

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

	Benefit payments	December 2008	December 2007
Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits	Total	\$840,477,000	\$818,116,000
	Retired employees	558,151,000	540,053,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	102,670,000	98,668,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,634,000	156,710,000
	Other survivors	23,019,000	22,659,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2008	
	Number	Average ¹	Number	Average ¹	Being Paid	Awarded
Total	565,200	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	275,100	\$2,110	700	\$2,496	.....	.....
Age	191,100	2,082	² 300	² 3,270	\$1,153	³ \$1,547
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,200	1,876	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,900	2,378	300	2,231	1,063	1,113
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,600	779	700	956	551	392
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	127,700	1,259	400	1,630	1,090	879
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,553	<u>4/</u>	1,540	835	814
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,100	857	<u>4/</u>	881	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>
Children	10,700	928	<u>4/</u>	1,160	745	770
Other survivors	100	511	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities	Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
	December 2008	December 2007	Number	Average	Number	Average
	\$4,969,000	\$5,040,000	121,000	\$42	300	\$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 35); about 200 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	4,600	\$516	\$302
Sickness	5,400	547	302
		Benefit payments	
		December 2008	December 2007
Total		\$8,442,000	\$7,425,000
Unemployment		4,501,000	3,526,000
Sickness		3,941,000	3,899,000

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