



Screen Actors Guild—Producers Pension Plan Stats for 2015

Screen Actors Guild—Producers Pension Plan has provided pension benefits for actors since 1960. It also provides benefits for Guild and Plan office employees. Benefits for each year of service are based on a percentage of compensation (up to the maximum allowed to be recognized for pension benefits under federal law.¹. The plan considers age 65 to be standard retirement age, but participants may begin receiving retirement benefits as early as age 55 with reductions to reflect that they will probably receive them for a longer time.

Pension Plan Stats²

As of Jan. 1, 2015, the most recent publicly available data.

Active participants Retirees receiving pension benefits Inactive participants ³ Total participants	24,897 12,492 <u>19,953</u> 57,342
Average approximate annual pension benefit Total pension benefits paid	\$19,400 \$243 million
Plan assets ⁴ Plan benefit liabilities ⁴ Unfunded liability Funded ratio (based on unrounded values)	\$3.6 billion \$4.3 billion \$0.7 billion 84%
Contributions for 2015 Cost of benefits earned in 2015	\$221 million \$ 77 million

Plan Funded Status, 1/1/2015⁴



About Pension Finances

As of Jan. 1, 2015, the plan was 83% funded, with \$3.6 billion in assets against accumulated benefit liabilities for retired, active and inactive members of \$4.3 billion. The funding shortfall of roughly \$700 million remained unchanged from the previous year.

During 2015, the plan received \$221 million in contributions, of which \$77 million covered the cost of benefits that active participants earned during 2015, leaving \$143 million to be applied toward the funding shortfall.



The Screen Actors Guild – Producers Pension Plan is a multiemployer pension plan. For more Society of Actuaries' research on pension plans and retirement issues in general: http://www.soa.org/research/research-projects/pension/default.aspx

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¹ Internal Revenue Code section 401(a)(17) limits the amount of compensation that may be used to calculate pension benefits. For 2014 the limit is \$260,000.

² The source of all data shown is the Department of Labor Form 5500 and its accompanying schedules as filed for the Screen Actors Guild – Producers Pension Plan. Some figures may not add because of rounding.

³ Former active participants who have not yet started to receive pension benefits.

⁴ As calculated by the plan's actuary for funding purposes and documented on the plan's Form 5500 Schedule MB. Liabilities are computed with a discount rate of 7.50% and the RP2000 Mortality Table projected for 5 years beyond the valuation date with Projection Scale AA.

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