

## Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - March 2019

	Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	March 2019	March 2018
<b>Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities</b>	<b>Total</b>	\$1,086,683,000	\$1,062,244,000
	Retired employees	750,380,000	731,689,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	158,524,000	153,366,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	150,976,000	151,221,000
	Other benefits	26,803,000	25,969,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security March 2019	
	Number	Average <sup>2</sup>	Number	Average <sup>2</sup>	Being Paid	Awarded
<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	518,100	.....	2,200	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	260,600	\$2,823	800	\$3,089	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	188,900	2,895	<sup>3</sup> 300	<sup>3</sup> 3,936	\$1,467	<sup>4</sup> \$2,002
Disability converted to age annuity <sup>5</sup>	47,900	2,548	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	23,800	2,813	200	2,921	1,235	\$1,381
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	148,000	1,060	800	976	747	768
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	86,300	1,741	400	2,135	1,350	1,327
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	600	1,928	<u>6</u>	1,395	1,002	996
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	12,600	1,153	100	1,236	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>Children</b>	8,100	1,152	100	1,436	888	898
<b>Other benefits</b>	2,000	320	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>8</sup></b>	119,000	42	300	41	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup>Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

<sup>2</sup>Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

<sup>3</sup>For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 33); some 300 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

<sup>4</sup>For men full retirement age or over.

<sup>5</sup>A 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.

<sup>6</sup>Fewer than 50.

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

<sup>8</sup>Excludes 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 <sup>1</sup>	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	2,800	\$642	\$359
Sickness	4,300	633	360
		Benefit payments <sup>1, 2</sup>	
		March 2019	March 2018
Total		\$7,056,000	\$9,012,000
Unemployment <sup>3</sup>		3,706,000	3,667,000
Sickness		3,350,000	5,345,000

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

<sup>3</sup> 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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