



NEW HAMPSHIRE

Pensionomics 2025:

Measuring the Economic Impact of DB Pension Expenditures

Key Findings

Benefits paid by state and local pension plans support a significant amount of economic activity in the state of New Hampshire.

Pension benefits received by retirees are spent in the local community. This spending ripples through the economy, as one person's spending becomes another person's income, creating a multiplier effect.

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7,070 jobs that paid \$484.6 million in wages and salaries

\$1.4 billion in total economic output

\$204.1 million in federal, state, and local tax revenues

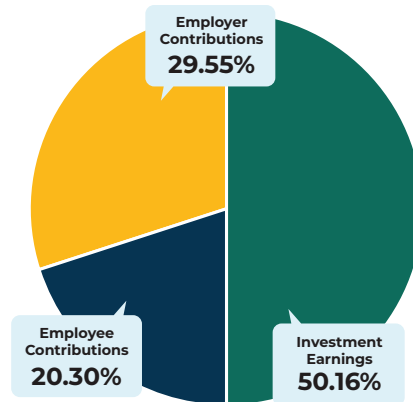
... in the state of New Hampshire.

Each dollar paid out in pension benefits supported \$1.46 in total economic activity in New Hampshire.

Each dollar "invested" by New Hampshire taxpayers in these pension plans supported \$4.95 in total economic activity in the state.

Overview

Expenditures made by retirees of state and local government provide a steady economic stimulus to New Hampshire communities and the state economy. In 2022, 43,740 residents of New Hampshire received a total of \$949.5 million in pension benefits from state and local pension plans.



The average pension benefit received was \$1,809 per month or \$21,708 per year. These modest benefits provide retired teachers, public safety personnel, and others who served the public during their working careers income to meet basic needs in retirement.

Between 1993 and 2022, 29.55% of New Hampshire's pension fund receipts came from employer contributions, 20.30% from employee contributions, and 50.16% from investment earnings.* Earnings on investments and employee contributions—not taxpayer based contributions—have historically made up the bulk of pension fund receipts.

Impact on Jobs and Incomes

Retiree expenditures stemming from state and local pension plan benefits supported 7,070 jobs in the state. The total income to state residents supported by pension expenditures was \$484.6 million.

To put these employment impacts in perspective, in 2022 New Hampshire's unemployment rate was 2.3%. The fact that DB pension expenditures supported 7,070 jobs is significant, as it represents 0.9 percentage points in New Hampshire's labor force.

Economic Impact

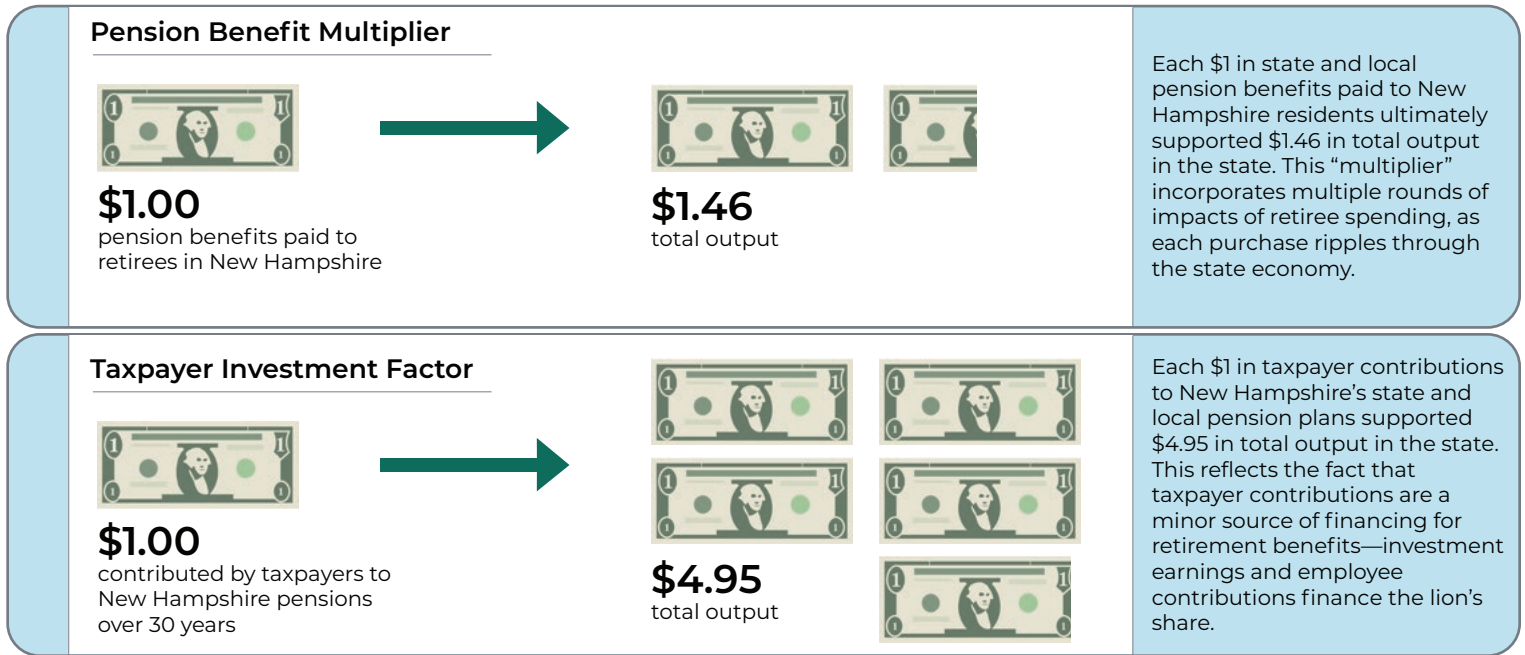
State and local pension funds in New Hampshire and other states paid a total of \$949.5 million in benefits to New Hampshire residents in 2022. Retirees' expenditures from these benefits supported a total of \$1.4 billion in total economic output in the state, and \$866.7 million in value added in the state.

Impact on Tax Revenues

State and local pension payments made to New Hampshire residents supported a total of \$204.1 million in revenue to federal, state, and local governments. Taxes paid by retirees and beneficiaries directly out of pension payments totaled \$11.3 million. Taxes attributable to pension expenditures in the local economy accounted for \$192.8 million in tax revenue.

Federal Tax	\$128.5 million
State/Local Tax	\$75.7 million
Total	\$204.1 million

Economic Multipliers



*Caution should be used in interpreting these numbers. See the Technical Appendix of the full *Pensionomics* report for details.

Economic Impacts by Industry Sector

The economic impact of state and local pension benefits was broadly felt across various industry sectors in New Hampshire. The five industry sectors with the largest employment impacts are presented in the table to the side.

Industry	Employment Impact (# Jobs)
Hospitals	466
Limited-service restaurants	320
Full-service restaurants	318
Retail - Food and beverage stores	261
Other real estate	226

Industry totals include the first round of impacts from pension payments to state residents, and do not account for recaptured “leakage” to or from other states.

Economic Impacts by Occupation Category

The pension benefits in New Hampshire supported jobs in every civilian job category, as shown in the table below.

Occupation Category	Wage and Salary Employment	Wage and Salary Income	Supplements to Wages and Salaries	Employee Compensation
Sales and Related Occupations	936	\$39,686,680	\$7,363,614	\$47,050,294
Office and Administrative Support Occupations	824	\$41,534,043	\$8,250,195	\$49,784,238
Food Preparation and Serving Related Occupations	805	\$19,109,028	\$3,424,708	\$22,533,736
Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations	678	\$68,708,904	\$14,767,607	\$83,476,510
Transportation and Material Moving Occupations	575	\$23,817,781	\$4,664,007	\$28,481,788