



Investment markets and MEPP

We understand your concern about your pension and about markets. We are monitoring global equity markets and the historic nature of current world events. While past history does not always repeat itself, over the long term markets typically perform well following downturns.

The current market and economic volatility is due to the greatest pandemic challenge in a century. Global economies and financial markets will see significant headwinds until the spread of the pandemic itself has been slowed and stabilized.

1. Does this drop in investment markets impact my MEPP pension?

The recent drop in the investment markets due to the Covid-19 virus, elections, and uncertain economic conditions has no impact on your pension amount at retirement. Your MEPP pension is a defined benefit pension plan, which means your pension is based on a formula – NOT how investments are performing. In depressed investment market situations like we are in at the moment there is no impact on your future pension benefit.

Your pension is calculated using this formula:

HIGHEST AVERAGE SALARY X YEARS OF PENSIONABLE SERVICE X ACCRUAL RATE.

For more information on calculating your pension please see [MEPP In-Depth on Pension Calculations](#) and the [MEPP Member Booklet](#). Both are posted on the MEPP website.

2. What is MEPP doing to protect the assets of the Plan during this market downturn?

The Municipal Employees' Pension Commission has an excellent and diverse portfolio of investment firms from around the globe to manage the Plan's investments. The Public Employees Benefits Agency (PEBA) as Plan administrator has a team that is regularly talking to the MEPP fund managers discussing the investments, opportunities, strategies and investment mandates.