

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - March 2015

**Retirement and Survivor
Benefits, Including
Supplemental Annuities**

Benefit payments	<u>March 2015</u>	<u>March 2014</u>
Total	\$1,017,300,000	\$995,957,000
Retired employees	697,314,000	680,873,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	139,665,000	133,890,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	154,632,000	155,815,000
Other benefits	25,689,000	25,379,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security March 2015	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	535,400	.....	2,600	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	268,300	\$2,559	1,000	\$2,975	.....	.....
Age	189,700	2,597	² 500	² 3,729	\$1,332	³ \$1,838
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	42,300	2,305	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	36,300	2,657	200	2,715	1,165	\$1,260
Spouses and divorced spouses	143,100	966	1,000	1,025	655	693
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	99,800	1,544	500	2,014	1,244	1,208
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	1,799	<u>4</u>	1,608	927	894
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	13,100	1,028	100	1,026	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	9,100	1,051	<u>4</u>	1,270	833	835
Other benefits	1,400	314	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁶	121,700	42	500	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 full retirement age or over.

⁴Fewer than 50.

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

⁶Excludes partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased. Number and averages are for employee annuitants only and reflect court-ordered partitions.

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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March 2015**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹		
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	2,400	\$577	\$322
Sickness	4,300	564	324
		Benefit payments ¹	
		March 2015	March 2014
Total		\$6,621,000	\$5,106,000
Unemployment²		2,706,000	1,102,000
Sickness		3,915,000	4,004,000

¹ In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by the Budget Control Act of 2011, amounts reflect a reduction of 9.2% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after February 28, 2013, a reduction of 7.2% for days after September 30, 2013, and 7.3% for days after September 30, 2014.

² Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Beginning in November 2009, temporary extended unemployment benefits are also being paid under the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, as amended.

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