

# RETIREMENT BENEFIT PAYMENT OPTIONS

You may choose monthly benefit payments under one of six options that differ according to the death benefits provided. You select an option when you file an application for retirement benefits. For more information, visit [ipers.org/members/nearing-retirement](http://ipers.org/members/nearing-retirement).

Option	Description	Important to Note	Death Benefits Payable	
			Lump Sum Benefit	Monthly Benefit
<b>Option 1: Annuity With Fixed Lump- Sum Survivor Benefit</b>	<b>Monthly benefit for life.</b> You specify a death benefit amount, in \$1,000 increments, to be paid in a lump sum to your beneficiary(ies) when you die.	After retirement, you cannot change the death benefit amount. The death benefit amount cannot exceed your total contributions plus interest.	Yes	No
<b>Option 2: Annuity With Variable Decreasing Lump-Sum</b>	<b>Monthly benefit for life.</b> After your death, your beneficiary(ies) receives the difference between the retirement benefits you received and your total contributions plus interest.	A death benefit is not guaranteed.	Maybe	No
<b>Option 3: Single Life Annuity</b>	<b>Monthly benefit for life.</b>	After your death, no death benefit is payable to your beneficiary(ies).	No	No
<b>Option 4: 100%, 75%, 50%, or 25% Joint and Survivor Annuity</b>	<b>Monthly benefit for life.</b> You choose whether your contingent annuitant receives 100%, 75%, 50% or 25% of your monthly retirement benefit after your death. Your retirement benefit payment will not change if your contingent annuitant dies before you die.	Restrictions on percentages apply if your contingent annuitant is not your spouse and is more than 10 years younger than you. You cannot change your contingent annuitant after IPERS has made your first monthly payment.	No	Yes, if your contingent annuitant outlives you.
<b>Option 5: 120-Month Term Certain Annuity</b>	<b>Monthly benefit for life.</b> If you live to receive 120 retirement benefit payments, no death benefit is payable to your beneficiary(ies). If you die before receiving 120 retirement benefit payments, your sole beneficiary receives the same monthly retirement benefit for the remainder of the 120 months, or multiple beneficiaries will receive a lump-sum death benefit.	Must be under age 90 to elect this option.	Maybe. If you name more than one person, a trust or an estate as your beneficiary, payments will be made in a commuted lump sum based on today's value of the remaining monthly payments.	Maybe. A monthly benefit can be paid only if you named one beneficiary and received less than 120 payments.
<b>Option 6: 100%, 75%, 50%, or 25% Joint and Survivor Annuity With Pop-Up Annuity</b>	<b>Monthly benefit for life.</b> You choose whether your contingent annuitant receives 100%, 75%, 50% or 25% of your monthly retirement benefit after your death. If your contingent annuitant dies before you, your benefit pops up to what it would have been under Option 2. You may designate a new beneficiary at that time.	Restrictions on percentages apply if your contingent annuitant is not your spouse and is more than 10 years younger than you. You cannot change your contingent annuitant after IPERS has made the first monthly payment.	Maybe, if your contingent annuitant dies before you and any balance remains of your total contributions plus interest.	Yes, if your contingent annuitant outlives you.