

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 2005-2006 if in the preceding calendar (base) year his/her compensation for railroad work, excluding earnings over \$1,130 a month, was \$2,825 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 2005 - June 2006 period include benefits that technically were payable in extensions of the 2004-2005 benefit year or accelerations of the 2006-2007 benefit year as well as those payable for the general benefit year (2005-2006).

Table C1 shows the principal figures for operations in benefit year 2005-2006 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 1976-1977 through 2005-2006. 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 2005-2006. Table C9 shows the distribution of experience based contribution rates, by number of employers, for 2006.

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 2005-2006 include all payments made by June 30, 2006. 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 2005-2006.

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 2001-2002 through 2005-2006

Item	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	2005-2006
Qualified employees.....	269,900	259,100	248,800	242,200	244,600
Maximum daily benefit rate.....	\$50	\$52	\$55	\$56	\$56
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$47,383	\$45,614	\$38,264	\$30,179	\$30,586
Payments:¹					
Number.....	103,600	96,700	76,400	62,000	54,000
Average amount per two week					
claim period.....	\$429	\$449	\$477	\$489	\$490
Beneficiaries.....	17,800	15,400	11,700	9,300	8,900
Applications received.....	22,000	18,300	14,400	11,700	11,400
Claims received.....	128,500	116,400	91,700	73,700	65,000
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	2,700	2,900	2,400	2,200	1,900
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)
SICKNESS BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$50,904	\$49,891	\$46,413	\$43,405	\$43,801
Payments:¹					
Number.....	168,400	160,700	152,700	140,200	135,500
Average amount per two week					
claim period.....	\$445	\$461	\$486	\$496	\$496
Beneficiaries.....	23,000	22,400	21,600	20,200	19,700
Applications received.....	28,100	27,900	26,600	25,100	26,400
Claims received.....	194,000	185,700	176,800	162,700	157,800
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	5,100	4,700	4,500	3,900	3,700
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	100	100	200	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.

**Table C1.--Net Benefits Under The Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act,
Benefit Years 2001-2002 Through 2005-2006**

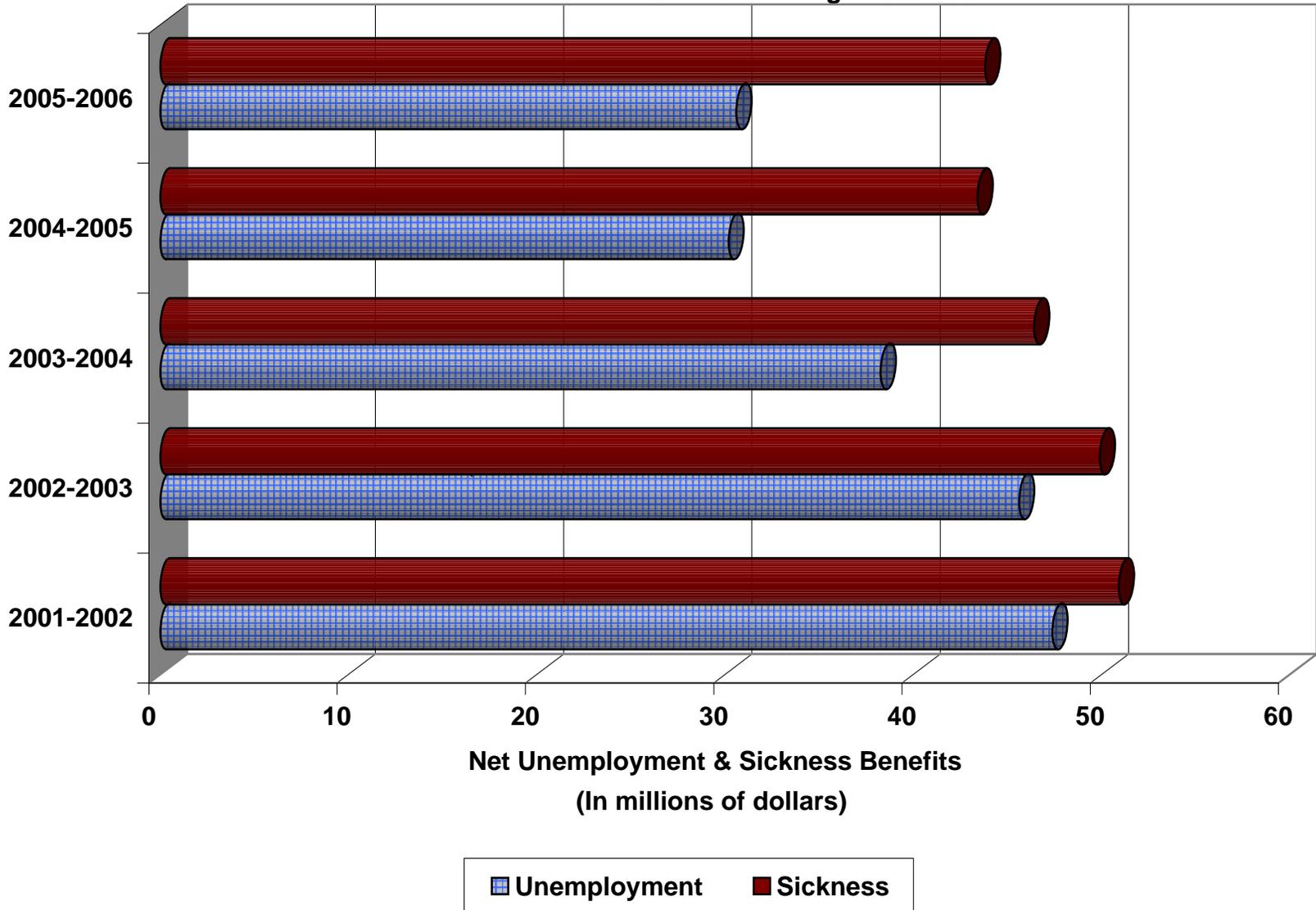


Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1976-1977 through 2005-2006

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									
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
2005-2006.....	8,900	30,478	4	18	6.9	61	55.27	3,393	276.35

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1976-1977 through 2005-2006 - 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									
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
2005-2006.....	19,700	76,041	8	17	7.7	69	55.93	3,835	279.63

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1976-1977 through 2005-2006 - 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 2005-2006 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	5	63	\$55	\$3,500
10-14	1,100	5	66	55	3,600
15 and over	3,000	2	58	55	3,200
Total	8,900	4	61	\$55	\$3,400
SICKNESS					
Under 10	5,800	7	64	\$56	\$3,600
10-14	2,100	9	71	56	4,000
15 and over	11,700	9	70	56	4,000
Total	19,700	8	69	\$56	\$3,800

NOTE.-- Data is partly estimated.

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2005-2006**

States	Unemployment benefits		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
Alabama	141	\$456,000	323	\$1,227,000
Alaska	63	350,000	1	7,000
Arizona	115	404,000	192	726,000
Arkansas	106	395,000	389	1,547,000
California	465	1,817,000	1,284	5,039,000
Colorado	83	311,000	241	1,013,000
Connecticut	35	127,000	112	444,000
Delaware	34	95,000	133	510,000
Washington DC	15	78,000	34	164,000
Florida	330	1,117,000	562	2,242,000
Georgia	333	1,055,000	548	2,121,000
Hawaii	1	8,000	.....	.....
Idaho	61	189,000	123	533,000
Illinois	911	3,638,000	1,620	6,399,000
Indiana	340	1,202,000	742	2,964,000
Iowa	181	443,000	326	1,112,000
Kansas	150	539,000	332	1,207,000
Kentucky	168	446,000	541	2,197,000
Louisiana	340	901,000	315	1,359,000
Maine	31	150,000	41	139,000
Maryland	135	496,000	504	1,918,000
Massachusetts	111	494,000	233	906,000
Michigan	294	1,059,000	480	2,035,000
Minnesota	244	824,000	390	1,274,000
Mississippi	114	295,000	156	619,000
Missouri	260	914,000	540	1,860,000
Montana	138	444,000	168	495,000
Nebraska	169	604,000	765	2,360,000
Nevada	25	112,000	63	252,000
New Hampshire	7	37,000	22	59,000
New Jersey	124	473,000	755	2,518,000
New Mexico	89	324,000	118	460,000

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2005-2006 - Continued**

States	Unemployment benefits		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
New York	422	\$1,614,000	1,127	\$4,608,000
North Carolina	106	319,000	231	951,000
North Dakota	147	480,000	111	365,000
Ohio	406	1,245,000	849	3,373,000
Oklahoma	52	219,000	113	465,000
Oregon	84	290,000	196	782,000
Pennsylvania	443	1,499,000	1,209	5,088,000
Rhode Island	7	13,000	44	153,000
South Carolina	81	289,000	182	795,000
South Dakota	31	103,000	72	246,000
Tennessee	135	439,000	375	1,517,000
Texas	487	1,729,000	1,168	4,771,000
Utah	73	177,000	155	512,000
Vermont	9	37,000	12	36,000
Virginia	154	442,000	478	1,888,000
Washington	160	574,000	374	1,336,000
West Virginia	89	165,000	321	1,319,000
Wisconsin	285	858,000	398	1,396,000
Wyoming	75	175,000	212	690,000
Total¹	8,861	\$30,478,000	19,698	\$76,041,000

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 2005-2006 unemployment, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2005	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	166	6	4,300	4	63	\$54.84	\$3,429
25 to 29	695	56	14,000	5	55	55.67	3,077
30 to 34	1,089	79	21,800	5	60	55.50	3,304
35 to 39	1,262	112	24,500	5	63	55.68	3,492
40 to 44	1,097	132	24,500	4	65	55.28	3,593
45 to 49	1,297	153	37,100	3	62	54.92	3,419
50 to 54	1,489	106	51,800	3	62	55.18	3,413
55 to 59	1,268	97	45,900	3	60	55.35	3,322
60 to 64	439	48	17,400	3	64	54.85	3,529
65 to 69	55	4	2,400	2	46	48.58	2,245
70 and older	4	.....	400	1	58	56.53	3,264
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male	8,068	.....	222,700	4	60	\$55.29	\$3,323
Female	793	793	21,300	4	74	\$55.13	\$4,107
Total ¹	8,861	793	244,600	4	61	\$55.27	\$3,393

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 2005-2006 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2004 compensation.

Table C6.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 2005-2006 sickness, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2005	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	126	17	4,300	3	57	\$55.92	\$3,174
25 to 29	700	114	14,000	5	54	55.94	3,003
30 to 34	1,209	192	21,800	6	56	55.97	3,140
35 to 39	1,682	271	24,500	7	64	55.93	3,592
40 to 44	1,737	280	24,500	7	65	55.99	3,628
45 to 49	2,607	321	37,100	7	68	55.74	3,769
50 to 54	4,614	386	51,800	9	73	56.02	4,070
55 to 59	4,874	359	45,900	11	71	56.02	4,003
60 to 64	1,921	155	17,400	11	74	55.90	4,151
65 to 69	208	27	2,400	9	67	53.82	3,621
70 and older	20	3	400	5	63	49.19	3,111
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male	17,573	.....	222,700	8	69	\$55.95	\$3,861
Female	2,125	2,125	21,300	10	65	\$55.67	\$3,619
Total ¹	19,698	2,125	244,600	8	69	\$55.93	\$3,835

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 2005-2006 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2004 compensation.

Table C7.--Beneficiaries and average compensable days for benefit year 2005-2006 sickness, by type of sickness

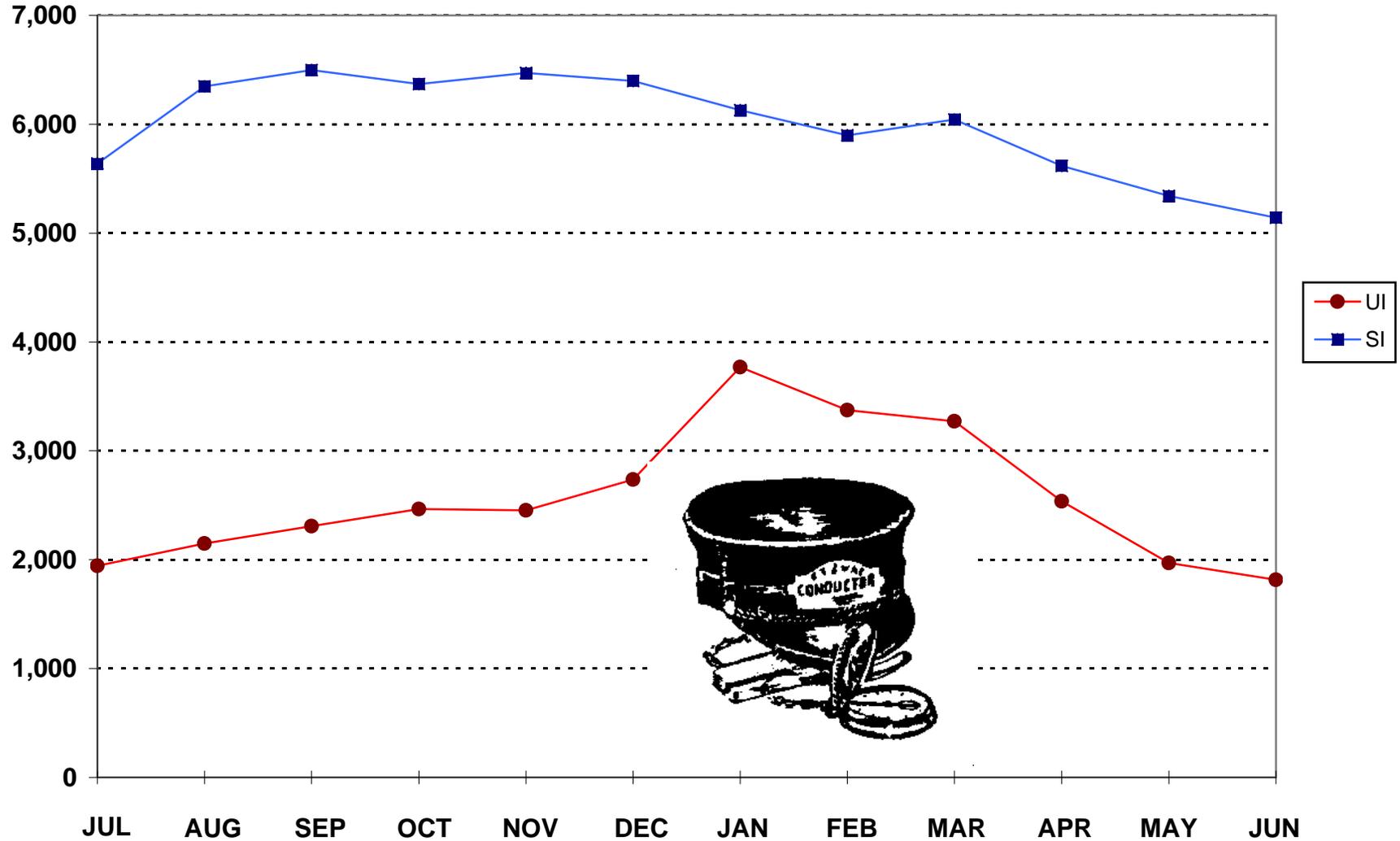
International list no.	Type of sickness	Beneficiaries	Average compensable days of sickness
001-139	Infective and parasitic diseases	90	52
140-239	Neoplasms.....	904	70
240-279	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders.....	285	69
280-289	Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs.....	25	48
290-319	Mental disorders.....	2,276	74
320-389	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs.....	1,180	68
390-459	Diseases of the circulatory system.....	1,657	68
460-519	Diseases of the respiratory system.....	492	52
520-579	Diseases of the digestive system.....	1,311	36
580-629	Diseases of the genitourinary system.....	216	52
630-679	Pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium, total ¹	229	54
680-709	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue.....	219	43
710-739	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue.....	4,316	86
740-759	Congenital anomalies.....	210	58
780-799	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions and perinatal morbidity and mortality.....	1,345	60
800-999	Injury and complications of poisoning.....	4,943	67
Total.....		19,698	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.

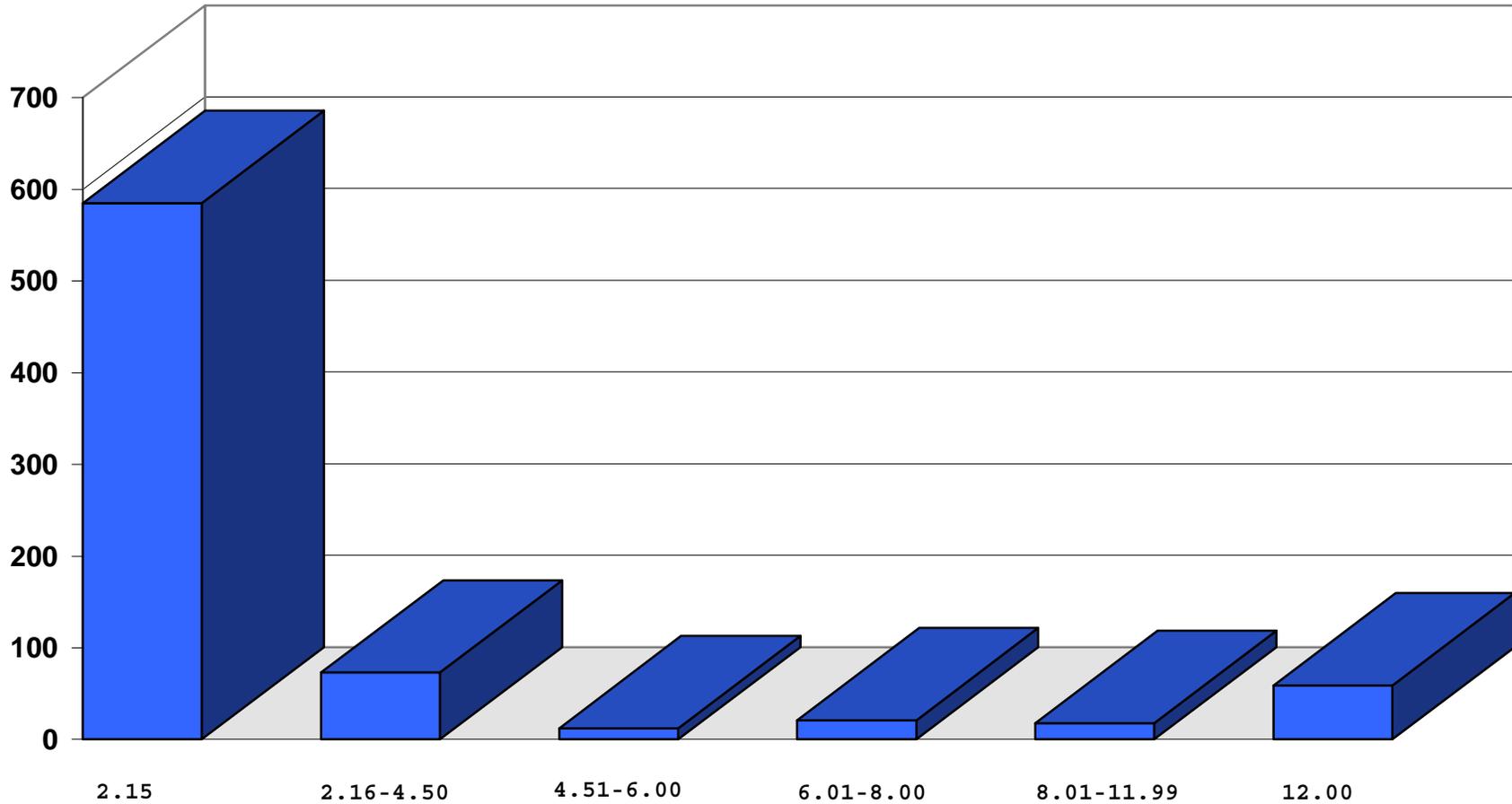
**TABLE C8. - UI & SI BENEFICIARIES
BY MONTH FOR BENEFIT YEAR 2005-2006**

Beneficiaries



**TABLE C9. - EXPERIENCE RATING DISTRIBUTION,
BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS, 2006**

EMPLOYERS



CONTRIBUTION RATE (percent)