

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - August 2024

	<u>Benefit payments¹</u>	<u>August 2024</u>	<u>August 2023</u>
Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Total	\$1,197,688,000	\$1,182,761,000
	Retired employees	829,709,000	818,934,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	173,889,000	174,104,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	162,130,000	158,716,000
	Other benefits	31,959,000	31,006,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security August 2024	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	467,100	.....	1,700	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	234,700	\$3,467	700	\$3,637	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	173,500	3,550	³ 300	³ 4,586	\$1,920	⁴ \$2,941
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	46,200	3,159	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	15,000	3,457	100	3,573	1,540	1,680
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,000	1,262	500	1,119	888	710
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	74,100	2,176	400	2,909	1,738	1,597
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	2,321	<u>6/</u>	2,237	1,286	1,266
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	11,800	1,523	100	1,512	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
Children	6,800	1,507	<u>6/</u>	1,641	1,104	1,076
Other survivors	3,100	347	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	96,600	41	<u>6/</u>	39	.....	.....

¹ Data provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Monthly Treasury Statement.

² Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

³ For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity; their years of service averaged 30. Other age annuities awarded in the month numbered 300; they represent deferred retirements as well as the immediate retirements of employees less than full retirement age with reduced annuities.

⁴ For men full retirement age or over.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Fewer than 50.

⁷ Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

⁸ Excludes 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 1,500	\$809	\$440
Sickness 3,400	790	437
	Benefit payments ¹	
	August 2024	August 2023
Total	\$9,138,000	\$7,786,000
Unemployment	2,700,000	1,607,000
Sickness	6,438,000	6,179,000

¹ In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, amounts reflect a reduction of 5.7% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after May 9, 2023. Benefits are currently sequestered at 5.7%; sequestration is through fiscal year 2032.

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