

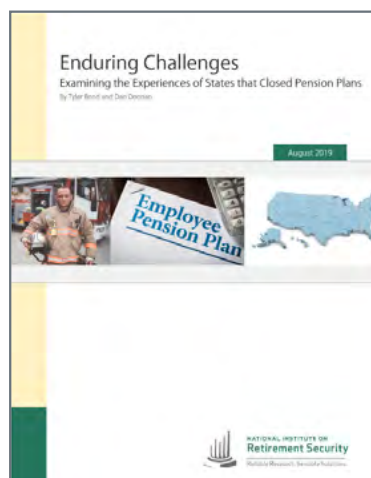
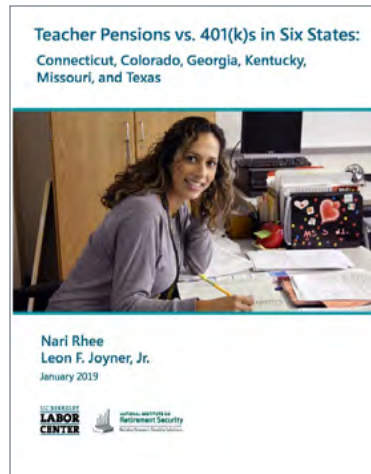


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Retirement Security

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2019 YEAR IN REVIEW

RESEARCH



Upcoming research

- *Examining the Nest Egg: The Sources of Retirement Income for Older Americans*
- Update to *Shortchanged in Retirement: Continuing Challenges to Women's Financial Future*

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

NIRS staff will speak at some 20 events by the end of 2019, including the National Association of State Retirement Administrators (NASRA) Annual Conference, National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) CEO Summit, and a U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee hearing.

MEDIA

NIRS has been included in more than 130 news articles in 2019. Our research was featured in local, trade, and national news outlets, including [Pensions & Investments](#), [USA Today](#), [The Hill](#), [Forbes](#), [The Washington Post](#), and [The Wall Street Journal](#).

NIRS has conducted more than 25 media interviews this year, most recently with Reuters columnist Mark Miller.

NIRS continues to share its research on social media. On Twitter, we are generating more than 50,000 impressions each month and have organically grown our follower base to more than 2,200. On Facebook, NIRS content reaches up to 300 unique people each weekday. NIRS recently expanded its social media presence to include LinkedIn.

EVENTS

10th Annual Retirement Policy Conference | Retirement Security in America: How Can We Do Better?

Held on February 25-26, 2019, in Washington, D.C., this member-exclusive event featured top thought leaders discussing policy solutions to improve the outlook on retirement for Americans. Some 150 registrants heard from speakers including: Nancy Altman, President of Social Security Works; Scott Brabrand, Superintendent of Fairfax County Public Schools; Jim Keohane, President and CEO of Healthcare of Ontario Pension Plan; Dr. James Poterba, Mitsui Professor of Economics at MIT and President of the National Bureau of Economic Research; Preston Rutledge, Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA); and Katie Selenski, Executive Director of CalSavers.

Congressional Staff Briefing

On July 12, 2019, NIRS convened congressional staff for a bipartisan informational briefing on Capitol Hill covering the results of our research, *Pensionomics 2018: Measuring the Economic Impact of Multiemployer Pension Expenditures*. This session was held as Congress is considering legislation to address the underfunding of these multiemployer pension plans.

Visionary Circle Meeting

On November 1, 2019, NIRS held its annual Visionary Circle Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting is an opportunity for Visionary Circle members to engage with the Board of Directors and staff on the NIRS research agenda and programming.

WEBINARS

To provide members and retirement stakeholders with an in-depth review of our research, we continue to hold webinars throughout the year. In 2019, NIRS held eight webinars on newly released research products. These webinars are archived on our website so that members, policymakers, and other stakeholders have access to the replays.

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

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Our Mission

The National Institute on Retirement Security is a non-profit research and education organization established to contribute to informed policymaking by fostering a deep understanding of the value of retirement security to employees, employers, and the economy as a whole.

Our Vision

Through our activities, NIRS seeks to encourage the development of public policies that enhance retirement security in America. Our vision is one of a retirement system that simultaneously meets the needs of employers, employees, and the public interest. That is, one where:

- employers can offer affordable, high quality retirement benefits that help them achieve their human resources goals;
- employees can count on a secure source of retirement income that enables them to maintain a decent living standard after a lifetime of work; and
- the public interest is well-served by retirement systems that are managed in ways that promote fiscal responsibility, economic growth, and responsible stewardship of retirement assets.

Our Approach

- High-quality research that informs the public debate on retirement policy. The research program focuses on the role and value of defined benefit pension plans for employers, employees, and the public at large. We also conduct research on policy approaches and other innovative strategies to expand broad based retirement security.
- Education programs that disseminate our research findings broadly. NIRS disseminates its research findings to the public, policy makers, and the media by distributing reports, conducting briefings, and participating in conferences and other public forums.
- Outreach to partners and key stakeholders. By building partnerships with other experts in the field of retirement research and with stakeholders that support retirement security, we leverage the impact of our research and education efforts. Our outreach activities also improve the capacity of government agencies, non-profits, the private sector, and others working to promote and expand retirement security.