

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

Benefit payments	<u>November 2015</u>	<u>November 2014</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$1,023,824,000	\$1,002,437,000
Retired employees	702,647,000	685,766,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	141,802,000	136,608,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	153,887,000	154,894,000
Other benefits	25,487,000	25,169,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security November 2015	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u> <sup>1</sup>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	533,500	.....	2,400	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	267,700	\$2,588	1,000	\$3,199	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	190,400	2,633	<sup>2</sup> 600	<sup>2</sup> 3,814	\$1,340	<sup>3</sup> \$1,839
Disability converted to age annuity <sup>4</sup>	43,500	2,329	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	33,900	2,666	100	2,768	1,166	1,271
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	144,400	978	900	1,098	667	726
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	97,400	1,572	400	2,084	1,249	1,205
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	700	1,843	<u>5/</u>	1,704	941	909
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	13,000	1,041	100	1,062	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>
<b>Children</b>	8,900	1,058	<u>5/</u>	1,432	832	831
<b>Other benefits</b>	1,400	312	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>7</sup></b>	123,200	42	600	42	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup>Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

<sup>2</sup>For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 36); some 200 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

<sup>3</sup>For men full retirement age or over.

<sup>4</sup>A disability annuity ends when the retiree attains full retirement age, at which time the annuity converts to an age and service annuity. Consequently, these annuitants are receiving age and service annuities. Full retirement age is age 65 for those born before 1938 and gradually increases to age 67 for those born 1960 and later.

<sup>5</sup>Fewer than 50.

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

<sup>7</sup>Excludes 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 <sup>1</sup>	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	4,300	\$604	\$335
Sickness	4,900	606	335
		Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	
		November 2015	November 2014
<b>Total</b>		\$10,391,000	\$5,748,000
<b>Unemployment<sup>2</sup></b>		5,661,000	2,374,000
<b>Sickness</b>		4,730,000	3,374,000

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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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