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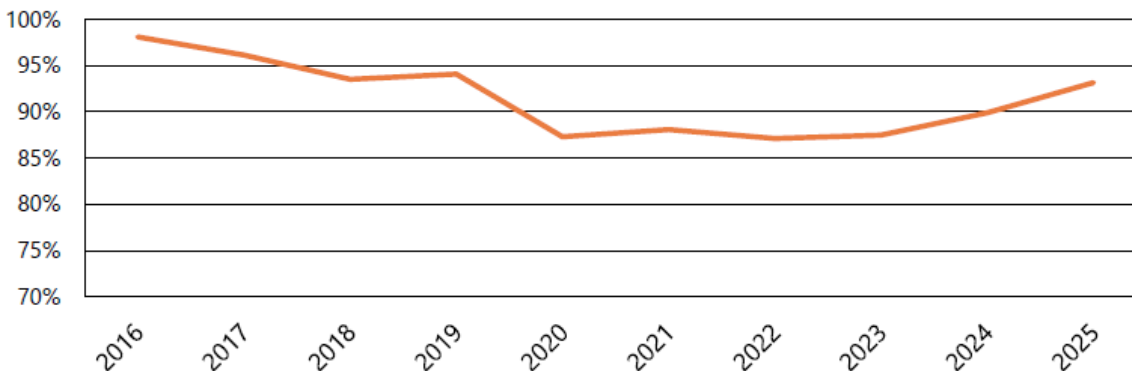
FISCAL YEAR 2025 VALUATION REPORT

Each year, the DARS Actuary, Curran Actuarial Consulting, Ltd., performs a mandated actuarial valuation of the System. This report details the results of the valuation of all assets and liabilities, as well as funding requirements. Compared to 2024, active membership decreased from 753 to 735. The average active member is 48 years old with 10.8 years of service and an annual salary of \$95,253. This is relatively consistent with demographics from 2024, though average salaries did increase about 2.6%. Active membership continues to be concentrated in the 36 – 40 year age range. The least represented age groups remain in the tail ends with two members in the 81 – 85 age range and seven in the 21 – 25 range. However, the number of members in the 21 – 25 age range increased from three in 2024.

Retired members and survivors increased year-over-year from 489 to 500. The average retiree is 73 years old with an annual benefit of \$60,831. The average age at retirement for service retirees is 63, which is no change from 2024.

Funded status, a headline metric gauging the financial health of the retirement system, continues a positive trajectory, increasing from 89.91% in 2024 to 93.17% in 2025. It also compares favorably to the Public Pension Funding Index, an estimated funding status for the largest 100 U.S. public pension plans, at 84.2% as of August 2025. Below is an excerpt from the valuation illustrating the system's long-term funded status trend:

District Attorneys' Retirement System Funded Status Trend



Source: DARS 2025 Actuarial Valuation

Full copies of DARS actuarial valuation reports for the last 10 years can be found online at the Division of Administration's website: https://www.doa.la.gov/Pages/prsac/Retire_Systems.aspx.

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DARS EDUCATION

March 23, 2026

2:00 PM

DARS will have a virtual education session outlining how benefits are calculated and retirement features available to members upon retirement. Please register [here](#) or the link on our website at ladars.org

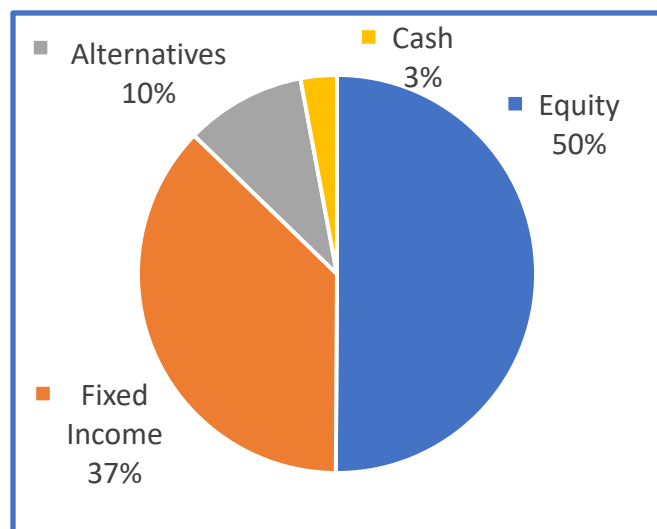
LEGISLATION

The 2026 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session begins on March 9, 2026. DARS regularly monitors bills that would have an impact on the system and has also sponsored three bills for the upcoming session. A summary is below:

Bill	Author	Description	Position
HB17	ILLG	Provides relative to the reemployment of retirees in the District Attorneys' Retirement System	Sponsored
HB18	ILLG	Provides relative to the board of trustees of the District Attorneys' Retirement System	Sponsored
HB19	ILLG	Provides relative to the District Attorneys' Retirement System (Clean up language regarding Medical Disability Board)	Sponsored
SB15	PRICE	Provides for reporting requirements relative to the state and statewide retirement systems	Pending
SB16	PRICE	Provides for educational requirements for trustees of certain retirement system boards	Pending

DARS has received some questions on HB17. This bill addresses the system's rehire statutes found in RS 11:1631(F)(1) and RS 11:1631(F)(2), which use the terms "employer" and "employee". To clarify, the definitions of these terms are described and limited to the definitions found in RS 11:1581. These provisions intend to affect only retirees from DARS that return to work at an employer in a capacity that would otherwise make them members of DARS.

DARS Investment Portfolio as of 12/31/2026 Total Value \$645,606,903



Recent Retirees

July 2025 – December 2025

William Cooper	Jay Mitchell	Kim Laborde
Kurt Wall	Cary Menard	Rick Alessi
Desiree Dangerfield	Kathryn Jones	
Anthony Saleme	Michael Sevante	
Jerry Lobrano	Laurie Brister	

Recent Deaths

July 2025 – December 2025

Louis Minifield	John Derosier
Vicky Martin	John McWilliams

If you have a topic you would like to see discussed in a future newsletter, please email DARS at DARSDIRECTOR@LADARS.ORG.

Tax Withholding Notice

Retirees may have noticed a change in the amount of their monthly benefit for January 2026. This is because the tax tables in the DARS system have been updated to the current year. If you would like to change your withholding, you may do so by submitting an updated W-4P Form, which can be found on the IRS website.