

North Carolina Retirement Systems: COLA and CPI-U History

| Year * | Retiree COLA | | Formula Increase | | Total Increase | | National | South Region |
|---------|--------------|-------|------------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------|--------------|
| | TSERS | LGERS | TSERS | LGERS | TSERS | LGERS | CPI-U | CPI-U |
| 1985 | 3.8% | 3.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.8% | 3.8% | 3.8% | 3.2% |
| 1986 | 4.0% | 4.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4.0% | 4.0% | 1.1% | 0.9% |
| 1987 | 3.6% | 3.6% | 1.2% | 1.2% | 4.8% | 4.8% | 4.4% | 3.9% |
| 1988 | 3.5% | 3.5% | 1.9% | 1.9% | 5.4% | 5.4% | 4.4% | 3.9% |
| 1989 | 6.1% | 6.1% | 0.6% | 0.6% | 6.7% | 6.7% | 4.6% | 4.1% |
| 1990 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 6.1% | 6.1% |
| 1991 | 1.6% | 1.6% | 3.6% | 3.6% | 5.2% | 5.2% | 3.1% | 2.6% |
| 1992 | 1.6% | 1.6% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 2.2% | 1.6% | 2.9% | 2.7% |
| 1993 | 3.5% | 2.8% | 1.2% | 0.6% | 4.7% | 3.4% | 2.7% | 3.1% |
| 1994 | 2.0% | 2.0% | 1.2% | 1.3% | 3.2% | 3.3% | 2.7% | 2.7% |
| 1995 | 4.4% | 4.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 4.4% | 4.4% | 2.5% | 2.9% |
| 1996 | 4.0% | 4.0% | 2.2% | 2.3% | 6.2% | 6.3% | 3.3% | 3.2% |
| 1997 | 2.5% | 2.5% | 0.0% | 0.6% | 2.5% | 3.1% | 1.7% | 1.4% |
| 1998 | 2.3% | 1.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.3% | 1.0% | 1.6% | 1.5% |
| 1999 | 3.6% | 3.8% | 0.6% | 0.6% | 4.2% | 4.4% | 2.7% | 2.5% |
| 2000 | 2.0% | 2.0% | 0.0% | 1.7% | 2.0% | 3.7% | 3.4% | 2.9% |
| 2001 | 1.4% | 1.4% | 0.6% | 0.6% | 2.0% | 2.0% | 1.6% | 1.1% |
| 2002 | 1.3% | 2.0% | 0.0% | 1.5% | 1.3% | 3.5% | 2.4% | 2.5% |
| 2003 | ** 1.7% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.7% | 0.0% | 1.9% | 1.7% |
| 2004 | 2.0% | 2.5% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.0% | 2.5% | 3.3% | 3.3% |
| 2005 | 3.0% | 2.8% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 3.0% | 2.8% | 3.4% | 3.7% |
| 2006 | 2.2% | 2.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.2% | 2.2% | 2.5% | 2.5% |
| 2007 | 2.2% | 2.2% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.2% | 2.2% | 4.1% | 4.4% |
| 2008 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.7% | 2.9% |
| 2010 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.5% | 1.4% |
| 2011 | 1.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.0% | 0.0% | 3.0% | 3.3% |
| 2012 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.7% | 1.7% |
| 2013 | 1.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.0% | 0.0% | 1.5% | 1.8% |
| 2014 | 0.0% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.6% | 0.8% | 0.6% |
| 2015 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.7% | 0.5% |
| 2016 | 1.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 1.0% | 0.0% | 2.1% | 2.0% |
| 2017 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 2.1% | 1.8% |
| Average | 2.3% | 2.1% | 0.4% | 0.5% | 2.7% | 2.6% | 2.7% | 2.6% |

* Percentage change in CPI from December of prior year; COLA effective July 1 of following year.

** In 2003, a "catch-up" COLA of 6% was given to those LGERS members who retired before July 1, 1982 and a COLA of 1.6% was given to those LGERS members who retired between July 1, 1982 and July 1, 1993.