

# Know Your NYSTRS Facts



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As a teacher, you know knowledge is power. That is why you should arm yourself with the facts about your pension and the organization that administers your plan. Commit the following to memory and you will be well on your way to having the facts necessary to respond to public pension critics.

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- ✓ NYSTRS is among the **best-funded public pension plans in the nation**, in large part because we have received uninterrupted employer and employee contributions throughout our history.
- ✓ Over the past 30 years, NYSTRS' net position has increased **more than five fold** despite paying out **almost four times** as much in benefits as contributions collected from employers and members over the same period.
- ✓ Investment earnings have accounted for **85% of NYSTRS' income** over the past 30 years.
- ✓ For the 30-year period ended 6/30/18 – a period that included some of the worst economic downturns since the Great Depression – **our rate of return is 8.8%**.
- ✓ NYSTRS investment fees average **26 cents per \$100 managed**, compared to 60 cents or more to manage the same \$100 in a typical defined contribution plan.

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**Pension Education Toolkit.**



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