

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

	Benefit payments ¹	October 2019	October 2018
Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Total	\$1,086,832,000	\$1,064,496,000
	Retired employees	748,983,000	732,845,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	159,187,000	154,635,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,724,000	151,039,000
	Other benefits	26,938,000	25,977,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security October 2019	
	Number	Average ²	Number	Average ²	Being Paid	Awarded
Total, regular annuities	515,300	.....	2,100	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	259,000	\$2,842	700	\$3,087	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	188,200	2,915	³ 400	³ 3,904	\$1,477	⁴ \$1,970
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	48,500	2,567	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	22,300	2,823	100	2,931	1,238	1,383
Spouses and divorced spouses	148,100	1,065	800	1,021	753	787
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	85,100	1,770	400	2,343	1,357	1,327
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	1,935	<u>6</u>	2,025	1,021	1,002
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,500	1,167	100	1,383	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Children	8,000	1,158	<u>6</u>	1,470	886	883
Other benefits	2,100	323	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	117,600	42	300	40	.....	.....

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 34); about 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 payment¹	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	4,400	\$654	\$364
Sickness	5,000	663	364
		Gross benefit payments^{1, 2}	
		October 2019	October 2018
Total		\$14,177,000	\$10,128,000
Unemployment		6,348,000	3,206,000
Sickness		7,830,000	6,922,000

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 6.9% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2016, 6.6% for days after September 30, 2017, 6.2% for days after September 30, 2018, and 5.9% for days after September 30, 2019.

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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