

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - August 2008

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>August 2008</u>	<u>August 2007</u>
Total	\$837,515,000	\$815,411,000
Retired employees	556,034,000	537,339,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	101,954,000	97,820,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,513,000	157,292,000
Other survivors	23,015,000	22,960,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security August 2008	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u> ¹	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u> ¹	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	566,100	.....	2,800	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	275,300	\$2,005	1,200	\$2,667	.....	.....
Age	191,200	1,977	² 700	² 3,146	\$1,086	³ \$1,526
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,300	1,784	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,800	2,265	300	2,562	1,004	1,054
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,300	740	900	934	519	388
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	128,800	1,212	500	1,638	1,027	840
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,518	<u>4</u>	1,996	788	776
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,100	807	100	823	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	10,700	878	<u>4</u>	1,209	706	702
Other survivors	100	516	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities

Benefit payments	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month			
	<u>August 2008</u>	<u>August 2007</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$5,048,000	\$5,064,000	120,800	\$42	700	\$41

¹Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

²For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 35); about 300 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

³For men aged 65 or over insured on regular basis.

⁴Fewer than 50.

⁵Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

Note. --Data are on a cash basis (unaudited) and are partly estimated. Detail may not add to totals due to rounding. Regular retirement and survivor benefit payments total includes hospital insurance benefits for services in Canada.

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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment		
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	2,600	\$539	\$302
Sickness	5,400	542	302
		Benefit payments	
		August 2008	August 2007
Total		\$5,886,000	\$8,182,000
Unemployment		1,761,000	1,324,000
Sickness		4,125,000	6,858,000

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