UW-Madison Retirement:

Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) & Supplemental Plans



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- Pre-Retirement
- TSA Basics
- WI Deferred Compensation

Tonight's Topics

- 1. Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) pension
- 2. Supplemental retirement plans at UW-Madison
 - Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) 403b
 - Wisconsin Deferred Compensation (WDC) 457b
- 3. Health insurance and sick leave in retirement





What is the WRS?

Administered by:

Employee Trust Funds (ETF)

- www.etf.wi.gov
- (608) 266-3285



What is the WRS?



Separation



Retirement

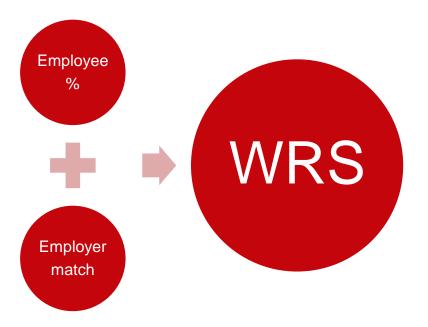


Disability



Death

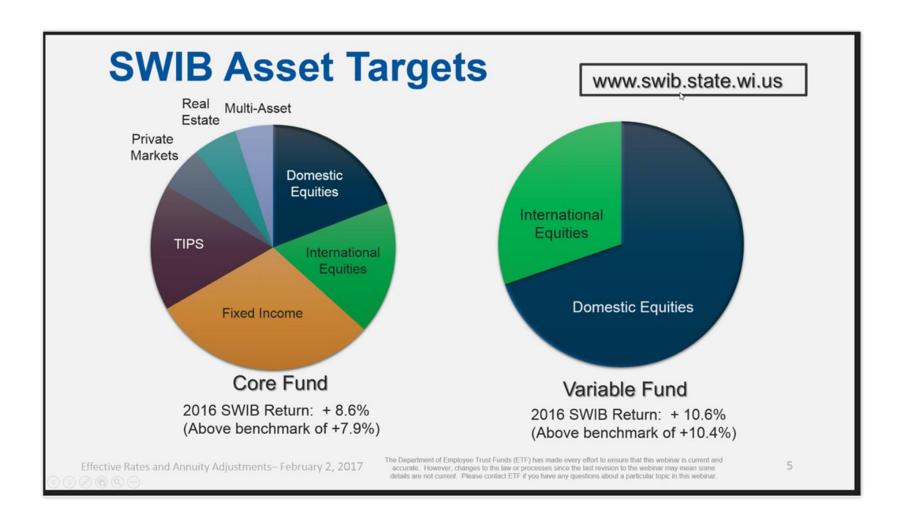
What is the WRS?



- State employees who meet eligibility must participate per Wis. Stat. § 40.22
- Pretax payroll deduction based on employee's gross State earnings
 - 2018 employee % = 6.7
 - Employer match

• Invested by: SWISCONSIN INVESTMENT BOARD

- www.swib.state.wi.us
- (608) 266-2381
- Employees may make additional <u>after-tax</u> contributions into WRS via personal check or payroll deduction
 - Certain maximums apply
 - Learn more: <u>www.etf.wi.gov</u> > search: ET-2123



Where do I find my Annual Statement?



<u>www.wisc.edu</u> > *MyUW* tab [employee uses NetID to log in]

ETF Annual Statement (WRS)
Benefit Information > Statements



What affects my WRS annuity?

Formula

- Years of creditable service
- Final average earnings
- Formula factors
- Age Reduction*
- Variable adjustment*

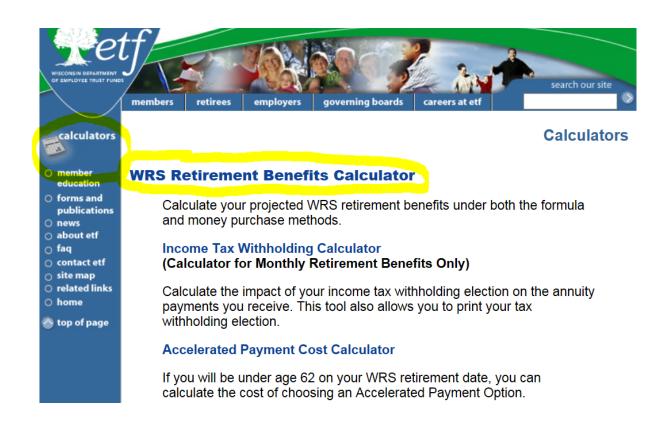
*if applicable

Money Purchase

- Account balance
- Age

Calculate (unofficially) your own future annuity:

www.etf.wi.gov



How do I request my annuity application?

Choose your preferred method:

- Complete ETF's online form: <u>www.etf.wi.gov</u> > Members > Request Your Retirement Benefit Estimate
- 2. Print out and mail to ETF a paper request form: www.etf.wi.gov/publications/et4207.pdf
- 3. Call ETF: (608) 266-3285

It can take ETF up to 6 weeks to create your application

What are my annuity options?



How do I begin my WRS annuity?

- Be vested in the WRS
- ≥ age 55 if General or Teacher category; ≥ 50 if Protective
- Provide ETF your completed annuity application
- Have a valid termination from your WRS employment
- Serve a minimum break in service
 - At least 75 days termination

When should I begin my WRS annuity?

Optimal dates differ by employee. Consider:

- Is your annuity higher under the Formula or Money Purchase calculation? What are this year's returns?
- Are you a 9-month or 12-month employee?
- Are you planning to retire at a specific age or as of a particular employment anniversary date?
- How many WRS Creditable Years have you earned?
- How many Continuous Years have you worked for the State?
- Would it be helpful if your health insurance continued another month at the employee rates?

Supplemental Retirement Plans

Tax Sheltered Annuity 403b
Wisconsin Deferred Compensation 457b

Supplemental Retirement Plans

Won't my WRS annuity be all the retirement income I need?

You will likely want other retirement income as well.

The WRS pension was designed to replace 60-80% of a full career employee's pre-retirement gross earnings when *combined* with Social Security income.

No guaranteed cost of living adjustments.

Conlin, R. Helping Your Future Self. www.etf.wi.gov. WRS News Online. Vol 3, No. 1 – January 2017

TSA 403b

Mutual Fund Companies	Fidelity 800-343-0860 www.netbenefits.com/uofw T.Rowe Price 800-922-9945 rps.troweprice.com/wisconsin
mies	TIAA-CREF 800-842-2776 www.tiaa.org/uwsa
Insurance Companies	Lincoln National Life 608-231-2231 or 800-967-2046 www.lfg.com
	Ameriprise/RiverSource 608-819-0500 www.ameriprise.com/UW403b

Quick Guide:

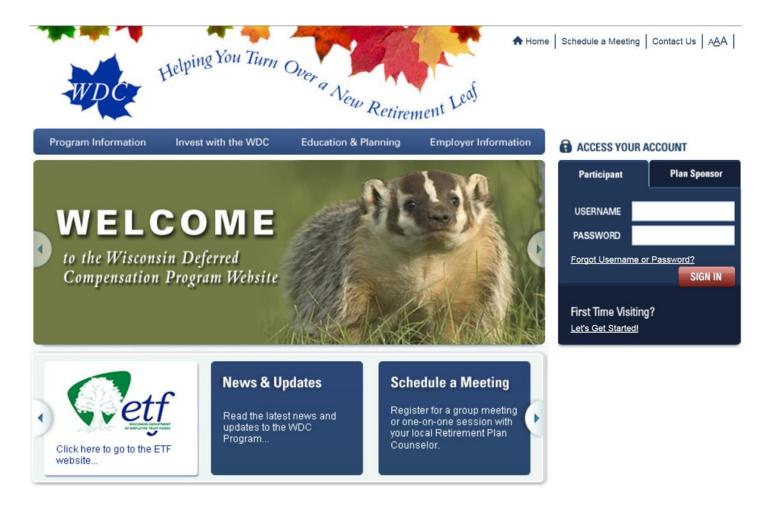
www.wisconsin.edu/ohrwd/benefits/download/ret/tsa/quick-guide.pdf

UW System's TSA Page:

www.wisconsin.edu/ohrwd/benefits/ ret/tsa/#summary

WDC 457b

https://wisconsin.gwrs.com



How do the Plans Compare?

UW System's 403(b) Tax Sheltered Annuities

State of Wisconsin's 457(b) WI Deferred Compensation

- Pre- or Post-tax
- 2018 max contribution \$18.5k
- Age 50+ catch-up of \$6k
- Additional special catch-up may be allowed if 15+ years service
- Minimum contribution \$20/check
- No administrative fees charged since 2016
- Loan services available
- Early-withdrawal penalties

- Pre- or Post-tax
- 2018 max contribution \$18.5k
- Age 50+ catch-up of \$6k
- Additional special catch-up may be allowed if 3 years from normal retirement age
- No minimum contribution
- Monthly administrative fees based on account balance
- No loan services
- No early-withdrawal penalties

Health Insurance & Sick Leave Value in Retirement

Retiree State Health Insurance

- Active UW-Madison employee State Health ends the last day of the month in which you were last employed.
- If you subscribe to State Health and take an immediate WRS annuity, you are automatically rolled into the Retiree State Health administered by ETF
 - May submit a change/cancellation form or Sick Leave Escrow form to ETF if immediate Retiree coverage isn't desired

Retiree State Health Insurance

- You owe the full monthly premium for the Retiree State Health coverage (you are no longer eligible for the employer contribution)
 - Average monthly cost: \$700 for Single, \$1,700 for Family
 - There is a premium reduction if age 65+ and on Medicare Parts A & B.

Sick Leave Conversion

If **covered by State Health** at time of retirement & taking an **immediate annuity**:

- Your sick leave balance will be converted to a dollar amount using your <u>highest base rate</u>* under state service.
- This sick leave account can then be applied toward the Retiree State Health monthly premium
 - Immediately, or
 - In future (if you escrow the account because you have other comparable coverage)

*Excluding LTE/Temporary Employee base wages

Sick Leave Conversion

If **covered by State Health** at time of retirement <u>&</u> taking an **immediate annuity**:

 Most retirees with at least 15 years of Continuous Service are eligible for additional, supplemental sick leave credits.

Sick Leave Conversion

- Learn more about the Sick Leave Conversion Program:
 - <u>www.etf.wi.gov</u> > Forms and Publications > Sick Leave Conversion Credit Program (<u>ET - 4132</u>)
- Estimate the value of your sick leave at retirement:
 - www.wisconsin.edu/ohrwd/benefits/sle/form/

Next Steps

Attend our full PreRetirement Session (www.talent.wisc.edu)



Thank you

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