

Section C -- Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

This section presents data on unemployment and sickness benefits paid to qualified railroad employees under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. Railroad unemployment and sickness benefits, by law, are based on a July-June benefit year. Therefore, railroad unemployment and sickness insurance benefit operations are presented on a benefit year basis, rather than on a fiscal year basis.

Normal benefits of each type may be paid for as many as 130 days in a period of 26 or more weeks but may not exceed the total creditable base year compensation of the beneficiary. After exhaustion of normal benefits, an employee with 10 or more years of railroad service may receive additional benefits in an extended benefit period provided he/she has not voluntarily retired, has not left work without good cause (for unemployment benefits only), and is less than 65 years old (for sickness benefits only). Extended benefits are paid in a 13-week period.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), enacted February 17, 2009, authorized payment of special extended unemployment benefits to railroad employees with jobless claims during the period from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. Key provisions related to railroad unemployment benefits include the following:

- Railroad employees who previously were not eligible for extended unemployment benefits because they did not have 10 years of railroad service may be eligible for up to 65 days within an extended period consisting of 7 consecutive 2-week registration periods.
- Railroad employees who were previously eligible for extended unemployment benefits of up to 65 days may be eligible for extended benefits of up to 130 days within an extended period consisting of 13 consecutive 2-week registration periods.
- The special extended unemployment benefit periods can begin no later than December 31, 2009.

Enacted on November 6, 2009, the Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009 contained an appropriation of \$175,000,000 to extend the provisions of the Recovery Act by one year.

An employee was qualified for benefit year 2009-2010 if in the preceding calendar (base) year his(her) compensation for railroad work, excluding earnings over \$1,280 a month, was \$3,200 or more. Additionally, if the employee was a new entrant to the industry in the base year, he(she) must have had at least five months of service in that year. For a long-service employee (one with 10 or more years of railroad service) a benefit year could be started early if he(she) was not currently qualified but would be qualified for the next benefit year. Also, an extended benefit period could continue beyond the usual June 30 ending date of a benefit year and thus extend the duration of the employee's benefit year. Therefore, the tables in this section on payments for unemployment and sickness that occurred during the July 2009 - June 2010 period include benefits that technically were payable in extensions of the 2008-2009 benefit year or accelerations of the 2010-2011 benefit year as well as those payable for the general benefit year (2009-2010).

Table C1 shows the principal figures for operations in benefit year 2009-2010 and other recent years. Figures in this table refer to payments made and other administrative actions taken under the unemployment and sickness programs during the designated benefit year. Table C2 provides various unemployment and sickness benefit and beneficiary data for benefit years 1980-1981 through 2009-2010. Tables C3 through C7 contain benefit data for unemployment and sickness which occurred in claim periods paid during the particular benefit years stated in the table headings or to which reference is made in the footnotes. Table C8 is a graph of unemployment and sickness beneficiaries by month for benefit year 2009-2010. Table C9 shows the distribution of experience based contribution rates, by number of employers, for 2010.

Payments for maternity under a separate program were discontinued by amendments adopted in 1968. However, provision was made for payment of sickness benefits to female employees prevented from working because of pregnancy or childbirth. The sickness benefit data in this section include such payments.

The unemployment and sickness beneficiary tables for benefit year 2009-2010 include all payments made by June 30, 2010. Benefits are paid for compensable days of unemployment or sickness at a daily rate equal to 60 percent of the employee's last daily rate of pay in the base year, subject to a \$64.00 maximum and a \$12.70 minimum in benefit year 2009-2010.

The most important qualifications of the data for each table are shown in footnotes to the table.

**Table C1.-- Principal administrative data for the unemployment and sickness benefit programs,
benefit years 2005-2006 through 2009-2010, cash basis**

Item	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010
Qualified employees.....	244,600	250,200	255,200	255,500	252,300
Maximum daily benefit rate.....	\$56	\$57	\$59	\$61	\$64
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$30,586	\$29,627	\$32,212	\$77,804	\$138,175
Payments:¹					
Number.....	54,000	56,600	64,600	139,100	241,200
Average amount per two week claim period.....	\$490	\$499	\$519	\$520	\$553
Beneficiaries.....	8,900	9,500	10,100	21,400	24,800
Applications received.....	11,400	12,200	13,200	32,600	24,500
Claims received.....	65,000	68,800	78,000	166,900	265,900
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	1,900	1,800	2,000	3,100	7,500
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾
SICKNESS BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$43,801	\$43,533	\$46,115	\$45,158	\$52,358
Payments:¹					
Number.....	135,500	128,300	122,400	117,200	120,000
Average amount per two week claim period.....	\$496	\$503	\$520	\$538	\$565
Beneficiaries.....	19,700	19,000	18,400	17,600	17,800
Applications received.....	26,400	23,300	22,500	21,500	21,500
Claims received.....	157,800	149,700	143,000	137,400	140,400
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	3,700	3,500	3,300	3,100	3,200
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	100	100	100	100	100

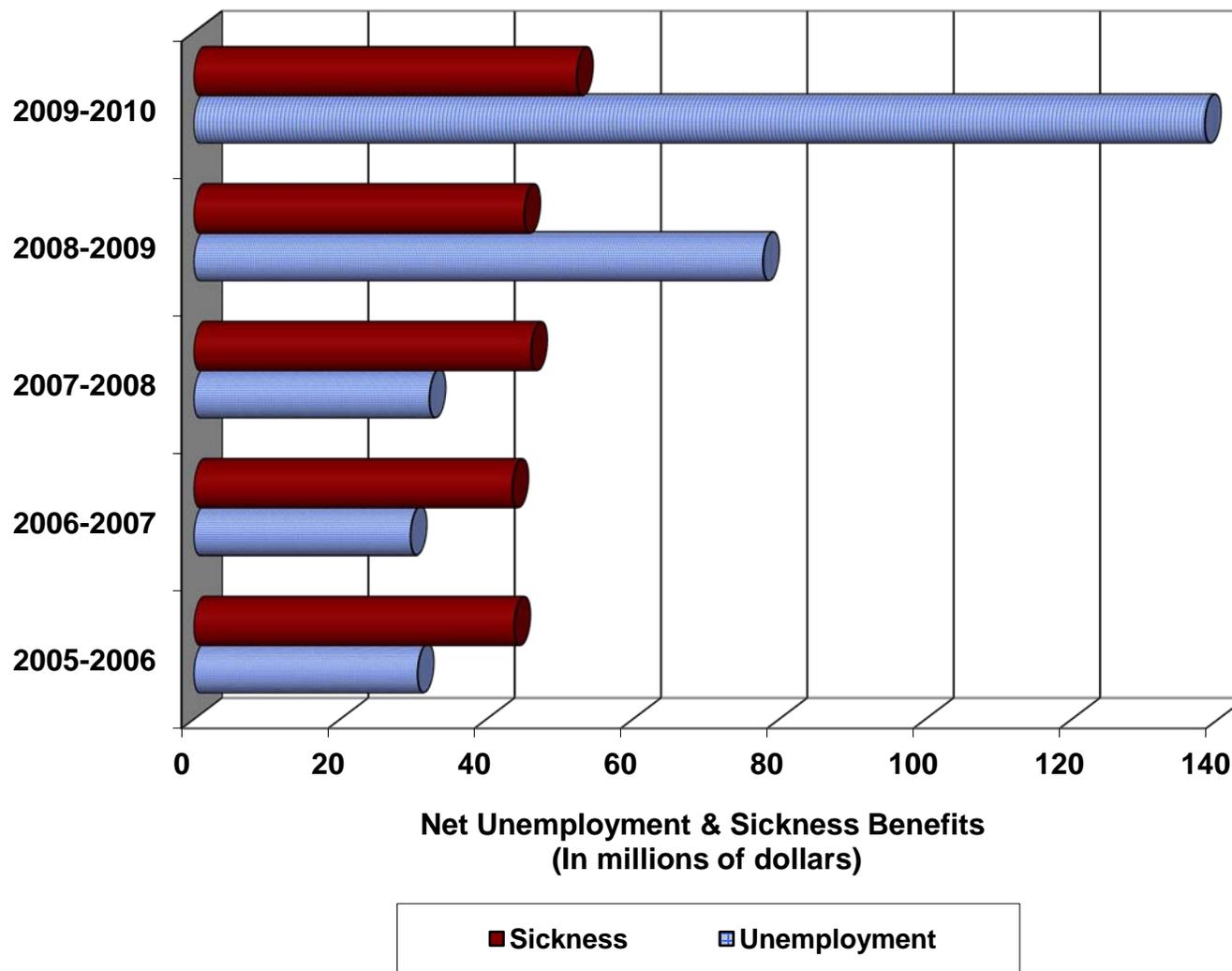
¹ Not adjusted for recoveries or settlements of underpayments.

² Benefits are payable for each day of unemployment or sickness in excess of 7 during the first 14-day registration period in a benefit year.

³ Less than 50.

NOTE.--Data covered program activities during the year, regardless of when unemployment or sickness occurred. Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Beginning in November 2009, temporary extended unemployment benefits are also being paid under the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009.

Table C1.--Net benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, benefit years 2005-2006 through 2009-2010, cash basis



Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Beginning in November 2009, temporary extended unemployment benefits are also being paid under the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1980-1981 through 2009-2010

Year	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of gross benefits (thousands)	Beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees ¹	Benefit exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries ¹	Average per beneficiary				
					Creditable registration periods	Creditable/compensable days ²	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits	
								Total for year	Total per week ³
UNEMPLOYMENT									
1980-1981.....	120,300	\$213,732	19	23	8.5	105	\$24.97	\$1,777	\$124.90
1981-1982.....	145,200	258,822	24	26	8.5	105	24.98	1,783	124.90
1982-1983.....	174,700	398,448	30	37	10.6	134	24.99	2,281	124.95
1983-1984.....	108,500	209,126	21	28	9.2	114	24.98	1,928	124.90
1984-1985.....	80,000	127,437	17	19	7.9	96	24.98	1,594	124.90
1985-1986.....	86,800	142,795	19	19	8.0	98	24.98	1,645	124.90
1986-1987.....	75,200	127,235	18	8	8.2	68	24.72	1,693	123.60
1987-1988.....	54,400	84,938	14	18	7.5	63	24.72	1,561	123.60
1988-1989.....	35,200	59,047	10	15	7.0	59	28.29	1,679	141.45
1989-1990.....	29,900	57,488	9	17	7.5	64	30.14	1,921	150.70
1990-1991.....	30,500	63,315	9	18	7.9	67	30.85	2,078	154.25
1991-1992.....	26,400	⁴ 62,185	8	21	8.7	76	30.94	2,353	154.70
1992-1993.....	20,700	⁴ 51,150	7	19	8.5	75	32.82	2,466	164.10
1993-1994.....	18,600	44,016	6	16	8.1	71	32.94	2,348	164.70
1994-1995.....	18,700	39,670	6	15	6.8	59	35.73	2,120	178.65
1995-1996.....	16,800	42,263	6	19	7.8	69	35.86	2,461	179.30
1996-1997.....	15,300	40,228	5	18	7.2	63	40.57	2,564	202.85
1997-1998.....	11,300	30,175	4	18	6.9	60	42.78	2,571	213.90
1998-1999.....	12,600	35,354	5	16	7.0	62	43.81	2,719	219.05
1999-2000.....	13,700	38,317	5	13	6.9	61	45.51	2,759	227.56
2000-2001.....	16,700	46,120	6	13	6.6	57	47.81	2,736	239.05
2001-2002.....	17,800	51,398	7	14	6.7	58	49.62	2,862	248.08
2002-2003.....	15,400	49,563	6	17	7.1	62	51.45	3,182	257.27
2003-2004.....	11,700	41,315	5	19	7.4	64	54.38	3,503	271.89
2004-2005.....	9,300	34,394	4	21	7.4	66	55.27	3,633	276.34
2005-2006.....	8,900	30,478	4	18	6.9	61	55.27	3,393	276.35
2006-2007.....	9,500	32,529	4	17	6.8	60	56.29	3,398	281.47
2007-2008.....	10,100	38,187	4	18	7.2	64	58.40	3,732	292.01
2008-2009.....	21,400	⁵ 82,572	8	13	7.4	63	60.66	3,846	303.32
2009-2010.....	24,800	⁵ 141,609	10	30	10.3	90	63.43	5,715	317.14

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1980-1981 through 2009-2010 - Continued

Year	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of gross benefits (thousands)	Beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees ¹	Benefit exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries ¹	Average per beneficiary				
					Creditable registration periods	Creditable/compensable days ²	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits	
								Total for year	Total per week ³
SICKNESS									
1980-1981.....	68,900	\$82,990	11	11	5.2	70	\$24.75	\$1,205	\$123.80
1981-1982.....	66,400	83,570	11	12	5.4	72	24.85	1,255	124.25
1982-1983.....	59,300	81,077	10	15	5.8	78	24.88	1,366	124.40
1983-1984.....	52,000	70,000	10	14	5.8	77	24.88	1,346	124.40
1984-1985.....	48,100	65,763	10	14	5.9	78	24.88	1,368	124.40
1985-1986.....	46,400	69,114	10	17	6.4	85	24.88	1,491	124.40
1986-1987.....	45,200	72,678	11	19	6.9	65	24.69	1,609	123.45
1987-1988.....	41,700	66,809	11	18	6.9	65	24.74	1,602	123.70
1988-1989.....	33,700	62,115	9	19	7.1	67	27.63	1,845	138.15
1989-1990.....	28,200	58,337	8	20	7.2	68	30.24	2,068	151.20
1990-1991.....	25,600	54,528	8	21	7.4	69	30.81	2,133	154.05
1991-1992.....	23,600	52,666	7	21	7.7	72	30.97	2,232	154.85
1992-1993.....	21,800	50,693	7	20	7.6	71	32.80	2,323	164.00
1993-1994.....	21,600	50,613	7	16	7.5	71	32.98	2,328	164.90
1994-1995.....	21,000	54,006	7	20	7.7	72	35.74	2,573	178.70
1995-1996.....	20,400	55,437	7	21	7.9	74	35.94	2,652	179.70
1996-1997.....	20,500	60,566	7	21	7.6	70	40.18	2,825	200.90
1997-1998.....	20,500	63,356	7	18	7.7	69	42.90	2,967	214.50
1998-1999.....	20,600	64,203	8	16	7.6	68	43.91	2,999	219.55
1999-2000.....	22,000	69,992	8	17	7.8	69	45.75	3,152	228.73
2000-2001.....	23,000	78,584	8	19	7.9	71	47.88	3,388	239.42
2001-2002.....	23,000	84,125	9	21	8.2	73	49.85	3,629	249.25
2002-2003.....	22,400	83,690	9	19	8.0	71	51.83	3,701	259.17
2003-2004.....	21,600	83,718	9	19	7.9	70	54.80	3,848	274.02
2004-2005.....	20,200	78,547	8	18	7.8	69	55.89	3,855	279.46
2005-2006.....	19,700	76,041	8	17	7.7	69	55.93	3,835	279.63
2006-2007.....	19,000	73,140	8	17	7.6	67	56.83	3,814	284.17
2007-2008.....	18,400	72,336	7	17	7.5	66	58.76	3,896	293.78
2008-2009.....	17,600	71,704	7	17	7.5	67	60.69	4,040	303.45
2009-2010.....	17,800	76,991	7	17	7.6	68	63.62	4,298	318.11

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1980-1981 through 2009-2010 - Continued

- ¹ Through benefit year 1985-1986, beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees based on data for current general benefit year; exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries refer to normal benefits only.
- ² Compensable days data was first used in benefit year 1986-1987. Previous years data refers to creditable days.
- ³ Benefit for full week of unemployment or sickness.
- ⁴ Includes benefits under Title V of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1991, as amended, which provided extended unemployment benefits to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional extended benefits to those with 10-14 years.
- ⁵ Includes benefits under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009, which provided extended unemployment benefits to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional extended benefits to those with 10 or more years of service.

NOTE.--Data include all unemployment and sickness in claims periods begun in the year. For this reason, and because adjustments of benefit amounts have occurred after tabulating cutoff dates, the total amounts of benefits differ substantially from the figures in Tables A1 and C1. Beginning in benefit year 1986-1987 the table was compiled using different source materials than those used in previous years.

Table C3.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries in benefit year 2009-2010 and selected data, by completed years of service

Completed years of service	Beneficiaries		Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days on benefit rolls	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
UNEMPLOYMENT					
Under 10.....	19,818	19	94	\$63.42	\$5,936
10-14	1,874	5	82	63.72	5,227
15 and over	3,144	3	73	63.28	4,612
Total	24,836	10	90	\$63.43	\$5,715
SICKNESS					
Under 10.....	6,410	6	60	\$63.53	\$3,826
10-14	2,477	7	70	63.43	4,449
15 and over	8,898	8	72	63.73	4,597
Total	17,785	7	68	\$63.62	\$4,298

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2009-2010**

States	Unemployment benefits ¹		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
Alabama	534	\$2,515,000	291	\$1,463,000
Alaska	72	542,000	1	8,000
Arizona	554	3,417,000	166	782,000
Arkansas	380	2,208,000	272	1,178,000
California	1,589	12,657,000	1,115	5,094,000
Colorado	438	2,837,000	205	826,000
Connecticut	35	251,000	108	484,000
Delaware	39	186,000	109	473,000
Washington DC	12	98,000	20	86,000
Florida	689	4,754,000	377	1,626,000
Georgia	808	4,545,000	538	2,587,000
Hawaii	1	4,000	.....	.....
Idaho	257	1,342,000	121	568,000
Illinois	1,732	10,356,000	1,366	5,686,000
Indiana	876	4,922,000	716	3,081,000
Iowa	590	3,336,000	304	1,147,000
Kansas	638	3,693,000	361	1,299,000
Kentucky	524	2,749,000	469	2,176,000
Louisiana	402	2,449,000	247	1,210,000
Maine	102	505,000	53	254,000
Maryland	265	1,320,000	383	1,530,000
Massachusetts	119	752,000	247	1,036,000
Michigan	563	3,319,000	395	1,977,000
Minnesota	554	2,401,000	316	1,138,000
Mississippi	227	1,312,000	145	652,000
Missouri	1,135	6,806,000	535	2,131,000
Montana	544	2,270,000	151	676,000
Nebraska	1,237	7,296,000	893	3,127,000
Nevada	105	680,000	41	122,000
New Hampshire	22	128,000	22	94,000
New Jersey	244	1,388,000	736	2,764,000
New Mexico	216	1,303,000	94	415,000

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**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2009-2010 - Continued**

States	Unemployment benefits ¹		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
New York	640	\$3,389,000	855	\$4,020,000
North Carolina	305	1,613,000	183	845,000
North Dakota	252	1,093,000	141	518,000
Ohio	1,317	7,640,000	770	3,472,000
Oklahoma	252	1,445,000	115	446,000
Oregon	322	1,731,000	177	782,000
Pennsylvania	714	3,615,000	1,145	5,524,000
Rhode Island	14	91,000	37	160,000
South Carolina	350	2,047,000	147	661,000
South Dakota	165	881,000	68	267,000
Tennessee	487	2,804,000	428	1,862,000
Texas	1,929	11,773,000	1,111	5,127,000
Utah	277	1,584,000	126	452,000
Vermont	22	109,000	9	22,000
Virginia	509	2,305,000	465	1,933,000
Washington	510	2,442,000	362	1,509,000
West Virginia	336	1,317,000	310	1,444,000
Wisconsin	526	2,663,000	346	1,427,000
Wyoming	403	1,723,000	180	775,000
Total²	24,836	\$142,609,000	17,785	\$76,991,000

¹ Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Beginning in November 2009, temporary extended unemployment benefits are also being paid under the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009.

² Includes beneficiaries whose state of residence was unknown.

NOTE.--Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

Data is partly estimated.

Table C5.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 2009-2010 unemployment, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2009	Number of beneficiaries				Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Female	Qualified employees	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days of unemployment	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
Under 25	1,054	33	6,200	17	100	\$63.43	\$6,350
25 to 29	3,893	133	18,400	21	97	63.55	6,150
30 to 34	4,425	167	25,600	17	91	63.53	5,785
35 to 39	4,262	171	30,300	14	90	63.57	5,727
40 to 44	3,420	187	28,700	12	92	63.38	5,825
45 to 49	2,710	155	28,700	9	90	63.41	5,728
50 to 54	2,319	158	40,300	6	85	63.16	5,389
55 to 59	1,921	105	46,800	4	76	63.20	4,810
60 to 64	737	39	23,500	3	81	62.99	5,117
65 to 69	83	5	3,100	3	58	62.82	3,633
70 and older	12	.....	500	2	62	55.04	3,408
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male	23,683	.....	230,100	10	89	\$63.45	\$5,659
Female	1,153	1,153	22,000	5	109	\$63.15	\$6,862
Total ¹	24,836	1,153	252,300	10	90	\$63.43	\$5,715

¹ Includes employees whose sex and/or age was not reported.

NOTE.-- Beneficiary figures based on payments made in the year, regardless of the benefit year for which payment was made. Qualified employees for 2009-2010 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2008 compensation.

Table C6.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 2009-2010 sickness, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2009	Number of beneficiaries				Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Female	Qualified employees	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days of unemployment	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
Under 25	151	16	6,200	2	49	\$63.39	\$3,135
25 to 29	691	109	18,400	4	55	63.46	3,469
30 to 34	1,313	202	25,600	5	57	63.51	3,636
35 to 39	1,760	213	30,300	6	64	63.82	4,054
40 to 44	1,800	244	28,700	6	65	63.65	4,118
45 to 49	1,933	247	28,700	7	66	63.60	4,202
50 to 54	3,076	312	40,300	8	70	63.62	4,484
55 to 59	4,456	311	46,800	10	72	63.83	4,595
60 to 64	2,293	182	23,500	10	73	63.67	4,629
65 to 69	285	35	3,100	9	68	61.18	4,158
70 and older	27	4	500	5	57	43.93	2,498
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male	15,910	.....	230,100	7	68	\$63.67	\$4,347
Female	1,875	1,875	22,000	9	62	\$63.13	\$3,885
Total ¹	17,785	1,875	252,300	7	68	\$63.62	\$4,298

¹ Includes employees whose sex and/or age was not reported.

NOTE.-- Beneficiary figures based on payments made in the year, regardless of the benefit year for which payment was made. Qualified employees for 2009-2010 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2008 compensation.

Table C7.--Beneficiaries and average compensable days for benefit year 2009-2010 sickness, by type of sickness

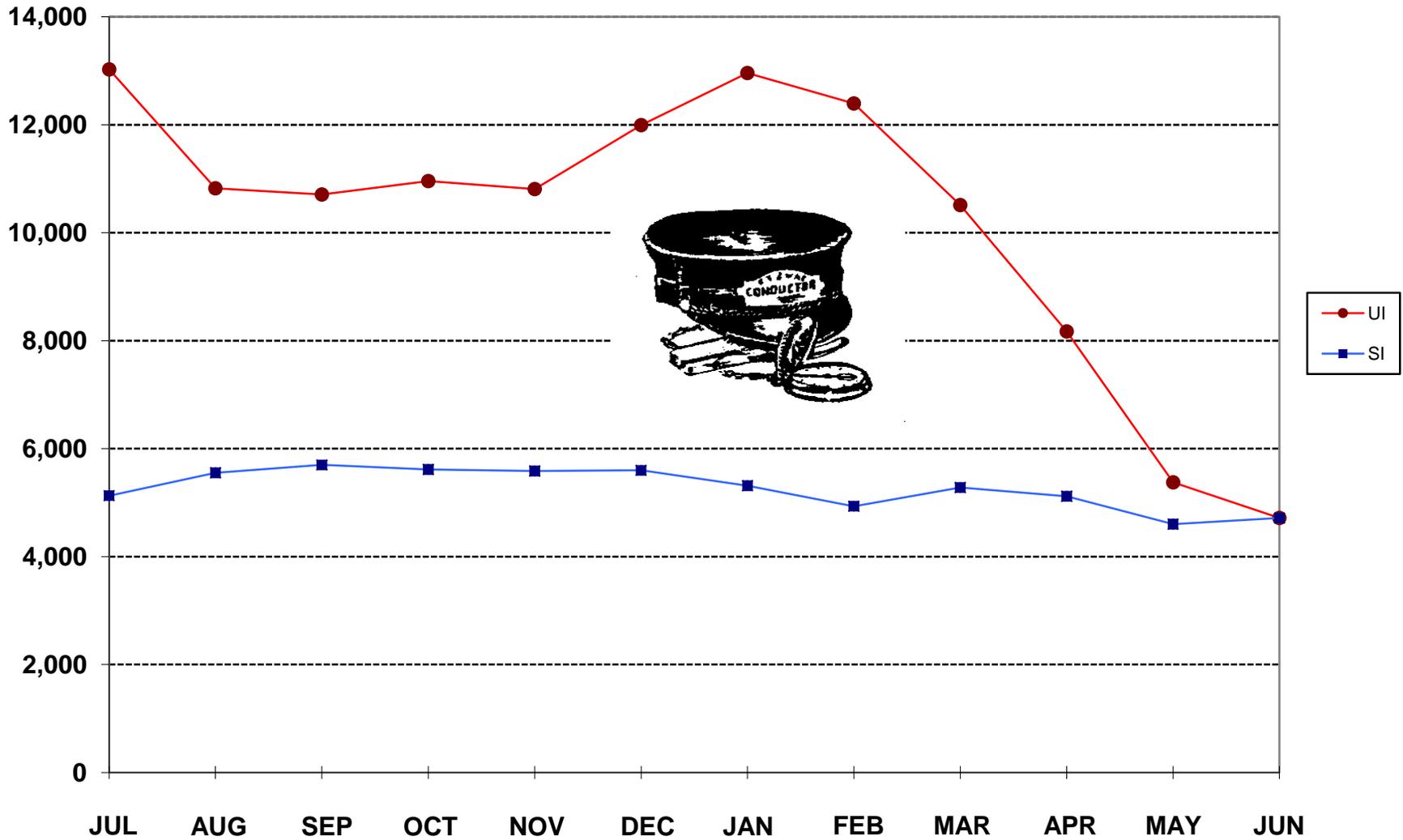
International list no.	Type of sickness	Beneficiaries	Average compensable days of sickness
001-139	Infective and parasitic diseases	75	48
140-239	Neoplasms.....	960	62
240-279	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders.....	254	66
280-289	Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs.....	22	61
290-319	Mental disorders.....	1,881	70
320-389	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs.....	889	63
390-459	Diseases of the circulatory system.....	1,385	70
460-519	Diseases of the respiratory system.....	466	51
520-579	Diseases of the digestive system.....	1,203	34
580-629	Diseases of the genitourinary system.....	190	52
630-679	Pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium, total ¹	287	45
680-709	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue.....	171	36
710-739	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue.....	3,921	89
740-759	Congenital anomalies.....	192	51
780-799	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions and perinatal morbidity and mortality.....	1,221	61
800-999	Injury and complications of poisoning.....	4,668	66
Total.....		17,785	68

¹ Includes normal periods of pregnancy and the puerperium in addition to morbidities included in the classifications numbered 630-679.

NOTE.--Type of sickness is determined by the first sickness for which payment was made. Classification by sickness group is in accordance with The International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), United States Government.

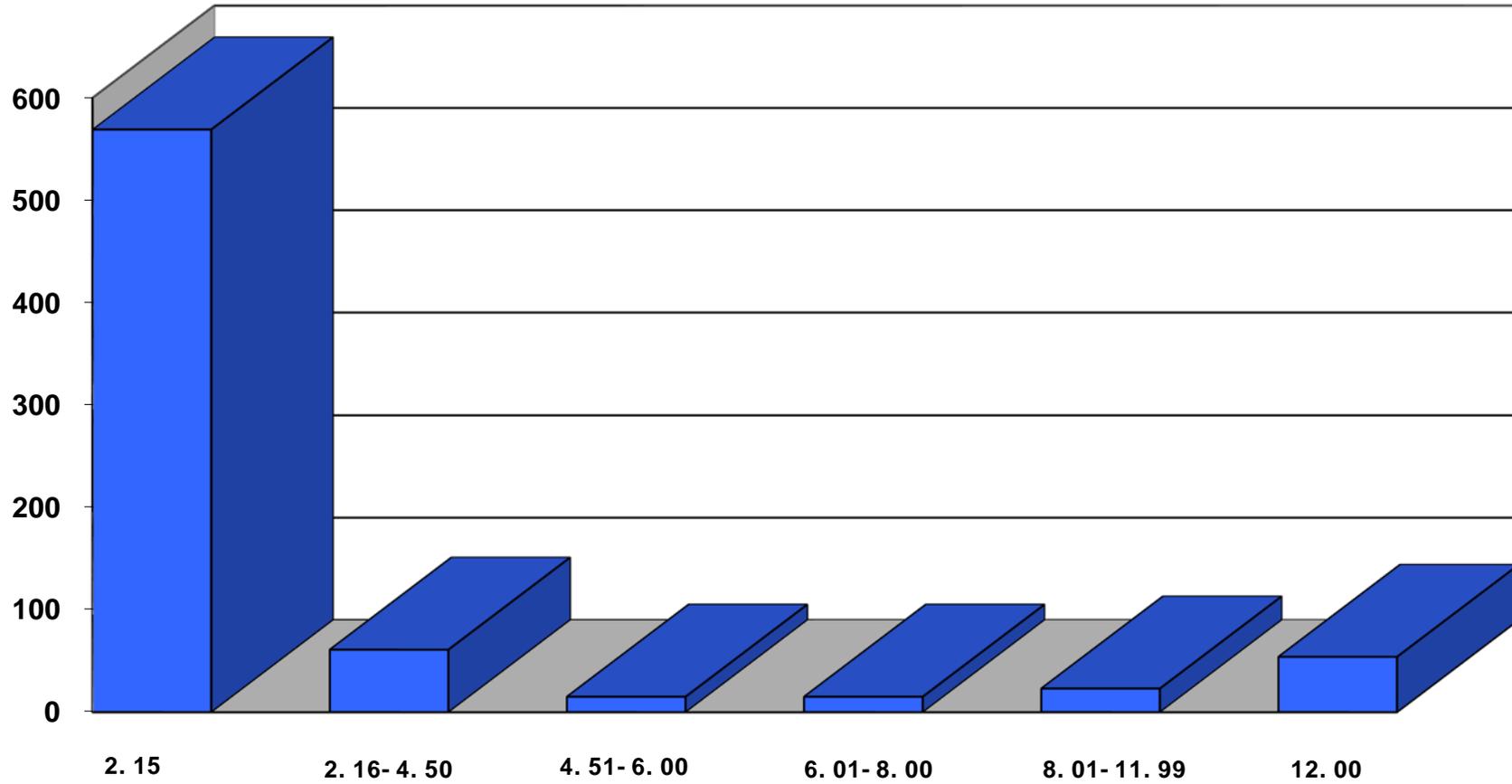
**TABLE C8. - UI & SI BENEFICIARIES
BY MONTH FOR BENEFIT YEAR 2009-2010**

Beneficiaries



**TABLE C9. - EXPERIENCE RATING DISTRIBUTION,
BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS, 2010**

EMPLOYERS



CONTRIBUTION RATE (percent)