Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - January 2023

Benefit payments ¹	January 2023	January 2022
Total	\$1,185,741,000	\$1,131,659,000
Retired employees	822,205,000	782,079,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	174,603,000	167,158,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	158,047,000	153,507,000
Other benefits	30,885,000	28,914,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security January 2023	
	Number	<u>Average</u> ²	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u> ²	Being Paid	Awarded
Total, regular annuities	481,300		1,800			
Regular employee annuities, total	241,500	\$3,350	500	\$3,442		
Awarded age annuity	177,600	3,435	³ 200	³ 4,583	\$1,828	⁴ \$2,665
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	47,700	3,043				
Disability	16,300	3,329	100	3,422	1,483	1,687
Spouses and divorced spouses	140,300	1,232	600	1,211	879	774
Widow(er)saged and disabled	77,000	2,047	500	2,697	1,661	1,704
Widowed mothers and fathers	500	2,169	<u>6/</u>	1,494	1,216	1,202
Widow(er)sremarried and divorced	12,000	1,454	100	1,793	<u>7</u> /	<u>7</u> /
Children	7,300	1,450	<u>6/</u>	1,822	1,069	1,074
Other survivors	2,700	340				
Employee supplemental annuities ⁸	103,500	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.

Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities

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.

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - (Continued) January 2023

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

		Average payment ¹		
Number of beneficiaries during month		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	1,300	\$752	\$420	
Sickness	4,300	744	421	
		Benefit January 2023	payments ¹ January 2022	
Total		\$9,413,000	\$12,309,000	
Unemployment		2,007,000	3,940,000	
Sickness		7,406,000	8,368,000	

¹ 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 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.

Notes: - Data are on a cash basis (unaudited). Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

- 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 January 2022 amount was \$0.02 million.