	127,589	548,630
	2023	6.9 years	406,234	-	68,853	337,381
	2024	6 years	-	625,296	104,216	521,080
Differences between projected and actual investment earnings						
	2020	5 years	(281,168)	-	(281,168)	-
	2021	5 years	2,126,659	-	1,063,330	1,063,329
	2022	5 years	(4,685,121)	-	(1,561,707)	(3,123,414)
	2023	5 years	653,258	-	163,314	489,944
	2024	5 years	-	2,303,164	460,633	1,842,531
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings (1)			(2,186,372)	2,303,164	(155,598)	272,390
Total deferred inflows of resources			\$ 1,840,478	2,928,460	873,138	3,895,800

(1) In accordance with paragraph 71b of GASB Statement No. 68, collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources arising from differences between projected and actual pension plan investment earnings in different measurement periods have been aggregated and included as a net collective deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

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Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30, 2025	\$	(1,123,328)
2026		(9,103)
2027		(1,570,812)
2028		(935,752)
2029		(200,999)
Thereafter		-
Total	\$	(3,839,994)

*Changes in Proportion*

The amounts shown in the two preceding tables do not include employer- or nonemployer-specific deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to changes in proportion. Based on the allocation methodology discussed in Note 5, there were no changes in proportion for the year ended June 30, 2024.

**Note 7: Collective Pension Expense**

The components of collective pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2024, are shown in the following table:

Service cost	\$	1,416,247
Interest on the total pension liability and net cash flow		1,930,538
Projected earnings on plan investments		(2,716,831)
Current period effect of benefit changes		954,113
Current period difference between expected and actual experience		(104,216)
Current period effect of changes in assumptions		-
Current period difference between projected and actual investment earnings		(460,633)
Member contributions		(204,966)
Administrative Expenses		139,325
Current period recognition of prior years' deferred outflows of resources		1,856,088
Current period recognition of prior years' deferred inflows of resources		(2,151,164)
Collective pension expense	\$	658,501