

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - July 2018

Benefit payments ¹	<u>July 2018</u>	<u>July 2017</u>
Total	\$1,061,426,000	\$1,040,088,000
Retired employees	730,841,000	714,595,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	153,850,000	148,387,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	150,818,000	151,646,000
Other benefits	25,917,000	25,460,000

**Retirement and Survivor
Benefits, Including
Supplemental Annuities**

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security July 2018	
	Number	Average ²	Number	Average ²	Being Paid	Awarded
Total, regular annuities	521,400	.....	2,600	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	262,200	\$2,743	1,100	\$3,208	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	189,500	2,810	³ 600	³ 3,889	\$1,415	⁴ \$1,924
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	47,100	2,469	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	25,600	2,746	100	3,005	1,199	1,326
Spouses and divorced spouses	147,400	1,034	1,000	1,035	718	741
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	88,400	1,699	400	2,127	1,306	1,275
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	1,889	<u>6</u>	1,774	981	964
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,600	1,114	100	1,134	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Children	8,200	1,107	<u>6</u>	1,517	858	840
Other benefits	1,900	318	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	120,500	42	500	41	.....	.....

¹Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

²Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

³For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 35); some 300 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

⁴For men full retirement age or over.

⁵A 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 gradually increases, from age 65 to 67, for those born between 1937 and 1960. It is age 67 for those born after 1959 and age 65 for those born before 1938.

⁶Fewer than 50.

⁷Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

⁸Excludes 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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**Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement
and Unemployment Insurance Systems - (Continued)
July 2018**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	2,000	\$587	\$340
Sickness	4,300	593	341
		Benefit payments ^{1,2}	
		July 2018	July 2017
Total		\$5,632,000	\$7,115,000
Unemployment³		2,129,000	2,933,000
Sickness		3,503,000	4,181,000

¹ 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 7.3% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2014, 6.8% for days after September 30, 2015, 6.9% for days after September 30, 2016, and 6.6% for days after September 30, 2017.

² Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

³ 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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