

Summary of Provisions  
Fourth Level of 1959 Survivor Benefits  
Government Code Section 21574

The 1959 Survivor Benefits are paid monthly to certain survivors of a member who dies before retirement. The covered member's survivors receive the following monthly allowances regardless of whether the member was eligible to retire at the time of death.

Surviving spouse or domestic partner with two or more dependent children; or three or more dependent children alone ..... \$2,280

Surviving spouse or domestic partner with one dependent child; or two dependent children alone .....\$1,900

One dependent child; or surviving spouse or domestic partner at age 60, or older; or dependent parents ..... \$ 950

Definitions of Survivors

A dependent child is one under the age of 22 and unmarried, or a disabled child of any age whose disability began before and has continued without interruption after attainment of age 22.

Concurrent Benefits

The 1959 Survivor Benefits would be payable in addition to the following benefits, if applicable:

Basic Death Benefit - This benefit is a refund of the member's contributions plus interest and up to six month's pay (one month's salary rate for each year of service up to a maximum of six months).

1957 Survivor Benefit - This benefit is a monthly allowance equal to one-half of the unmodified retirement allowance the member would have received had he/she retired on the date of death.

Special Death Benefit (applies to local safety members only) - This benefit is a monthly allowance equal to one-half of your final compensation. The 1959 Survivor Benefits payable in any month shall be reduced by the amount of the Special Death Benefit.

Cost To The Employee

The cost to the employee is \$2.00 monthly (non-refundable), in addition to normal retirement contributions.