



RETIREE UPDATE

FOR NEBRASKA SCHOOL, JUDGES AND PATROL RETIREES | JANUARY 2023

Plans Funded Status Increases

This year the actuarial valuation once again reported improved funded ratios for the Nebraska School, Judges, and Patrol plans. As of July 1, 2022, the Judges plan funding increased from 100.71% to 101.32% while the School plan increased from 97.4% to 98.4% and the State Patrol plan increased from 90.50% to 90.67%.

A well-funded retirement plan means security and peace-of-mind during your retirement. We can proudly say the Nebraska Defined Benefit plans remain on strong financial footing despite the recent economic tremors. Copies of the annual actuarial reports may be found on the [Publications](#) page on the NPERS website.

2023

SCHOOL
JUDGES
PATROL

Benefit
Payment
Schedule

January 31

February 28

March 31

April 27

May 31

June 30

July 31

August 31

September 29

October 31

November 30

December 29

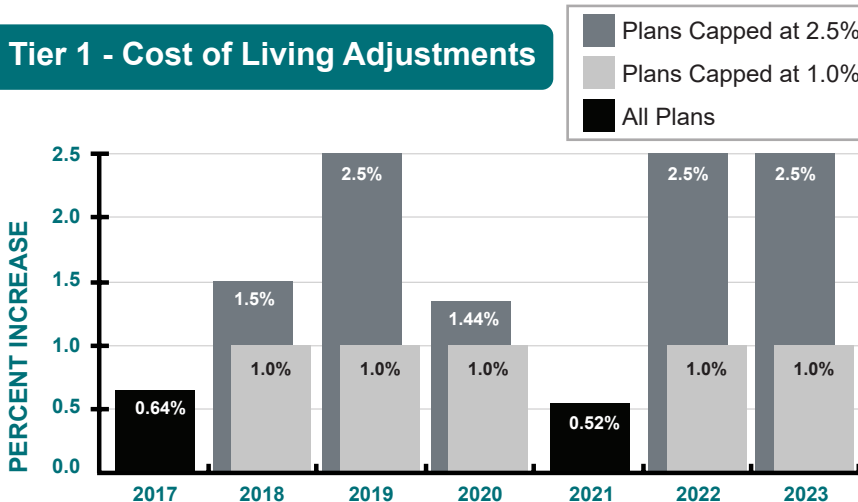
2.5% & 1.0% COLA Increases for 2022

Effective July 1, 2022, eligible School, Judges, and Patrol retirees received a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) in their monthly benefit distributions. The COLA is calculated using the consumer price index and may be capped at 2.5% or 1.0% per plan provisions.

For the year ending June 30, 2022, the CPI increase was 9.81%. As a result, School, Judges and State Patrol retirees with a COLA cap of 2.5% received the full 2.5% increase. Retirees with a COLA cap of 1.0% received the full 1.0% increase, as well.

NPERS issued correspondence to all affected retirees at the end of July. If you were eligible for the COLA increase, this letter explained the type of COLA and actual dollar amount of your increase. If you have questions about the COLA, please refer to your plan handbook or contact NPERS.

Tier 1 - Cost of Living Adjustments



Watch Your Mail for Form 1099-R

Your IRS Form 1099-R tax statement from NPERS will be printed at the end of January 2023. *Please remember to keep your mailing address updated with NPERS in order to receive your 1099-R in a timely fashion and ensure uninterrupted benefit payments.* Individuals who need to update their address may use the address change form on the last page of this newsletter.

The information on Form 1099-R should be used to file your 2022 federal and state tax returns. Your 1099-R will show the gross benefits you received from NPERS in 2022. This form will also indicate the federal income tax, which was withheld from your benefit payments and, for most people, the taxable portion of your benefit.

It is worth noting, if your 1099-R must be re-printed and re-sent out by our office this will not occur until mid-February or as soon as administratively possible. This means a little pre-planned review of your address on file with us could save you a big headache at tax time. A copy of the 1099-R is also available to retirees who have created an NPERS online account.

Please direct questions about individual tax liability to your accountant, tax professional, the Internal Revenue Service, or your state Department of Revenue.

Understanding Your 1099-R

BOX 1		BOX 2a		BOX 4		BOX 5		BOX 14	
Box 1 shows everything NPERS paid to you in 2022.		This is the amount that is taxable to you.		This is the amount that was withheld for federal taxes.		This is the amount that is not taxable.		This is the amount that was withheld for state taxes.	
1 Gross distribution		2a Taxable amount		4 Federal income tax withheld		5 Employee contributions/ Designated Roth contributions or insurance premiums		14 State tax withheld	
2b Taxable amount not determined		3 Capital gain (included in box 2a)		6 Net unrealized appreciation in employer's securities		7 Distribution code(s)		17 Local tax withheld	
PAYER'S name, street address, city or town, state or province, country, ZIP or foreign postal code, and telephone no.		PAYER'S TIN		RECIPIENT'S TIN		8 Other		18 Name of locality	
RECIPIENT'S name		Street address (including apt. no.)		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		9a Your percentage of total distribution		19 Local distribution	
10 Amount allocable to IRR within 5 years		11 1st year of desig. Roth contrib.		12 FATCA filing requirement		9b Total employee contributions		15 State/Payer's state no.	
13 Date of payment		16 Name of locality		16 State distribution		16 State distribution		16 State distribution	


NOTE: **BOX 1** - **BOX 2A** = **BOX 5**

IRS Changes to Tax Withholding for Annuities

In the past, you have been able to make changes to the taxes being withheld from your annuity payments by updating your information using the NPERS online account access. However, due to changes given to us by the IRS, you will no longer have the option to make changes to your withholding via this online portal as of January 1st, 2023. To make changes to your Federal tax withholding for your annuity payments, you will need to complete a W-4P and to make changes to your State of Nebraska tax withholding you will need to complete a W-4N.

If you are satisfied with the amount you are currently having withheld from your annuity payments, you don't need to do anything. Your withholding will remain the same as it has been. However, if you need to make changes/updates to your withholding after January 1st, 2023, you will need to complete and submit a W-4P to our office. The W-4P form can be downloaded from our website, but cannot be accepted electronically at this time. You will need to mail it to NPERS (P.O. Box 94816, Lincoln, NE 68509-4816).

If you have changed residency to a new state or wish to make changes to your Nebraska tax withholding, you will need to complete a W-4N. This form can also be found on our website. Like the W-4P, the W-4N also cannot be accepted electronically. We will have a new video walkthrough of the W-4P form on our website in the month of December. This video along with more information concerning taxes and tax documentation can be found on [NPERS.NE.GOV](https://www.npers.ne.gov) by scrolling on the home page to the Members heading box and locating the topic [Taxes/1099R](#).



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IRS Changes to Tax Withholding for Annuities *(cont'd.)*

NPERS' staff are **NOT** certified to provide any kind of advisement regarding taxation or your specific tax situation. If you submit an incorrectly completed tax withholding form this could result in IRS penalties or other tax consequences. We wish to make every effort to help our members, however, we suggest consulting with your tax advisor to ensure proper completion of this form. Carefully read the checklist we include with this important tax form, as it provides guidance when making these changes.



NPERS 2022 Excellence in Leadership Winners

At the November 21st, 2022 Public Employees Retirement Board meeting, the board took the opportunity to recognize the 2022 Excellence in Leadership Award winners, Brenda Dinges and Maria Davis.

Left to right: Board Chair Janis Elliott, award winners Brenda Dinges and Maria Davis, and NPERS Director Randy Gerke.

Website Redesign

If you've visited [NPERS.NE.GOV](https://npers.ne.gov) recently, you've probably noticed some pretty big changes. We're really excited about our redesigned webpage! All of the same resources you're used to are still available, they're just wrapped in some nice new packaging.

If you haven't visited in a while, we invite you to come and refamiliarize yourself with everything our site has to offer!



Hail to the Chief

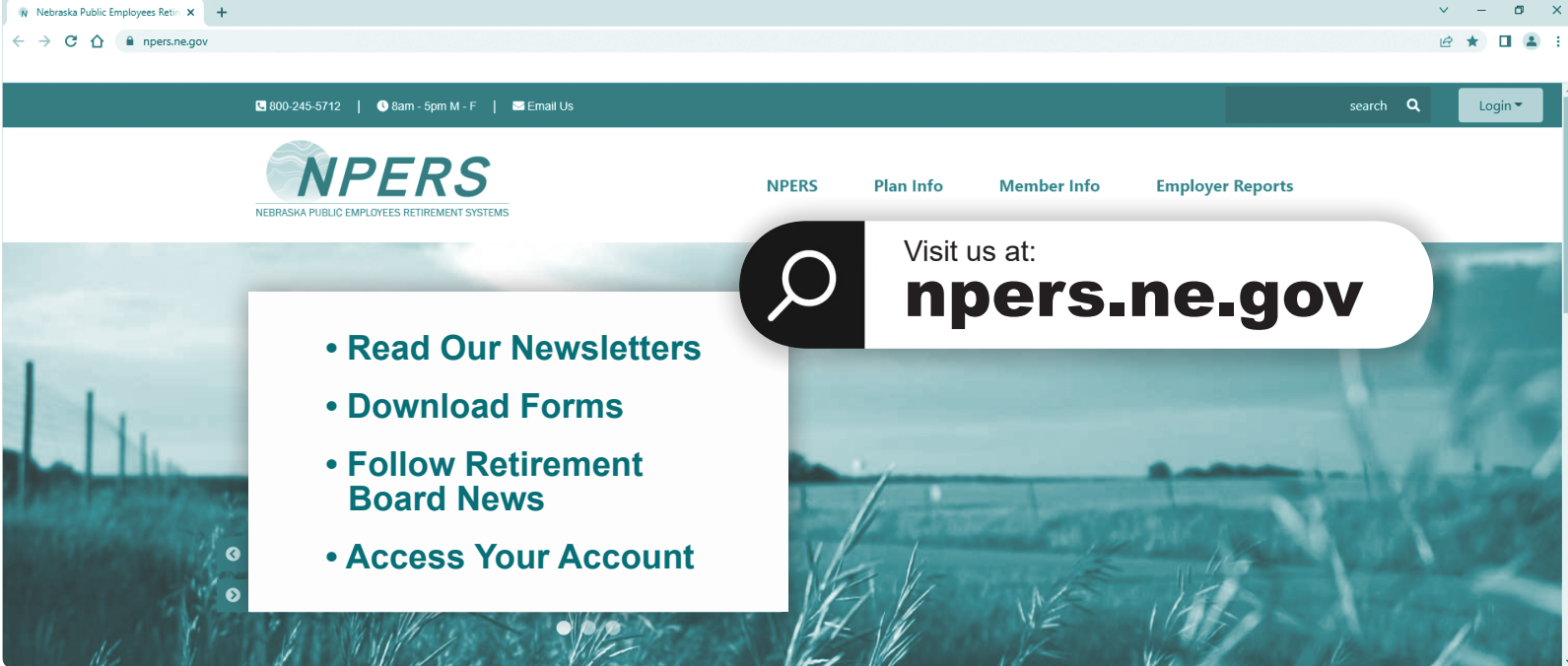
At the 100th Annual Conference of the National Council on Teacher Retirement (NCTR), held in Tuscon, AZ October 8th-11th, Janis Elliott, the chair of our Nebraska Public Employees Retirement Board, was selected to be the new NCTR president.



The NCTR is an independent organization dedicated to safeguarding the integrity of public retirement systems to which teachers belong and promoting the rights and benefits of the members of those systems.

We want to congratulate Janis for being elected to this prestigious position!

Jan Goodwin (left) outgoing NCTR president, passes the gavel to Janis Elliott (right).



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 To update your address or to request a form, fill out the request below and return it to NPERS at P.O. Box 94816, Lincoln, NE 68509.

ADDRESS CHANGE/REQUEST FORM

Please use this form to notify NPERS when you change your mailing address OR to request an NPERS form.

Social Security # - -

Retirement Number (If known)

Name

Address

City State Zip

Signature (A SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED FOR AN ADDRESS CHANGE.)

Check here if this is a change of address.

If you need additional information or a form, please check the appropriate box(es) below:

- Withholding Certificate for Pension or Annuity Payments Form
- Direct Deposit Agreement Form
- Beneficiary Designation Form
- Other