

## Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - August 2008

### Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>August 2008</u>	<u>August 2007</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$837,515,000	\$815,411,000
Retired employees	556,034,000	537,339,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	101,954,000	97,820,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,513,000	157,292,000
Other survivors	23,015,000	22,960,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security August 2008	
	<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</b>	566,100	.....	2,800	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	275,300	\$2,005	1,200	\$2,667	.....	.....
Age	191,200	1,977	<sup>2</sup> 700	<sup>2</sup> 3,146	\$1,086	<sup>3</sup> \$1,526
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,300	1,784	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,800	2,265	300	2,562	1,004	1,054
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	136,300	740	900	934	519	388
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	128,800	1,212	500	1,638	1,027	840
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	800	1,518	<u>4</u>	1,996	788	776
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	14,100	807	100	823	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>Children</b>	10,700	878	<u>4</u>	1,209	706	702
<b>Other survivors</b>	100	516	.....	.....	.....	.....

### Supplemental Employee Annuities

Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
<u>August 2008</u>	<u>August 2007</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
\$5,048,000	\$5,064,000	120,800	\$42	700	\$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 aged 65 or over insured on regular basis.

<sup>4</sup>Fewer than 50.

<sup>5</sup>Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

**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**

<b>Number of beneficiaries during month</b>		<b>Average payment</b>	
		<b>Per 2-week registration period</b>	<b>Per full week</b>
<b>Unemployment</b>	2,600	\$539	\$302
<b>Sickness</b>	5,400	542	302
		<b>Benefit payments</b>	
		<b>August 2008</b>	<b>August 2007</b>
<b>Total</b>		\$5,886,000	\$8,182,000
<b>Unemployment</b>		1,761,000	1,324,000
<b>Sickness</b>		4,125,000	6,858,000

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