

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - July 2008

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>July 2008</u>	<u>July 2007</u>
Total	\$836,165,000	\$814,613,000
Retired employees	554,973,000	536,724,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	101,484,000	97,724,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,578,000	157,151,000
Other survivors	23,129,000	23,014,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security July 2008	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	566,200	.....	2,800	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	275,100	\$2,001	1,300	\$2,638	.....	.....
Age	191,000	1,972	² 800	² 3,059	\$1,085	³ \$1,509
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,200	1,780	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,900	2,263	200	2,461	1,004	1,063
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,100	739	900	925	518	386
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	129,100	1,209	500	1,656	1,027	847
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,515	<u>4</u>	2,130	785	776
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,100	805	100	947	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	10,800	877	<u>4</u>	1,225	705	688
Other survivors	100	524	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities

Benefit payments	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month			
	<u>July 2008</u>	<u>July 2007</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$5,050,000	\$5,049,000	120,600	\$42	800	\$42

¹Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

²For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 35); about 300 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

³For men aged 65 or over insured on regular basis.

⁴Fewer than 50.

⁵Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

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		
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	2,400	\$495	\$295
Sickness	5,000	516	296
		Benefit payments	
		July 2008	July 2007
Total		\$5,265,000	\$5,499,000
Unemployment		2,042,000	3,136,000
Sickness		3,223,000	2,363,000

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

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