



SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT ASSOCIATION

Contribution Rates

Retirement 101

September 17th, 2026

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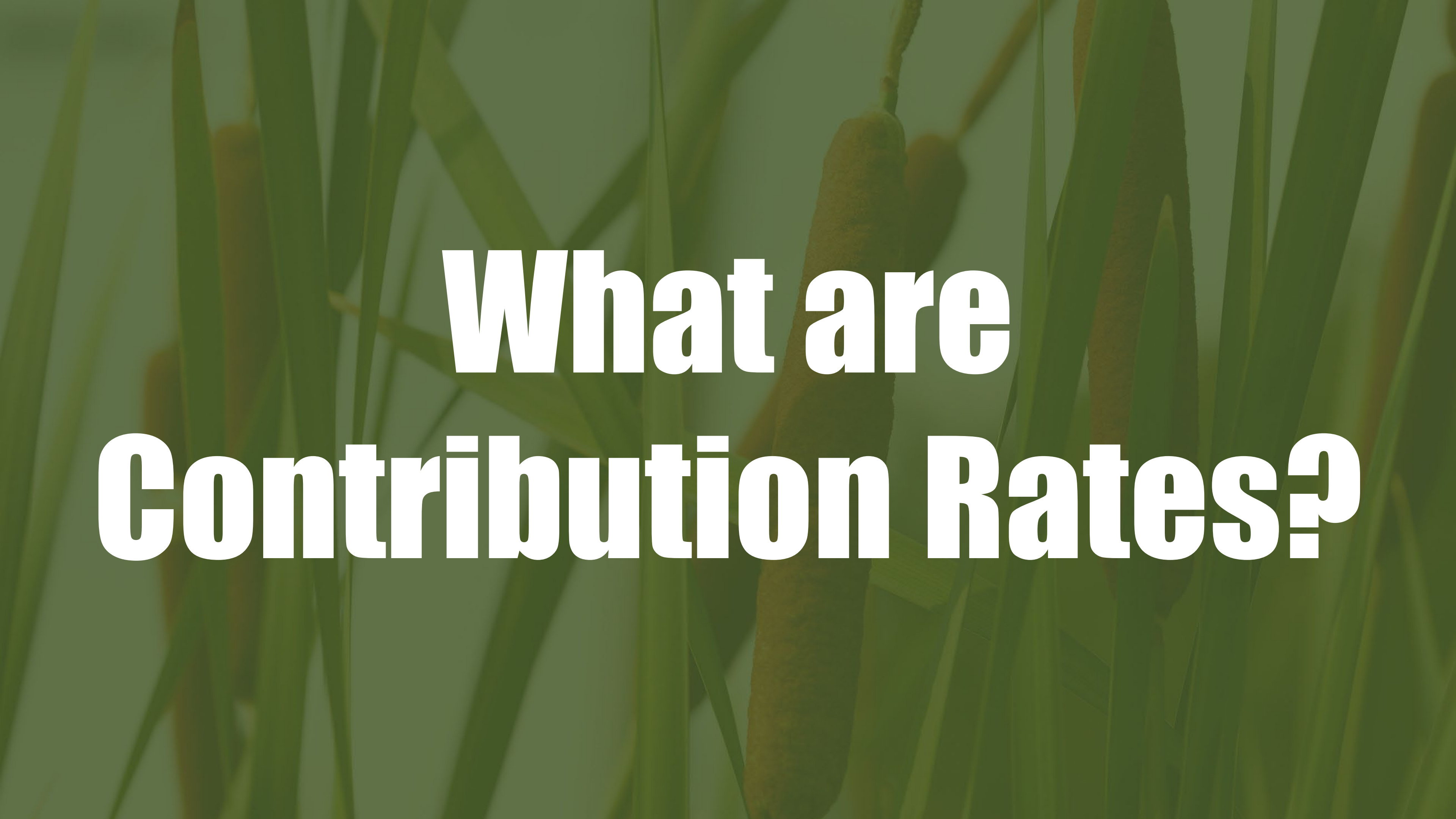
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- We will be answering questions at the end of the presentation.
 - Unanswered Questions: Releasing FAQ
- Please keep questions general.





Agenda

- What are Contribution Rates?
- How are they determined?
 - 2026 rates
- Compensation Limits



What are Contribution Rates?



Funding

The three sources of funding:

- Member Contributions
 - % of your biweekly paycheck
- Employer Contributions
 - % your employer pays into the fund on your behalf
 - Different from a match
- Investment earnings
 - Returns on investments made

Contributions

Your contributions are one part of a larger system working together to fund your lifetime retirement benefit.

- Deducted through payroll.
 - Made on a pre-tax basis
 - Taxed later
- Pay statement

COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

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SANDY SMITH 123 ABC St, Stockton, CA 95202	Employee ID:	xx
	Department:	499
	Location:	SJ0
	Job Title:	Re
	Pay Rate:	\$x

HOURS AND EARNINGS			
Description	Rate	Current	
		Hours	Earnings
Leave Sick	xx.xxxxxx	x.xx	
Regular	xx.xxxxxx	xx.xx	x,
Leave Float Holiday Taken			
Leave Regular Holiday			
Leave Vacation			
Total:		xx.xx	x,
BEFORE-TAX DEDUCTIONS			A
Description	Current	YTD	Description
Health Pre Tax	xx.xx	x,xxx.xx	457 Roth
457 Deferred Comp Basic	xx.xx	xxx.xx	SEIU Member Due
General Retirement T2	xxx.xx	x,xxx.xx	



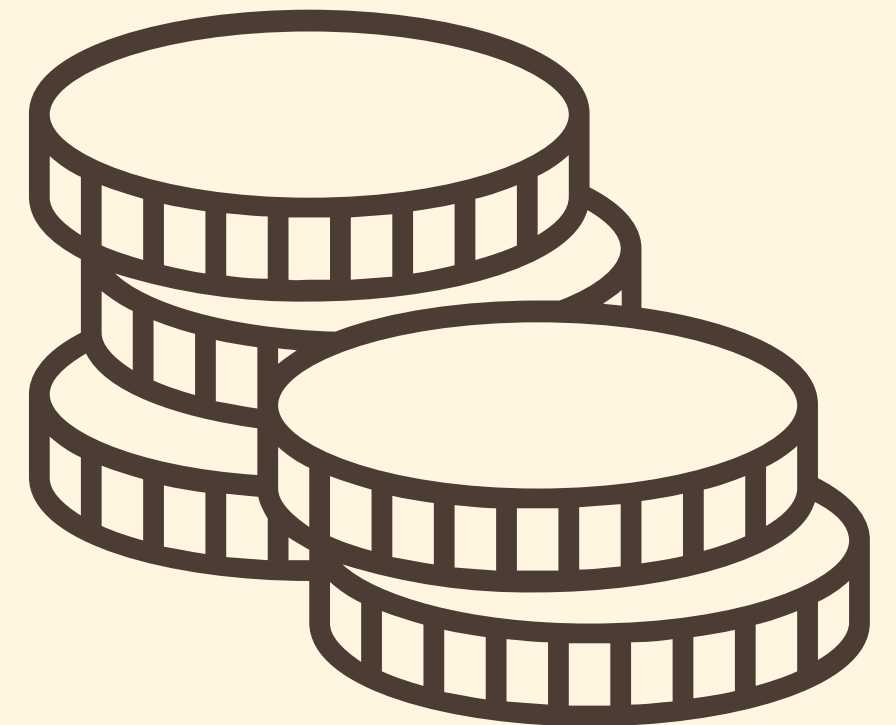
**How are they
Determined?**

Contribution Factors

There are two factors that determine your contribution rate:

- Your Tier level
 - Tier 1: Membership before January 1, 2013.
 - Tier 2: Membership on or after January 1, 2013.*
- Your Membership Type
 - General
 - Safety

*Reciprocity can affect Tier placement.



Tier 2 Rates

Tier 2 (PEPRA) rates for 2026

- General members: 9.54%
- Safety members: 15.16%

Tier 2 Employer Contributions

- General members: 37.81%
- Safety members: 82.02%



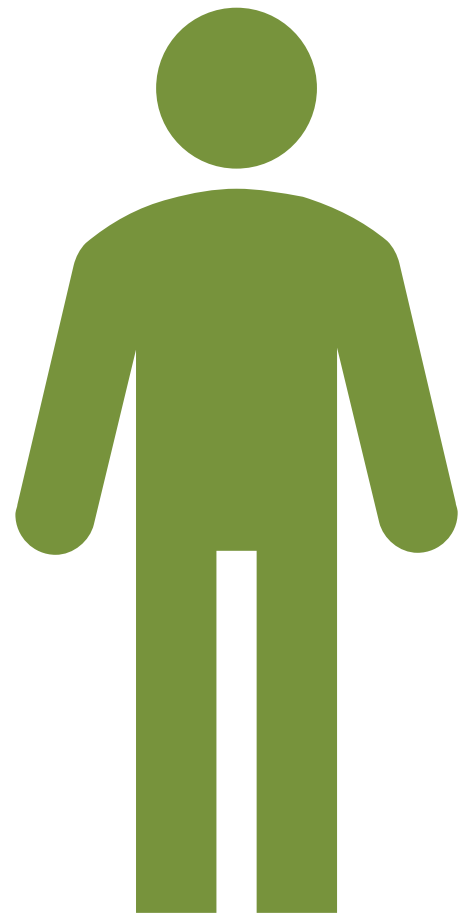
Tier 1 Rates

Tier 1 rates can be different person to person.

- Based on:
 - Age of entry
 - Employer
 - Social Security
 - General vs Safety



Tier 1 – Age of Entry Example

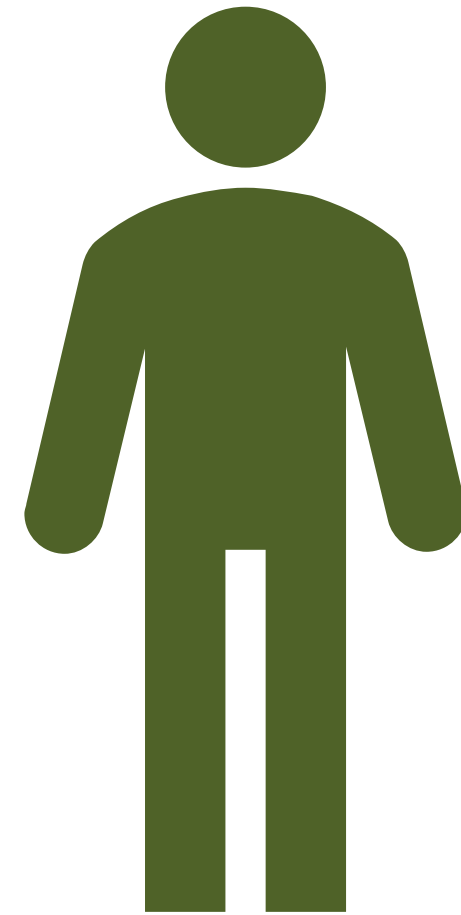


SAM

San Joaquin County
General

Age of entry: 45

Contribution Rate: 9.24%



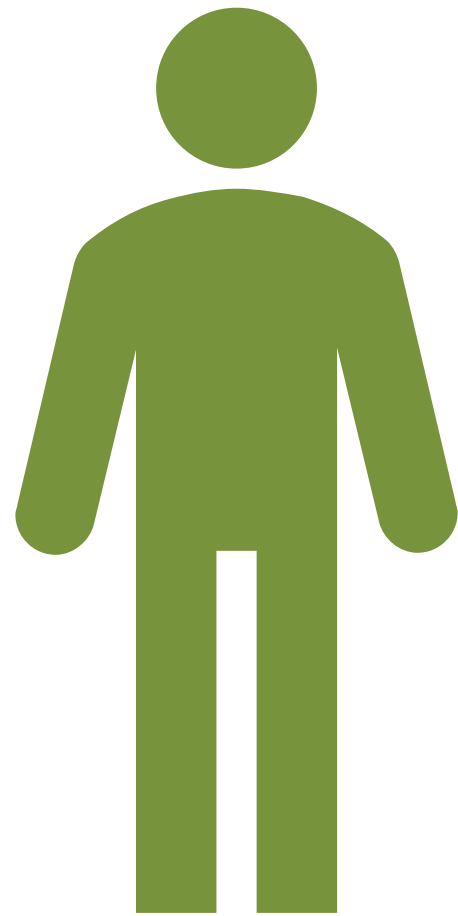
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San Joaquin County
General

Age of entry: 21

Contribution Rate: 5.60%

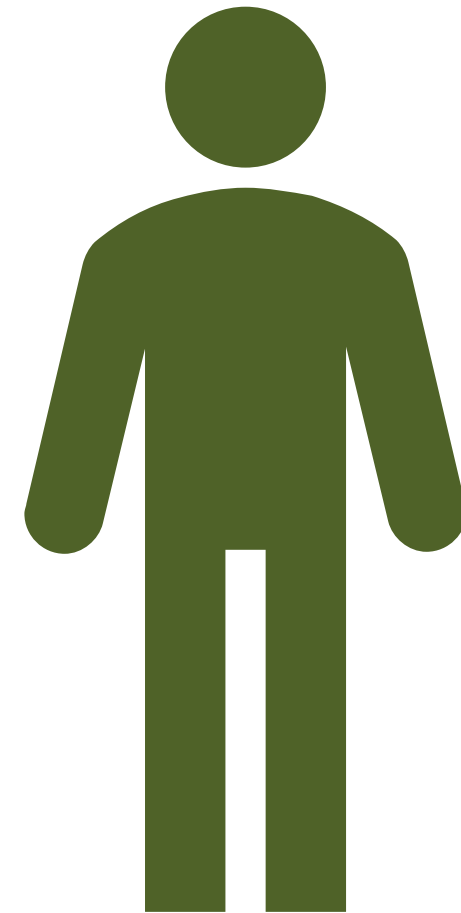
Tier 1 – Membership Type Example



SAM

San Joaquin County
General

Age of entry: 45
Contribution Rate: 9.24%

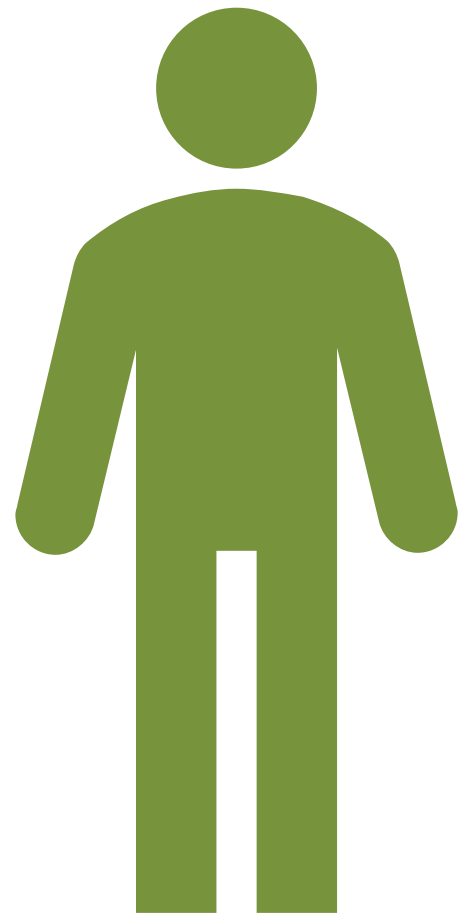


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San Joaquin County
Safety

Age of entry: 45
Contribution Rate: 15.33%

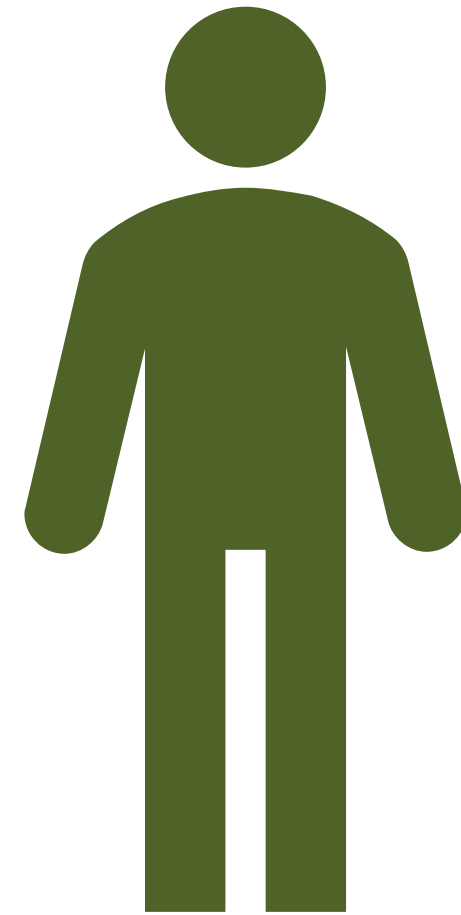
Tier 1 – Employment Example



SAM

San Joaquin County
General

Age of entry: 45
Contribution Rate: 9.24%



JERRY

Mosquito Vector Control District
General

Age of entry: 45
Contribution Rate: 8.52%



Compensation Limits

Compensation Limits

State and Federal laws limit the amount of retirement-eligible compensation that can be used when calculating retirement benefits. You will stop making member contributions for the rest of the calendar year once you exceed the retirement-eligible compensation cap; however, you will continue to earn service credit for the hours worked the rest of the calendar year.

Tier 1 members:

- \$360,000

Tier 2 members:

- General and Lathrop-Manteca Fire: \$159,733*
- Safety (except Lathrop-Manteca Fire): \$191,679

*The law sets a lower compensation limit for those Tier 2 positions that contribute to both SJCERA and Social Security.





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- September 30th: Kaiser Medicare 101
- October 2nd: Understanding Your Retirement
- October 22nd: Three Legged-Stool
- December 3rd: About to Retire



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