

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

<b>Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits</b>	<b>Benefit payments</b>	<u>December 2008</u>	<u>December 2007</u>
		<b>Total</b>	\$840,477,000
	Retired employees	558,151,000	540,053,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	102,670,000	98,668,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,634,000	156,710,000
	Other survivors	23,019,000	22,659,000

<b>Monthly benefits</b>	<b>Being paid end of month</b>		<b>Awarded in month</b>		<b>Average under Social Security December 2008</b>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average<sup>1</sup></u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
<b>Total</b>	565,200	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	275,100	\$2,110	700	\$2,496	.....	.....
Age	191,100	2,082	<sup>2</sup> 300	<sup>2</sup> 3,270	\$1,153	<sup>3</sup> \$1,547
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,200	1,876	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,900	2,378	300	2,231	1,063	1,113
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	136,600	779	700	956	551	392
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	127,700	1,259	400	1,630	1,090	879
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	800	1,553	<u>4/</u>	1,540	835	814
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	14,100	857	<u>4/</u>	881	<u>5/</u>	<u>5/</u>
<b>Children</b>	10,700	928	<u>4/</u>	1,160	745	770
<b>Other survivors</b>	100	511	.....	.....	.....	.....

<b>Supplemental Employee Annuities</b>	<b>Benefit payments</b>		<b>Being paid end of month</b>		<b>Awarded in month</b>	
	<u>December 2008</u>	<u>December 2007</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$4,969,000	\$5,040,000	121,000	\$42	300	\$41

<sup>1</sup>Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

<sup>2</sup>For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 35); about 200 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

<sup>3</sup>For men aged 65 or over insured on regular basis.

<sup>4</sup>Fewer than 50.

<sup>5</sup>Remarried 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	4,600	\$516	\$302
Sickness	5,400	547	302
		Benefit payments	
		December 2008	December 2007
<b>Total</b>		\$8,442,000	\$7,425,000
Unemployment		4,501,000	3,526,000
Sickness		3,941,000	3,899,000

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