

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

	Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	<u>May 2021</u>	<u>May 2020</u>
	<b>Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities</b>	<b>Total</b>	\$1,097,014,000
	Retired employees	754,698,000	755,248,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	161,970,000	161,284,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	152,828,000	151,509,000
	Other benefits	27,518,000	26,789,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security May 2021	
	Number	Average <sup>2</sup>	Number	Average <sup>2</sup>	Being Paid	Awarded
<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	499,500	.....	1,600	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	251,000	\$2,957	600	\$2,973	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	183,400	3,037	<sup>3</sup> 200	<sup>3</sup> 4,002	\$1,554	<sup>4</sup> \$2,166
Disability converted to age annuity <sup>5</sup>	48,500	2,669	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	19,100	2,919	100	3,041	1,280	1,458
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	145,000	1,106	500	1,126	777	690
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	80,800	1,869	400	2,286	1,418	1,353
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	600	2,010	<u>6</u>	1,549	1,050	1,045
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	12,200	1,229	100	1,405	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>Children</b>	7,600	1,232	<u>6</u>	1,551	923	936
<b>Other benefits</b>	2,400	323	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>8</sup></b>	111,200	42	100	38	.....	.....

<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 32); 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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May 2021**

**Unemployment and Sickness Benefits**

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment <sup>1</sup>	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
<b>Unemployment</b>	3,300	\$751	\$396
<b>Sickness</b>	4,700	634	395
		Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	
		May 2021	May 2020
<b>Total</b>		\$10,351,000	\$25,994,000
<b>Unemployment</b>		4,268,000	19,778,000
<b>Sickness</b>		6,084,000	6,215,000

<sup>1</sup> 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 May 2021 amount calculated for payment was \$12.9 million, and the May 2020 amount was \$36.0 million.