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"A typical new retiree in 2007 will have worked for 26 years, and is expected to collect a pension for 36 years (including the pension paid to a survivor)," notes the plan's latest annual report.

A \$40,000 pension paid from age 58 is valued at about \$855,000 in the report, assuming bonds pay a return of 2 percentage points more than inflation.

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