

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - July 2016

Benefit payments	<u>July 2016</u>	<u>July 2015</u>
Total	\$1,031,066,000	\$1,019,714,000
Retired employees	707,425,000	699,510,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	145,238,000	140,351,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	152,794,000	154,104,000
Other benefits	25,608,000	25,749,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security July 2016	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	531,100	.....	2,800	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	266,700	\$2,615	1,200	\$3,142	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	190,500	2,667	² 800	² 3,763	\$1,350	³ \$1,830
Disability converted to age annuity ⁴	44,300	2,352	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	31,900	2,673	100	2,342	1,166	1,290
Spouses and divorced spouses	145,500	989	1,100	1,053	680	708
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	95,000	1,599	400	2,087	1,256	1,225
Widowed mothers and fathers	700	1,865	<u>5/</u>	1,973	943	928
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,900	1,051	100	1,200	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>
Children	8,700	1,064	<u>5/</u>	1,430	833	821
Other benefits	1,500	309	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁷	122,800	42	600	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); some 300 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

³For men full retirement age or over.

⁴A 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.

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	4,400	\$551	\$334
Sickness	4,600	584	334
		Benefit payments ¹	
		July 2016	July 2015
Total		\$8,808,000	\$6,241,000
Unemployment²		4,033,000	2,363,000
Sickness		4,776,000	3,878,000

¹ In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency 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, 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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