

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

Benefit payments	<u>October 2016</u>	<u>October 2015</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$1,036,367,000	\$1,020,713,000
Retired employees	711,263,000	699,935,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	146,927,000	141,653,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	152,647,000	153,697,000
Other benefits	25,530,000	25,428,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security October 2016	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	531,000	.....	2,300	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	266,800	\$2,625	900	\$3,110	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	190,900	2,679	<sup>2</sup> 500	<sup>2</sup> 3,770	\$1,354	<sup>3</sup> \$1,814
Disability converted to age annuity <sup>4</sup>	44,900	2,361	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	31,000	2,675	100	2,739	1,167	1,284
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	146,100	992	900	1,070	684	688
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	94,300	1,609	400	2,008	1,258	1,206
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	700	1,883	<u>5/</u>	1,987	946	923
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	12,900	1,054	<u>5/</u>	1,066	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>
<b>Children</b>	8,700	1,066	<u>5/</u>	1,205	834	836
<b>Other benefits</b>	1,600	310	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>7</sup></b>	123,000	42	500	41	.....	.....

<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 35); about 300 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	4,100	\$612	\$334
Sickness	5,200	609	333
		Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	
		October 2016	October 2015
<b>Total</b>		\$11,288,000	\$10,432,000
<b>Unemployment<sup>2</sup></b>		5,288,000	5,010,000
<b>Sickness</b>		6,001,000	5,421,000

<sup>1</sup> 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 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, 6.8% for days after September 30, 2015, and 6.9% for days after September 30, 2016.

<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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