

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

Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	<u>September 2019</u>	<u>September 2018</u>
		<b>Total</b>	\$1,084,658,000
	Retired employees	747,413,000	688,171,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	159,180,000	154,631,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,368,000	146,277,000
	Other benefits	26,697,000	24,513,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security September 2019	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	515,900	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	259,400	\$2,839	700	\$3,076	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	188,400	2,912	<sup>3</sup> 300	<sup>3</sup> 3,795	\$1,475	<sup>4</sup> \$1,983
Disability converted to age annuity <sup>5</sup>	48,500	2,564	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	22,600	2,822	100	2,916	1,237	1,381
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	148,200	1,065	800	1,019	752	790
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	85,200	1,766	400	2,307	1,356	1,315
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	600	1,942	<u>6/</u>	1,346	1,020	1,017
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	12,500	1,165	100	1,263	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
<b>Children</b>	8,000	1,157	<u>6/</u>	1,517	886	885
<b>Other benefits</b>	2,100	323	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>8</sup></b>	117,800	42	300	41	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup>Data provided by 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); about 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	3,500	\$651	\$363
Sickness	4,600	662	363
		Gross benefit payments <sup>1, 2</sup>	
		September 2019	September 2018
<b>Total</b>		\$11,450,000	\$8,915,000
<b>Unemployment</b>		4,761,000	2,711,000
<b>Sickness</b>		6,690,000	6,205,000

<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> 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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