



County Employee Pensions

The following abbreviations are used throughout this Section:

CPI consumer price index, often used to determine cost of living adjustments

CS credited service, credited service includes regular service, purchased service, transferred service, and unused sick leave up to a certain limit. The maximum years of credited service allowed is determined by the retirement plan.

AFC/AFE average final earnings or average final compensation, includes all eligible wages and benefits excluding overtime wages but including any applicable differentials for a certain period of time

SS social security, the amount of social security that a retiree receives

SSCCL social security covered compensation level, used to calculate payments in plan with a social security adjustment once the retiree reaches to age of receiving social security. The SSCCL is determined by the retirement plan.

COLA cost of living adjustment, often used to adjust disability benefits annually

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes No

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	No	Yes
Plan Formula	2% x AFC x CS, Maximum: 60% x AFC	2.5% x AFC x CS Up to 20 yrs then 2% x AFC x CS, Maximum: 70% x AFC	2.5% x AFC x CS Up to 20 yrs then 2% x AFC x CS, Maximum: 70% x AFC
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay
Average Period for AFC	Highest 3	Highest 3	Highest 3
Normal Retirement Age	30 yrs of service or age 60 with 10 yrs	20 yrs of service or Age 50 with 5 yrs	20 yrs of service or Age 50 with 5 yrs (category I) or Age 50 with 10 years (Category II)
Employee Contributions	4%	7%	7%
Cost-of-Living Increases	60% CPI to a maximum of 2.5%	60% CPI to a maximum of 2.5%	60% CPI to a maximum of 2.5%

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

Vesting requirements increased for new members of the General Plan and certain employees of the Corrections hired on or after July 1, 2015.

PLEASE NOTE: ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY HAS A SEPARATE PENSION PLAN FOR UNIFORMED FIRE EMPLOYEES. THESE EMPLOYEES PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL SECURITY. ONLY THE POLICE PLAN DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN SOCIAL SECURITY.

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes _____
 No _____

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	No	
Plan Formula	1.6% x (AFC up SS Integration Level) x CS up to 30 plus 1.85% x (AFC above SS Integration Level) x CS up to 30 plus 1.85%x AFC xCS above 30 yrs	Yrs 1-20 = 2.5% x AFC x CS; Over 20 yrs = 2% x AFC x CS	
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	
Average Period for AFC	Highest 3 yrs (January 1 rates)	Highest 36 consecutive months	
Normal Retirement Age	30 yrs of service or age 65 with 5 yrs	Age 55 with at least 15 yrs of service as a contributing member; or regardless of age, 25 yrs of service with at least 15 yrs as a contributing member	
Employee Contributions	None	8% currently; 9% effective July 1, 2012; 10% effective July 1, 2013	
Cost-of-Living Increases	Minimum of 1.5% - increases depend on investment performance	Retirees who have not attained age 55 as of the June 30 determination date will not receive an increase payable the following January. Retirees age 55 to 65 will receive a 1% increase payable the following January. Retiree age 65 or over will receive a 2% increase payable the following January.	

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

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County: Baltimore County

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit: No

Benefit	General/ Civilian	Law Enforcement (Police)	Fire	Corrections/ Sheriff
Social Security	Yes	Medicare only	Medicare Only	Yes
Plan Formula	Average Final Compensation (AFC) x 1/70 x Years of Creditable Service (YCS).	If YCS is greater than 20, 50% of AFC for the first 20 years, 2% of AFC for years 20-25 and 3% in excess of 25 years. If YCS is less than 20 years and age 60 with 10 YCS, then 2% of AFC per year.	If YCS is greater than 20, 50% of AFC for the first 20 years, 2% of AFC for years 20-30 and 3% in excess of 30 years. If YCS is less than 20 years and age 60 with 10 YCS, then 2% of AFC per year.	If YCS is greater than 20, 50% of AFC for the first 20 years and 2% of AFC in excess of 20 years. If YCS is less than 20 years and age 60 with 10 YCS, then AFC x 1/70 x YCS.
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay
Average Period for AFC	Highest 36 months	Highest 12 months	Highest 12 months	Highest 36 months
Normal Retirement Age	35 YCS or age 67 with 10 YCS	25 YCS or age 60 with 10 YCS	30 YCS or age 60 with 10 YCS	25 YCS or age 67 with 10 YCS
Employee Contributions	7%	10%	10%	10%
Cost-of-living increases	CPI-U up to 3% max for members with 25 YCS who have been reitred for 5 years PROVIDED sufficient excess income exists in the Post-Retirement Increase Fund.	CPI-U up to 3% max for members with 25 YCS who have been reitred for 5 years PROVIDED sufficient excess income exists in the Post-Retirement Increase Fund.	CPI-U up to 3% max for members with 25 YCS who have been reitred for 5 years PROVIDED sufficient excess income exists in the Post-Retirement Increase Fund.	CPI-U up to 3% max for members with 25 YCS who have been reitred for 5 years PROVIDED sufficient excess income exists in the Post-Retirement Increase Fund.

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? No

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit?

Yes _____ No X _____

Benefit	General/Civilian	Sheriffs Pension Plan	Corrections	
Social Security	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Plan Formula	Defined Contribution Plan - Employer contributes 5% and Employee contributes 3%	Yrs 1-20 = 2.4% x AFC x CS; Yrs 21-27 = 2% x AFC x CS	Yrs 1-20 = 2.4% x AFC x CS; Yrs 21-27 = 2% x AFC x CS	
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay	
Average Period for AFC	NA	Highest 3 of last 5	Highest 3 of last 5	
Normal Retirement Age	7 year vesting schedule Age 65 considered normal retirement used for OPEB purposes	Age 55 or 25 yrs of service	Age 55 or 25 yrs of service	
Employee Contributions	3% of pay	8% of pay	8% of pay	
Cost-of-Living Increases	NA	3% or CPI - whichever is less	3% or CPI - whichever is less	

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

NO

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes _____
 No _____

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	YES - LEOPS	YES
Plan Formula	1.6% x AFC x CS 30 yrs	2.0% x AFC x CS Up to maximum 60% Salary (30yrs)	1.6% x AFC x CS
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay
Average Period for AFC	Rate of pay as of first day of each month during highest consecutive 60 months	Rate of pay as of first day of each month during the final 36 mo , figured on 60 months if hired after July 2011	Rate of pay as of first day of each month during highest consecutive 60 months
Normal Retirement Age	30 yrs of service or age 60 with 30 yrs beginning July 1, 2013	25 yrs of service or age 50	25 yrs service or age 55 with 25 yrs service begins July 1, 2013
Employee Contributions	New Employees 5.00% of salary over 10,000 existing employee .05% each year up to 5.00% Salary over 10,000	7%	New Employees 5.00% of salary over 10,000 existing employee .05% each year up to 5.00% Salary over 10,000
Cost-of-Living Increases	Determined annually during budget deliberations	Limited to a maximum 3% compound COLA	Determined annually during budget deliberations

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

Yes - Reduction of benefit after 30 years of service effective July 1, 2016. (1.00%)

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes _____
 No X

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plan Formula	1.6% x AFC x CS	1.9 x AFC x CS(1st 15 yrs). 2.2% x AFC x CS (next 10 years). 2.0% x AFC x CS (additional yrs.). Max 60%.	1.9% X AFC X CS(1st 15 yrs). 2.2% X AFC X CS (next 10 yrs). 2.0% X AFC X CS (additional yrs). Max 60%.
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay
Average Period for AFC	Highest 3 consecutive yrs	Highest 3 consecutive yrs	Highest 3 consecutive yrs
Normal Retirement Age	30 yrs of service or age 62 with 3 yrs	25 yrs of service or age 55 with 15 yrs	25 yrs of service or age 55 with 15 yrs.
Employee Contributions	5%	8%	8%
Cost-of-Living Increases	Up to a maximum of 2%	Up to a maximum of 2%	Up to a maximum of 2%

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

Effective 10/5/2017, (going forward only) the accrual rates, vesting period, normal retirement date, and employee contribution rate for Corrections were changed to mirror those particular features in Law Enforcement.

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County:	Cecil County Government
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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit?
 Yes No **For NonPublic Safety Employees**

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security		Yes	Yes
Plan Formula		2% x Average Pay x 1st 25 years of Creditable Service	2% x Average Pay x 1st 25 years of Creditable Service
Earnings Include		Base rate of Pay	Base rate of Pay
Average Period for AFC		highest 36 consecutive months	highest 36 consecutive months
Normal Retirement Age		25 years of service regardless of age; or Age 55 with 5 years of service	25 years of service regardless of age; or Age 55 with 5 years of service
Employee Contributions		8% of base pay	8% of base pay
Cost-of-Living Increases		2% Cap	2% Cap

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

NO

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
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Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plan Formula	Yrs 1-5 = 1.5% x AFC x CS, Yrs 6-10 = 1.75% x AFC x CS, Yrs 11 - 15 = 2.0% x AFC x CS, Yrs 16 - 20 = 2.25% x AFC x CS, Yrs 20+ = 2.50% x AFC x CS	Years 1 - 20 = 3% x AFC x CS, Yrs 20+ = 2% x AFC x CS	2.25% x AFC x CS
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay
Average Period for AFC	Highest 3 of last 10 yrs	Highest 3 of last 5 yrs	Highest 3 of last 5 yrs
Normal Retirement Age	Age 62 with 5 yrs or age 60 with 20 yrs	25 yrs of service or age 60	25 yrs of service or age 60
Employee Contributions	4%	8%	7%
Cost-of-Living Increases	100% CPI up to a max of 4%	100% CPI up to a max of 4%	100% CPI up to a max of 4%

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.
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The Charles County Pension Plan's cost of living adjustment (COLA) provision was amended for retirees. Currently, a COLA may be + or - 4% based on CPI. The new amendment states that if there is a year when the COLA is negative, the County will keep the retiree whole and realize the negative COLA in future years (when the COLA is positive). The definition of employee changed effective 7/1/2016 to mean any individual in the employ of the employer whose customary employment is for at least 1950 hours per year. The Charles County Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan updated the definition of sworn employee to include Student Police Officer. The vesting for non-sworn employees changed to 5 or more years at 100%.

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes No

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	-	-
Plan Formula	2% x AFC x CS up to 30 yrs; hired on or after 7/1/2011 1.67% X AFC X CS up to 36	2.5% X AFC X CS up to 20 yrs, 2% X AFC X CS from 20-25 yrs	2.5% X AFC X CS up to 20 yrs, 2% X AFC X CS from 20-25 yrs
Earnings Include	Base Pay	-	-
Average Period for AFC	Highest 36 consecutive months	-	-
Normal Retirement Age	25 yrs of service or age 60 with 5 yrs tiered to age 65 with 2 yrs; hired on or after 7/1/2011 30 yrs of service or age 65 yrs w/5 yrs	20 yrs of service or age 50 with 5 yrs; hired on or after 7/1/2011 25 yrs of service or age 55 w/5 yrs of service	20 yrs of service or age 50 with 5 yrs; hired on or after 7/1/2011 25 yrs of service or age 55 w/5 yrs of service
Employee Contributions	6%	9%	9%
Cost-of-Living Increases	1% compounded annually	1% Compounded annually	1% Compounded annually

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

Made changes for employees hired after July 1, 2012 as detailed above

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes _____
 No _____

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plan Formula	1.67% x AFC x CS not to exceed 35 years	2% x AFC x CS not to exceed 30 years	2% x AFC x CS not to exceed 30 years
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay
Average Period for AFC	36 calendar months out of most recent 120 months that = the highest average	36 calendar months out of most recent 120 months that = the highest average	36 calendar months out of most recent 120 months that = the highest average
Normal Retirement Age	Earlier of: 30 years of service or attain age 62 with 5 years of service	Earlier of: 25 years of services or attain age 62 with 5 years of service	Earlier of: 25 years of services or attain age 62 with 5 years of service
Employee Contributions	3.39%	7.59%	7.59%
Cost-of-Living Increases	Determined annually during budget deliberations	Determined annually during budget deliberations	Determined annually during budget deliberations

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

Yes, Law Enforcement Reirees received a 2% COLA effective August 1, 2016.

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County:	Harford County Government
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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes No
****Correctional Officers in County sponsored plan.**

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	yes	yes	yes
Plan Formula		2% up to up to 30 yrs - 60% max	2% up 25 yrs/1% up to total of 55%
Earnings Include	Base salary	Base salary	Base salary
Average Period for AFC	Higheast 3 consecutivte yrs	Highest 3 consecutive yrs	Highest 3 consecutive yrs.
Normal Retirement Age	62	50	62
Employee Contributions	7%	7%	7%
Cost-of-Living Increases	Determined by Pension Board	Determined by Pension Board	Determined by Board of Trustees

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.
NO

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes
 No

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement (sworn police officers)	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plan Formula	1.66% x AFC x CS (1.55% for service prior to 7/1/12)	% of AFC based on yrs of svc: 20 = 50%, 21 = 53%, 22 = 57%, 23 = 62%, 24 = 68%, 25 = 75%; max is 80% for yrs 30 and over	(2.5% x AFC x CS up to 20) PLUS (1% x AFC x CS greater than 20 and less than 30)
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay
Average Period for AFC	Highest 36 months	Highest 36 months	Highest 36 months
Normal Retirement Age	Earliest of: 30 yrs of service, OR age 62/5 yrs, OR age 63/ 4 yrs, OR age 64/3 yrs, OR age 65/2 yrs	20 yrs of service (or age 62 with 5 ys if earlier)	Earliest of: 20 yrs of service, OR age 62/5 yrs, OR age 63/4 yrs, OR age 64/3 yrs, OR age 65/2 yrs
Employee Contributions	3% of pay	11.6% of pay	8.5% of pay
Cost-of-Living Increases	100% CPI up to a maximum of 3%	100% CPI up to a maximum of 2%	100% CPI up to a maximum of 3%

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

No changes in the past two years.

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County:	The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Employees' Retirement System
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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes ___ No X ___

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	No	Yes
Plan Formula	Prior to Eligibility for Social Security: High-5 x 2% x C.S.; After Eligibility for full Social Security: SSCCL x 1.5% x C.S., plus difference between High-5 and SSCCL x 2% x C.S.	60% of High-3 + 2% of High-3 for each yr in excess of 25 yrs	Yes
Earnings Include	Base Pay Only	Base Pay Only	N/A
Average Period for AFC	High-5	High-3	N/A
Normal Retirement Age	Age 62 w/ at least 10 yrs of Credited Service or 30 yrs of Credited Service	Age 55 w/ at least 5 yrs of Credited Service or 25 yrs of Credited Service	Yes
Employee Contributions	4% up to the Social Security Wage Base and 8% in excess of the Wage Base.	8.5% of base pay	Yes
Cost-of-Living Increases	100% of change in CPI up to 2.5%	Portion of member's benefit attributable to service earned after 7/1/12 will be subject to a maximum COLA of 2.5%.	Yes

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below. Yes

Effective December 31, 2012, plan for general/civilian employees closed. New plan opened effective January 1, 2013. Info above in rows 12-18. Employee contributions were increased and the COLA was revised prior to closing the old plan. Effective March 1, 2015, the employee contributions changed from 8% to 8.5%.

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes
 No

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plan Formula	Defined Contribution Plan - Employer contributes 8% Cash Balance Plan - Employer contributes 8% with guaranteed interest rate of 7.25%	Police/Sheriff 2.4% x AFE x CS	2.4% x AFE x CS
Earnings Include	Base Pay + specific differentials; does not include overtime	Base Pay + specific differentials; does not include overtime	Base Pay + specific differentials; does not include overtime
Average Period for AFC	N/A	Highest 36 months	Highest 36 months
Normal Retirement Age	Age 62	Sheirff - Normal - 15 yrs/age 55 or 25 yrs/age 46; Police - Normal - 15 yrs/age 55 or 25 yrs/any age;	Normal - 15 yrs/age 55 or 25 yrs/age 46;
Employee Contributions	4% of pay to to SS integration level and 8% of pay in excess of SS integration level	Police/Sheriff - 6.75% ee contributions - 10.5% over SSWB	6.75% ee contributions - 10.5% over SSWB
Cost-of-Living Increases	N/A	100% CPI for Washington Metro Area up to max of 3%; and 60% of any change in the CPI greater than 3%, not to exceed a total of 7.5%. The max 7.5% does not apply to disability retirees or retirees over age 65. Effective 7/1/2011, capped at 2.5% for benefits paid for service after June 30, 2011	100% CPI for Washington Metro Area up to max of 3%; and 60% of any change in the CPI greater than 3%, not to exceed a total of 7.5%. The max 7.5% does not apply to disability retirees or retirees over age 65. Effective 7/1/2011, capped at 2.5% for benefits paid for service after June 30, 2011

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit?
 Yes No

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	Police Officers-No Sheriffs-Yes	Yes
Plan Formula	In State Non-contributory plan 0.8% x (AFC up to SS Integration Level) x CS plus 1.5% x (AFC above SS Integration Level) x CS	3% x AFC x 20 yrs; 2.5% x AFC x srv credit over 20	3% x AFC x 20 yrs; 2.5% x AFC x srv credit over 20
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay
Average Period for AFC	3 highest yrs; New hires after 7/1/2011 - highest 60 consecutive months	Highest 24 consecutive months	Highest 24 consecutive months
Normal Retirement Age	30 yrs or age 62 with 5 yrs; New hires after 7/1/2011 - Rule of 90 or Age 65 with 10 yrs eligibility service	20 Yrs or Age 55 (Sheriffs after 7/1/2013 25 Yrs) (Police after 1/1/2016 25 years)	20 Yrs or Age 55/w 5 yrs service After 7/1/2013 25 Yrs
Employee Contributions	5% of pay in excess of SS Integration Level	Police Officers - 9% Sheriff 11%	13%
Cost-of-Living Increases	100% CPI up to max of 3%; All employees after 7/1/2011 - 100% CPI up to a max of 2.5% if rate of return is achieved; 1% if investment target not met.	\$35 Guaranteed Annual Increase Funds must meet 8% return to provide for anything above \$35. Maximum \$135	\$35 Guaranteed Annual Increase Funds must meet 8% return to provide for anything above \$35.

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

Increased years of service for retirement eligibility.

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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit?
 Yes No

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plan Formula	Our civilian employees are enrolled in the State Employees Pension System. EE's hired prior to 7/1/11: 1.8% x AFC x Years of Service. On or after 7/1/11: 1.5% x AFC x Years of Service.	Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan - 2.2% of average pay prior to Jul 1, 2010 and 2.5% for years after Jul 1, 2010, multiplied by yrs of service.	Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan - 2.2% of average pay prior to Jul 1, 2010 and 2.5% for years after Jul 1, 2010, multiplied by yrs of service.
Earnings Include	Base earnings only.	Base earnings only.	Base earnings only.
Average Period for AFC	EE's hired prior to 7/1/11: average of highest 3 consecutive years. EE's hire on or after 7/1/11: average of highest 5 consecutive years.	Average of the highest 36 months of base compensation.	Average of the highest 36 months of base compensation.
Normal Retirement Age	EE's hired prior to 7/1/11: any age with 30 years; EE's hired on or after 7/1/11: Rule of 90 (age and years of service must equal 90 or age 65 with 10 years of service.	Age 62 or when EE has earned 25 yrs of service; which ever comes first.	Age 62 or when EE has earned 25 yrs of service; which ever comes first.
Employee Contributions	7% of base pay	8% of base pay.	8% of base pay.
Cost-of-Living Increases	Eligible retirees receive either a compound rate or a simple rate each July 1st.	3% each July 1st	3% each July 1st

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan: Added 10th Amendment; eliminated cap on unused sick leave when calculating the amount of a retiree's pension benefit. Added 11th Amendment that excludes contractual deputies as "covered members" of the Plan. Added 11th Amendment; definition of Covered Employee shall not include a contractual employee. Added 12th Amendment; definition of Covered Employee shall include Pre-Trail Services Case Manager.

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County:	Somerset
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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit?
 Yes No

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security			
Plan Formula	After 7/1/11=1.5% of AFC times creditable service Prior 7/1/11=Greater of 1/2% of AFV times cred svc accrued thru 6/30/98 or .8% of AFC up to SSIL, plus 1.5% of AFC in excess of SSIL, times creditable service accrued thru 6/30/98. plus 1.8% of AFC times creditable service accrued after 6/30/98	same	same
Earnings Include	actual base earnings, exclusive of overtime, shift differential, bonus, etc.	same	same
Average Period for AFC	After 7/1/11=5 years Prior 7/1/11=3 years	same	same
Normal Retirement Age	65 enrolled after 7/1/11 62 enrolled prior 7/1/11	same	same
Employee Contributions	7% Annual Compensation	Same	Same
Cost-of-Living Increases	After 7/1/11=Limited to 2.5% for years in which system attains assumed interest rate; 1% for years assumed rate is not met Prior 7/1/11=Limited to max 3% compounded COLA	Same	Same

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

No

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County:	Washington County
Person Responding:	Stephanie Stone
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Fax:	240-313-2351

Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes
 No

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plan Formula	2% x Avg/Highest x CS	2% x Avg/Highest x CS	2% x Avg/Highest x CS
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay	Base Pay
Average Period for AFC	Highest 3 yrs	Highest 3 yrs	Highest 3 yrs
Normal Retirement Age	25 yrs of service or age 60 with 5 yrs	25 yrs of service or age 50 with 5 yrs	25 yrs of service or age 50 with 5 yrs
Employee Contributions	6%	6%	6%
Cost-of-Living Increases	Not annual, determined during budget deliberations	Not annual, determined during budget deliberations	Not annual, determined during budget deliberations

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

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County:	Wicomico
Person Responding:	Michele Ennis
Title:	Director of Human Resources
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Does your jurisdiction participate in the State pension system as a participating governmental unit? Yes No

Benefit	General/Civilian	Law Enforcement	Corrections
Social Security	Yes	yes	yes
Plan Formula	2% x AFC x CS	2% x AFC x CS	2% x AFC x CS
Earnings Include	Base Pay	Base Pay + Clothing allowance two times a year.	Base Pay includes Hazardous Duty Pay
Average Period for AFC	Highest 36 consecutive months.	Highest 36 consecutive months.	Highest 36 consecutive months.
Normal Retirement Age	5 yrs vested and 25 yrs service in the plan or 5 yrs vested and Age 55 whichever comes first.	5 yrs vested and 25 yrs service in the plan or 5 yrs vested and Age 55 whichever comes first.	5 yrs vested and 25 yrs service in the plan or 5 yrs vested and Age 55 whichever comes first.
Employee Contributions	5.63%	5.63%	5.63%
Cost-of-Living Increases	Not annual, determined during budget deliberations	Not annual, determined during budget deliberations	Not annual, determined during budget deliberations.

Additional Question: Has your county made changes to pension programs in the past two years? If yes, please specify what has changed below.

No.