

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

Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Benefit payments ¹	<u>December 2018</u>	<u>December 2017</u>
	Total		\$1,063,971,000	$1,044,700,000
	Retired employees	731,266,000	717,073,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	155,225,000	150,236,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,530,000	151,795,000
	Other benefits	25,950,000	25,596,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2018	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
	Total, regular annuities	520,700	1,800
Regular employee annuities, total	261,700	\$2,816	700	\$3,182	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	189,600	2,886	³ 400	³ 3,966	\$1,461	⁴ \$1,969
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	47,700	2,539	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	24,400	2,810	100	2,453	1,234	1,384
Spouses and divorced spouses	148,100	1,058	600	1,149	744	763
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	87,500	1,729	400	2,262	1,346	1,310
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	1,925	<u>6/</u>	1,427	1,007	1,001
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,700	1,150	100	1,170	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
Children	8,200	1,147	<u>6/</u>	1,270	885	898
Other benefits	1,900	321	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	119,900	42	300	41	.....	.....

¹Data provided by 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 200 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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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	2,400	\$662	\$359
Sickness	4,500	651	358
		Benefit payments ^{1,2}	
		December 2018	December 2017
Total		\$6,290,000	\$9,928,000
Unemployment³		418,000	5,368,000
Sickness		5,871,000	4,559,000

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 6.8% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2015, 6.9% for days after September 30, 2016, 6.6% for days after September 30, 2017, and 6.2% for days after September 30, 2018.

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. Current activity reflects recoveries.

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