

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - March 2021

	Benefit payments ¹	<u>March 2021</u>	<u>March 2020</u>
	Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Total	\$1,097,107,000	$1,094,603,000
	Retired employees	755,616,000	755,210,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	162,198,000	161,286,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,886,000	151,301,000
	Other benefits	27,408,000	26,806,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security March 2021	
	Number	Average ²	Number	Average ²	Being Paid	Awarded
	Total, regular annuities	500,700	2,000
Regular employee annuities, total	251,700	\$2,953	600	\$3,064	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	183,800	3,033	³ 200	³ 4,030	\$1,551	⁴ \$2,176
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	48,500	2,667	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	19,400	2,914	100	3,248	1,280	\$1,465
Spouses and divorced spouses	145,400	1,104	700	1,021	778	696
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	81,000	1,860	600	2,331	1,416	1,347
Widowed mothers and fathers	500	1,994	<u>6/</u>	2,046	1,047	1,075
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,100	1,225	100	1,369	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
Children	7,600	1,227	<u>6/</u>	1,507	922	952
Other benefits	2,300	323	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	111,800	42	100	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 32); 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 payment ¹	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	6,300	\$726	\$396
Sickness	6,200	624	395
		Benefit payments ¹	
		March 2021	March 2020
Total		\$27,994,000	\$14,467,000
Unemployment		18,941,000	7,335,000
Sickness		9,053,000	7,132,000

¹ In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, amounts reflect a reduction of 6.6% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2017, 6.2% for days after September 30, 2018, 5.9% for days after September 30, 2019, and 5.7% for days after September 30, 2020, and before January 3, 2021. Beginning January 3, 2021, under the Continued Assistance to Rail Workers Act of 2020, sequestration is temporarily suspended until 30 days after a Presidential declaration of an end to the national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- Beginning in May 2020, RUIA claimants have also been paid under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act). The March 2021 amount calculated for payment was \$15 million.