



National Football League Players' Pension Plan Stats

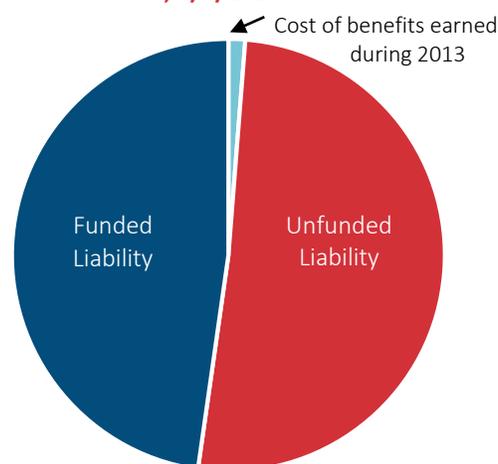
NFL players have been covered by this pension plan since 1962. The plan considers age 55 to be the standard retirement age. If a player waits until later to start his benefit, his benefit is actuarially increased accordingly. Players are fully vested after 3 credited seasons or 5 years of service in other capacities (for example, as a coach), but the amount of retirement benefits is based on the number of credited seasons.

Pension Plan Stats¹

As of April 1, 2013, the most recent publicly available data.

Active players	2,174
Retirees receiving pension benefits	4,060
Inactive players ²	<u>5,782</u>
Total participants	12,016
Average approximate annual pension benefit	\$45,000
Total pension benefits paid in 2013	\$183 million
Plan assets ³	\$1.4 billion
Plan benefit liabilities ³	\$2.8 billion
Unfunded liability	\$1.5 billion
Funded ratio	48%
NFL club contributions in 2013	\$300 million
Cost of benefits earned in 2013	\$ 36 million

Plan Funded Status, 4/1/2013³



About Pension Finances

At the start of April 2013, the plan was 48% funded, with \$1.4 billion in assets against projected benefit liabilities for retired, active and inactive members of \$2.8 billion.³ In the context of the red-yellow-green (stoplight colors) zone system commonly used with this type of pension plan,⁴ the NFL plan is in the yellow zone and working toward the green zone.

During 2013, NFL clubs collectively contributed \$300 million to the plan, nearly 3 times as much as in 2012. Of the \$300 million contributed in 2013, \$36 million covered the cost of benefits that active players earned during 2013, leaving \$264 million to be applied toward the funding shortfall of \$1.5 billion.

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¹ The source of all data shown is the Department of Labor Form 5500 for the 2013 plan year as filed for the Bert Bell / Pete Rozelle NFL Player Retirement Plan. Some figures may not add because of rounding.

² Vested former active members who have not yet started to receive pension benefits; they may begin to receive monthly benefits at age 45.

³ As calculated by the plan's actuary for funding purposes and documented on the plan's Form 5500 for 2013, including benefits accrued during the 2013 plan year.

⁴ Internal Revenue Code Section 431 defines the funding status zones.

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