

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

| Benefit payments ¹ | <u>September 2021</u> | <u>September 2020</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total | \$1,095,993,000 | \$1,096,457,000 |
| Retired employees | 754,551,000 | 756,215,000 |
| Spouses and divorced spouses | 161,292,000 | 161,626,000 |
| Widow(er)s - aged and disabled | 152,698,000 | 151,609,000 |
| Other benefits | 27,452,000 | 27,007,000 |

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

| Monthly benefits | Being paid end of month | | Awarded in month | | Average under Social Security September 2021 | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--|----------------------|
| | <u>Number</u> | <u>Average²</u> | <u>Number</u> | <u>Average²</u> | <u>Being Paid</u> | <u>Awarded</u> |
| Total, regular annuities | 497,100 | ..... | 2,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Regular employee annuities, total | 249,800 | \$2,966 | 800 | \$3,179 | ..... | ..... |
| Awarded age annuity | 182,700 | 3,047 | ³ 300 | ³ 3,977 | \$1,560 | ⁴ \$2,143 |
| Disability converted to age annuity ⁵ | 48,600 | 2,678 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Disability | 18,600 | 2,926 | 200 | 3,207 | 1,281 | 1,471 |
| Spouses and divorced spouses | 144,400 | 1,108 | 700 | 1,046 | 775 | 671 |
| Widow(er)s--aged and disabled | 80,300 | 1,888 | 500 | 2,496 | 1,423 | 1,369 |
| Widowed mothers and fathers | 600 | 2,049 | <u>6/</u> | 1,647 | 1,065 | 1,064 |
| Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced | 12,200 | 1,234 | 100 | 1,443 | <u>7/</u> | <u>7/</u> |
| Children | 7,500 | 1,236 | <u>6/</u> | 1,617 | 921 | 936 |
| Other benefits | 2,400 | 321 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Employee supplemental annuities⁸ | 109,800 | 42 | 100 | 40 | ..... | ..... |

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)
September 2021**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

| | Number of beneficiaries during month | Average payment ¹ | |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| | | Per 2-week registration period | Per full week |
| Unemployment | 2,100 | \$720 | \$406 |
| Sickness | 6,000 | 668 | 405 |
| | | Benefit payments ¹ | |
| | | September 2021 | September 2020 |
| Total | | \$11,927,000 | \$21,163,000 |
| Unemployment | | 2,924,000 | 13,474,000 |
| Sickness | | 9,003,000 | 7,689,000 |

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 September 2021 amount calculated for payment was \$7.9 million, and the September 2020 amount was \$2.9 million.