



# Wisconsin Retirement System

## Statistical Comparisons 2004-2011

- Retirement Estimates Requested
- Retirement Applications Received

Information comparing retirement estimates and retirement applications, two vitally important services provided to members of the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) by the Department of Employee Trust Funds (ETF), are presented below.

### Summary: Requests for Retirement Estimates

WRS employees request an estimate of their potential retirement benefit in order to guide their retirement decisions. Here are some notable facts about 2011:

- In the first quarter of 2011, ETF received 134.7% more requests for estimates than in the same period in 2010.
- Over the course of the year, the rate at which requests came in slowly decreased to 75% higher (6-month comparison) and 50% higher (9-month comparison) than those same periods in 2010.
- In 2011, ETF received a total of 27,756 requests for retirement estimates, an increase of 33.6% over 2010.

### Calendar Year Comparisons 2004-2011

#### Retirement Estimate Requests

Year	Estimates	Average Per Month	% Change
2004	16,829	1,402	—
2005	17,032	1,419	1.2%
2006	17,716	1,476	4.0%
2007	16,957	1,413	- 4.3%
2008	16,883	1,407	- 0.4%
2009	18,836	1,570	11.6%
2010	20,777	1,731	10.3%
2011	27,756	2,313	33.6%

### Quarterly Comparison 2010-2011

#### Retirement Estimate Requests, January-December: 2010 vs. 2011

	January-March	April-June	July-Sep.	October-Dec.	Total	% Change
2010	5,400	5,324	4,736	5,317	20,777	—
2011	12,676	6,083	4,495	4,502	27,756	33.6%

## Summary: Retirement Applications

When ready to officially retire, an employee begins the process by completing and sending a retirement application to ETF. Here are some notable facts about 2011:

- In the first quarter of 2011, ETF received 79.2% more retirement applications than in the same period in 2010.
- Retirement applications stayed high all year: the rate increased to 92% higher (6-month comparison) and then dropped slightly to 74% higher (9-month comparison) than those same periods in 2010.
- In 2011, the Department received a total of 18,780 retirement applications, a 59.8% increase over 2010.

## Calendar Year Comparisons 2004-2011

### Retirement Applications

Year	Applications	Average Per Month	% Change
2004	10,037	836	—
2005	10,393	866	3.5%
2006	9,456	788	- 9.0%
2007	10,680	890	12.9%
2008	10,611	884	- 0.6%
2009	10,952	913	3.2%
2010	11,750	979	7.3%
2011	18,780	1,565	59.8%

## Quarterly Comparison 2010-2011

### Retirement Applications, January-December: 2010 vs. 2011

	January-March	April-June	July-Sep.	October-Dec.	Total	% Change
2010	2,707	4,034	2,280	2,729	11,750	—
2011	4,850	8,098	2,753	3,029	18,780	59.8%