Public Pension Funds Investing in Alternative Assets

Public pension funds have historically had high allocations to alternative assets and continue to allocate significant capital to the industry; for example, public pension funds currently account for 29% of aggregate capital currently invested in private equity. Despite public pensions funds’ active investing in alternatives, many remain under their target allocations across the different asset classes and are therefore likely to commit further capital in the future to reach their targets.

Here, we provide a breakdown of public pension funds’ average and median current and target allocations to the different asset classes that make up the alternative investment universe. Investment professionals at public pension funds can use the charts and data below to compare their own portfolios against peers at similar sized public pension funds.

**Fig. 1:** Number of Public Pension Funds Investing in Each Asset Class

**Fig. 2:** Breakdown of Public Pension Funds Investing in Alternative Assets by Assets under Management

**Fig. 3:** Public Pension Funds: Average Current and Target Allocations to Private Equity

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**Fig. 4:** Public Pension Funds: Average Current and Target Allocations to Hedge Funds

**Fig. 5:** Public Pension Funds: Average Current and Target Allocations to Real Estate

**Fig. 6:** Public Pension Funds: Average Current and Target Allocations to Infrastructure

**Fig. 7:** Public Pension Funds: Average Current and Target Allocations to Private Debt

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