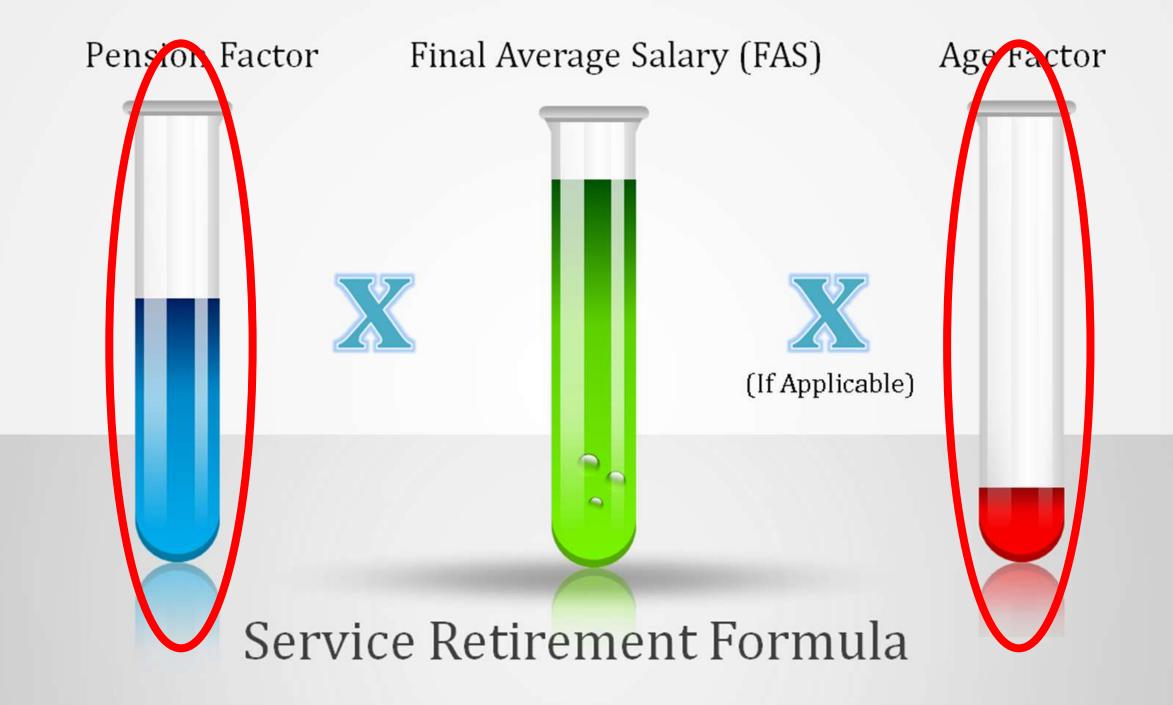
Pension Factor and Service Credit

Two Key Components of a Pension Calculation

2019 Annual Delegates Meeting



Service Credit

- ✓ Member Service
- ✓ Article 19 Benefit Enhancement
- ✓ Prior Service
- ✓ Military
- ✓Transfer
- ✓Reinstatement

Make Sure you get it <u>ALL</u>!

It is important to make sure you have all the service credit for which you are eligible, because it may affect <u>when</u> your benefits begin and <u>how much</u> you will receive

Member Service

- Service rendered after your date of membership in an eligible title with a NYSTRS-participating employer
- Types of service reportable to the System include the following:
 - Regular teaching
 - Substitute teaching
 - Summer school
 - Coaching
 - Club advisor
- Employers include New York State public schools and BOCES outside of NYC, as well as charter schools that have elected to participate as an employer in NYSTRS

Member Service

Credit Chart

	Credi	t Chart
 Days of service are reported by employers 	0-19 days	No credit
	20-29 days	1 month
 Days of service are converted into months of convice gradit 	30-49 days	2 months
service credit	50-69 days	3 months
 20 full days in one school year = 1 month 	70-89 days	4 months
 170 full days = 9 months/1 year 	90-109 days	5 months
• 170 full days – 9 months/ 1 year	110-129 days	6 months
 Maximum of 1 year of credit in a school year 	130-149 days	7 months
	150-169 days	8 months
	170 + days	9 mos. = 1 year

Member Service

What happens when you work summer school or coach?

If you are a full-time teacher, your contractual employment receives a full year of service

While these additional duties may not give you additional service credit, salaries can be combined for your final average salary

Maximum of 1 year of credit in a school year

Service Credit During the Final Year

Date of Retirement, Transfer or Death	Service Credit in Months	Days to Use For FAS if Service is Limited
07/01 - 07/26	0	19.00
07/27 – 08/14	1	29.00
08/15 - 09/14	2	49.00
09/15 - 10/14	3	69.00
10/15 – 11/14	4	89.00
11/15 – 12/14	5	109.00
12/15 - 01/14	6	129.00
01/15 – 02/14	7	149.00
02/15 - 03/14	8	169.00
03/15 – 06/30	9	Not Limited

Earning Service Credit as an Adjunct Faculty

Paid by the Course

- Divide the number of credit hours you are scheduled to teach by the number of credit hours considered to be a full load for the year
- Full loads at SUNYs can be 24 or 30 or **both** depending on the individual SUNY
 - 24 is typically business and writing curriculums
 - 30 is typically technology and science curriculums



Earning Service Credit as an Adjunct Faculty

Example:

If a 30 credit-hour load equals a full year

Member teaching one 4-credit-hour course in a semester

4 ÷ 30 = .13333 .13333 x 200 (employment base) = 26.666666 days that semester

26.66666 days = 1 month of service credit with NYSTRS

Article 19 Benefit Enhancement

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- Eligibility: Tier 1 and 2 members credited with at least one month of service in any year after 7/1/1992
- Calculation: 1/12 of a year in additional credit for every year of service credit, up to a maximum of two years

Article 19 is the same law that ended required 3% contributions for Tier 3 and 4 members after 10 years of membership or service credit

<u>Service Credit at Retirement</u>	<u>Article 19 Credit</u>
12 Years	1 Year
18 Years	1.5 Years
24+ Years	2 Years

Prior Service

<u>Can you travel back in time?</u>

Prior service is NYS public employment prior to your date of membership

Purchasing prior service does not change your date of membership or tier

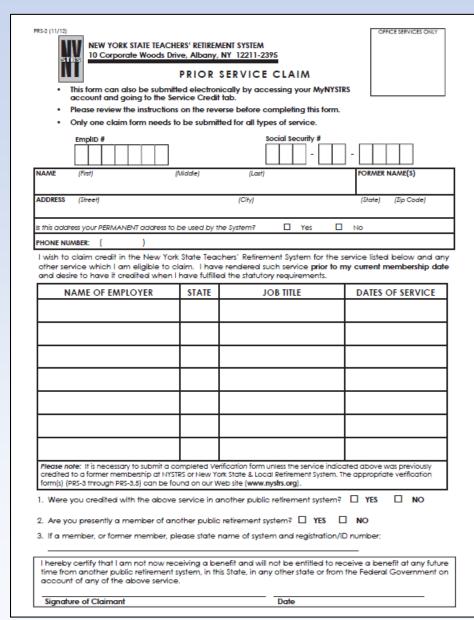


Prior Service

How can I apply?

Must file a *Prior Service Claim* (PRS-2) by mail or online through MyNYSTRS and must submit a verification form completed by the former employer

- Must have two years of service credit under your membership
- No cost for Tiers 1 and 2
- Cost will be calculated for Tiers 3 6



Prior Service Verification

Use the *Prior Service Verification* (PRS-3) if, prior to joining NYSTRS you...

- Worked as a substitute teacher in a NYS public school outside of NYC
- Worked as a teaching assistant in a NYS public school outside of NYC
- Worked at a SUNY, BOCES or community college
- Worked at a participating NYS charter school outside of NYC

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- Worked as a substitute teacher in a NYC public school
- Worked as a teaching assistant in a NYC public school
- Worked in any of the additional titles on the form; other positions reportable to NYC Department of Education
- Worked at a participating NYC charter school

Prior Service Verification

Use the *Monthly Salary and Service Verification for NYS Public Service* (PRS-3.5) if, prior to joining NYSTRS, you...

- Worked for a town, village, county (e.g., lifeguard, recreation aide, etc.)
- Worked in a NYS public camp program or for a NYS public library
- Any NYS agency

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Prior Service Cost

- No cost for Tiers 1-2; cost will be calculated for Tiers 3-6
- Tier 3 is generally 3% of salary received during period of service
- Tier 4 is 3% of salary received during period of service + 5% annual interest
- Tier 5 is 3.5% of salary received during period of service + 5% annual interest
- Tier 6 is 6% of salary received during period of service + 5% annual interest



Prior Service

Pursue prior service as soon as possible

• The cost for prior service increases with interest over time

• More likely for the employer to obtain your records

Employment Records Can't Be Found?

When verification forms cannot be completed by a former employer (e.g., due to flood or fire), we will accept...

- Office of the NYS Comptroller Bureau of State Payroll Services to verify NYS agency or SUNY service
- Social Security Administration (SSA), Uncertified Detailed Breakdown of Earnings (7050-F4) to verify earnings by employer where SS tax was withheld

Social Security charges a fee to provide these records

• W-2 earnings statements/pay stubs

Transfer Service

What is it?

Combines active memberships in multiple NYS public retirement systems

- Retain earliest membership date
- Combine salaries and service (up to one year of credit per school year), which may lead to a higher retirement benefit

How can I apply?

- Initiate a transfer by contacting the retirement system you are leaving
- Contact both systems to discuss advantages and disadvantages

A member may only transfer into the system where they were last reported with service



Transfer Service

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Transfer Service

Why you shouldn't wait to transfer

- Waiting to transfer can result in paying more in mandatory contributions
- If the transfer results in a refund of contributions, this refund is back to the beginning of the school year in which the transfer was initiated

Reasons to Have Multiple Memberships



- You are still working in a title reportable to the other system
- You are vested in both systems

Reinstatement Service

What is it?

Permits active members with a ceased or withdrawn membership in a NYS public retirement system to reinstate to their earliest date of membership

You could receive earlier tier status and add service credit to your membership



Reinstatement Service

How can I apply?

- Contact NYSTRS to discuss the advantages and disadvantages since reinstatement is irrevocable
- File an *Election to Reinstate (RIS-1)* or elect reinstatement on your *Application for Membership (NET-2)*
- No cost to reinstate to Tier 1 & 2; cost will be calculated to reinstate to a former Tier 3-6 membership

Military Service

What is it?

Credit for active duty military service that either precedes or interrupts a NYSTRS membership

Military Service

How can I apply?

- Submit a copy of your DD-214 honorable discharge
- For prior military, must have five years of NYS service
- Cost is based on salary earned during the 12 months of credited service immediately preceding the filing of the military service claim
- For interrupting, must return to NYSTRS service within 90 days
- Cost will be calculated based on tier and military service period

See the NYSTRS publication *Claiming Military Service*



Service Not Allowable for Credit

- Service rendered after your NYSTRS date of membership in a nonteaching capacity while not a member of the covering retirement system
- Service rendered with the Research Foundation of SUNY
- Private or parochial service
- Out-of-State service for Tiers 3-6 (and most of Tier 2)



Review Your Credit

Your Service Credit History

The information below is as of 6/30/2019, but may also include prior, transfer, reinstatement, or military service credited after. If you see a discrepancy, ask the applicable employer to review your records.

- "District Name Unavailable" appears if a district merged or was later renamed.
- · If you worked at multiple districts in a school year, credit is combined on one line.

Employment for the 2018-19 School Year (7/1/18 - 6/30/19)

Employer	Regular Salary Reported	Days	Service Credit
Savona	\$56,840.50 200		1 Year
al Service Credit (as of 6/	30/19): 18 year(s), 4 month(s)		
School Year	Employer		Service Credit
7/1/2018-6/30/2019	19 Savona		1 Year(s)
7/1/2017-6/30/2018	Belmont	Belmont	
7/1/2016-6/30/2017	Belmont, Savona	Belmont, Savona	
7/1/2015-6/30/2016	Savona		
7/1/2014-6/30/2015	Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie	Cattaraugus-Allegany-Erie-Wyoming	
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7/1/2008-6/30/2009	Lake Shore, Andov	Lake Shore, Andover	
7/1/2007-6/30/2008	Lake Shore		
7/1/2006-6/30/2007	Jamestown	Jamestown	
7/1/2005-6/30/2006	Chautauqua Lake, Jame	estown	1 Year(s)
7/1/2004-6/30/2005	Salamanca		1 Year(s)
7/1/2003-6/30/2004	Belmont, Savona	í .	1 Year(s)
7/1/2002-6/30/2003	Belmont		1 Year(s)
7/1/1984-6/30/1985	New York State Public	Service	8 Month(s)
7/1/1983-6/30/1984	New York State Public	Service	5 Month(s)

Pension Factor



• The component of the pension calculation that is based on a member's total service credit.

• The Pension Factor (and thus the pension) generally increases with additional service credit.

Service Retirement Benefits Pension Factor

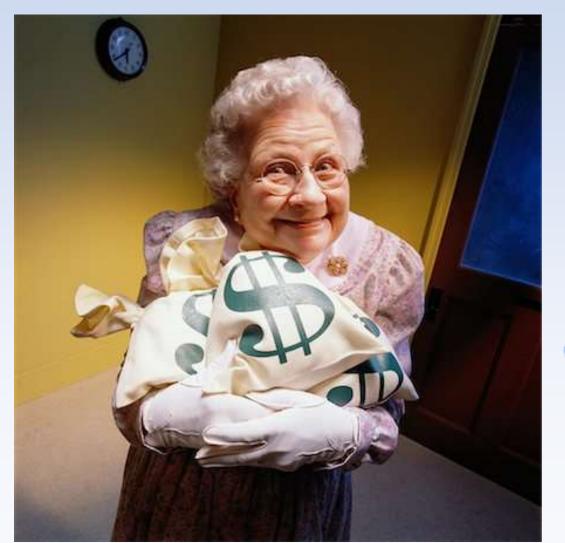
TIER	TYPE OF SERVICE	PENSION %
Tier 1	NYS service before 7/01/59 NYS service on or after 7/01/59 Prior out-of-state service	1.8% per year 2% per year 1% per year *
Tier 2	NYS service before 7/01/59 NYS service on or after 7/01/59	1.8% per year 2% per year

* Up to 10 years of out-of-state credit usable, but only to bring total service up to 35 years

Service Retirement Benefits Pension Factor

TIER	YEARS OF SERVICE	PENSION %
Tiers 3-4	Less than 20 years of service	1.67% per year
	From 20-30 years of service	2% per year
	Over 30 years of service	60% + 1.5% per year beyond 30
Tier 5	Less than 25 years of service	1.67% per year
	From 25-30 years of service	2% per year
	Over 30 years of service	60% + 1.5% per year beyond 30
Tier 6	Less than 20 years of service	1.67% per year
	20 or more years of service	35% + 2% per year beyond 20

Want a 100% Pension Factor?



Tiers 3-5: Work 57 years!

Tier 6: Work <u>only</u> 53 years!

The component of the pension calculation that is applied to the pension if certain age and /or service requirements are not met at retirement



Tier 2 and 4 Age Factor
If you retire before age 62 with less than 30 years of service, you receive a percent of the pension factor
The age factor is prorated by month as follows: .5% for each full month from age 60 to 62; and
.25% for each full month between ages 55 and 60

Retirement Age	% of full Pension Factor
62	100%
61	94%
60	88%
59	85%
58	82%
57	79%
56	76%
55	73%

Tier 5 A Impact of factor more significant	ge Factor	Retirement Age	% of full Pension Factor
No age factor at age 57 with 30 years, or at age 62 regardless of service	62	100%	
	61	93.33%	
	60	86.67%	
The age factor is always applied under age 57	59	81.67%	
		58	76.67%
The age factor is prorated by month as follows: .56% per full month from age 60 to 62; and	57	71.67%	
	56	66.67%*	
	55	61.67%*	
.42% per full month between ages 55	and 60	* Applies even with 30 years	

Tier 6 Age Factor Impact of factor more significant	Retirement Age	% of full Pension Factor
If you retire prior to age 63 (regardless of how much service you have) you will have an age factor applied that will result in your receiving a percentage of the pension factor (prorated by month) based on your age at retirement, as follows:	63	100%
	62	93.5%
	61	87%
	60	80.5%
	59	74%
	58	67.5%
	57	61%

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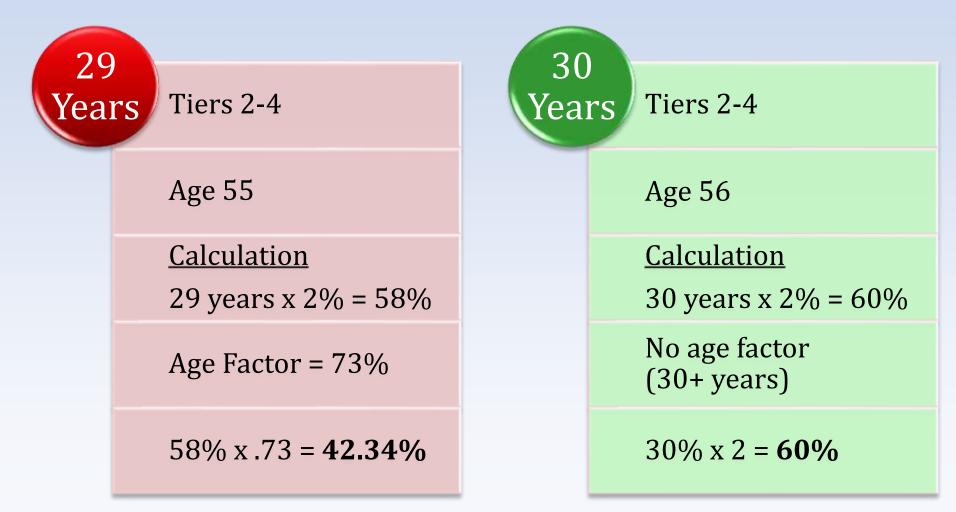
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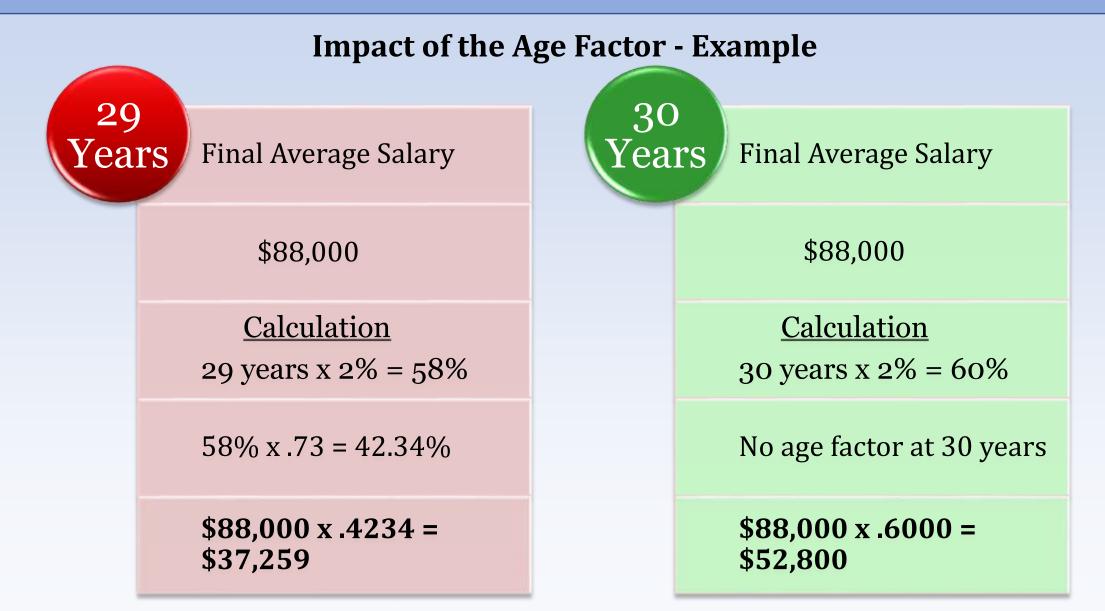
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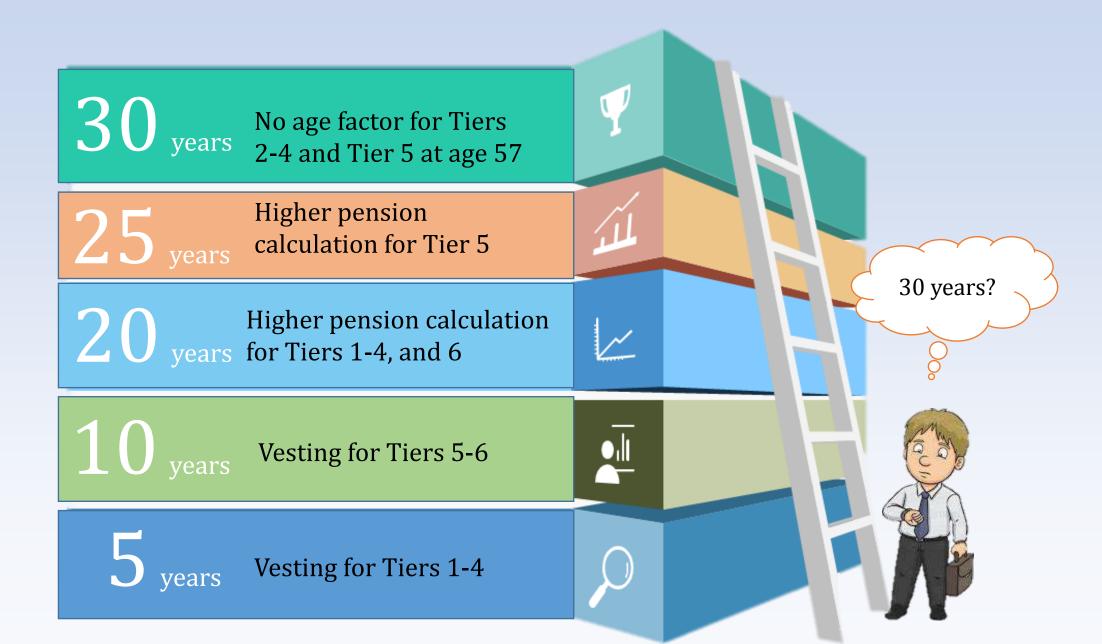
.54% for each full month between ages 55 and 63

Impact of the Age Factor - Example





Key Service Thresholds



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Keep in mind

