

The net periodic benefit cost/(credit) of defined benefit pension plans includes:

Dollars in Millions	Year Ended December 31,		
	2019	2018	2017
Service cost — benefits earned during the year	\$ 26	\$ 26	\$ 25
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	115	193	188
Expected return on plan assets	(200)	(386)	(411)
Amortization of prior service credits	(4)	(4)	(4)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	59	74	82
Settlements and Curtailments	1,640	121	159
Special termination benefits	—	—	3
Net periodic pension benefit cost/(credit)	<u>\$ 1,636</u>	<u>\$ 24</u>	<u>\$ 42</u>

Pension settlement charges were recognized after determining the annual lump sum payments will exceed the annual interest and service costs for certain pension plans, including the primary U.S. pension plan in 2019, 2018 and 2017.

Changes in defined benefit pension plan obligations, assets, funded status and amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets were as follows:

Dollars in Millions	Year Ended December 31,	
	2019	2018
Benefit obligations at beginning of year	\$ 5,966	\$ 6,749
Service cost—benefits earned during the year	26	26
Interest cost	115	193
Settlements and Curtailments	(4,105)	(278)
Actuarial losses/(gains)	777	(523)
Benefits paid	(109)	(123)
Acquisition/Divestiture	262	—
Foreign currency and other	8	(78)
Benefit obligations at end of year	<u>\$ 2,940</u>	<u>\$ 5,966</u>
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$ 6,129	\$ 6,749
Actual return on plan assets	804	(203)
Employer contributions	63	71
Settlements	(4,104)	(276)
Benefits paid	(109)	(123)
Asset transfer	(424)	—
Acquisition/Divestiture	164	—
Foreign currency and other	13	(89)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	<u>\$ 2,536</u>	<u>\$ 6,129</u>
(Unfunded)/Funded status	<u>\$ (404)</u>	<u>\$ 163</u>
Assets/(Liabilities) recognized:		
Other non-current assets	\$ 192	\$ 622
Other current liabilities	(27)	(32)
Other non-current liabilities	(569)	(427)
Funded status	<u>\$ (404)</u>	<u>\$ 163</u>
Recognized in Accumulated other comprehensive loss:		
Net actuarial losses	\$ 1,192	\$ 2,717
Prior service credit	(26)	(30)
Total	<u>\$ 1,166</u>	<u>\$ 2,687</u>

The accumulated benefit obligation for defined benefit pension plans was \$2.9 billion and \$6.0 billion at December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.