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Monthly Performance Trends in State-Facilitated Retirement Savings Programs January 2024

Six state auto-IRA programs reporting monthly data — California (CalSavers), Illinois (Illinois Secure Choice), Oregon (OregonSaves), Connecticut (MyCTSavings), Maryland (Maryland\$aves), and Colorado (Colorado SecureSavings) — show the following month-over-month trends in performance between December 2023 and January 2024.

Data platform — To see updated data for the metrics referenced in this report, please view our interactive data dashboard **here**.

Total Assets — Total assets across the six programs increased by 2.2% between December 2023 and January 2024 (from \$1.20 billion to \$1.23 billion).

- California continues to represent the majority of total assets across all six programs (62.0% of \$1.23 billion assets) for January 2024. California's assets increased by 2.1% (from \$750.0 million to \$765.7 million).
- **Colorado** saw the greatest increase in total assets, growing 11.6% from \$33.6 million in December to \$37.5 million in January.
- Connecticut and Maryland also saw increases in total assets. Total assets increased by 8.4% in Connecticut (from \$15.7 million to \$17.1 million), while Maryland saw an increase of 11.1% (from \$5.0 million to \$5.5 million).
- Total assets increased in both Oregon and Illinois. Oregon saw an increase of 0.8%, from \$243.6 million to \$245.5 million.

Illinois saw an increase of 2.1%, from \$155.6 million to \$158.8 million.

Total Funded Accounts — The number of funded accounts across all programs increased by 1.3% (820,424 to 830,939).

- **Maryland** had the largest proportional increase in funded accounts of the six programs, with 11.0% growth (from 5,900 to 6,547).
- Colorado had the second largest increase in funded accounts, growing 4.3% (from 45,863 to 47,608), followed by Connecticut which saw an increase of 2.4% (from 23,765 accounts to 24,346).
- **California's** total number of funded accounts increased by 1.1% in January (from 479,370 to 484,859), representing 59.0% of all funded accounts across the six programs.
- Illinois saw a 2.0% increase in total funded accounts in January, from 140,956 to 143,832. Oregon saw a 0.7% decrease, from 124,570 to 123,747.
- Although Oregon exceeds Illinois in total assets administered, Illinois has more funded accounts (143,832 compared to Oregon's 123,747).

Total Registered Employers — Across the six programs, the number of registered employers increased by 1.5% (from 207,189 to 210,372).

- Illinois saw the largest increase in total registered employers (a 2.1% increase, from 24,593 to 25,101).
- **California** saw the second largest increase in total registered employers (a 1.8% increase, from 131,250 to 133,569).
- **Oregon** saw a 0.5% increase (from 28,215 total registered employers to 28,360).
- **Connecticut** saw an increase of 0.2% (from 6,325 total registered employers to 6,338).
- **Colorado** saw a 1.3% increase (from 13,992 total registered employers to 14,180).
- The number of total registered employers in **Maryland** increased by 0.4%, going from 2,814 to 2,824.

Average Monthly Contributions

All programs except for Maryland saw a month-over-month increase in average contribution amount, -1.3% decrease (\$159 to \$157) for Maryland, 1.3% increase (\$114 to \$115) for Connecticut, 8.1% increase (\$161 to \$174) for Colorado, 12.3% increase (\$163 to \$183) for Oregon, 11.8% increase (\$170 to \$190) for California, and 4.9% increase (\$136 to \$150) for Illinois.

Average Funded Account Balances

- Colorado saw the largest increase in average funded account balance, 7.5% (from \$732 to \$787).
- Connecticut saw the second largest increase, about 5.8%, (\$662 to \$700), followed by Oregon, which saw an increase of 1.4% (\$1,956 to \$1,984).
- Maryland saw an increase in average funded account balance of 0.2% (from \$841 to \$843).
- California and Illinois also saw increases in average funded account balance, increasing

by 0.9% (\$1,565 to \$1,579) and 0.1% (\$1,104 to \$1,104), respectively.

Total Withdrawals — The total amount of withdrawals across these programs increased by 7.0% between December 2023 and January 2024 (from \$328.8 million to \$351.9 million).

- Colorado saw the largest month-overmonth increase in total withdrawals (from \$2.5 million to \$3.6 million), a 44.7% increase.
- Total withdrawals increased in Maryland by 23.7%, from \$616,394 to \$762,332.
 Connecticut saw an increase of 31.3%, from \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million.
- **Oregon** saw a 4.4% increase in total withdrawals (from \$111.3 million to \$116.1 million).
- **Illinois**' total withdrawals increased by 5.5%, from \$47.0 million to \$49.6 million.
- **California** had an 8.4% increase in total withdrawals (from \$166.3 million to \$180.2 million).

Total Exempted Employers — Across the six programs, the number of exempted employers increased by about 1.1% (from 258,840 to 261,668).

- **Maryland** saw the largest increase of total exempted employers across all 6 programs, growing 1.9% (from 3,921 to 4,440).
- Colorado saw the second largest increase in total exempted employers, growing 1.0% (from 26,036 to 26,290), followed by Illinois, growing 0.9% (from 50,502 to 50,965).
- **California** saw an increase of 2.9%, from 121,288 to 124,821 in January. **Connecticut** saw an increase of 0.3%, going from 11,287 exempted employers to 11,320.
- **Oregon** saw an increase of 0.1%, going from 41,721 exempted employers to 41,783.