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# Quarterly Benefit Statistics

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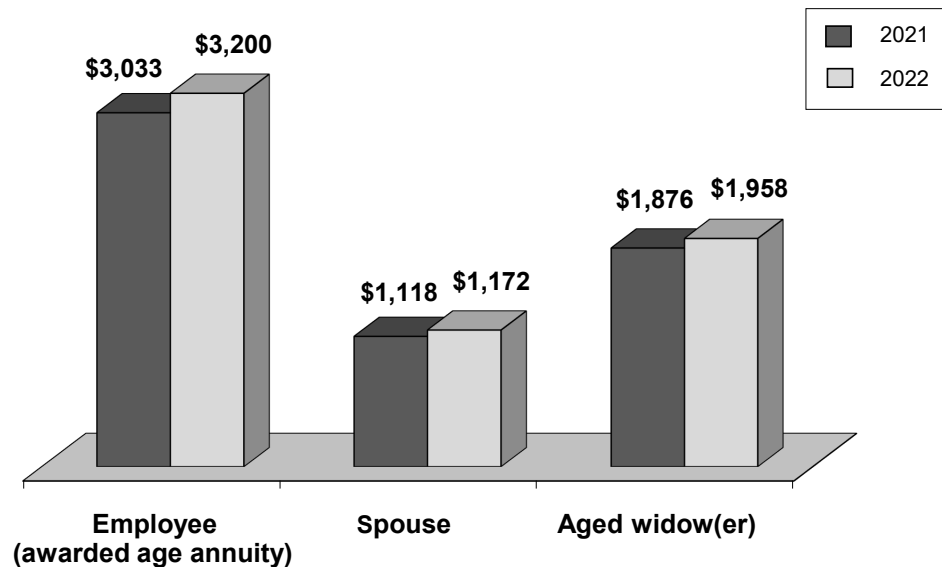
## Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Programs

Selected Current Statistics for **January - March 2022**

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**Average annuity amounts,  
March 2021 and March 2022**



**Table 1: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Benefit Statistics  
January - March 2022**

Period	Total <sup>1</sup>		Employee annuities				Spouse annuities	Divorced spouse annuities
	Monthly benefits	Monthly beneficiaries	Age		Disability	Supplemental <sup>3</sup>		
			Awarded age annuity	Disability converted to age annuity <sup>2</sup>				
<b>Number in current-payment status at end of period</b>								
March 2022	598,382	481,911	180,731	48,071	17,720	107,382	137,756	4,935
February 2022	599,730	482,835	181,075	48,393	17,616	107,789	138,001	4,976
January 2022	600,504	483,295	181,127	48,403	17,783	108,114	138,216	5,006
<b>Average amount in current-payment status at end of period</b>								
March 2022	.....	.....	\$3,199.89	\$2,820.48	\$3,086.40	\$41.49	\$1,172.29	\$761.33
February 2022	.....	.....	3,196.66	2,818.27	3,083.80	41.49	1,171.81	761.50
January 2022	.....	.....	3,193.42	2,815.88	3,082.14	41.50	1,170.82	759.61
<b>Number awarded during period</b>								
March 2022	2,046	1,940	505	.....	151	106	598	55
February 2022	2,127	2,005	529	.....	94	122	531	49
January 2022	2,346	2,180	643	.....	93	166	718	66
10/21 - 3/22	12,133	11,439	3,127	.....	719	694	3,493	304
10/20 - 3/21	12,785	11,799	3,167	.....	795	986	3,604	283
<b>Average amount awarded during period<sup>4</sup></b>								
March 2022	.....	.....	\$3,244.59	.....	\$3,356.36	\$38.26	\$1,071.29	\$777.46
February 2022	.....	.....	3,136.79	.....	3,138.76	38.22	1,156.32	794.86
January 2022	.....	.....	3,147.67	.....	3,331.14	37.65	1,145.07	778.14
<b>Benefit payments during period (thousands)<sup>5</sup></b>								
March 2022	\$1,130,555	.....	\$579,566	\$135,922	\$60,737	\$4,506	\$163,484	\$3,854
February 2022	1,130,763	.....	580,391	136,984	59,110	4,516	163,586	3,833
January 2022	1,131,659	.....	581,323	137,136	59,079	4,541	163,374	3,784
10/21 - 3/22	6,668,149	.....	3,413,210	802,357	353,956	27,290	965,099	22,260
10/20 - 3/21	6,575,004	.....	3,348,823	777,254	376,707	28,242	949,262	23,028

<sup>1</sup>Includes dependent parents' annuities. Except for benefit payment data, excludes insurance lump-sum and residual payment figures. Total benefit payments also include hospital insurance benefits for services in Canada. <sup>2</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>3</sup>Excludes partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased. Averages are after court-ordered partitions. <sup>4</sup>Regular employee and spouse annuity averages are preliminary estimates. <sup>5</sup>Beginning in July 2019, data is from the Monthly Treasury Statement. Prior to July 2019, data was provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

**NOTE.**--MONTHLY BENEFITS in CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS at the end of month include all benefits awarded to date and payable for the month. BENEFITS AWARDED consist of those certified for the first time on either a partial or final basis. BENEFIT PAYMENTS for a month, shown in both the benefit and financial statistics, consist of recurrent monthly checks dated the first of the month, plus retroactive and lump-sum payments made during the month, less returned checks (excluding those not yet distributed by Account), refunds of benefits paid previously, etc.

**Table 1: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Benefit Statistics  
January - March 2022 -- Continued**

**Survivor benefits**

Period	Annuities					Children	Insurance lump sums	Residual payments	Partition payments <sup>7</sup>
	Aged widows and widowers	Disabled widows and widowers <sup>6</sup>	Widowed mothers and fathers	Remarried widows and widowers	Divorced widows and widowers				
<b>Number in current-payment status at end of period</b>									
March 2022	76,095	2,965	566	2,339	9,714	7,548	.....	.....	2,550
February 2022	76,230	2,968	554	2,354	9,706	7,529	.....	.....	2,529
January 2022	76,280	2,979	540	2,354	9,673	7,508	.....	.....	2,510
<b>Average amount in current-payment status at end of period</b>									
March 2022	\$1,957.58	\$1,524.15	\$2,092.75	\$1,303.50	\$1,325.28	\$1,325.24	.....	.....	\$329.71
February 2022	1,952.55	1,524.38	2,085.44	1,302.02	1,322.37	1,320.75	.....	.....	329.80
January 2022	1,946.20	1,523.50	2,065.85	1,299.75	1,317.44	1,318.17	.....	.....	328.93
<b>Number awarded during period</b>									
March 2022	489	4	12	8	74	44	191	----	.....
February 2022	650	6	10	7	88	41	180	----	.....
January 2022	527	1	14	6	70	42	159	----	.....
10/21 - 3/22	2,977	20	85	34	400	280	911	----	.....
10/20 - 3/21	3,195	32	58	49	366	249	998	----	.....
<b>Average amount awarded during period<sup>4</sup></b>									
March 2022	\$2,432.83	\$1,747.97	\$1,737.85	\$1,038.88	\$1,238.67	\$1,615.91	\$901	----	.....
February 2022	2,434.08	1,869.65	1,435.21	803.14	1,571.21	1,804.58	859	----	.....
January 2022	2,547.94	1,419.08	2,080.94	1,619.33	1,352.60	1,875.69	860	----	.....
<b>Benefit payments during period (thousands)<sup>5</sup></b>									
March 2022	\$148,797	\$4,668	\$1,277	\$3,055	\$13,063	\$10,579	\$186	----	\$848
February 2022	148,938	4,751	1,184	3,074	13,094	10,275	162	----	853
January 2022	148,907	4,600	1,336	3,076	12,945	10,514	145	----	886
10/21 - 3/22	888,434	27,696	7,724	17,968	75,797	60,432	833	----	5,022
10/20 - 3/21	881,516	28,237	7,242	18,362	70,968	59,858	926	----	4,482

<sup>6</sup>Number and average in current-payment status, and benefit payments during period, includes annuities to disabled widow(er)s age 60 and over now payable as aged widow(er)s' annuities. <sup>7</sup>Limited to partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased or not otherwise entitled to an annuity. Partition payments from employees on the rolls are included with the employees' annuities.

**NOTE**--(Continued from previous page.)

FOR WIDOWS and WIDOWERS aged 60 and over and WIDOWED MOTHERS and FATHERS, the number of benefits being paid and benefit payments include benefits temporarily being continued at spouse annuity rates, pending award of survivor annuities.

INSURANCE LUMP SUMS and RESIDUAL PAYMENTS are each counted only once with respect to an employee's death even though divided among 2 or more persons. Award data for insurance lump sums exclude deferred benefits, i.e., those payable a year after the employee's death.

Data on benefit payments are for CALENDAR MONTHS; all other data are for ACCOUNTING MONTHS ending on approximately the 29th of each month.

**Table 2: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Financial Statistics**  
**January - March 2022 (In thousands)**  
**Cash Basis**

Item	March 2022	February 2022	January 2022	October 2021 - March 2022	October 2020 - March 2021
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT ACCOUNT</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Payroll taxes <sup>1</sup>	\$254,868	\$281,839	\$257,733	\$1,538,103	\$1,157,314
Income tax transfers <sup>2</sup>	.....	.....	83,000	181,000	137,000
Financial interchange advances <sup>3</sup>	411,907	328,605	430,295	2,362,173	2,619,761
RRB-SSA financial interchange transfer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Interest on investments <sup>4</sup>	2,054	2,297	2,067	11,381	10,320
<b>Outgo</b>					
Benefit payments	\$660,623	\$657,367	\$660,624	\$3,852,175	\$3,768,046
Repayment of financial interchange advances <sup>3</sup>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
RRB-CMS financial interchange transfer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Transfer to Railroad Retirement Account <sup>5</sup>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Administrative expenses	1,445	1,066	1,866	10,169	12,003
Funding for Office of Inspector General	146	107	187	1,022	1,103
<b>RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACCOUNT</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Payroll taxes <sup>1</sup>	\$314,789	\$342,500	\$305,574	\$1,665,801	\$1,397,442
Income tax transfers <sup>2</sup>	.....	.....	107,000	213,000	254,000
Reimbursements for payment of SSA benefits	183,849	182,998	184,891	1,066,667	1,012,892
Transfers from National RR Investment Trust <sup>5</sup>	170,000	109,000	249,000	783,000	1,622,000
Transfer from SSEB Account <sup>5</sup>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Loan Repayments from RUIA	.....	37,000	.....	37,000	.....
Interest on investments <sup>4</sup>	1,276	1,425	1,067	7,571	5,122
<b>Outgo</b>					
Benefit payments	\$469,169	\$472,619	\$470,233	\$2,811,134	\$2,800,972
Payments of SSA benefits	183,623	183,000	184,023	1,065,462	1,012,213
Loans to Railroad Unemployment Insurance Account	.....	.....	.....	.....	80,000
Administrative expenses	6,953	6,245	6,532	38,868	41,133
Funding for Office of Inspector General	704	628	656	3,910	3,794
<b>NATIONAL RAILROAD RETIREMENT INVESTMENT TRUST</b>					
<b>Cash and investment balance at end of period<sup>6</sup></b>	\$27,983,443	\$27,829,145	\$28,286,233	\$27,983,443	\$27,193,425
<b>DUAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT <sup>7</sup></b>					
<b>Vested dual benefit payments</b>	\$762	\$777	\$802	\$4,840	\$5,986

<sup>1</sup>Net of U.S. Treasury adjustments for payroll tax refunds to certain carriers and their employees for prior periods. <sup>2</sup>Amounts include U.S. Treasury adjustments for prior period income tax reconciliations. <sup>3</sup>Includes interest. <sup>4</sup>Net of adjustments for payroll tax refunds (see note 1). <sup>5</sup>Under the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001, as amended, the portion of the RR Account not needed to pay current administrative expenses is to be transferred to the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (Trust). The Trust may transfer funds back to the RR Account for payment of benefits. The balance of the SSEB Account not needed to pay current benefits and administrative expenses is to be transferred to the Trust or to the RR Account. <sup>6</sup>Source: National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust. <sup>7</sup>Total vested dual benefits paid during a fiscal year are limited to the amount appropriated to the Dual Benefits Payments Account for that year. Any amounts not spent are returned to the U.S. Treasury. The benefit appropriation, including income tax transfers, for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 was \$13.0 and \$11.0 million, respectively.

**NOTE--This Table has been revised to only include information from the Monthly Treasury Statements and other resources within the Railroad Retirement Board's Bureau of the Actuary and Research.**

**Table 3: Unemployment and Sickness Programs, Benefit Statistics  
January - March 2022**

Period	Normal benefit accounts			Beneficiaries		
	Applications received	Opened	Exhausted	Total	Normal benefits	Extended benefits
<b>Unemployment<sup>1</sup></b>						
March 2022	418	236	325	2,051	1,731	448
February 2022	398	336	178	2,269	1,999	329
January 2022	896	346	547	2,646	2,621	236
7/21 - 3/22	9,756	5,057	1,342	6,019	5,839	880
7/20 - 3/21	22,696	20,196	4,461	22,603	22,427	1,480
<b>Sickness</b>						
March 2022	1,370	986	338	5,066	3,988	1,304
February 2022	1,573	870	491	5,140	4,342	1,036
January 2022	2,092	973	1,180	5,651	5,564	655
7/21 - 3/22	21,551	12,593	2,447	16,578	16,379	2,108
7/20 - 3/21	28,940	13,346	2,808	20,464	20,317	2,047
Period	Number of payments			Averages <sup>1</sup>		
	Total	Normal benefits	Extended benefits	Benefit days	Benefit per week <sup>2</sup>	Benefit payments <sup>2</sup> (thousands)
<b>Unemployment</b>						
March 2022	4,686	3,784	902	9.0	\$401.50	\$3,409
February 2022	4,370	3,786	584	9.3	399.30	3,269
January 2022	5,355	5,072	283	9.1	403.90	3,940
7/21 - 3/22	43,064	39,696	3,368	9.2	403.15	31,643
7/20 - 3/21	166,799	160,658	6,141	8.6	381.55	115,111
<b>Sickness</b>						
March 2022	12,418	9,302	3,116	9.0	\$405.15	\$8,778
February 2022	10,214	8,314	1,900	8.8	405.30	6,991
January 2022	12,021	11,209	812	8.9	405.45	8,368
7/21 - 3/22	103,984	94,857	9,127	8.6	406.50	72,229
7/20 - 3/21	109,200	100,277	8,923	7.8	383.15	69,468

<sup>1</sup> Benefit days--average benefit days per registration period. Benefit per week--equal to 5 times average daily benefit.

<sup>2</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, the Continued Assistance to Rail Workers Act (CARWA) of 2020 temporarily suspended sequestration until 30 days after a Presidential declaration of an end to the national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOTE** --Additional unemployment and sickness benefits were also paid under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act). CARWA and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) reduced the enhanced benefit payments from \$1,200 to \$600 per registration period while extending all benefits through registration periods beginning September 6, 2021.

Special Extended Unemployment Benefits and Enhanced Benefits were paid to unemployment beneficiaries, and Waived Waiting Period Benefits were paid to unemployment and to sickness beneficiaries, as follows:

- In January 2022, \$0.01M to fewer than 10 beneficiaries, \$0.01M to 10 beneficiaries, and less than \$300 to fewer than 10 unemployment and \$0.01M to 20 sickness beneficiaries.
- In February 2022, \$0.01M to 10 beneficiaries, \$0.03 to 30 beneficiaries, and less than \$300 to fewer than 10 unemployment and \$2,000 to 10 sickness beneficiaries.
- In March 2022, \$0.03M to 20 beneficiaries, \$0.01M to 10 beneficiaries, and \$1,000 to fewer than 10 unemployment and \$3,000 to 10 sickness beneficiaries.

**GENERAL NOTES** --An unemployment claimant files only one APPLICATION for a benefit year. A sickness claimant files an APPLICATION at the beginning of each period of continuing sickness.

NORMAL BENEFIT ACCOUNTS are opened when the first payment is made.

The number of BENEFICIARIES is the count of persons receiving unemployment or sickness benefits in the period. Those receiving both normal and extended benefits for unemployment or sickness are counted only once in the total for each type.

PAYMENTS generally cover 14-day registration periods. Benefits are payable for days over 7 during an employee's first 14-day registration period.

-- Sickness benefits are paid for days of sickness after the 4th consecutive day of sickness in the first claim in each period of continuing sickness; for subsequent registration periods in the same period of continuing sickness, payments are made for all days of sickness over 4 whether or not consecutive.

-- Unemployment benefits are paid for days of unemployment over 4. However, in the case of unemployment benefits due to a legal authorized strike, unemployment benefits are not paid until after a 14-day waiting period. Non-strikers unemployed due to an illegal strike must also serve a 14-day waiting period.

## Table 4: Benefits and Beneficiaries -- March 2022

### RETIREMENT - SURVIVOR

<b>Total benefit payments - cash basis (unaudited)<sup>1</sup></b>	\$1,130,555,000
Regular and Supplemental benefits	1,129,793,000
Vested dual benefits	762,000

	Number	Average
<b>Total benefits being paid at end of month</b>	598,000	.....
Retired employees':		
Regular	247,000	\$3,118
Supplemental	107,000	41
Spouses' and divorced spouses'	143,000	1,158
Aged widows' and widowers'	76,000	1,958
Other benefits	26,000	1,264
<b>Total beneficiaries being paid at end of month</b>	482,000	.....

### UNEMPLOYMENT - SICKNESS

	Unemployment	Sickness
<b>Gross benefit payments<sup>1</sup></b>	\$3,409,000	\$8,778,000
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	2,100	5,100
<b>Average payment per week<sup>1</sup></b>	\$402	\$405

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, amounts reflect a reduction of 5.9% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness 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 (CARWA) of 2020 temporarily suspended sequestration until 30 days after a Presidential declaration of an end to the national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOTE**--Additional unemployment and sickness benefits were also paid under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020. The Continued Assistance to Rail Workers Act of 2020 (CARWA) and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) reduced the enhanced benefit payments from \$1,200 to \$600 per registration period while extending all benefits through registration periods beginning September 6, 2021. In March 2022, the gross amount paid was less than \$0.04 million.