



San Bernardino County Employees'
Retirement Association

2021

Popular Annual Financial Report

Located in San Bernardino, California, the San Bernardino County Employees' Retirement Association (SBCERA) administers the SBCERA pension plan - a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan (the Plan). As management of SBCERA, we offer readers of SBCERA's financial statements this Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This PAFR is derived from information contained in SBCERA's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2021, but does not contain detailed financial information, nor is it presented in a manner to conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. The PAFR does not replace the ACFR, so readers are encouraged to consider the information presented in this report in conjunction with the entire ACFR, which is available at [sbcera.org](https://www.sbcera.org).

 [Annual Comprehensive Financial Report](#)

2020-21 IN NUMBERS



\$13.6 BILLION
TOTAL NET POSITION



44,000
MEMBERS STRONG



33.3%
FISCAL YEAR 20-21
NET RATE OF RETURN



91.2%
FUNDED (Market
Value of Assets)



10.7%
5-YEAR NET RATE OF
RETURN



16
PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS



\$4,171
AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT

“SBCERA is committed to efficiently and strategically managing our resources and responsibly funding the Plan now and in the future.”

—Debby Cherney, SBCERA Chief Executive Officer

INVESTMENTS

The Board of Retirement maintains sole and exclusive control of all investments of the Plan and is responsible for the establishment of investment objectives, strategies, and policies. The Board is authorized to invest in any form or type of investment deemed prudent in the informed opinion of the Board.

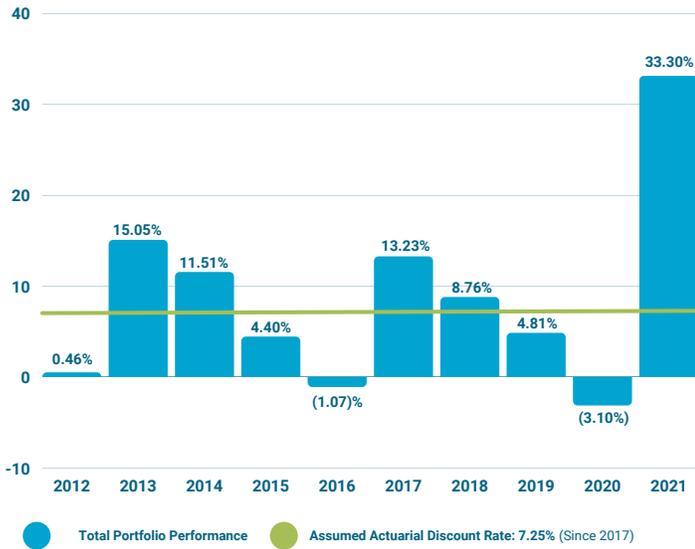
External professional investment management firms manage SBCERA's assets. The investment staff closely monitor the activity of these managers and assist the Board with the implementation of investment policies and long-term investment strategies. The Investment Plan, Policy, and Guidelines establish the investment program goals, asset allocation policies, performance objectives, investment management policies, and risk controls.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, investments provided a rate of return (net of fees) of 33.3%, our highest return in SBCERA history. The Plan's annualized rate of return (net of fees) over the five-year period ended June 30, 2021 was 10.7%. **As we've continued to navigate these unprecedented times, we are proud our team has stayed focused on our commitment to our members and employers while strategically planning for the future.**

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

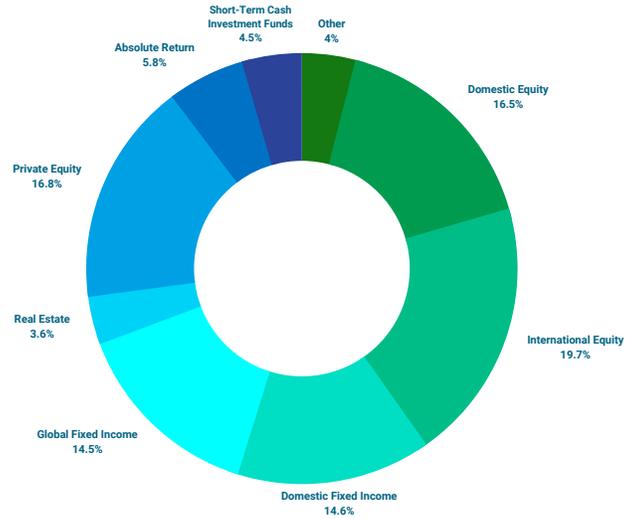
HISTORY OF INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE

FOR 10 YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (BASED ON FAIR VALUE)



ASSET ALLOCATION

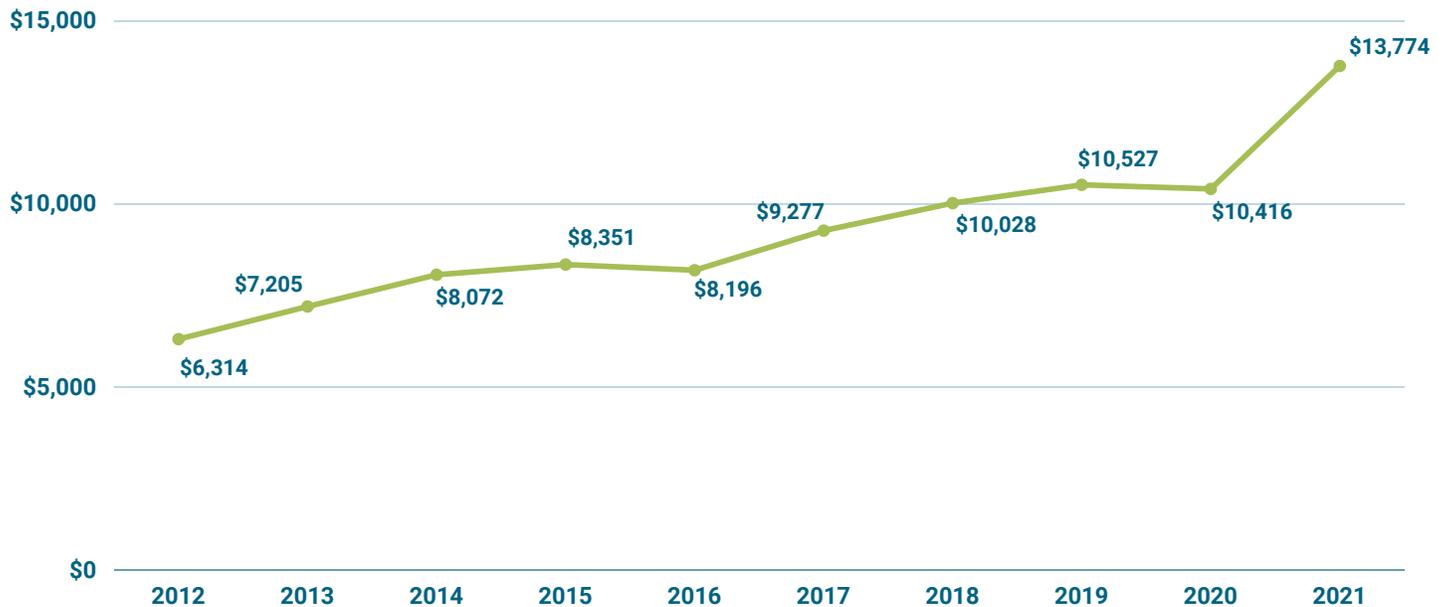
AS OF JUNE 30, 2021



Note: The "other" category includes percentages 2% and below (Timber, Infrastructure, and Commodities).

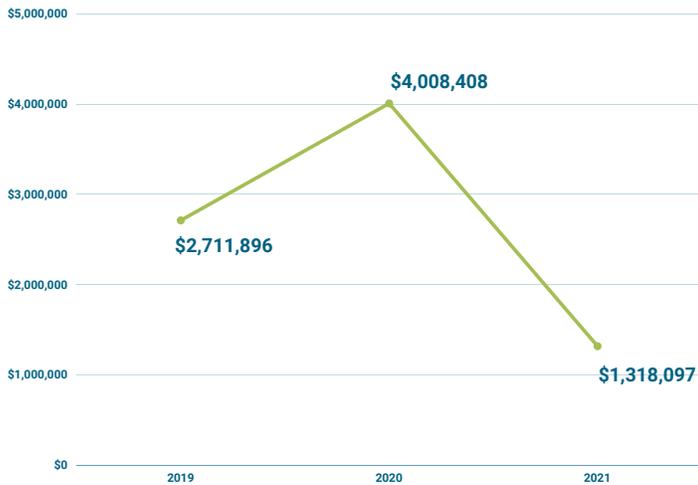
FAIR VALUE GROWTH OF PLAN ASSETS HELD FOR INVESTMENTS

FOR 10 YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (AMOUNTS IN MILLIONS)



NET PENSION LIABILITY OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYERS

FOR 3 YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)



Net Pension Liability of Participating Employers represents the excess of the total pension liability beyond the Plan's fiduciary net position, which equals assets, plus deferred outflows of resources, minus liabilities, minus deferred inflows of resources. It is a measurement of pension liabilities using market assets that provides a consistent and standardized methodology. This measurement increases transparency of the pension liability across all governmental entities.



FUNDED RATIO

(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

ACTUARIAL VALUATION DATE	(a) ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS	(b) ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY (AAL)	(b-a) UNFUNDED AAL (UAAL)	(a/b) FUNDED RATIO
6/30/2019	\$10,642,401	\$13,304,683	\$2,662,282	79.99%
6/30/2020	\$11,133,173	\$14,298,196	\$3,165,023	79.86%
6/30/2021	\$12,258,925	\$14,957,436	\$2,698,511	81.96%

A **funded ratio** gives a point in time analysis of how assets compare to future liabilities. In other words, the funded ratio percentage tells us how our assets are projected to outlast expenses.

MEMBERSHIP

AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

ACTIVE		DEFERRED	SERVICE RETIREMENT
GENERAL	18,971	8,197	10,639
SAFETY	2,529	RETIREES	DISABILITY RETIREMENTS
		12,326	1,687
		BENEFICIARIES	TOTAL MEMBERS
TOTAL	21,500	1,966	43,989

BENEFITS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

BENEFITS PAID	REFUNDS PAID	AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT
\$650,804	\$10,018	\$4,171

(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

BENEFIT PAYMENTS

This chart shows the average monthly final salary and the average monthly retirement benefit for all current payments.

YEARS OF CREDITED SERVICE	AVERAGE FINAL MONTHLY COMPENSATION	AVERAGE MONTHLY BENEFIT
0-5	\$5,545	\$880
5-10	\$4,981	\$1,592
10-15	\$5,069	\$2,138
15-20	\$5,499	\$3,069
20-25	\$5,896	\$4,196
25-30	\$6,899	\$6,159
30+	\$7,712	\$8,431

Note: The average monthly benefit includes post-retirement Cost-of-Living Adjustments granted according to SBCERA policy and Board approval.



San Bernardino, CA

Located in San Bernardino, CA, SBCERA proudly serves 44,000 members, including retirees spread out across 49 states and a dozen countries.

PLAN OVERVIEW

SBCERA was established in 1945 and operates under the provisions of the California County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL), the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act of 2013 (PEPRA) and the regulations, procedures, and policies adopted by SBCERA's Board of Retirement (Board).

SBCERA provides retirement, disability, death, and survivor benefits to its members, who are employed by 16 active Plan Sponsors (participating employers), and five withdrawn employers. These include: County of San Bernardino, Barstow Fire Protection District, Big Bear Fire Authority, California State Association of Counties, City of Big Bear Lake, City of Chino Hills, Crestline Sanitation District, Department of Water and Power of the City of Big Bear Lake, Hesperia Recreation and Park District, Law Library for San Bernardino County, Local Agency Formation Commission, Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, SBCERA, San Bernardino County Transportation Authority, South Coast Air Quality Management (SCAQMD), and Superior Court of California County of San Bernardino (Superior Court).

SBCERA BOARD

Fiduciary oversight of SBCERA is vested with the SBCERA Board, which consists of nine voting members and three alternate members. Four members are appointed by the County of San Bernardino Board of Supervisors, six members (which include two alternates) are elected by the members of SBCERA (General members elect two members, Safety members elect one member and one alternate, and retired members elect one member and one alternate) and the County of San Bernardino Treasurer (County Treasurer) is an ex-officio member who has designated one alternate. Board members serve three-year terms, with the exception of the County Treasurer, who serves during their tenure in office. The Board meets monthly. Appointed and retired members of the Board receive compensation for meeting attendance, and all members are reimbursed for necessary business expenses pursuant to California Government Code section 31521. SBCERA's Chief Executive Officer is appointed by the Board, and implements the policies and direction set by the Board.

SBCERA AWARDED FOR 2020 POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has given an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting to SBCERA for its Popular Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2020. The Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is a prestigious national award recognizing conformance with the highest standards for preparation of state and local government popular reports. In order to receive an Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting, a government unit must publish a Popular Annual Financial Report, whose contents conform to program standards of creativity, presentation, understandability, and reader appeal. An Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting is valid for a period of one year only. This is the third year SBCERA has received a Popular Award. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Popular Annual Financial Reporting requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

SBCERA was also awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the year ended June 30, 2020. This is the 24th consecutive year that SBCERA has achieved this prestigious award.

BOARD MEMBERS

AS OF JUNE 30, 2021

Neal Waner
Board Chair
Audit Committee
Executive Committee
Investment Committee
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Marc Bracco
Board Vice Chair
Audit Committee
Executive Committee
Investment Committee
Elected by Safety Members

Jean-Rene Basle
Administrative Committee
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Louis Fiorino
Investment Committee
Elected by General Members

Michael Kennedy
Audit Committee
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Ensen Mason
Investment Committee
County Treasurer/Ex-Officio Member

Janice Rutherford
Administrative Committee
Executive Committee
Appointed by Board of Supervisors

Dawn Stafford
Administrative Committee
Elected by Retired Members

Vere Williams
Audit Committee
Elected by General Members

Harry Hatch
Administrative Committee
Alternate Elected by Retired Members

John Johnson
Alternate Ex-Officio

Jared Newcomer
Investment Committee (Alternate)
Alternate Elected by Safety Members