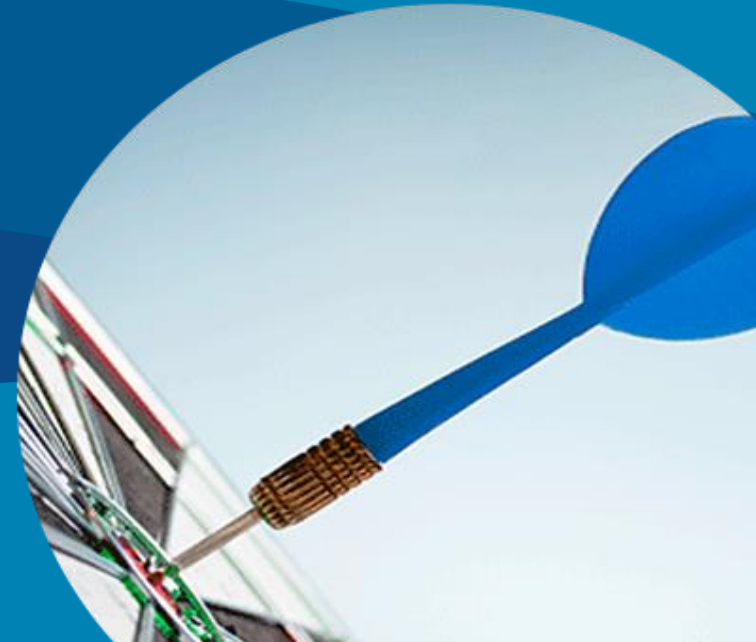




# City of Clearwater Employees' Pension Plan

Presentation of the  
January 1, 2026 Actuarial Valuation  
Report



# Demographics of the Plan

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- 1,563 Active Members (down a little from 1,572 last year).
  - Covered Payroll: \$128.5 million (vs. \$119.1 million last year).
  - Average Annual Pay = \$82,245 (vs. \$75,777 last year).
- 1,554 Retirees and Beneficiaries (up from 1,523 last year).
  - Annual Pensions: \$66.11 million (vs. \$63.34 million last year).
  - Average Annual Pension = \$42,543 (vs. \$41,591 last year).

# Principal Assumptions Used

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- Investment Return Assumption: 6.50% Net of Investment Fees.
- Mortality Rates: Same as Florida Retirement System, which were last updated as of 7/1/24 (based on PUB-2010 Mortality Tables).
  - Life Exp. for Age 65 Retired Non-Haz: 86.5 (Males); 88.6 (Females)
  - Life Exp. for Age 65 Retired Hazardous: 85.4 (Males); 88.2 (Females)
- Other Assumptions: Experience-based tables (updated 1/1/24 based on actual 2017-2022 experience).

# Experience During 2025

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- Net Investment Return: 11.4% (on Market Value); 6.27% (on smoothed Actuarial Value), vs. 6.50% assumed.
  - 5-Year Average: **6.2%**; 10-Year Average: **8.5%**
- Average salary increases: 11.56% vs. 5.74% expected.
- Mortality experience was lower than expected (\$845,596 actual decrease in retiree payroll vs. \$1,330,967 expected).
- Overall experience: Loss of \$39.05 million (3.17% of last year's actuarial liability).

# Required City Contribution

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- For FY 2027: **\$12,354,780 (9.61% of Covered Pay)** (vs. \$7,322,218, or 6.15% of Covered Pay, for FY 2026); Minimum city contribution (by Ordinance) = 7% of Covered Pay.
- Contribution increase is due primarily to liability-related experience losses, particularly salary increases; average salary increases: 11.56% vs. 5.74% assumed, driven primarily by salary increases for Police Officers (17.8%) and Firefighters (22.5%).
- Experience losses caused the required contribution to increase by 3.6% of Covered Pay (~ \$4.6 million) and the Plan's surplus to decrease by ~ \$39 million.

# Credit Balance

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- The Plan has a \$44.2 million credit balance that has been built up over time by city contributions in excess of the required contributions and interest (it was \$40.2 million at 1/1/2025).
- Established to help offset volatility/spikes in the required city contribution during times of financial stress.
- Any portion of this credit balance can be applied to reduce the city's required contribution, but the city must still contribute a minimum of 7% of Covered Pay.

# Clearwater Pension Plan Liabilities

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- Present Value of All Future Benefits as of 1/1/2026 (including benefits not yet earned, for expected future years of service):  
**\$1.56 Billion** (vs. \$1.47 Billion last year)
- Actuarial Accrued Liability as of 1/1/2026 (based on benefits earned through 1/1/2026):  
**\$1.29 Billion** (vs. \$1.23 Billion last year)
- *LDROM (Low Default Risk Obligation Measure) as of 1/1/2026:*  
***\$1.57 Billion*** (using a 4.90% interest rate)

# Clearwater Pension Plan Assets

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- Market Value of Assets as of 1/1/2026:  
**\$1.44 Billion** (vs. \$1.34 Billion last year)
- Actuarial Value of Assets as of 1/1/2026 (reflecting asset smoothing over a trailing 5-year period):  
**\$1.39 Billion** (vs. \$1.35 Billion last year)
- Actuarial Value of Assets Net of the Plan's Credit Balance (which is \$44.2 million as of 1/1/2026):  
**\$1.34 Billion** (vs. \$1.31 Billion last year)

# Clearwater Pension Plan Funded Ratios

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- Based on Market Value of Assets:  
**111.73%** (vs. 109.01% last year)
- Based on Actuarial Value of Assets (reflecting asset smoothing):  
**107.52%** (vs. 110.02% last year)
- Based on Net Actuarial Value (Net of Credit Balance):  
**104.09%** (vs. 106.76% last year)

# Conclusion

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- The City of Clearwater Employees' Pension Plan continues to be in great shape (one of the only **fully funded** pension plans in Florida with \$250+ million in assets).
- Among municipal/governmental retirement plans in Florida with over \$250 million in assets (about 60 plans), Clearwater's Pension Plan has the highest MV-based funded ratio.
- As of 7/1/2025, the Florida Retirement System had an 82.2% funded ratio (87.3% based on Market Value) using a 6.70% investment return assumption (\$212.6 Billion in assets).

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