



# State of Wisconsin Investment Board (SWIB)

Wisconsin Retirement System  
Actuarial Overview and Stress Testing  
Scenarios

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# Topics

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**1** WRS – The Big Picture

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**3** Stress Testing Results – Stochastic

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**5** Appendix 2 – Additional Information



# BIG PICTURE



## SECTION 1

# WRS – The Big Picture

# Objectives of this Presentation

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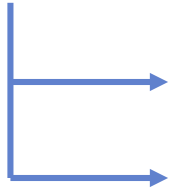
- Provide an overview of the WRS
  - Relationship of Investment Return to Success Measures
  - Effects of bad outcomes
- Evaluate several points along the asset allocation spectrum against the measures of success
  - Deterministic stress tests
  - Stochastic simulations
- Find the “Sweet Spot” if it exists



# All Participants at December 31, 2024

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Active Lives  
Valuation



Valuation Group	Number	Average Annual Earnings/Benefits <sup>1</sup>
Actives	268,245	\$68,483
Inactives	190,051	\$22,901
Retirees & Beneficiaries	242,226	\$30,993
<b>Total Participants</b>	<b>700,522</b>	

Retired Lives  
Valuation



<sup>1</sup> For inactives, average money purchase balance.

# WRS Benefits

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- Defined Benefit Plan:
  - $1.6\% \times \text{Final Average Compensation} \times \text{Service}$  (most participants)
  - Different benefits for protective occupations
  - Provides benefits in the case of death or disability prior to retirement

# WRS Investments

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- Core Fund (Most Assets)
  - Diversified portfolio with results smoothed for WRS purposes via the Market Recognition Account (MRA)
- Variable Fund (Some Assets)
  - 100% Common Stock -- no smoothing of results
  - Participants can choose to invest up to half of their own contributions in this fund
    - They bear the risks and reap the rewards of this choice



# WRS Actuarial Assumptions

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- Non-Retired Assets: 6.8%
- Retired Assets: 5%
  - A statutory assumption that is really a benefit condition
- Other assumptions relate to active participants salary, rates of turnover, disability, mortality, etc.
- Investment return assumption (6.8%) is the most important



# WRS Risk Sharing

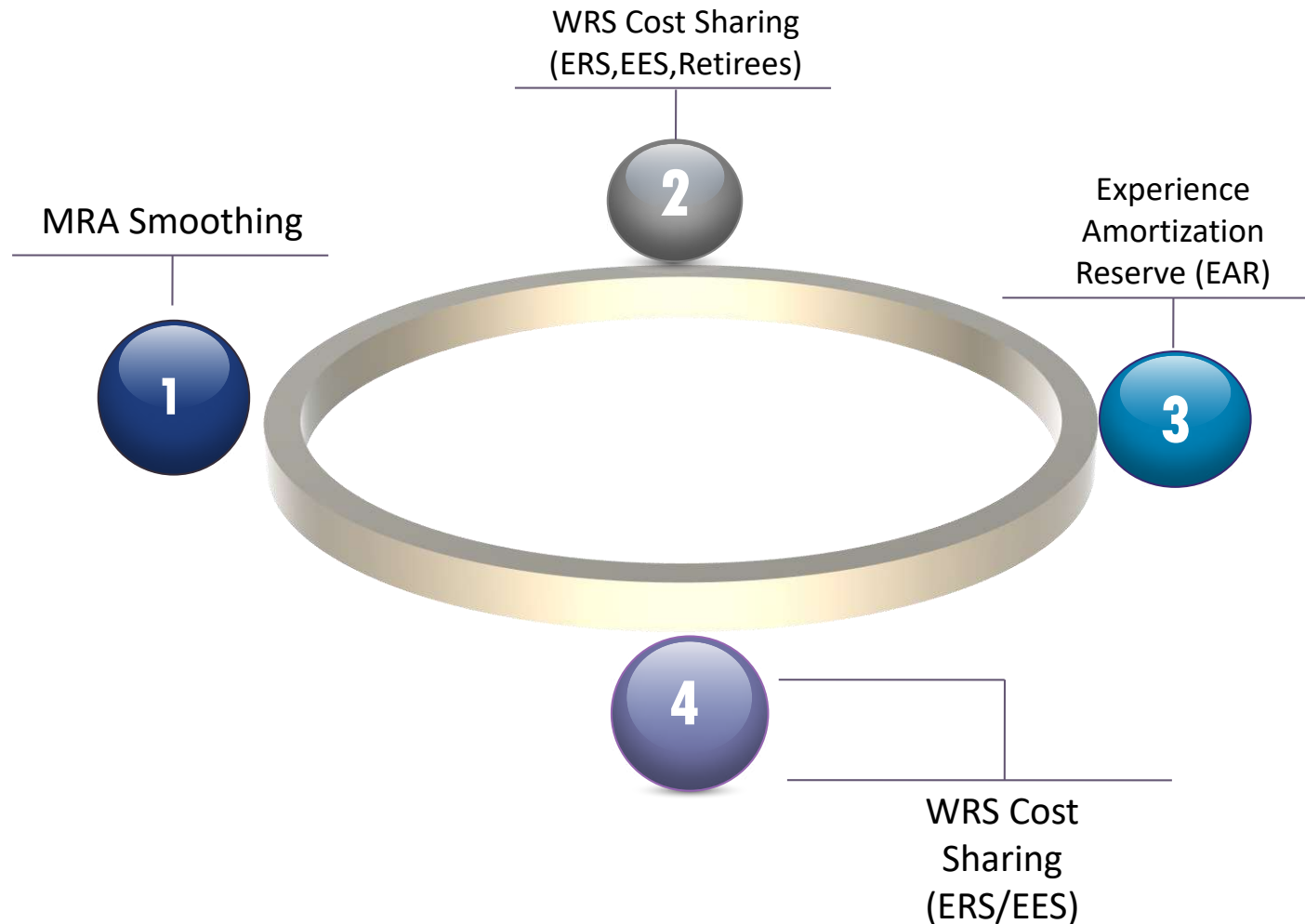
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- Investment earnings increase (or decrease) active and inactive member account balances
  - Potentially affects their benefits when they retire via the operation of the Money Purchase Minimum benefit (MPM)
- Investment earnings (smoothed) above or below 5% affect dividends paid to retirees
- Active members and employers share in contribution rate changes



# The “Magic” of WRS Financing

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# SECTION 2

## Stress Testing Results - Deterministic



# Deterministic Stress Testing

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- Stress testing provides insight into how the System would respond to severely unfavorable markets
- For WRS, stress testing can answer questions:
  - What would it take to deplete the dividend liability?
  - What would it take to increase contribution rates 25%?



# Dividend Liability and Retiree Funded Status

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- Definitions
  - Dividend Liability (17.2B) = Total Retiree Liability (w/div.)  
less Base Benefit Liability (w/o div.)
  - Retiree Funded Status (128%) =  
Total Retiree Liability (w/div.) / Base Benefit Liability  
(w/o div.)



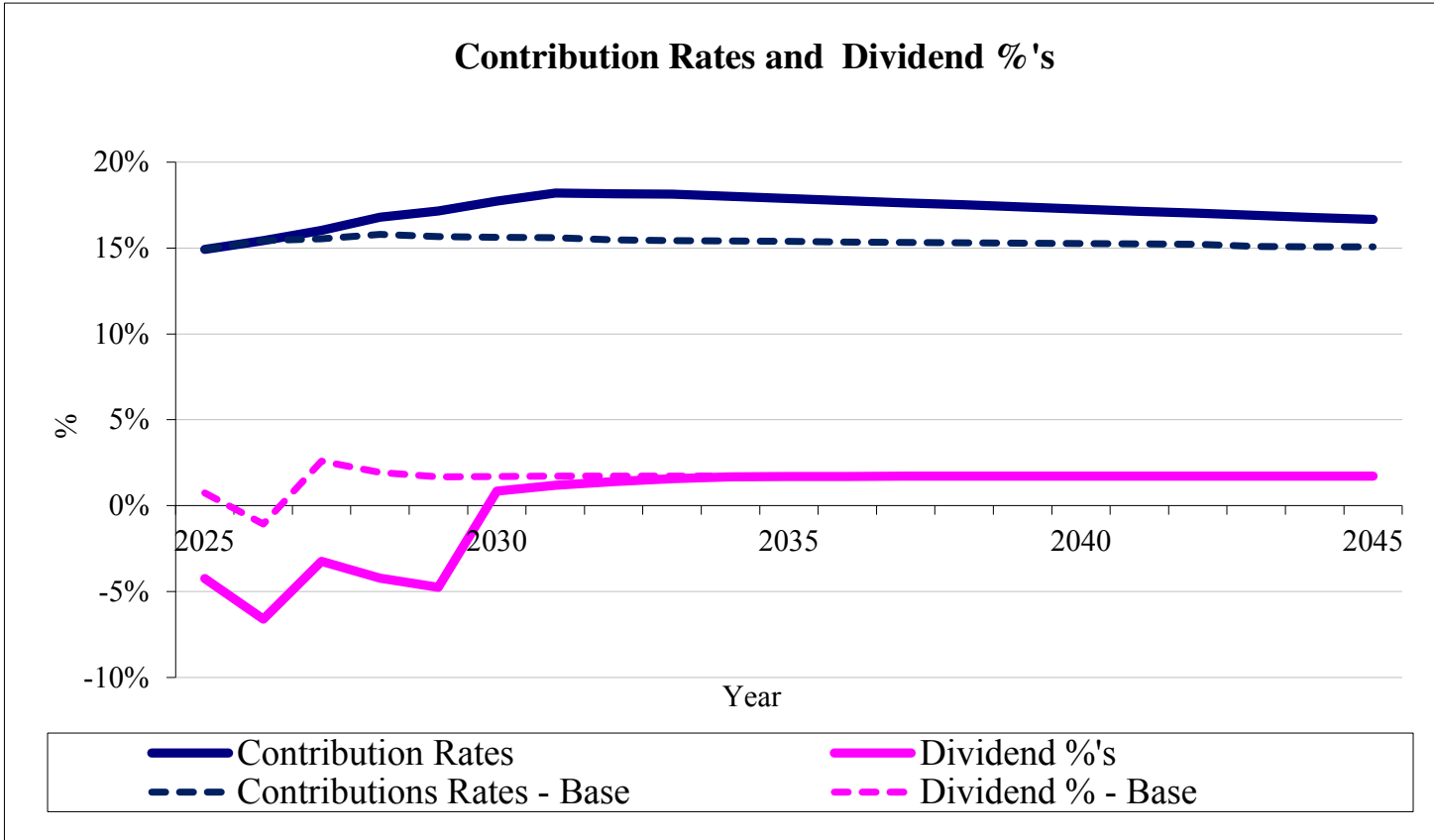
# Deterministic Stress Testing

- Deterministic stress tests studied herein:

Stress Test	Asset Return Year 1	Asset Return Year 2	Asset Return Thereafter
1	-20%	6.8%	6.8%
2	-25%	6.8%	6.8%
3 Bounce Back	-25%	25%	6.8%
4	-30%	6.8%	6.8%

Underlying valuation assumptions held constant, including 6.8% investment return and 3.0% wage inflation assumptions

# Stress Test 1 – Negative 20% Return in 2025 Followed by 6.8% Thereafter

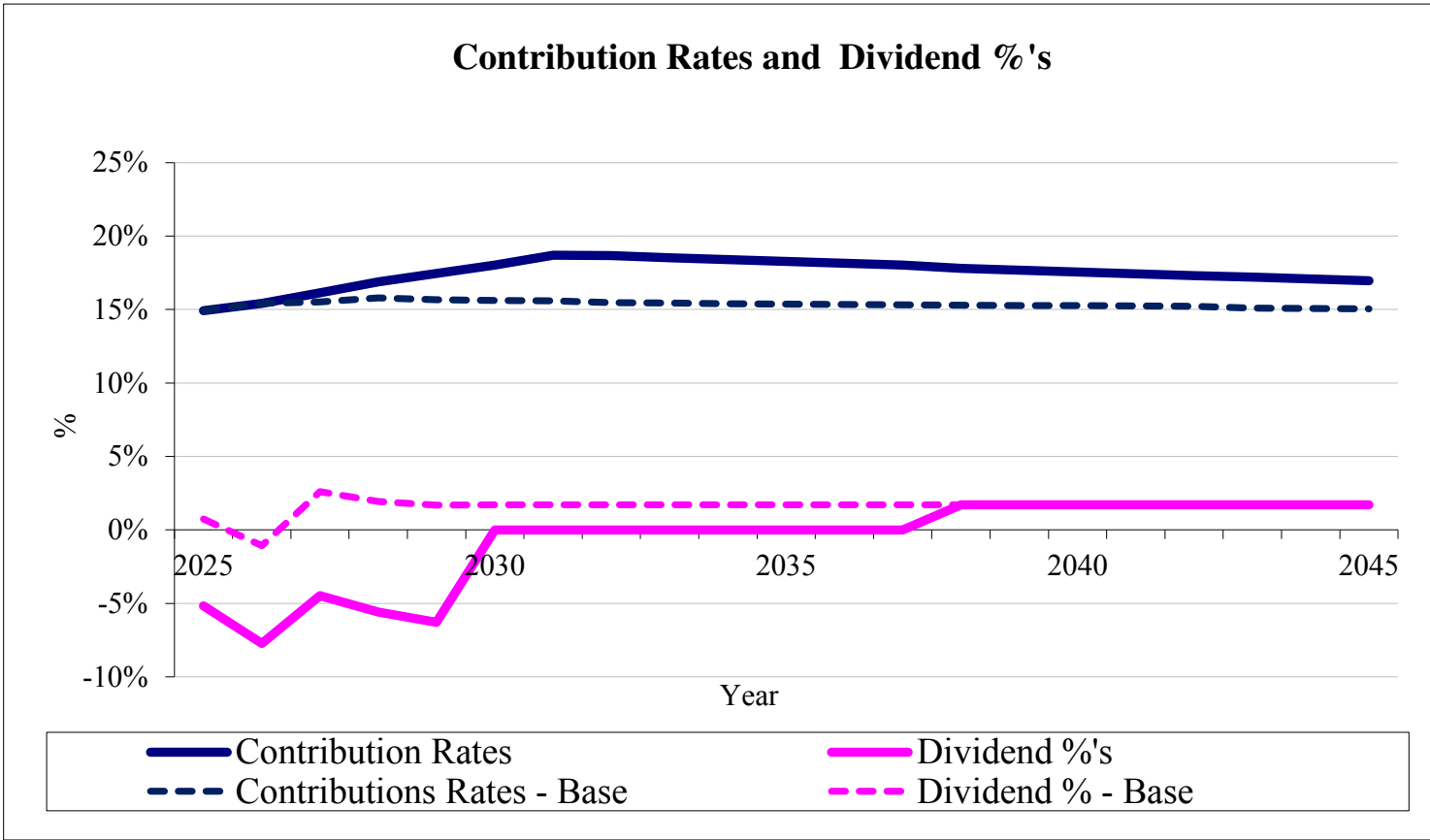


## Stress Test 1 – Negative 20% Return in 2025 Followed by 6.8% Thereafter

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- Dividend Liability is depleted by 2029
- There will be a series of negative dividends, until most people are at the floor
- Positive dividends would resume in 2030
- Contribution Rate gradually increases by about 2.8% of payroll in year 5 and slowly declines thereafter

# Stress Test 2 – Negative 25% Return in 2025 Followed by 6.8% Thereafter



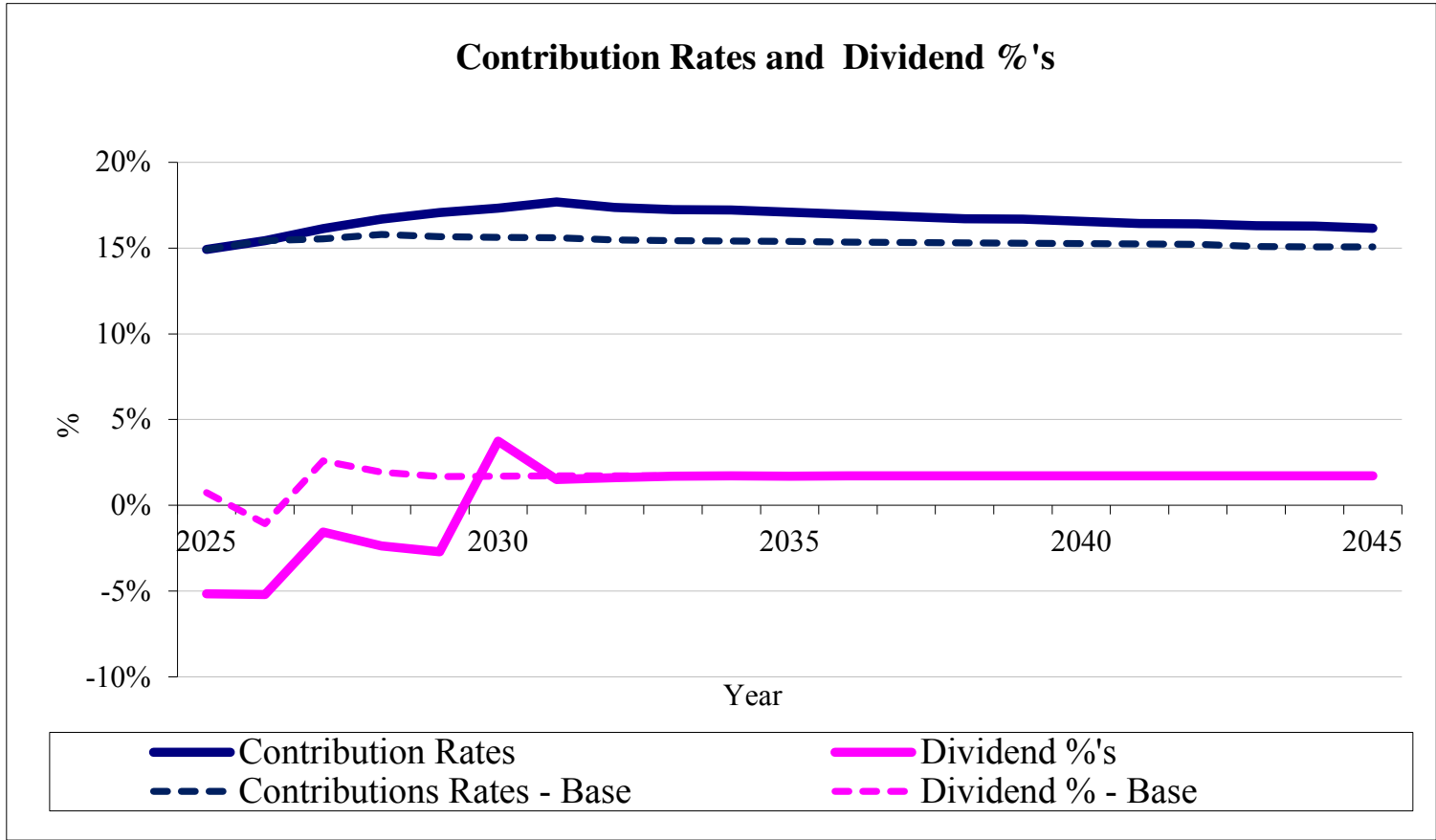
## Stress Test 2 – Negative 25% Return in 2025 Followed by 6.8% Thereafter

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- Dividend Liability is depleted by 2029
- Retiree Liability becomes underfunded
- There will be a series of negative dividends, until all retirees are at the floor, followed by an extended period of no dividends
- Dividends could resume in 2038
- Contribution Rate gradually increases by about 3.3% of payroll in year 5 and slowly declines thereafter



# Stress Test 3 – Negative 25% Return in 2025, Positive 25% in 2026 and 6.8% Thereafter

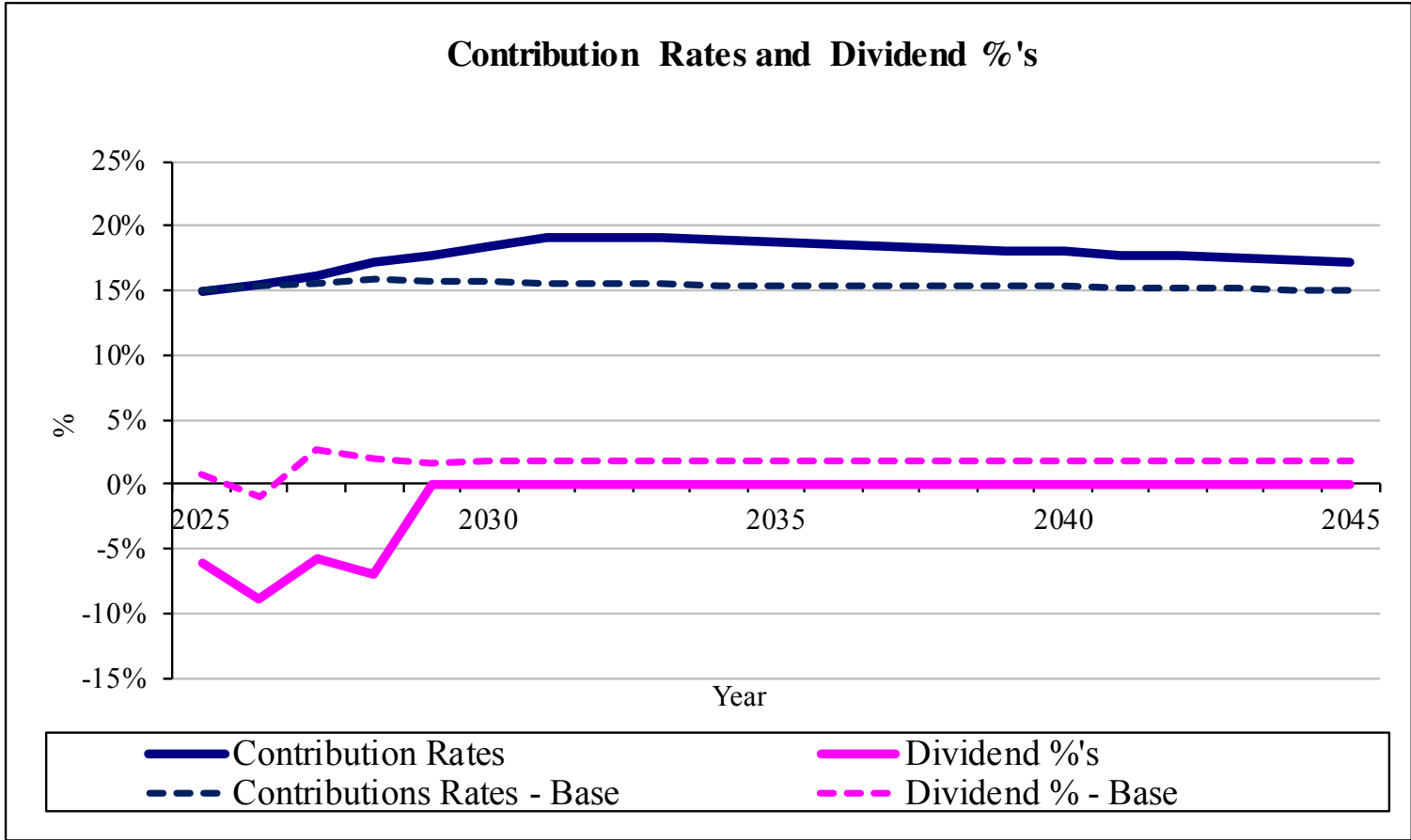


## Stress Test 3 – Negative 25% Return in 2025, Positive 25% in 2026 and 6.8% Thereafter

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- Dividend Liability is not depleted, but Dividend Liability “cushion” falls to 6% in 2029
- There will be a series of negative dividends, pushing some retirees to the floor, followed by a rebuild of dividends for all retirees
- Contribution Rate gradually increases by about 1.5% of payroll in year 5 and slowly declines thereafter

# Stress Test 4 – Negative 30% Return in 2025 Followed by 6.8% Thereafter



## Stress Test 4 – Negative 30% Return in 2025 Followed by 6.8% Thereafter

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- Dividend Liability is depleted by 2028
- Retiree Liability becomes underfunded
- There will be a series of negative dividends, until all people are at the floor, followed by a long period of no dividends
- Dividends could resume in 2046
- Contribution Rate gradually increases by about 4% of payroll in year 6 and slowly declines thereafter



# Deterministic Stress Test Summary

All tests show a 4-year negative dividend period

Stress Test/MVA Return	Year Dividend Liability Depleted	Year Positive Dividends Resume	Retiree Liability Underfunded	Year 5 Projected Contribution Rate Increase
1/-20%	2029	2030	No	2.8% of Payroll
2/-25%	2029	2038	Yes	3.3% of Payroll
3/-25% +25%	N/A	2028	No	1.5% of Payroll
4/-30%	2028	2046	Yes	4.2% of Payroll

Given all assumptions are met, including 6.8% return after shocks and bounceback



# Stress Test Observations

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- Contribution rates are generally more stable than dividend rates
- A large negative return would be detrimental to retirees (dividends are depleted)
- Retiree assets are 61% of total assets
- Proportions allocated to retiree reserve, money purchase minimum and EAR evolve over time





# SECTION 3

## Stress Testing Results - Stochastic



# Monte Carlo Simulations

- Based on 10,000 random trials (normal distribution)
- Valuation Assumptions held constant
- Assumes nine sets of expected return/standard deviations (provided by NEPC)

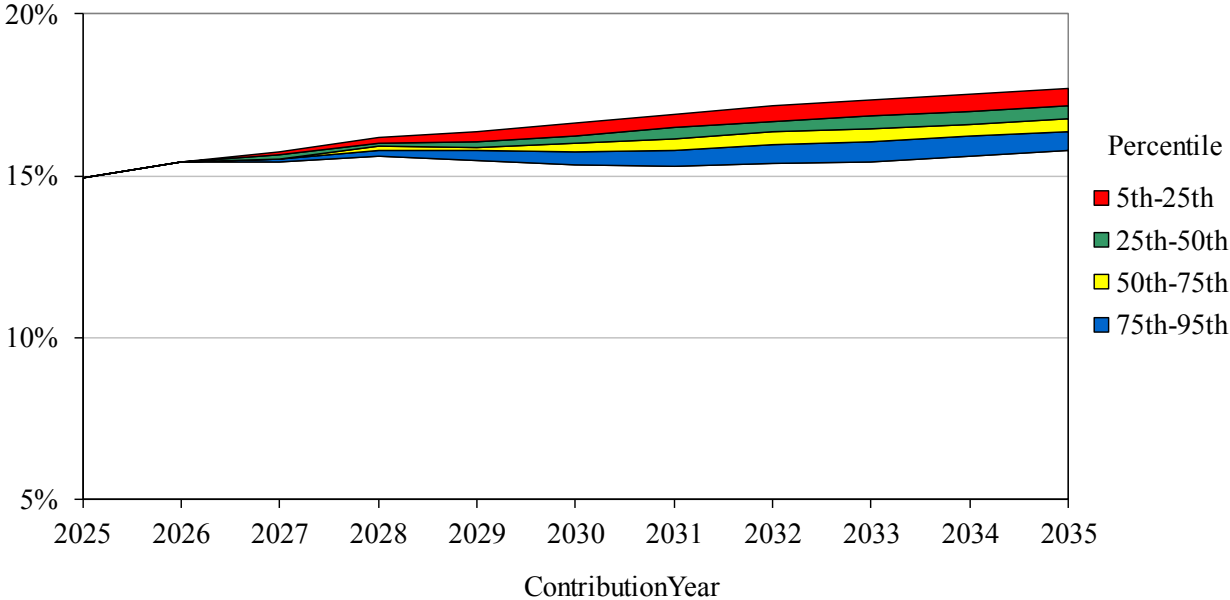
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	Expected Return		Standard Deviation	
	Geometric	Arithmetic	2025	2023
Scenario 1	4.5%	4.5%	2.2%	N/A
Scenario 2	5.0%	5.1%	4.1%	4.6%
Scenario 3	5.5%	5.7%	6.2%	5.5%
Scenario 4	6.0%	6.3%	8.2%	9.4%
Scenario 5	6.5%	7.0%	10.7%	12.9%
Scenario 6	7.0%	7.9%	14.0%	13.6%
Scenario 7	7.5%	8.7%	16.9%	17.1%
Scenario 8	8.0%	10.1%	22.3%	22.4%
Scenario 9	8.5%	11.8%	28.3%	N/A



# Contribution as a % of Payroll

## Scenario 2 – 5.0% Return, 4.1% Volatility

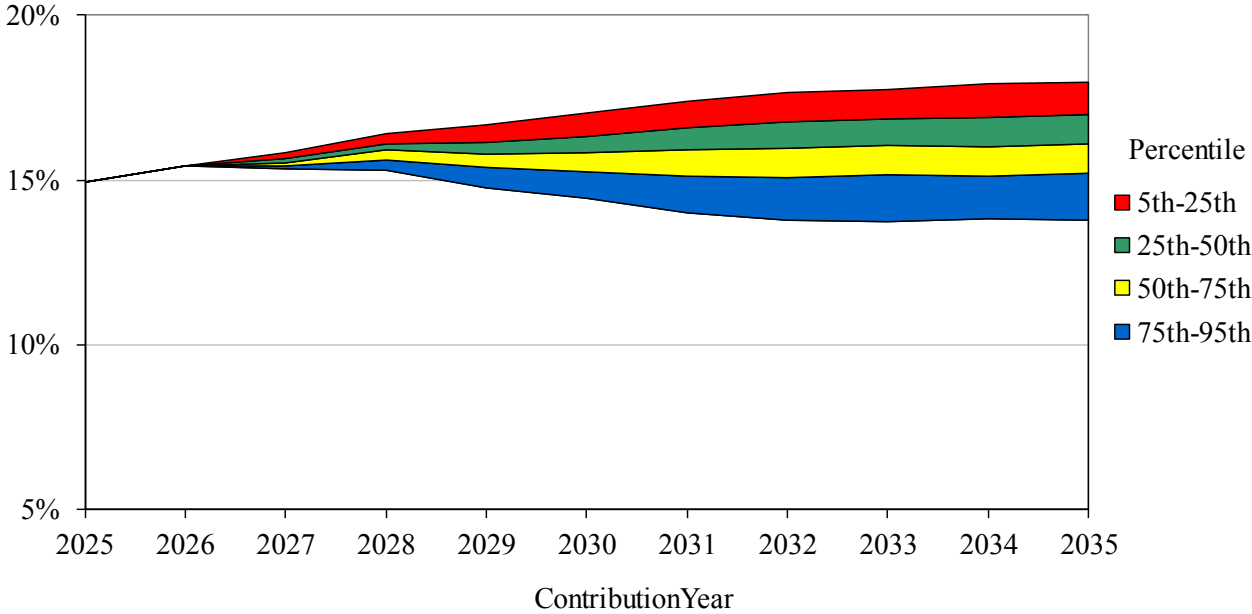


<b>5th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.7%	16.2%	16.4%	16.6%	16.9%	17.2%	17.3%	17.5%	17.7%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.6%	16.0%	16.1%	16.2%	16.5%	16.7%	16.8%	17.0%	17.2%
<b>Median</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.9%	15.9%	16.0%	16.1%	16.4%	16.4%	16.6%	16.8%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.8%	15.8%	15.7%	15.8%	15.9%	16.0%	16.2%	16.4%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.4%	15.6%	15.5%	15.3%	15.3%	15.4%	15.4%	15.6%	15.8%



# Contribution as a % of Payroll

## Scenario 4 – 6.0% Return, 8.2% Volatility

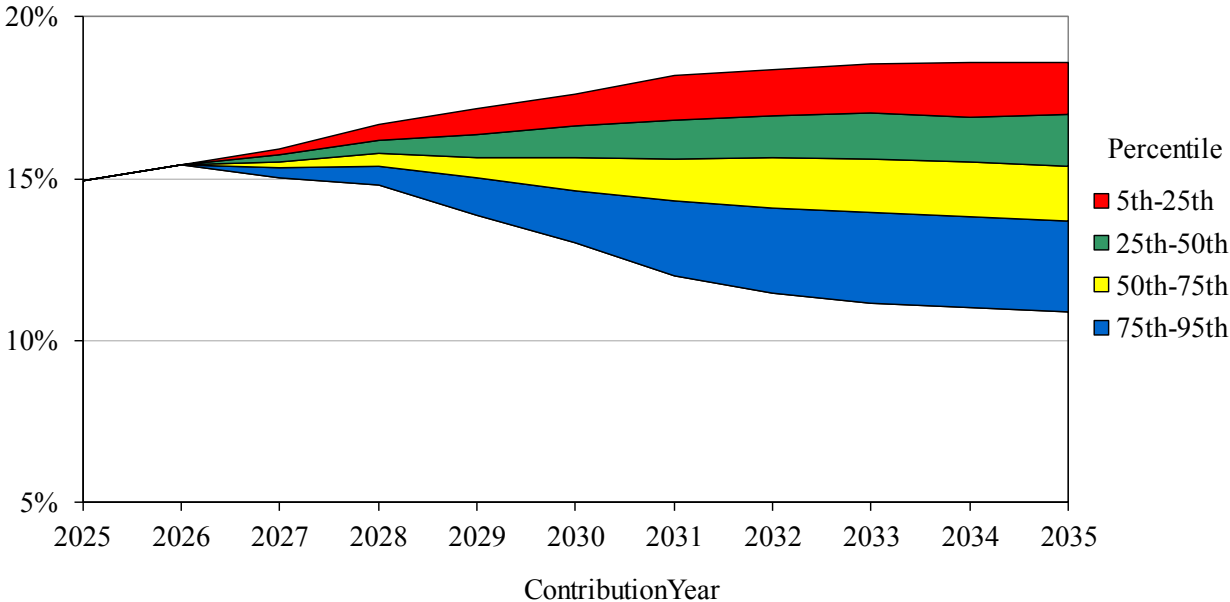


<b>5th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.8%	16.4%	16.7%	17.0%	17.4%	17.7%	17.7%	17.9%	18.0%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.6%	16.1%	16.2%	16.3%	16.6%	16.8%	16.8%	16.9%	17.0%
<b>Median</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.9%	15.8%	15.8%	15.9%	16.0%	16.0%	16.0%	16.1%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.4%	15.6%	15.4%	15.2%	15.1%	15.1%	15.1%	15.1%	15.2%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.3%	15.3%	14.8%	14.4%	14.0%	13.8%	13.7%	13.8%	13.8%



# Contribution as a % of Payroll

## Scenario 6 – 7.0% Return, 14.0% Volatility

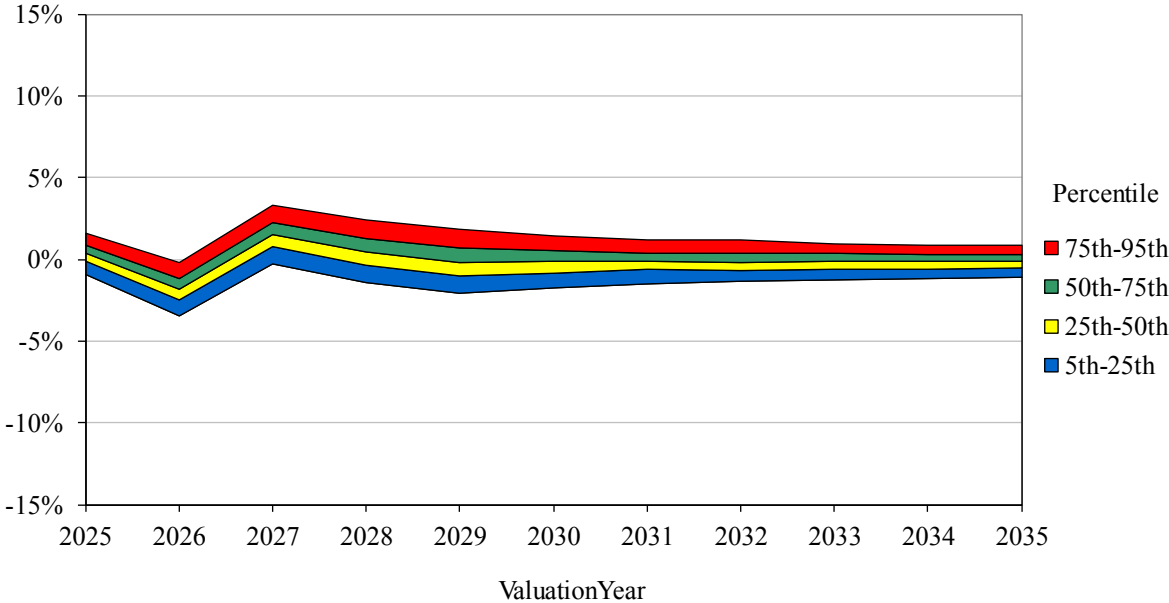


<b>5th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.9%	16.7%	17.2%	17.6%	18.2%	18.4%	18.5%	18.6%	18.6%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.7%	16.2%	16.4%	16.6%	16.8%	17.0%	17.0%	16.9%	17.0%
<b>Median</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.8%	15.7%	15.6%	15.6%	15.7%	15.6%	15.5%	15.4%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.3%	15.4%	15.0%	14.6%	14.3%	14.1%	13.9%	13.8%	13.7%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.0%	14.8%	13.9%	13.0%	12.0%	11.5%	11.1%	11.0%	10.9%



# Dividend Rates

## Scenario 2 – 5.0% Return, 4.1% Volatility

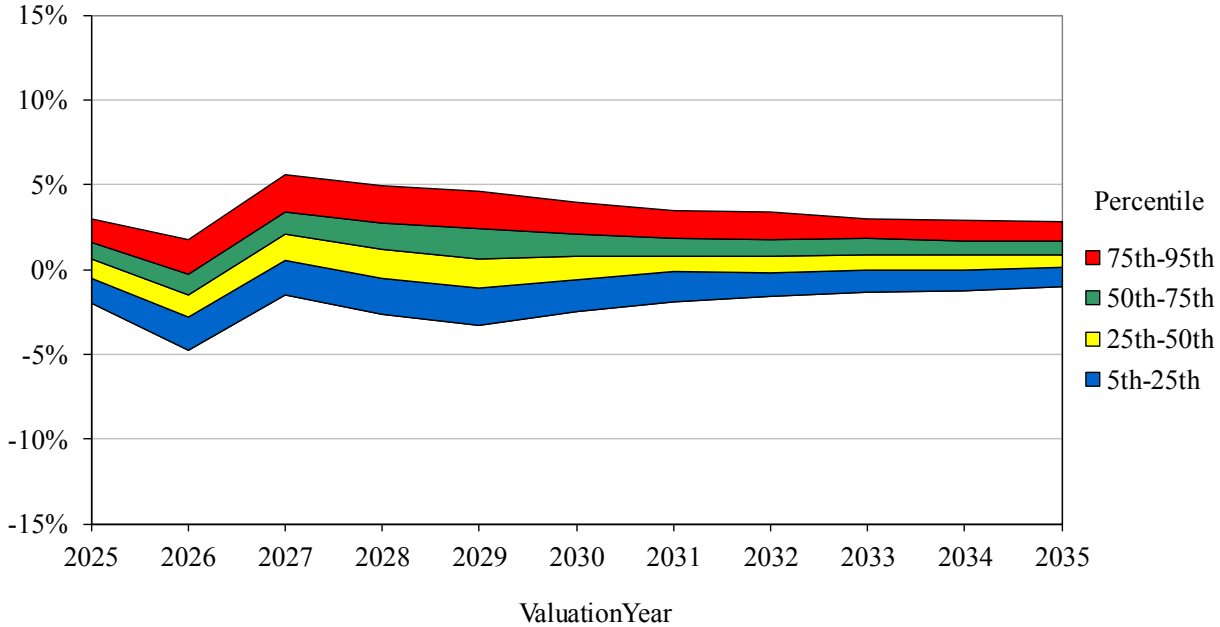


<b>5th Percentile</b>	-0.9%	-3.4%	-0.2%	-1.4%	-2.1%	-1.7%	-1.5%	-1.3%	-1.2%	-1.2%	-1.1%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	-0.1%	-2.4%	0.8%	-0.4%	-1.0%	-0.8%	-0.6%	-0.7%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.5%
<b>Median</b>	0.4%	-1.8%	1.5%	0.5%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	0.9%	-1.2%	2.2%	1.3%	0.7%	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	1.6%	-0.2%	3.3%	2.4%	1.9%	1.5%	1.2%	1.2%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%



# Dividend Rates

## Scenario 4 – 6.0% Return, 8.2% Volatility

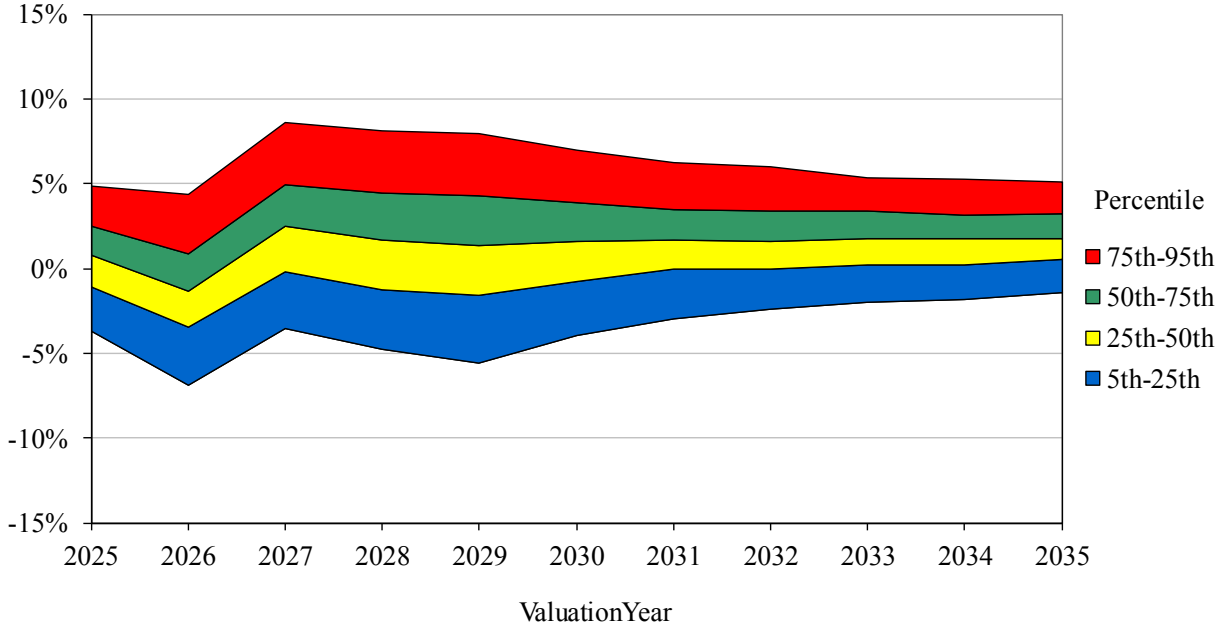


<b>5th Percentile</b>	-2.0%	-4.8%	-1.5%	-2.6%	-3.3%	-2.4%	-1.9%	-1.6%	-1.3%	-1.2%	-1.0%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	-0.5%	-2.8%	0.5%	-0.5%	-1.0%	-0.6%	-0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
<b>Median</b>	0.6%	-1.5%	2.1%	1.2%	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	1.6%	-0.3%	3.4%	2.8%	2.4%	2.1%	1.9%	1.8%	1.8%	1.7%	1.7%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	3.0%	1.7%	5.6%	5.0%	4.6%	4.0%	3.5%	3.4%	3.0%	2.9%	2.8%



# Dividend Rates

## Scenario 6 – 7.0% Return, 14.0% Volatility



	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
<b>5th Percentile</b>	-3.7%	-6.8%	-3.5%	-4.8%	-5.5%	-4.0%	-3.0%	-2.4%	-2.0%	-1.8%	-1.4%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	-1.1%	-3.4%	-0.2%	-1.2%	-1.6%	-0.7%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.3%	0.6%
<b>Median</b>	0.8%	-1.3%	2.5%	1.7%	1.3%	1.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	2.5%	0.8%	4.9%	4.5%	4.3%	3.9%	3.5%	3.4%	3.4%	3.2%	3.3%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	4.9%	4.4%	8.7%	8.2%	8.0%	7.0%	6.2%	6.0%	5.4%	5.3%	5.1%



# Stress Testing Dividend Depletion and Retiree Funded Status

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- Definitions
  - Dividend Liability (17.2B) = Total Retiree Liability (w/div.)  
less Base Benefit Liability (w/o div.)
  - Retiree Funded Status (128%) =  
Total Retiree Liability (w/div.) / Base Benefit Liability  
(w/o div.)
- Dividend Stress Test studied
  - Probability that dividend liability will be depleted
  - Number of paths leading to Dividend Depletion
  - Worst case scenario of Retiree Funded Status
  - Depletion Severity measure



# Stress Testing Dividend Depletion and Retiree Funded Status

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Probability {Dividend Depletion in  
Year i}

Represents the number of times the Retiree Funded Status is less than 1 in year i divided by 10,000 (allows for recovery in future years)

# Dividend Stress Test

## Probability That Dividend Liability Will Be Depleted in Year (Allows for Recovery in Future Year)

Scenario	Expected RoR	Standard Deviation	Year				
			1	5	10	20	50
1	4.5%	2.2%	0%	0%	0%	6%	100%
2	5.0%	4.1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	49%
3	5.5%	6.2%	0%	0%	1%	2%	7%
4	6.0%	8.2%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%
5	6.5%	10.7%	0%	3%	4%	3%	1%
6	7.0%	14.0%	0%	6%	7%	4%	1%
7	7.5%	16.9%	0%	9%	10%	5%	1%
8	8.0%	22.3%	0%	16%	15%	9%	2%
9	8.5%	28.3%	0%	22%	22%	13%	3%

Actuarial  
Rate 6.8%



# Stress Testing Dividend Depletion and Retiree Funded Status

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Percentage of Paths Leading to  
Dividend Depletion on or before  $i$

Counts the number of times on or before year  $i$  the Retiree Funded Status is less than 1 (does not allow for recovery in future years)

# Dividend Stress Test

## Percentage of Paths Leading to Dividend Depletion on or before Year i

Actuarial Rate 6.8%



Scenario	Expected RoR	Standard Deviation	Year				
			1	5	10	20	50
1	4.5%	2.2%	0%	0%	0%	6%	100%
2	5.0%	4.1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	50%
3	5.5%	6.2%	0%	0%	1%	3%	10%
4	6.0%	8.2%	0%	1%	3%	4%	5%
5	6.5%	10.7%	0%	3%	5%	6%	6%
6	7.0%	14.0%	0%	6%	9%	11%	11%
7	7.5%	16.9%	0%	9%	14%	15%	15%
8	8.0%	22.3%	0%	16%	21%	23%	24%
9	8.5%	28.3%	0%	22%	28%	29%	30%



# Stress Testing Dividend Depletion and Retiree Funded Status

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## Worst Case Scenario of Retiree Funded Status

Finds the 5<sup>th</sup> percentile of retiree funded status for any given year in any given scenario (very unlikely scenario)

# Dividend Stress Test

## Worst Case Scenario of Retiree Funded Status (% of Floor Benefit That is Funded)

Scenario	Expected RoR	Standard Deviation	Year				
			1	5	10	20	50
1	4.5%	2.2%	127%	120%	112%	100%	72%
2	5.0%	4.1%	127%	116%	110%	103%	86%
3	5.5%	6.2%	126%	113%	108%	104%	98%
4	6.0%	8.2%	125%	110%	106%	107%	113%
5	6.5%	10.7%	124%	105%	103%	106%	129%
6	7.0%	14.0%	123%	100%	96%	103%	137%
7	7.5%	16.9%	122%	94%	91%	101%	153%
8	8.0%	22.3%	120%	82%	79%	88%	141%
9	8.5%	28.3%	118%	70%	66%	72%	121%

Actuarial Rate 6.8% →

Worst Case Scenario based on 5<sup>th</sup> percentile (i.e., 5% probability)



# Stress Testing Dividend Depletion and Retiree Funded Status

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## Depletion Severity Measure

Of the stress test simulations that result in a Retiree Funded Status of less than 1, finds the average Retiree Funded Status (or degree of depletion)

# Dividend Stress Test

## Depletion Severity Measure

### Average Retiree Funded Status for Depletion Scenarios

Scenario	Expected RoR	Standard Deviation	Year				
			1	5	10	20	50
1	4.5%	2.2%	N/A	N/A	N/A	98%	79%
2	5.0%	4.1%	N/A	N/A	N/A	97%	93%
3	5.5%	6.2%	N/A	97%	97%	96%	93%
4	6.0%	8.2%	N/A	96%	94%	95%	95%
5	6.5%	10.7%	N/A	94%	92%	93%	94%
6	7.0%	14.0%	N/A	90%	89%	88%	92%
7	7.5%	16.9%	N/A	89%	87%	85%	90%
8	8.0%	22.3%	N/A	85%	81%	81%	81%
9	8.5%	28.3%	N/A	80%	75%	75%	70%

Actuarial  
Rate 6.8%



# Dividend Stress Test Observations

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- The low risk scenarios are actually risky in the sense that, for example, 4.5% and 5% expected return has a much higher chance of dividend depletion in later years than higher risk scenarios
- Must balance short and long term volatility
- Consider probability of dividend depletion
- Consider level of worst case scenario that is acceptable



# Combination of All Scenarios

2035 Results by Percentile of Investment Return Outcomes										
Scenario	Expected RoR	Standard Deviation	Contribution Rates			Dividend Rates			Highest Div. Dep. PRB	Worst Retiree Funded %
			95th	50th	5th	95th	50th	5th		
1	4.5%	2.2%	16.6%	17.1%	17.6%	-0.1%	-0.6%	-1.1%	100%/Year50	72%/Year50
2	5.0%	4.1%	15.8%	16.8%	17.7%	0.8%	-0.1%	-1.1%	50%/Year50	86%/Year50
3	5.5%	6.2%	14.8%	16.4%	17.9%	1.8%	0.4%	-1.1%	10%/Year50	98%/Year50
4	6.0%	8.2%	13.8%	16.1%	18.0%	2.8%	0.8%	-1.0%	5%/Year50	106%/Year10
5	6.5%	10.7%	12.5%	15.8%	18.2%	3.9%	1.3%	-1.1%	6%/Year50	103%/Year10
6	7.0%	14.0%	10.9%	15.4%	18.6%	5.1%	1.8%	-1.4%	11%/Year50	96%/Year10
7	7.5%	16.9%	9.1%	15.1%	19.0%	6.3%	2.3%	-1.6%	15%/Year50	91%/Year10
8	8.0%	22.3%	6.1%	14.8%	19.8%	8.0%	2.7%	-2.5%	24%/Year50	79%/Year10
9	8.5%	28.3%	2.4%	14.7%	20.7%	9.8%	3.0%	-3.5%	30%/Year50	66%/Year10

Actuarial Rate 6.8%



- Portfolios with lower expected return result in higher expected contributions and lower expected dividends
- Higher assumed rates of return are associated with higher standard deviation (i.e., risk) and 5<sup>th</sup> percentile scenario for retiree dividend pool falling below 75% (Worst Retiree Funded %)
- Scenarios 4 through 7 represent potential 'Goldilocks Zone'



# Goldilocks Zone Guideposts<sup>1</sup>

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- Prefer narrow range of potential employer contributions (difference between 95<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> percentiles below 10%)
- Prefer some level of meaningful dividends (close to or greater than 1% for 50<sup>th</sup> percentile)
- Prefer probability of dividend depletion below 20%
- Prefer worst case funded status greater than 80%

<sup>1</sup> Guideposts are not mathematically absolute



# 2025 Observations

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- Changes from 2023 Study
  - Returns over 2023 and 2024 were 11.40% and 8.55%
    - MRA returns of 9.1% and 7.5%
    - 2023 – \$7.0B in unrecognized losses, 2025 – \$3.4B in unrecognized losses
  - Similar Standard Deviation to 2023 Study
  - Changes in assumptions (primarily salary increases, retirement, turnover)



# 2025 Observations

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- Overall results are similar to 2023 study
  - Probability of depleting dividend liability is somewhat lower due to factors on previous slide
  - Similar range of dividend/contribution results
- ‘Goldilocks zone’ remains at 6.0% to 7.5%
  - Provides for positive return with appropriate downside protection
  - Potential refinement of 6.5% to 7.5% in future years



# THANK YOU

**Questions**



# SECTION 4

## Appendix 1

# Understanding Dividend Liability

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- Retirees share in investment gains, but also share in investment losses
  - Prior dividends can be reduced if less than 5% is credited to the Core Annuity Division
- Only dividends can be reduced, the original core benefit is protected
- The present value of the excess of total core benefits over original benefits is called the “Dividend Liability”



# Liability Attributable to Dividends – “Dividend Liability”

<b>Valuation</b>	<b>Liability for Dividend Remaining (billions)</b>	<b>Liability for Dividend Adjustment (billions)</b>	<b>Liability after Dividend Adjustment (billions)</b>
12/31/2015	\$5.5	\$0.2	\$5.7
12/31/2016	5.4	1.0	6.4
12/31/2017	6.1	1.3	7.4
12/31/2018	6.9	0.0	6.9
12/31/2019	6.5	1.0	7.5
12/31/2020	7.0	3.1	10.1
12/31/2021	9.4	4.8	14.2
12/31/2022	13.4	1.1	14.5
12/31/2023	13.7	2.7	16.4
12/31/2024	15.4	1.8	17.2

- “Liability for dividend remaining” = value of all previously granted dividends
  - (\$9.2 Billion at 12/31/2008 decreasing to \$3.0 Billion at 12/31/2013)
- 2025 “liability for dividend remaining” is >2008, BUT as a percentage of total liabilities, it is smaller
- Substantial asset losses could decrease the “liability for dividend remaining” to low levels



# Dividend Risk Measure – MRA Basis

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- Dividend Liability (after Dividend adjustment in April) / Total Core Retiree Assets
- Example (2024)
  - Dividend Liability = \$17.2 billion
  - Total Retiree Assets (Core) = \$77.9 billion
  - Dividend Risk Measure =  $17.2/77.9 = 22.0\%$
- In other words, Retiree Assets (after MRA smoothing) would need to decrease by 22.0% to deplete the existing Dividend Liability by year end
- Dividend Risk Measure was 20.1% last study



# Dividend Risk Measure – MVA Basis

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- However, this is on an MRA (smoothed) basis
- Dividend Liability (MVA basis)
  - Total Retiree Assets (Core MVA) ~ \$75.8 billion
  - Dividend Liability (MVA) ~ \$15.1 billion
  - Dividend Risk Measure (MVA) % ~  $15.1\text{B}/75.8\text{B} = 19.9\%$
- Given all assumptions are met, over time, on a market value basis the cushion will decrease to 19.9% with phase-in of unrecognized losses
- Dividend Risk Measure on a MVA basis was 18.0% last study



# Dividend Risk Measure

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- On MRA basis, 2025 dividend liability results look better than 2023, however:
  - At 12/31/2022 there were \$7.0B in deferred asset losses – looking forward things are worse than they appear
  - At 12/31/2024 there are \$3.4B in deferred asset losses – looking forward things are worse than they appear but not as bad as last study

Dividend Risk Measure	2023	2025
MRA basis	20.1%	22.0%
MVA basis	15.3%	19.9%

- The ultimate dividend liability ‘cushion’ increased from 15.3% to 19.9%





# SECTION 5

## Appendix 2

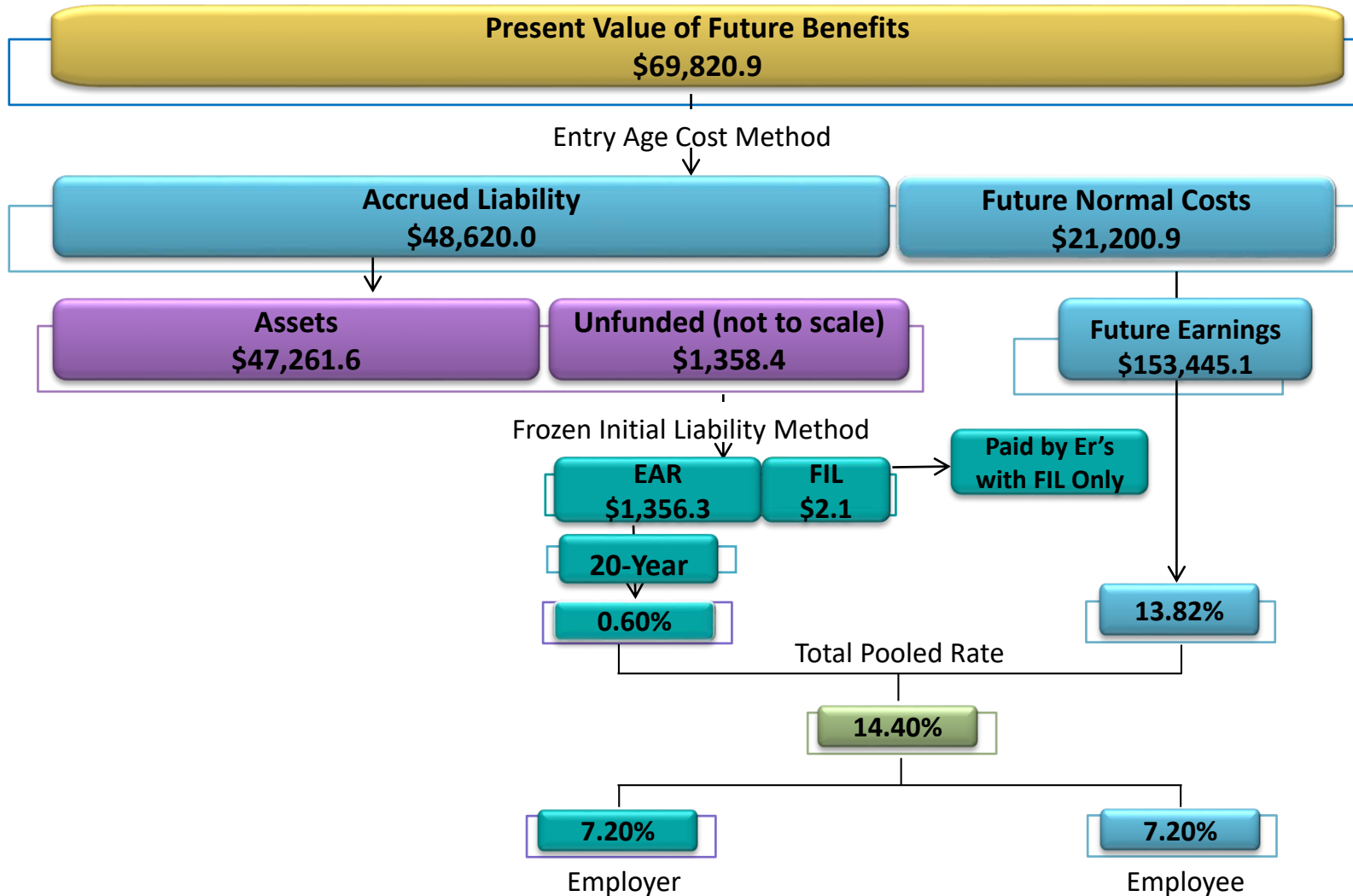
# Operation of Market Recognition Account (MRA) – \$ Millions 2024 Valuation

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>	<u>2027</u>	<u>2028</u>
Actual Investment Return	\$ 10,311				
Assumed Investment Return	8,477				
Gain/(Loss) to be phased-in	1,834				
Phased-in recognition					
• Current year	\$ 367	?	?	?	?
• First prior year	928	\$ 367	?	?	?
• Second prior year	(5,068)	928	\$ 367	?	?
• Third prior year	2,495	(5,068)	928	\$ 367	?
• Fourth prior year	1,773	2,495	(5,068)	928	\$ 367
Total recognized gain (loss)	\$ 495	\$(1,278)	\$ (3,773)	\$ 1,295	\$ 367

**2025-2028: Expect \$3.4 billion in deferred asset LOSSES  
-- Shared by annuitants, actives and employers**



## Actuarial Valuation Process Illustration for General/Elected Group (\$ Millions)

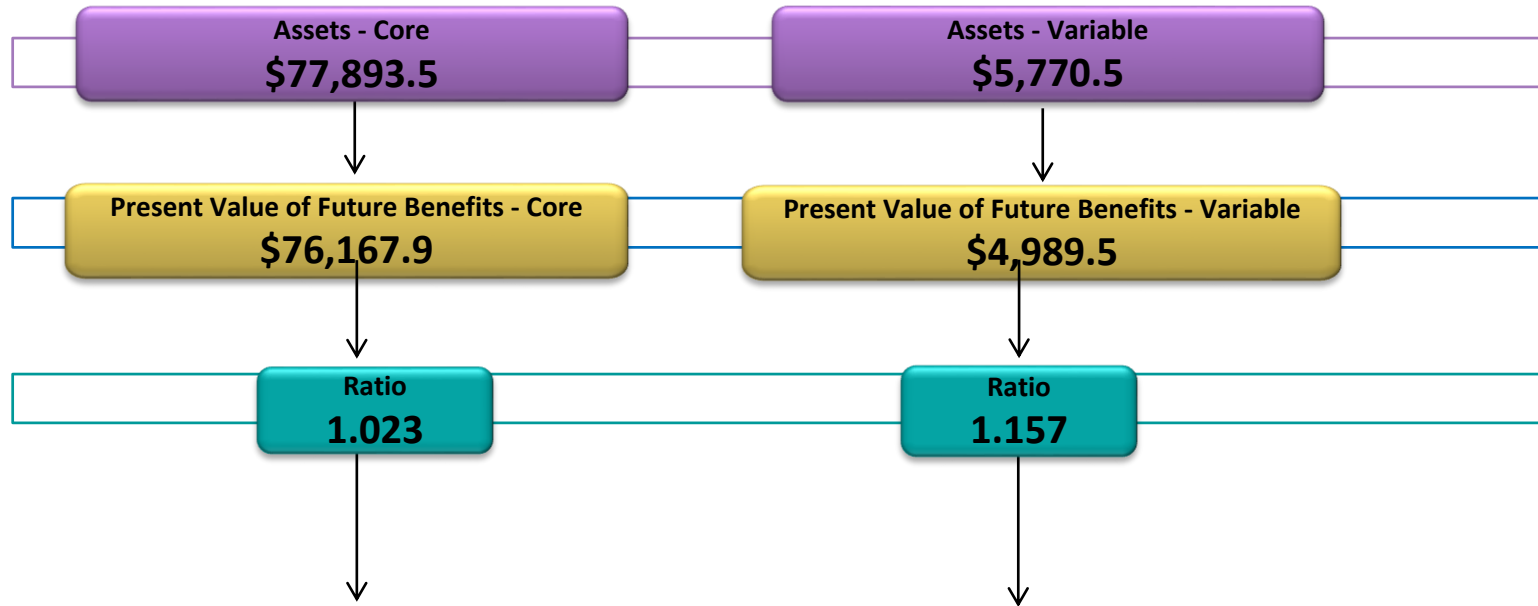


# Comparative Statement of Total Average Contribution Rates

<b>Valuation 12/31</b>	<b>General</b>	<b>Executive &amp; Elected</b>	<b>Protective with Soc. Sec.</b>	<b>Protective without Soc. Sec.</b>
2008	11.15%	11.95%	14.14%	15.46%
2013	13.60%	15.40%	16.30%	20.20%
2018	13.54%	13.54%	18.41%	23.02%
2019	13.53%	13.53%	18.51%	23.11%
2020	13.00%	13.00%	18.52%	23.86%
2021	13.60%	13.60%	20.03%	24.90%
2022	13.81%	13.81%	21.20%	26.00%
2023	13.90%	13.90%	21.90%	25.90%
2024	14.41%	14.41%	21.93%	25.70%

Executive and Elected employee and employer rates for CY 2016 and beyond are made in accordance with the combined General/Exec & Elected results.

## Actuarial Valuation Process – 2024 Retired Lives Valuation Illustration (\$ Millions)



Core effective earnings rate = 7.5%, dividend adjustment = 2.3%.  
Variable effective earnings rate = 20.0%, and the variable adjustment = 15.0%.

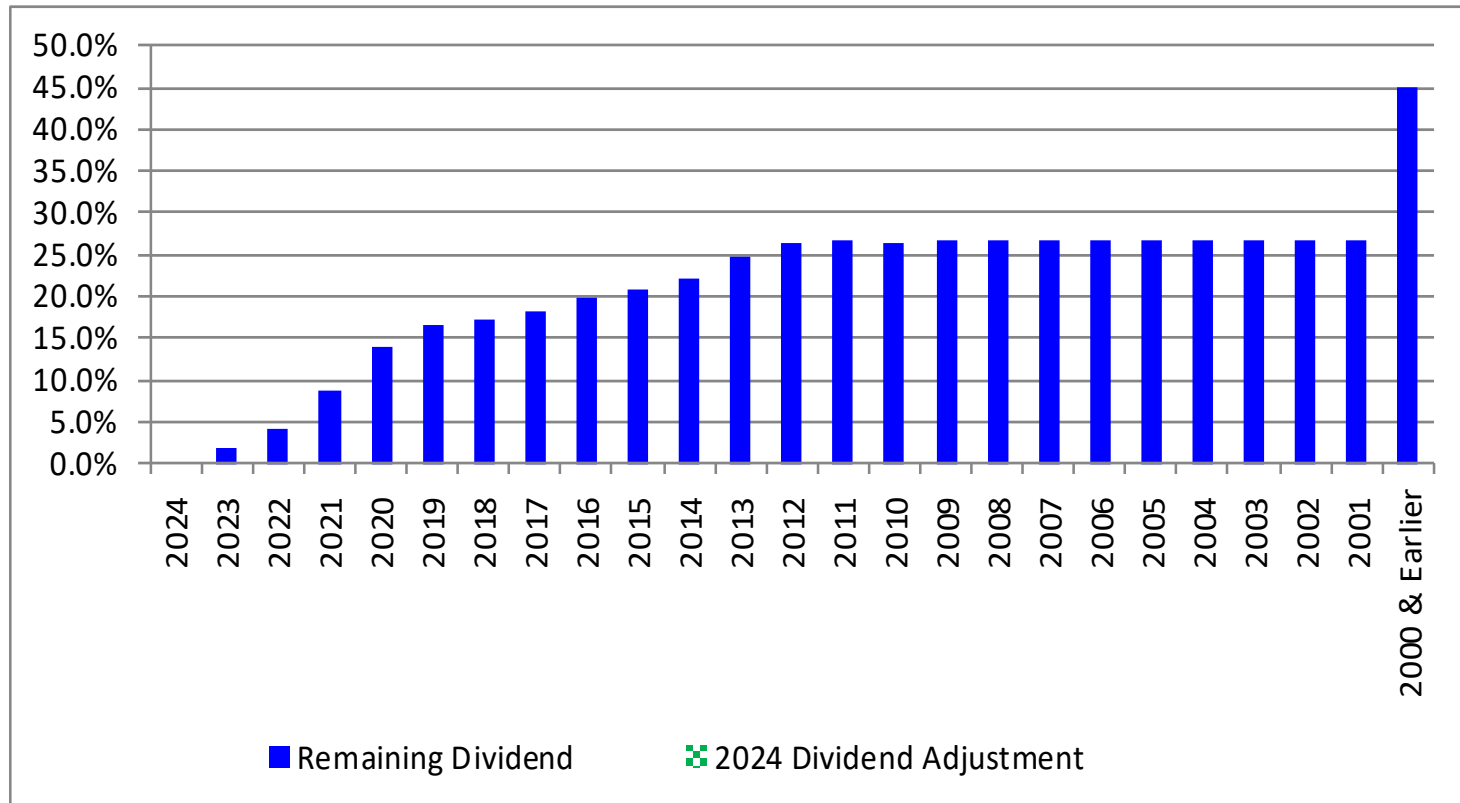
# Primary Sources of Core Dividend

	<u>% of APV<sup>(1)</sup></u>
1. SWIB net of fee investment return	8.55%
2. MRA adjustment	(1.05)%
3. Published effective earnings rate	7.50%
4. Adjustment to relate earnings to average core annuity fund balance	(0.35)%
5. Earnings rate based on average balance	7.15%
6. Expected dividend before adjustments: 1.0715/1.05-1	2.05%
7. Adjustment to relate average asset to ending liability	0.05%
8. Carryover from last year due to timing of dividend, accounting adjustments and rounding	0.16%
9. Experience study adjustment	0.00%
10. Experience and other effects	0.01%
11. Statutory adjustment to round to nearest one-tenth percent	0.03%
12. <b>Computed average dividend rate: (6)+(7)+(8)+(9)+(10)+(11)</b>	<b>2.3%</b>
13. Adjustment for members at or near the statutory floor	0.0%
14. <b>Final computed dividend rate: (12)+(13), if greater than 0.5% (or less than -0.5%) of core annuities, otherwise 0%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>

<sup>(1)</sup> Actuarial Present Value



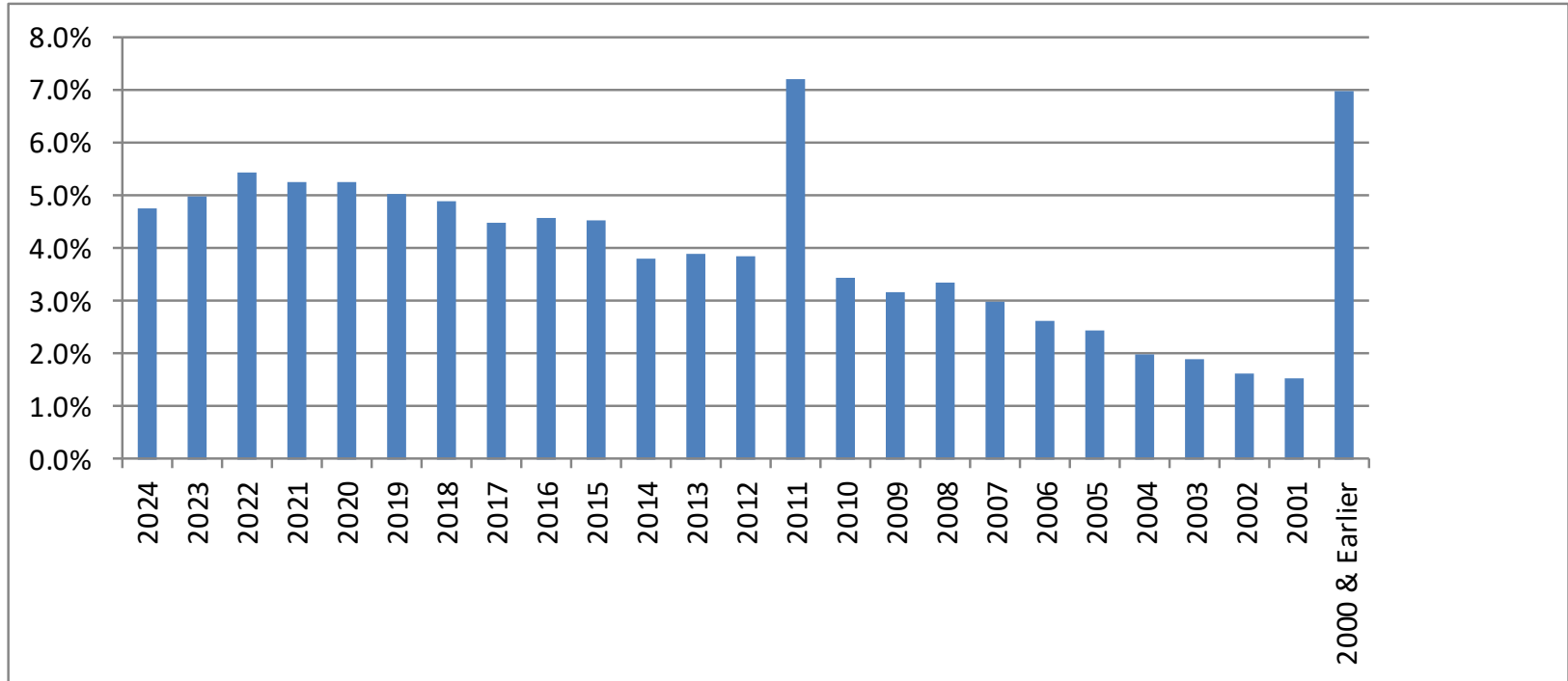
# Dividend Remaining (as a Percentage of Total Benefit) by Year of Retirement



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# Liabilities (as a Percentage of Total) by Year of Retirement

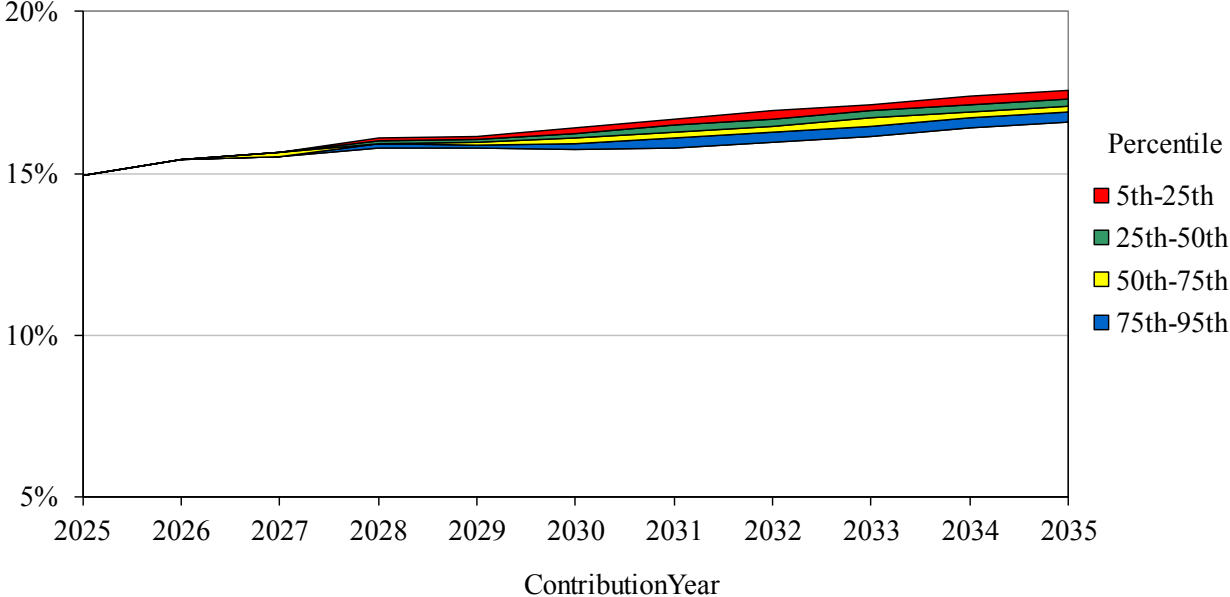


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# Contribution as a % of Payroll

## Scenario 1 – 4.5% Return, 2.2% Volatility

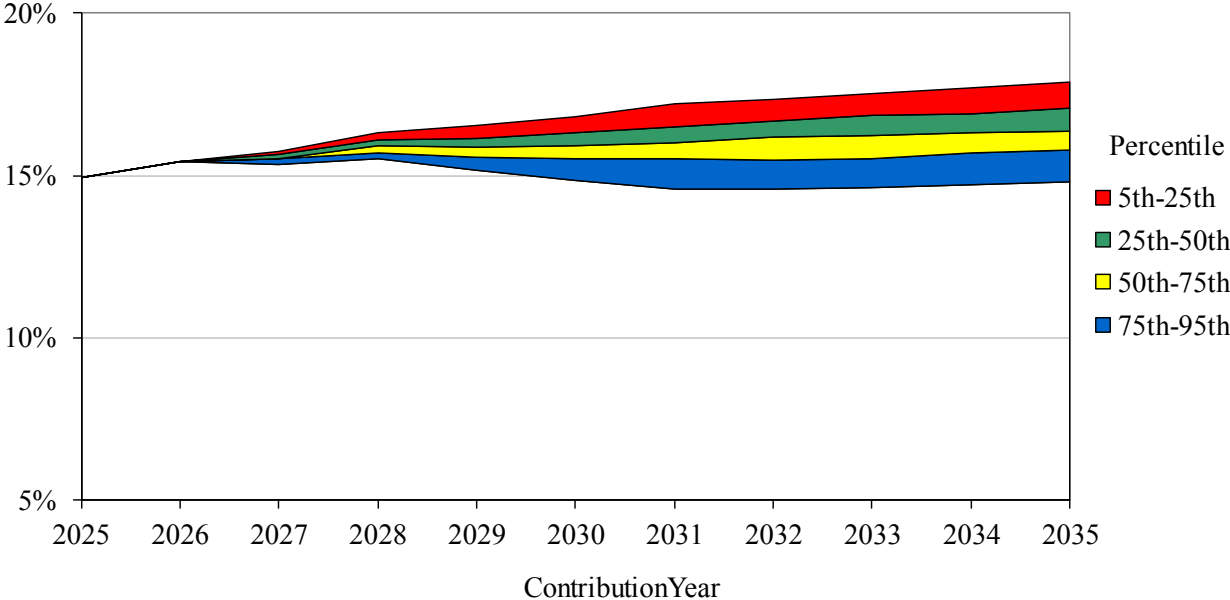


<b>5th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.6%	16.1%	16.2%	16.4%	16.7%	17.0%	17.1%	17.4%	17.6%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.6%	16.0%	16.1%	16.2%	16.5%	16.7%	16.9%	17.1%	17.3%
<b>Median</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.6%	15.9%	16.0%	16.1%	16.3%	16.5%	16.7%	16.9%	17.1%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%	16.1%	16.3%	16.4%	16.7%	16.9%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.8%	15.8%	15.7%	15.8%	16.0%	16.1%	16.4%	16.6%



# Contribution as a % of Payroll

## Scenario 3 – 5.5% Return, 6.2% Volatility

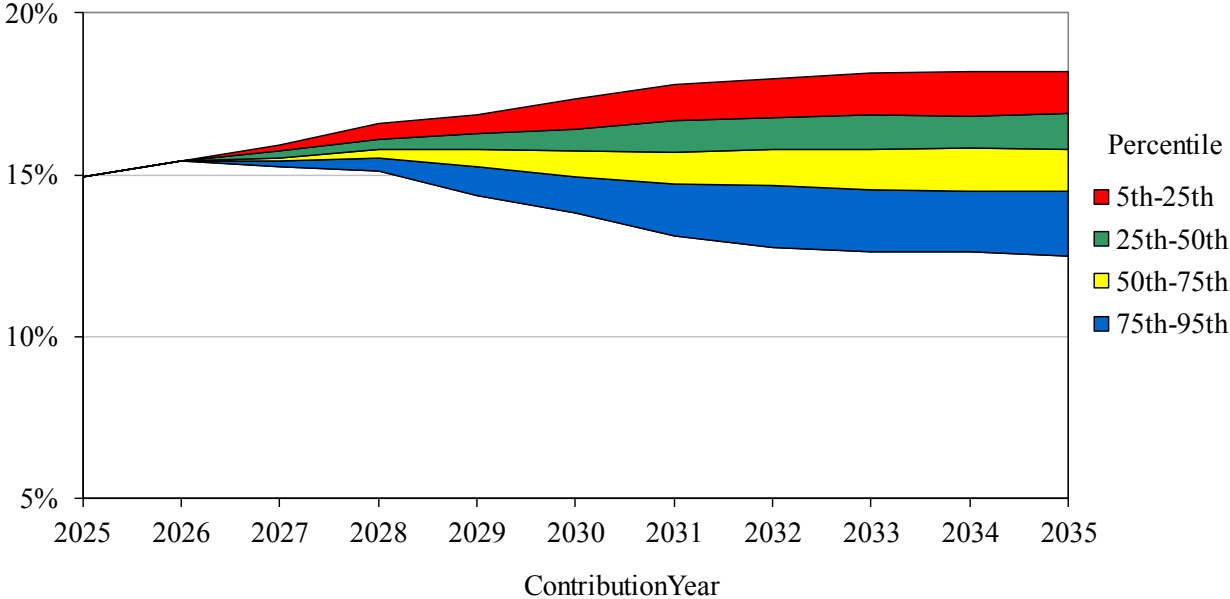


<b>5th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.7%	16.3%	16.6%	16.8%	17.2%	17.4%	17.5%	17.7%	17.9%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.6%	16.1%	16.2%	16.3%	16.5%	16.7%	16.8%	16.9%	17.1%
<b>Median</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%	16.0%	16.2%	16.2%	16.3%	16.4%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.7%	15.6%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	15.7%	15.8%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.3%	15.5%	15.2%	14.8%	14.6%	14.6%	14.6%	14.7%	14.8%



# Contribution as a % of Payroll

## Scenario 5 – 6.5% Return, 10.7% Volatility

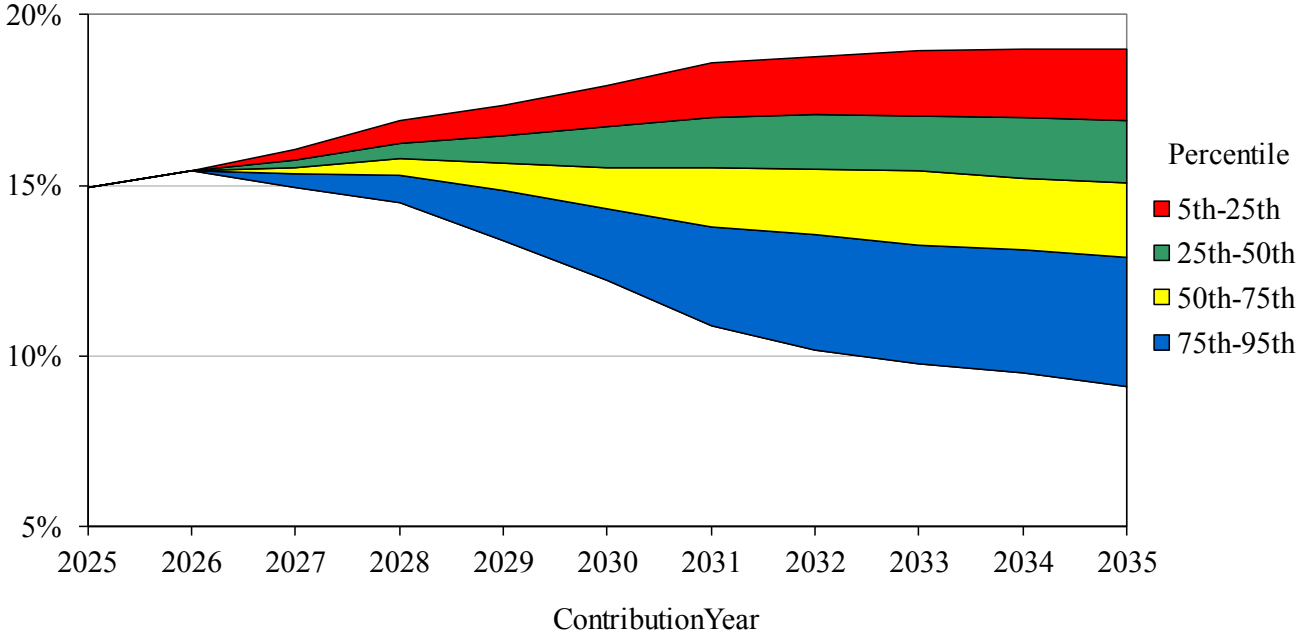


<b>5th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.9%	16.6%	16.9%	17.3%	17.8%	18.0%	18.1%	18.2%	18.2%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.7%	16.1%	16.3%	16.4%	16.7%	16.8%	16.8%	16.8%	16.9%
<b>Median</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.8%	15.8%	15.7%	15.7%	15.8%	15.8%	15.8%	15.8%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.4%	15.5%	15.3%	14.9%	14.7%	14.7%	14.5%	14.5%	14.5%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.2%	15.1%	14.4%	13.8%	13.1%	12.8%	12.6%	12.6%	12.5%



# Contribution as a % of Payroll

## Scenario 7 – 7.5% Return, 16.9% Volatility

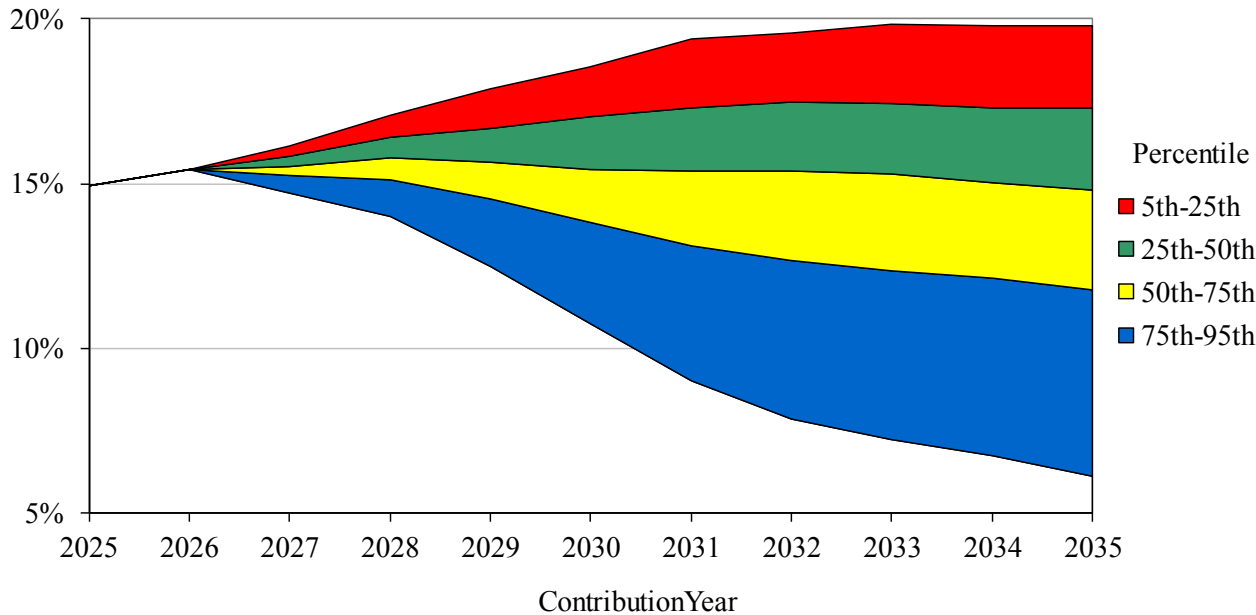


<b>5th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	16.0%	16.9%	17.4%	17.9%	18.6%	18.8%	18.9%	19.0%	19.0%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.7%	16.2%	16.5%	16.7%	17.0%	17.1%	17.0%	17.0%	16.9%
<b>Median</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.8%	15.7%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%	15.4%	15.2%	15.1%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.3%	15.3%	14.8%	14.3%	13.8%	13.5%	13.2%	13.1%	12.9%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	14.9%	14.5%	13.4%	12.2%	10.9%	10.2%	9.7%	9.5%	9.1%



# Contribution as a % of Payroll

## Scenario 8 – 8.0% Return, 22.3% Volatility

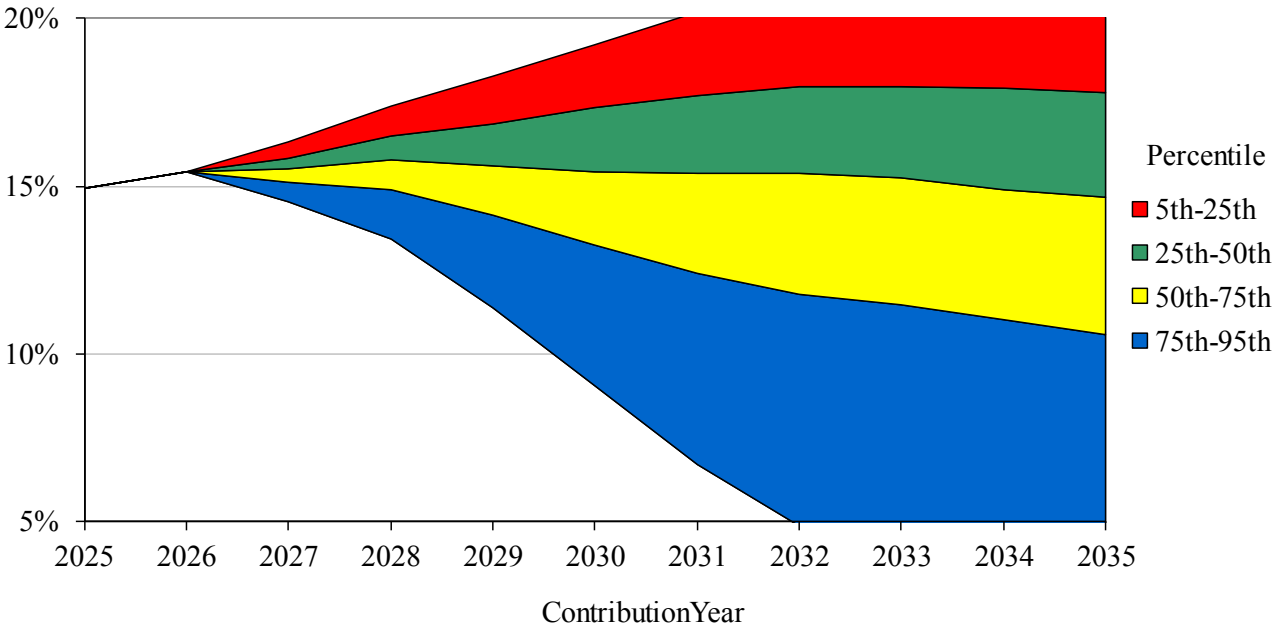


<b>5th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	16.1%	17.1%	17.9%	18.5%	19.4%	19.6%	19.8%	19.8%	19.8%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.8%	16.4%	16.7%	17.0%	17.3%	17.5%	17.4%	17.3%	17.3%
<b>Median</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.8%	15.7%	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	15.3%	15.0%	14.8%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.2%	15.1%	14.5%	13.8%	13.1%	12.7%	12.3%	12.1%	11.8%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	14.7%	14.0%	12.5%	10.7%	9.0%	7.9%	7.2%	6.7%	6.1%



# Contribution as a % of Payroll

## Scenario 9 – 8.5% Return, 28.3% Volatility

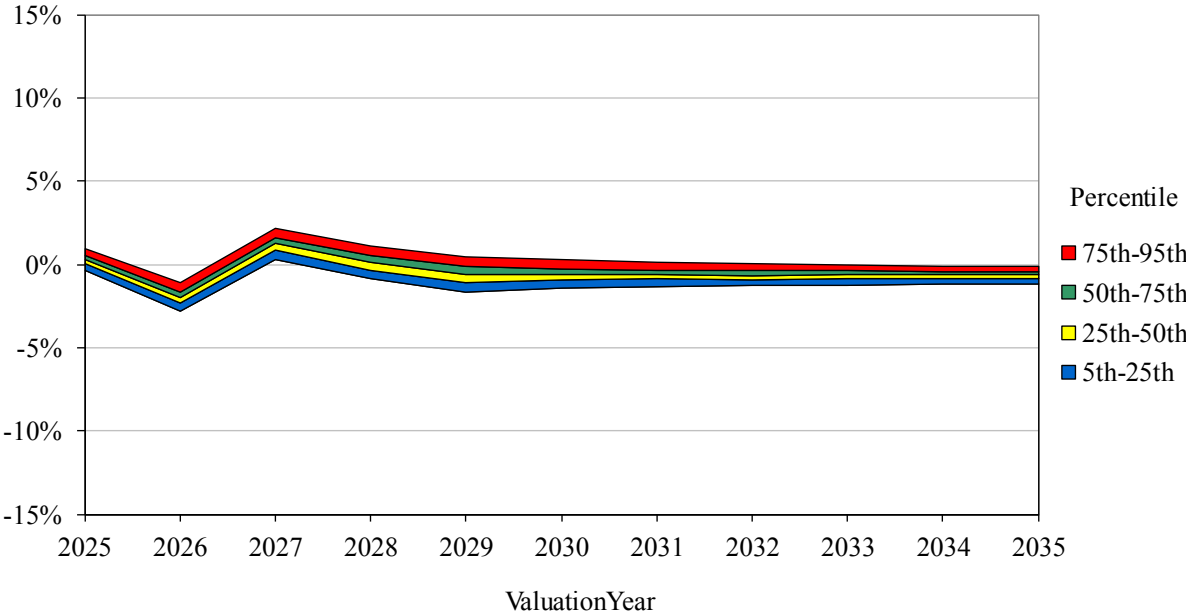


<b>5th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	16.3%	17.4%	18.3%	19.2%	20.2%	20.5%	20.6%	20.6%	20.7%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.8%	16.5%	16.9%	17.3%	17.7%	18.0%	18.0%	17.9%	17.8%
<b>Median</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.5%	15.8%	15.6%	15.4%	15.4%	15.4%	15.2%	14.9%	14.7%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	15.1%	14.9%	14.1%	13.2%	12.4%	11.8%	11.4%	11.0%	10.6%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	14.9%	15.4%	14.5%	13.4%	11.4%	9.0%	6.7%	4.9%	4.0%	3.2%	2.4%



# Dividend Rates

## Scenario 1 – 4.5% Return, 2.2% Volatility

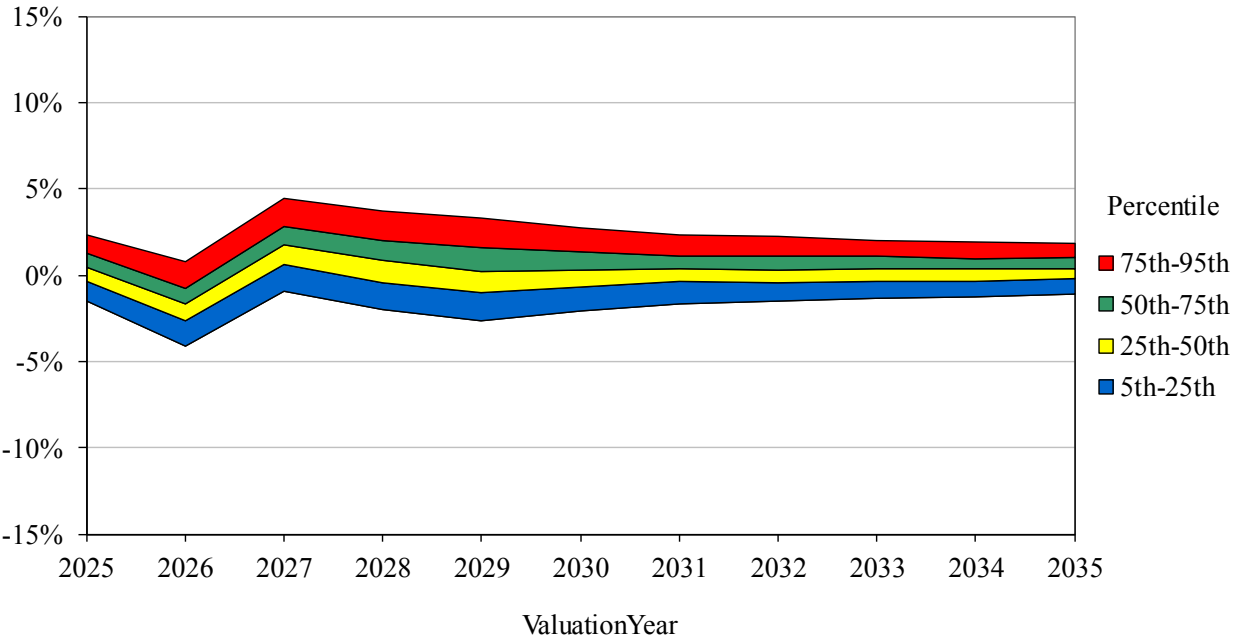


<b>5th Percentile</b>	-0.4%	-2.8%	0.3%	-0.8%	-1.6%	-1.4%	-1.3%	-1.3%	-1.2%	-1.2%	-1.1%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	0.0%	-2.3%	0.9%	-0.3%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-0.9%	-0.8%
<b>Median</b>	0.3%	-2.0%	1.3%	0.1%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%	-0.6%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	0.6%	-1.6%	1.6%	0.6%	-0.1%	-0.2%	-0.3%	-0.4%	-0.4%	-0.4%	-0.4%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	1.0%	-1.1%	2.2%	1.2%	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%	-0.1%



# Dividend Rates

## Scenario 3 – 5.5% Return, 6.2% Volatility

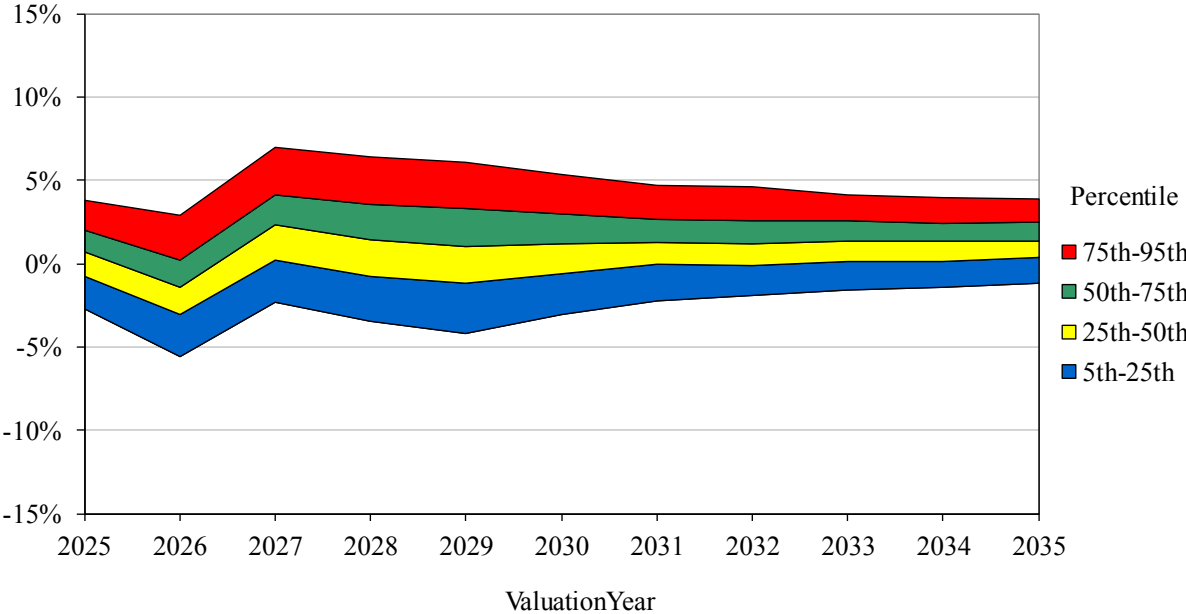


<b>5th Percentile</b>	-1.5%	-4.1%	-0.9%	-2.0%	-2.7%	-2.1%	-1.7%	-1.5%	-1.3%	-1.2%	-1.1%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	-0.3%	-2.6%	0.6%	-0.5%	-1.0%	-0.7%	-0.4%	-0.4%	-0.3%	-0.3%	-0.2%
<b>Median</b>	0.5%	-1.7%	1.8%	0.8%	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	1.3%	-0.7%	2.9%	2.0%	1.6%	1.3%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	2.3%	0.8%	4.5%	3.7%	3.3%	2.7%	2.4%	2.3%	2.0%	1.9%	1.8%



# Dividend Rates

## Scenario 5 – 6.5% Return, 10.7% Volatility

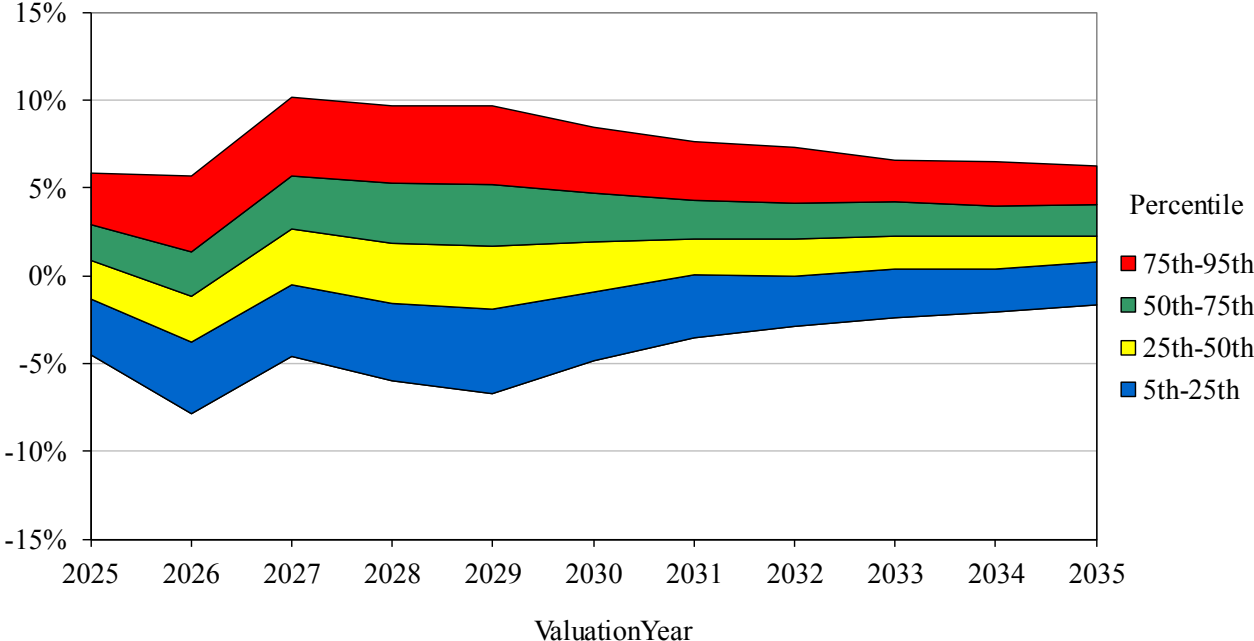


<b>5th Percentile</b>	-2.7%	-5.6%	-2.3%	-3.5%	-4.2%	-3.0%	-2.3%	-1.9%	-1.5%	-1.4%	-1.1%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	-0.7%	-3.0%	0.3%	-0.8%	-1.2%	-0.6%	0.0%	-0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.4%
<b>Median</b>	0.7%	-1.4%	2.3%	1.4%	1.0%	1.2%	1.3%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.3%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	2.0%	0.3%	4.1%	3.6%	3.3%	3.0%	2.7%	2.6%	2.6%	2.4%	2.5%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	3.8%	2.9%	7.0%	6.4%	6.1%	5.4%	4.7%	4.6%	4.1%	4.0%	3.9%



# Dividend Rates

## Scenario 7 – 7.5% Return, 16.9% Volatility

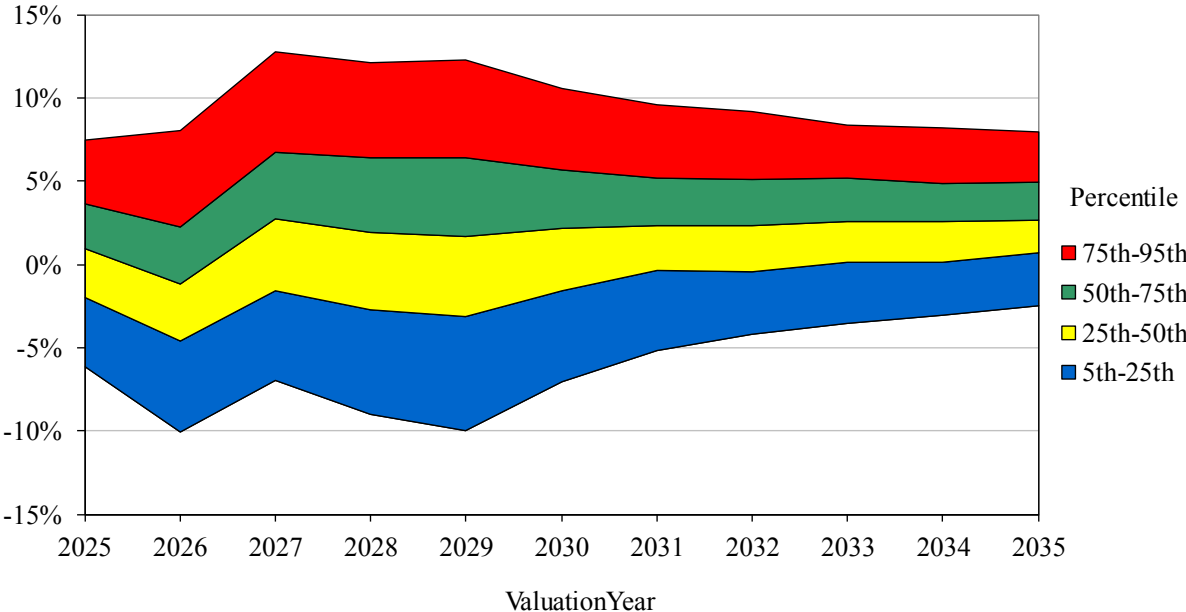


<b>5th Percentile</b>	-4.5%	-7.9%	-4.6%	-5.9%	-6.7%	-4.8%	-3.5%	-2.9%	-2.4%	-2.1%	-1.6%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	-1.3%	-3.7%	-0.6%	-1.6%	-1.9%	-0.9%	0.1%	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.8%
<b>Median</b>	0.9%	-1.2%	2.7%	1.9%	1.7%	2.0%	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%	2.2%	2.3%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	2.9%	1.4%	5.7%	5.3%	5.2%	4.7%	4.3%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%	4.0%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	5.8%	5.7%	10.2%	9.7%	9.7%	8.5%	7.6%	7.3%	6.6%	6.5%	6.3%



# Dividend Rates

## Scenario 8 – 8.0% Return, 22.3% Volatility

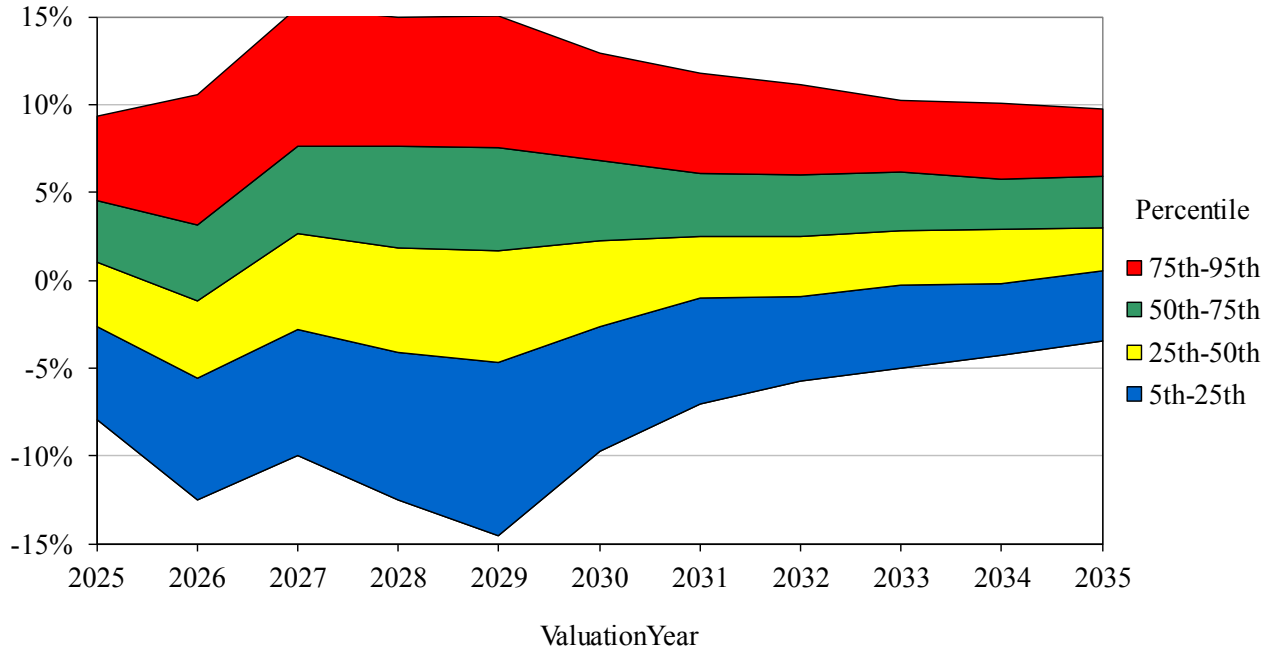


<b>5th Percentile</b>	-6.1%	-10.1%	-6.9%	-9.0%	-10.0%	-7.0%	-5.2%	-4.2%	-3.6%	-3.1%	-2.5%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	-2.0%	-4.6%	-1.5%	-2.7%	-3.1%	-1.5%	-0.4%	-0.4%	0.1%	0.1%	0.7%
<b>Median</b>	1.0%	-1.2%	2.8%	1.9%	1.7%	2.2%	2.3%	2.3%	2.6%	2.6%	2.7%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	3.7%	2.2%	6.7%	6.4%	6.4%	5.7%	5.2%	5.1%	5.2%	4.9%	5.0%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	7.5%	8.1%	12.8%	12.2%	12.3%	10.5%	9.6%	9.2%	8.4%	8.2%	8.0%



# Dividend Rates

## Scenario 9 – 8.5% Return, 28.3% Volatility



<b>5th Percentile</b>	-7.9%	-12.5%	-10.0%	-12.5%	-14.6%	-9.8%	-7.1%	-5.7%	-5.0%	-4.3%	-3.5%
<b>25th Percentile</b>	-2.7%	-5.5%	-2.8%	-4.1%	-4.7%	-2.6%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-0.3%	-0.2%	0.5%
<b>Median</b>	1.1%	-1.2%	2.7%	1.8%	1.7%	2.3%	2.5%	2.5%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%
<b>75th Percentile</b>	4.5%	3.1%	7.7%	7.7%	7.5%	6.8%	6.1%	6.0%	6.2%	5.8%	5.9%
<b>95th Percentile</b>	9.3%	10.6%	15.6%	15.0%	15.0%	12.9%	11.8%	11.1%	10.3%	10.1%	9.8%



# WRS Stress Testing

## (Limitations and Simplifications)

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- Goal is to understand the potential effect of various levels of stress on the System (not calculate exact predictions)
- Simplifying assumptions
  - Retiree funded status allowed to become negative and recover over time
  - Typical dividend adjustments (mortality improvements, carryover, timing, etc.) assumed to average to zero
  - Iterative impact between Money Purchase Minimum and contribution rates assumed to average to zero
  - Modified Normal Distribution in future years (standard deviation gradually declines in future years)



# Combination of All Scenarios

2045 Results by Percentile of Investment Return Outcomes										
Scenario	Expected RoR	Standard Deviation	Contribution Rates			Dividend Rates			Highest Div. Dep. PRB	Worst Retiree Funded %
			95th	50th	5th	95th	50th	5th		
1	4.5%	2.2%	18.5%	18.9%	19.4%	0.0%	-0.5%	-1.1%	100%/Year50	72%/Year50
2	5.0%	4.1%	17.2%	18.2%	19.1%	0.9%	0.0%	-1.0%	50%/Year50	86%/Year50
3	5.5%	6.2%	15.8%	17.5%	18.8%	1.9%	0.5%	-1.0%	10%/Year50	98%/Year50
4	6.0%	8.2%	14.3%	16.6%	18.5%	2.9%	1.0%	-1.0%	5%/Year50	106%/Year10
5	6.5%	10.7%	12.3%	15.8%	18.3%	4.0%	1.5%	-1.0%	6%/Year50	103%/Year10
6	7.0%	14.0%	9.8%	14.9%	18.3%	5.3%	2.0%	-1.3%	11%/Year50	96%/Year10
7	7.5%	16.9%	7.2%	14.0%	18.3%	6.5%	2.6%	-1.5%	15%/Year50	91%/Year10
8	8.0%	22.3%	2.7%	13.1%	18.8%	8.3%	3.1%	-2.3%	24%/Year50	79%/Year10
9	8.5%	28.3%	0.0%	12.2%	19.4%	10.3%	3.5%	-3.4%	30%/Year50	66%/Year10

Actuarial Rate 6.8%  
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- Portfolios with lower expected return result in higher expected contributions and lower expected dividends
- Higher assumed rates of return are associated with higher standard deviation (i.e., risk) and 5<sup>th</sup> percentile scenario for retiree dividend pool falling below 75% (Worst Retiree Funded %)
- Scenarios 4 through 7 represent potential ‘Goldilocks Zone’



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