



Arkansas Teacher Retirement Overview

**Joint Public Retirement & Social Security Committee
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ATRIS Mission & Vision

The ATRIS **Mission** is providing retirement security for Arkansas's past, present, and future public education professionals.

Our **Vision** is to be a model retirement system that sustains the trust of its members and the people of Arkansas through prudent financial stewardship and exceptional customer service.

What is ATRS?

ATRS is a **401(a) Defined Benefit** Retirement Plan for employees of Arkansas public schools and other education employers.

ATRS **invests** retirement assets for its members and then pays them **lifetime** retirement benefits.

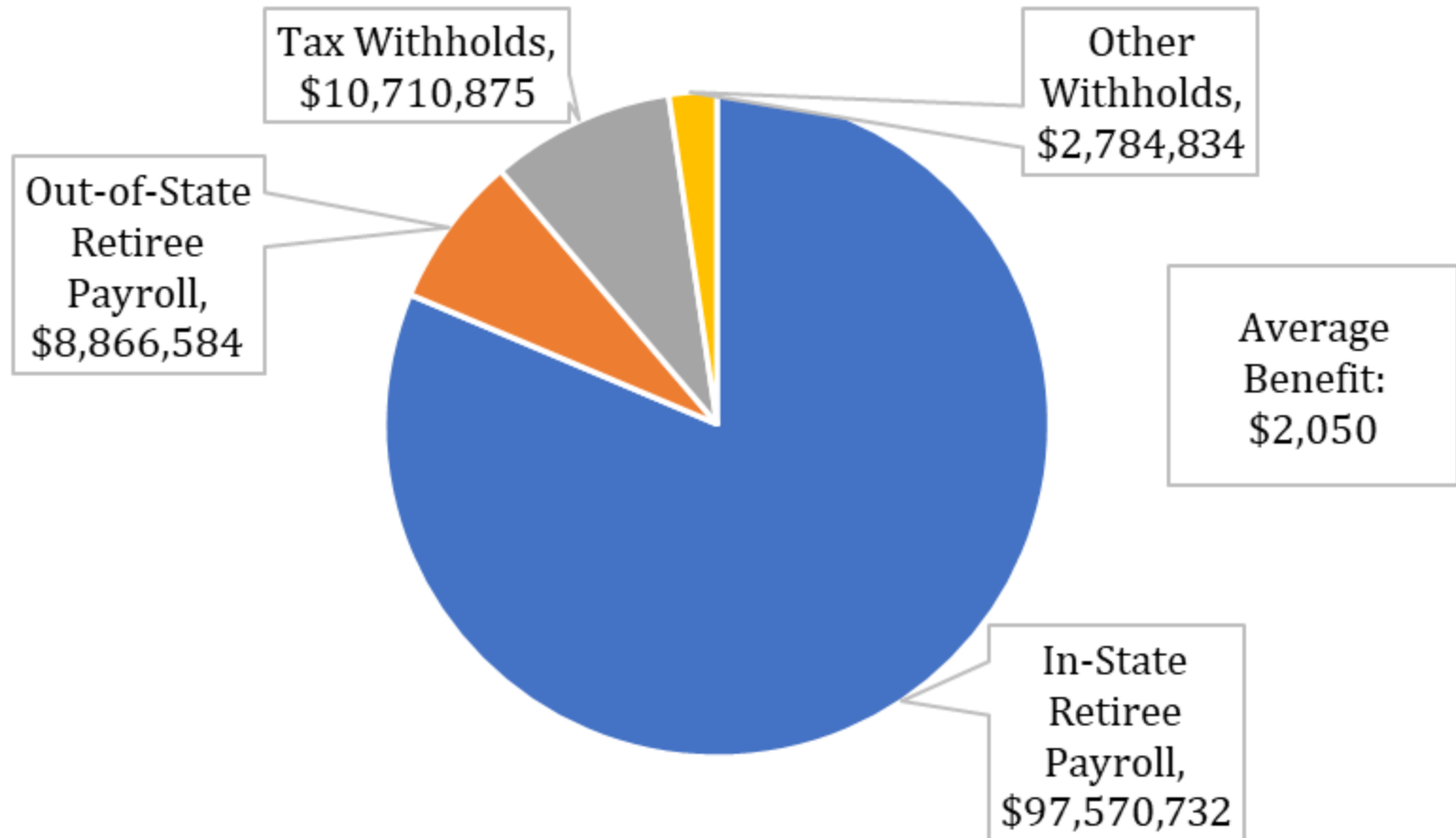
Membership

The **142,203** members of ATRS include employees of Arkansas public school districts and charter schools, education cooperatives, and education-related state agencies; and **some** employees of state higher education institutions and certain private groups.

Members become **vested** in ATRS with five years' service credit.

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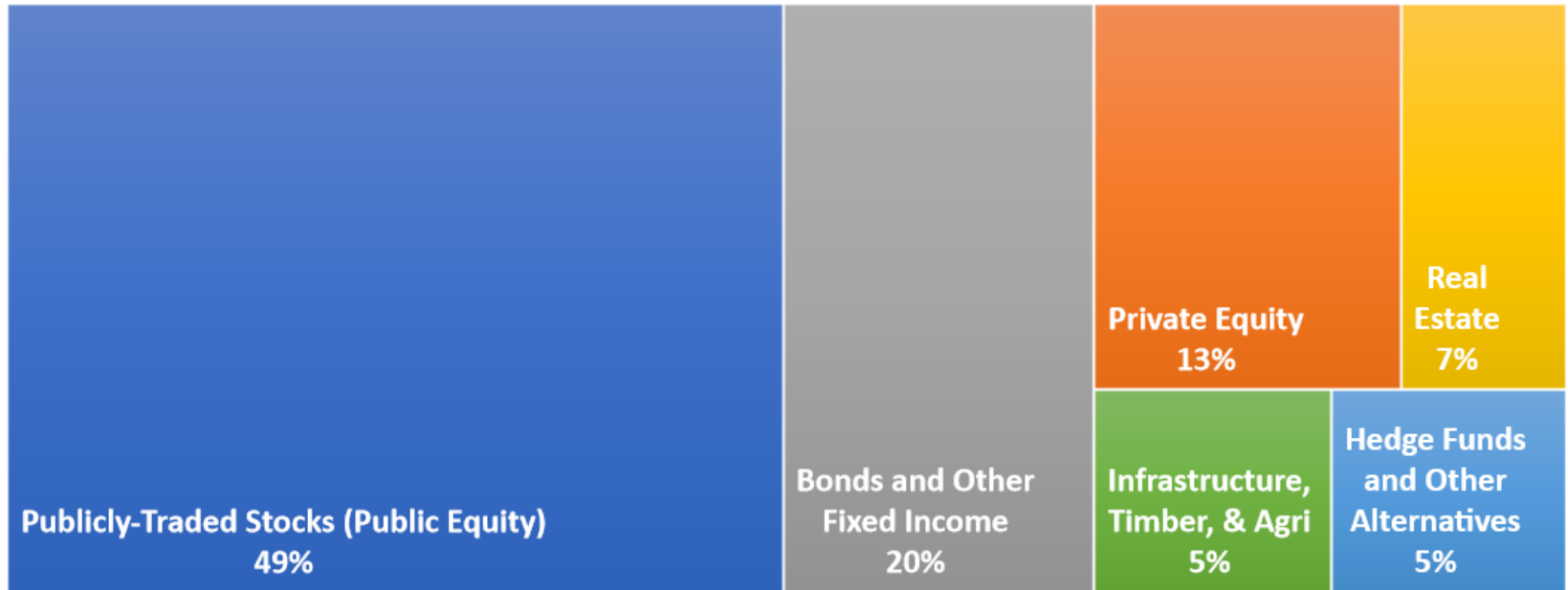
**December Payroll:
\$119.93 million / 57,745 retirees & beneficiaries**



Investments

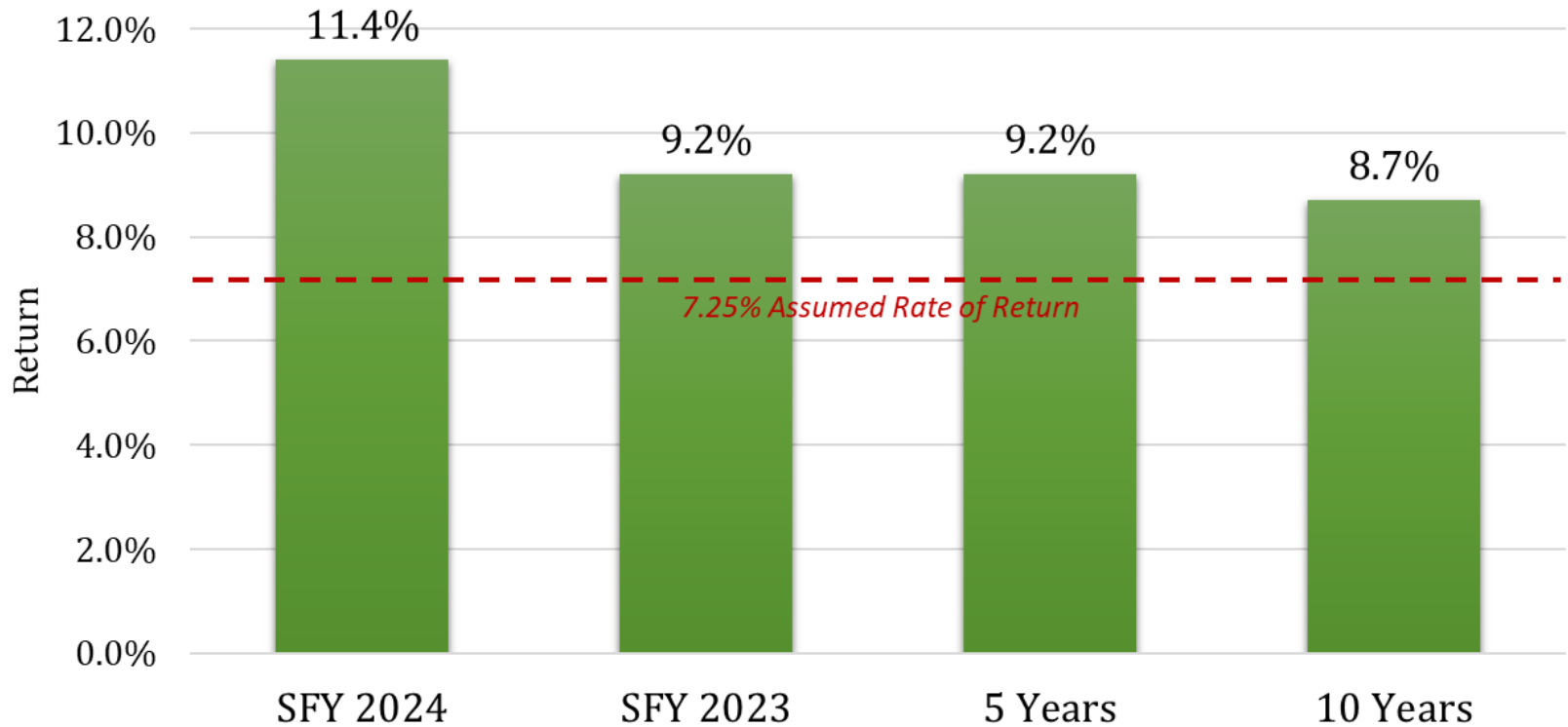
Net Assets: \$22.71 billion
 (as of 12/31/2024)

How Assets Are Invested (Asset Allocation)



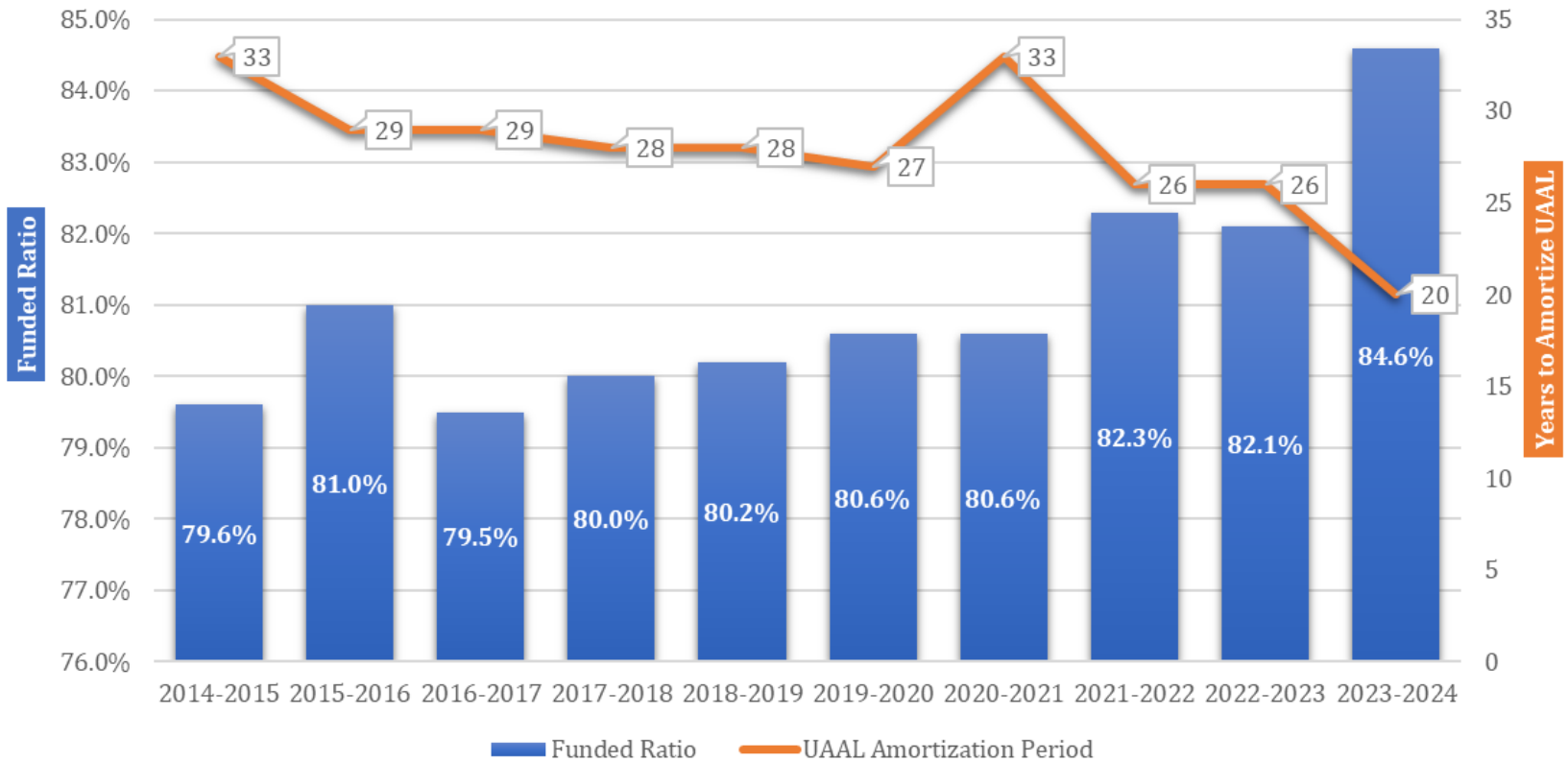
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Total Plan Return (Net of Fees)



Actuarial status

Funded Ratio & Amortization Period: 2014-2024



Administration

ATRS was created by the **Arkansas General Assembly** in 1937.

It is governed by a 15-member Board of Trustees, with 11 of the Trustees **elected** directly by ATRS members.

All 15 Trustees have a **fiduciary obligation** under state and federal law to act and make decisions in the best interests of members.

Thank You!

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