

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.

An employee was qualified for benefit year 2004-2005 if in the preceding calendar (base) year his/her compensation for railroad work, excluding earnings over \$1,120 a month, was \$2,800 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 2004 - June 2005 period include benefits that technically were payable in extensions of the 2003-2004 benefit year or accelerations of the 2005-2006 benefit year as well as those payable for the general benefit year (2004-2005).

Table C1 shows the principal figures for operations in benefit year 2004-2005 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 1975-1976 through 2004-2005. 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 2004-2005. Table C9 shows the distribution of experience based contribution rates, by number of employers, for 2005.

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 2004-2005 include all payments made by June 30, 2005. 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 \$56.00 maximum and a \$12.70 minimum in benefit year 2004-2005.

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 2000-2001 through 2004-2005

Item	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
Qualified employees.....	277,400	269,900	259,100	248,800	242,200
Maximum daily benefit rate.....	\$48	\$50	\$52	\$55	\$56
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$43,008	\$47,383	\$45,614	\$38,264	\$30,179
Payments:¹					
Number.....	96,100	103,600	96,700	76,400	62,000
Average amount per two week claim period.....	\$415	\$429	\$449	\$477	\$489
Beneficiaries.....	16,700	17,800	15,400	11,700	9,300
Applications received.....	20,100	22,000	18,300	14,400	11,700
Claims received.....	118,800	128,500	116,400	91,700	73,700
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	2,200	2,700	2,900	2,400	2,200
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
SICKNESS BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$49,512	\$50,904	\$49,891	\$46,413	\$43,405
Payments:¹					
Number.....	163,200	168,400	160,700	152,700	140,200
Average amount per two week claim period.....	\$426	\$445	\$461	\$486	\$496
Beneficiaries.....	23,000	23,000	22,400	21,600	20,200
Applications received.....	28,700	28,100	27,900	26,600	25,100
Claims received.....	189,000	194,000	185,700	176,800	162,700
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	4,500	5,100	4,700	4,500	3,900
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	100	100	100	200	100

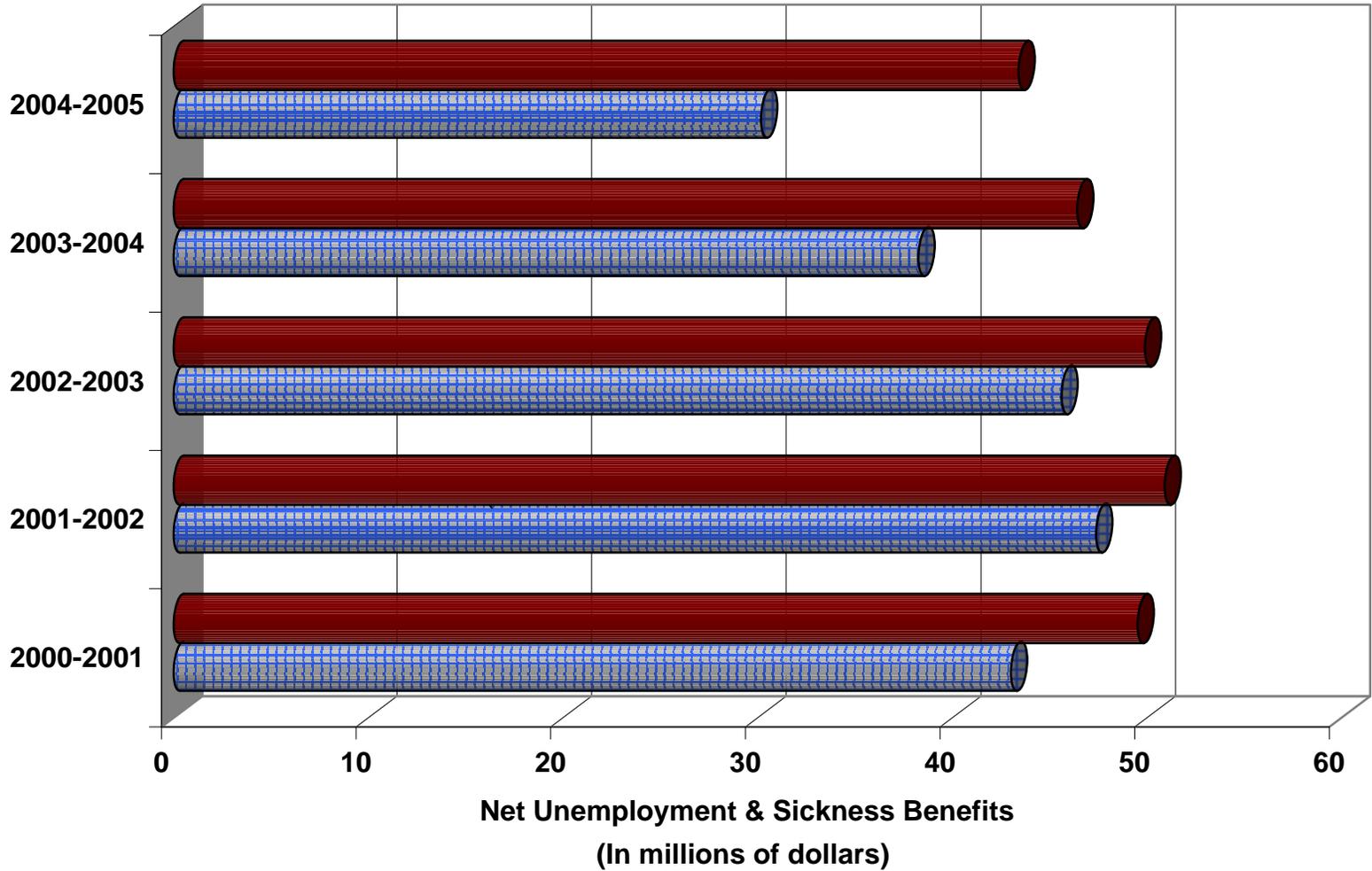
¹ Not adjusted for recoveries or settlements of underpayments.

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.

**Table C1.--Net Benefits Under The Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act,
Benefit Years 2000-2001 Through 2004-2005**



■ Unemployment ■ Sickness

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1975-1976 through 2004-2005

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									
1975-1976.....	104,800	\$45,827	16	19	7.6	90	\$23.36	\$1,392	\$116.80
1976-1977.....	80,100	110,221	13	16	7.1	84	24.66	1,377	123.30
1977-1978.....	92,700	114,460	15	11	6.3	75	24.88	1,235	124.40
1978-1979.....	96,400	102,575	16	7	5.4	64	24.94	1,065	124.70
1979-1980.....	102,800	122,021	17	11	5.9	71	24.95	1,187	124.80
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

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1975-1976 through 2004-2005 - 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
SICKNESS⁵									
1975-1976.....	73,900	\$85,145	11	13	5.8	78	\$21.22	\$1,153	\$106.10
1976-1977.....	74,800	94,469	12	14	5.9	79	22.66	1,262	113.30
1977-1978.....	75,200	92,213	12	12	5.6	75	23.49	1,266	117.50
1978-1979.....	71,600	87,129	12	12	5.4	72	24.14	1,216	120.70
1979-1980.....	70,500	84,633	11	11	5.3	70	24.59	1,201	122.95
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

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1975-1976 through 2004-2005 - 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 paid to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional extended benefits to those with 10-14 years.

⁵ Sickness data exclude benefits not payable because of concurrent entitlement to other social insurance benefits or because of receipt of a personal injury settlement.

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 2004-2005 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	4,700	6	67	\$55	\$3,700
10-14	1,200	6	76	55	4,200
15 and over	3,500	2	60	55	3,300
Total	9,300	4	66	\$55	\$3,600
SICKNESS					
Under 10	5,900	7	65	\$56	\$3,600
10-14	2,100	10	73	55	4,000
15 and over	12,300	9	70	56	3,900
Total	20,200	8	69	\$56	\$3,900

NOTE.-- Data is partly estimated.

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2004-2005**

States	Unemployment benefits		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
Alabama	113	\$353,000	309	\$1,211,000
Alaska	55	297,000	1	1,000
Arizona	161	533,000	213	905,000
Arkansas	110	426,000	464	1,856,000
California	470	1,810,000	1,340	5,357,000
Colorado	128	519,000	214	837,000
Connecticut	28	121,000	114	381,000
Delaware	17	90,000	125	475,000
Washington DC	19	59,000	37	158,000
Florida	290	1,494,000	588	2,053,000
Georgia	259	828,000	557	2,290,000
Hawaii	2	6,000	.....	.....
Idaho	61	188,000	126	570,000
Illinois	1,016	4,600,000	1,697	6,586,000
Indiana	352	1,171,000	716	2,708,000
Iowa	200	615,000	305	1,011,000
Kansas	158	649,000	369	1,308,000
Kentucky	181	513,000	531	2,326,000
Louisiana	202	777,000	317	1,359,000
Maine	40	181,000	53	208,000
Maryland	150	609,000	487	2,014,000
Massachusetts	99	425,000	270	1,080,000
Michigan	338	1,107,000	490	1,853,000
Minnesota	288	944,000	387	1,302,000
Mississippi	74	263,000	159	640,000
Missouri	245	928,000	570	2,204,000
Montana	163	535,000	170	556,000
Nebraska	272	860,000	798	2,519,000
Nevada	30	122,000	57	267,000
New Hampshire	7	26,000	30	112,000
New Jersey	165	724,000	832	2,713,000
New Mexico	90	322,000	137	522,000

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2004-2005 - Continued**

States	Unemployment benefits		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
New York	439	\$1,618,000	1,207	\$5,127,000
North Carolina	88	269,000	221	877,000
North Dakota	196	637,000	137	430,000
Ohio	451	1,472,000	866	3,560,000
Oklahoma	50	193,000	113	476,000
Oregon	89	370,000	204	763,000
Pennsylvania	518	1,913,000	1,278	5,476,000
Rhode Island	13	46,000	31	80,000
South Carolina	67	234,000	176	711,000
South Dakota	33	89,000	58	191,000
Tennessee	164	531,000	404	1,626,000
Texas	402	1,430,000	1,126	4,600,000
Utah	62	194,000	132	487,000
Vermont	10	50,000	7	28,000
Virginia	154	520,000	482	1,862,000
Washington	161	697,000	357	1,375,000
West Virginia	173	480,000	350	1,391,000
Wisconsin	358	1,192,000	400	1,271,000
Wyoming	130	355,000	213	776,000
Total ¹	9,345	\$34,394,000	20,246	\$78,547,000

¹ 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 2004-2005 unemployment, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2004	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	8	3,500	4	59	\$54.96	\$3,239
25 to 29	680	73	12,800	5	61	55.59	3,396
30 to 34	1,076	89	20,900	5	64	55.45	3,525
35 to 39	1,251	155	22,100	6	66	55.45	3,652
40 to 44	1,135	157	24,300	5	70	55.35	3,898
45 to 49	1,538	185	40,900	4	67	55.28	3,702
50 to 54	1,688	140	53,000	3	62	55.13	3,438
55 to 59	1,342	131	44,000	3	70	55.25	3,882
60 to 64	431	48	17,300	2	64	54.85	3,508
65 to 69	49	8	2,300	2	59	48.76	2,877
70 and older	4	.....	400	1	25	59.92	1,498
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male	8,351	.....	220,800	4	63	\$55.27	\$3,495
Female	994	994	21,500	5	87	\$55.27	\$4,791
Total ¹	9,345	994	242,200	4	66	\$55.27	\$3,633

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 2004-2005 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2003 compensation.

Table C6.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 2004-2005 sickness, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2004	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.....	111	18	3,500	3	50	\$55.79	\$2,798
25 to 29.....	653	131	12,800	5	55	56.06	3,087
30 to 34.....	1,283	224	20,900	6	60	55.90	3,337
35 to 39.....	1,700	278	22,100	8	63	55.90	3,528
40 to 44.....	1,829	312	24,300	8	65	55.87	3,627
45 to 49.....	3,029	364	40,900	7	70	55.86	3,915
50 to 54.....	4,834	409	53,000	9	73	55.93	4,081
55 to 59.....	4,738	360	44,000	11	71	55.97	3,995
60 to 64.....	1,872	184	17,300	11	73	55.92	4,059
65 to 69.....	183	26	2,300	8	69	53.60	3,678
70 and older.....	14	6	400	4	44	42.87	1,896
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male.....	17,934	.....	220,800	8	69	\$55.93	\$3,862
Female.....	2,312	2,312	21,500	11	68	\$55.63	\$3,804
Total¹.....	20,246	2,312	242,200	8	69	\$55.89	\$3,855

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 2004-2005 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2003 compensation.

Table C7.--Beneficiaries and average compensable days for benefit year 2004-2005 sickness, by type of sickness

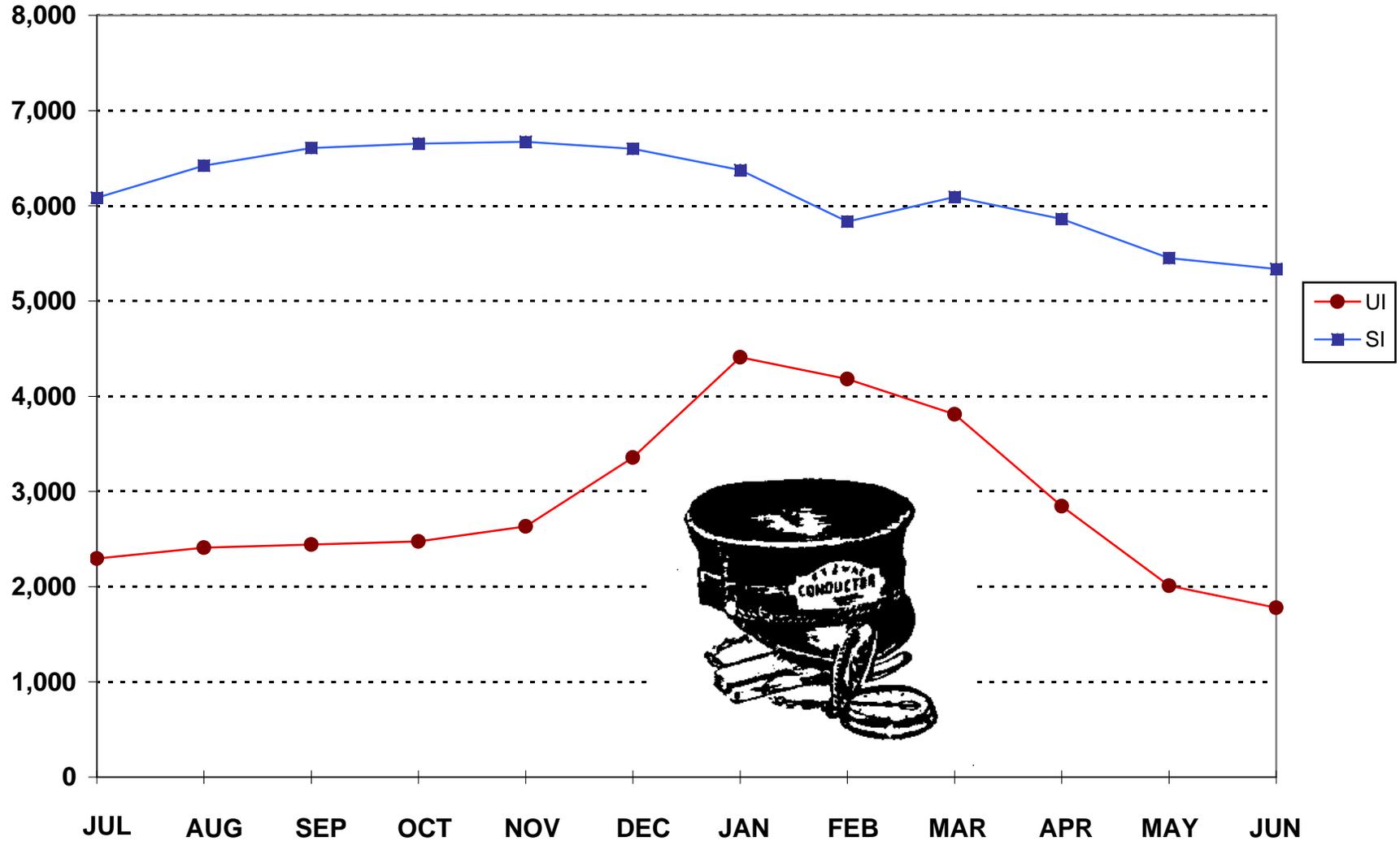
International list no.	Type of sickness	Beneficiaries	Average compensable days of sickness
001-139	Infective and parasitic diseases	100	65
140-239	Neoplasms.....	926	68
240-279	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders.....	262	76
280-289	Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs.....	28	62
290-319	Mental disorders.....	2,237	75
320-389	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs.....	1,288	69
390-459	Diseases of the circulatory system.....	1,840	66
460-519	Diseases of the respiratory system.....	556	51
520-579	Diseases of the digestive system.....	1,265	39
580-629	Diseases of the genitourinary system.....	215	49
630-679	Pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium, total ¹	278	52
680-709	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue.....	211	45
710-739	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue.....	4,368	87
740-759	Congenital anomalies.....	233	58
780-799	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions and perinatal morbidity and mortality.....	1,446	58
800-999	Injury and complications of poisoning.....	4,993	68
Total.....		20,246	69

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.

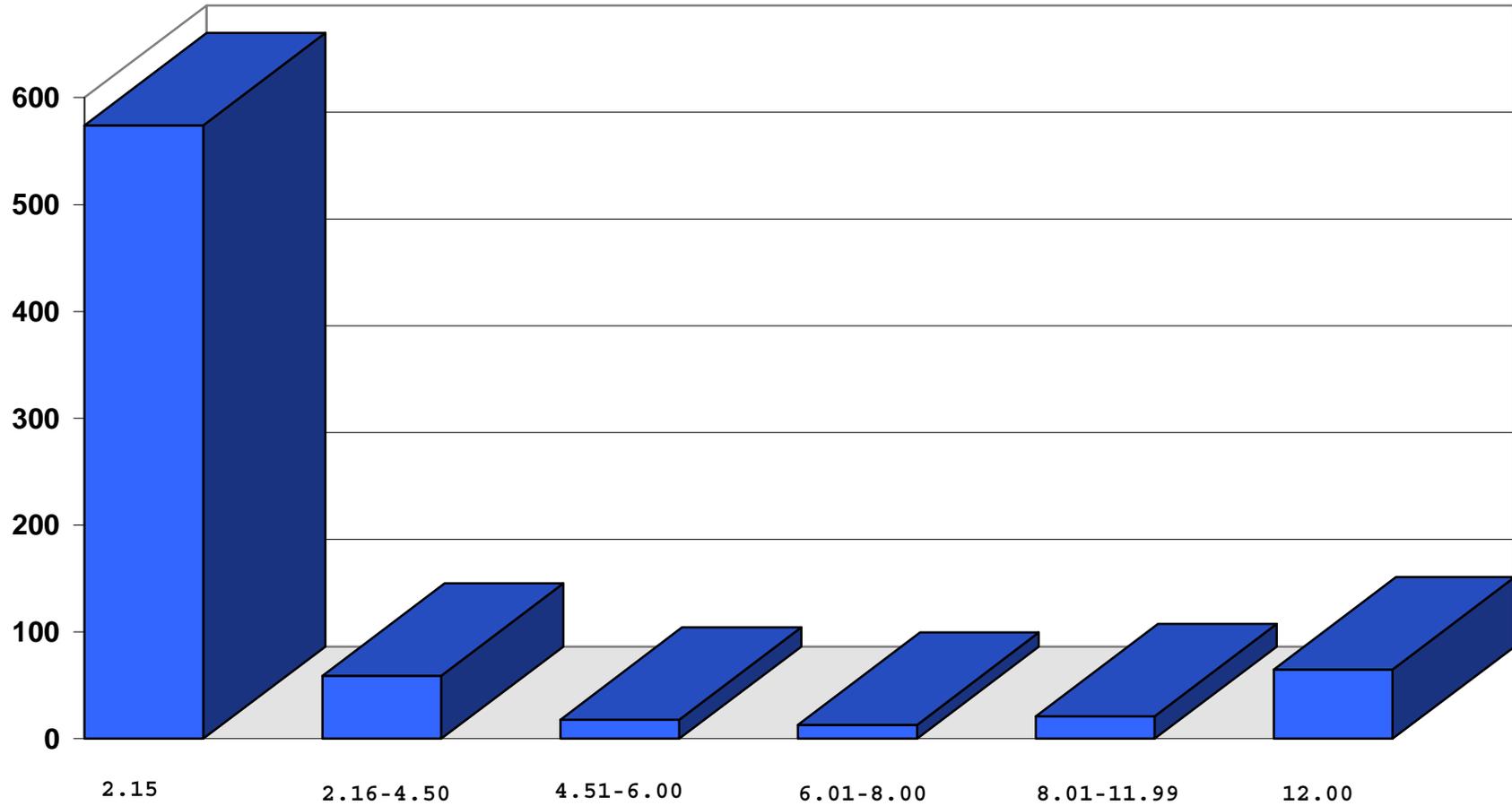
**TABLE C8. - UI & SI BENEFICIARIES
BY MONTH FOR BENEFIT YEAR 2004-2005**

Beneficiaries



**TABLE C9. - EXPERIENCE RATING DISTRIBUTION,
BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS, 2005**

EMPLOYERS



CONTRIBUTION RATE (percent)