Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - January 2022

Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities

Benefit payments ¹	January 2022	January 2021
Total	\$1,131,659,000	\$1,098,566,000
Retired employees	782,079,000	757,188,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	167,158,000	162,826,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	153,507,000	151,517,000
Other benefits	28,914,000	27,035,000

Monthly benefits	Being end of n	•	Award mo		Average Social So January	ecurity
	Number	Average ²	Number	Average ²	Being Paid	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	492,400		2,200			
Regular employee annuities, total	247,300	\$3,112	700	\$3,177		
Awarded age annuity	181,100	3,193	³ 200	³ 4,284	\$1,661	⁴ \$2,408
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	48,400	2,816				
Disability	17,800	3,082	100	3,328	1,359	1,564
Spouses and divorced spouses	143,200	1,156	800	1,126	820	730
Widow(er)saged and disabled	79,300	1,930	500	2,546	1,514	1,531
Widowed mothers and fathers	500	2,066	<u>6/</u>	2,081	1,116	1,114
Widow(er)sremarried and divorced	12,000	1,314	100	1,374	<u>7</u> /	<u>7</u> /
Children	7,500	1,318	<u>6/</u>	1,876	981	1,010
Other survivors	2,500	327				
Employee supplemental annuities ⁸	108,100	42	200	38		

¹Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

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.

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 400 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.

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - (Continued) January 2022

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

		Average payment ¹		
Number of beneficiaries during month		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	2,600	\$736	\$404	
Sickness	5,700	721	405	
		Benefit payments ¹		
		January 2022	January 2021	
Total		\$12,309,000	\$19,121,000	
Unemployment		3,940,000	11,270,000	
Sickness		8,368,000	7,851,000	

In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, amounts reflect a reduction of 6.2% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2018, 5.9% for days after September 30, 2019, 5.7% for days after September 30, 2020 and before January 3, 2021. Beginning January 3, 2021, the Continued Assistance to Rail Workers Act of 2020 (CARWA), temporarily suspended sequestration 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), CARWA, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) with no benefits payable under these acts for registration periods beginning after September 6, 2021. The January 2022 amount calculated for payment was less than \$0.03 million and the January 2021 amount was \$6.8 million.