



# Actuarial Experience Study

## City of Portland Fire & Police Disability & Retirement Fund (FPDR)

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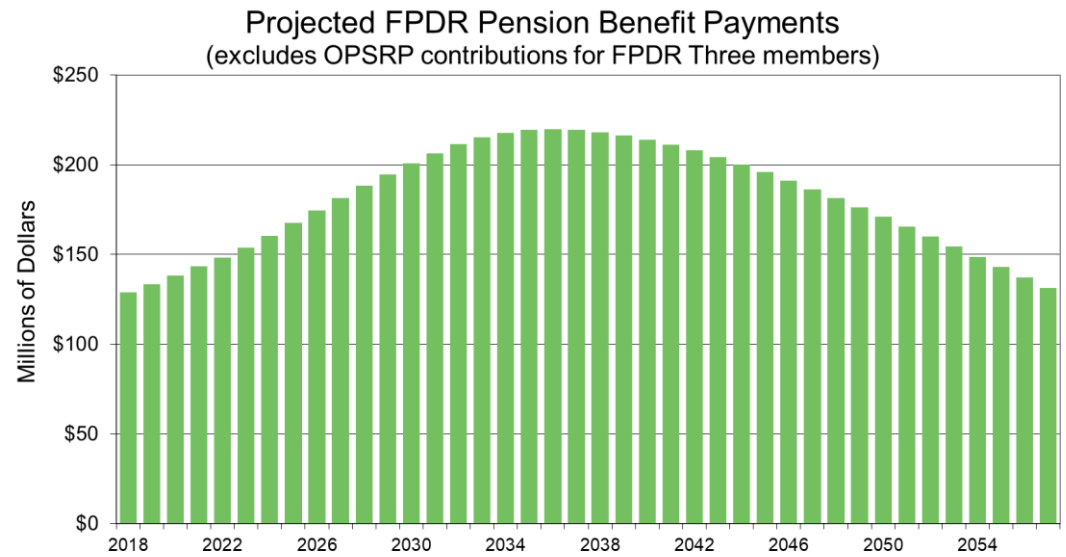
# Introduction

## Actuarial Valuation and Assumptions

- Biennial actuarial valuations provide financial statement reporting information for both FPDR and the City of Portland
- An actuarial valuation is a very long-term calculation
- Given the long-term nature of the modeling, assumptions play a key role in the calculation

### Assumptions used both to:

- Project future benefit payments
- Convert those payments to a present value



# Introduction

## Actuarial Valuation and Assumptions

- Assumptions in our last FPDR valuation (2018) based on:
  - Study of FPDR experience conducted prior to the 2014 valuation
    - Determined most demographic assumptions, including rates of retirement, disability, and salary growth
  - Oregon PERS Police & Fire assumptions for mortality
    - Due to a much larger number of members, Oregon PERS public safety experience is more credible than FPDR-only experience
- Best practice to refresh experience studies every five to ten years to reflect current trends
  - Accordingly, we have prepared a new study to recommend assumptions for the June 30, 2020 valuation

# Introduction

## Experience Study

- The new study analyzed experience from recent periods
  - Most demographic assumptions use data from July 2014 to June 2019
  - Salary increases reflect July 2015 to June 2019 data
- Assumptions can be broadly divided into two categories:
  - Economic assumptions
  - Demographic assumptions
- Full detail of methodology and recommended assumptions in Appendix

# Economic Assumptions

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# Assumptions to Be Reviewed

	6/30/2018 Valuation “Current” Assumptions
Inflation	2.75%
Real Wage Growth	<u>1.00%</u>
Payroll Growth (sum of above)	3.75%
Discount Rate	Current municipal bond index, per GASB: 6/30/2018: 3.87% 6/30/2019: 3.50%

# Economic Assumptions

## Inflation

- The inflation assumption affects other assumptions
- Inflation can vary significantly over time
- One estimate of future inflation can be derived from yields of Treasury securities and Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS)
- Social Security’s current “intermediate cost” 30-year average inflation assumption is **2.40%**
- In our opinion, the current assumption of **2.75%** should be reduced to **2.25%**

Period Ending 12/31/2019	Average Inflation
10 years	1.76%
20 years	2.14%
30 years	2.41%
40 years	3.09%

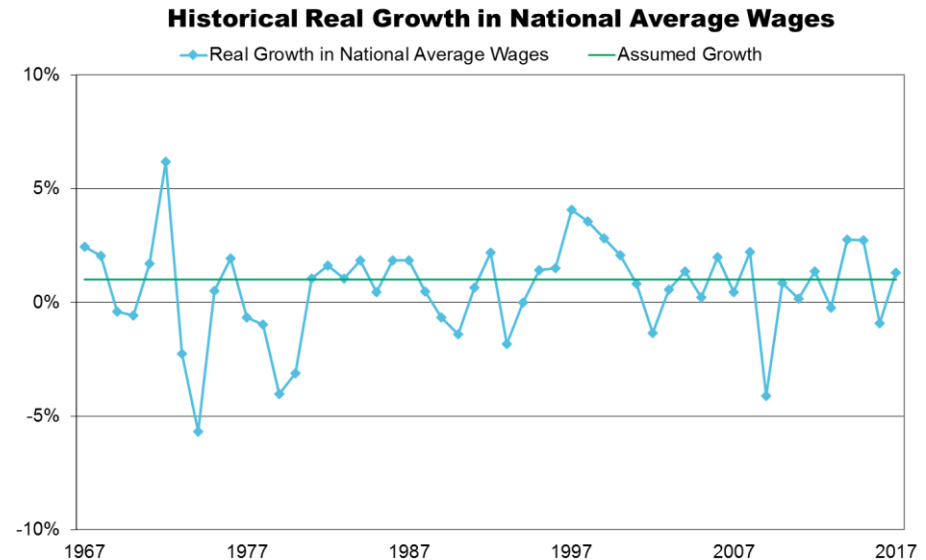
	As of 12/31/19		As of 6/30/20	
	10 Year	30 Year	10 Year	30 Year
Treasury Yield	1.92%	2.39%	0.66%	1.41%
TIPS Yield	<u>0.15%</u>	<u>0.58%</u>	<u>(0.68%)</u>	<u>(0.15%)</u>
“Breakeven” Inflation	<b>1.77%</b>	<b>1.81%</b>	<b>1.34%</b>	<b>1.46%</b>



# Economic Assumptions

## Real Wage Growth

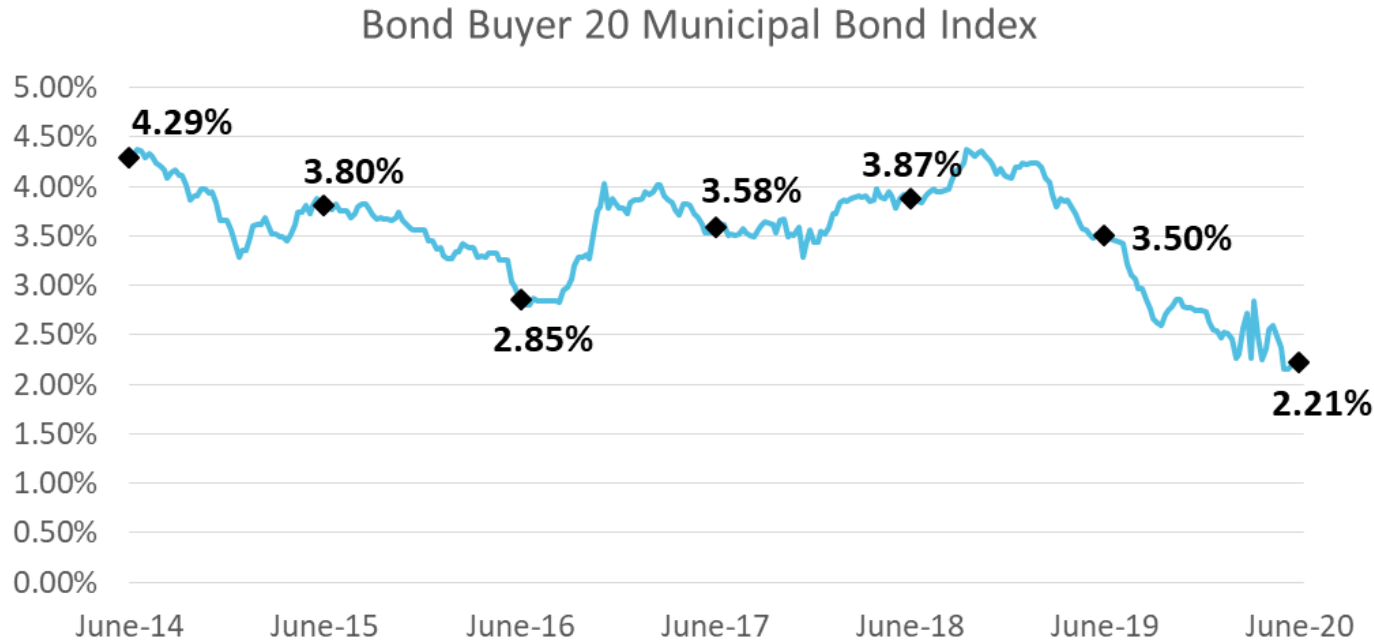
- An individual member's assumed annual salary increase is composed of:
  - Inflation
  - Real wage growth
  - Individual merit/longevity component
- Real wage growth represents the increase in wages in excess of inflation for the entire group due to improvements in productivity and competitive market pressures
- Social Security's long-term "intermediate cost" real wage growth assumption is 1.1%
- In our opinion, the current assumption of **1.0%** is reasonable



Period ending 12/31/2018	Average Real Wage Growth
10 Years	0.59%
20 Years	0.92%
30 Years	0.82%
40 Years	0.65%

# Economic Assumptions

## Discount Rate



- Discount rate
  - Based on Bond Buyer Index shown above
  - 6/30/2020 rate of 2.21% is significantly lower than the previous valuation date of 6/30/2018

# Assumptions to Be Reviewed

	6/30/2018 Valuation “Current” Assumptions	6/30/2020 Valuation Recommended Assumptions
Inflation	2.75%	2.25%
Real Wage Growth	<u>1.00%</u>	<u>1.00%</u>
Payroll Growth (sum of above)	3.75%	3.25%
Discount Rate	Current municipal bond index, per GASB: 6/30/2018: 3.87% 6/30/2019: 3.50%	Current municipal bond index, per GASB: 6/30/2020: 2.21%

# Demographic Assumptions

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# Demographic Assumptions

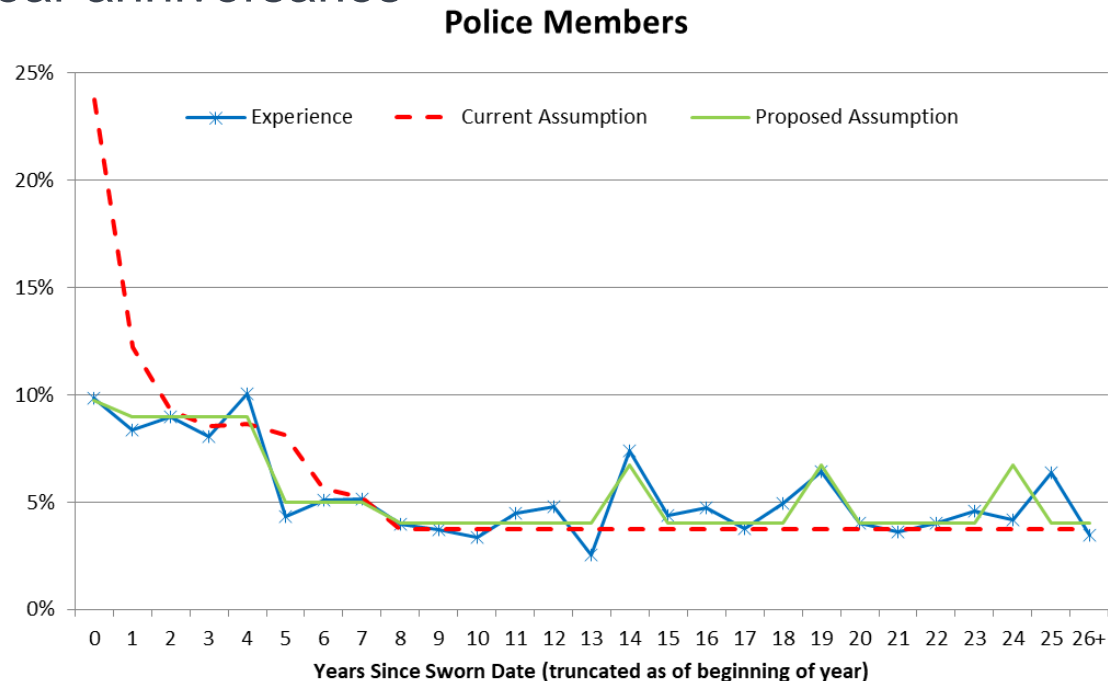
## Individual member salary increase assumption

- Reflects combined effects of general wage growth and inflation assumptions, plus an additional component for increase due to merit or longevity
  - Individuals earn promotions and step/grade increases
- Our analysis reviewed 2015-2019 member experience
  - Included partial adjustment for the 3% increases to top-step pay under the PPA contract in 2017 through 2019
    - Fully reflecting such significant increases centered in the study period would likely overstate the expected forward-looking annual increase
- Resulting assumption varies by service, reflecting career patterns

# Demographic Assumptions

## Individual member salary increase assumption

- Recent Police experience (with partial recognition of recent top-step PPA increases) was lower than assumed in early years, due to elimination of “entry rate” pay level
- Proposed assumption explicitly reflects longevity-related increases at 15/20/25 year anniversaries

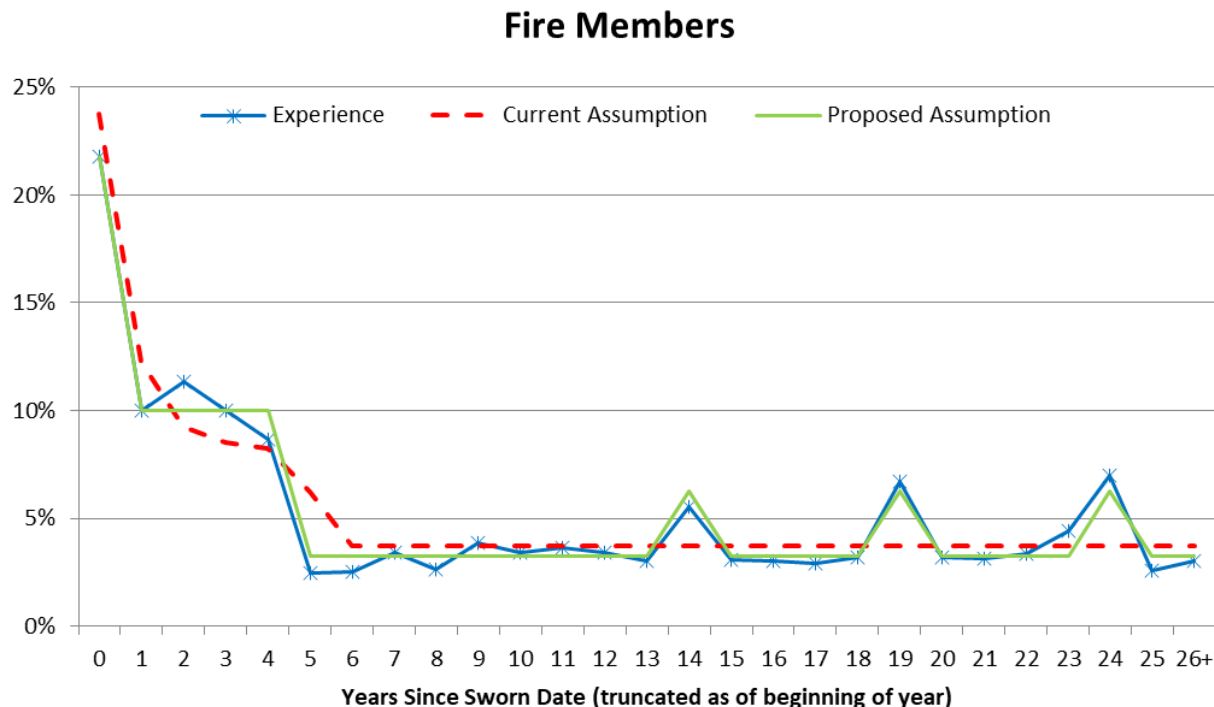


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# Demographic Assumptions

## Individual member salary increase assumption

- Fire experience generally mirrored assumption, but proposed updates will more closely reflect recent observed experience
- Proposed assumption explicitly reflects longevity-related increases at 15/20/25 year anniversaries



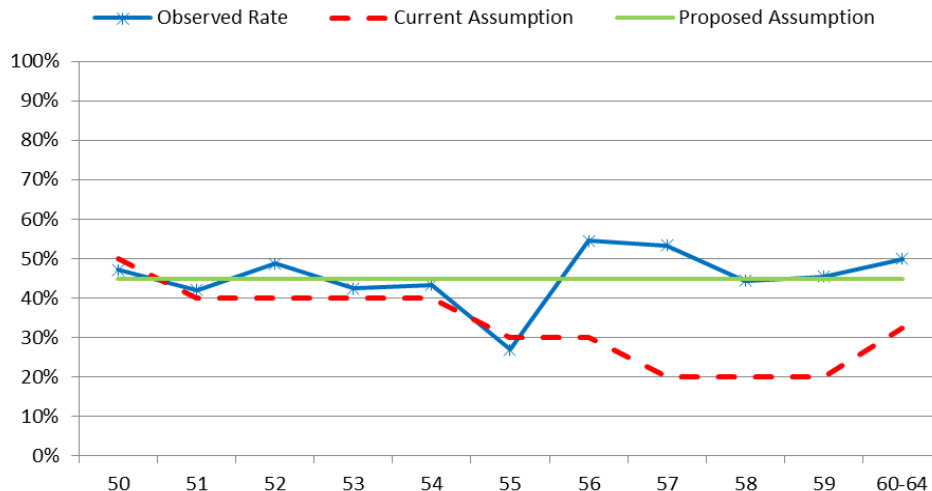
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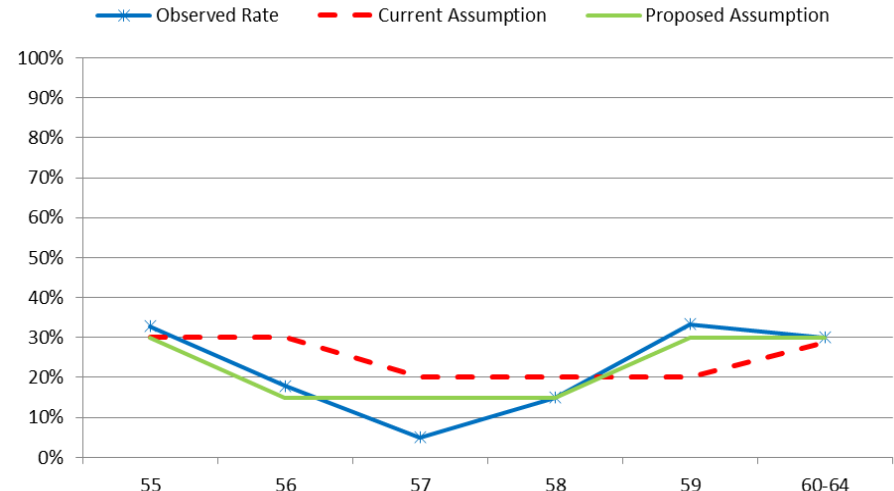
## Retirement Rates

- Current assumed rates are separated by Bureau and based on age only
- We recommend adjusting the assumption format to use age-based rates prior to 25 years of service and a higher flat rate for 25+ years

**Police Retirement Rates**  
25+ Years of Service



**Police Retirement Rates**  
< 25 Years of Service



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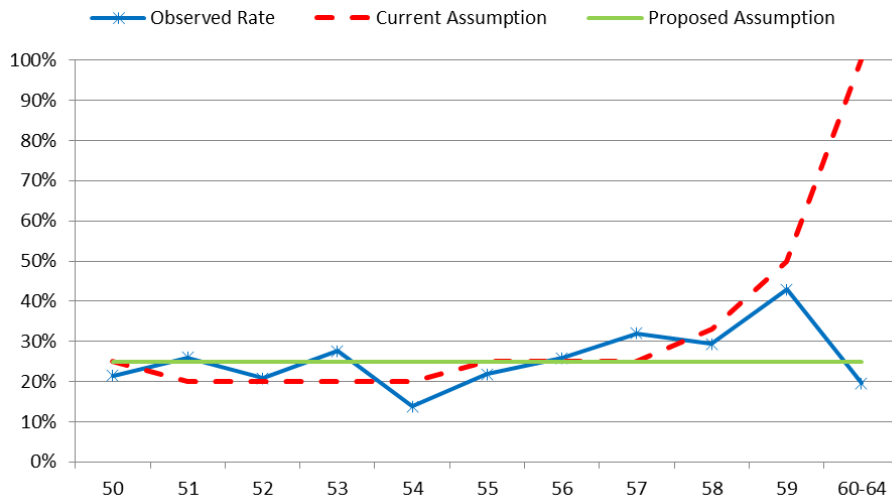


# Demographic Assumptions

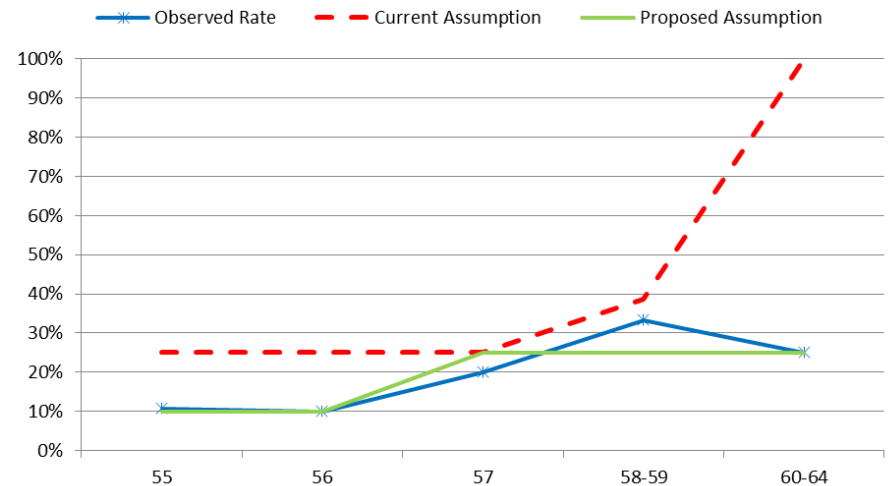
## Retirement Rates

- We also recommend extending retirement rates for Fire to age 65 (matching those for Police)

**Fire Retirement Rates**  
25+ Years of Service



**Fire Retirement Rates**  
< 25 Years of Service



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# Demographic Assumptions

## Retirement Elections

Assumption	Current Assumption	Observed Experience	Proposed Assumption
Benefit form elected (% of final pay)	2.8% of pay: 80% 2.6% of pay: 20%	2.8% of pay: 80% Below 2.8%: 20%	No change
Percent married	80%	69%	70%
Spousal age difference	+/- 3 years	+/- 2.5 years	+/- 3 years
Out-of-state retirees	20%	29%	30%
27 Pay Period Adjustment	65% retire with 27 pay periods (2.5% load to system average)	65% retired with 27 pay periods	No change

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# Demographic Assumptions

## Withdrawal

- Rates of pre-retirement withdrawal are very low after a member's initial two years of service
  - Experience during study period suggests separating the Police & Fire assumptions, as shown

Service	Current Assumption	Police		Fire	
		Observed Experience	Proposed Assumption	Observed Experience	Proposed Assumption
0 years	15%	14%	15%	7%	10%
1 year	5%	10%	7.5%	0%	1%
2+ years	0.50%	1.27%	1.25%	0.30%	0.25%

# Demographic Assumptions

## Annual Incidence of Long-term Disability

- Second study for disability since 2006 reforms
  - Previous study showed significantly fewer members initiating long-term disability than expected under pre-reform assumption
  - Current study continued this trend
- We recommend lowering the assumed rate of disabilities by using 70% of the currently-adopted standard table
  - Sample rates shown below

Age	Current Assumption	Proposed Assumption
30	0.06%	0.04%
40	0.16%	0.11%
50	0.45%	0.31%
Expected over study period	11.6	8.1

**6 FPDR  
members initiated  
long-term disability  
over study period**

# Demographic Assumptions

## Mortality

- Mortality differs by:
  - Gender
  - Member vs. spouse
  - Healthy vs. disabled
  - Active vs. retired

Future life expectancy: Male Retiree (age in 2020)		
Retiree Age	Prior Assumption	New Assumption
55	31.6	30.7
65	22.4	21.1
75	14.1	12.8

- In recent years, we have linked FPDR mortality assumption to current Oregon PERS assumption
  - Because death rates at most ages are low, large amounts of data required for statistically credible experience
  - PERS study has significantly more mortality experience than FPDR
- Most recent PERS study reduced life expectancy for Police & Fire

# Demographic Assumptions

## Mortality

- Current PERS assumption reflects new “PUB-2010” tables published by Society of Actuaries in January 2019
  - First modern standard mortality tables based exclusively upon public employee data, including tables specifically for public safety
  - Previous assumption was based on a blend of “white collar” and “blue collar” experience from private plan experience
- Recommend continuing to link FPDR mortality assumption to the most recent PERS Police & Fire mortality assumption
  - Reflects PUB-2010 sex-distinct public safety mortality tables for members
  - Details in the appendix

# Demographic Assumptions Reviewed

Assumption	Current	Recommended
Total salary increase	7-year select and ultimate; separate Police & Fire assumptions	Revise rates; modify Police entry structure; explicitly reflect long-service increases
Retirement rates	Age-based, with separate rates for Police versus Fire	Separate rates for <25 years of service vs. 25+
Retirement elections	Detailed in prior slides	Changes to % married and assumption for % out-of-state
Withdrawal	2-year “select and ultimate” structure	Separate rates for Police vs. Fire
Disability	Age-based rates from standard disability table	Adjust to use 70% of rates from standard disability table
Mortality	Police & Fire assumptions from 2016 PERS study	Police & Fire assumptions from 2018 PERS study

# Effect on 2018 Actuarial Valuation Results

<b>3.87% discount rate</b>	<b>6/30/2018 Valuation - Current Assumptions</b>		<b>6/30/2018 Valuation - Proposed Assumptions</b>	
PV of Projected Benefits	\$3.90 billion		\$3.84 billion	
Accrued Liability				
Active	\$1.15 billion		\$1.15 billion	
Inactive	\$2.17 billion		\$2.12 billion	
Total	\$3.32 billion		\$3.27 billion	
PV of Future Normal Cost	\$580 million		\$570 million	
Normal Cost	\$64 million		\$64 million	

- Does not illustrate effects of:
  - Update to new GASB discount rate
  - Any potential change to FPDR Two COLA assumption



# Future COLA Assumption

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## Future COLA Assumption

- Our June 30, 2018 valuation and related levy-adequacy modeling assumed FPDR Two retiree COLA increases followed a “Modified PERS” approach
  - CPI-U changes up to 2.00% for service prior to October 8, 2013, and 1.25% for service after October 8, 2013
- This reflected Board direction after discussion, including illustration of how results would change if a full 2% COLA was assumed each year
- **Note: The assumption used for the valuation does not determine the actual COLA adopted by the Board**
  - The Board retains full discretion to adopt each year’s assumption, within the Charter parameters

## Future COLA Assumption

- The actual FPDR Two COLA amounts for the last two years have not followed the “Modified PERS” approach which was assumed in the prior valuation
  - 2019 COLA: full 2%
  - 2020 COLA: blend of 2% and 1.75%, based on service before and after October 8, 2013
- To illustrate the sensitivity of the COLA assumption, the table below compares June 30, 2018 results under two alternatives

(\$ in millions)	6/30/2018 Valuation	6/30/2018 Valuation
<b>COLA Method</b>	Modified PERS	Full 2% per year
<b>Present Value of Benefits</b>	\$3,900	\$4,000

- The 2019 and 2020 COLA decisions would have added approximately \$1 million to the “Modified PERS” results above, if they had been reflected at June 30, 2018

## Future COLA Assumption

- The June 30, 2020 valuation and levy adequacy modeling will require an assumption for future COLA amounts
- We will continue to reflect the “Modified PERS” approach unless the Board provides us an alternative direction



# Appendix

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# Appendix

## Total Salary Increase

Years of Service	Current Assumption	
	Police*	Fire
0	23.75%	23.75%
1	12.25%	12.25%
2	9.25%	9.25%
3	8.55%	8.55%
4	8.65%	8.25%
5	8.15%	6.25%
6	5.65%	3.75%
7	5.25%	3.75%
8 +	3.75%	3.75%

\*Blend of assumptions for non-PPA, PPA Officers, and PPA Sergeants, Criminalists, and Detectives

Years of Service*	Proposed Assumption	
	Police	Fire
0	9.75%	21.75%
1	9.00%	10.00%
2	9.00%	10.00%
3	9.00%	10.00%
4	9.00%	10.00%
5	5.00%	3.25%
6	5.00%	3.25%
7	5.00%	3.25%
8 +	4.00%	3.25%
<b>Additional increase at 14, 19, 24</b>	2.75%	3.00%

\*Truncated as of beginning of year

# Appendix

## Retirement Rates - Current

	Fire	Police
Age	Current Assumption	Current Assumption
50	25%	50%
51	20%	40%
52	20%	40%
53	20%	40%
54	20%	40%
55	25%	30%
56	25%	30%
57	25%	20%
58	33%	20%
59	50%	20%
60	100%	20%
61	100%	20%
62	100%	45%
63	100%	45%
64	100%	45%
65+	100%	100%

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## Retirement Rates - Proposed

Age	Fire		Police	
	< 25 years of service	25+ years of service	< 25 years of service	25+ years of service
50		25%		45%
51		25%		45%
52		25%		45%
53		25%		45%
54		25%		45%
55	10%	25%	30%	45%
56	10%	25%	15%	45%
57	25%	25%	15%	45%
58	25%	25%	15%	45%
59	25%	25%	30%	45%
60	25%	25%	30%	45%
61	25%	25%	30%	45%
62	25%	25%	30%	45%
63	25%	25%	30%	45%
64	25%	25%	30%	45%
65+	100%	100%	100%	100%

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## Disability Rates

- Current disability incidence assumption is 1985 Disability Study Class 1 Rates
- Propose using 70% of the 1985 Disability Study Class 1 Rates

Age	1985 Disability Study Class 1 – Sample Rates
30	0.06%
35	0.10%
40	0.16%
45	0.26%
50	0.45%
55	0.85%

Age	70% of 1985 Disability Study Class 1 – Sample Rates
30	0.04%
35	0.07%
40	0.11%
45	0.18%
50	0.31%
55	0.59%

# Demographic Assumptions

## Disability-related assumptions

- Ancillary assumption used in our valuation of disability benefits are shown below:

	Current Assumption	Proposed Assumption
Service-related disability	90% of disabilities assumed service-related	No change
Post-disability employment	One third of members on long term disability are assumed capable of substantial gainful activity	No change
Earnings for post-disability gainful employment	Assumed to be 9% of pre-disability pay	Assumed to be 20% of pre-disability pay

# Appendix

## Mortality

- Current mortality tables shown below:

Age	Current Assumption
Male Retiree	RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Male, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, Blended 50% Blue Collar, 50% White Collar, set back 12 months
Female Retiree	RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Female, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, Blended 50% Blue Collar, 50% White Collar, no set back
Male Beneficiary	RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Male, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, Blended 50% Blue Collar, 50% White Collar, set back 12 months
Female Beneficiary	RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Female, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, Blended 50% Blue Collar, 50% White Collar, no set back
Male Active	RP-2014 Healthy Employee Male, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, Blended 50% Blue Collar, 50% White Collar, set back 12 months
Female Active	RP-2014 Healthy Employee Female, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, Blended 50% Blue Collar, 50% White Collar, no set back
Disabled Males	RP-2014 Disabled Annuitant Male, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, no collar adjustment, no set back
Disabled Females	RP-2014 Disabled Annuitant Female, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, no collar adjustment, no set back

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## Mortality

- Proposed mortality tables shown below:

Age	Proposed Assumption
Male Retiree	Pub-2010 Healthy Public Safety Retiree Male, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, no set back
Female Retiree	Pub-2010 Healthy Public Safety Retiree Female, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, set back 12 months
Male Beneficiary	Pub-2010 Healthy General Employees Retiree Male, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, set back 12 months
Female Beneficiary	Pub-2010 Healthy General Employees Retiree Female, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, no set back
Male Active	Pub-2010 Healthy Public Safety Employee Male, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, no set back
Female Active	Pub-2010 Healthy Public Safety Employee Female, Generational projection with unisex Social Security data scale, set back 12 months
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