

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

	Benefit payments¹	<u>August 2019</u>	<u>August 2018</u>
Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Total	\$1,087,605,000	\$1,114,317,000
	Retired employees	750,471,000	777,145,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	158,922,000	154,550,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,661,000	154,781,000
	Other benefits	26,550,000	27,841,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security August 2019	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	516,100	.....	2,300	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	259,500	\$2,837	900	\$3,215	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	188,400	2,910	³ 400	³ 3,950	\$1,473	⁴ \$1,976
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	48,300	2,561	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	22,800	2,821	100	2,926	1,236	1,385
Spouses and divorced spouses	148,100	1,064	900	1,033	751	787
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	85,400	1,762	400	2,295	1,355	1,321
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	1,937	<u>6/</u>	1,748	1,018	1,003
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,500	1,163	100	1,151	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
Children	8,000	1,154	<u>6/</u>	1,452	886	877
Other benefits	2,100	322	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	118,000	42	300	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 34); 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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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month		Average payment ¹	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	3,000	\$655	\$362
Sickness	4,400	648	362
		Gross benefit payments ^{1, 2}	
		August 2019	August 2018
Total		\$10,265,000	\$9,747,000
Unemployment		4,082,000	2,958,000
Sickness		6,183,000	6,789,000

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 Prior to July 2019, unemployment and sickness benefit payments were based on net amounts. Beginning in July 2019, that data is no longer available. Benefit payments for 2018 and 2019 have been adjusted to reflect gross amounts.

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