

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - December 2006

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits	Benefit payments	<u>December 2006</u>	<u>December 2005</u>
		Total	\$787,674,000	$764,074,000
	Retired employees	515,608,000	496,256,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	93,886,000	90,839,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	155,826,000	155,010,000
	Other survivors	22,352,000	21,969,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2006	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
	Total	583,300	2,100
Regular employee annuities, total	279,500	\$1,887	800	\$2,393	.....	.....
Age	195,100	1,847	² 300	² 2,998	\$1,044	³ \$1,435
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,200	1,682	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	50,300	2,182	300	2,152	978	1,025
Spouses and divorced spouses	138,500	693	700	903	502	382
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	138,400	1,142	500	1,491	989	826
Widowed mothers and fathers	900	1,447	<u>4</u>	1,532	757	737
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,600	769	100	923	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	11,400	850	<u>4</u>	1,229	684	707
Other survivors	<u>4</u>	831	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities	Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
	<u>December 2006</u>	<u>December 2005</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
		\$5,090,000	\$5,416,000	121,600	\$42	400	$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 200 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	3,200	\$501	\$282
Sickness	5,900	506	282
		Benefit payments	
		December 2006	December 2005
Total		\$7,260,000	\$6,373,000
Unemployment		3,458,000	2,198,000
Sickness		3,802,000	4,174,000

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