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Pension Funded Status Sees Decline for June and Q2 2017

The aggregate funded ratio for U.S. corporate pension plans decreased by 0.4 percentage points to end the month of June at 83.1%, according to Wilshire Consulting, the institutional investment advisory and outsourced-CIO business unit of Wilshire Associates Incorporated. [Read more>](#)

PBGC Issues Updated Pension Insurance Data Books and Tables

The Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (PBGC) has issued its updated Pension Insurance Data Books and Tables. The tables now contain information from 2014, 2015 and 2016. [Read more and access tables>](#)

What to Know About the End of the IRS Determination Letter Program

The IRS is limiting its determination letter program for tax-qualified individually designed plans, which affects how and when plan sponsors can request documentation. [Read more>](#)

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Best Practices for Investment Committees

We believe well-informed fiduciaries are critical to the strength and success of an organization. Our Retirement Plan Investment Committee Checklist is a great tool for committees to ensure they are on-track with achieving their plan goals. [Access checklist>](#)

Power Stance

With one in three Americans having zero saved for retirement and nearly one-third of Americans over the age of 85 having no savings, it is hard to say that we as a nation are preparing people for retirement," says Rick Irace, chief operating officer (COO) at Ascensus in Dresher, Pennsylvania. "As providers, we have been charged with this noble cause. We are not doing enough." [Read more>](#)

How DOL Questions Foreshadow Fiduciary Rule's Future

The fate of the remaining parts of the Labor Department's fiduciary rule are foreshadowed in the types of questions the agency is asking in the request for information it recently released. [Read more>](#)



Connecticut Teachers' 403(b) Plans

Saving for retirement just got easier! Everything you need to enroll and manage your 403(b) plan is now available on our website. [Access here>](#)

Retirement Plans Are Leaking Money. Here's Why Employers Should Care

Workers are depleting their employer-sponsored retirement plans when they take out loans and don't pay them back, take hardship withdrawals, and fail to roll over retirement plan savings when they change jobs. [Read more>](#)

The Move to Online Participant Communications May Not Be Best

All retirement plan sponsors, advisers, fiduciaries, recordkeepers, etc. can wholly agree: understanding financial communications and education is rarely ever a participant's strong suit. [Read more>](#)

Newsworthy notes



In our communities

Hooker & Holcombe partnered with the CT Children's Medical Center to host children and families for the Concorso Ferrari & Friends event on June 25th. Families were welcomed into the H&H office for refreshments, a cool place to rest and a VIP view of the cars.

Employee news

We are pleased to announce that John Fuller, vice president, director of operations for the firm's investment advisory group, has been elected president of the CFA Society Hartford. [Read full press release>](#)