

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

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

| Benefit payments | <u>September 2008</u> | <u>September 2007</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total | \$839,389,000 | \$820,156,000 |
| Retired employees | 557,324,000 | 541,177,000 |
| Spouses and divorced spouses | 102,166,000 | 98,777,000 |
| Widow(er)s - aged and disabled | 156,735,000 | 157,195,000 |
| Other survivors | 23,163,000 | 23,007,000 |

| Monthly benefits | Being paid end of month | | Awarded in month | | Average under Social Security September 2008 | |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | <u>Number</u> | <u>Average¹</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Average¹</u> | <u>Being Paid</u> | <u>Awarded</u> |
| Total | 565,800 | ..... | 2,700 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Regular employee annuities, total | 275,200 | \$2,009 | 1,100 | \$2,598 | ..... | ..... |
| Age | 191,100 | 1,982 | ² 600 | ² 3,175 | \$1,087 | ³ \$1,531 |
| Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over | 34,400 | 1,787 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Disability, Under Full Retirement Age | 49,600 | 2,267 | 200 | 2,495 | 1,004 | 1,058 |
| Spouses and divorced spouses | 136,300 | 742 | 900 | 934 | 519 | 386 |
| Widow(er)s--aged and disabled | 128,500 | 1,215 | 500 | 1,649 | 1,028 | 826 |
| Widowed mothers and fathers | 800 | 1,529 | <u>4</u> / | 1,920 | 788 | 776 |
| Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced | 14,100 | 808 | 100 | 965 | <u>5</u> / | <u>5</u> / |
| Children | 10,700 | 879 | <u>4</u> / | 1,297 | 706 | 707 |
| Other survivors | 100 | 512 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |

Supplemental Employee Annuities

| Benefit payments | | Being paid end of month | | Awarded in month | |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|
| <u>September 2008</u> | <u>September 2007</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Average</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Average</u> |
| \$5,019,000 | \$5,042,000 | 120,800 | \$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 36); some 300 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

³For men aged 65 or over insured on regular basis.

⁴Fewer than 50.

⁵Remarried 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

| Number of beneficiaries during month | | Average payment | |
|---|-------|---|--------------------------|
| | | Per 2-week registration period | Per full week |
| Unemployment | 2,700 | \$546 | \$302 |
| Sickness | 5,600 | 547 | 302 |
| | | Benefit payments | |
| | | September 2008 | September 2007 |
| Total | | \$7,380,000 | \$3,109,000 |
| Unemployment | | 2,950,000 | - 623,000 |
| Sickness | | 4,430,000 | 3,732,000 |

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