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NORTH Dakota Be Legendary. | Teachers' Fund For Retirement RETIREMENT & INVESTMENT

ND Teachers' Fund for Retirement

The Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) provides educators with a foundation for a secure retirement.

KEY FACTS

Value of TFFR Assets	Total Benefits Disbursed Annually	Contributions Received Annually
$4.1 BILLION	$275 MILLION	*approximately* $222.3 MILLION

WHO WE SERVE

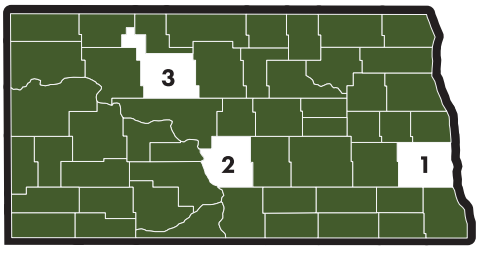
ACTIVE MEMBERS: 11,953

RETIRED MEMBERS: 9,727

INACTIVE MEMBERS: 4,539

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS: 200+

WHERE BENEFITS GO



1. $41.6M - Cass
2. $31.9M - Burleigh
3. $21M - Ward

Counties with highest TFFR disbursements in FY2026

ECONOMIC IMPACT

All figures on an annual basis as of FY2026.*

PENSION BENEFITS PAID
$275M

TOTAL ECONOMIC OUTPUT
$385.4M

ECONOMIC VALUE ADDED
$207.5M

JOBS SUPPORTED
~2000

STATE & LOCAL TAX REVENUE
$14.5M

* All figures as of 06/30/2026 unless otherwise noted. NIRS ratios are based on benefits paid to ND residents. Sources: RIO, Funston Advisory Services LLC, NIRS Pensionomics, NIRS Full Report, BLS CPI-U, GRS Actuarial Valuation Report. Jobs ratio deflated by 1.0857 (FY2025 avg 317.731 ÷ 2022 avg 292.655)= 7.335 jobs per $1M.

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FUNDING STATUS

TFFR is currently projected to be fully funded by 2042, if all actuarial assumptions are met, including a 7.15% annual return.



INVESTMENT **RETURNS**

14.6%	11.4%	6.8%
ONE-YEAR	THREE-YEAR	FIVE-YEAR

FUNDING **SOURCES**

TFFR funding sources over 30 years.



54%

INVESTMENT INCOME



23%

EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS



23%

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

- Employer Contributions | **12.75%** of salary
- Member Contributions | **11.75%** of salary

Revert to **7.75%** when TFFR reaches 100% funded on an actuarial basis.

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