

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

Benefit payments	<u>August 2015</u>	<u>August 2014</u>
Total	\$1,021,566,000	\$1,000,069,000
Retired employees	701,144,000	683,691,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	140,752,000	135,311,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	154,118,000	155,816,000
Other benefits	25,551,000	25,251,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security August 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	.....	2,700	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	267,700	\$2,577	1,200	\$3,118	.....	.....
Age	189,900	2,620	² 700	² 3,714	\$1,337	³ \$1,840
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	43,000	2,320	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	34,800	2,661	100	2,588	1,165	1,251
Spouses and divorced spouses	143,700	974	1,000	1,039	662	711
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	98,300	1,561	400	2,005	1,247	1,205
Widowed mothers and fathers	700	1,832	<u>4</u> /	1,648	941	911
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	13,100	1,038	100	872	<u>5</u> /	<u>5</u> /
Children	9,000	1,053	<u>4</u> /	1,502	831	811
Other benefits	1,400	313	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁶	122,900	42	700	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); some 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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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹		
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	3,100	\$592	\$332
Sickness	4,800	589	331
		Benefit payments ¹	
		August 2015	August 2014
Total		\$8,995,000	\$6,443,000
Unemployment²		4,433,000	2,207,000
Sickness		4,562,000	4,236,000

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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