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THIS APPENDIX to "Perpetual Shortfall: Maryland's Pension and Benefit Funds" provides a graphical presentation of the fiscal status of all pension and OPEB funds in Maryland for which data are available. Maryland's state pension and OPEB funds are presented first, followed by the counties and Baltimore City in alphabetical order. Generally, each fund has four graphs:

- a comparison of liabilities and assets over time (a large gap between these is bad).
- a comparison of the actuarially required annual contribution (the amount necessary to fund the pension or OPEB benefit), and the annual contribution that was actually made over time (a large gap between these is bad).
- the funded ratio of the fund over time (smaller is worse).
- the unfunded liability as a percentage of payroll over time. This provides an alternative measure of the size and severity of liabilities (larger is worse).

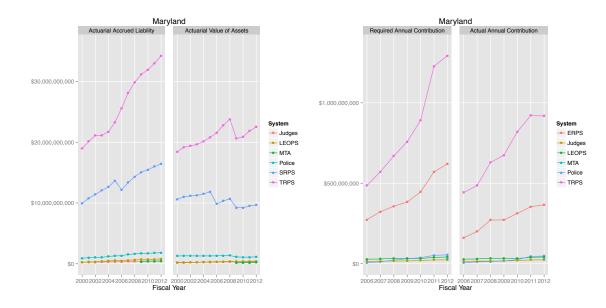
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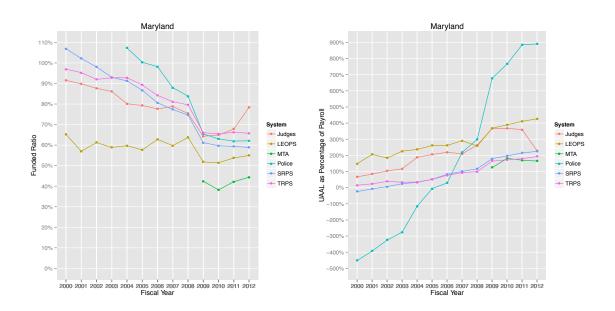
Before drawing conclusions based on graphical representations of data, one should carefully examine the scales used in the graph. Because of the large number of graphs and the large differences in sizes between counties, the scales used on the vertical axes of the graphs are automatically adjusted based on the data displayed. Automatic adjustment ensures that all relevant data points are visible, and that useful visual information can be conveyed. However, it also means that graphs with different scales are not directly comparable. Keep in mind the following caveats when examining the graphs:

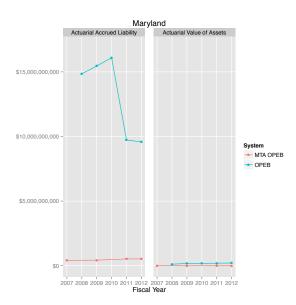
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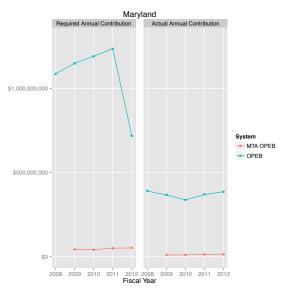
- significantly different nature and conditions of these systems.
- the graphs of local systems use different scales for dollars due to the large differences in sizes between counties.
- the percentage scales used for local pension funds are the same, but differ from those used for local OPEB funds since OPEB funds are currently funded at a significantly lower level than pension funds.

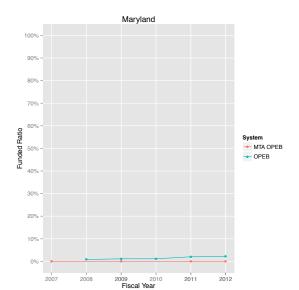
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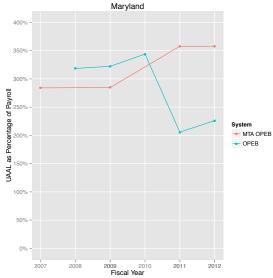


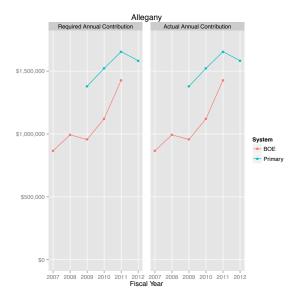


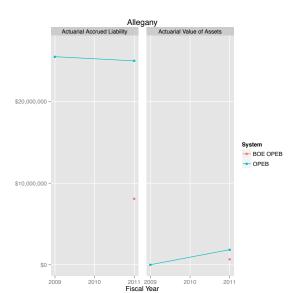


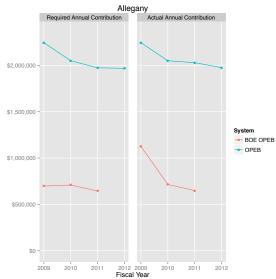


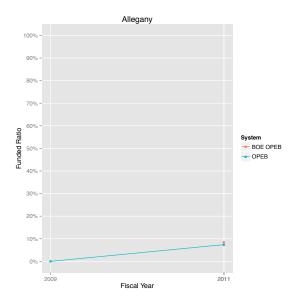


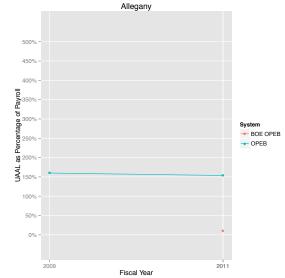


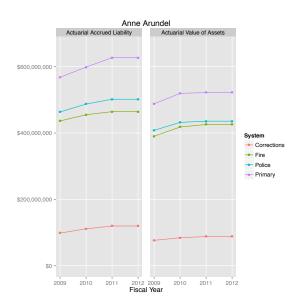


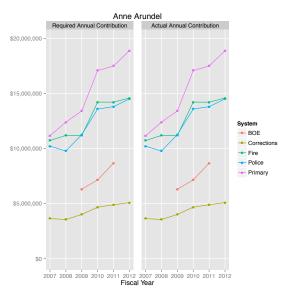


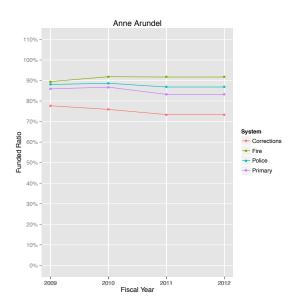


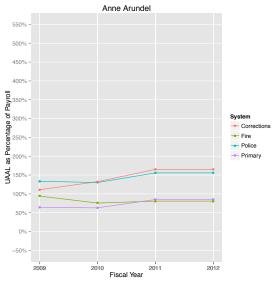


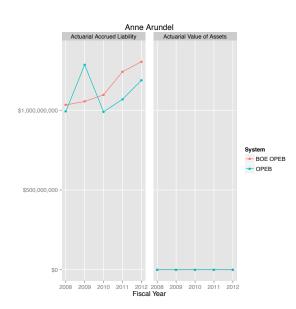


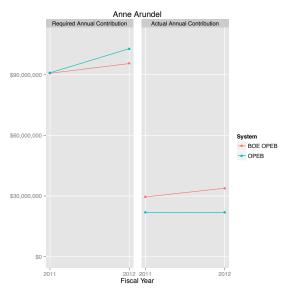


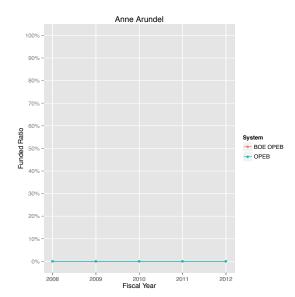


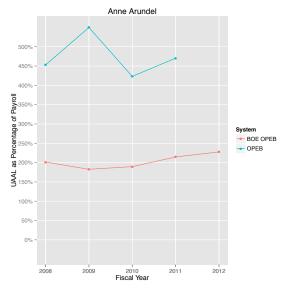


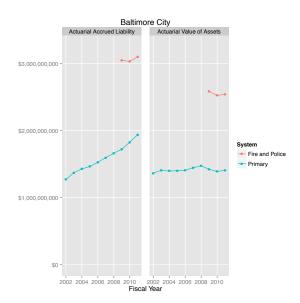


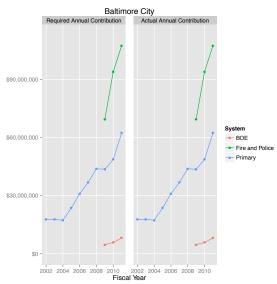


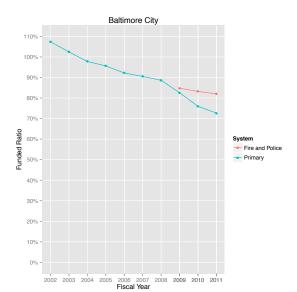


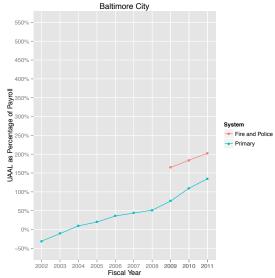


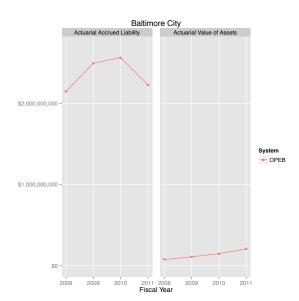


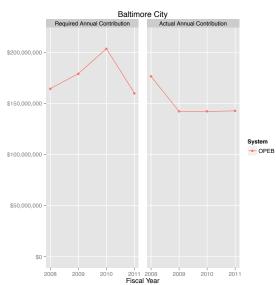


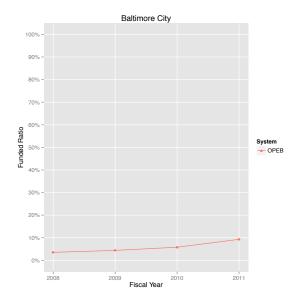


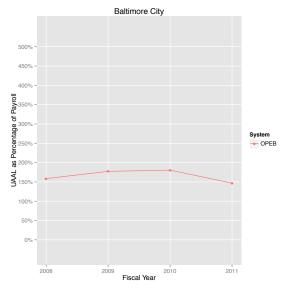


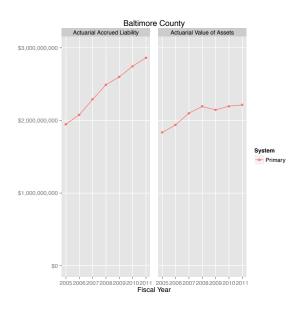


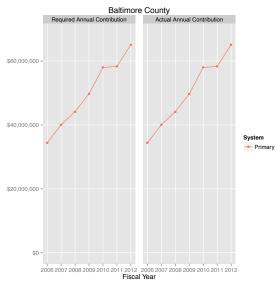


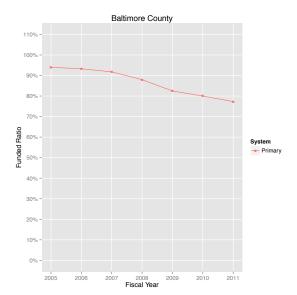


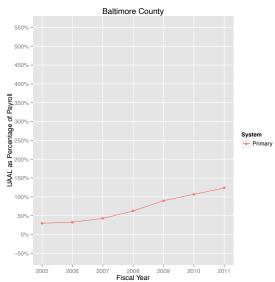


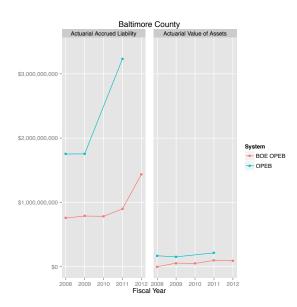


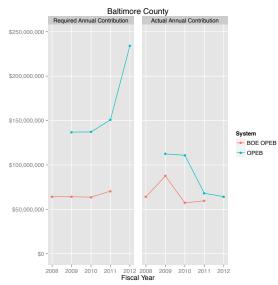


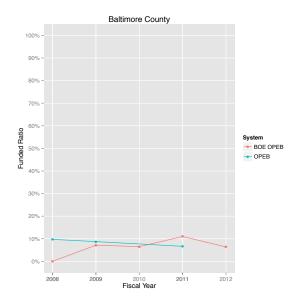


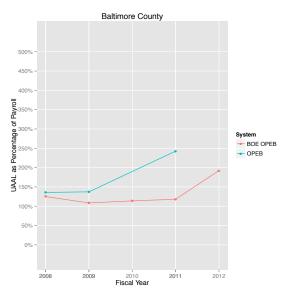


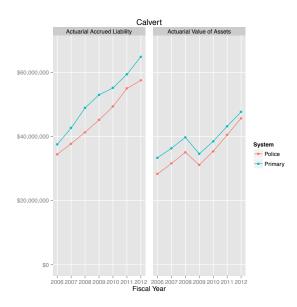


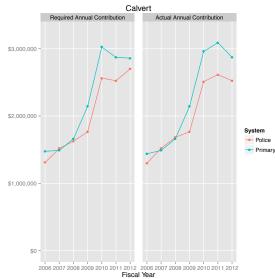


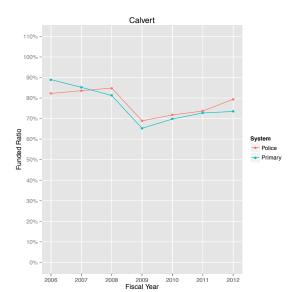


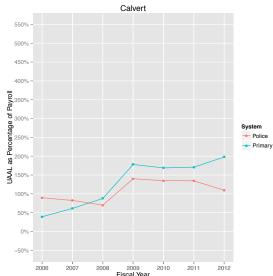


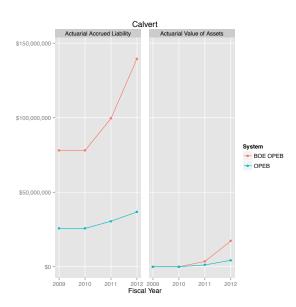


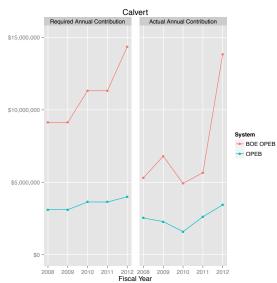


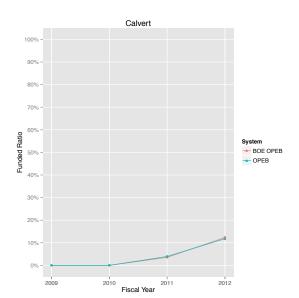


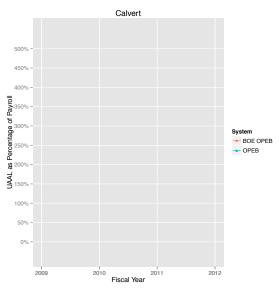


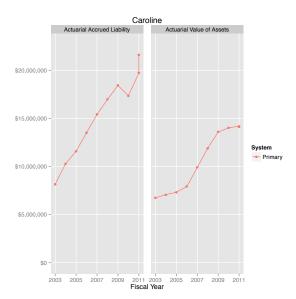


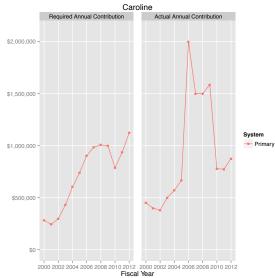


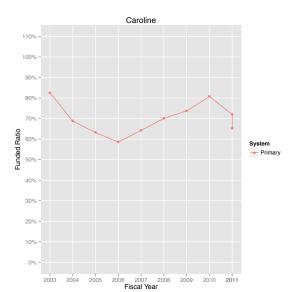


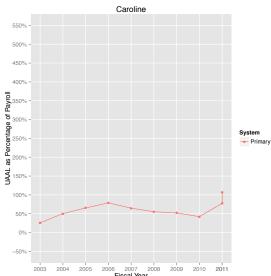


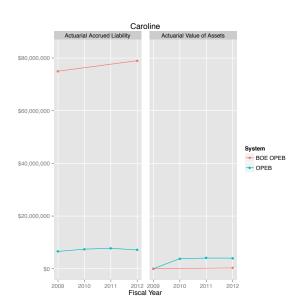


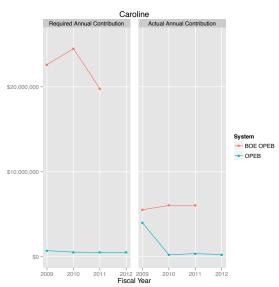


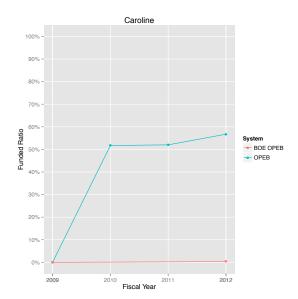


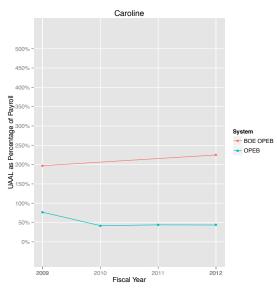


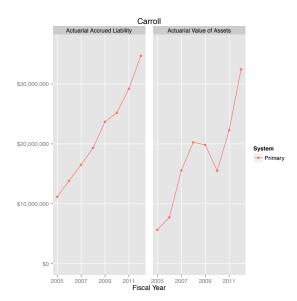


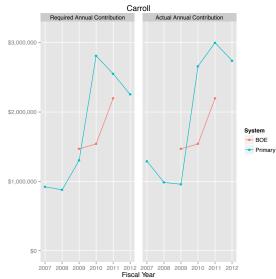


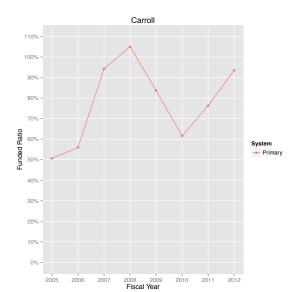


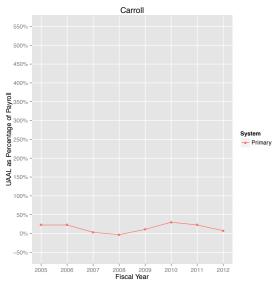


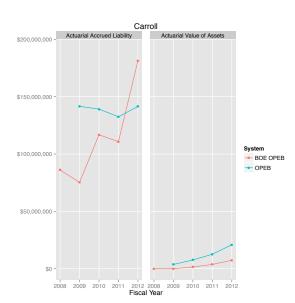


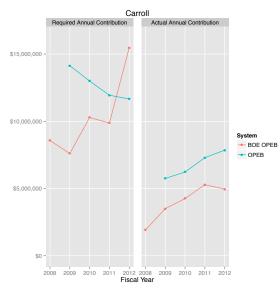


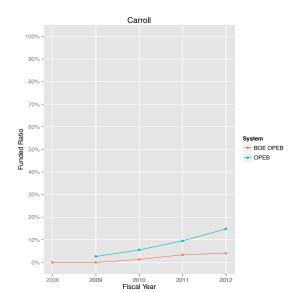


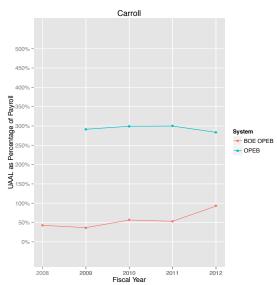


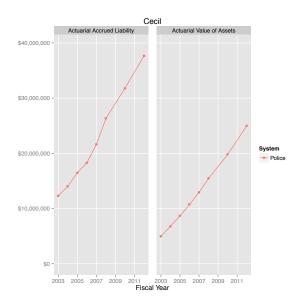


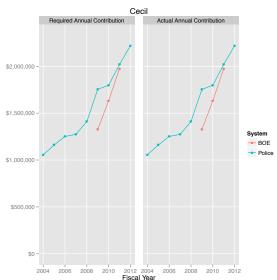


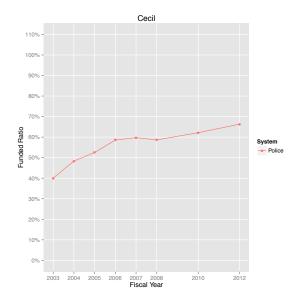


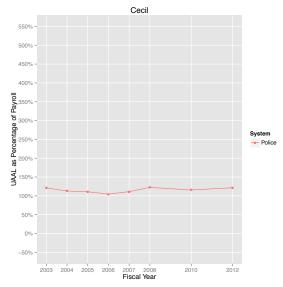


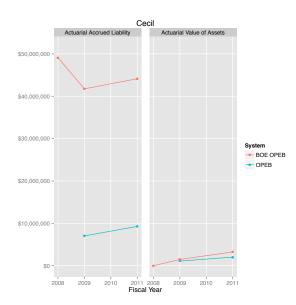


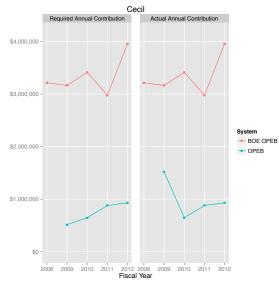


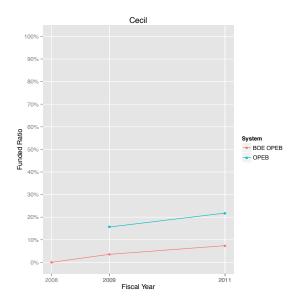


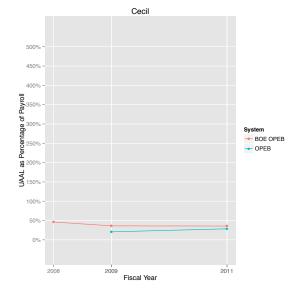


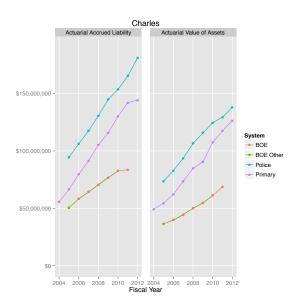


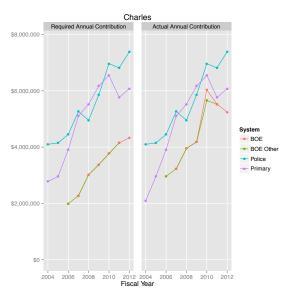


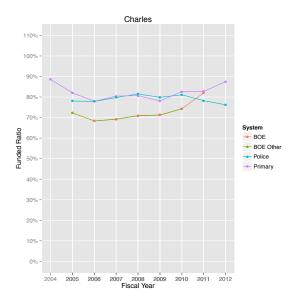


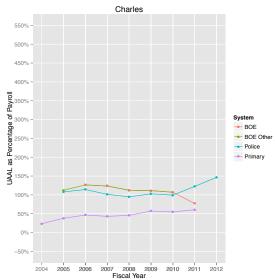


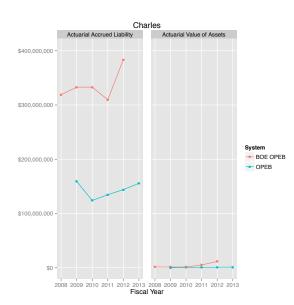


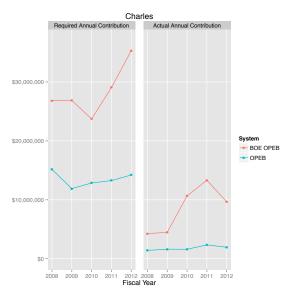


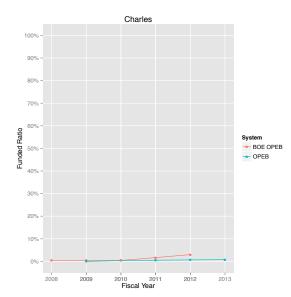


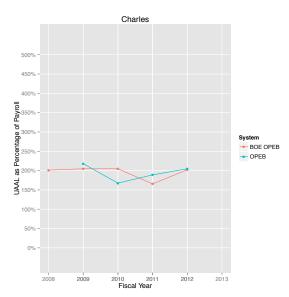


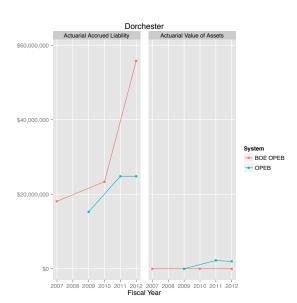


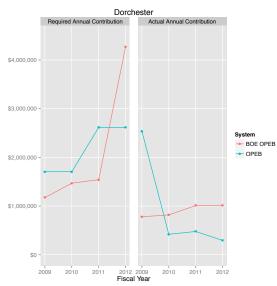


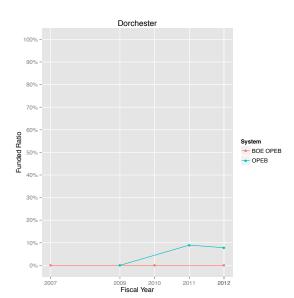


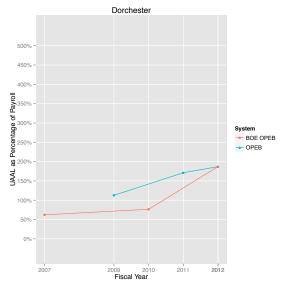


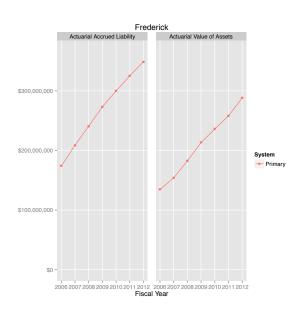


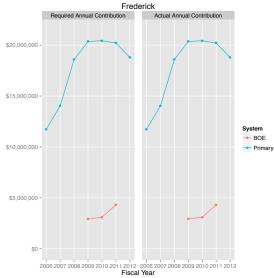


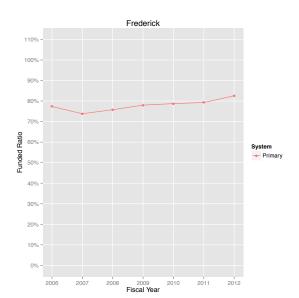


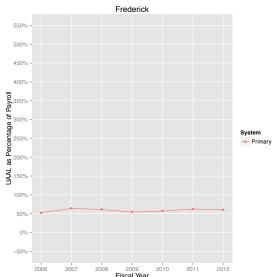


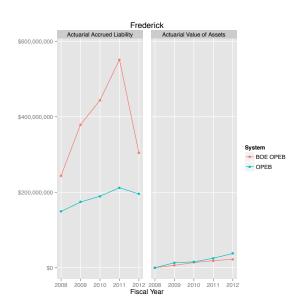


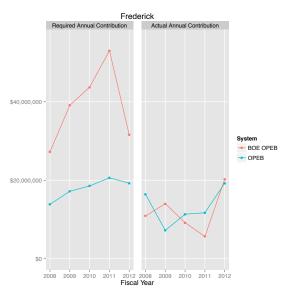


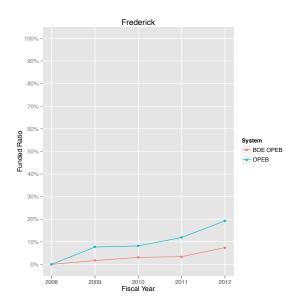


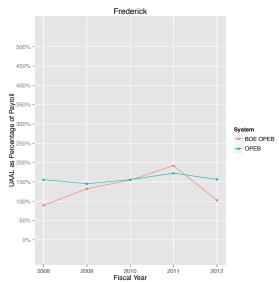


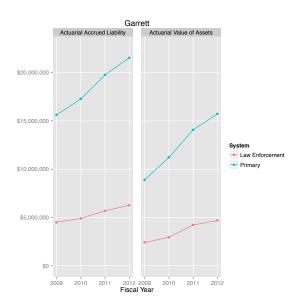


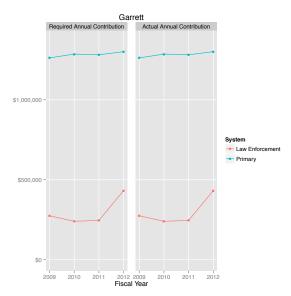


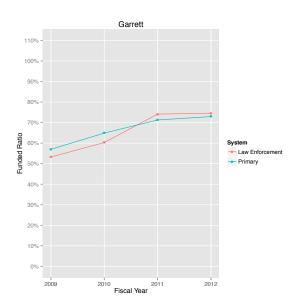


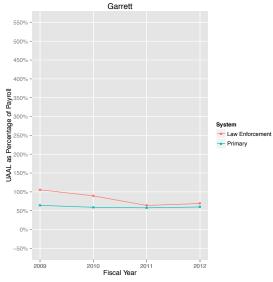


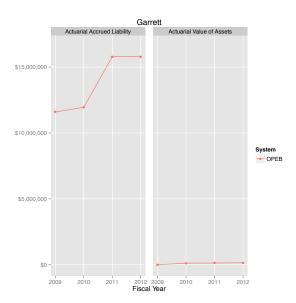


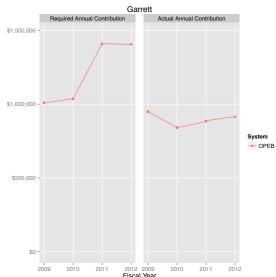


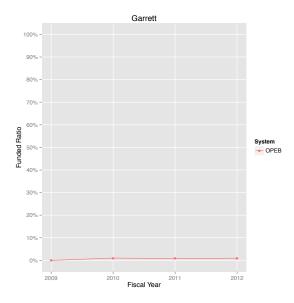


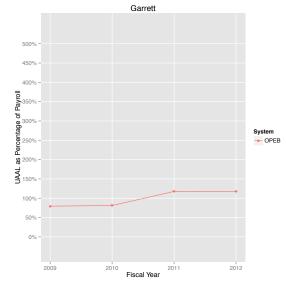


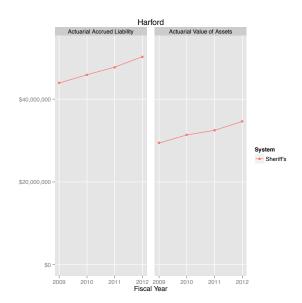


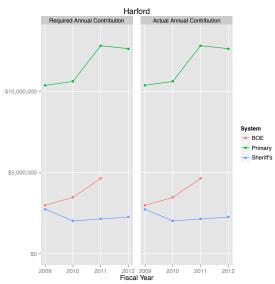


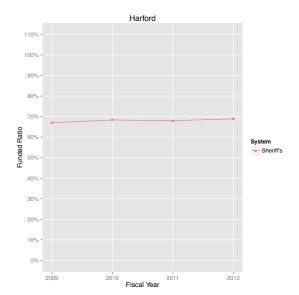


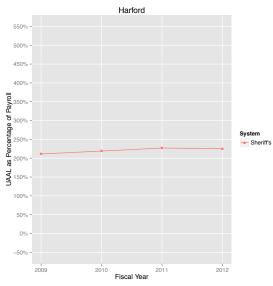


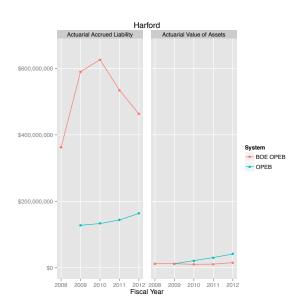


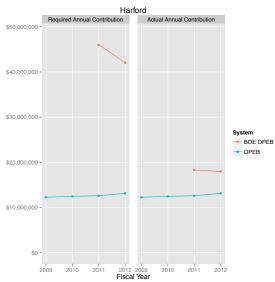


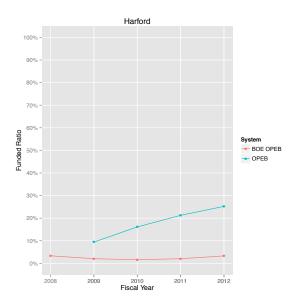


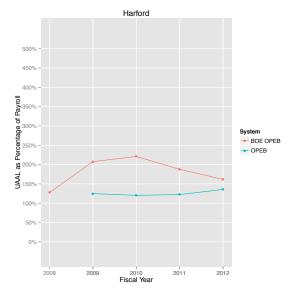


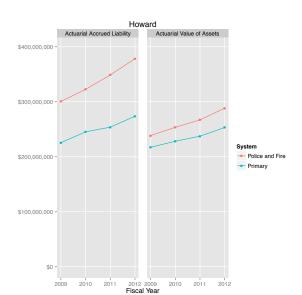


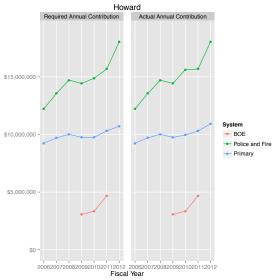


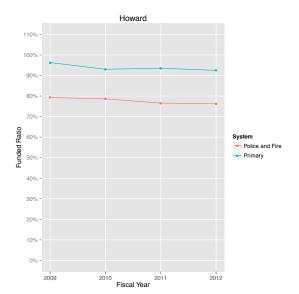


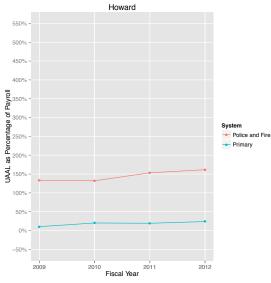


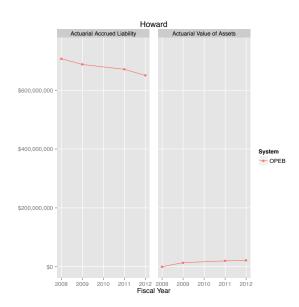


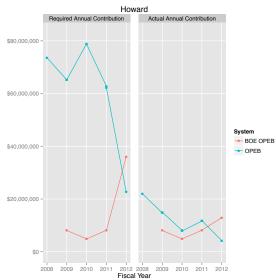


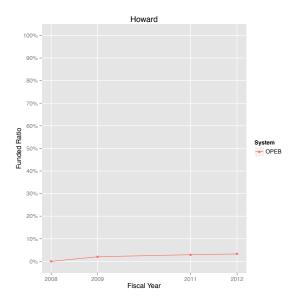


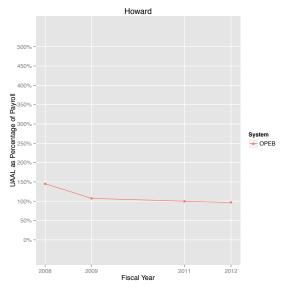


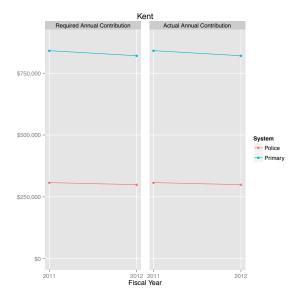


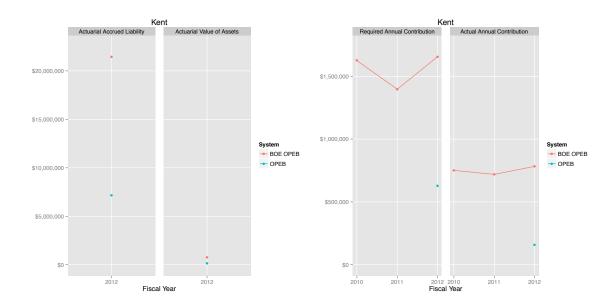


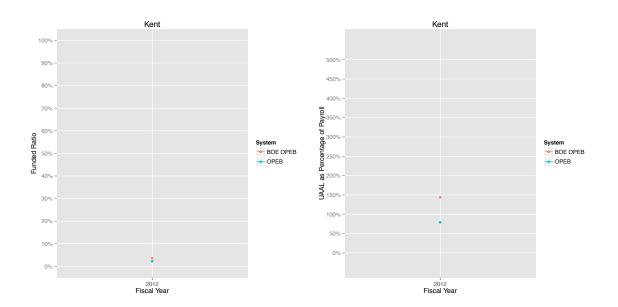


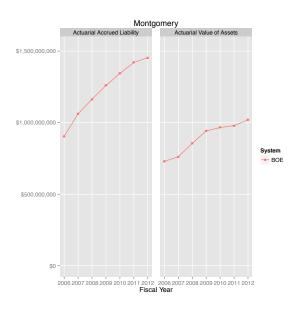


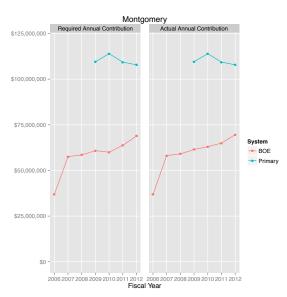


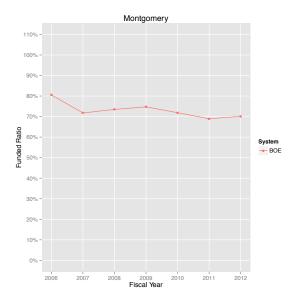


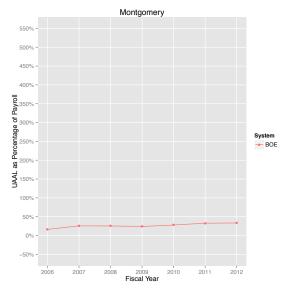


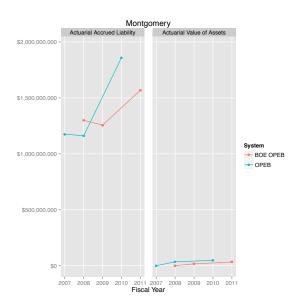


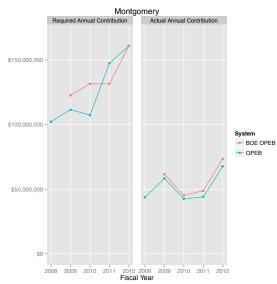


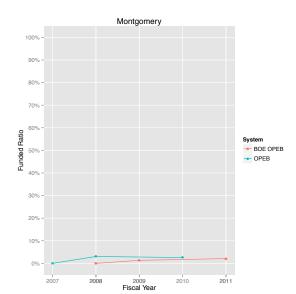


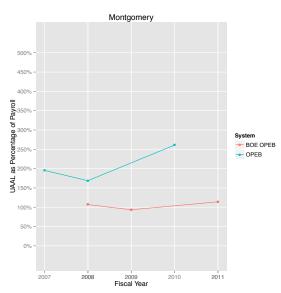


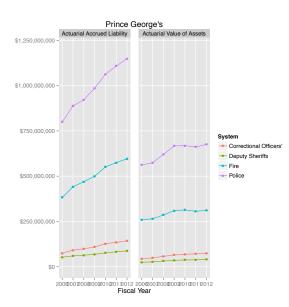


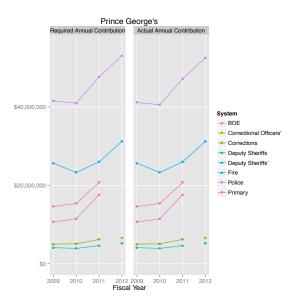


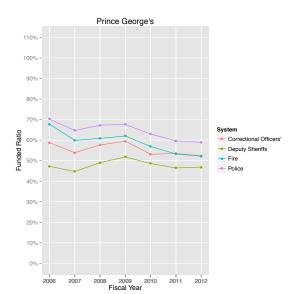


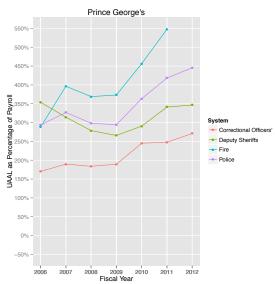


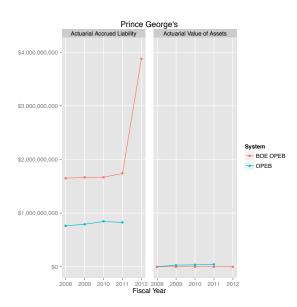


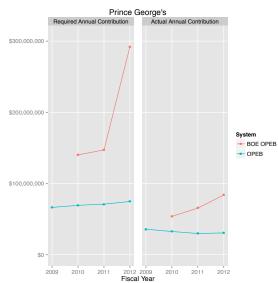


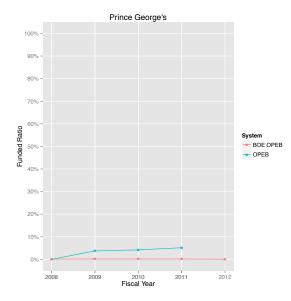


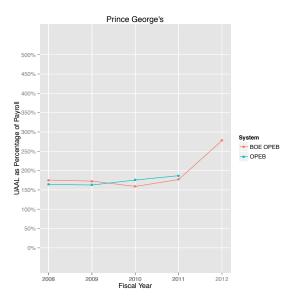


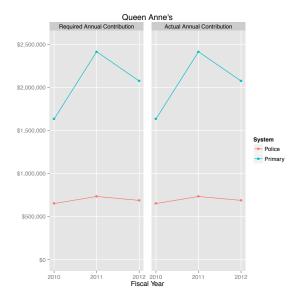


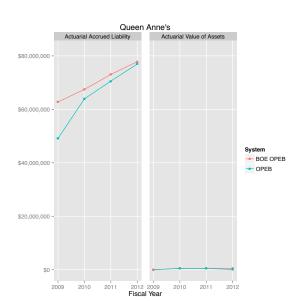


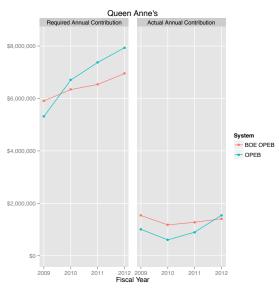


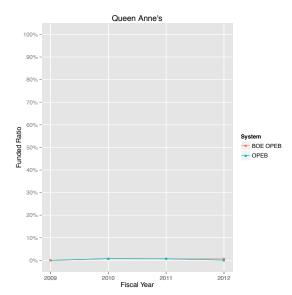


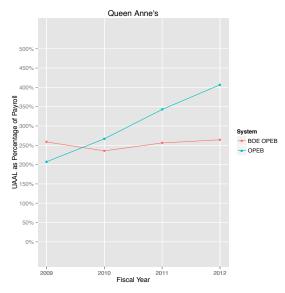


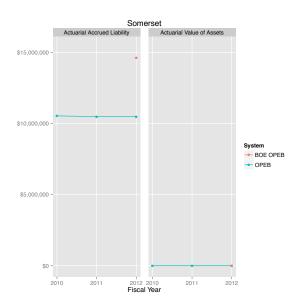


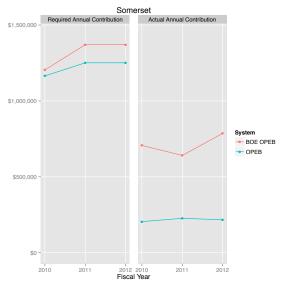


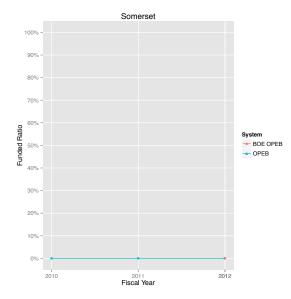


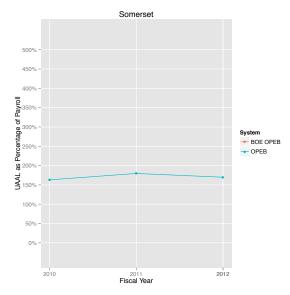


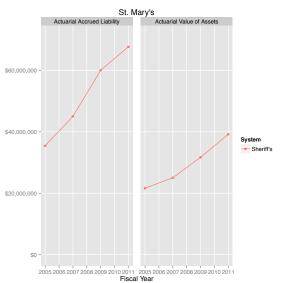


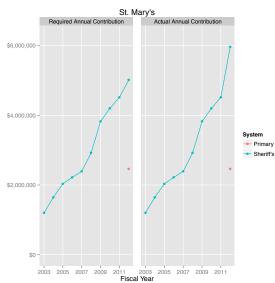


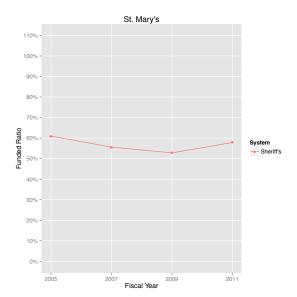


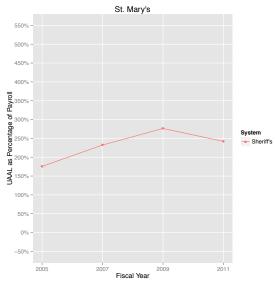


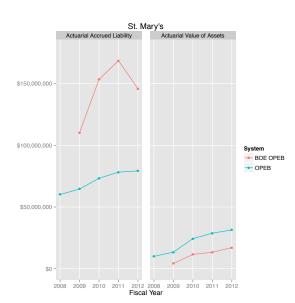


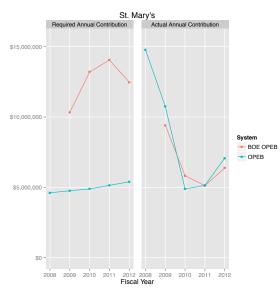


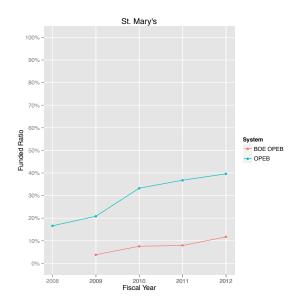


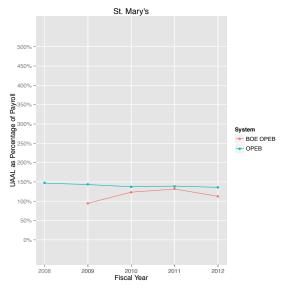


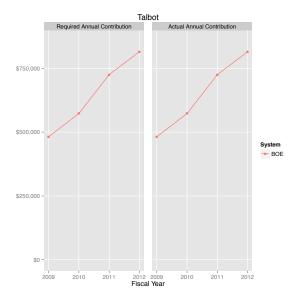


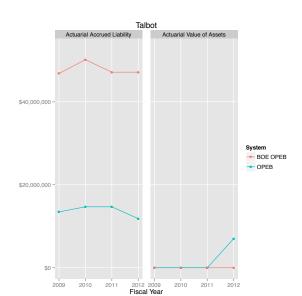


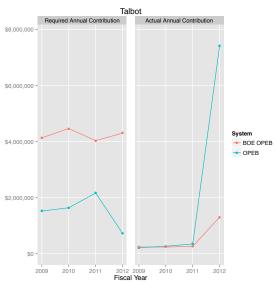


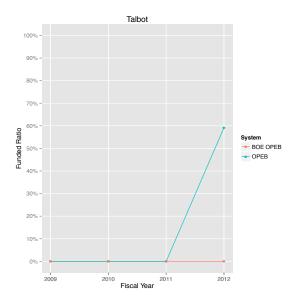


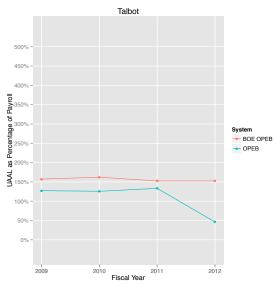


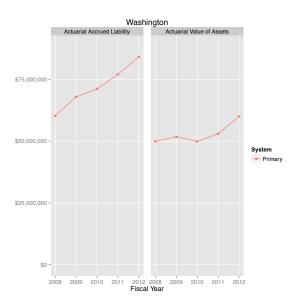


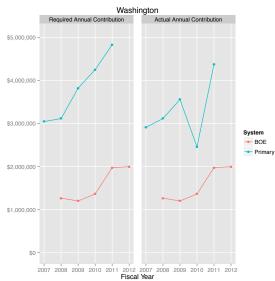


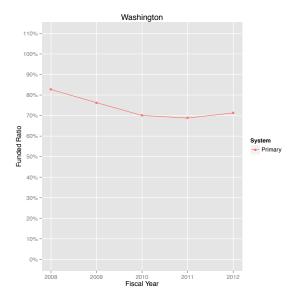


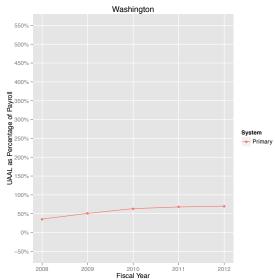


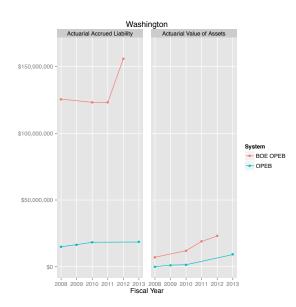


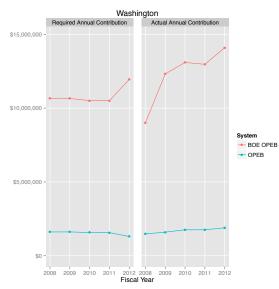


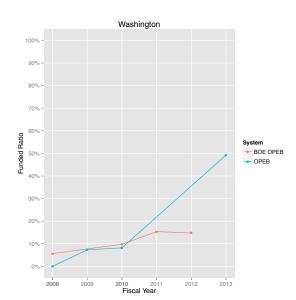


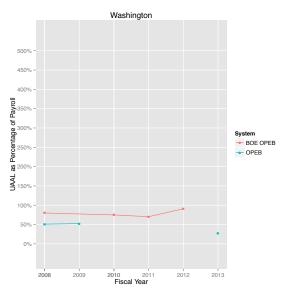


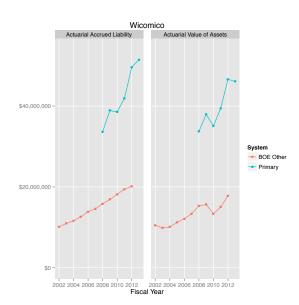


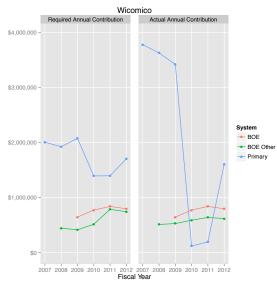


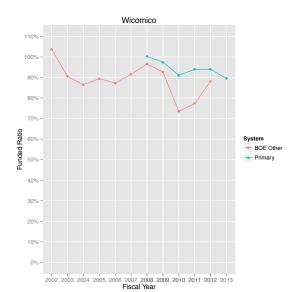


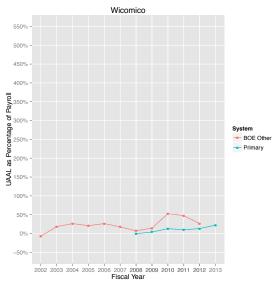


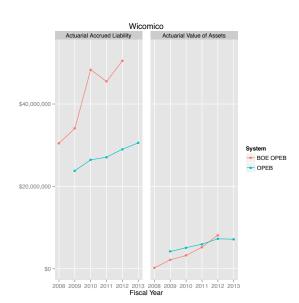


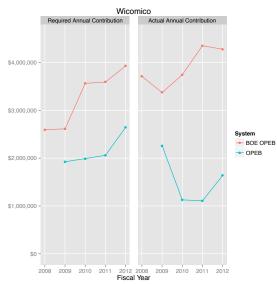


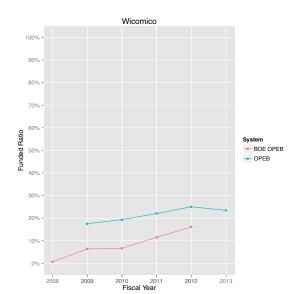


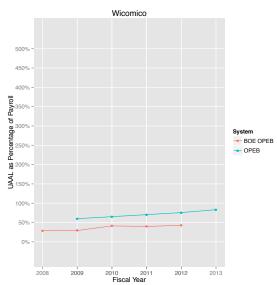


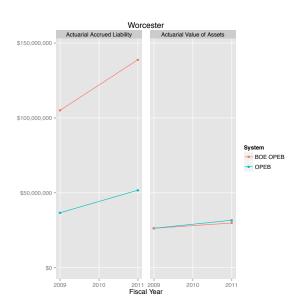


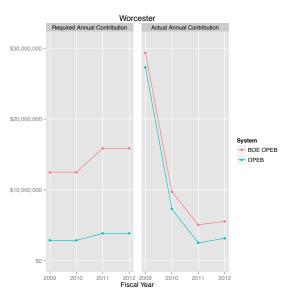


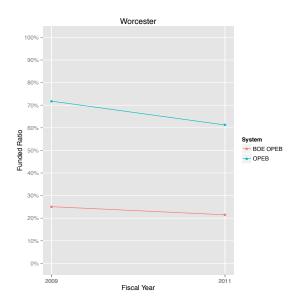


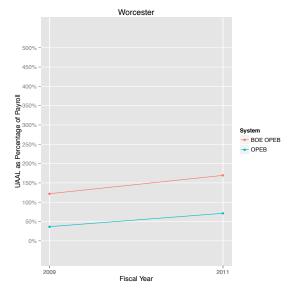












LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BOE	Board of Education	OPEB	Other Post-Employment Benefits
ERPS	Employees' Retirement and Pension System	SRPS	State Retirement and Pension System
LEOPS	Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System	TRPS	Teachers' Retirement and Pension System
MTA	Maryland Transit Administration		

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