



IMRF Presentation

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Topics of the Day

- Introduction to IMRF
- Retirement Benefit
- Voluntary Additional Contributions
- Things to Ponder



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2024 Pension Dollar

The IMRF Pension Dollar
Pensions are a shared responsibility.

Every dollar paid to IMRF retirees comes from three sources:

66¢

IMRF Investment
Earnings

23¢

IMRF
Employers

11¢

IMRF
Members

- IMRF does not receive any funding from the state of Illinois



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IMRF Benefit

- Retirement



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OR



***Member participation began
prior to January 1, 2011***

***Member participation began
on or after January 1, 2011***



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Regular Plan Benefits

Eligibility

- 8 years service
- Age 55 (earliest age),
Age 60 (unreduced)

Reduction if under age 60 or less than 35 years of service

- .25% per month
- Reduction is permanent
- Smallest reduction is applied

AGE	REDUCTION	SERVICE
60	0%	35
59	3%	34
58	6%	33
57	9%	32
56	12%	31
55	15%	30



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Regular Plan Benefits

Eligibility

- 10 years service
- Age 62 (earliest age),
Age 67 (unreduced)

Reduction if under age 67 or less than 35 years of service

- 0.5% per month
- Reduction is permanent
- Smallest reduction is applied

AGE	REDUCTION	SERVICE
67	0%	35
66	6%	34
65	12%	33
64	18%	32
63	24%	31
62	30%	30



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What is Your IMRF Pension Amount Based On?



**Final Rate of
Earnings (FRE)**



**Years & Months
of Service**



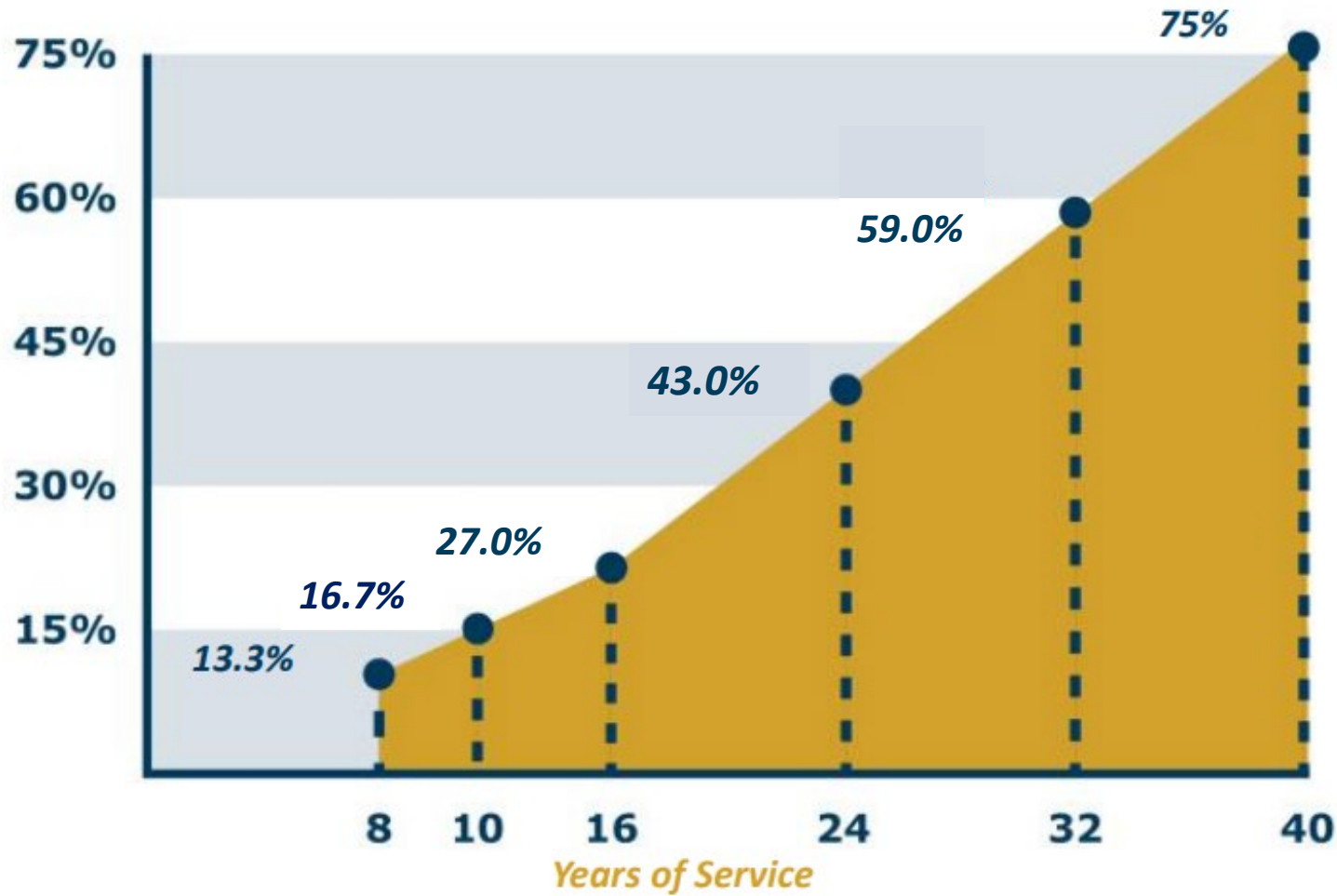
**Age at
Retirement**



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Service and FRE % Comparison



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Voluntary Additional Contributions



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Is the Voluntary Additional Contribution (VAC) Plan Right for You?

Optional Contributions

- Up to 10% of IMRF earnings
- These contributions are after-tax
- Currently earn interest at the rate of 7.25%
- Credited annually based on previous January 1 balance
- Election to Make or Change Additional Voluntary Contributions

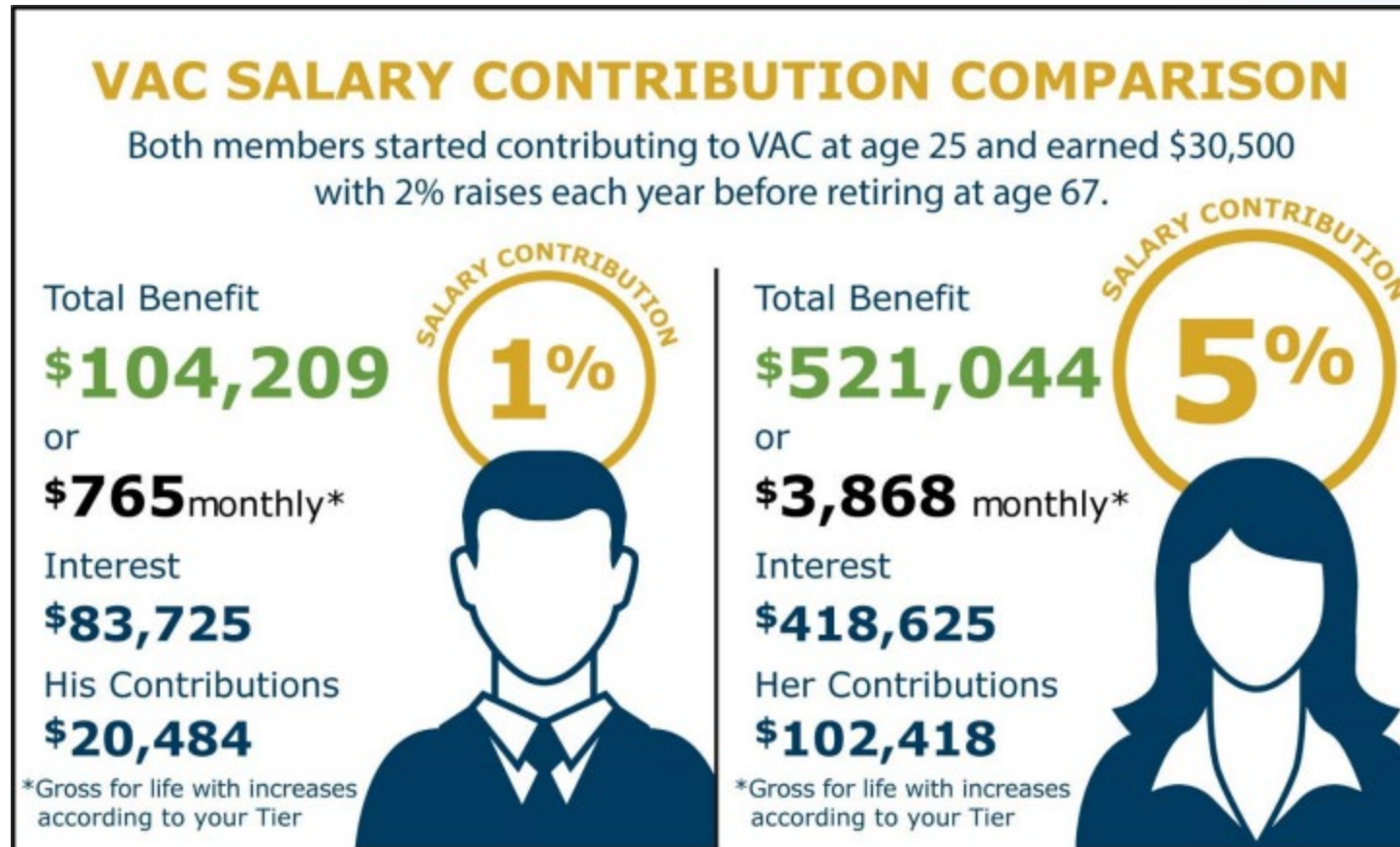
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Voluntary Additional Contribution Interest Example	
Year 1 January 1 Opening Balance	\$0.00
VA Contributions made during Year 1	\$400.00
Interest credited on Year 1 December 31 based upon January 1 opening balance of \$0 x 7.25%	\$0.00
Year 2 January 1 Opening Balance	\$400.00
VA Contributions made during Year 2	\$500.00
Interest credited on Year 2 December 31, based upon January 1 opening balance of \$400 x 7.25%	\$29.00
Year 3 January 1 Opening Balance	\$929.00
VA contributions made during Year 3	\$600.00
Interest credited on Year 3 December 31, based upon January 1 opening balance of \$929 x 7.25%	\$67.35
Year 4 January 1 Opening Balance	\$1,596.35



Voluntary Additional Contribution Example



Things to Ponder



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Before Your Retirement

☐ Reciprocal Service

- If you participated in more than one of the pension systems covered under the Reciprocal Act, you can choose to combine your service credit to calculate a pension from each system.

☐ Purchase of Service

- A member may be eligible to purchase service credit for a variety of different reasons. Example: Military, Reinstatement, Omitted, Out-of-State, Benefit Protection Leave, Prior, and Retro Service

☐ Reversionary Annuity

- Member can choose to take a smaller pension during retirement and provide a monthly survivor pension to any person of your choice. This beneficiary can be separate from a surviving spouse.

☐ Surviving Spouse

- If you do not have an eligible spouse when you retire (married or in a civil union for at least one year before you stopped participating in IMRF, and still married to this spouse on your pension effective date), IMRF will refund your surviving spouse contributions, with interest.

☐ Sick Days

- A member can earn up to one year of additional service credit used in the pension calculation for unused/unpaid sick days.

☐ Retirement Paperwork

- Submitted to IMRF 30 days prior to last day of work.



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During Your Retirement

☐ Health Insurance

- IMRF benefits do not include insurance.

☐ Social Security

- No reduction to IMRF or Social Security due to section 218 agreement.

☐ 13th Payment

- After you have retired and have received pension payments for at least 12 months in a row, you will receive a “13th Payment” with your July payment.

☐ Return to work

- You must call IMRF if you plan on working for any IMRF employer after you being receiving your IMRF pension – even as a volunteer or an independent contactor.



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Thank you!

Any other questions?

Member Services Contact Center

7:30am – 5:30pm, Monday – Friday

1-800-ASK-IMRF (275-4673)

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