

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

Benefit payments ¹	<u>August 2021</u>	<u>August 2020</u>
Total	\$1,092,768,000	\$1,094,691,000
Retired employees	752,300,000	755,224,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	161,506,000	161,208,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,803,000	151,648,000
Other benefits	27,159,000	26,612,000

**Retirement and Survivor
Benefits, Including
Supplemental Annuities**

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security August 2021	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	497,800	.....	1,900	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	250,200	\$2,964	700	\$3,168	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	182,900	3,045	³ 300	³ 3,951	\$1,559	⁴ \$2,160
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	48,600	2,676	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	18,700	2,925	100	3,023	1,281	1,462
Spouses and divorced spouses	144,600	1,108	600	1,085	776	679
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	80,300	1,883	400	2,394	1,422	1,359
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	2,046	<u>6</u>	2,955	1,063	1,047
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,200	1,233	100	1,398	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Children	7,500	1,233	<u>6</u>	1,714	920	919
Other benefits	2,400	321	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	110,300	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.

(Over)

**Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement
and Unemployment Insurance Systems - (Continued)
August 2021**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

	<u>Number of beneficiaries during month</u>	<u>Average payment¹</u>	
		<u>Per 2-week registration period</u>	<u>Per full week</u>
Unemployment	1,800	\$747	\$406
Sickness	5,200	659	405
		<u>Benefit payments¹</u>	
		<u>August 2021</u>	<u>August 2020</u>
Total		\$10,281,000	\$20,878,000
Unemployment		2,671,000	14,159,000
Sickness		7,610,000	6,719,000

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 August 2021 amount calculated for payment was \$10.0 million, and the August 2020 amount was \$24.0 million.