
Funded Status of Top 100 Pensions Dropped to 75% in Last Year: Milliman

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In the past year, the funded ratio of the top 100 U.S. pension plans has fallen to 75% from 100.3%, according to Milliman.

Milliman, Inc., the global consulting and actuarial firm, today released the latest update to the [Milliman 100 Pension Funding Index](#), which consists of 100 of the nation's largest defined benefit pension plans. In August, pensions experienced asset increases of \$14 billion and liability increases of roughly \$26 billion, resulting in a \$12 billion decrease in funded status.

The decline reduced funded status to 75.0% based on \$1.007 trillion in assets and a projected benefit obligation of \$1.341 trillion. Over the last 12 months, the cumulative asset return has been 9.78% and the funded status has fallen by \$338 billion. For these 12 months, the funded ratio of the Milliman 100 companies has fallen from 100.3% to 75.0%.

"August was something of a milestone month," said John Ehrhardt, co-author of the Milliman 100 Pension Funding Index. "Not only did pension liabilities hit an all-time high for the second straight month, but it was one year ago exactly that pension funding last stood above 100%." View the complete monthly update at www.milliman.com/expertise/employee-benefits/products-tools/pension-funding-study/index.php.

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