

Form 5500

Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan

OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).

2024

Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration

Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.

Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation

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Part I Annual Report Identification Information

For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

- A This return/report is for: [ ] a multiemployer plan [ ] a multiple-employer plan... [X] a single-employer plan [ ] a DFE... B This return/report is: [ ] the first return/report [ ] the final return/report... C If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here... D Check box if filing under: [X] Form 5558 [ ] automatic extension... E If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here...

Part II Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information

1a Name of plan: PAYCHEX, INC. 401(K) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN
1b Three-digit plan number (PN): 001
1c Effective date of plan: 07/01/1984
2a Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan): PAYCHEX, INC.
2b Employer Identification Number (EIN): 16-1124166
2c Plan Sponsor's telephone number: 585-387-6200
2d Business code (see instructions): 541214

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Table with 4 columns: SIGN HERE, Signature of plan administrator, Date, Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator. Includes rows for employer/plan sponsor and DFE.

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<b>3a</b> Plan administrator's name and address <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Plan Sponsor  PAYCHEX, INC. 401K INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN COMMITTEE RON SHAW 911 PANORAMA TRAIL SOUTH ROCHESTER, NY 14625		<b>3b</b> Administrator's EIN 99-3902694
		<b>3c</b> Administrator's telephone number 585-387-6200
<b>4</b> If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: <b>a</b> Sponsor's name <b>c</b> Plan Name		<b>4b</b> EIN  <b>4d</b> PN
<b>5</b> Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	<b>5</b>	19991
<b>6</b> Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines <b>6a(1)</b> , <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , <b>6c</b> , and <b>6d</b> ).		
<b>6a(1)</b> Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year .....	<b>6a(1)</b>	15547
<b>6a(2)</b> Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year .....	<b>6a(2)</b>	15000
<b>b</b> Retired or separated participants receiving benefits.....	<b>6b</b>	56
<b>c</b> Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits .....	<b>6c</b>	4445
<b>d</b> Subtotal. Add lines <b>6a(2)</b> , <b>6b</b> , and <b>6c</b> .....	<b>6d</b>	19501
<b>e</b> Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. ....	<b>6e</b>	38
<b>f</b> Total. Add lines <b>6d</b> and <b>6e</b> .....	<b>6f</b>	19539
<b>g(1)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(1)</b>	16825
<b>g(2)</b> Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) .....	<b>6g(2)</b>	16259
<b>h</b> Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	<b>6h</b>	0
<b>7</b> Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item) .....	<b>7</b>	

**8a** If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:  
2E 2G 2J 2K 2O 2T

**b** If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

<b>9a</b> Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply)	<b>9b</b> Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply)
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insurance
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts
(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trust
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor	(4) <input type="checkbox"/> General assets of the sponsor

**10** Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

<b>a Pension Schedules</b>	<b>b General Schedules</b>
(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>R</b> (Retirement Plan Information)	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>H</b> (Financial Information)
(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MB</b> (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(2) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>I</b> (Financial Information – Small Plan)
(3) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>SB</b> (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary	(3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>A</b> (Insurance Information) – Number Attached <u>1</u>
(4) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DCG</b> (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____	(4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>C</b> (Service Provider Information)
(5) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>MEP</b> (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)	(5) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>D</b> (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
	(6) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>G</b> (Financial Transaction Schedules)

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**Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)**

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**11a** If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

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**11b** Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) .....  Yes  No

**11c** Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2024 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2024 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code \_\_\_\_\_

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SCHEDULE A</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b></p> <p style="font-size: small;">Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</p>	<p><b>Insurance Information</b></p> <p>This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).</p> <p>▶ <b>File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b></p> <p>▶ Insurance companies are required to provide the information pursuant to ERISA section 103(a)(2).</p>	<p>OMB No. 1210-0110</p> <hr/> <p style="font-size: large;"><b>2024</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b></p>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<p><b>A</b> Name of plan <span style="color: blue;">PAYCHEX, INC. 401(K) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN</span></p>	<p><b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶</p>	<p><span style="color: blue;">001</span></p>
<p><b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <span style="color: blue;">PAYCHEX , INC.</span></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <span style="color: blue;">16-1124166</span></p>	

**Part I Information Concerning Insurance Contract Coverage, Fees, and Commissions** Provide information for each contract on a separate Schedule A. Individual contracts grouped as a unit in Parts II and III can be reported on a single Schedule A.

**1 Coverage Information:**

(a) Name of insurance carrier  
GENWORTH LIFE AND ANNUITY INSURANCE COMPANY

(b) EIN	(c) NAIC code	(d) Contract or identification number	(e) Approximate number of persons covered at end of policy or contract year	Policy or contract year	
				(f) From	(g) To
54-0283385	65536	GV0000009	245	01/01/2024	12/31/2024

**2 Insurance fee and commission information.** Enter the total fees and total commissions paid. List in line 3 the agents, brokers, and other persons in descending order of the amount paid.

(a) Total amount of commissions paid	(b) Total amount of fees paid
0	0

**3 Persons receiving commissions and fees.** (Complete as many entries as needed to report all persons).

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
	(c) Amount	(d) Purpose	
0			

(a) Name and address of the agent, broker, or other person to whom commissions or fees were paid

(b) Amount of sales and base commissions paid	Fees and other commissions paid		(e) Organization code
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<b>Part II</b>	<b>Investment and Annuity Contract Information</b>	
	Where individual contracts are provided, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.	
<b>4</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in the general account at year end .....	0
<b>5</b>	Current value of plan's interest under this contract in separate accounts at year end.....	4489924
<b>6</b>	<b>Contracts With Allocated Funds:</b>	
<b>a</b>	State the basis of premium rates ▶	
<b>b</b>	Premiums paid to carrier .....	0
<b>c</b>	Premiums due but unpaid at the end of the year .....	0
<b>d</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, enter amount. .... Specify nature of costs ▶	0
<b>e</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> individual policies                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> group deferred annuity (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) ▶	
<b>f</b>	If contract purchased, in whole or in part, to distribute benefits from a terminating plan, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Contracts With Unallocated Funds (Do not include portions of these contracts maintained in separate accounts)</b>	
<b>a</b>	Type of contract: (1) <input type="checkbox"/> deposit administration                      (2) <input type="checkbox"/> immediate participation guarantee (3) <input type="checkbox"/> guaranteed investment                      (4) <input type="checkbox"/> other ▶	
<b>b</b>	Balance at the end of the previous year .....	0
<b>c</b>	Additions: (1) Contributions deposited during the year .....	0
	(2) Dividends and credits.....	0
	(3) Interest credited during the year.....	0
	(4) Transferred from separate account .....	0
	(5) Other (specify below)..... ▶	0
	(6) Total additions .....	0
<b>d</b>	Total of balance and additions (add lines <b>7b</b> and <b>7c(6)</b> ) .....	0
<b>e</b>	Deductions:	
	(1) Disbursed from fund to pay benefits or purchase annuities during year .....	0
	(2) Administration charge made by carrier.....	0
	(3) Transferred to separate account .....	0
	(4) Other (specify below)..... ▶	0
(5) Total deductions .....	0	
<b>f</b>	Balance at the end of the current year (subtract line <b>7e(5)</b> from line <b>7d</b> ).....	0

**Part III Welfare Benefit Contract Information**  
 If more than one contract covers the same group of employees of the same employer(s) or members of the same employee organizations(s), the information may be combined for reporting purposes if such contracts are experience-rated as a unit. Where contracts cover individual employees, the entire group of such individual contracts with each carrier may be treated as a unit for purposes of this report.

**8** Benefit and contract type (check all applicable boxes)

- a**  Health (other than dental or vision)
- b**  Dental
- c**  Vision
- d**  Life insurance
- e**  Temporary disability (accident and sickness)
- f**  Long-term disability
- g**  Supplemental unemployment
- h**  Prescription drug
- i**  Stop loss (large deductible)
- j**  HMO contract
- k**  PPO contract
- l**  Indemnity contract
- m**  Other (specify) ▶

**9** Experience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Premiums: (1) Amount received .....	<b>9a(1)</b>		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in amount due but unpaid .....	<b>9a(2)</b>		
	(3) Increase (decrease) in unearned premium reserve .....	<b>9a(3)</b>		
	(4) Earned ((1) + (2) - (3)) .....		<b>9a(4)</b>	0
<b>b</b>	Benefit charges (1) Claims paid .....	<b>9b(1)</b>		
	(2) Increase (decrease) in claim reserves .....	<b>9b(2)</b>		
	(3) Incurred claims (add (1) and (2)) .....		<b>9b(3)</b>	0
	(4) Claims charged .....		<b>9b(4)</b>	
<b>c</b>	Remainder of premium: (1) Retention charges (on an accrual basis) --			
	(A) Commissions .....	<b>9c(1)(A)</b>		
	(B) Administrative service or other fees .....	<b>9c(1)(B)</b>		
	(C) Other specific acquisition costs .....	<b>9c(1)(C)</b>		
	(D) Other expenses .....	<b>9c(1)(D)</b>		
	(E) Taxes .....	<b>9c(1)(E)</b>		
	(F) Charges for risks or other contingencies .....	<b>9c(1)(F)</b>		
	(G) Other retention charges .....	<b>9c(1)(G)</b>		
	(H) Total retention .....		<b>9c(1)(H)</b>	0
	(2) Dividends or retroactive rate refunds. (These amounts were <input type="checkbox"/> paid in cash, or <input type="checkbox"/> credited.) .....		<b>9c(2)</b>	
<b>d</b>	Status of policyholder reserves at end of year: (1) Amount held to provide benefits after retirement .....		<b>9d(1)</b>	
	(2) Claim reserves .....		<b>9d(2)</b>	
	(3) Other reserves .....		<b>9d(3)</b>	
<b>e</b>	Dividends or retroactive rate refunds due. (Do not include amount entered in line 9c(2).) .....		<b>9e</b>	

**10** Nonexperience-rated contracts:

<b>a</b>	Total premiums or subscription charges paid to carrier .....	<b>10a</b>	
<b>b</b>	If the carrier, service, or other organization incurred any specific costs in connection with the acquisition or retention of the contract or policy, other than reported in Part I, line 2 above, report amount. ....	<b>10b</b>	

Specify nature of costs.

**Part IV Provision of Information**

**11** Did the insurance company fail to provide any information necessary to complete Schedule A? .....  Yes  No

**12** If the answer to line 11 is "Yes," specify the information not provided. ▶

<b>SCHEDULE C</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Service Provider Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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**Part I Service Provider Information (see instructions)**

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

**1 Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation**

**a** Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....  Yes  No

**b** If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

**(b)** Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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**2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation.** Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27	ADVISOR	711952	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

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(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
37 60 64 65	RECORDKEEPER	-153087	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	0	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**Part I Service Provider Information (continued)**

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
CLEARCOURSE ANNUITY  54-0283385	0.20%	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
FIDELITY INVESTMENTS INSTITUTIONAL	60	0

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
GLENMEDE SMCAP EQ IS - STATE STREE  04-0025081	0.15%	

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation

(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	

**Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information**

**4** Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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<b>(a)</b> Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	<b>(b)</b> Nature of Service Code(s)	<b>(c)</b> Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide

**Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)**  
(complete as many entries as needed)

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

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<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>a</b> Name:	<b>b</b> EIN:
<b>c</b> Position:	
<b>d</b> Address:	<b>e</b> Telephone:

Explanation:

<b>SCHEDULE D</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service  Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration	<b>DFE/Participating Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <hr/> <b>2024</b>  <hr/> <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>PAYCHEX, INC. 401(K) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PAYCHEX, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>16-1124166</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs)</b> (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)
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<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GENWORTH LIFE AND ANNUITY GROUP VA</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GENWORTH LIFE AND ANNUITY INS. CO.</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>54-0283385-000</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>P</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>4489924</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>HARB CAP APPR CIT 4</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>HARBOR TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>84-4022934-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>0</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>TRP RET HYB 2020 T14</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>35-6785642-009</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>16494358</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>TRP RET HYB 2040 T14</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>35-6785642-013</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>114663032</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>TRP RET HYB 2055 T14</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>35-6785642-016</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>65381257</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>GG EUROPAC GROWTH CT</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY, LLC</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>35-6785642-001</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>65828093</u>
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: <u>COL DIV INC INST 300</u>		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): <u>AMERIPRISE TRUST COMPANY</u>		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN <u>87-1854339-090</u>	<b>d</b> Entity code <u>C</u>	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) <u>76937905</u>

<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP RET HYB 2015 T14		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6785642-008	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3900753
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP RET HYB 2035 T14		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6785642-012	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 102331809
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP RET HYB 2045 T14		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6785642-014	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 115552885
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP RET HYB 2060 T14		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6785642-018	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 33103328
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: JPM LG CP GRTH CF-A		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): JP MORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 45-4173185-001	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 249739696
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: MFS MID CAP VALUE CT		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): GREAT GRAY TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 38-4139822-616	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 87786552
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP RET HYB 2050 T14		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6785642-015	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 102263316
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP RET HYB 2065 T14		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6785642-019	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 8483915
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP RET HYB 2005 T14		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6785642-006	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 3521265
<b>a</b> Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP RET HYB 2030 T14		
<b>b</b> Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY		
<b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6785642-011	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 97543776

**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP RET HYB 2010 T14

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6785642-007	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 1161197
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: TRP RET HYB 2025 T14

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): T. ROWE PRICE TRUST COMPANY

<b>c</b> EIN-PN 35-6785642-010	<b>d</b> Entity code C	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 43684508
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

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**a** Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:

**b** Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):

<b>c</b> EIN-PN	<b>d</b> Entity code	<b>e</b> Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)
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<b>SCHEDULE H</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Financial Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>► File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	OMB No. 1210-0110  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning <b>01/01/2024</b> and ending <b>12/31/2024</b>	
<b>A</b> Name of plan <b>PAYCHEX, INC. 401(K) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN</b>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN) <b>001</b>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <b>PAYCHEX, INC.</b>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <b>16-1124166</b>

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Asset and Liability Statement</b>
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**1** Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
<b>a</b> Total noninterest-bearing cash .....	<b>1a</b>	0	0
<b>b</b> Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
<b>(1)</b> Employer contributions .....	<b>1b(1)</b>	0	0
<b>(2)</b> Participant contributions .....	<b>1b(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Other .....	<b>1b(3)</b>	265391	43086
<b>c</b> General investments:			
<b>(1)</b> Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit) .....	<b>1c(1)</b>	65798502	75521612
<b>(2)</b> U.S. Government securities .....	<b>1c(2)</b>	0	0
<b>(3)</b> Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(3)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> All other .....	<b>1c(3)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(4)</b> Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred .....	<b>1c(4)(A)</b>	0	0
<b>(B)</b> Common .....	<b>1c(4)(B)</b>	0	0
<b>(5)</b> Partnership/joint venture interests .....	<b>1c(5)</b>	0	0
<b>(6)</b> Real estate (other than employer real property) .....	<b>1c(6)</b>	0	0
<b>(7)</b> Loans (other than to participants) .....	<b>1c(7)</b>	0	0
<b>(8)</b> Participant loans .....	<b>1c(8)</b>	26162996	28565813
<b>(9)</b> Value of interest in common/collective trusts .....	<b>1c(9)</b>	197135261	1188377645
<b>(10)</b> Value of interest in pooled separate accounts .....	<b>1c(10)</b>	4253797	4489924
<b>(11)</b> Value of interest in master trust investment accounts .....	<b>1c(11)</b>	0	0
<b>(12)</b> Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities .....	<b>1c(12)</b>	0	0
<b>(13)</b> Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	<b>1c(13)</b>	1489217732	731101369
<b>(14)</b> Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts) .....	<b>1c(14)</b>	0	0
<b>(15)</b> Other .....	<b>1c(15)</b>	0	0

<b>1d</b> Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities.....	<b>1d(1)</b>	222554772	231015535
(2) Employer real property.....	<b>1d(2)</b>	0	0
<b>e</b> Buildings and other property used in plan operation.....	<b>1e</b>	0	0
<b>f</b> Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e).....	<b>1f</b>	2005388451	2259114984
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>g</b> Benefit claims payable.....	<b>1g</b>	54017	3040
<b>h</b> Operating payables.....	<b>1h</b>	0	0
<b>i</b> Acquisition indebtedness.....	<b>1i</b>	0	0
<b>j</b> Other liabilities.....	<b>1j</b>	2	0
<b>k</b> Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j).....	<b>1k</b>	54019	3040
<b>Net Assets</b>			
<b>l</b> Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f).....	<b>1l</b>	2005334432	2259111944

**Part II Income and Expense Statement**

**2** Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

<b>Income</b>		(a) Amount	(b) Total
<b>a Contributions:</b>			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: <b>(A)</b> Employers.....	<b>2a(1)(A)</b>	37258766	
<b>(B)</b> Participants.....	<b>2a(1)(B)</b>	101746778	
<b>(C)</b> Others (including rollovers).....	<b>2a(1)(C)</b>	13860061	
(2) Noncash contributions.....	<b>2a(2)</b>	0	152865605
(3) Total contributions. Add lines <b>2a(1)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , <b>(C)</b> , and line <b>2a(2)</b> .....	<b>2a(3)</b>		
<b>b Earnings on investments:</b>			
<b>(1) Interest:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit).....	<b>2b(1)(A)</b>	3628691	
<b>(B)</b> U.S. Government securities.....	<b>2b(1)(B)</b>	0	
<b>(C)</b> Corporate debt instruments.....	<b>2b(1)(C)</b>	0	
<b>(D)</b> Loans (other than to participants).....	<b>2b(1)(D)</b>	0	
<b>(E)</b> Participant loans.....	<b>2b(1)(E)</b>	2180108	
<b>(F)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(1)(F)</b>	0	
<b>(G)</b> Total interest. Add lines <b>2b(1)(A)</b> through <b>(F)</b> .....	<b>2b(1)(G)</b>		5808799
<b>(2) Dividends:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Preferred stock.....	<b>2b(2)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Common stock.....	<b>2b(2)(B)</b>	6680230	
<b>(C)</b> Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds).....	<b>2b(2)(C)</b>	15473850	
<b>(D)</b> Total dividends. Add lines <b>2b(2)(A)</b> , <b>(B)</b> , and <b>(C)</b> .....	<b>2b(2)(D)</b>		22154080
<b>(3)</b> Rents.....	<b>2b(3)</b>		0
<b>(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Aggregate proceeds.....	<b>2b(4)(A)</b>	28245405	
<b>(B)</b> Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions).....	<b>2b(4)(B)</b>	26318426	
<b>(C)</b> Subtract line <b>2b(4)(B)</b> from line <b>2b(4)(A)</b> and enter result.....	<b>2b(4)(C)</b>		1926979
<b>(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets:</b>			
<b>(A)</b> Real estate.....	<b>2b(5)(A)</b>	0	
<b>(B)</b> Other.....	<b>2b(5)(B)</b>	34539111	
<b>(C)</b> Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines <b>2b(5)(A)</b> and <b>(B)</b> .....	<b>2b(5)(C)</b>		

	(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts .....	2b(6)	160885771
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts .....	2b(7)	577204
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts .....	2b(8)	0
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities .....	2b(9)	0
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds) .....	2b(10)	94846121
<b>c</b> Other income .....	2c	0
<b>d</b> Total income. Add all <b>income</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2d	473603670

**Expenses**

<b>e</b> Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:		
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers .....	2e(1)	221308802
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits .....	2e(2)	0
(3) Other .....	2e(3)	0
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3) .....	2e(4)	221308802
<b>f</b> Corrective distributions (see instructions) .....	2f	5407
<b>g</b> Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions) .....	2g	30050
<b>h</b> Interest expense .....	2h	0
<b>i</b> Administrative expenses:		
(1) Salaries and allowances .....	2i(1)	0
(2) Contract administrator fees .....	2i(2)	3600
(3) Recordkeeping fees .....	2i(3)	-156687
(4) IQPA audit fees .....	2i(4)	0
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees .....	2i(5)	711952
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees .....	2i(6)	0
(7) Actuarial fees .....	2i(7)	0
(8) Legal fees .....	2i(8)	0
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees .....	2i(9)	0
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses .....	2i(10)	0
(11) Other expenses .....	2i(11)	0
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11) .....	2i(12)	558865
<b>j</b> Total expenses. Add all <b>expense</b> amounts in column (b) and enter total .....	2j	221903124

**Net Income and Reconciliation**

<b>k</b> Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d .....	2k	251700546
<b>l</b> Transfers of assets:		
(1) To this plan .....	2l(1)	2076966
(2) From this plan .....	2l(2)	0

**Part III Accountant's Opinion**

**3** Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

**a** The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1)  Unmodified (2)  Qualified (3)  Disclaimer (4)  Adverse

**b** Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1)  DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2)  DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3)  neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

**c** Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **INSERO & CO. CPAS, LLP**

(2) EIN: **47-5324570**

**d** The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1)  This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2)  It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

**Part IV Compliance Questions**

**4** CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)		X	
<b>b</b> Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>c</b> Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>d</b> Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)		X	
<b>e</b> Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	X		25000000
<b>f</b> Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?		X	
<b>g</b> Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>h</b> Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?		X	
<b>i</b> Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	X		
<b>j</b> Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)		X	
<b>k</b> Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?		X	
<b>l</b> Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	X		921
<b>m</b> If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)		X	
<b>n</b> If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.		X	

**5a** Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year?  Yes  No  
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year \_\_\_\_\_.

**5b** If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

<b>5b(1)</b> Name of plan(s)	<b>5b(2)</b> EIN(s)	<b>5b(3)</b> PN(s)

**5c** Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) .....  Yes  No  Not determined  
 If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year \_\_\_\_\_.

<b>SCHEDULE R</b> <b>(Form 5500)</b>  <small>Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service</small>  <small>Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration</small>  <small>Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation</small>	<b>Retirement Plan Information</b>  This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code).  <b>▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.</b>	<small>OMB No. 1210-0110</small>  <b>2024</b>  <b>This Form is Open to Public Inspection.</b>
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For calendar plan year 2024 or fiscal plan year beginning 01/01/2024 and ending 12/31/2024

<b>A</b> Name of plan <u>PAYCHEX, INC. 401(K) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN</u>	<b>B</b> Three-digit plan number (PN)	<u>001</u>
<b>C</b> Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 <u>PAYCHEX, INC.</u>	<b>D</b> Employer Identification Number (EIN) <u>16-1124166</u>	

<b>Part I</b>	<b>Distributions</b>
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**All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.**

<b>1</b> Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....	1	
<b>2</b> Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): <u>04-6568107</u>		
<b>Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.</b>		
<b>3</b> Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year .....	3	

<b>Part II</b>	<b>Funding Information</b> (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)
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<b>4</b> Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.</b>			
<b>5</b> If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. <b>Date:</b> Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ <b>If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.</b>			
<b>6 a</b> Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived) .....	6a		
<b>b</b> Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year .....	6b		
<b>c</b> Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount).....	6c		
<b>If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.</b>			
<b>7</b> Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline?.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>8</b> If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

<b>Part III</b>	<b>Amendments</b>
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<b>9</b> If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box.....	<input type="checkbox"/> Increase	<input type="checkbox"/> Decrease	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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<b>Part IV</b>	<b>ESOPs</b> (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.
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<b>10</b> Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>11 a</b> Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>b</b> If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>12</b> Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? .....	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**13** Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**a** Name of contributing employer \_\_\_\_\_

**b** EIN \_\_\_\_\_ **c** Dollar amount contributed by employer \_\_\_\_\_

**d** Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

**e** Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box  and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Base unit measure:  Hourly  Weekly  Unit of production  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**14** Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for:

<b>a</b> The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: <input type="checkbox"/> last contributing employer <input type="checkbox"/> alternative <input type="checkbox"/> reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14a</b>	
<b>b</b> The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14b</b>	
<b>c</b> The second preceding plan year. <input type="checkbox"/> Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment).....	<b>14c</b>	

**15** Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:

<b>a</b> The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year .....	<b>15a</b>	
<b>b</b> The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year .....	<b>15b</b>	

**16** Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:

<b>a</b> Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year .....	<b>16a</b>	
<b>b</b> If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers.....	<b>16b</b>	

**17** If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment .....

**Part VI Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**18** If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment .....

**19** If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b):

**a** Enter the percentage of plan assets held as:  
 Public Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Private Equity: \_\_\_\_\_% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: \_\_\_\_\_%  
 High-Yield Debt: \_\_\_\_\_% Real Assets: \_\_\_\_\_% Cash or Cash Equivalents: \_\_\_\_\_% Other: \_\_\_\_\_%

**b** Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets:  
 0-5 years  5-10 years  10-15 years  15 years or more

**20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements.** If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20.

**a** Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero?  Yes  No

**b** If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box:  
 Yes.  
 No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date.  
 No. Other. Provide explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part VII IRS Compliance Questions**

**21a** Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules?  Yes  No

**21b** If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2).  
 Design-based safe harbor method  
 "Prior year" ADP test  
 "Current year" ADP test  
 N/A

**22** If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number \_\_\_\_\_.

**PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE  
RETIREMENT PLAN**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**December 31, 2024**

***PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE  
RETIREMENT PLAN***

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Paychex, Inc. 401(k) Incentive Retirement Plan Committee and Participants of the Paychex, Inc. 401(k) Incentive Retirement Plan

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Paychex, Inc. 401(k) Incentive Retirement Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

**Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's (DOL's) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Respectfully submitted,



Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP  
Certified Public Accountants

Rochester, New York  
June 6, 2025

**PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
In Thousands

As of December 31,	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 6,996	\$ 4,386
Investments:		
Common stock		
Paychex ESOP Stock Fund	231,016	222,555
Annuity funds		
ClearCourse Group Variable Annuity	4,490	4,254
Mutual funds		
Fidelity 500 Index Fund	342,832	226,561
Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund	85,704	-
Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	68,565	61,624
Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	67,144	-
Fidelity Small Cap Growth K6 Fund	18,688	-
Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	49,512	-
Fidelity Total Bond K6 Fund	32,666	-
Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	73,026	106,310
Glenmede Small-Cap Equity Portfolio Fund	44,695	44,510
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Class IS	16,835	-
American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	-	64,294
Fidelity Freedom Income Fund — Class K	-	2,726
Fidelity International Index Fund	-	79,284
Fidelity Total Market Index Fund	-	58,769
Fidelity Balanced Fund — Class K	-	78,848
Fidelity Freedom 2005 - 2065 Funds — Class K	-	537,595
Invesco Growth and Income Fund	-	72,853
MFS Midcap Value Fund	-	60,288
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund	-	21,748
Vanguard S&P Mid-Cap 400 Index Fund	-	84,323
Vanguard S&P Small-Cap 600 Index Fund	-	51,109
Total mutual funds	799,667	1,550,842
Collective investment trusts		
Columbia Trust Dividend Income Fund Institutional 300	76,938	-
Great Gray Trust EuroPacific Growth Trust Fund Class CT	65,828	-
JPM CB Large Cap Growth Fund CF-A Class	249,740	-
MFS Mid Cap Value Fund CT	87,787	-
T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid Target Date Funds 2005 - 2065	708,085	-
Harbor Capital Appreciation CIT Class 4 Fund	-	197,135
Total collective investment trusts	1,188,378	197,135
Total investments	2,223,551	1,974,786
Notes receivable from participants	28,973	26,522
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>\$ 2,259,520</b>	<b>\$ 2,005,694</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
 In Thousands

Year ended December 31,	2024	2023
<b>Contributions:</b>		
Participant	\$ 101,747	\$ 104,108
Participant rollovers	13,860	13,853
Employer, net of forfeitures	37,259	38,188
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>152,866</b>	<b>156,149</b>
<b>Investment income:</b>		
Dividends and interest income	24,732	50,517
Net realized and unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments	293,267	259,180
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>317,999</b>	<b>309,697</b>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	2,204	1,470
Benefits paid to participants	(221,328)	(152,092)
<b>Change in net assets available for benefits, before transfers</b>	<b>251,741</b>	<b>315,224</b>
Transfers from other qualified plans	2,085	—
<b>Change in net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>253,826</b>	<b>315,224</b>
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	2,005,694	1,690,470
<b>Net assets available for benefits at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 2,259,520</b>	<b>\$ 2,005,694</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**NOTE A. PLAN DESCRIPTION**

The following brief description of the Paychex, Inc. (the “Company” or “Paychex”) 401(k) Incentive Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. More complete information regarding the Plan’s provisions may be found in the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description.

**General:** The Plan is a defined contribution plan qualified under Sections 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”), which includes provisions under Section 401(k) allowing an eligible participant to direct the employer to contribute a portion of the participant’s compensation to the Plan on a pre-tax and/or after-tax basis through payroll deductions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). The Plan was established on July 1, 1984 and has been restated or amended several times, the latest being in December 2024, to make certain changes and enhancements to the Plan.

The Plan operates in part as an employee stock ownership plan (“ESOP”), which is designed to comply with Section 4975(e) and the regulations under the Code. It is not currently intended that the Plan be a leveraged ESOP, although the Plan permits the ESOP to borrow money to purchase ESOP stock if the employer should so elect at some future date. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, all shares of ESOP stock are allocated to participant accounts. Under this ESOP feature, participants are able to receive dividends on their shares of Paychex common stock in the form of cash or have them reinvested into the Paychex ESOP Stock Fund (“ESOP Fund”).

**Plan Administration:** The Plan is administered by the Paychex, Inc. 401(k) Incentive Retirement Plan Committee (the “Plan Committee”), which is appointed by the Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer and approved by the Board of Directors of Paychex. The Plan’s trustee and record keeper is Fidelity Management Trust Company (“Fidelity”), who is also the trustee for the ESOP Fund. Fidelity was responsible for the custody and management of the Plan’s assets for the periods noted.

**Plan Amendments:** The Plan was amended three times in 2024 to accommodate the transfer of certain assets and liabilities of an immaterial business acquisition, to incorporate other administrative changes, and to restate and amend the Plan. The Plan was not amended in 2023.

**Plan Acquisitions:** In July 2023, the Company acquired Alterna Capital Solutions LLC (“Alterna”). On January 1, 2024, participants of the Alterna 401(k) Plan (“Alterna Plan”) became participants in the Plan and in March 2024, Alterna Plan assets were transferred to the Plan. Service time recognized under the Alterna Plan is recognized for employer match eligibility and vesting purposes under the Plan. The increase in net assets available for benefits resulting from participant reinvestments and loan transfers into the Plan were approximately \$2,085,000.

**Eligible Employees:** All new employees of the Company and its participating subsidiaries are eligible to participate in the salary deferral portion of the Plan immediately. Employees must be employed for one year in which a minimum of 1,000 hours have been worked to be eligible to receive a Company matching contribution, when such matching contribution is in effect.

**Contributions:** Employees may contribute, on a pre-tax basis and/or on an after-tax basis, from 1% up to 50% of their compensation through payroll deductions in increments of 1%, subject to the limitations established by the Code. For the Roth 401(k), employees may only contribute on an after-tax basis, subject to these same limitations. The maximum allowable annual employee contribution to the Plan was \$23,000 and \$22,500 for the calendar years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Plan Committee may establish for any Plan year a contribution percentage limit for highly compensated employees that is less than 50%. Employees may also contribute amounts representing rollover distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans or individual retirement accounts.

The Company provides a matching contribution in the amount of 100% of the first 3% and 50% on the next 2% of eligible pay that an employee contributes to the Plan for a total matching contribution of 4%. The Company may also elect to make an additional discretionary contribution to the Plan but has not done so for 2024 and 2023.

Additionally, participants who are age 50 or older by the end of the calendar year are allowed to make an additional “catch-up” contribution on a pre-tax basis and/or on an after-tax basis. For the Roth 401(k), participants’ “catch-up” contributions can only be made on an after-tax basis. This contribution was limited to \$7,500 for the calendar years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The “catch-up” contributions are included in the match calculation, when such matching contribution is in effect, if the employee’s regular contribution is less than the allowable percentage of eligible pay.

**Vesting:** Participants are fully vested as to their elective contributions, rollover contributions, and company matching contributions, as well as any earnings or losses on those amounts. Within the ESOP Fund, dividends received are fully vested, regardless of years of service.

**Participant Accounts:** The trustee maintains an account for each participant, including participant-directed allocations to each investment fund. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of any employer contribution and Plan earnings, less loans and withdrawals. The investments under the Plan are 100% participant-directed. Plan participants can fully diversify their portfolios by choosing from any or all investment fund choices in the Plan. Transfers in and out of investment funds, including the ESOP Fund, are not restricted, with the exception of certain restricted trading periods for individuals designated as insiders as specified in the Paychex Insider Trading Policy. The Company matching contributions follow the same fund elections as the employee compensation deferrals.

**Investment Options:** As of December 31, 2024, participants may direct contributions in the following investment options:

Paychex ESOP Stock Fund  
ClearCourse Group Variable Annuity  
Columbia Trust Dividend Income Fund Institutional 300  
Fidelity 500 Index Fund  
Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund  
Fidelity Government Money Market Fund  
Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund  
Fidelity Small Cap Growth K6 Fund  
Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund  
Fidelity Total Bond K6 Fund  
Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund  
Glenmede Small-Cap Equity Portfolio Fund  
Great Gray Trust EuroPacific Growth Trust Fund Class CT  
JPM CB Large Cap Growth Fund CF-A Class  
MFS Mid Cap Value Fund CT  
T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid Target Date Funds 2005 - 2065  
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Class IS

Participants may choose to change their investment option choices and how their contributions are allocated to each fund chosen at any time. The Plan Committee regularly reviews performance, fees, and other key indicators of all investment options and may enter or exit funds at its discretion with the exception of the ESOP Fund.

ClearCourse Group Variable Annuity ("ClearCourse") is an investment option that provides both guaranteed income at retirement with additional market growth opportunity based on the market performance of its underlying portfolio and it has no redemption restrictions. ClearCourse was frozen to new contributions and transfers into the fund in 2012.

**Forfeited Accounts:** Forfeited non-vested assets are used to reduce future employer contributions, when available. There were no forfeitures used to reduce employer contributions in 2024 and \$1,000 in forfeitures used to reduce employer contributions in 2023. Forfeited balances not yet applied to reduce employer contributions were approximately \$19,000 as of December 31, 2024 and were not material to the financial statements as of December 31, 2023.

**Participant Loans:** The Plan allows participants to borrow from a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance in the previous twelve months. Only one loan may be outstanding at any time. The rate of interest is the United States ("U.S.") prime lending rate plus 1% at the time the loan is disbursed. Payroll deductions are required to repay the principal and interest on the loan generally within four and one-half years, except for loans used for the purchase of a principal residence, which are required to be repaid generally within nine and one-half years. Participant loans are subject to a one-time, non-refundable loan origination fee of \$75, which is deducted from the participant's account.

**Withdrawals:** Withdrawals for financial hardship are permitted provided they are for a significant and immediate financial need, meet the applicable hardship criteria as outlined in the Code, and the distribution is necessary to satisfy that need. Before requesting a hardship withdrawal, participants must exhaust all other eligible withdrawal options available in the Plan. One hardship withdrawal may be taken each calendar year. For actively employed Plan participants, the Plan also allows for: partial withdrawals of vested balances at age 59<sup>1/2</sup>; withdrawals of rollover contributions made prior to April 15, 2002; and withdrawals of dividends on the participant's shares of Paychex common stock in the ESOP Fund in the form of cash, if desired.

**Payment of Benefits:** Upon separation from employment, at retirement, or reaching the age of 59<sup>1/2</sup>, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account, or annual installments over a fixed period of time.

Participants in ClearCourse may elect to receive their vested interest as follows: full lifetime retirement income guarantee at the age of 65 or older; reduced lifetime retirement income guarantee between the ages of 55 and 64; and forfeiture of the lifetime retirement income guarantee prior to age 55.

**Voting and Tender Offer Rights on ESOP Stock:** Each participant in the ESOP Fund is entitled to exercise voting rights on shares held in their account and also direct the ESOP trustee to tender their shares of ESOP Stock if an offer is made to purchase such shares. If the participant does not vote or indicate their preference with respect to a tender offer, the trustee will vote the participant's shares and unallocated shares in the same proportion as the shares for which the trustee has received instructions.

**Plan Termination:** Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to permanently discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in their account balances.

## **NOTE B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting:** The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

**Use of Estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan Committee to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes during the reporting period. Actual amounts and results could differ from these estimates.

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition:** Investments are reported at fair value or net asset value ("NAV"). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value and is based on the underlying value of net assets owned by the applicable investment fund. See Note C, Fair Value Measurements, for further discussion.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Net realized gains or losses upon the sale of investments are based on their average cost. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

**Contributions:** Contributions from the Company are accrued in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Participant contributions are recorded in the period the Company makes corresponding payroll deductions.

**Notes Receivable from Participants:** The principal amount of loans plus any unpaid accrued interest is reported as notes receivable from participants on the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits. Loans to participants have various maturity dates between January 2025 and December 2034 and interest rates range from 4.25% to 9.5%. Interest earned is recorded on an accrual basis as interest income on notes receivable from participants in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

**Payment of Benefits:** Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Administrative Expenses:** Costs related to administering the Plan may be paid by the Company or the Plan. The Company incurred approximately \$317,000 and \$232,000 in 2024 and 2023, respectively, in administrative expenses.

**Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements:** There were no recently adopted accounting pronouncements during 2024.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements:** Recent accounting pronouncements issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") (including technical corrections to the FASB's Accounting Standards Codification), and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants did not, or are not, expected to have a material effect on the Plan's net assets available for benefits or changes in net assets available for benefits.

**Subsequent Events:** On April 14, 2025, Paychex completed its acquisition of Paycor HCM, Inc. ("Paycor"). Paycor sponsors a 401(k) plan for the benefit of its employees (the "Paycor Plan"). The Plan is currently evaluating the steps necessary to allow Paycor Plan participants to join the Plan and subsequently transfer Paycor Plan assets to the Plan. These actions will likely take place in the first half of 2026. The final number of Paycor Plan participants and Paycor Plan assets that will transfer to the Plan are not known at this time. The Plan has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and/or disclosure through June 6, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. No additional subsequent events have occurred requiring adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

### NOTE C. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The accounting standards related to fair value measurements include a hierarchy for information and valuations used in measuring fair value that is broken down into three levels based on reliability, as follows:

- Level 1 valuations are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 valuations are based on quoted prices for similar, but not identical, instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; or other significant observable inputs besides quoted prices.
- Level 3 valuations are based on information that is unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The carrying value of cash approximates its fair value due to the short maturity of this financial instrument. Notes receivable from participants are valued at the principal amount plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value. Mutual funds and Paychex common stock, which is the sole investment in the ESOP Fund, are stated at their approximate fair value based on quoted market prices in active markets.

Collective investment trusts ("CITs") are valued at either fair value, if the trust's NAV is published on a public stock market, or the trust's unpublished NAV, which approximates fair value. There are no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments in the CITs offered under the Plan. The Annuity Fund, ClearCourse, is valued by Genworth Life and Annuity Insurance Company using the quoted market price of the underlying investments less applicable ClearCourse asset charges. The underlying investments are in the Janus Henderson Balanced T Share Class Fund.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The Plan's financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows:

In Thousands	December 31, 2024			
	Carrying value (Fair value)	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Mutual funds	\$ 799,667	\$ 799,667	\$ —	\$ —
Paychex common stock	231,016	231,016	—	—
CITs measured at fair value	153,615	153,615	—	—
Annuity fund	4,490	—	4,490	—
CITs measured at NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	1,034,763			
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 2,223,551</u>			

In Thousands	December 31, 2023			
	Carrying value (Fair value)	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Mutual funds	\$ 1,550,842	\$ 1,550,842	\$ —	\$ —
Paychex common stock	222,555	222,555	—	—
CITs measured at fair value	—	—	—	—
Annuity fund	4,254	—	4,254	—
CIT measured at NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	197,135			
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 1,974,786</u>			

<sup>(1)</sup> In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification subtopic 820-10, investments in CITs that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts of the CITs presented in the fair value tables are intended to permit reconciliation to balances presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

#### NOTE D. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides certain investments that are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, and market volatility risk. The Plan attempts to limit these risks by authorizing and offering participants a broad range of investment options that are invested in high quality securities or are offered and administered by reputable and known investment and insurance companies. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in values of investment securities will occur in the near term, and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

The Plan's exposure to a concentration of risk is limited by the diversification of investments across 29 participant-directed fund elections. Additionally, the investments within each participant-directed fund election are further diversified into varied financial instruments, with the exception of the ESOP Fund, which invests in a single security and cash.

#### NOTE E. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Plan's holdings of Paychex common stock qualify as party-in-interest transactions. As of December 31, 2024, the Plan held 1,647,522 shares of Paychex common stock at a fair market value of \$231,015,535. As of December 31, 2023, the Plan held 1,868,481 shares of Paychex common stock at a fair market value of \$222,554,772.

Certain Plan investments are managed by Fidelity. Fidelity serves as trustee, recordkeeper, and custodian of the Plan and, therefore, transactions involving these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan allows participants to borrow from their vested account balance and notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Costs related to administering the Plan are generally paid by the Company. Refer to Note B, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, for additional information.

#### NOTE F. TAX STATUS

The Plan received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") dated December 1, 2017, stating that the Plan, and amendments through January 16, 2017, is qualified under Section 401(a) and Section 4975(e) of the Code and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The Plan Committee believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan Committee to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS.

The Plan Committee has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. Therefore, the Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**NOTE G. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO IRS FORM 5500**

The following is a reconciliation between the net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements to the net assets available for benefits as reported in IRS Form 5500 as of:

<b>In Thousands</b>	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Net assets available for benefits – financial statements	\$ 2,259,520	\$ 2,005,694
Less: deemed distributions – defaulted loans	408	359
Net assets available for benefits – IRS Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,259,112</u>	<u>\$ 2,005,335</u>

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**  
**(SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – FORM 5500)**  
**PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**EIN-16-1124166**  
**PLAN 001**  
**December 31, 2024**  
(Dollars, Units, and Shares in Thousands)

Identity of Party Involved	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Units/ Shares	Current Value
Fidelity*	Cash	-	\$ 6,996
Fidelity*	Paychex, Inc. Common Stock	1,648	231,016
Fidelity*	ClearCourse Group Variable Annuity	154	4,490
Fidelity*	Columbia Trust Dividend Income Fund Institutional 300	6,034	76,938
Fidelity*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	1,679	342,832
Fidelity*	Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund	5,943	85,704
Fidelity*	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	68,565	68,565
Fidelity*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	1,988	67,144
Fidelity*	Fidelity Small Cap Growth K6 Fund	1,049	18,688
Fidelity*	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	1,789	49,512
Fidelity*	Fidelity Total Bond K6 Fund	3,755	32,666
Fidelity*	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	7,145	73,026
Fidelity*	Glenmede Small-Cap Equity Portfolio Fund	1,264	44,695
Fidelity*	Great Gray Trust EuroPacific Growth Trust Fund Class CT	5,423	65,828
Fidelity*	JPM CB Large Cap Growth Fund CF-A Class	2,246	249,740
Fidelity*	MFS Mid Cap Value Fund CT	4,060	87,787
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2005 Trust Class T14	137	3,521
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2010 Trust Class T14	43	1,161
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2015 Trust Class T14	136	3,901
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2020 Trust Class T14	539	16,494
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2025 Trust Class T14	1,332	43,685
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2030 Trust Class T14	2,770	97,544
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2035 Trust Class T14	2,718	102,332
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2040 Trust Class T14	2,865	114,663
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2045 Trust Class T14	2,799	115,553
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2050 Trust Class T14	2,462	102,263
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2055 Trust Class T14	1,579	65,381
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2060 Trust Class T14	1,275	33,103
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2065 Trust Class T14	518	8,484
Fidelity*	Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Class IS	1,662	16,835
Participants *	Participant loans **	-	28,973
			<u>\$ 2,259,520</u>

\* Represents party-in-interest

\*\* Loans to participants have various maturity dates between January 2025 and December 2034 (interest at 4.25% to 9.5%)

**PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE  
RETIREMENT PLAN**

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**December 31, 2024**

***PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Paychex, Inc. 401(k) Incentive Retirement Plan Committee and Participants of the Paychex, Inc. 401(k) Incentive Retirement Plan

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Paychex, Inc. 401(k) Incentive Retirement Plan (the Plan), an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), which comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related statements of changes in net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the net assets available for benefits of the Plan as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the changes in its net assets available for benefits for the years then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Plan and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued or available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the Plan, and determining that the Plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the Plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if, there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Plan's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Plan's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

**Supplemental Schedule Required by ERISA**

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of December 31, 2024 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's (DOL's) Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS.

In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedule, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedule, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion, the information in the accompanying schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole, and the form and content are presented in conformity with the DOL's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

Respectfully submitted,



Insero & Co. CPAs, LLP  
Certified Public Accountants

Rochester, New York  
June 6, 2025

**PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
In Thousands

As of December 31,	2024	2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 6,996	\$ 4,386
Investments:		
Common stock		
Paychex ESOP Stock Fund	231,016	222,555
Annuity funds		
ClearCourse Group Variable Annuity	4,490	4,254
Mutual funds		
Fidelity 500 Index Fund	342,832	226,561
Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund	85,704	-
Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	68,565	61,624
Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	67,144	-
Fidelity Small Cap Growth K6 Fund	18,688	-
Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	49,512	-
Fidelity Total Bond K6 Fund	32,666	-
Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	73,026	106,310
Glenmede Small-Cap Equity Portfolio Fund	44,695	44,510
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Class IS	16,835	-
American Funds EuroPacific Growth Fund	-	64,294
Fidelity Freedom Income Fund — Class K	-	2,726
Fidelity International Index Fund	-	79,284
Fidelity Total Market Index Fund	-	58,769
Fidelity Balanced Fund — Class K	-	78,848
Fidelity Freedom 2005 - 2065 Funds — Class K	-	537,595
Invesco Growth and Income Fund	-	72,853
MFS Midcap Value Fund	-	60,288
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund	-	21,748
Vanguard S&P Mid-Cap 400 Index Fund	-	84,323
Vanguard S&P Small-Cap 600 Index Fund	-	51,109
Total mutual funds	799,667	1,550,842
Collective investment trusts		
Columbia Trust Dividend Income Fund Institutional 300	76,938	-
Great Gray Trust EuroPacific Growth Trust Fund Class CT	65,828	-
JPM CB Large Cap Growth Fund CF-A Class	249,740	-
MFS Mid Cap Value Fund CT	87,787	-
T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid Target Date Funds 2005 - 2065	708,085	-
Harbor Capital Appreciation CIT Class 4 Fund	-	197,135
Total collective investment trusts	1,188,378	197,135
Total investments	2,223,551	1,974,786
Notes receivable from participants	28,973	26,522
<b>Net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>\$ 2,259,520</b>	<b>\$ 2,005,694</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AVAILABLE FOR BENEFITS**  
In Thousands

Year ended December 31,	2024	2023
<b>Contributions:</b>		
Participant	\$ 101,747	\$ 104,108
Participant rollovers	13,860	13,853
Employer, net of forfeitures	37,259	38,188
<b>Total contributions</b>	<b>152,866</b>	<b>156,149</b>
<b>Investment income:</b>		
Dividends and interest income	24,732	50,517
Net realized and unrealized appreciation in fair value of investments	293,267	259,180
<b>Total investment income</b>	<b>317,999</b>	<b>309,697</b>
Interest income on notes receivable from participants	2,204	1,470
Benefits paid to participants	(221,328)	(152,092)
<b>Change in net assets available for benefits, before transfers</b>	<b>251,741</b>	<b>315,224</b>
Transfers from other qualified plans	2,085	—
<b>Change in net assets available for benefits</b>	<b>253,826</b>	<b>315,224</b>
Net assets available for benefits at beginning of year	2,005,694	1,690,470
<b>Net assets available for benefits at end of year</b>	<b>\$ 2,259,520</b>	<b>\$ 2,005,694</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

**NOTE A. PLAN DESCRIPTION**

The following brief description of the Paychex, Inc. (the “Company” or “Paychex”) 401(k) Incentive Retirement Plan (the “Plan”) is provided for general information purposes only. More complete information regarding the Plan’s provisions may be found in the Plan Document and Summary Plan Description.

**General:** The Plan is a defined contribution plan qualified under Sections 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”), which includes provisions under Section 401(k) allowing an eligible participant to direct the employer to contribute a portion of the participant’s compensation to the Plan on a pre-tax and/or after-tax basis through payroll deductions. The Plan is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). The Plan was established on July 1, 1984 and has been restated or amended several times, the latest being in December 2024, to make certain changes and enhancements to the Plan.

The Plan operates in part as an employee stock ownership plan (“ESOP”), which is designed to comply with Section 4975(e) and the regulations under the Code. It is not currently intended that the Plan be a leveraged ESOP, although the Plan permits the ESOP to borrow money to purchase ESOP stock if the employer should so elect at some future date. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, all shares of ESOP stock are allocated to participant accounts. Under this ESOP feature, participants are able to receive dividends on their shares of Paychex common stock in the form of cash or have them reinvested into the Paychex ESOP Stock Fund (“ESOP Fund”).

**Plan Administration:** The Plan is administered by the Paychex, Inc. 401(k) Incentive Retirement Plan Committee (the “Plan Committee”), which is appointed by the Vice President, Chief Human Resources Officer and approved by the Board of Directors of Paychex. The Plan’s trustee and record keeper is Fidelity Management Trust Company (“Fidelity”), who is also the trustee for the ESOP Fund. Fidelity was responsible for the custody and management of the Plan’s assets for the periods noted.

**Plan Amendments:** The Plan was amended three times in 2024 to accommodate the transfer of certain assets and liabilities of an immaterial business acquisition, to incorporate other administrative changes, and to restate and amend the Plan. The Plan was not amended in 2023.

**Plan Acquisitions:** In July 2023, the Company acquired Alterna Capital Solutions LLC (“Alterna”). On January 1, 2024, participants of the Alterna 401(k) Plan (“Alterna Plan”) became participants in the Plan and in March 2024, Alterna Plan assets were transferred to the Plan. Service time recognized under the Alterna Plan is recognized for employer match eligibility and vesting purposes under the Plan. The increase in net assets available for benefits resulting from participant reinvestments and loan transfers into the Plan were approximately \$2,085,000.

**Eligible Employees:** All new employees of the Company and its participating subsidiaries are eligible to participate in the salary deferral portion of the Plan immediately. Employees must be employed for one year in which a minimum of 1,000 hours have been worked to be eligible to receive a Company matching contribution, when such matching contribution is in effect.

**Contributions:** Employees may contribute, on a pre-tax basis and/or on an after-tax basis, from 1% up to 50% of their compensation through payroll deductions in increments of 1%, subject to the limitations established by the Code. For the Roth 401(k), employees may only contribute on an after-tax basis, subject to these same limitations. The maximum allowable annual employee contribution to the Plan was \$23,000 and \$22,500 for the calendar years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Plan Committee may establish for any Plan year a contribution percentage limit for highly compensated employees that is less than 50%. Employees may also contribute amounts representing rollover distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans or individual retirement accounts.

The Company provides a matching contribution in the amount of 100% of the first 3% and 50% on the next 2% of eligible pay that an employee contributes to the Plan for a total matching contribution of 4%. The Company may also elect to make an additional discretionary contribution to the Plan but has not done so for 2024 and 2023.

Additionally, participants who are age 50 or older by the end of the calendar year are allowed to make an additional “catch-up” contribution on a pre-tax basis and/or on an after-tax basis. For the Roth 401(k), participants’ “catch-up” contributions can only be made on an after-tax basis. This contribution was limited to \$7,500 for the calendar years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The “catch-up” contributions are included in the match calculation, when such matching contribution is in effect, if the employee’s regular contribution is less than the allowable percentage of eligible pay.

**Vesting:** Participants are fully vested as to their elective contributions, rollover contributions, and company matching contributions, as well as any earnings or losses on those amounts. Within the ESOP Fund, dividends received are fully vested, regardless of years of service.

**Participant Accounts:** The trustee maintains an account for each participant, including participant-directed allocations to each investment fund. Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contribution and allocations of any employer contribution and Plan earnings, less loans and withdrawals. The investments under the Plan are 100% participant-directed. Plan participants can fully diversify their portfolios by choosing from any or all investment fund choices in the Plan. Transfers in and out of investment funds, including the ESOP Fund, are not restricted, with the exception of certain restricted trading periods for individuals designated as insiders as specified in the Paychex Insider Trading Policy. The Company matching contributions follow the same fund elections as the employee compensation deferrals.

**Investment Options:** As of December 31, 2024, participants may direct contributions in the following investment options:

Paychex ESOP Stock Fund  
ClearCourse Group Variable Annuity  
Columbia Trust Dividend Income Fund Institutional 300  
Fidelity 500 Index Fund  
Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund  
Fidelity Government Money Market Fund  
Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund  
Fidelity Small Cap Growth K6 Fund  
Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund  
Fidelity Total Bond K6 Fund  
Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund  
Glenmede Small-Cap Equity Portfolio Fund  
Great Gray Trust EuroPacific Growth Trust Fund Class CT  
JPM CB Large Cap Growth Fund CF-A Class  
MFS Mid Cap Value Fund CT  
T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid Target Date Funds 2005 - 2065  
Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Class IS

Participants may choose to change their investment option choices and how their contributions are allocated to each fund chosen at any time. The Plan Committee regularly reviews performance, fees, and other key indicators of all investment options and may enter or exit funds at its discretion with the exception of the ESOP Fund.

ClearCourse Group Variable Annuity ("ClearCourse") is an investment option that provides both guaranteed income at retirement with additional market growth opportunity based on the market performance of its underlying portfolio and it has no redemption restrictions. ClearCourse was frozen to new contributions and transfers into the fund in 2012.

**Forfeited Accounts:** Forfeited non-vested assets are used to reduce future employer contributions, when available. There were no forfeitures used to reduce employer contributions in 2024 and \$1,000 in forfeitures used to reduce employer contributions in 2023. Forfeited balances not yet applied to reduce employer contributions were approximately \$19,000 as of December 31, 2024 and were not material to the financial statements as of December 31, 2023.

**Participant Loans:** The Plan allows participants to borrow from a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of 50% of their vested account balance or \$50,000, reduced by the highest outstanding loan balance in the previous twelve months. Only one loan may be outstanding at any time. The rate of interest is the United States ("U.S.") prime lending rate plus 1% at the time the loan is disbursed. Payroll deductions are required to repay the principal and interest on the loan generally within four and one-half years, except for loans used for the purchase of a principal residence, which are required to be repaid generally within nine and one-half years. Participant loans are subject to a one-time, non-refundable loan origination fee of \$75, which is deducted from the participant's account.

**Withdrawals:** Withdrawals for financial hardship are permitted provided they are for a significant and immediate financial need, meet the applicable hardship criteria as outlined in the Code, and the distribution is necessary to satisfy that need. Before requesting a hardship withdrawal, participants must exhaust all other eligible withdrawal options available in the Plan. One hardship withdrawal may be taken each calendar year. For actively employed Plan participants, the Plan also allows for: partial withdrawals of vested balances at age 59<sup>1/2</sup>; withdrawals of rollover contributions made prior to April 15, 2002; and withdrawals of dividends on the participant's shares of Paychex common stock in the ESOP Fund in the form of cash, if desired.

**Payment of Benefits:** Upon separation from employment, at retirement, or reaching the age of 59<sup>1/2</sup>, a participant may elect to receive either a lump-sum amount equal to the value of the participant's vested interest in their account, or annual installments over a fixed period of time.

Participants in ClearCourse may elect to receive their vested interest as follows: full lifetime retirement income guarantee at the age of 65 or older; reduced lifetime retirement income guarantee between the ages of 55 and 64; and forfeiture of the lifetime retirement income guarantee prior to age 55.

**Voting and Tender Offer Rights on ESOP Stock:** Each participant in the ESOP Fund is entitled to exercise voting rights on shares held in their account and also direct the ESOP trustee to tender their shares of ESOP Stock if an offer is made to purchase such shares. If the participant does not vote or indicate their preference with respect to a tender offer, the trustee will vote the participant's shares and unallocated shares in the same proportion as the shares for which the trustee has received instructions.

**Plan Termination:** Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Company has the right under the Plan to permanently discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, participants will become fully vested in their account balances.

## **NOTE B. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting:** The financial statements of the Plan have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

**Use of Estimates:** The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires the Plan Committee to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes during the reporting period. Actual amounts and results could differ from these estimates.

**Investment Valuation and Income Recognition:** Investments are reported at fair value or net asset value ("NAV"). Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. NAV is used as a practical expedient to estimate fair value and is based on the underlying value of net assets owned by the applicable investment fund. See Note C, Fair Value Measurements, for further discussion.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Net realized gains or losses upon the sale of investments are based on their average cost. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis.

**Contributions:** Contributions from the Company are accrued in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Participant contributions are recorded in the period the Company makes corresponding payroll deductions.

**Notes Receivable from Participants:** The principal amount of loans plus any unpaid accrued interest is reported as notes receivable from participants on the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits. Loans to participants have various maturity dates between January 2025 and December 2034 and interest rates range from 4.25% to 9.5%. Interest earned is recorded on an accrual basis as interest income on notes receivable from participants in the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

**Payment of Benefits:** Benefits are recorded when paid.

**Administrative Expenses:** Costs related to administering the Plan may be paid by the Company or the Plan. The Company incurred approximately \$317,000 and \$232,000 in 2024 and 2023, respectively, in administrative expenses.

**Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements:** There were no recently adopted accounting pronouncements during 2024.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements:** Recent accounting pronouncements issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") (including technical corrections to the FASB's Accounting Standards Codification), and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants did not, or are not, expected to have a material effect on the Plan's net assets available for benefits or changes in net assets available for benefits.

**Subsequent Events:** On April 14, 2025, Paychex completed its acquisition of Paycor HCM, Inc. ("Paycor"). Paycor sponsors a 401(k) plan for the benefit of its employees (the "Paycor Plan"). The Plan is currently evaluating the steps necessary to allow Paycor Plan participants to join the Plan and subsequently transfer Paycor Plan assets to the Plan. These actions will likely take place in the first half of 2026. The final number of Paycor Plan participants and Paycor Plan assets that will transfer to the Plan are not known at this time. The Plan has evaluated subsequent events for potential recognition and/or disclosure through June 6, 2025, the date that the financial statements were available to be issued. No additional subsequent events have occurred requiring adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

### NOTE C. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The accounting standards related to fair value measurements include a hierarchy for information and valuations used in measuring fair value that is broken down into three levels based on reliability, as follows:

- Level 1 valuations are based on quoted prices in active markets for identical instruments that the Plan has the ability to access.
- Level 2 valuations are based on quoted prices for similar, but not identical, instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; or other significant observable inputs besides quoted prices.
- Level 3 valuations are based on information that is unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The carrying value of cash approximates its fair value due to the short maturity of this financial instrument. Notes receivable from participants are valued at the principal amount plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value. Mutual funds and Paychex common stock, which is the sole investment in the ESOP Fund, are stated at their approximate fair value based on quoted market prices in active markets.

Collective investment trusts ("CITs") are valued at either fair value, if the trust's NAV is published on a public stock market, or the trust's unpublished NAV, which approximates fair value. There are no redemption restrictions or unfunded commitments in the CITs offered under the Plan. The Annuity Fund, ClearCourse, is valued by Genworth Life and Annuity Insurance Company using the quoted market price of the underlying investments less applicable ClearCourse asset charges. The underlying investments are in the Janus Henderson Balanced T Share Class Fund.

The preceding methods described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although the Plan believes its valuation methods are appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

The Plan's financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis were as follows:

In Thousands	December 31, 2024			
	Carrying value (Fair value)	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Mutual funds	\$ 799,667	\$ 799,667	\$ —	\$ —
Paychex common stock	231,016	231,016	—	—
CITs measured at fair value	153,615	153,615	—	—
Annuity fund	4,490	—	4,490	—
CITs measured at NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	1,034,763			
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 2,223,551</u>			

In Thousands	December 31, 2023			
	Carrying value (Fair value)	Quoted prices in active markets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Mutual funds	\$ 1,550,842	\$ 1,550,842	\$ —	\$ —
Paychex common stock	222,555	222,555	—	—
CITs measured at fair value	—	—	—	—
Annuity fund	4,254	—	4,254	—
CIT measured at NAV <sup>(1)</sup>	197,135			
Total investments at fair value	<u>\$ 1,974,786</u>			

<sup>(1)</sup> In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification subtopic 820-10, investments in CITs that are measured at fair value using the NAV per share (or its equivalent) practical expedient have not been classified in the fair value hierarchy. The fair value amounts of the CITs presented in the fair value tables are intended to permit reconciliation to balances presented in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits.

#### NOTE D. RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan provides certain investments that are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate risk, credit risk, and market volatility risk. The Plan attempts to limit these risks by authorizing and offering participants a broad range of investment options that are invested in high quality securities or are offered and administered by reputable and known investment and insurance companies. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is reasonably possible that changes in values of investment securities will occur in the near term, and such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the Statements of Net Assets Available for Benefits and the Statements of Changes in Net Assets Available for Benefits.

The Plan's exposure to a concentration of risk is limited by the diversification of investments across 29 participant-directed fund elections. Additionally, the investments within each participant-directed fund election are further diversified into varied financial instruments, with the exception of the ESOP Fund, which invests in a single security and cash.

#### NOTE E. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Plan's holdings of Paychex common stock qualify as party-in-interest transactions. As of December 31, 2024, the Plan held 1,647,522 shares of Paychex common stock at a fair market value of \$231,015,535. As of December 31, 2023, the Plan held 1,868,481 shares of Paychex common stock at a fair market value of \$222,554,772.

Certain Plan investments are managed by Fidelity. Fidelity serves as trustee, recordkeeper, and custodian of the Plan and, therefore, transactions involving these investments qualify as party-in-interest transactions. The Plan allows participants to borrow from their vested account balance and notes receivable from participants also qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Costs related to administering the Plan are generally paid by the Company. Refer to Note B, Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, for additional information.

#### NOTE F. TAX STATUS

The Plan received a determination letter from the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") dated December 1, 2017, stating that the Plan, and amendments through January 16, 2017, is qualified under Section 401(a) and Section 4975(e) of the Code and, therefore, the related trust is exempt from taxation. Once qualified, the Plan is required to operate in conformity with the Code to maintain its qualification. The Plan Committee believes the Plan is being operated in compliance with the applicable requirements of the Code and, therefore, believes that the Plan, as amended, is qualified and the related trust is tax exempt.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires the Plan Committee to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS.

The Plan Committee has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Plan, and has concluded that as of December 31, 2024, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. Therefore, the Plan has recognized no interest or penalties related to uncertain tax positions. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

**NOTE G. RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO IRS FORM 5500**

The following is a reconciliation between the net assets available for benefits as reported in the financial statements to the net assets available for benefits as reported in IRS Form 5500 as of:

In Thousands	December 31,	
	2024	2023
Net assets available for benefits – financial statements	\$ 2,259,520	\$ 2,005,694
Less: deemed distributions – defaulted loans	408	359
Net assets available for benefits – IRS Form 5500	<u>\$ 2,259,112</u>	<u>\$ 2,005,335</u>

**SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)**  
**(SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i – FORM 5500)**  
**PAYCHEX, INC. 401(k) INCENTIVE RETIREMENT PLAN**  
**EIN-16-1124166**  
**PLAN 001**  
**December 31, 2024**  
(Dollars, Units, and Shares in Thousands)

Identity of Party Involved	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par or Maturity Value	Units/ Shares	Current Value
Fidelity*	Cash	-	\$ 6,996
Fidelity*	Paychex, Inc. Common Stock	1,648	231,016
Fidelity*	ClearCourse Group Variable Annuity	154	4,490
Fidelity*	Columbia Trust Dividend Income Fund Institutional 300	6,034	76,938
Fidelity*	Fidelity 500 Index Fund	1,679	342,832
Fidelity*	Fidelity Global ex U.S. Index Fund	5,943	85,704
Fidelity*	Fidelity Government Money Market Fund	68,565	68,565
Fidelity*	Fidelity Mid Cap Index Fund	1,988	67,144
Fidelity*	Fidelity Small Cap Growth K6 Fund	1,049	18,688
Fidelity*	Fidelity Small Cap Index Fund	1,789	49,512
Fidelity*	Fidelity Total Bond K6 Fund	3,755	32,666
Fidelity*	Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund	7,145	73,026
Fidelity*	Glenmede Small-Cap Equity Portfolio Fund	1,264	44,695
Fidelity*	Great Gray Trust EuroPacific Growth Trust Fund Class CT	5,423	65,828
Fidelity*	JPM CB Large Cap Growth Fund CF-A Class	2,246	249,740
Fidelity*	MFS Mid Cap Value Fund CT	4,060	87,787
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2005 Trust Class T14	137	3,521
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2010 Trust Class T14	43	1,161
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2015 Trust Class T14	136	3,901
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2020 Trust Class T14	539	16,494
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2025 Trust Class T14	1,332	43,685
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2030 Trust Class T14	2,770	97,544
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2035 Trust Class T14	2,718	102,332
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2040 Trust Class T14	2,865	114,663
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2045 Trust Class T14	2,799	115,553
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2050 Trust Class T14	2,462	102,263
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2055 Trust Class T14	1,579	65,381
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2060 Trust Class T14	1,275	33,103
Fidelity*	T. Rowe Price Retirement Hybrid 2065 Trust Class T14	518	8,484
Fidelity*	Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index Fund Class IS	1,662	16,835
Participants *	Participant loans **	-	28,973
			<u>\$ 2,259,520</u>

\* Represents party-in-interest

\*\* Loans to participants have various maturity dates between January 2025 and December 2034 (interest at 4.25% to 9.5%)