

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

	<u>Benefit payments¹</u>	<u>August 2022</u>	<u>August 2021</u>
Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Total	\$1,125,430,000	\$1,092,768,000
	Retired employees	776,205,000	752,300,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	166,506,000	161,506,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	153,909,000	151,803,000
	Other benefits	28,809,000	27,159,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security August 2022	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	487,000	.....	1,900	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	244,500	\$3,127	700	\$3,242	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	179,500	3,210	³ 300	³ 4,056	\$1,673	⁴ \$2,323
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	47,800	2,829	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	17,200	3,093	100	3,260	1,362	1,567
Spouses and divorced spouses	141,700	1,160	600	1,127	813	697
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	78,100	1,966	500	2,543	1,522	1,449
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	2,127	<u>6</u>	1,282	1,136	1,098
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,100	1,331	100	1,203	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Children	7,300	1,329	<u>6</u>	1,662	980	959
Other benefits	2,600	333	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	105,500	41	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 31); 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.

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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	1,000	\$750	\$419
Sickness	4,300	755	418
		Benefit payments ¹	
		August 2022	August 2021
Total		\$9,225,000	\$10,281,000
Unemployment		1,756,000	2,671,000
Sickness		7,469,000	7,610,000

¹ 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. There is no current activity. The August 2021 amount was \$10 million.