

# PORTFOLIO RISK REPORT



November 2024

# Contents

Investment portfolio as of August 31, 2024	3
Total Fund risk and asset allocation as of August 31, 2024	4
CalSTRS market exposures	5
CalSTRS market and sector exposures	6
CalSTRS largest manager exposures	7
Total Public Equity — Active risk summary	10
Fixed Income — Active risk summary	11
Real Estate	12
Private Equity	13
Valuations	14
Market volatility	15
Fund liquidity as of August 31, 2024	16
Total Fund leverage as of August 31, 2024	17

# Investment portfolio as of August 31, 2024

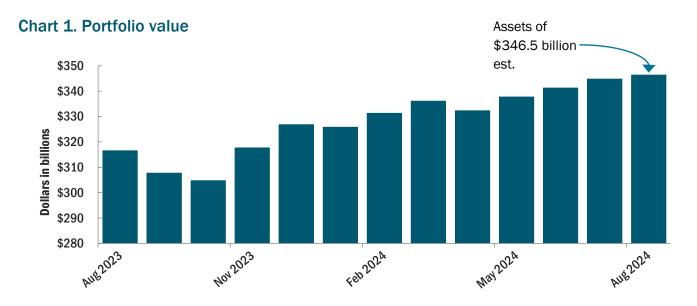


Chart 2. Asset allocation<sup>1</sup>

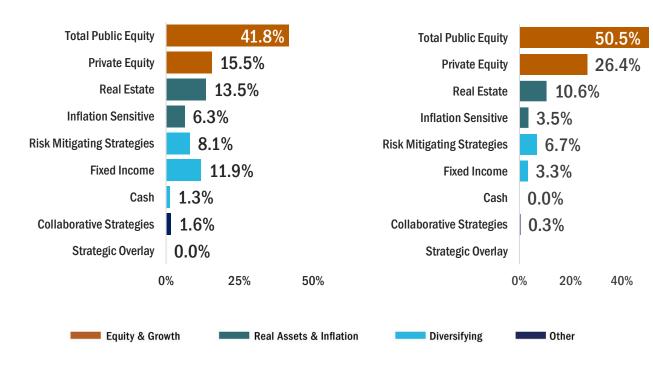


Chart 3. Portfolio risk1

60%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Total Public Equity includes the following sub-units: Global Equity Public, Total SISS Public Equity and Innovation Global Equity. Strategic Overlay includes Currency and Derivatives Overlay.

# Total Fund risk and asset allocation as of August 31, 2024

The Risk team utilizes the BlackRock Aladdin risk management system for the total plan portfolio. According to the BlackRock risk model, approximately 51% of the total risk in the CalSTRS Investment Portfolio comes from Public Equity, versus an approximately 42% asset weight. Public Equity risk and Private Equity risk combined now comprise about 77% of portfolio risk. Portfolio risk has been trending downward this year but increased in August.

Chart 4. Asset allocation over the past three years (monthly)

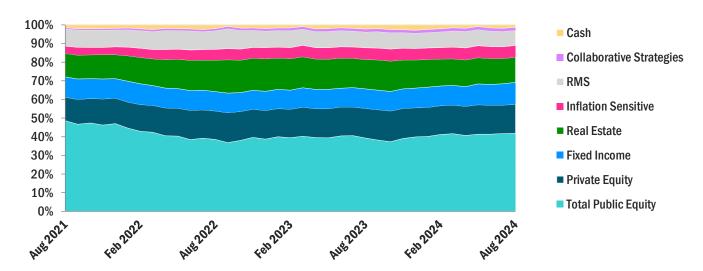
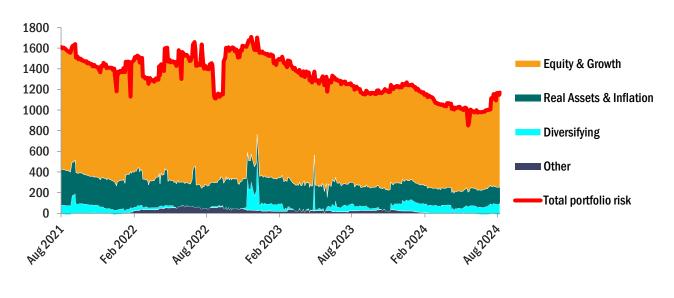


Chart 5. Sources of portfolio risk1



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Equity & Growth includes Total Public Equity and Private Equity. Real Assets & Inflation includes Real Estate and Inflation Sensitive. Diversifying includes Risk Mitigating Strategies, Fixed Income & Cash. Other includes Collaborative Strategies and Strategic Overlay.

# **CalSTRS** market exposures

Across all asset classes, the fund has significant exposure to the U.S. with 78.5% of the portfolio invested in the U.S. The next largest exposure is 2.5% in the United Kingdom. Ireland rounded out the top 10, followed closely by Taiwan and China, respectively. Chart 7 shows the top 10 Total Fund portfolio exposures by parent company, as a percentage of the Total Fund portfolio.

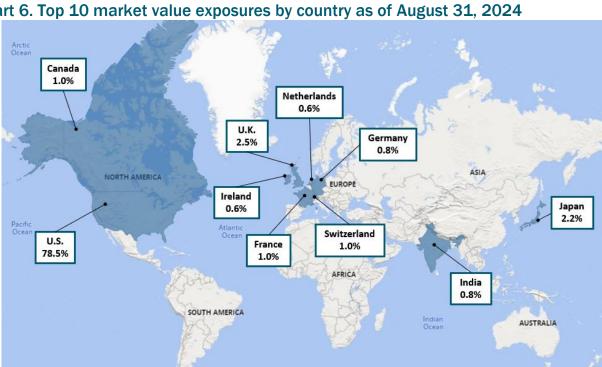
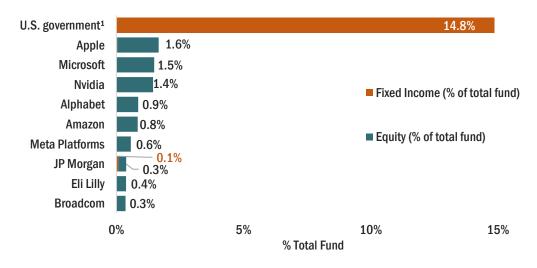


Chart 6. Top 10 market value exposures by country as of August 31, 2024

Chart 7. Total Fund top 10 exposures<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> U.S. government includes U.S. Treasuries, Agency MBS and other government agency debt.

# **CalSTRS** market and sector exposures

Charts 8 and 9 show the top 10 Total Public Equity Portfolio exposures and the top 10 Total Fixed Income exposures, by parent company as a percentage of the respective portfolios.

Chart 8.

Total Public Equity top 10 exposures

Chart 9.

Total Fixed Income top 10 exposures<sup>1</sup>

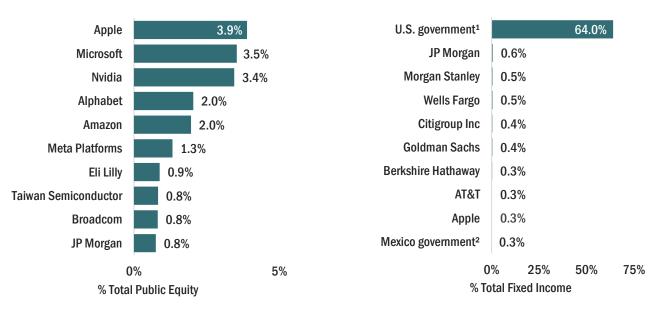
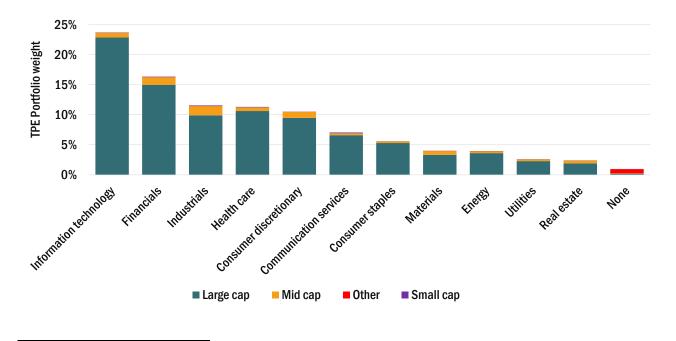


Chart 10. Total Public Equity — Sector portfolio exposures as of August 31, 2024



 $<sup>{\</sup>ensuremath{^{1}}}$  U.S. Treasuries, Agency MBS and other government agency debt

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Mexico government includes PEMEX and Mexico government debt.

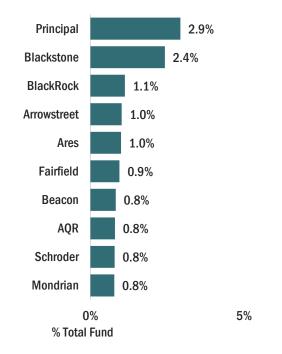
# **CalSTRS** largest manager exposures

Table 1 summarizes the top 10 manager exposures by relationship, aggregated across all asset classes. Chart 11 shows the same exposure, as a percentage of the CalSTRS Total Fund.

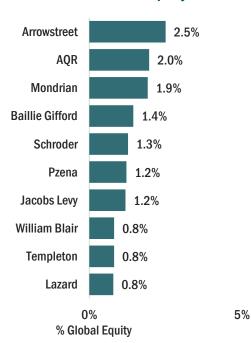
Table 1. CalSTRS Total Fund<sup>1</sup>

Manager	Relationship length (years) <sup>2</sup>	Asset Class	Exposure (million)
Principal	40	Real Estate	\$10,141
Blackstone	31	Private Equity, Real Estate, SISS	\$8,390
BlackRock	24	Real Estate, Inflation Sensitive, Fixed Income, Collaborative Strategies	\$3,881
Arrowstreet	8	Global Equity	\$3,522
Ares	12	Collaborative Strategies, Private Equity, Fixed Income, Real Estate, SISS	\$3,444
Fairfield	22	Real Estate	\$3,279
Beacon	15	Real Estate	\$2,860
AQR	9	Global Equity	\$2,760
Schroder	9	Global Equity, SISS	\$2,724
Mondrian	24	Global Equity	\$2,692





### Chart 12. Global Equity



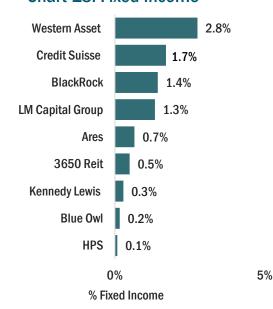
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public asset manager exposures reported are as of 8/31/24. Private asset manager exposures reported are as of 6/30/24.

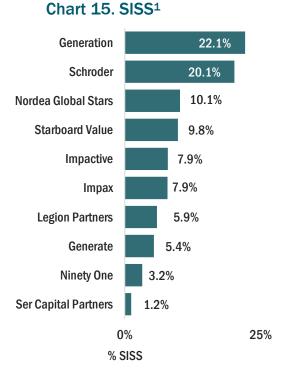
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Relationship length reflects the longest tenure for those manager relationships with multiple Asset Class coverage.

# **CalSTRS** largest manager exposures

Charts 13 – 16 show the top 10 manager exposures by relationship, as a percentage of each respective asset class portfolio.

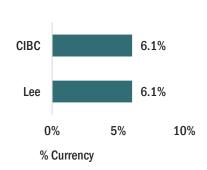
Chart 13. Fixed Income<sup>1</sup>



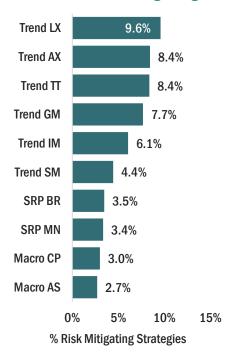


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public asset manager exposures reported are as of 8/31/24. Private asset manager exposures reported are as of 6/30/24.

Chart 14. Currency



**Chart 16. Risk Mitigating Strategies** 



# **CalSTRS** largest manager exposures

Charts 17 – 20 show the top 10 manager exposures by relationship, as a percentage of each respective asset class portfolio.

Chart 17. Inflation Sensitive<sup>1</sup>

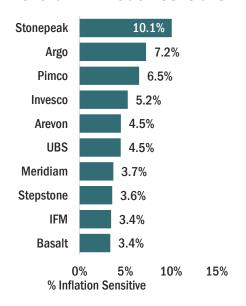


Chart 18. Collaborative Strategies<sup>1</sup>

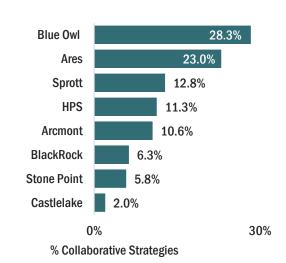


Chart 19, Real Estate<sup>1</sup>

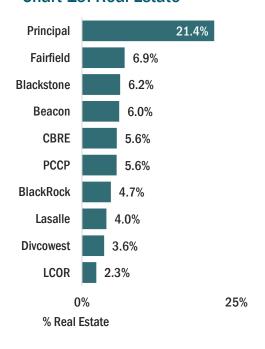
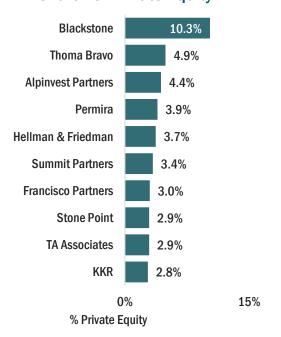


Chart 20. Private Equity<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Public asset manager exposures reported are as of 8/31/24. Private asset manager exposures reported are as of 6/30/24.

# **Total Public Equity — Active risk summary**

### Chart 21. Current active risk (bps)<sup>1</sup>

At the May 2023 Investment Committee meeting, the committee approved a new governance policy for Total Public Equity, establishing an active risk budget range of 10 to 60 basis points. As of August 31, 2024, the expected active risk of the Total Public Equity portfolio is 30 basis points.



### Historical active risk (bps)

Chart 22. Forecasted<sup>2</sup>

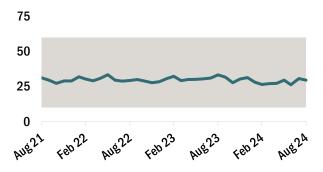
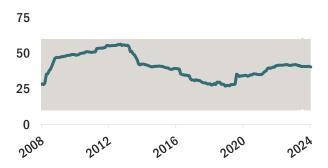


Chart 23. Realized<sup>3</sup>

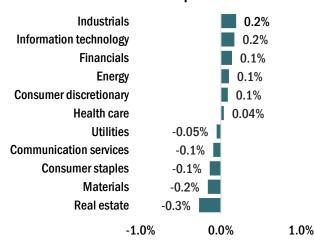


### Exposures vs. benchmark (market value %)

Chart 24. Geographic active exposures



Chart 25. Sector active exposures



 $<sup>{\</sup>ensuremath{^{1}}}$  Forecasted active risk based on BlackRock Aladdin model calculation.

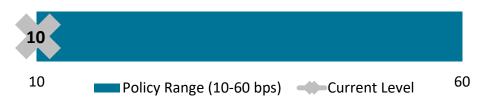
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Forecasted active risk based on the Total Public Equity Portfolio and market conditions over time.

<sup>3</sup> Based on a rolling 60-month period of realized returns through August 31, 2024

# Fixed Income — Active risk summary

### Chart 26. Current active risk (bps)1

At the September 2021 Investment Committee meeting, the committee approved a new governance policy for Fixed Income, establishing an active risk budget range of 10 to 60 basis points. As of August 31, 2024, the expected active risk of the Fixed Income Public Portfolio is 10 basis points.

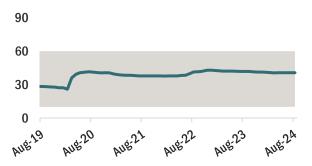


### Historical active risk (bps)

Chart 27. Forecasted<sup>2</sup>



Chart 28. Realized3



### Fixed Income exposures vs. benchmark (market value %)

Chart 29. Geographic active exposures

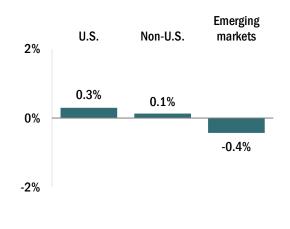
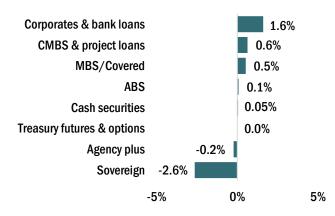


Chart 30. Sector active exposures



 $<sup>{\</sup>ensuremath{^{1}}}$  Forecasted active risk based on BlackRock Aladdin model calculation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Forecasted active risk based on the Fixed Income Portfolio and market conditions over time.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on a rolling 60-month period of realized returns through August 31, 2024

# **Real Estate**

At the July 2021 Investment Committee meeting, the committee approved a new CalSTRS Real Estate Investment Policy. The policy sets limits on Real Estate leverage depending on CalSTRS' level of control. Controlled structures have a leverage limit of 50% and are typically separate accounts and joint ventures where CalSTRS is the majority investor. Non-controlled structures have a leverage limit of 65% and are typically commingled funds where CalSTRS is a minority partner with typical limited-partner rights.

Real Estate data is based on CalSTRS' share of gross asset value as of March 31, 2024.

### **Real Estate leverage**

Chart 31. Leverage and limits

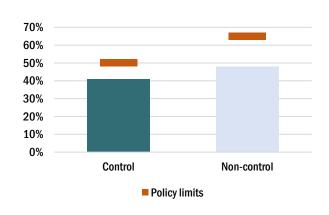
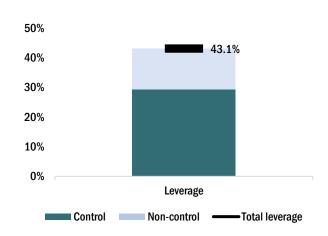


Chart 32. Total leverage



### Real Estate Portfolio exposure

Chart 33. Geographic exposure<sup>1</sup>

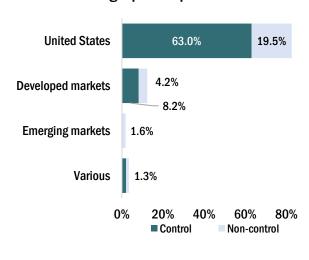
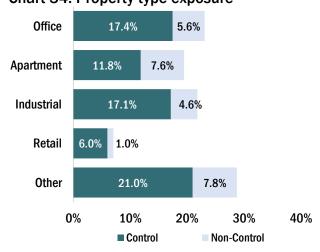


Chart 34. Property type exposure<sup>2</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Various investments have properties in multiple countries that could be in multiple regions.

<sup>2</sup> Other property type includes diversified investments that include multiple property types and all other property types (for example, hotels or land).

# **Private Equity**

Private Equity Portfolio company level data as of March 31, 2024.

### Chart 35. Sector exposure

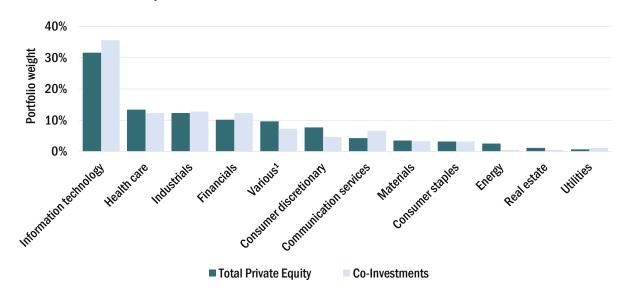
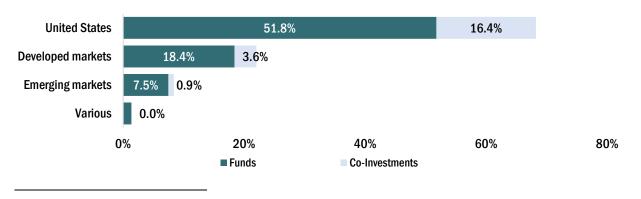


Table 2. Top 10 portfolio company exposure

Company	Investment vehicle	Market value (millions)	% of Private Equity
1	Co-Investments & funds	\$535	0.98%
2	Co-Investments	\$404	0.74%
3	Co-Investments & funds	\$318	0.58%
4	Co-Investments	\$314	0.58%
5	Co-Investments & funds	\$313	0.57%
6	Co-Investments & funds	\$306	0.56%
7	Funds	\$302	0.55%
8	Co-Investments & funds	\$273	0.50%
9	Co-Investments & funds	\$248	0.45%
10	Co-Investments & funds	\$242	0.44%

### Chart 36. Geographic exposure<sup>1</sup>



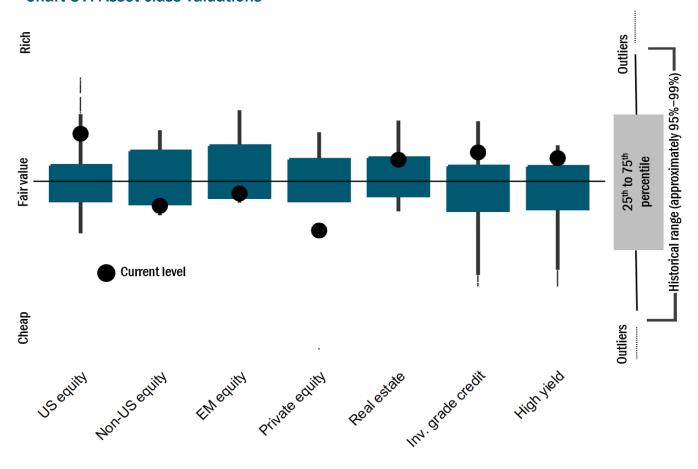
<sup>1</sup> Various includes investments in which the sector or geography data is not available at the level of detail of the data set.

# **Valuations**

For most of the larger asset classes in the portfolio, the price of the asset at any given time is an important component of expected return, particularly over the medium term (three to five years). Higher prices tend to precede periods of lower returns, an important consideration for the risk-return opportunities across the portfolio.

Chart 37 shows several common measures of valuation converted to a common scale for comparability. U.S. equity persistently has higher valuations than non-U.S. developed and emerging market equity. In the past few months, the valuations for investment grade credit and high yield credit have increased, while the valuations for other asset classes were relatively stable.

Chart 37. Asset class valuations<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Valuation metrics: Long-Term P/E Ratio for Public Equity; Total Value/EBITDA for Private Equity; Transaction Cap Rate for Real Estate; Credit spreads for Investment Grade and High Yield Credit.

# **Market volatility**

The volatility index presented in Chart 38 and Chart 39 is an indicator of general market turbulence. The red lines provide a threshold by which to judge whether a day is an outlier or not. The long-term chart shows that, historically, periods of higher turbulence tend to cluster in time. The clustering of turbulent periods means that if a particular day is an outlier, the following day is much more likely to be an outlier. Several days in a row of outliers are a strong indicator that market turbulence could persist for many weeks or months. Recent turbulence was driven by economic concerns over a potential slowdown in economic growth and the Feds ability to balance the levels of unemployment and interest rates.

Chart 38. Market turbulence—long term

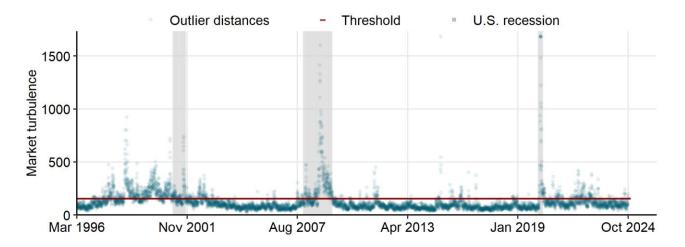
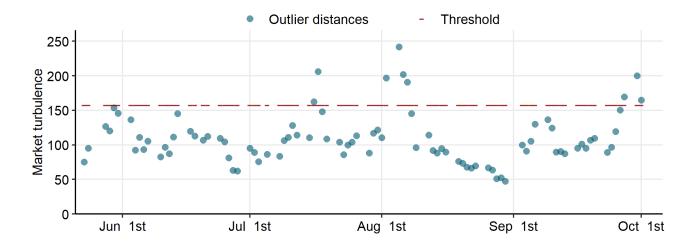


Chart 39. Market turbulence—recent



# Fund liquidity as of August 31, 2024

Maintaining liquidity to pay benefits, rebalance the portfolio, avoid forced selling, and take advantage of market opportunities are key liquidity oversight objectives. Grouping portfolio assets into "liquidity tiers" is a convenient framework for measuring available liquidity. As described below, the portfolio maintains an allocation to cash and a large allocation to assets that can be readily converted to cash:

- Cash.
- Liquid assets: Securities that trade frequently and can be readily converted to cash. Generally liquid securities that can still trade at prevailing price levels even in periods of modest market stress.
- Illiquid assets: Securities that are by their nature illiquid, such as Private Equity Portfolio partnerships and otherwise liquid assets that become illiquid in periods of stress.

Table 3 shows the liquidity profile of the total portfolio by liquidity tier. The combination of Cash and Liquid assets provide a substantial cushion, even in periods of extended market stress.

Table 3. Fund liquidity

Asset	Portfolio value (%)	Months of benefit payments
Cash	1.3%	2.8
Liquid assets	58.5%	129.1
Illiquid assets	40.2%	88.7

Another way to monitor the liquidity of the CalSTRS portfolio is through the Liquidity Coverage Ratio [LCR]. The LCR is a commonly used liquidity risk metric in the financial services industry and is helpful for monitoring the liquidity of the portfolio in a stressed environment. The LCR shown below refers to the proportion of cash available to meet stressed liquidity needs over a 90-day period. Chart 40 shows the 90-day LCR is 5.7, or 570%, as of August 31, 2024. The portfolio holds substantial cash to meet potential needs in a stressed environment.

Chart 40. 90-day Liquidity Coverage Ratio (as of August 31, 2024)



# Total Fund leverage as of August 31, 2024

Leverage is an investment strategy where money or capital is borrowed to increase the potential return of an investment or portfolio. At the January 2024 Investment Committee meeting, the committee approved a new CalSTRS Investment Policy Statement. The policy sets a limit on Total Fund net leverage at 10%. The portfolio is unlevered with more cash than total fund gross leverage.

Table 4. Total Fund leverage

Leverage category	Notional (millions)	Total Fund %
Total Fund gross leverage	\$4,297	1.2%
Total Fund cash	-\$6,105	-1.8%
Total Fund net leverage	-\$1,808	-0.5%
Total Fund assets	\$346,499	

### Chart 41. Total Fund leverage

