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Six-Figure Pensions for 1 in 10 Cops, Firefighters Retired in 2011

Ninety-five out of 933 state Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) members who retired in 2011 qualified for a pension of more than \$100,000, according to data posted at SeeThroughNY.net, the Empire Center's government transparency website. The proportion was lower than in 2008, 2009 and 2010, when the number of retirees and their benefits were swelled by early retirement incentives, but remains more than three times higher than a decade ago.

The average pension for all newly retired PFRS members came to \$60,798, while pensions averaged \$25,721 for members of the New York State Employee Retirement System. According to the system's 2011 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, newly retired members with at least 35 years of service were eligible for average pension benefits of \$97,793 and \$55,858, respectively.

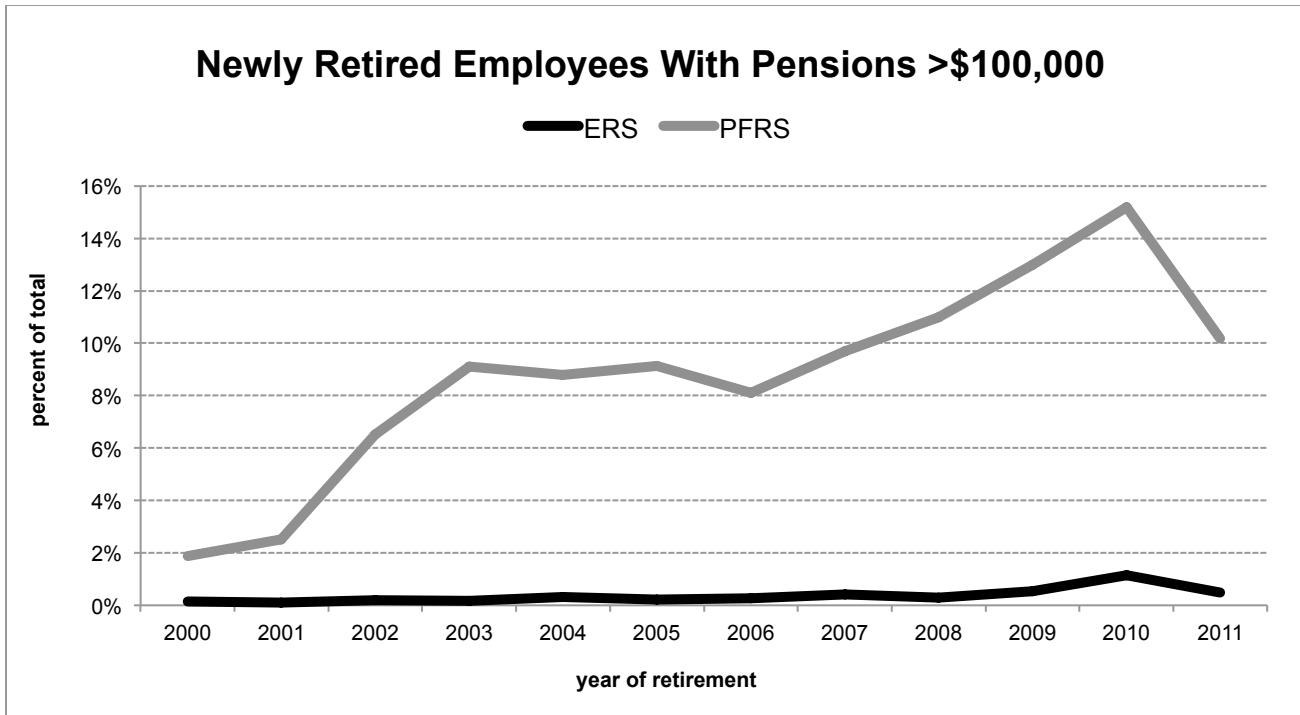
The benefit levels shown in the database are the maximum allowable benefits, which can exceed the amount actually collected by those retirees who, for example, opt to receive less in order to preserve a continuing benefit for their survivors. Maximum allowable benefits for the 367,806 retired NYSLRS members as of the end of fiscal year 2011-12 totaled more than \$8.4 billion - up from nearly \$7.7 billion in fiscal year 2010-11.

NYSLRS covers most employees of the state government, public authorities, counties, cities, towns and villages outside New York City, whose employees belong to separate municipal pension plans. NYSLRS also covers those school district employees not covered by the New York State Teachers Retirement System.

Attached are tables listing the top 100 pensioners and average pensions by retirement year and a graph illustrating growth of PFRS pensions.

Users of SeeThroughNY can search the pension database by name, pension system, last known employer, year, and benefit amount. The state pension database now contains data for fiscal years 2012, 2011, and 2010.

The Albany-based Empire Center is a project of the Manhattan Institute for Policy Research, one of the nation's leading not-for-profit 501(c)3 think tanks.



The percent of newly retired police officers and firefighters with six-figure pensions has risen sharply since 2000, as shown in this chart based on the searchable database of pensions at www.SeeThroughNY.net. Among employees who retired in 2011, pensions exceeding \$100,000 were collected by over 10 percent of Police and Fire Retirement System (PFRS) members, a total of 95 individuals. Only 0.5 percent of Employee Retirement System (ERS) retirees, or 77 individuals in 2011, qualified for six-figure benefits.

Pension Benefit -- by Retirement Year and Retirement System

	All Pensioners			Pensions \$100,000 and Higher		
	<i>All</i>	<i>ERS</i>	<i>PFRS</i>	<i>All</i>	<i>ERS</i>	<i>PFRS</i>
2000 Average	\$22,779	\$20,520	\$50,575	\$109,698	\$112,557	\$107,125
2000 Count	14,238	13,168	1,070	38	18	20
2000 Total	\$324,323,047	\$270,207,309	\$54,115,738	\$4,168,527	\$2,026,019	\$2,142,509
2001 Average	\$22,115	\$19,716	\$49,641	\$107,201	\$110,620	\$105,566
2001 Count	11,410	10,495	915	34	11	23
2001 Total	\$252,335,849	\$206,914,536	\$45,421,312	\$3,644,842	\$1,216,816	\$2,428,026
2002 Average	\$26,721	\$25,053	\$55,246	\$109,718	\$112,968	\$107,945
2002 Count	21,405	20,223	1,182	119	42	77
2002 Total	\$571,953,928	\$506,652,783	\$65,301,146	\$13,056,394	\$4,744,662	\$8,311,731
2003 Average	\$26,069	\$23,547	\$56,888	\$120,524	\$114,878	\$121,859
2003 Count	15,970	14,762	1,208	136	26	110
2003 Total	\$416,325,617	\$347,605,015	\$68,720,602	\$16,391,310	\$2,986,817	\$13,404,494
2004 Average	\$23,146	\$20,412	\$56,451	\$113,403	\$115,757	\$112,331
2004 Count	15,157	14,007	1,150	147	46	101
2004 Total	\$350,825,614	\$285,906,904	\$64,918,710	\$16,670,220	\$5,324,815	\$11,345,405
2005 Average	\$23,515	\$21,253	\$55,913	\$116,504	\$117,240	\$116,249
2005 Count	16,937	15,832	1,105	136	35	101
2005 Total	\$398,266,957	\$336,483,358	\$61,783,599	\$15,844,598	\$4,103,411	\$11,741,187
2006 Average	\$24,180	\$21,972	\$55,356	\$117,054	\$112,888	\$118,976
2006 Count	16,979	15,856	1,123	133	42	91
2006 Total	\$410,553,091	\$348,388,388	\$62,164,704	\$15,568,146	\$4,741,315	\$10,826,831
2007 Average	\$27,310	\$25,262	\$59,315	\$117,674	\$115,267	\$119,329
2007 Count	18,683	17,559	1,124	184	75	109
2007 Total	\$510,241,630	\$443,571,540	\$66,670,090	\$21,651,933	\$8,645,058	\$13,006,875
2008 Average	\$27,050	\$24,669	\$61,517	\$120,883	\$117,105	\$122,320
2008 Count	17,024	15,924	1,100	167	46	121
2008 Total	\$460,497,707	\$392,829,086	\$67,668,621	\$20,187,511	\$5,386,818	\$14,800,693
2009 Average	\$28,123	\$26,044	\$62,614	\$118,489	\$112,520	\$122,555
2009 Count	18,700	17,637	1,063	232	94	138
2009 Total	\$525,892,985	\$459,334,020	\$66,558,965	\$27,489,477	\$10,576,864	\$16,912,613
2010 Average	\$33,670	\$32,297	\$65,500	\$117,195	\$114,800	\$121,414
2010 Count	29,478	28,259	1,219	511	326	185
2010 Total	\$992,536,605	\$912,692,278	\$79,844,327	\$59,886,541	\$37,424,930	\$22,461,611
2011 Average	\$27,673	\$25,721	\$60,798	\$115,441	\$113,260	\$117,208
2011 Count	16,759	15,826	933	172	77	95
2011 Total	\$463,778,408	\$407,053,477	\$56,724,931	\$19,855,812	\$8,721,020	\$11,134,792

100 Highest Annual Pension Benefits

Rank	Name	Last Known Employer	Annual Benefit	System	Retirement Date	Membership Date
1	Philip, George M	NYS Teachers Retirement System	\$261,037	ERS	11/7/07	9/1/69
2	Lombardi, Francis J	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$214,165	ERS	10/30/10	6/14/71
3	Schatmeyer, Cheryl H	Westchester Health Care Corp.	\$206,052	ERS	5/12/03	1/31/66
4	Rustum, Youcef M	Roswell Park Cancer Institute	\$203,102	ERS	1/5/08	9/1/70
5	Blanco, Aaron P	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$200,000	ERS	11/13/10	9/27/71
6	Echavarria, Louis A	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$196,768	PFRS	1/24/09	2/28/72
7	Noonan, Peter	Town of Clarkstown	\$193,892	PFRS	2/27/11	3/6/78
8	Balsam, Dvorah	Nassau Health Care Corp.	\$191,848	ERS	12/30/05	7/1/72
9	Hiney, Robert A	NYS Power Authority	\$191,073	ERS	12/15/05	1/14/68
10	Vanni, Robert J	New York Public Library	\$189,088	ERS	6/22/11	5/19/86
11	Southon, Priscilla J	New York Public Library	\$188,847	ERS	4/1/08	3/2/67
12	Klimberg, Stanley B	Long Island Power Authority	\$188,669	ERS	4/7/07	9/8/95
13	Conwell, Mary C	New York Public Library	\$185,407	ERS	8/21/04	8/22/66
14	Gizzo, Gerardo	Westchester County	\$183,213	PFRS	5/7/10	5/4/87
15	Delarosa, Josephine P	Nassau Health Care Corp.	\$183,041	ERS	6/30/10	7/1/80
16	Shaftan, Gerald W	Nassau Health Care Corp.	\$182,106	ERS	10/17/02	7/1/56
17	Brogan, Michael P	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$180,545	PFRS	7/9/05	2/7/77
18	Newbert, Robert M	Nassau County	\$176,970	PFRS	4/18/08	6/15/73
19	Curtis, Gerald T	City of Yonkers	\$175,424	PFRS	12/31/06	9/9/64
20	Seymour, Joseph J	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$174,659	ERS	10/23/04	12/1/67
21	Rahn, Elsa K	Nassau County	\$173,830	ERS	8/31/99	2/2/67
22	Satti, Venkata S	Elmira Psych Ctr	\$173,651	ERS	5/30/09	4/16/75
23	Corrigan, William J	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$173,354	PFRS	5/10/03	7/26/71
24	Metten, Steven T	Nassau County	\$172,132	PFRS	7/5/06	10/9/70
25	Hayes, Michael T	Nassau County	\$171,618	PFRS	4/24/09	7/2/71
26	Turk, Robert M	Nassau County	\$171,515	PFRS	10/31/10	6/15/73
27	Mc Laughlin, James D	City of Yonkers	\$170,104	PFRS	5/27/11	9/20/79
28	Fras, Ivan	Broome County	\$170,046	ERS	10/5/00	6/1/67
29	Podolak, Michael J	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$169,014	PFRS	3/22/03	3/10/71
30	Scully, Kevin E	City of Yonkers	\$167,228	PFRS	7/18/08	3/30/79
31	Ellis, William E	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$166,359	ERS	10/16/10	6/4/73
32	Doubraski, William E	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$166,111	PFRS	1/19/03	1/29/73
33	Rinaldi, William A	City of Yonkers	\$166,063	PFRS	11/28/10	3/30/79
34	Murphy, Michael R	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$166,032	PFRS	7/6/03	7/9/73
35	Hassett, Kevin	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$165,820	PFRS	7/6/03	7/9/73
36	Duffy, Kenneth M	Nassau County	\$165,701	PFRS	2/15/08	2/9/73
37	Rienzie, John D	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$165,624	PFRS	1/27/07	12/1/78
38	Stracher, Alfred	Suny Health Sci Ctr Brooklyn	\$165,358	ERS	12/31/10	9/1/59
39	Rocco, Anthony W	Nassau County	\$165,304	PFRS	6/18/09	8/2/68
40	Barrett, Edward J	City of Yonkers	\$165,302	PFRS	2/5/10	3/30/79
41	Green, Jeffrey S	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$164,950	ERS	10/2/04	6/12/66
42	Rhome, Alan I	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$164,666	ERS	11/18/10	6/23/70
43	Miller, Frederick B	Westchester Health Care Corp.	\$164,053	ERS	11/1/04	6/29/73
44	Messe, Donald F	Nassau County	\$163,491	PFRS	11/1/10	6/15/73
45	Clemente, Carmine J	NYS Power Authority	\$163,040	ERS	6/26/07	6/16/62
46	Sherwood, William T III	Town of Clarkstown	\$162,685	PFRS	5/28/04	4/17/72
47	Purtill, Thomas M	Town of Clarkstown	\$162,614	PFRS	3/31/09	9/29/75
48	Essex, Thomas J	Nassau County	\$162,440	PFRS	10/27/10	3/11/69
49	Murphy, Daniel C	City of Yonkers	\$162,359	PFRS	1/12/06	5/14/73
50	Baci, Wayne W	Nassau County	\$162,319	PFRS	1/2/08	11/6/70

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Rank	Name	Last Known Employer	Annual Benefit	System	Retirement Date	Membership Date
51	Pufahl, Robert W	City of Yonkers	\$161,703	PFRS	1/12/07	5/19/67
52	Deluca, Michael M	Nassau Health Care Corp.	\$161,374	ERS	3/4/05	1/17/66
53	Muller, Richard J	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$159,552	PFRS	1/4/03	1/5/70
54	Doherty, James J	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$159,314	PFRS	3/1/03	7/9/73
55	Pilholski, Robert A	City of Yonkers	\$159,307	PFRS	9/4/08	3/30/79
56	Brill, John D	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$158,800	ERS	11/18/10	11/2/70
57	Winslow, Mark F	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$158,698	PFRS	1/31/03	6/28/73
58	Danchuk, Peter	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$158,491	PFRS	8/26/06	9/27/76
59	Doran, Thomas	Nassau County	\$158,414	PFRS	7/6/07	4/23/71
60	Baker, Robert E	City of Yonkers	\$158,128	PFRS	6/30/06	9/30/77
61	Capalbo, Nicholas J	City of Yonkers	\$157,803	PFRS	11/26/10	3/30/79
62	Rinaldi, Peter L	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$157,780	ERS	9/17/10	5/1/70
63	Segalini, Paul Dante	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$157,608	ERS	6/30/07	2/4/63
64	Le Clerc, Paul	New York Public Library	\$157,527	ERS	7/1/11	12/1/93
65	Barry, Dennis R	Nassau County	\$157,050	PFRS	7/5/08	6/15/73
66	Heineman, Stephanie R	Northport E Northport Pub Lib	\$157,011	ERS	7/31/09	9/21/70
67	Mulligan, William H	Suffolk County	\$156,712	PFRS	1/7/08	8/7/67
68	Kunda, Nicholas J	Nassau County	\$156,481	PFRS	6/26/09	6/15/73
69	Mc Donald, Stephen J	Nassau County	\$156,385	PFRS	7/31/07	1/17/69
70	Tighe, Kevin J	City of Yonkers	\$156,305	PFRS	1/3/09	5/9/83
71	Casareale, Anthony L	City of Yonkers	\$156,011	PFRS	1/23/09	2/1/86
72	Yale, Joan	Nassau County	\$155,897	PFRS	8/15/07	1/30/70
73	Parlato, Anthony P	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$155,864	PFRS	1/18/03	1/25/71
74	Schoonmaker, Walter J	Hartsdale Fire Dist Commission	\$155,264	PFRS	10/2/09	8/1/59
75	Edwards, Timothy M	City of Glen Cove	\$155,082	PFRS	6/30/07	7/1/64
76	Vossinas, George Jr	Nassau County	\$154,692	ERS	12/31/10	9/1/67
77	Hassett, George C	Nassau County	\$154,623	PFRS	6/26/09	6/15/73
78	Maher, William E	City of Yonkers	\$154,451	PFRS	1/22/10	5/20/75
79	Altman, Alexandra	Battery Park City Authority	\$154,431	ERS	10/30/10	7/22/83
80	Conroy, John A	City of Yonkers	\$154,312	PFRS	1/25/08	9/7/73
81	Trunzo, Caesar	NYS Senate - Members	\$154,224	ERS	1/1/09	1/21/65
82	Di Maggio, Salvatore J	City of Yonkers	\$153,291	PFRS	1/8/10	11/7/75
83	Regan, James J	City of Yonkers	\$153,276	PFRS	10/31/08	5/23/77
84	Hoey, Thomas H	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$153,245	PFRS	1/16/10	2/25/86
85	Gilmore, Gerald R	Suffolk County	\$153,209	PFRS	8/29/11	4/24/72
86	Messar, Francis J Jr	City of Yonkers	\$153,049	PFRS	6/2/06	9/9/66
87	Weishahn, John	Suffolk County	\$152,471	ERS	8/20/10	12/2/72
88	Kelly, Victoria C	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$152,368	ERS	11/18/10	6/3/76
89	Herbek, Richard F	Village of Croton-On-Hudson	\$152,263	ERS	3/28/08	4/1/63
90	Shifrin, Kenneth I	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$151,622	PFRS	4/20/03	1/29/73
91	Kierman, John M	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$151,393	PFRS	9/27/03	5/29/72
92	Day, Robert C Jr	City of Yonkers	\$151,170	PFRS	5/16/08	3/30/79
93	Fallon, John G	Nassau County	\$151,084	PFRS	9/15/10	6/15/73
94	Bregman, Steven H	Bellmore Memorial Library	\$151,078	ERS	2/28/10	6/14/73
95	Stallone, Frank M	Suffolk County	\$150,989	PFRS	1/24/11	9/11/72
96	Marquardt, Paul V Jr	Suffolk County	\$150,905	PFRS	7/11/09	8/4/69
97	Fisch, Joseph	Office NYS Inspector General	\$150,719	ERS	12/31/10	3/22/62
98	Maricle, Karen M	Erie County Medical Cntr Corp.	\$150,522	ERS	6/5/08	6/5/72
99	Mirabella, Mario S	City of Yonkers	\$150,349	PFRS	1/25/08	6/30/72
100	Sbarra, Robert C	Port Authority of NY & NJ	\$150,110	PFRS	1/25/11	8/10/70