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## **SIX-FIGURE PENSIONS MORE COMMON FOR POLICE, FIREFIGHTERS**

One out of every six police officers and firefighters retiring from state and local agencies outside New York City last year qualified for annual pensions of \$100,000, according to state pension fund data posted today at [SeeThroughNY.net](http://SeeThroughNY.net), the Empire Center's government transparency website.

The proportion of 2012 Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) retirees with six-figure pensions--a total of 202 out of 1,225 individuals--was the largest ever, according to an Empire Center analysis of data stretching back to 2000. As in previous years, the proportion of Employee Retirement System (ERS) members qualifying for \$100,000 was much smaller -- just 80 out of a total of 17,156, or 0.5 percent.

The pension for all employees retired in calendar year 2012 came to \$69,379 for PFRS members and \$24,855 for ERS members, including those who spent only a portion of their careers on government payrolls. However, newly retired PFRS and ERS members with at least 35 years of service were eligible for average pension benefits of \$97,579 and \$58,655, respectively, according to the system's latest annual report.

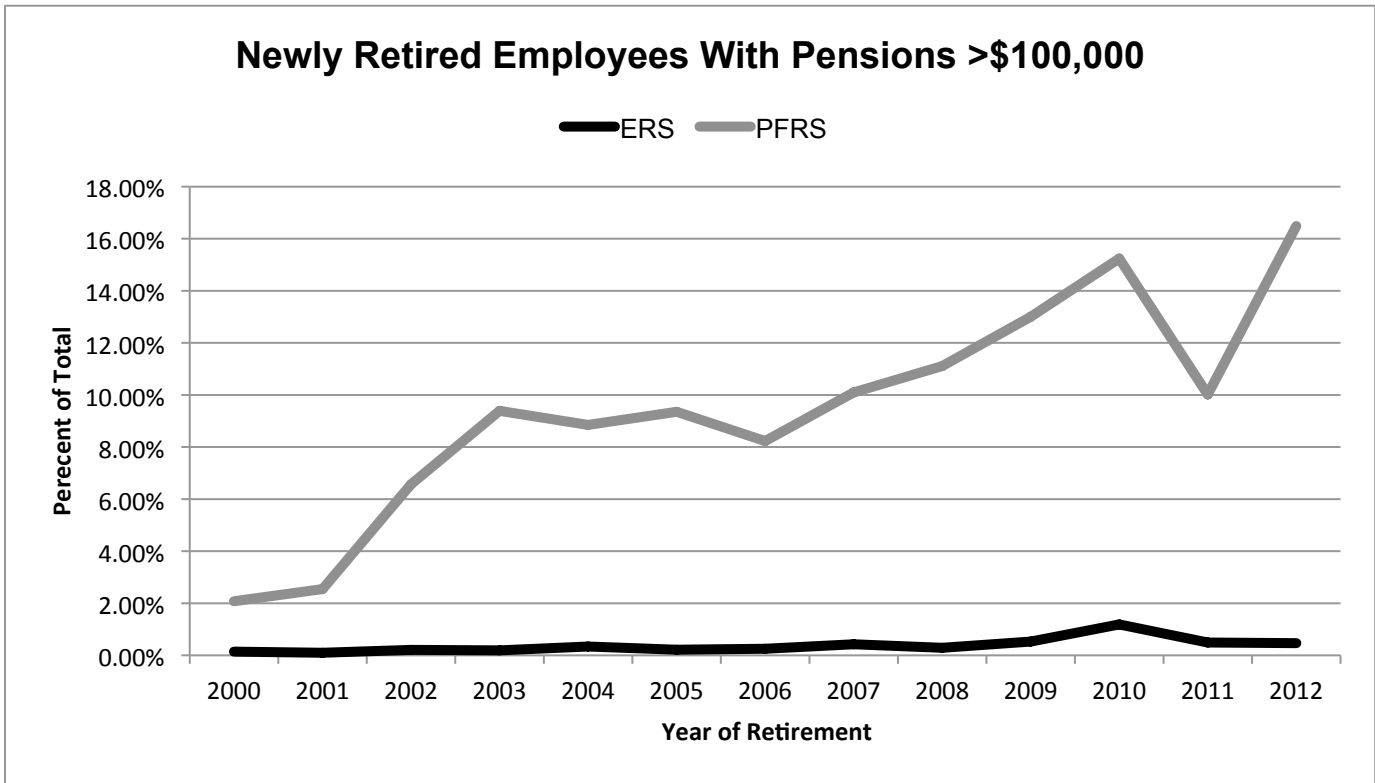
Fully half of all PFRS retirees in 2012 qualified for a pension of more than \$65,000 -- meaning they can collect a retirement benefit larger than the salary for all private and public-sector workers. The pension benefit is supplemented, in the vast majority of cases, by continuing taxpayer-subsidized health insurance coverage.

The pensions shown in the database are the maximum allowable benefits, which can exceed the amount actually collected by those retirees who, for example, opt to receive less in order to preserve some benefit for their survivors. Maximum benefits for the 376,509 retired state pension system members as of the end of fiscal year 2012-13 totaled nearly \$8.9 billion -- up nearly 6 percent from the \$8.4 billion total in fiscal year 2011-12.

The PFRS and ERS systems cover 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. The state systems also cover school district employees outside the city other than professionals belonging to the New York State Teachers' Retirement System.

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

Users of SeeThroughNY can search the pension database by name, pension system, last known employer, year, and benefit amount. The state pension database contains data going back to fiscal year 2009.



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](http://www.SeeThroughNY.net). Among employees who retired in 2012, pensions exceeding \$100,000 were collected by over 16 percent of Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) members, a total of 202 individuals. Only 0.5 percent of Employee Retirement System (ERS) retirees, or 80 individuals in 2012, qualified for six-figure benefits.

## Pension Benefit -- by Retirement Year and Retirement System

	All Pensioners			Pensions \$100,000 and Higher		
	All	ERS	PFRS	All	ERS	PFRS
2000 Average	\$23,063	\$20,769	\$50,874	\$110,226	\$114,501	\$106,728
2000 Count	13,914	12,854	1,060	40	18	22
2000 Total	\$320,897,833	\$266,971,144	\$53,926,689	\$4,409,026	\$2,061,016	\$2,348,010
2001 Average	\$22,342	\$19,925	\$49,786	\$107,421	\$110,225	\$106,202
2001 Count	11,160	10,257	903	33	10	23
2001 Total	\$249,331,344	\$204,374,697	\$44,956,648	\$3,544,900	\$1,102,250	\$2,442,650
2002 Average	\$27,033	\$25,350	\$55,540	\$110,215	\$113,902	\$108,203
2002 Count	21,021	19,849	1,172	119	42	77
2002 Total	\$568,261,868	\$503,169,391	\$65,092,477	\$13,115,529	\$4,783,890	\$8,331,639
2003 Average	\$26,318	\$23,777	\$57,224	\$120,319	\$114,748	\$121,712
2003 Count	15,703	14,510	1,193	140	28	112
2003 Total	\$413,274,928	\$345,006,988	\$68,267,940	\$16,844,698	\$3,212,954	\$13,631,744
2004 Average	\$23,442	\$20,683	\$56,703	\$114,247	\$117,878	\$112,558
2004 Count	14,900	13,759	1,141	148	47	101
2004 Total	\$349,278,521	\$284,580,725	\$64,697,796	\$16,908,619	\$5,540,283	\$11,368,337
2005 Average	\$23,795	\$21,517	\$56,039	\$116,448	\$117,302	\$116,167
2005 Count	16,685	15,584	1,101	137	34	103
2005 Total	\$397,027,014	\$335,328,213	\$61,698,801	\$15,953,418	\$3,988,266	\$11,965,153
2006 Average	\$24,444	\$22,213	\$55,586	\$117,236	\$113,248	\$118,969
2006 Count	16,721	15,603	1,118	132	40	92
2006 Total	\$408,730,486	\$346,585,815	\$62,144,671	\$15,475,103	\$4,529,918	\$10,945,185
2007 Average	\$27,618	\$25,547	\$59,716	\$117,810	\$115,791	\$119,132
2007 Count	18,461	17,342	1,119	187	74	113
2007 Total	\$509,852,211	\$443,030,255	\$66,821,956	\$22,030,469	\$8,568,543	\$13,461,926
2008 Average	\$27,168	\$24,756	\$61,698	\$121,003	\$117,500	\$122,324
2008 Count	16,816	15,718	1,098	168	46	122
2008 Total	\$456,853,865	\$389,109,323	\$67,744,541	\$20,328,564	\$5,405,013	\$14,923,551
2009 Average	\$28,226	\$26,116	\$62,934	\$118,520	\$112,437	\$122,619
2009 Count	18,514	17,453	1,061	231	93	138
2009 Total	\$522,575,901	\$455,802,735	\$66,773,166	\$27,378,118	\$10,456,654	\$16,921,464
2010 Average	\$33,767	\$32,386	\$65,685	\$117,526	\$115,303	\$121,528
2010 Count	29,274	28,060	1,214	518	333	185
2010 Total	\$988,501,805	\$908,760,682	\$79,741,123	\$60,878,513	\$38,395,788	\$22,482,725
2011 Average	\$27,910	\$25,740	\$61,177	\$116,277	\$113,721	\$118,200
2011 Count	19,075	17,907	1,168	205	88	117
2011 Total	\$532,383,341	\$460,928,902	\$71,454,439	\$23,836,790	\$10,007,437	\$13,829,353
2012 Average	\$27,822	\$24,855	\$69,379	\$118,618	\$118,922	\$118,497
2012 Count	18,381	17,156	1,225	282	80	202
2012 Total	\$511,401,103	\$426,411,903	\$84,989,200	\$33,450,138	\$9,513,786	\$23,936,352

## 100 Highest Annual Pension Benefits

Rank	Name	Last Known Employer	Annual Benefit	System	Retirement Date	Membership Date
1	Philip, George M	NYS Teachers Retirement System	\$261,288.60	ERS	11/7/07	3/13/80
2	Pachter, Milton H	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$250,873.92	ERS	1/13/12	11/1/91
3	Lisnitzer, Ivan M	SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn	\$245,497.20	ERS	11/23/12	6/11/84
4	Blanco, Aaron P	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$233,065.08	ERS	11/13/10	1/21/87
5	Stolzenberg, Edward A	Westchester Health Care Corp	\$222,862.80	ERS	1/24/04	4/4/74
6	Schatmeyer, Cheryl H	Westchester Health Care Corp	\$216,129.72	ERS	5/12/03	9/12/77
7	Lombardi, Francis J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$214,164.96	ERS	10/30/10	11/3/69
8	Rustum, Youcef M	Roswell Park Cancer Institute	\$203,353.80	ERS	1/5/08	4/1/76
9	Delarosa, Josephine P	Nassau Health Care Corp	\$201,695.04	ERS	6/30/10	6/19/67
10	Echavarria, Louis A	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$196,767.72	PFRS	1/24/09	8/3/74
11	Butcher, Ernesto L	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$196,486.80	ERS	4/14/12	5/3/74
12	Noonan, Peter	Town of Clarkstown	\$193,892.04	PFRS	2/27/11	12/9/66
13	Balsam, Dvorah	Nassau Health Care Corp	\$192,100.32	ERS	12/30/05	6/4/81
14	Hiney, Robert A	NYS Power Authority	\$191,324.52	ERS	12/15/05	Ndr
15	Klimberg, Stanley B	Long Island Power Authority	\$189,172.92	ERS	4/7/07	1/14/71
16	Vanni, Robert J	New York Public Library	\$189,088.20	ERS	6/22/11	8/2/76
17	Southon, Priscilla J	New York Public Library	\$188,846.76	ERS	4/1/08	Ndr
18	Leo, Richard G	Hartsdale Fire Dist Commission	\$186,510.00	PFRS	10/2/11	11/17/88
19	Wood, Philip W	SUNY Central Administration	\$186,295.20	ERS	12/18/10	2/19/74
20	Conwell, Mary C	New York Public Library	\$185,658.60	ERS	8/21/04	5/18/81
21	Seymour, Joseph J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$184,405.56	ERS	10/23/04	Ndr
22	Birdsall, Wayne F	Nassau County	\$184,318.56	PFRS	3/23/12	12/17/78
23	Gizzo, Gerardo	Westchester County	\$183,213.48	PFRS	5/7/10	4/9/75
24	Shaftan, Gerald W	Nassau Health Care Corp	\$182,357.76	ERS	10/17/02	10/1/60
25	Brogan, Michael P	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$180,797.40	PFRS	7/9/05	10/13/71
26	Newbert, Robert M	Nassau County	\$176,970.36	PFRS	4/18/08	8/22/02
27	Curtis, Gerald T	City of Yonkers	\$175,676.04	PFRS	12/31/06	1/1/94
28	Miller, Frederick B	Westchester Health Care Corp	\$174,708.60	ERS	11/1/04	1/5/81
29	Rahn, Elsa K	Nassau County	\$174,082.44	ERS	8/31/99	4/18/63
30	Satti, Venkata S	Elmira Psychiatric Center	\$173,650.80	ERS	5/30/09	4/5/66
31	Corrigan, William J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$173,606.28	PFRS	5/10/03	9/8/71
32	Barr, Harry K, III	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$173,563.44	ERS	6/23/12	1/31/72
33	Metten, Steven T	Nassau County	\$172,384.32	PFRS	7/5/06	4/2/90
34	Freese, Kenneth J	Nassau Health Care Corp	\$172,091.04	ERS	8/31/02	4/27/81
35	Hayes, Michael T	Nassau County	\$171,618.00	PFRS	4/24/09	9/8/76
36	Turk, Robert M	Nassau County	\$171,515.16	PFRS	10/31/10	6/8/73
37	Fras, Ivan	Broome County	\$170,297.52	ERS	10/5/00	4/24/73
38	Minogue, Eileen	Northport East Northport Pub Lib	\$170,132.52	ERS	7/1/12	7/6/82
39	Mc Laughlin, James D	City of Yonkers	\$170,104.44	PFRS	5/27/11	1/16/92
40	Lacapra, Louis J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$169,822.92	ERS	7/7/12	2/24/86
41	Pelkofsky, Gerard V	Suffolk County	\$169,592.76	PFRS	2/29/12	10/30/80
42	Podolak, Michael J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$169,266.00	PFRS	3/22/03	6/23/88
43	Scully, Kevin E	City of Yonkers	\$167,227.56	PFRS	7/18/08	1/2/75
44	Doubraski, William E	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$166,363.08	PFRS	1/19/03	6/25/64
45	Ellis, William E	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$166,358.64	ERS	10/16/10	6/26/86
46	Murphy, Michael R	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$166,284.48	PFRS	7/6/03	9/17/73
47	Kelly, Victoria C	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$166,254.72	ERS	11/18/10	9/1/74
48	Hassett, Kevin	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$166,071.84	PFRS	7/6/03	8/27/87
49	Rinaldi, William A	City of Yonkers	\$166,062.84	PFRS	11/28/10	4/7/73
50	Duffy, Kenneth M	Nassau County	\$165,953.04	PFRS	2/15/08	7/20/81

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Rank	Name	Last Known Employer	Annual Benefit	System	Retirement Date	Membership Date
51	Maricle, Karen M	Erie County Medical Cntr Corp	\$165,693.36	ERS	6/5/08	7/22/69
52	Rienzie, John D	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$165,624.12	PFRS	1/27/07	8/1/91
53	Colasonno, Robert T	Nassau County	\$165,568.80	PFRS	3/23/12	9/1/77
54	Stracher, Alfred	SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn	\$165,357.96	ERS	12/31/10	7/25/66
55	Rocco, Anthony W	Nassau County	\$165,304.44	PFRS	6/18/09	9/28/74
56	Barrett, Edward J	City of Yonkers	\$165,302.16	PFRS	2/5/10	9/8/94
57	Green, Jeffrey S	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$165,201.84	ERS	10/2/04	8/22/63
58	Rhome, Alan I	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$164,666.04	ERS	11/18/10	11/7/83
59	Conrad, Arnold R	Nassau Health Care Corp	\$164,457.36	ERS	7/24/10	10/9/69
60	Clemente, Carmine J	NYS Power Authority	\$163,544.40	ERS	6/26/07	11/9/67
61	Messe, Donald F	Nassau County	\$163,490.76	PFRS	11/1/10	2/10/75
62	Sherwood, William T, III	Town of Clarkstown	\$162,936.60	PFRS	5/28/04	2/16/72
63	Purtill, Thomas M	Town of Clarkstown	\$162,614.16	PFRS	3/31/09	11/12/65
64	Murphy, Daniel C	City of Yonkers	\$162,610.56	PFRS	1/12/06	6/15/73
65	Baci, Wayne W	Nassau County	\$162,570.84	PFRS	1/2/08	Ndr
66	Essex, Thomas J	Nassau County	\$162,439.56	PFRS	10/27/10	1/18/96
67	Caputo, Jay S	Nassau County	\$162,061.56	PFRS	3/23/12	3/1/74
68	Pufahl, Robert W	City of Yonkers	\$161,954.52	PFRS	1/12/07	6/1/72
69	Deluca, Michael M	Nassau Health Care Corp	\$161,626.20	ERS	3/4/05	9/2/71
70	Baumann, Harry A	Town of Clarkstown	\$161,412.12	PFRS	6/29/12	7/1/82
71	Mclaughlin, Thomas B	Nassau County	\$160,028.16	PFRS	3/23/12	7/31/78
72	Muller, Richard J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$159,804.48	PFRS	1/4/03	Ndr
73	Doherty, James J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$159,565.68	PFRS	3/1/03	11/26/79
74	Maniscalco, Raymond N	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$159,496.44	PFRS	3/15/12	2/22/73
75	Pilholski, Robert A	City of Yonkers	\$159,306.60	PFRS	9/4/08	1/21/86
76	Winslow, Mark F	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$158,950.32	PFRS	1/31/03	9/11/87
77	Doran, Thomas	Nassau County	\$158,917.92	PFRS	7/6/07	1/5/73
78	Borawski, Henry J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$158,876.64	PFRS	7/8/12	9/10/64
79	Brill, John D	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$158,800.44	ERS	11/18/10	8/5/86
80	Danchuk, Peter	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$158,490.96	PFRS	8/26/06	1/2/62
81	Baker, Robert E	City of Yonkers	\$158,128.08	PFRS	6/30/06	8/30/07
82	Segalini, Paul Dante	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$158,111.52	ERS	6/30/07	Ndr
83	Panza, Andrew J	Nassau County	\$157,808.04	ERS	5/31/12	10/25/71
84	Capalbo, Nicholas J	City of Yonkers	\$157,803.12	PFRS	11/26/10	1/11/73
85	Rinaldi, Peter L	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$157,780.44	ERS	9/17/10	1/11/71
86	Le Clerc, Paul	New York Public Library	\$157,527.48	ERS	7/1/11	10/23/81
87	Barry, Dennis R	Nassau County	\$157,050.24	PFRS	7/5/08	1/5/78
88	Heineman, Stephanie R	Northport East Northport Pub Lib	\$157,010.76	ERS	7/31/09	5/7/69
89	Mulligan, William H	Suffolk County	\$156,963.84	PFRS	1/7/08	2/8/73
90	Mc Donald, Stephen J	Nassau County	\$156,889.08	PFRS	7/31/07	6/1/65
91	Innace, Thomas E	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$156,579.84	PFRS	2/18/12	2/16/01
92	Kunda, Nicholas J	Nassau County	\$156,481.20	PFRS	6/26/09	4/24/76
93	Yale, Joan	Nassau County	\$156,400.92	PFRS	8/15/07	5/21/73
94	Tighe, Kevin J	City of Yonkers	\$156,304.56	PFRS	1/3/09	10/30/80
95	Malone, Eugene J, III	Fairview Fire District	\$156,179.04	PFRS	7/19/12	3/20/68
96	Parlato, Anthony P	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$156,115.92	PFRS	1/18/03	1/9/78
97	Casareale, Anthony L	City of Yonkers	\$156,011.16	PFRS	1/23/09	1/2/79
98	Varrone, Dominick	Suffolk County	\$155,838.84	PFRS	12/31/11	Ndr
99	Edwards, Timothy M	City of Glen Cove	\$155,585.52	PFRS	6/30/07	1/1/76
100	Schoonmaker, Walter J	Hartsdale Fire Dist Commission	\$155,264.40	PFRS	10/2/09	4/2/73

## 50 Highest Annual Pension Benefits - 2012 Retirees

Rank	Name	Last Known Employer	Annual Benefit	System	Retirement Date	Membership Date
1	Pachter, Milton H	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$250,873.92	ERS	1/13/12	11/1/91
2	Lisnitzer, Ivan M	SUNY Health Science Center at Brooklyn	\$245,497.20	ERS	11/23/12	6/11/84
3	Butcher, Ernesto L	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$196,486.80	ERS	4/14/12	5/3/74
4	Birdsall, Wayne F	Nassau County	\$184,318.56	PFRS	3/23/12	12/17/78
5	Barr, Harry K, III	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$173,563.44	ERS	6/23/12	1/31/72
6	Minogue, Eileen	Northport East Northport Pub Lib	\$170,132.52	ERS	7/1/12	7/6/82
7	Lacapra, Louis J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$169,822.92	ERS	7/7/12	2/24/86
8	Pelkofsky, Gerard V	Suffolk County	\$169,592.76	PFRS	2/29/12	10/30/80
9	Colasonno, Robert T	Nassau County	\$165,568.80	PFRS	3/23/12	9/1/77
10	Caputo, Jay S	Nassau County	\$162,061.56	PFRS	3/23/12	3/1/74
11	Baumann, Harry A	Town of Clarkstown	\$161,412.12	PFRS	6/29/12	7/1/82
12	Mclaughlin, Thomas B	Nassau County	\$160,028.16	PFRS	3/23/12	7/31/78
13	Maniscalco, Raymond N	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$159,496.44	PFRS	3/15/12	2/22/73
14	Borawski, Henry J	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$158,876.64	PFRS	7/8/12	9/10/64
15	Panza, Andrew J	Nassau County	\$157,808.04	ERS	5/31/12	10/25/71
16	Innace, Thomas E	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$156,579.84	PFRS	2/18/12	2/16/01
17	Malone, Eugene J, III	Fairview Fire District	\$156,179.04	PFRS	7/19/12	3/20/68
18	Carbonaro, Daniel A	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$150,417.48	PFRS	2/11/12	1/2/81
19	Fal, Andrew, Jr	Nassau County	\$148,846.56	PFRS	3/23/12	9/25/00
20	Hofrichter, Lawrence S	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$148,650.24	ERS	7/7/12	2/27/90
21	Calia, Robert L	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$148,515.60	PFRS	1/28/12	Ndr
22	Learned, Gary N	Nassau County	\$148,196.64	PFRS	6/22/12	9/2/76
23	May, John H, Jr	Nassau County	\$147,987.36	PFRS	9/21/12	11/18/68
24	Hall, Patrick J	City of Glen Cove	\$147,705.00	PFRS	9/30/12	4/13/76
25	Roden, John F	Nassau County	\$147,014.28	PFRS	3/23/12	11/29/73
26	Hunter, John P	Nassau County	\$145,545.36	PFRS	3/1/12	5/10/76
27	Mc Evoy, John P	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$145,327.08	PFRS	1/28/12	4/14/67
28	Ferguson, Gregory J	Nassau County	\$145,073.40	PFRS	6/1/12	8/1/56
29	Albright, Frederick E	Nassau County	\$141,324.60	PFRS	3/23/12	3/27/69
30	Salz, Steven A	Nassau County	\$140,849.52	PFRS	3/23/12	5/5/73
31	Paganuzzi, Roger C	Nassau County	\$140,778.36	PFRS	8/24/12	2/25/80
32	Borelli, Anthony M	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$140,178.24	PFRS	1/24/12	Ndr
33	Kielb, George	City of Yonkers	\$139,745.76	PFRS	1/20/12	11/18/58
34	Hammer, Frank W	City of Yonkers	\$138,814.20	PFRS	7/20/12	5/17/76
35	De Martinis, John A	Nassau County	\$138,610.56	PFRS	3/23/12	9/13/66
36	Vasely, Paul E	City of Yonkers	\$136,738.20	PFRS	7/20/12	6/27/91
37	Smith, William	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$136,349.76	PFRS	7/8/12	1/6/65
38	Flanagan, William G	Nassau County	\$136,131.84	PFRS	3/2/12	7/28/95
39	Walcott, Keith	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$135,897.72	PFRS	6/6/12	10/3/74
40	Fitzpatrick, Thomas D	City of Glen Cove	\$134,146.80	PFRS	10/31/12	12/3/68
41	Halbohn, Donald F	Nassau County	\$133,827.00	PFRS	3/23/12	1/8/07
42	Blanthorn, Mary B	Nassau County	\$133,619.88	PFRS	3/23/12	9/1/73
43	Baxi, Rashmikant K	Nassau Health Care Corp	\$133,040.04	ERS	8/31/12	1/23/84
44	Brennan, Kevin M	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$132,501.24	PFRS	7/23/12	3/17/64
45	Heal, Harry E	Village of Freeport	\$132,449.76	PFRS	4/1/12	9/21/78
46	Garry, Mark J	Nassau County	\$132,223.32	PFRS	3/23/12	11/2/67
47	Mattiace, John F	Port Authority Of NY & NJ	\$132,153.84	PFRS	5/20/12	1/21/75
48	Conley, John V	Nassau County	\$131,158.20	PFRS	3/23/12	12/29/66
49	Giacobbe, Anthony I	Supreme Court Justices-Oca	\$131,051.64	ERS	12/31/12	5/1/84
50	Lawrence, Wayne	Nassau County	\$130,658.76	PFRS	3/23/12	Ndr