

# State of Retirement Security: Iowa



Iowa has a strong, well-funded public retirement system for educators, firefighters, nurses, snow plow drivers, and other public employees. **The Iowa Public Employees' Retirement System (IPERS)** is well-funded at 82.4 percent. One out of every ten Iowans is an IPERS member, making it a key economic driver to Iowa's local communities. The \$1.8 billion IPERS provides to retirees has a vital economic impact throughout the state as retirees contribute to their local economies.



**\$1.8 billion**  
Total paid in  
retirement benefits  
to Iowans in 2018



**\$17,000**  
Average annual  
retirement benefit

**86%**  
of retirement  
benefits stayed  
in state



**17,352**  
Total number of jobs supported  
by pension expenditures in  
2014

**IPERS**  
supports our local  
communities through  
taxes, groceries, utilities,  
and Main St. businesses

## What's Next for Iowa?

Retirement security is an often-overlooked aspect of working life in the United States. With stagnant wages and rising healthcare costs creating short-term needs, many families are at risk of falling behind their standard of living in retirement. IPERS is a strong, well-funded system that should be left intact. Instead of attacking successful retirement systems, Iowa lawmakers should look for options to help workers with no retirement security get access to a plan.

Join the Iowa Coalition for Retirement Security in holding politicians accountable. **Ask your legislators: Will you commit to keeping our local community strong by protecting IPERS?**

## Questions?

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