

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

Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Benefit payments ¹	<u>February 2023</u>	<u>February 2022</u>
		Total	\$1,185,979,000	$1,130,763,000
	Retired employees	822,546,000	781,001,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	174,480,000	167,419,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	158,173,000	153,689,000
	Other benefits	30,779,000	28,654,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security February 2023	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	481,300	.....	1,600	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	241,600	\$3,352	500	\$3,383	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	177,700	3,436	³ 200	³ 4,101	\$1,831	⁴ \$2,587
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	47,700	3,046	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	16,200	3,332	100	3,604	1,483	1,686
Spouses and divorced spouses	140,100	1,232	400	1,197	878	743
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	77,000	2,053	500	2,648	1,664	1,596
Widowed mothers and fathers	500	2,183	6/	854	1,219	1,204
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,000	1,455	100	1,481	7/	7/
Children	7,300	1,452	6/	2,055	1,069	1,078
Other survivors	2,700	341	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	103,200	42	100	36	.....	.....

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 28); some 200 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 payment¹	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	1,100	\$748	\$419
Sickness	3,800	727	421
		Benefit payments¹	
		February 2023	February 2022
Total		\$7,644,000	\$10,260,000
Unemployment		1,726,000	3,269,000
Sickness		5,918,000	6,991,000

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.

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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 February 2022 amount was \$0.04 million.