Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System



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Kentucky's
Public Pension
Challenges



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How Big is KTRS Today?



Membership of Over 140,000



Over 48,000 Receive a Benefit from KTRS



KTRS Distributes Over \$151 Million Monthly in Retirement Benefits



KTRS has over \$ 18.5 Billion in Assets



1 in 4 Teachers are Eligible to Retire ... Almost 15,000 Teachers!

Kentucky Teachers Retirement System Schedule of Funds Available for Retirement Benefits

For the Twenty-Nine Year Period Ending June 30, 2014

Defined Benefit Plan - Retirement Benefits - (Pre-Funded)

in billions

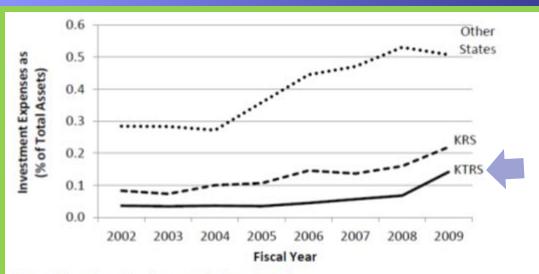
Beginning Balance as of July 1, 1985	\$ 1.8
Member & Other Contributions	6.0
Employer Contributions	10.2
Investment Income	21.5
Benefit Payments & Refunds	(21.2)
Administrative Expenses	(0.2)
Ending Balance as of June 30, 2014	\$18.1

How much do Kentucky teachers' pension benefits cost?

- Social Security benefits for workers in Kentucky average \$1,173 per month.
- Retirement benefits for Kentucky's teachers average \$3,042 per month.

		Breakdown of Normal Cost	
	Normal Cost	Teachers' Contribution*	State's Contributions
Normal cost of Kentucky K-12 teachers' pension benefits since July 1, 2008	15.68%	9.11%	6.57%
Comparative cost of Social Security	12.40%	6.20%	6.20%
Marginal incremental cost for Kentucky teachers' pension benefits	3.28%	2.91%	0.37%

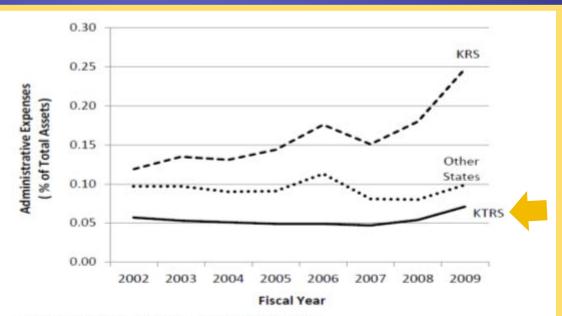
^{*} Teachers also have withheld from their paychecks an additional 3.75% of their salary to pay for retiree medical benefits.



Note: Value of pension plan assets is the market value.

Source: Staff analysis of data from Boston College's Center for Retirement Research; Commonwealth. Kentucky Retirement. Comprehensive, various years; ; Commonwealth. Kentucky Teachers'.

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INVESTMENT EXPENSES

as a Percentage of Pension Assets for KRS, KTRS, and the Average of Other States FY 2002 to FY 2009

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

as a Percentage of Pension Plan Assets for KRS, KTRS, and Average of Other States FY 2002 to FY 2009

> Program Review and Investigations Committee 9.13.2012

Proof of Low Fees & Investment Costs

Fees & investment costs documented annually in the KTRS annual report



INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

KTRS RETURNS

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

	1-Year	3-Year	5-Year	10-Year
KTRS	5.1%	12.3%	12.0%	7.0%
CalSTRS	4.8%	12.3%	12.1%	7.0%
Ranking	Top 6%	Top 7%	Top 9%	Top 40%



CalSTRS Facts

\$191.4 billion in assets 68% funded



WEBSITE

http://crr.bc.edu/



at BOSTON COLLEGE

STATE AND LOCAL PENSION PLANS

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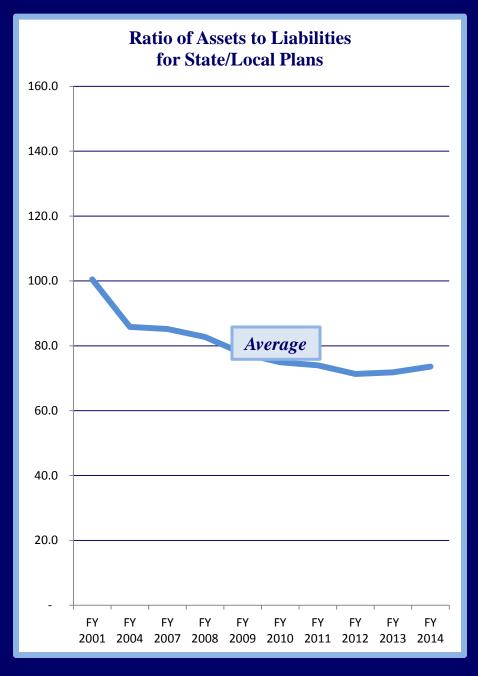
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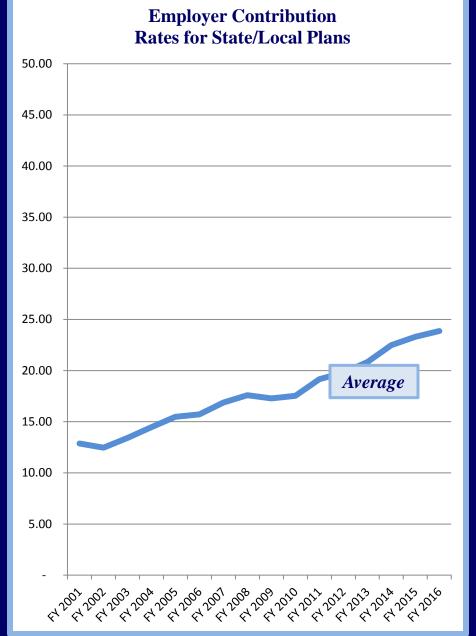
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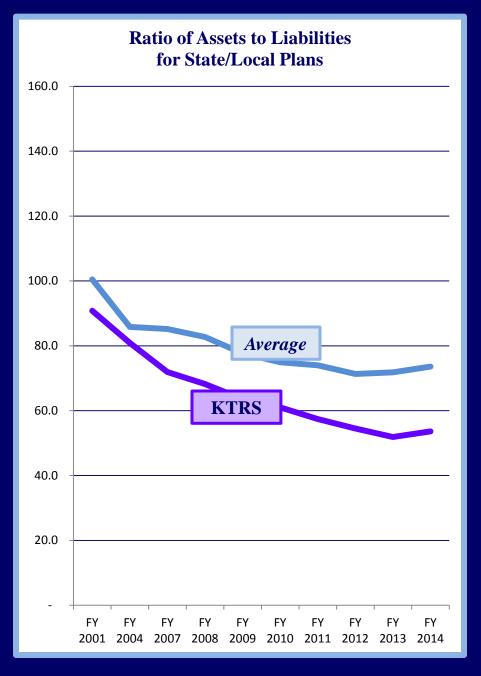
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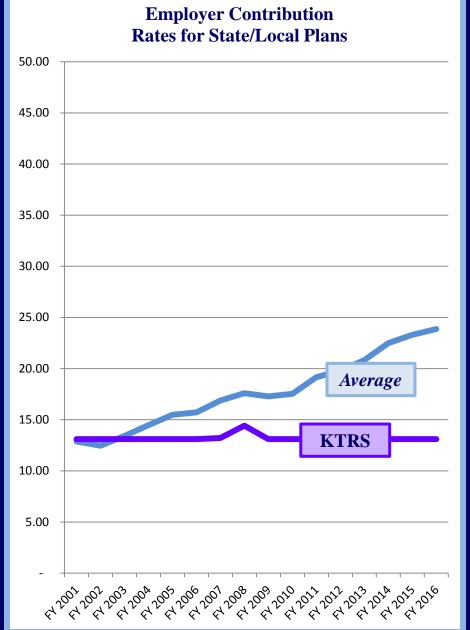
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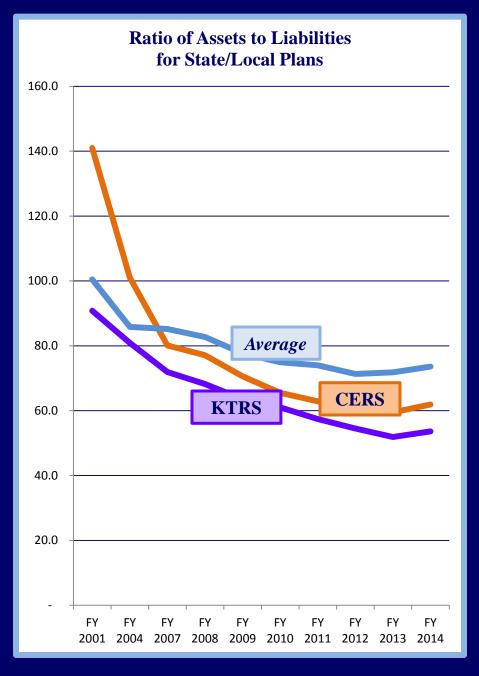
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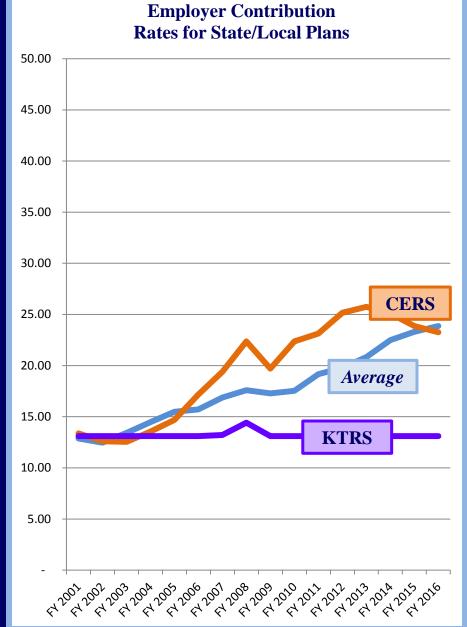


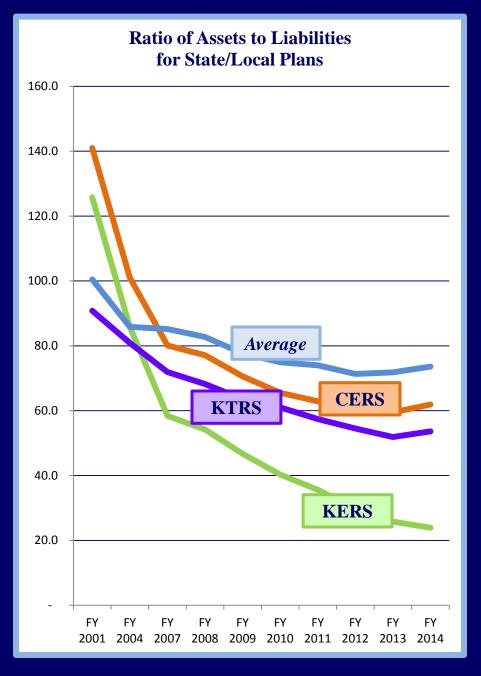


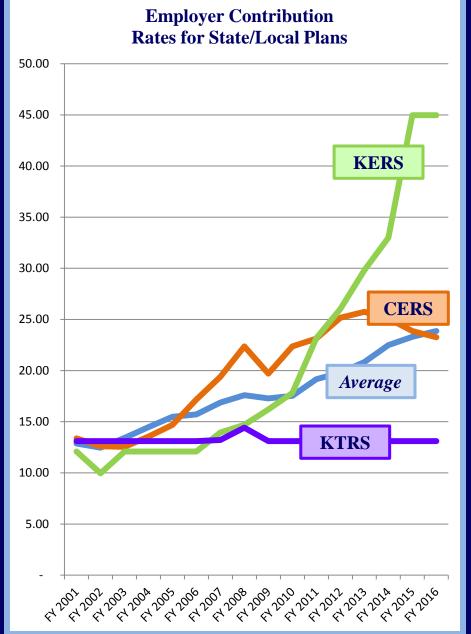


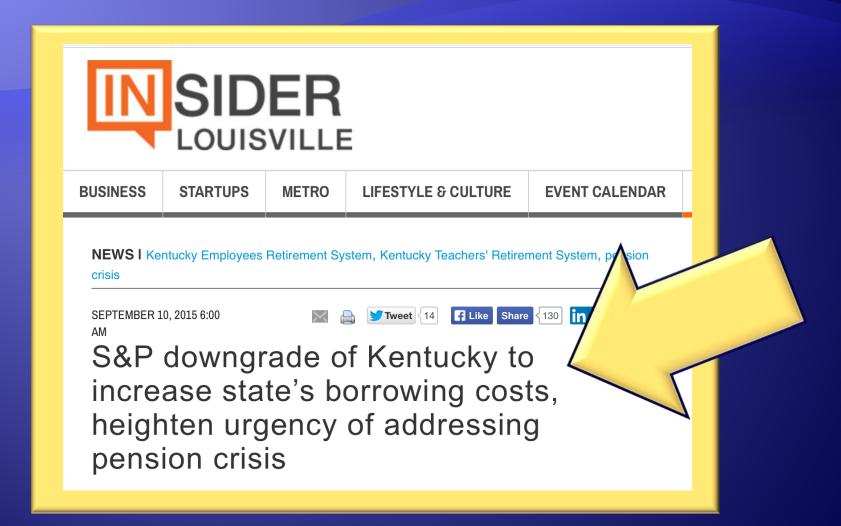


















S&P downgrade of Kentucky to increase state's borrowing costs, heighten urgency of addressing pension crisis

Standard & Poor's Rating Service
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January 26, 2015

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"In our view, some of the measures Kentucky has taken to reform its pension liabilities, such as the ARC funding ... lower growth in liabilities."

"The impact of ... creating a hybrid cash plan with 4% guaranteed return is unclear."

"Furthermore, the reform efforts do not address KTRS."



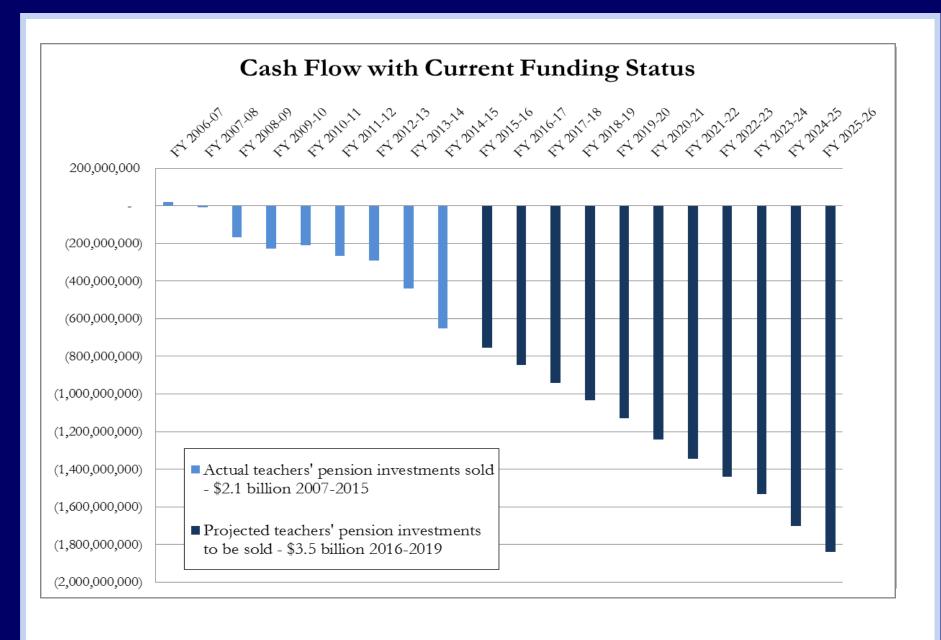


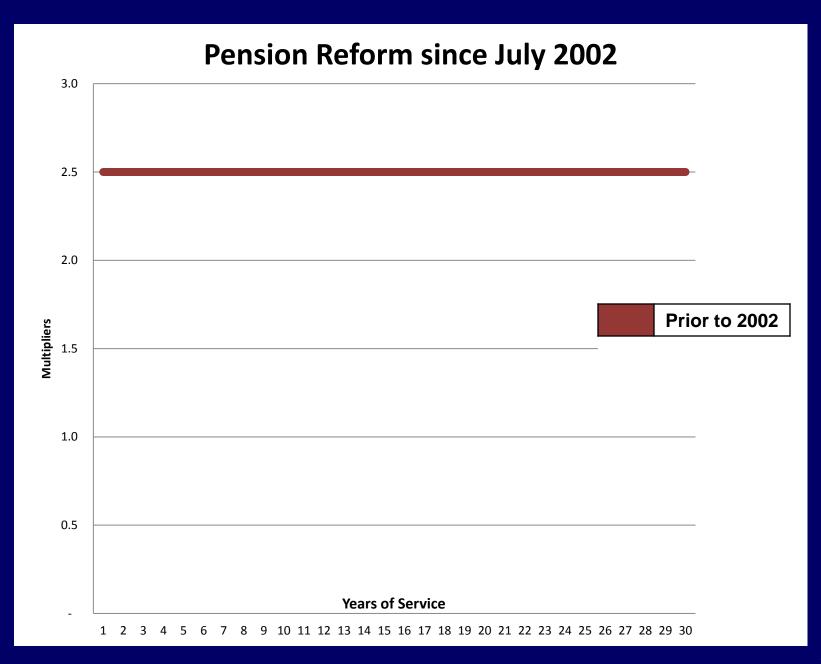


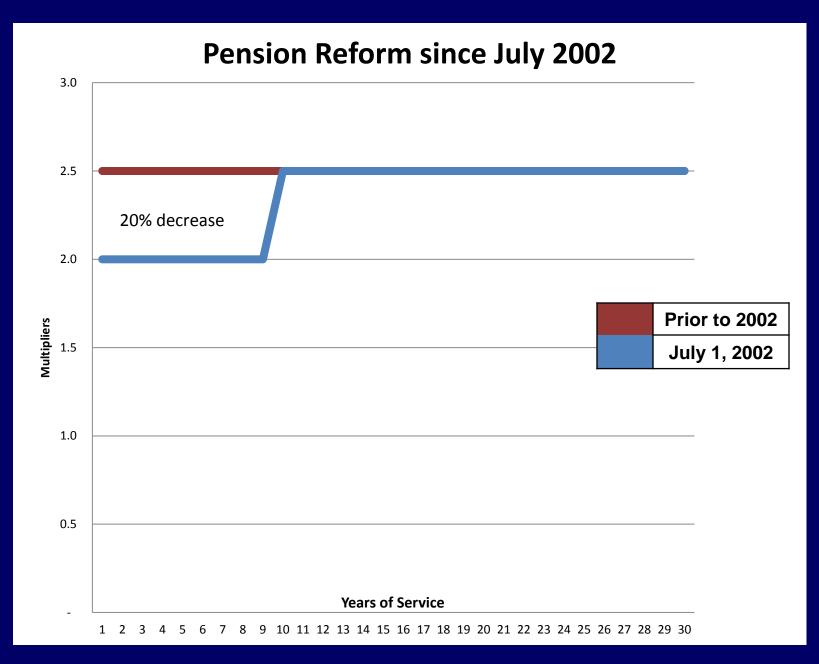
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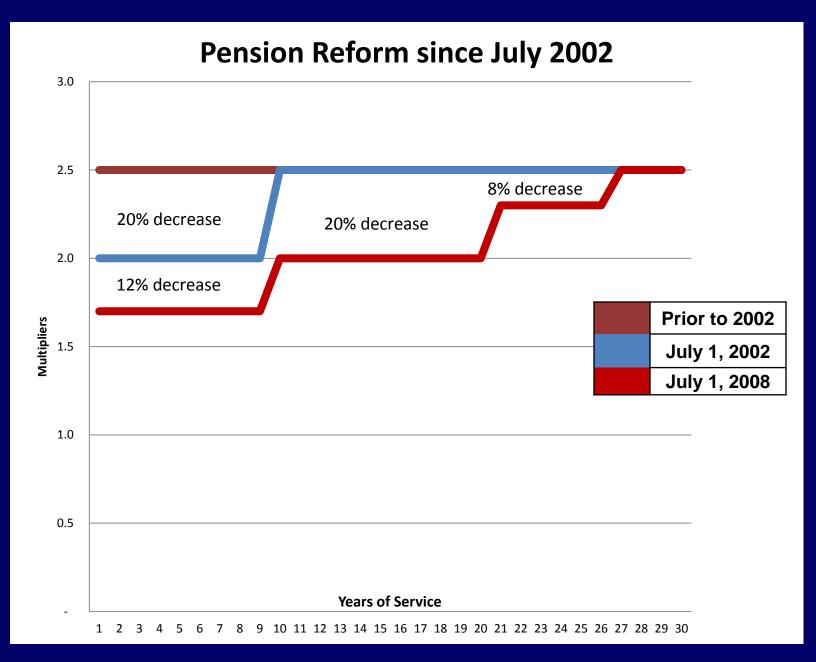
Kentucky Issuer Credit Rating Lowered To 'A+' From 'AA-' on Underfunded Pension Liabilities

"The current rating also accommodates some additional deterioration in the state's pension funded levels, which we believe is likely given the state's demonstrated lack of commitment when it comes to funding its annual contributions."









Previous Pension Reform Savings

KTRS changes in 2008 reduced the cost of new teacher benefits from 16.93% to 15.68% of salary.

For the state, that meant the cost of benefits for new teachers is 1.25% lower compared to teachers hired before 2008.

The Success of House Bill 540 is Far Reaching



Governor Beshear expresses his appreciation to Kentucky's educational groups for working together to achieve this historic legislation.

Rep. Carl Rollins (Sponsor of HB 540), Gary L. Harbin (KTRS), Sharron Oxendine (KEA), Governor Beshear, Brent McKim (JCTA), Barbara G. Sterrett (KTRS Trustee, Chair), Dr. Bob Wagoner (KRTA), Bob King (Council on Post Secondary Education), Todd Hollenbach (KY State Treasurer)

Annual Savings from Reforms

2010 Shared Responsibility

\$144.5 million

2008 Pension Reform

Ultimate savings of \$45 million







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