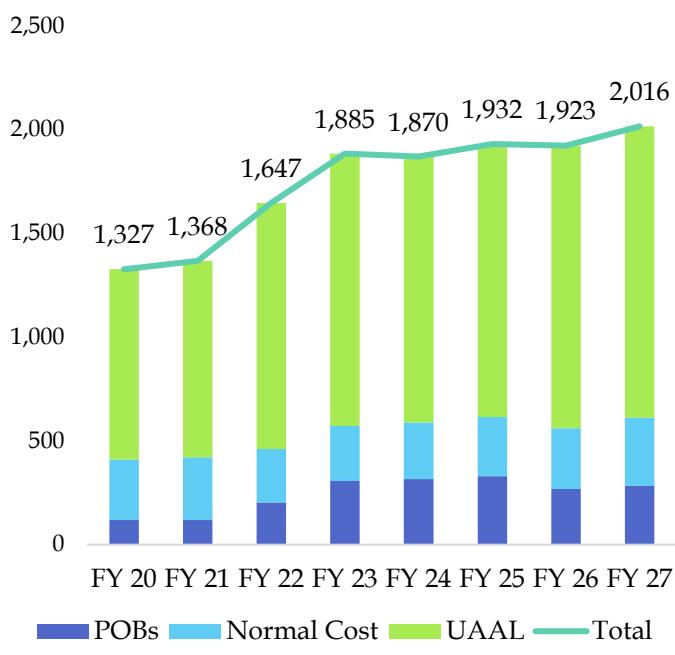


OFA FACT SHEET - Teachers' Retirement System (TRS)

TRS General Fund Pension-Related Costs (in millions)



Pension Obligation Bonds (POB)

In FY 08, \$2 billion in bond proceeds were deposited into the Teachers' Retirement Fund (TRF), in addition to the state's normal contribution to the TRF. PA 07-186 authorized state bonds to fund \$2 billion of TRS' unfunded liability. It also requires the state to make the full actuarially required contributions for the 25-year term of the POB.

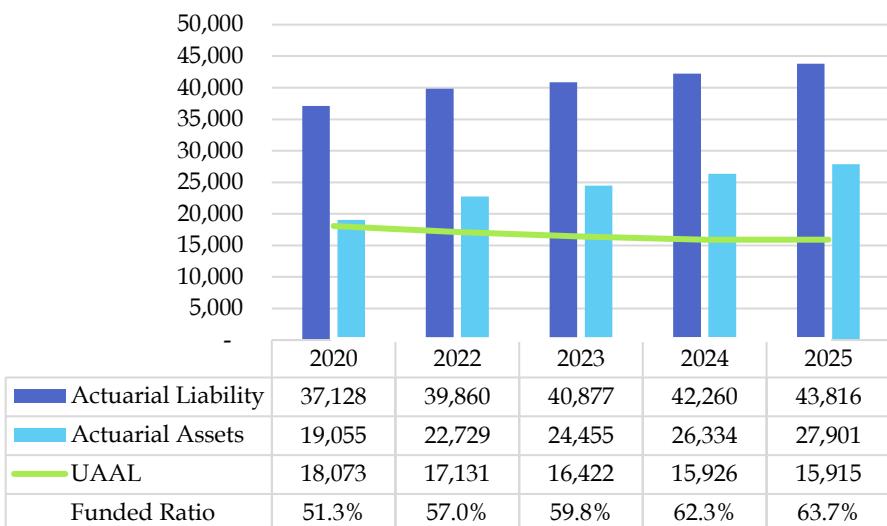
Actuarially Determined Employer Contribution (ADEC)

The ADEC is established in the annual valuation and made up of 2 components: (1) normal cost, and (2) unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL). These payments fluctuate year to year depending on several factors including mortality, asset experience, cost of living adjustments, salary experience, etc. The system utilized an assumed rate of return of 6.9% and a 4-year smoothing process. As of FY 26, the TRS phased into level-dollar funding.

Actuarial Value of Assets and Liabilities (in millions)

Additional Pension Deposits

Since 2021, the State Treasurer has transferred surplus funds in addition to the necessary contributions into the TRS. These additional contributions pay down the systems' UAAL and are reflected in lower than anticipated UAAL payments two years after the surplus year. To date, the treasurer has transferred an additional \$3.65 billion into the TRS.¹



Employee Contributions

Active teachers contribute 7% of their annual salary towards their TRS pension. They additionally contribute 1.25% of their annual salary to the TRS retiree health insurance fund.

Social Security

While TRS members do not participate in Social Security and do not pay Social Security tax (6.2%) on their earnings as a teacher or administrator, they do pay 1.45% of their earnings towards Medicare.

Membership Data

Active Members	51,971	Annual Payroll	\$5,115,026,000
Retirees and Beneficiaries	40,138	Annual Benefits	\$2,439,144,000

Source: [Connecticut State Teachers' Retirement System Actuarial Valuation Report as of June 30, 2025](#)

¹ Section 40 of PA 25-168 appropriated an additional \$150 million towards the TRS UAAL in FY 26.