NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF AMERICAN AIRLINES GROUP INC.

	Pension Benefits					Retiree Medical and Other Postretirement Benefits				
	2019		2018		2019		2018			
				(In mi	illions)					
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of period	\$	10,053	\$	11,395	\$	225	\$	295		
Actual return (loss) on plan assets		2,305		(1,151)		41		(24)		
Employer contributions (3)		1,230		475		12		35		
Settlements		(2)		(4)		_		_		
Benefit payments		(689)		(662)		(74)		(81)		
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	\$	12,897	\$	10,053	\$	204	\$	225		
Funded status at end of period	\$	(5,461)	\$	(6,325)	\$	(620)	\$	(612)		

⁽¹⁾ The 2019 and 2018 pension actuarial (gain) loss primarily relates to changes in our weighted average discount rate and mortality assumption and, in 2018, changes to our retirement rate assumptions.

Balance Sheet Position

		Pension Benefits				Retiree Medical and Other Postretirement Benefits			
	2019		2018		2019		2018		
			(In millions)						
As of December 31,									
Current liability	\$	5	\$	7	\$	24	\$	23	
Noncurrent liability		5,456		6,318		596		589	
Total liabilities	\$	5,461	\$	6,325	\$	620	\$	612	
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Net actuarial loss (gain)	\$	5,680	\$	5,356	\$	(426)	\$	(452)	
Prior service cost (benefit)		104		131		(120)		(362)	
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss (income), pre-tax	\$	5,784	\$	5,487	\$	(546)	\$	(814)	

The 2019 retiree medical and other postretirement benefits actuarial loss primarily relates to changes in our weighted average discount rate assumption and plan experience adjustments.

The 2018 retiree medical and other postretirement benefits actuarial gain primarily relates to changes in our weighted average discount rate, medical trend and per capita claims assumptions.

During 2019, we contributed \$1.2 billion to our defined benefit pension plans, including supplemental contributions of \$444 million and a \$786 million minimum required contribution. During 2018, we contributed \$475 million to our defined benefit pension plans, including supplemental contributions of \$433 million and a \$42 million minimum required contribution.