

Retiree Health Benefits in the Public Sector

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Retiree Health Benefits are Common

- Provided by 41 of the 50 States
- 30 Financed on Pay-as-you-go; 11 pre-funded, at least in part
- Benefits also provided in many counties, municipalities and school districts on pay-as-you go basis.

Annual Cost to the States

- In FY 2001, Aggregate State Spending on benefits was \$4.4 billion. (source: AARP)
- Aggregate State General Fund Spending was \$506 billion in 2001. (source: NASBO)
- Approx. \$3.8 billion was pay-as-you-go (86% of all spending on benefits).