
Quarterly Benefit Statistics

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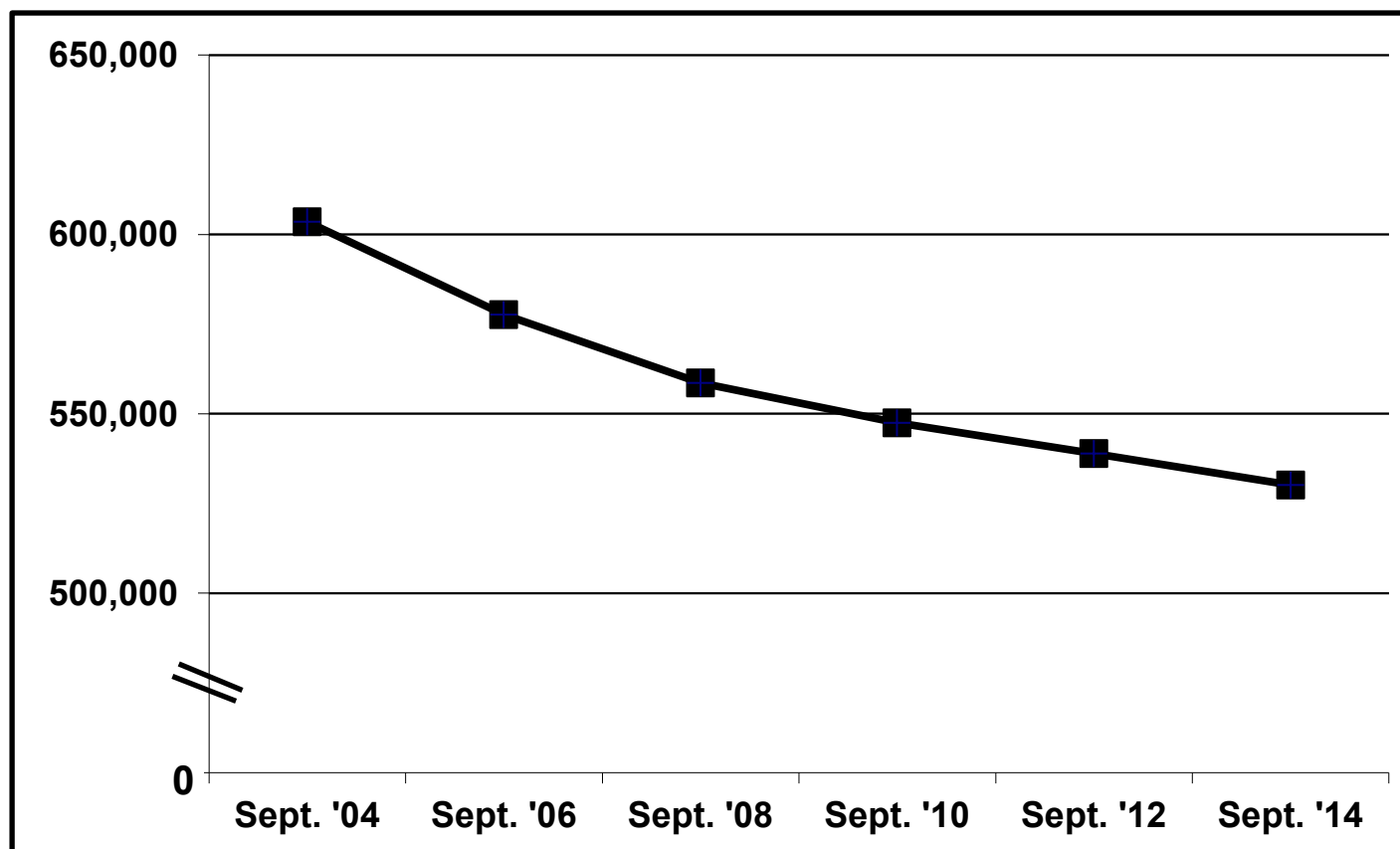
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Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Programs Selected Current Statistics for July - September 2014

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Total Monthly Railroad Retirement Beneficiaries, September 2004 through September 2014



**Table 1: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Benefit Statistics
July - September 2014**

| Period | Total ¹ | | Employee annuities | | | Supple- mental ³ | Spouse annuities | Divorced spouse annuities |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Monthly benefits | Monthly beneficiaries | Age | Under full retirement age | Full retirement age and over | | | |
| Number in current-payment status at end of period | | | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | 661,069 | 530,110 | 190,224 | 37,891 | 41,554 | 122,086 | 138,095 | 4,531 |
| August 2014 | 660,066 | 529,415 | 189,840 | 38,110 | 41,337 | 121,786 | 137,682 | 4,487 |
| July 2014 | 659,582 | 529,193 | 189,594 | 38,354 | 41,125 | 121,543 | 137,415 | 4,507 |
| Average amount in current-payment status at end of period | | | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | ..... | ..... | \$2,536.36 | \$2,612.52 | \$2,252.19 | \$41.57 | \$957.19 | \$589.89 |
| August 2014 | ..... | ..... | 2,531.87 | 2,610.67 | 2,249.33 | 41.57 | 955.70 | 589.60 |
| July 2014 | ..... | ..... | 2,526.82 | 2,607.58 | 2,245.01 | 41.57 | 953.46 | 587.32 |
| Number awarded during period | | | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | 3,207 | 2,601 | 874 | 147 | ..... | 606 | 934 | 68 |
| August 2014 | 3,541 | 2,794 | 1,038 | 155 | ..... | 747 | 972 | 53 |
| July 2014 | 3,679 | 2,967 | 1,147 | 148 | ..... | 712 | 992 | 65 |
| 10/13 - 9/14 | 37,391 | 30,705 | 10,258 | 1,822 | ..... | 6,686 | 10,788 | 725 |
| 10/12 - 9/13 | 38,128 | 31,608 | 10,239 | 2,308 | ..... | 6,520 | 10,737 | 712 |
| Average amount awarded during period⁴ | | | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | ..... | ..... | \$3,118.31 | \$2,619.96 | ..... | \$41.41 | \$1,082.47 | \$594.59 |
| August 2014 | ..... | ..... | 3,156.66 | 2,744.51 | ..... | 41.34 | 1,073.51 | 605.61 |
| July 2014 | ..... | ..... | 3,038.10 | 2,631.25 | ..... | 41.28 | 1,044.69 | 647.73 |
| Benefit payments during period (thousands) | | | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | \$1,000,715 | ..... | \$483,328 | \$102,776 | \$92,820 | \$5,074 | \$133,086 | \$2,744 |
| August 2014 | 1,000,069 | ..... | 482,583 | 103,904 | 92,141 | 5,063 | 132,587 | 2,724 |
| July 2014 | 995,862 | ..... | 480,294 | 103,421 | 91,660 | 5,051 | 132,126 | 2,738 |
| 10/13 - 9/14 | 11,896,435 | ..... | 5,711,780 | 1,276,801 | 1,076,083 | 60,765 | 1,567,485 | 32,026 |
| 10/12 - 9/13 | 11,635,738 | ..... | 5,504,592 | 1,374,783 | 986,302 | 60,639 | 1,501,046 | 29,175 |

¹Includes dependent parents' annuities. Except for benefit payment data, excludes insurance lump-sum and residual payment figures. Benefit payments also include hospital insurance benefits for services in Canada. ²Full retirement age, also known as normal retirement age, is gradually increasing from age 65 to age 67 over a 22 year period. For those born 1/2/1943-1/1/1955, the normal retirement age is 66. ³Excludes partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased. Averages are after court-ordered partitions. ⁴Regular employee and spouse annuity averages are preliminary estimates.

NOTE--MONTHLY BENEFITS in CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS at the end of month include all benefits awarded to date and payable for the month. BENEFITS AWARDED consist of those certified for the first time on either a partial or final basis. BENEFIT PAYMENTS for a month, shown in both the benefit and financial statistics, consist of recurrent monthly checks dated the first of the month, plus retroactive and lump-sum payments made during the month, less returned checks (excluding those not yet distributed by Account), refunds of benefits paid previously, etc. Data are on a cash basis (unaudited) and are partly estimated.

**Table 1: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Benefit Statistics
July - September 2014 -- Continued**

Survivor benefits

| Period | Annuities | | | | | | Insurance lump sums | Residual payments | Partition payments ⁵ |
|--|--------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Aged widows and widowers | Disabled widows and widowers | Widowed mothers and fathers | Remarried widows and widowers | Divorced widows and widowers | Children | | | |
| Number in current-payment status at end of period | | | | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | 98,435 | 3,868 | 688 | 3,506 | 9,747 | 9,164 | ..... | ..... | 1,253 |
| August 2014 | 98,604 | 3,861 | 689 | 3,510 | 9,736 | 9,156 | ..... | ..... | 1,242 |
| July 2014 | 98,849 | 3,860 | 686 | 3,515 | 9,720 | 9,159 | ..... | ..... | 1,229 |
| Average amount in current-payment status at end of period | | | | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | \$1,525.41 | \$1,250.06 | \$1,798.39 | \$1,005.05 | \$1,004.74 | \$1,027.18 | ..... | ..... | \$302.14 |
| August 2014 | 1,522.27 | 1,248.38 | 1,789.82 | 1,001.84 | 1,003.00 | 1,025.92 | ..... | ..... | 301.53 |
| July 2014 | 1,519.20 | 1,246.16 | 1,780.42 | 1,003.11 | 1,001.39 | 1,023.09 | ..... | ..... | 300.70 |
| Number awarded during period | | | | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | 446 | 18 | 9 | 10 | 55 | 40 | 253 | ---- | ..... |
| August 2014 | 442 | 16 | 4 | 15 | 69 | 29 | 235 | ---- | ..... |
| July 2014 | 479 | 13 | 9 | 10 | 67 | 37 | 258 | ---- | ..... |
| 10/13 - 9/14 | 5,582 | 133 | 110 | 143 | 743 | 398 | 3,075 | 5 | ..... |
| 10/12 - 9/13 | 5,994 | 164 | 111 | 146 | 739 | 456 | 3,277 | 7 | ..... |
| Average amount awarded during period⁴ | | | | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | \$2,003.61 | \$1,692.09 | \$1,924.26 | \$1,323.20 | \$1,033.85 | \$1,423.83 | \$917 | ---- | ..... |
| August 2014 | 1,927.02 | 1,539.70 | 1,984.97 | 1,064.27 | 940.70 | 1,400.14 | 951 | ---- | ..... |
| July 2014 | 1,998.57 | 1,792.09 | 1,365.19 | 714.20 | 868.73 | 1,222.40 | 909 | ---- | ..... |
| Benefit payments during period (thousands) | | | | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | \$150,554 | \$5,106 | \$1,331 | \$3,550 | \$9,865 | \$9,810 | \$248 | ---- | \$381 |
| August 2014 | 150,737 | 5,079 | 1,292 | 3,581 | 9,881 | 9,851 | 233 | ---- | 380 |
| July 2014 | 150,465 | 5,007 | 1,260 | 3,543 | 9,810 | 9,825 | 245 | ---- | 394 |
| 10/13 - 9/14 | 1,809,000 | 59,859 | 15,511 | 43,240 | 116,827 | 119,488 | 2,940 | \$9 | 4,299 |
| 10/12 - 9/13 | 1,819,135 | 60,096 | 15,303 | 44,031 | 112,343 | 121,071 | 3,152 | 22 | 3,716 |

⁵Limited to partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased or not otherwise entitled to an annuity. Partition payments from employees on the rolls are included with the employees' annuities.

NOTE.--(Continued from previous page.)

FOR WIDOWS and WIDOWERS aged 60 and over and WIDOWED OTHERS and FATHERS, the number of benefits being paid and benefit payments include benefits temporarily being continued at spouse annuity rates, pending award of survivor annuities.

INSURANCE LUMP SUMS and RESIDUAL PAYMENTS are each counted only once with respect to an employee's death even though divided among 2 or more persons. Award data for insurance lump sums exclude deferred benefits, i.e., those payable a year after the employee's death.

Data on benefit payments are for CALENDAR MONTHS; all other data are for ACCOUNTING MONTHS ending on approximately the 29th of each month.

Table 2: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Financial Statistics
July - September 2014 (In thousands)
Cash Basis (Unaudited)

| Item | September 2014 | August 2014 | July 2014 | October 2013 - September 2014 | October 2012 - September 2013 |
|--|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACCOUNT | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period¹ | \$556,062 | \$654,454 | \$560,087 | \$811,676 | \$720,228 |
| Income, total | 630,657 | 461,241 | 644,080 | 6,392,162 | 6,335,142 |
| Payroll taxes ² | 247,954 | 248,576 | 268,132 | 3,033,182 | 2,809,215 |
| Income tax transfers ³ | ..... | ..... | 87,000 | 359,000 | 331,000 |
| Reimbursements for payment of SSA benefits | 122,308 | 122,115 | 121,947 | 1,459,012 | 1,433,644 |
| Transfers from National RR Investment Trust ⁴ | 166,000 | 89,000 | 166,000 | 1,429,000 | 1,581,000 |
| Transfer from SSEB Account ⁴ | 93,000 | ..... | ..... | 93,000 | 171,000 |
| Undistributed recoveries of benefit payments ⁵ | 10 | 115 | -102 | 59 | -160 |
| Uncashed check credits from U.S. Treasury ⁶ | 19 | 22 | 30 | 347 | 432 |
| Repayment of loans from DBP Account ⁷ | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4,529 | ..... |
| Interest on investments ⁸ | 1,365 | 1,413 | 1,073 | 14,033 | 9,011 |
| Outgo, total | 394,948 | 559,633 | 549,713 | 6,412,068 | 6,243,694 |
| Benefit payments-regular | 420,554 | 420,403 | 416,488 | 4,983,177 | 4,845,475 |
| Benefit payments-supplemental | 5,081 | 5,070 | 5,057 | 60,840 | 60,702 |
| Financial interchange adjustment | -164,015 | ..... | ..... | -164,015 | -166,602 |
| Payments of SSA benefits | 122,268 | 122,152 | 121,906 | 1,458,265 | 1,433,878 |
| Loans to Dual Benefits Payments Account ⁹ | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4,500 | ..... |
| Administrative expenses ¹⁰ | 10,874 | 11,361 | 5,850 | 64,378 | 65,347 |
| Funding for Office of Inspector General | 186 | 647 | 412 | 4,923 | 4,895 |
| Balance at end of period¹ | 791,771 | 556,062 | 654,454 | 791,771 | 811,676 |
| NATIONAL RAILROAD RETIREMENT INVESTMENT TRUST | | | | | |
| Cash and investment balance at end of period¹¹ | \$26,039,926 | \$26,848,359 | \$26,399,686 | \$26,039,926 | \$24,963,691 |
| DUAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT¹² | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$1,631 | \$1,495 | \$1,344 | ..... | ..... |
| Loans from Railroad Retirement Account ⁹ | ..... | ..... | ..... | \$4,500 | ..... |
| Congressional apportionments ¹³ | 3,054 | 3,083 | 3,111 | 35,001 | \$40,899 |
| Income tax transfers ³ | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4,000 | 4,000 |
| Vested dual benefit payments | 2,898 | 2,948 | 2,960 | 37,185 | 42,618 |
| Repayment of loans from Railroad Retirement Account ⁷ | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4,529 | ..... |
| Balance to be returned to U.S. Treasury | 1,787 | ..... | ..... | 1,787 | 2,282 |
| Balance at end of period | ..... | 1,631 | 1,495 | ..... | ..... |

Table 2: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Financial Statistics
July - September 2014 (In thousands)
Cash Basis (Unaudited) -- Continued

| Item | September 2014 | August 2014 | July 2014 | October 2013 - September 2014 | October 2012 - September 2013 |
|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT ACCOUNT | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$1,130,086 | \$1,189,889 | \$1,105,169 | \$863,936 | \$939,756 |
| Income, total | 582,209 | 517,592 | 659,066 | 11,771,955 | 11,418,560 |
| Payroll taxes ² | 231,074 | 230,251 | 247,623 | 2,906,135 | 2,638,034 |
| General revenue transfers under payroll tax holiday ¹⁴ | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 94,047 |
| Income tax transfers ³ | ..... | ..... | 63,000 | 257,000 | 222,000 |
| Financial interchange advances ⁷ | 348,329 | 284,951 | 346,326 | 3,886,120 | 3,943,042 |
| RRB-SSA financial interchange transfer | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4,700,763 | 4,499,012 |
| Interest on investments ⁸ | 2,807 | 2,390 | 2,116 | 21,936 | 22,425 |
| Outgo, total | 834,459 | 577,395 | 574,345 | 11,758,053 | 11,494,380 |
| Benefit payments | 572,183 | 571,649 | 571,357 | 6,815,233 | 6,686,944 |
| Financial interchange adjustment | 164,015 | ..... | ..... | 164,015 | 166,602 |
| Repayment of financial interchange advances ⁷ | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4,041,893 | 3,863,099 |
| RRB-CMS financial interchange transfer | ..... | ..... | ..... | 611,597 | 576,624 |
| Transfer to Railroad Retirement Account ⁴ | 93,000 | ..... | ..... | 93,000 | 171,000 |
| Administrative expenses ¹⁰ | 5,172 | 5,438 | 2,792 | 30,034 | 28,014 |
| Funding for Office of Inspector General | 89 | 309 | 196 | 2,281 | 2,097 |
| Balance at end of period | 877,837 | 1,130,086 | 1,189,889 | 877,837 | 863,936 |

¹Balances include liabilities for uncashed checks. As of the end of September 2014, liabilities were \$13,493,000. ²Net of U.S. Treasury adjustments for payroll tax refunds to certain carriers and their employees for prior periods. ³Amounts include U.S. Treasury adjustments for prior period income tax reconciliations. ⁴Under the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001, as amended, the portion of the RR Account not needed to pay current administrative expenses is to be transferred to the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (Trust). The Trust may transfer funds back to the RR Account for payment of benefits. The balance of the SSEB Account not needed to pay current benefits and administrative expenses is to be transferred to the Trust or to the RR Account. ⁵Net of amounts distributed by account. ⁶Net of returns of uncashed check credits. Includes undistributed canceled checks under 1-year limited payability. ⁷Includes interest. ⁸Net of adjustments for payroll tax refunds (see note 2). ⁹Due to the delay in enactment of a continuing resolution, the Dual Benefits Payments Account borrowed \$4,500,000 from the Railroad Retirement Account in order to pay vested dual benefits. The loan was repaid with interest in December 2013. ¹⁰Reflects adjustments for prior periods. ¹¹Source: National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust. ¹²Total vested dual benefits paid during a fiscal year are limited to the amount appropriated to the Dual Benefits Payments Account for that year. Any amounts not spent are returned to the U.S. Treasury. The benefit appropriation for fiscal year 2014 was \$39.0 million, including income tax transfers. The appropriation for fiscal year 2013 was \$44.898 million, including income tax transfers. ¹³Includes a small amount of interest on uncashed checks. ¹⁴Under the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, the 2011 tax rate for employees and the self-employed is reduced by 2 percentage points. The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 extended the payroll tax holiday through 2012. The SSEB Account was given general revenue equivalent to the lost revenue.

NOTE.--Data relate to CALENDAR month.

Detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

**Table 3: Unemployment and Sickness Programs, Benefit Statistics
July - September 2014**

| Period | Normal benefit accounts | | | Beneficiaries | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| | Applications received | Opened | Exhausted | Total | Normal benefits | Extended benefits |
| Unemployment¹ | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | 705 | 541 | 3 | 2,392 | 2,294 | 126 |
| August 2014 | 761 | 957 | 6 | 2,247 | 2,088 | 184 |
| July 2014 | 2,506 | 1,327 | 108 | 2,156 | 1,949 | 282 |
| 7/14 - 9/14 | 3,972 | 2,825 | 117 | 3,292 | 3,162 | 303 |
| 7/13 - 9/13 | 5,043 | 3,315 | 134 | 4,465 | 3,933 | 1,053 |
| Sickness | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | 1,498 | 1,211 | 6 | 4,798 | 4,686 | 152 |
| August 2014 | 1,798 | 2,464 | 20 | 4,773 | 4,531 | 286 |
| July 2014 | 5,286 | 2,772 | 161 | 4,410 | 4,117 | 414 |
| 7/14 - 9/14 | 8,582 | 6,447 | 187 | 6,990 | 6,832 | 452 |
| 7/13 - 9/13 | 8,328 | 6,312 | 180 | 6,957 | 6,800 | 421 |
| Period | Number of payments | | | Averages ² | | |
| | Total | Normal benefits | Extended benefits | Benefit days | Benefit per week ³ | Benefit payments ³ (thousands) |
| Unemployment¹ | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | 4,487 | 4,252 | 235 | 9.1 | \$321.20 | \$2,765 |
| August 2014 | 4,141 | 3,775 | 366 | 9.1 | 321.55 | 2,207 |
| July 2014 | 3,722 | 3,170 | 552 | 8.6 | 316.75 | 2,899 |
| 7/14 - 9/14 | 12,350 | 11,197 | 1,153 | 9.0 | 320.20 | 7,871 |
| 7/13 - 9/13 | 17,196 | 12,856 | 4,340 | 8.7 | 304.20 | 10,027 |
| Sickness | | | | | | |
| September 2014 | 9,075 | 8,799 | 276 | 9.0 | \$323.35 | \$4,531 |
| August 2014 | 8,683 | 8,103 | 580 | 8.9 | 321.00 | 4,236 |
| July 2014 | 8,190 | 7,301 | 889 | 8.7 | 317.55 | 3,983 |
| 7/14 - 9/14 | 25,948 | 24,203 | 1,745 | 8.9 | 322.25 | 12,750 |
| 7/13 - 9/13 | 24,991 | 23,411 | 1,580 | 8.9 | 306.45 | 11,334 |

¹ 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.

² Benefit days--average benefit days per registration period. Benefit per week--equal to 5 times average daily benefit.

³ 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 and a reduction of 7.2% for days after September 30, 2013.

NOTE--An unemployment claimant files only one APPLICATION for a benefit year. A sickness claimant files an APPLICATION at the beginning of each period of continuing sickness.

NORMAL BENEFIT ACCOUNTS are opened when the first payment is made.

The number of BENEFICIARIES is the count of persons receiving unemployment or sickness benefits in the period. Those receiving both normal and extended benefits for unemployment or sickness are counted only once in the total for each type.

PAYMENTS generally cover 14-day registration periods. Benefits are payable for days over 7 during an employee's first 14-day registration period. Sickness benefits are paid for days of sickness after the 4th consecutive day of sickness in the first claim in each period of continuing sickness; for subsequent registration periods in the same period of continuing sickness, payments are made for all days of sickness over 4 whether or not consecutive. Unemployment benefits are paid for days of unemployment over 4. However, in the case of unemployment benefits due to a legal authorized strike, unemployment benefits are not paid until after a 14-day waiting period. Non-strikers unemployed due to an illegal strike must also serve a 14-day waiting period.

Table 4: Unemployment and Sickness Programs, Financial Statistics
July - September 2014 (In thousands)
Cash Basis (Unaudited)

| Item | September 2014 | August 2014 | July 2014 | October 2013 - September 2014 | October 2012 - September 2013 |
|--|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCOUNT | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$124,929 | \$131,353 | \$136,493 | \$180,223 | \$163,895 |
| Income, total | 401 | 193 | 1,867 | 22,649 | 100,961 |
| Contributions ¹ | -180 | 317 | 1,669 | 6,248 | 84,679 |
| Interest on investments | 835 | 34 | 55 | 4,415 | 5,686 |
| Undistributed recoveries of benefit payments ² | -253 | -159 | 143 | -271 | -110 |
| Transfers from Administration Fund ³ | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12,257 | 10,706 |
| Outgo, total | 7,317 | 6,617 | 7,006 | 84,860 | 84,633 |
| Unemployment benefit payments ⁴ | 2,775 | 2,236 | 2,932 | 37,092 | 40,840 |
| Sickness benefit payments ⁴ | 4,531 | 4,236 | 3,983 | 46,731 | 42,851 |
| Funding for Office of Inspector General ⁵ | 11 | 144 | 92 | 1,037 | 941 |
| Balance at end of period | 118,012 | 124,929 | 131,353 | 118,012 | 180,223 |
| RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$12,384 | \$15,396 | \$10,531 | \$12,324 | \$11,419 |
| Income, total | 273 | 189 | 6,223 | 25,225 | 26,202 |
| Contributions ¹ | 201 | 189 | 6,223 | 25,041 | 25,984 |
| Interest on investments | 72 | ..... | ..... | 184 | 218 |
| Outgo, total | 2,537 | 3,201 | 1,358 | 27,429 | 25,297 |
| Administrative expenses ⁵ | 2,537 | 3,201 | 1,358 | 15,172 | 14,591 |
| Transfers to RUI Account ³ | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12,257 | 10,706 |
| Balance at end of period | 10,120 | 12,384 | 15,396 | 10,120 | 12,324 |

¹ Amounts reflect quarterly re-allocation of contributions between the RUI Account and the RUI Administration Fund.

² Net of distributed amounts.

³ In accordance with Section 11(d) of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, the RUI Administration Fund transfers the balance in excess of \$6 million (on an accrual basis of accounting) at the end of the prior fiscal year to the RUI Account. The attributable interest is also transferred.

⁴ 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 and a reduction of 7.2% for days after September 30, 2013.

⁵ Reflects adjustments for prior periods.

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BENEFIT PAYMENTS are on a cash basis (unaudited) and represent amounts paid during the period including retroactive payments, less recoveries distributed to beneficiary accounts, refunds, and cancellations of previous payments.

ADMINISTRATION FUND balances reflect current adjustments to income and disbursements for previous years.

All unemployment and sickness data relate to CALENDAR MONTHS.

Detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

Table 4: Unemployment and Sickness Programs, Financial Statistics
July - September 2014 (In thousands)
Cash Basis (Unaudited) -- Continued

| Item | September 2014 | August 2014 | July 2014 | October 2013 - September 2014 | October 2012 - September 2013 |
|---|-------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT⁶ | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$9,390 | \$9,386 | \$9,381 | \$9,318 | \$9,217 |
| Interest and other income | 10 | 2 | 1 | 25 | 6 |
| Benefits ⁷ | 3 | -3 | -3 | -53 | -95 |
| Balance at end of period | 9,396 | 9,390 | 9,386 | 9,396 | 9,318 |
| EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, WORKER, HOMEOWNERSHIP, AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT⁸ | | | | | |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$132,296 | \$132,263 | \$132,231 | \$132,926 | \$139,963 |
| Interest and other income | 23 | 7 | 2 | 79 | 40 |
| Benefits ^{4,7} | -14 | -27 | -29 | 672 | 7,078 |
| Balance at end of period | 132,332 | 132,296 | 132,263 | 132,332 | 132,926 |

⁶ The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), signed into law on February 17, 2009, contained an appropriation of \$20,000,000 to provide up to 13 additional weeks of unemployment benefits for certain railroad workers who exhaust their rights to the benefits normally provided under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act.

⁷ Negative amounts due to recoveries exceeding benefit payments.

⁸ Enacted on November 6, 2009, the Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009 contained an appropriation of \$175,000,000 to extend the provisions of the Recovery Act by one year. The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (enacted December 17, 2010), the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011 (enacted December 23, 2011), the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (enacted February 22, 2012), and the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (enacted January 2, 2013) each continued the special unemployment benefit provision for periods ranging from two months to one year, for a total extension of three years.

Detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

Table 5: Benefits and Beneficiaries -- September 2014

RETIREMENT - SURVIVOR

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Total benefit payments - cash basis (unaudited) | \$1,000,715,000 |
| Regular benefits | 992,736,000 |
| Vested dual benefits | 2,898,000 |
| Supplemental annuities | 5,081,000 |

| | Number | Average |
|---|---------------|----------------|
| Total benefits being paid at end of month | 661,000 | ..... |
| Retired employees': | | |
| Regular | 270,000 | \$2,503 |
| Supplemental | 122,000 | 42 |
| Spouses' and divorced spouses' | 143,000 | 946 |
| Aged widows' and widowers' | 98,000 | 1,525 |
| Other benefits | 28,000 | 1,034 |
| Total beneficiaries being paid at end of month | 530,000 | ..... |

UNEMPLOYMENT-SICKNESS

| | Unemployment¹ | Sickness |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| Benefit payments - cash basis (unaudited)² | \$2,765,000 | \$4,531,000 |
| Beneficiaries | 2,500 | 5,100 |
| Average payment per week² | \$323 | \$323 |

¹ 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.

² 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 and a reduction of 7.2% for days after September 30, 2013.