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PENSIONS OF STATE AND LOCAL RETIREES POSTED ONLINE

A searchable database of pension allowances for 342,543 retired New York state and local government employees was posted today on SeeThroughNY.net, the Empire Center's government transparency web site.

The database includes the names, retirement dates and, in most cases, the most recent employer for all individuals collecting pension benefits as of April 13 from the New York State and Local Retirement System (NYSLRS), which includes the Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) and Employee Retirement System (ERS). Among employees who retired in 2009, the average annual pension allowance was \$62,208 for PFRS members and \$25,947 for ERS members, according to data from NYSLRS.

NYSLRS covers most employees of the state government, public authorities, counties, cities, towns and villages outside New York City, whose employees belong to separate municipal pension plans. NYSLRS also covers nonprofessional employees of school districts outside New York City.

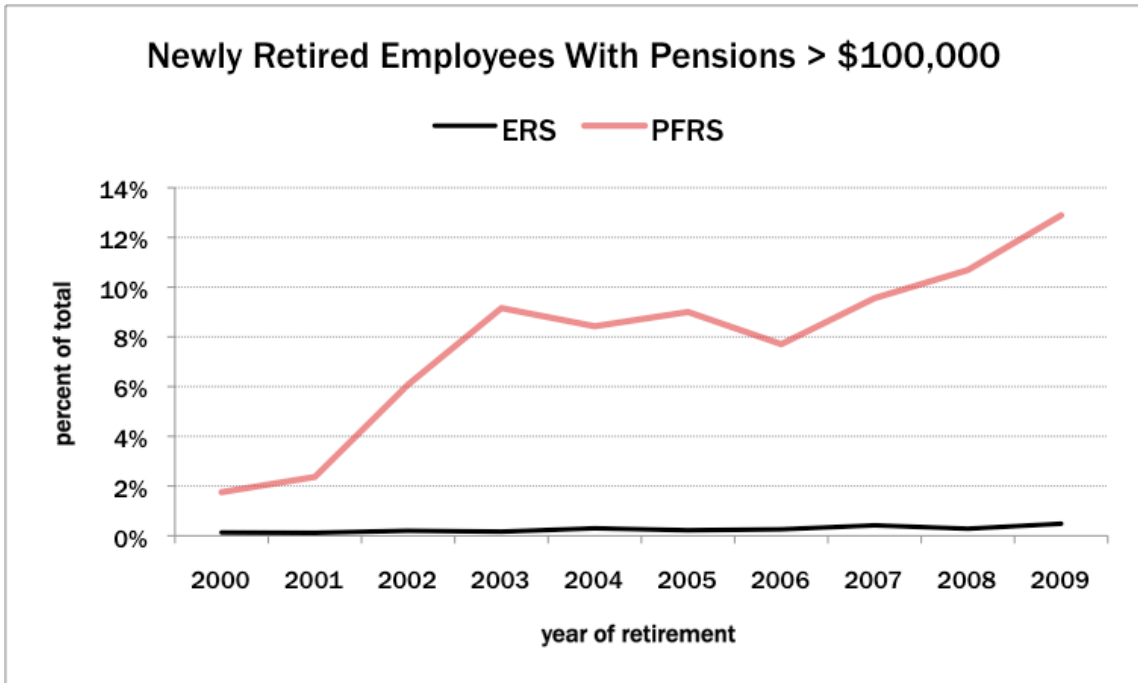
An Empire Center analysis of the newly posted data found that 1,378 NYSLRS retirees have pensions of \$100,000 or more. Retired police and firefighters accounted for two-thirds of these six-figure allowances. While PFRS members are only 8.5 percent of all pensioners, they receive 16.6 percent of total pension payments.

The rising number of police and firefighters with pensions exceeding \$100,000 is among the more notable recent trends in the pension data, the Empire Center found. As illustrated by the chart on the next page, the proportion of newly retired PFRS members with six-figure pensions rose from less than 2 percent of those who retired in 2000 to 13 percent of 2009 retirees. The increase in police and fire pensions reflects rising salaries, especially in downstate suburbs, as documented in other Empire Center reports.

The benefit levels shown in the database are maximum allowable benefits, which can exceed the amount actually collected by those retirees who, for example, opt to receive less in order to preserve a continuing benefit for their survivors. As of April 13, maximum annual benefits for retired NYSLRS members totaled nearly \$7.2 billion.

Attached are tables listing the top 100 pensioners and average pensions by retirement year and a graph illustrating growth of PFRS pensions.

SeeThroughNY allows New Yorkers to examine government expenditures on the Internet. Launched July 31, 2008, it includes the wages of 1.5 million public employees, educator pensions, teacher and school superintendent contracts, pork barrel projects and a benchmarking feature to compare local government spending. The Albany-based Empire Center for New York State Policy is a project of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, a non-profit, 501(c)3 think tank.



The percent of newly retired police officers and firefighters with six-figure pensions has risen sharply since 2000, as shown in this chart based on the searchable database of pensions at www.SeeThroughNY.net. Among employees who retired in 2009, pensions exceeding \$100,000 were collected by 13 percent of Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) members, a total of 132 individuals. Only 0.5 percent of Employee Retirement System (ERS) retirees, or 79 individuals in 2009, qualified for six-figure benefits.

Pension Benefit -- by Retirement Year and Retirement System

	All Pensioners			Pensions \$100,000 and Higher		
	<i>All</i>	<i>ERS</i>	<i>PFRS</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>ERS</i>	<i>PFRS</i>
2000 Average	22,251	20,055	50,034	109,404	111,916	107,025
2000 Count	14,793	13,709	1,084	37	18	19
2000 Total	329,158,817	274,921,656	54,237,161	4,047,955	2,014,485	2,033,470
2001 Average	21,643	19,292	49,159	106,916	109,576	105,344
2001 Count	11,815	10,885	930	35	13	22
2001 Total	255,709,697	209,992,269	45,717,428	3,742,058	1,424,488	2,317,570
2002 Average	26,266	24,615	54,852	109,574	112,430	107,931
2002 Count	21,985	20,785	1,200	115	42	73
2002 Total	577,448,390	511,625,462	65,822,928	12,601,043	4,722,059	7,878,984
2003 Average	25,618	23,113	56,640	120,200	115,004	121,360
2003 Count	16,367	15,114	1,223	137	25	112
2003 Total	419,291,613	350,020,330	69,271,282	16,467,394	2,875,111	13,592,283
2004 Average	22,678	19,996	55,840	113,554	116,569	112,231
2004 Count	15,545	14,382	1,163	141	43	98
2004 Total	352,528,891	287,586,429	64,942,462	16,011,075	5,012,449	10,998,626
2005 Average	23,120	20,869	55,718	116,469	116,652	116,403
2005 Count	17,372	16,250	1,122	137	36	101
2005 Total	401,642,241	339,126,140	62,516,102	15,956,187	4,199,476	11,756,711
2006 Average	23,857	21,687	55,006	117,206	112,561	119,448
2006 Count	17,339	16,210	1,129	129	42	87
2006 Total	413,653,568	351,552,122	62,101,447	15,119,579	4,727,563	10,392,016
2007 Average	27,136	25,117	59,143	117,650	115,097	119,424
2007 Count	19,043	17,913	1,130	183	75	108
2007 Total	516,746,660	449,914,826	66,831,833	21,530,011	8,632,253	12,897,757
2008 Average	26,875	24,561	60,940	120,530	116,950	121,926
2008 Count	17,356	16,252	1,104	164	46	118
2008 Total	466,445,865	399,168,584	67,277,281	19,766,951	5,379,679	14,387,272
2009 Average	28,090	25,947	62,208	118,307	112,313	121,893
2009 Count	17,333	16,309	1,024	211	79	132
2009 Total	486,878,980	423,177,765	63,701,215	24,962,686	8,872,763	16,089,923

100 Highest Annual Pension Benefits on April 13, 2010

Rank	Name	Last Known Employer	Annual Benefit	System	Retirement Date	Membership Date
1	Philip, George M	NYS Teachers Retirement System	261,037	ERS	11/7/2007	9/1/1969
2	Schatmeyer, Cheryl H	Westchester Health Care Corp	205,584	ERS	5/12/2003	10/31/1966
3	Rustum, Youcef M	Roswell Park Cancer Institute	203,102	ERS	1/5/2008	9/1/1970
4	Echavarria, Louis A	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	195,000	PFRS	1/24/2009	2/28/1972
5	Balsam, Dvorah	Nassau Health Care Corp	191,380	ERS	12/30/2005	7/1/1972
6	Hiney, Robert A	NYS Power Authority	190,605	ERS	12/15/2005	10/14/1968
7	Southon, Priscilla J	New York Public Library	188,847	ERS	4/1/2008	3/20/1967
8	Klimberg, Stanley B	Long Island Power Authority	188,669	ERS	4/7/2007	9/8/1995
9	Conwell, Mary C	New York Public Library	183,530	ERS	8/21/2004	8/22/1966
10	Shaftan, Gerald W	Nassau Health Care Corp	181,638	ERS	10/17/2002	7/1/1956
11	Brogan, Michael P	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	179,897	PFRS	7/9/2005	2/7/1977
12	Mc Mahon, Patrick J	City Of Yonkers	179,316	PFRS	1/23/2009	4/23/1973
13	Newbert, Robert M	Nassau County	176,550	PFRS	4/18/2008	6/15/1973
14	Curtis, Gerald T	City Of Yonkers	175,172	PFRS	12/31/2006	9/9/1964
15	Seymour, Joseph J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	174,192	ERS	10/23/2004	12/1/1967
16	Satti, Venkata S	Elmira Psych Ctr	173,651	ERS	5/30/2009	4/16/1975
17	Rahn, Elsa K	Nassau County	173,362	ERS	8/31/1999	2/2/1967
18	Corrigan, William J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	172,886	PFRS	5/10/2003	7/26/1971
19	Metten, Steven T	Nassau County	171,664	PFRS	7/5/2006	10/9/1970
20	Fras, Ivan	Broome County	169,578	ERS	10/5/2000	6/1/1967
21	Podolak, Michael J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	169,014	PFRS	3/22/2003	3/10/1971
22	Scully, Kevin E	City Of Yonkers	167,228	PFRS	7/18/2008	3/30/1979
23	Hayes, Michael T	Nassau County	166,385	PFRS	4/24/2009	7/2/1971
24	Murphy, Michael R	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	166,032	PFRS	7/6/2003	7/9/1973
25	Duffy, Kenneth M	Nassau County	165,701	PFRS	2/15/2008	2/9/1973
26	Doubraski, William E	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	165,643	PFRS	1/19/2003	1/29/1973
27	Rienzie, John D	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	165,624	PFRS	1/27/2007	12/1/1978
28	Hassett, Kevin	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	165,352	PFRS	7/6/2003	7/9/1973
29	Rocco, Anthony W	Nassau County	165,304	PFRS	6/18/2009	8/2/1968
30	Green, Jeffrey S	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	164,482	ERS	10/2/2004	6/12/1966
31	Miller, Frederick B	Westchester Health Care Corp	163,801	ERS	11/1/2004	6/29/1973
32	Clemente, Carmine J	NYS Power Authority	163,040	ERS	6/26/2007	6/16/1962
33	Purtill, Thomas M	Town Of Clarkstown	162,614	PFRS	3/31/2009	9/29/1975
34	Baci, Wayne W	Nassau County	162,319	PFRS	1/2/2008	11/6/1970
35	Sherwood, William T	Town Of Clarkstown	162,217	PFRS	5/28/2004	4/17/1972
36	Murphy, Daniel C	City Of Yonkers	161,891	PFRS	1/12/2006	5/14/1973
37	Pufahl, Robert W	City Of Yonkers	161,451	PFRS	1/12/2007	5/19/1967
38	Deluca, Michael M	Nassau Health Care Corp	160,906	ERS	3/4/2005	1/17/1966
39	Poggioli, Bernard M	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	160,032	PFRS	1/18/2003	8/10/1970
40	Piholski, Robert A	City Of Yonkers	159,307	PFRS	9/4/2008	3/30/1979
41	Muller, Richard J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	159,084	PFRS	1/4/2003	1/5/1970
42	Doherty, James J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	158,846	PFRS	3/1/2003	7/9/1973
43	Winslow, Mark F	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	158,698	PFRS	1/31/2003	6/28/1973
44	Danchuk, Peter	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	158,491	PFRS	8/26/2006	9/27/1976
45	Doran, Thomas	Nassau County	158,414	PFRS	7/6/2007	4/23/1971
46	Baker, Robert E	City Of Yonkers	158,128	PFRS	6/30/2006	9/30/1977
47	Segalini, Paul D	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	157,608	ERS	6/30/2007	2/4/1963
48	Heineman, Stephanie R	Northport E Northport Pub Lib	157,011	ERS	7/31/2009	9/21/1970
49	Mulligan, William H	Suffolk County	156,565	PFRS	1/7/2008	8/7/1967
50	Mc Donald, Stephen J	Nassau County	156,385	PFRS	7/31/2007	1/17/1969
51	Tighe, Kevin J	City Of Yonkers	156,305	PFRS	1/3/2009	5/9/1983
52	Yale, Joan	Nassau County	155,897	PFRS	8/15/2007	1/30/1970
53	Barry, Dennis R	Nassau County	155,744	PFRS	7/5/2008	6/15/1973
54	Parlato, Anthony P	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	155,396	PFRS	1/18/2003	1/25/1971
55	Schoonmaker, Walter J	Hartsdale Fire Dist Commission	155,264	PFRS	10/2/2009	8/1/1959
56	Edwards, Timothy M	City Of Glen Cove	155,082	PFRS	6/30/2007	7/1/1964
57	Conroy, John A	City Of Yonkers	154,312	PFRS	1/25/2008	9/7/1973
58	Di Maggio, Salvatore J	City Of Yonkers	153,291	PFRS	1/8/2010	11/7/1975
59	Regan, James J	City Of Yonkers	153,276	PFRS	10/31/2008	5/23/1977
60	Hoey, Thomas H	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	153,245	PFRS	1/16/2010	2/25/1986
61	Messar, Francis J	City Of Yonkers	152,581	PFRS	6/2/2006	9/9/1966

62	Herbek, Richard F	Village Of Croton-On-Hudson	152,263	ERS	3/28/2008	4/1/1963
63	Shifrin, Kenneth I	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	151,622	PFRS	4/20/2003	1/29/1973
64	Day, Robert C	City Of Yonkers	151,170	PFRS	5/16/2008	3/30/1979
65	Kiernan, John M	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	150,925	PFRS	9/27/2003	5/29/1972
66	Mirabella, Mario S	City Of Yonkers	150,349	PFRS	1/25/2008	6/30/1972
67	Kunda, Nicholas J	Nassau County	150,081	PFRS	6/26/2009	6/15/1973
68	Hassett, George C	Nassau County	150,032	PFRS	6/26/2009	6/15/1973
69	Bishop, Robert E	Nassau County	149,628	PFRS	10/28/2005	3/19/1968
70	Dowling, Edward J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	149,624	PFRS	2/15/2003	5/8/1972
71	Gato, Frank J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	149,528	PFRS	1/26/2007	6/23/1971
72	Marquardt, Paul V	Suffolk County	149,526	PFRS	7/11/2009	8/4/1969
73	Trancynger, David W	City Of Yonkers	149,215	PFRS	3/24/2006	5/20/1975
74	Dowdell, Dennis J	Nassau County	148,389	PFRS	7/19/2008	12/4/1970
75	Freese, Kenneth J	Nassau Health Care Corp	148,120	ERS	8/31/2002	7/26/1976
76	Mc Hale, William J	Nassau County	147,713	PFRS	4/30/2009	6/15/1973
77	Carline, Joseph J	NYS Power Authority	147,323	ERS	5/1/2009	3/31/1972
78	Maricle, Karen M	Erie County Medical Cntr Corp	146,620	ERS	6/5/2008	6/5/1972
79	Florie, Michael P	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	146,486	PFRS	8/8/2009	6/23/1986
80	Dotzler, Paul P	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	146,029	PFRS	1/18/2003	6/19/1972
81	Crawford, Raymond L	Nassau County	145,946	PFRS	12/30/2005	4/29/1966
82	Hojnowski, Kenneth H	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	145,780	PFRS	3/29/2003	6/29/1973
83	Jeffers, Stclair N	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	145,301	PFRS	8/16/2003	1/29/1973
84	Daniell, Paul F	Nassau County	145,113	PFRS	1/30/2009	8/2/1968
85	Cracchiolo, Anthony G	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	145,007	ERS	1/7/2006	6/16/1970
86	Drain, Eugene J	City Of Yonkers	144,919	PFRS	1/8/2010	9/7/1973
87	Peacock, Sally G	Town Of Carmel	144,785	ERS	8/31/2006	4/11/1945
88	Triesch, Walter	Nassau County	144,783	PFRS	9/26/2008	1/14/1972
89	Robinson, George C	City Of Yonkers	144,710	PFRS	2/24/2006	6/20/1975
90	Seligman, Gilbert K	Nassau County	144,569	ERS	10/15/2000	7/1/1970
91	De Graziano, Steven J	Nassau County	144,295	PFRS	4/25/2008	6/29/1973
92	Scaramuzzo, Stephen N	City Of Yonkers	144,155	PFRS	1/12/2007	3/30/1979
93	Poulos, Stephen	Nassau County	144,115	PFRS	12/3/2005	10/9/1970
94	Cuerbo, Robert L	Nassau County	144,054	PFRS	3/14/2006	8/2/1968
95	Compitello, Thomas P	Suffolk County	143,713	PFRS	2/23/2004	8/22/1957
96	Lipsky, Charles I	NYS Power Authority	143,394	ERS	6/16/2006	11/14/1969
97	Quinn, Peter J	Suffolk County	143,359	PFRS	4/13/2009	4/27/1970
98	Kessler, George H	Nassau County	143,238	PFRS	11/12/2005	4/16/1973
99	Gudmundsen, George J	Nassau County	143,219	PFRS	2/13/2009	4/18/1973
100	Millar, Ronald C	Nassau County	143,125	PFRS	4/25/2008	1/14/1972