

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

Benefit payments	<u>October 2015</u>	<u>October 2014</u>
Total	\$1,020,713,000	\$1,003,651,000
Retired employees	699,935,000	686,362,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	141,653,000	136,648,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	153,697,000	155,308,000
Other benefits	25,428,000	25,333,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security October 2015	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	533,600	.....	1,600	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	267,700	\$2,584	600	\$2,930	.....	.....
Age	190,200	2,629	² 300	² 3,650	\$1,338	³ \$1,823
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over ⁴	43,300	2,326	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	34,200	2,664	100	2,580	1,165	1,266
Spouses and divorced spouses	144,100	976	600	965	665	711
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	97,700	1,568	400	2,070	1,248	1,195
Widowed mothers and fathers	700	1,840	<u>5</u>	2,637	939	891
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	13,000	1,039	100	1,046	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Children	8,900	1,058	<u>5</u>	1,321	831	821
Other benefits	1,400	313	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁷	123,100	42	500	42	.....	.....

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 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	4,200	\$598	\$332
Sickness	5,100	604	334
		Benefit payments ¹	
		October 2015	October 2014
Total		\$10,432,000	\$8,163,000
Unemployment²		5,010,000	2,999,000
Sickness		5,421,000	5,164,000

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 7.2% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2013, a reduction of 7.3% for days after September 30, 2014, and 6.8% for days after September 30, 2015.

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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