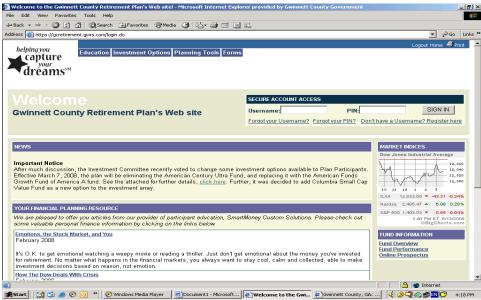
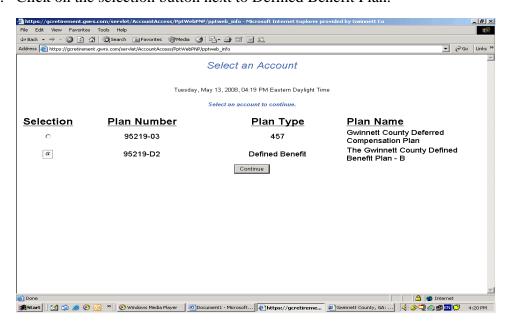


## **Using the Great-West Retirement Services Benefit Calculator**

- 1. Logon to www.gcretirement.com.
- 2. Sign in with your username and 4-digit P.I.N. \*



- \*See appendix A if you need to find out how to setup a username or see appendix B if you need to find out how to get or reset your P.I.N.
- 3. Click on the selection button next to Defined Benefit Plan.



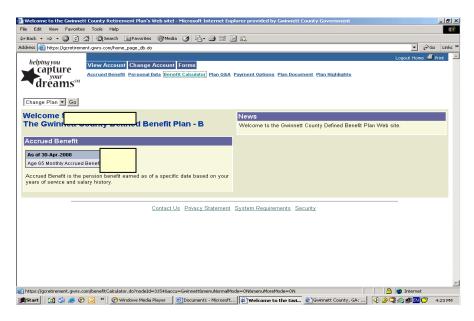
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4. On the top of the Welcome page, there are seven links to various pages of information. You can view your Pensionable Salary by clicking on "Personal Data". Click on "Benefit Calculator" link to be taken to the "Create Your Pension Estimate" scenario.

Please contact Human Resources/Pension at 770-822-7913 if you find errors in your service history or if the page displays the following message: "Plans Under Review".



- 5. Depending on your service history, you will have a choice of three or four date options to select.
  - a. Reduced Early Retirement
  - b. Unreduced Early Retirement
  - c. Normal Retirement
  - d. Select a specific date

You will have the C and D options if you are eligible for an Unreduced Early Retirement.

You may only select one date option at a time to prepare an estimate, but you can prepare as many estimates as you want.

If you select a specific date, you must also fill in "Select a specific date for your benefits to start". That date will be the first day of the month following your last day worked. For example, if your last day worked is December 25, 2009 then your benefits would start on January 1, 2010 if you are already eligible to retire.

If you know that you will be separating from the County prior to being eligible to retire, you can calculate your Pension Benefit using the following information. Remember, you must satisfy the age requirement for retirement in order to receive a benefit. This age requirement is:

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You reach age 65; or

Your age + years of service = 75 and you are at least 50 years old.

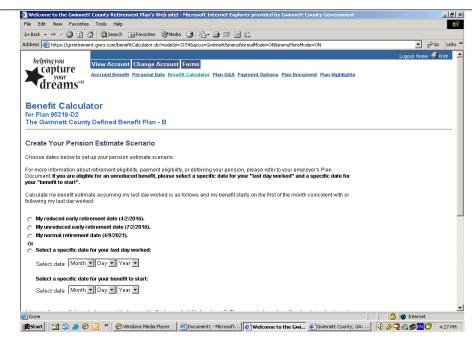
## **EXAMPLES**:

Years of Service at Termination Age at Termination	10 years 6 months 50 years 5 months	10.50 years <u>50.4167 years</u> 60.9167 total points
		75.0000 <u>- 60.9167</u> 14.0833 points needed <u>50.4167</u> age 64.5 retirement age
Years of Service at Termination Age at Termination	15 years 6 months 50 years 6 months	15.5000 years <u>50.5000 years</u> 66.0000 total points
		75.0000 <u>-66.0000</u> 9 points needed <u>50.50000</u> age  59.5 retirement age
Years of Service at Termination Age at Termination	5 years 9 months 30 years 3 months	5.75 years 30.25 years 36.00 total points
		75.00 <u>-36.00</u> 39.00 points needed

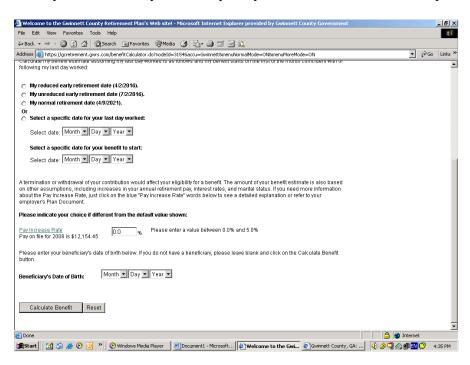
The individual will reach the age of 65 before obtaining 75 points, so the retirement age will be 65.

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- 6. Enter what your planned pay increases might be (from 0 5%).
- 7. Enter your beneficiary's birthday. If you do not have a beneficiary, leave blank.



- 8. If you are satisfied with the data entered, click on the "Calculate Benefit" button. If not, click the "Reset" button to clear the fields.
- 9. The Estimate Statement will be displayed on a new page. It will show your birth date, your date of separation from active County duty, and the date your retirement benefits

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will start. Your credited service time, final monthly average earnings and your monthly accrued benefit will also be shown.

10. Under the "Summary of Qualified Monthly Benefits", you will see all the various options available that you will choose from when you are eligible to start the benefit payments.

Below is an explanation of what those payment options are.

Single Life Annuity: Payable for the life of the pension participant; no monthly payments to any beneficiary upon pension participant's death

10 Year Certain: Payable for life of pension participant, guaranteed for at least 10 years. If pension participant dies before end of the 10 years, the remainder of the 10 years will be paid to the beneficiary

Joint & 50% Survivor Annuity: Payable for the life of the pension participant; upon pension participant's death, beneficiary will receive 50% of pension participant's monthly benefit for life

Joint & 66 2/3% Survivor Annuity: Payable for the life of the pension participant; upon pension participant's death, beneficiary will receive 66 2/3% of pension participant's monthly benefit for life

Joint & 75% Survivor Annuity: Payable for the life of the pension participant; upon pension participant's death, beneficiary will receive 75% of pension participant's monthly benefit for life

Joint & 100% Survivor Annuity: Payable for the life of the pension participant; upon pension participant's death, beneficiary will receive 100% of pension participant's monthly benefit for life

Pop-Up Annuities: If the beneficiary dies before the pension participant, the pension participant's monthly benefit will "pop-up" or increase to the amount of the Single Life Annuity for the remainder of the pension participant's life

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Appendix A: How to Setup a Username

- Logon to www.gcretirement.com.
- Click on "Don't Have a Username? Register here".
- You will be taken to a screen where you will be asked for your Social Security Number and PIN. If you don't know your PIN, see Appendix B.
- Complete the information requested.
- Write your information down in a secure place so that you will be able to access your account next time.

## Appendix B: How to Obtain or Reset Your P.I.N.

- Call KEYTALK at 1-800-701-8255.
- The automated telephone system will prompt you to enter your Social Security number, PIN and then "#".
- Since you are calling for your PIN, press 0#, 0# after you enter your SSN and the system will recognize that you need to speak to a representative.
- The Great West representative will ask a few questions to verify your identity.
- You will then be given a four digit **TEMPORARY PIN**. This PIN will expire in 24 hours, so you must be ready to go online and choose a permanent PIN.
- You, the account owner, are responsible for keeping your assigned PIN confidential.
   Contact Great-West Retirement Services immediately if you suspect any unauthorized use.
- You are now ready to go online at <u>www.gcretirement.com</u> and use your Benefit Calculator.

## Appendix C: Ordering a PIN from the Website

- Logon to www.gcretirement.com.
- Click on "Forgot Your PIN"?
- If you know your Username, you can follow the instructions in the left message and reset your PIN.
- If you do not know your Username, you will need to click the "Order PIN" option, and one will be mailed to the address on file.

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