

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

Benefit payments	<u>September 2015</u>	<u>September 2014</u>
Total	\$1,021,487,000	\$1,000,715,000
Retired employees	703,359,000	683,998,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	138,847,000	135,830,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	153,621,000	155,660,000
Other benefits	25,661,000	25,209,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security September 2015	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u> ¹	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u> ¹	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	533,800	.....	2,500	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	267,800	\$2,581	1,000	\$3,122	.....	.....
Age	190,100	2,625	² 600	² 3,765	\$1,338	³ \$1,838
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over ⁴	43,100	2,322	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	34,500	2,663	100	2,689	1,165	1,271
Spouses and divorced spouses	143,900	975	1,000	1,073	663	707
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	98,000	1,564	400	2,063	1,248	1,197
Widowed mothers and fathers	700	1,835	<u>5</u>	1,671	941	900
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	13,000	1,039	100	1,161	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Children	9,000	1,055	<u>5</u>	1,318	831	815
Other benefits	1,400	314	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁷	123,000	42	600	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 36); about 300 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

³For men full retirement age or over.

⁴Annuities to disability retirees at full retirement age and over are payable as age annuities.

⁵Fewer than 50.

⁶Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

⁷Excludes 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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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹	
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment 3,600	\$594	\$333
Sickness 5,000	600	332
	Benefit payments ¹	
	September 2015	September 2014
Total	\$9,399,000	\$7,296,000
Unemployment²	4,337,000	2,765,000
Sickness	5,061,000	4,531,000

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. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 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. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2013.

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