



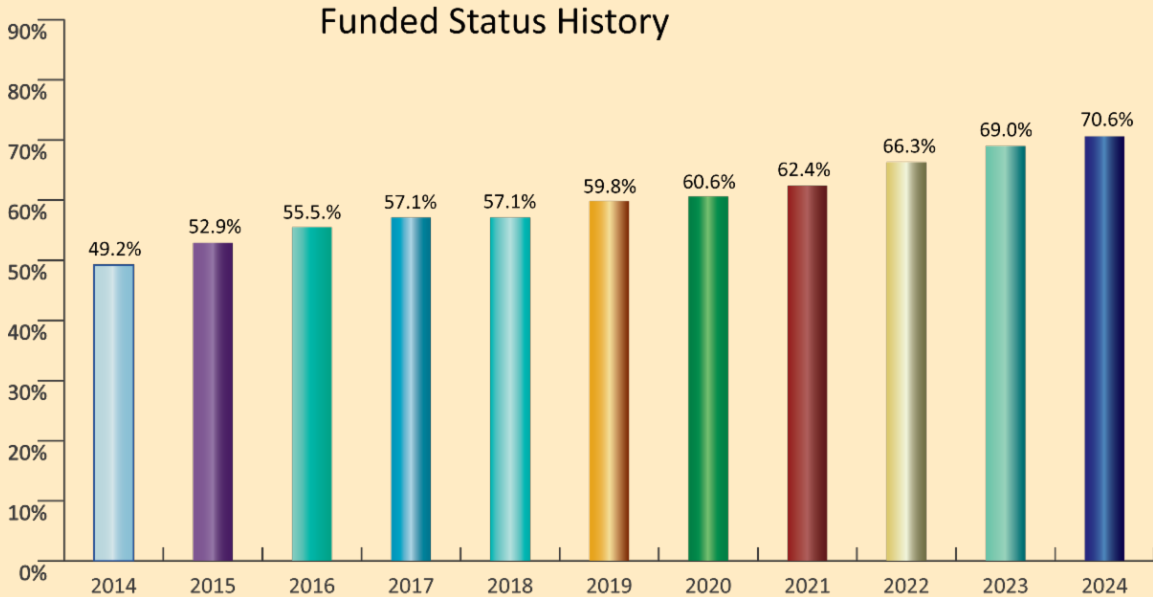
## The Pensioner: *Looking Forward*

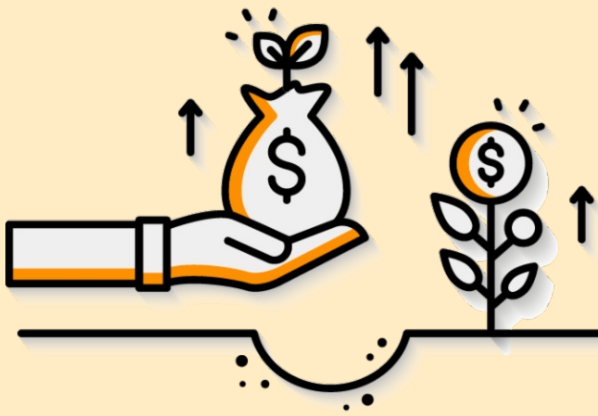
Welcome to the digital MPERS newsletter! *The Pensioner: Looking Forward* contains news, updates, and important information for active employees of the Missouri Department of Transportation, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, and MPERS.



### MPERS' Funded Status Continues to Soar

MPERS' funded status has once again reached an all-time high, reaching 70.6% for Fiscal Year 2024 . This marks an incredible 21.4% increase in the funded status since 2014.





# Investment Update

## Another Excellent Year in the Books!

It was another strong year for MPERS' investment portfolio.

Fiscal Year 2024 performance came in at 13.29%, which outperformed the policy benchmark (12.29%), median public fund (11.4%), and most importantly, the actuarial assumption (6.5%). MPERS' 3-, 5-, and 10-year returns all rank in the top 1% of the peer universe, while the 20-year return ranks in the top 2%.

## Board of Trustees Special Election Results

A special election cycle began after the active Patrol board member seat became vacant. Master Sergeant Wallace Ahrens was the only candidate who came forward, therefore, the Board accepted Master Sergeant Ahrens' nomination and declared him the successful candidate.

Master Sergeant Ahrens' term begins immediately and ends on June 30, 2026.



*Master Sergeant Wallace Ahrens  
MSHP Employee Representative*

## Educational Opportunities:



### Mid-Career Checkup for 2011 Tier members

Tuesday, October 22  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

**Registration deadline: October 18th**

## Retirement Deadlines

Intended Date of Retirement	Step 1 <i>Notice of Retirement</i> Due at MPERS	Step 2 <i>Retirement Election Form</i> Due at MPERS
January 1	September 1-November 30	December 31
February 1	October 1-December 31	January 31
March 1	November 1-January 31	February 28
April 1	December 1-February 28	March 31
May 1	January 1-March 31	April 30
June 1	February 1-April 30	May 31
July 1	March 1-May 31	June 30
August 1	April 1-June 30	July 31
September 1	May 1-July 31	August 31
October 1	June 1-August 31	September 30
November 1	July 1-September 30	October 31
December 1	August 1-October 31	November 30

## October Events

- 14 - Columbus Day, office open
- 22 - Mid-Career Checkup webinar for 2011 Tier members [register here](#)
- 31 - Deadline to submit step 1 -*Notice of Retirement* for December 1 retirement



We value your feedback!  
 What would you like to see in ***The Pensioner: Looking Forward?***  
 Send comments and suggestions to [Julie.West@mpers.org](mailto:Julie.West@mpers.org).

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