

The Permanent Fund Dividend

Do you have a question about your dividend application? Contact the Permanent Fund Dividend Division! (Note: the APFC does not administer the PFD program.)

Among the many unique aspects of Alaska is the state's Permanent Fund Dividend program, created by Alaska law. Through that law, the state distributes a share of Fund investment earnings to every qualified Alaska resident each year. The Legislature originally passed a version of the program that was later ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court, because it proposed to peg the amount of the dividend to an individual's length of residency in Alaska. The dividend program now in effect was enacted in 1982.

The dividend formula...

1) Add the Fund's Statutory Net Income* from the current plus the previous four fiscal years. This five-year average allows for a "smoothing" effect against year-to-year realized earnings volatility.

2) Multiply by 21%. This provides an average of the five years of earnings.

3) Divide in half. This amount goes towards dividends. From the half remaining, money is transferred to inflation proof Fund principal. After these two uses, any residual realized earnings stay invested in the Fund's earnings reserve account, where they are available for the Legislature to spend.

4) Subtract prior year obligations, designated state expenses and the costs of operating the Department of Revenue Permanent Fund Dividend Division.

5) Divide by the number of eligible applicants. This figure equals the amount of each PFD!

23 years of dividends	
2004	\$919.84
2003	\$1107.56
2002	\$1540.76
2001	\$1850.28
2000	\$1963.86
1999	\$1769.84
1998	\$1540.88
1997	\$1296.54
1996	\$1130.68
1995	\$990.30
1994	\$983.90
1993	\$949.46
1992	\$915.84
1991	\$931.34
1990	\$952.63
1989	\$873.16
1988	\$826.93
1987	\$708.19
1986	\$556.26
1985	\$404.00
1984	\$331.29
1983	\$386.15
1982	\$1000.00