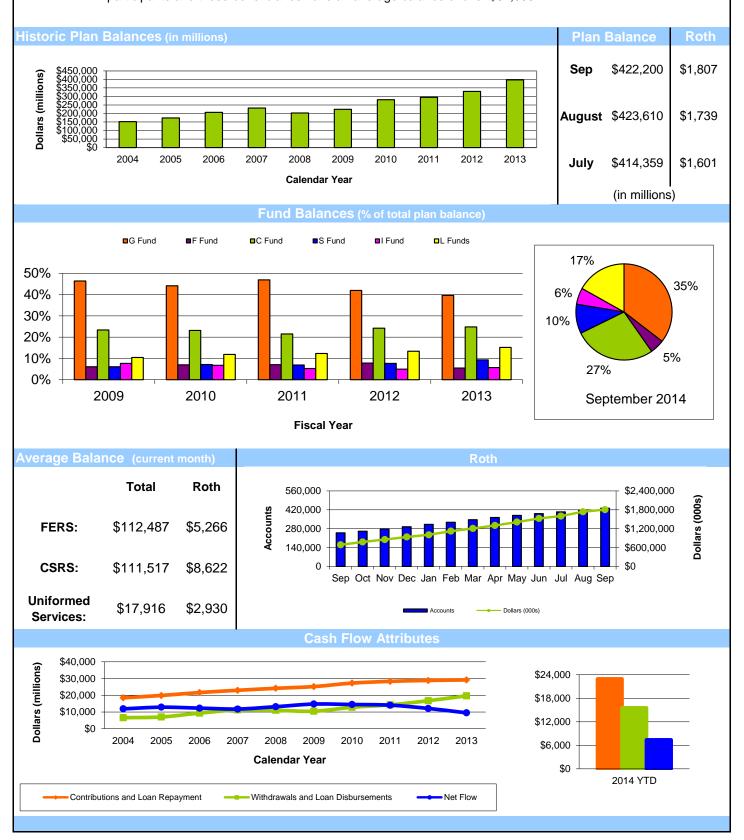
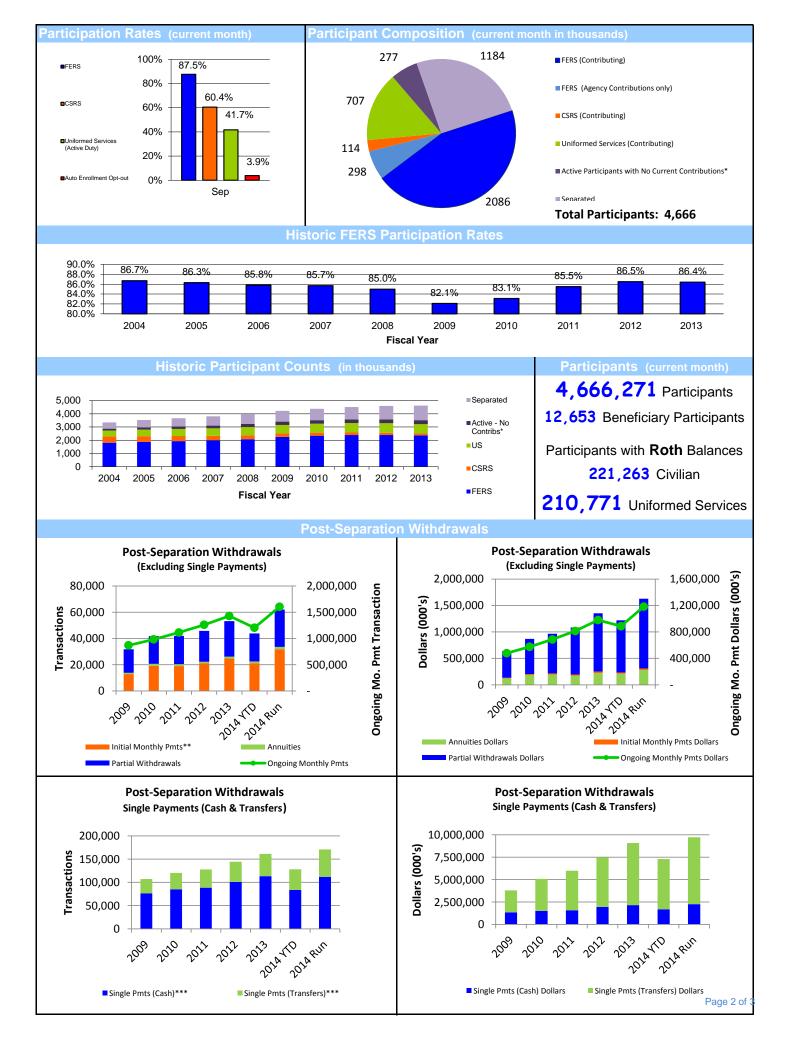
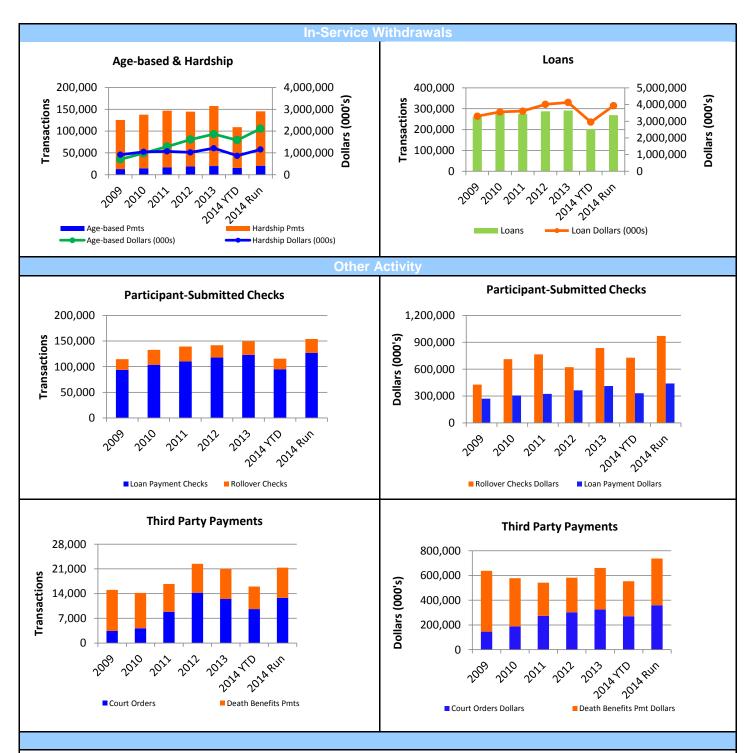
Highlights

The FERS participation rate has remained steady at 87.5% since July. The volume of hardship withdrawals and loans has been decreasing. The run rates for hardship withdrawals and loans are, respectively, 9% and 8% lower than 2013. However, total dollar volumes for both are increasing. There are now over 12,600 beneficiary participants and these beneficiaries have an average balance of over \$87,000.







*Active participants with no current contributions include non-separated CSRS and uniformed services participants who have terminated contributions or had them suspended because of hardship withdrawal, participants whose employing agencies have not submitted their separation status, and beneficiary participants.

^{**}In addition to the initial monthly payments, 138,569 ongoing monthly payments were disbursed in September 2014.

^{***}Participants may elect to transfer all or part of their single payments. If only a portion is transferred, each portion (cash and transfer) is counted separately.