

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.

An employee was qualified for benefit year 2008-2009 if in the preceding calendar (base) year his(her) compensation for railroad work, excluding earnings over \$1,230 a month, was \$3,075 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 2008 - June 2009 period include benefits that technically were payable in extensions of the 2007-2008 benefit year or accelerations of the 2009-2010 benefit year as well as those payable for the general benefit year (2008-2009).

Table C1 shows the principal figures for operations in benefit year 2008-2009 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 1979-1980 through 2008-2009. 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 2008-2009. Table C9 shows the distribution of experience based contribution rates, by number of employers, for 2009.

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 2008-2009 include all payments made by June 30, 2009. 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 \$61.00 maximum and a \$12.70 minimum in benefit year 2008-2009.

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 2004-2005 through 2008-2009, cash basis**

Item	2004-2005	2005-2006	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
Qualified employees.....	242,200	244,600	250,200	255,200	255,500
Maximum daily benefit rate.....	\$56	\$56	\$57	\$59	\$61
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$30,179	\$30,586	\$29,627	\$32,212	\$77,804
Payments:¹					
Number.....	62,000	54,000	56,600	64,600	139,100
Average amount per two week claim period.....	\$489	\$490	\$499	\$519	\$520
Beneficiaries.....	9,300	8,900	9,500	10,100	21,400
Applications received.....	11,700	11,400	12,200	13,200	32,600
Claims received.....	73,700	65,000	68,800	78,000	166,900
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	2,200	1,900	1,800	2,000	3,100
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾
SICKNESS BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$43,405	\$43,801	\$43,533	\$46,115	\$45,158
Payments:¹					
Number.....	140,200	135,500	128,300	122,400	117,200
Average amount per two week claim period.....	\$496	\$496	\$503	\$520	\$538
Beneficiaries.....	20,200	19,700	19,000	18,400	17,600
Applications received.....	25,100	26,400	23,300	22,500	21,500
Claims received.....	162,700	157,800	149,700	143,000	137,400
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	3,900	3,700	3,500	3,300	3,100
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	100	100	100	100	100

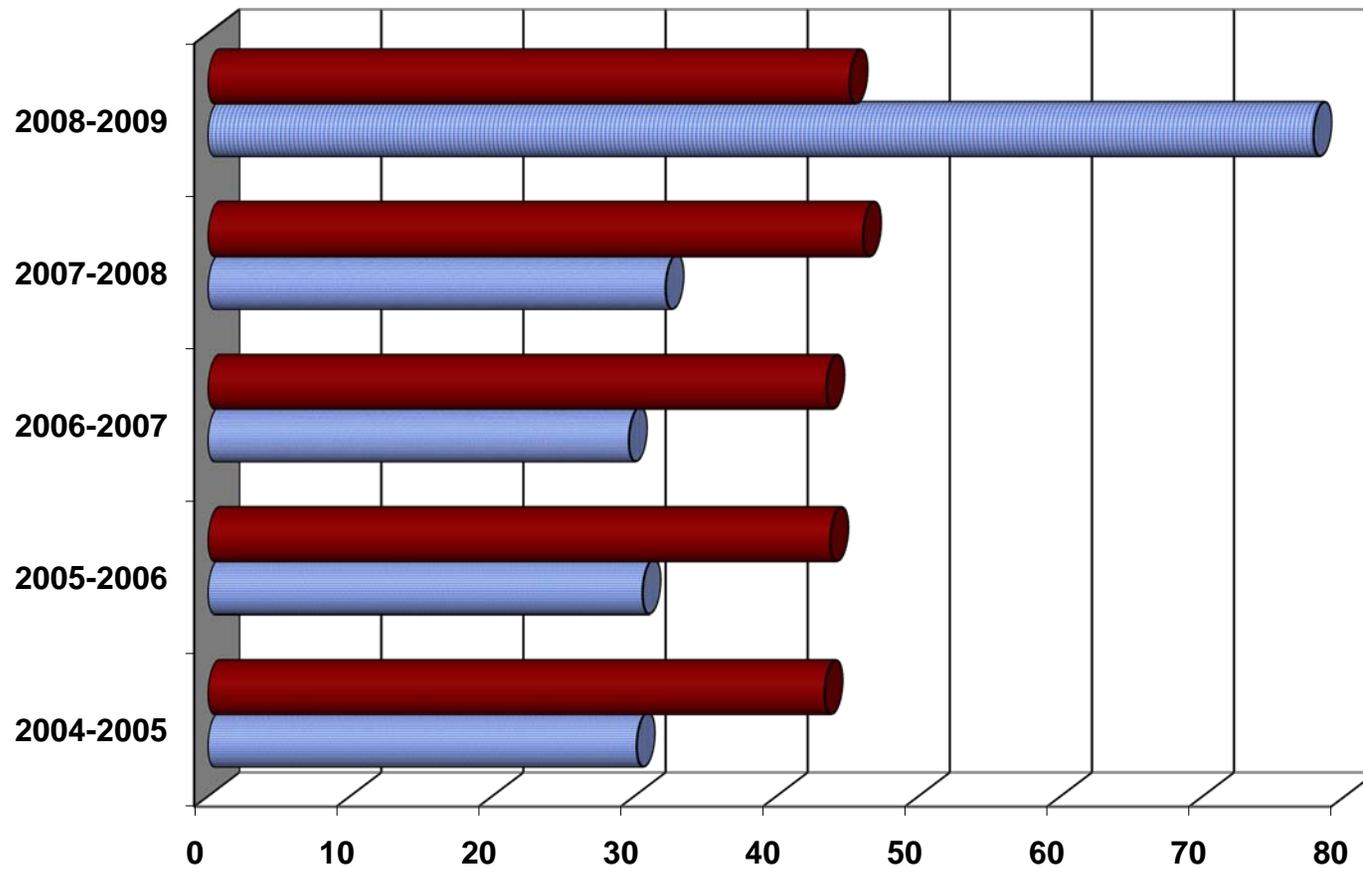
¹ Not adjusted for recoveries or settlements of underpayments.

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.

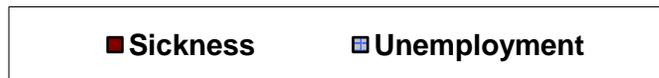
³ Less than 50.

NOTE.--Data covered program activities during the year, regardless of when unemployment or sickness occurred. Starting in June 2009, benefit year 2008-2009 includes \$1,058,000 in temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

**Table C1.--Net benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act,
benefit years 2004-2005 through 2008-2009, cash basis**



**Net Unemployment & Sickness Benefits
(In millions of dollars)**



Starting in June 2009, benefit year 2008-2009 includes \$1.1 million in temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1979-1980 through 2008-2009

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									
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
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

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1979-1980 through 2008-2009 - 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									
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
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

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1979-1980 through 2008-2009 - 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, 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 2008-2009 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.....	17,162	16	64	\$60.72	\$3,888
10-14	1,388	5	66	60.42	4,003
15 and over	2,803	2	58	60.40	3,510
Total	21,353	8	63	\$60.66	\$3,846
SICKNESS					
Under 10.....	6,470	6	59	\$60.65	\$3,578
10-14	1,984	7	69	60.48	4,169
15 and over	9,144	8	71	60.76	4,338
Total	17,598	7	67	\$60.69	\$4,040

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2008-2009**

States	Unemployment benefits ¹		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
Alabama	448	\$1,524,000	268	\$1,131,000
Alaska	63	395,000	2	4,000
Arizona	416	1,789,000	166	672,000
Arkansas	314	1,132,000	299	1,258,000
California	1,422	6,885,000	1,145	4,980,000
Colorado	331	1,323,000	186	919,000
Connecticut	21	97,000	86	305,000
Delaware	19	76,000	101	441,000
Washington DC	8	36,000	26	101,000
Florida	583	2,415,000	401	1,511,000
Georgia	715	2,717,000	489	2,019,000
Hawaii	1	5,000	.....	.....
Idaho	178	620,000	101	438,000
Illinois	1,358	5,594,000	1,400	5,399,000
Indiana	735	2,876,000	680	2,820,000
Iowa	506	1,726,000	269	981,000
Kansas	518	1,645,000	366	1,263,000
Kentucky	517	1,849,000	441	1,952,000
Louisiana	367	1,241,000	269	1,270,000
Maine	146	651,000	51	198,000
Maryland	252	1,035,000	383	1,584,000
Massachusetts	113	505,000	250	991,000
Michigan	552	2,132,000	379	1,678,000
Minnesota	472	1,366,000	344	1,343,000
Mississippi	170	588,000	157	649,000
Missouri	866	3,426,000	512	2,003,000
Montana	306	957,000	170	704,000
Nebraska	1,054	3,321,000	841	2,903,000
Nevada	108	457,000	49	226,000
New Hampshire	22	101,000	23	101,000
New Jersey	190	942,000	724	2,752,000
New Mexico	144	625,000	91	405,000

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2008-2009 - Continued**

States	Unemployment benefits ¹		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
New York	545	\$2,254,000	840	\$3,791,000
North Carolina	276	1,270,000	199	860,000
North Dakota	208	640,000	109	384,000
Ohio	1,214	4,823,000	770	3,118,000
Oklahoma	213	834,000	134	565,000
Oregon	321	1,230,000	202	782,000
Pennsylvania	759	2,840,000	1,179	5,075,000
Rhode Island	15	75,000	37	189,000
South Carolina	337	1,439,000	157	651,000
South Dakota	132	543,000	49	179,000
Tennessee	314	1,257,000	365	1,497,000
Texas	1,925	7,531,000	1,100	4,499,000
Utah	230	922,000	137	540,000
Vermont	15	65,000	12	37,000
Virginia	453	1,763,000	432	1,782,000
Washington	405	1,484,000	344	1,331,000
West Virginia	268	920,000	300	1,238,000
Wisconsin	451	1,585,000	348	1,259,000
Wyoming	355	1,033,000	206	888,000
Total²	21,353	\$82,572,000	17,598	\$71,704,000

¹ Starting in June 2009, includes \$1.2 million in temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment 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 2008-2009 unemployment, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2008	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.....	1,170	28	6,600	18	68	\$60.75	\$4,101
25 to 29.....	3,434	106	18,600	18	65	60.86	3,973
30 to 34.....	3,739	140	25,300	15	63	60.86	3,861
35 to 39.....	3,659	130	30,000	12	64	60.79	3,882
40 to 44.....	2,778	136	27,600	10	62	60.63	3,741
45 to 49.....	2,283	143	29,600	8	64	60.49	3,889
50 to 54.....	2,022	128	43,900	5	63	60.40	3,798
55 to 59.....	1,589	80	47,100	3	58	60.25	3,486
60 to 64.....	611	35	22,700	3	62	60.20	3,724
65 to 69.....	60	4	3,000	2	73	60.47	4,414
70 and older.....	8	.....	500	2	39	43.69	1,704
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male.....	20,423	.....	233,100	9	63	\$60.70	\$3,809
Female.....	930	930	21,900	4	77	\$60.11	\$4,651
Total¹.....	21,353	930	255,500	8	63	\$60.66	\$3,846

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 2008-2009 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2007 compensation.

Table C6.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 2008-2009 sickness, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2008	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	152	17	6,600	2	52	\$60.69	\$3,154
25 to 29	715	116	18,600	4	55	60.94	3,352
30 to 34	1,200	184	25,300	5	55	60.95	3,366
35 to 39	1,674	206	30,000	6	60	60.84	3,668
40 to 44	1,693	228	27,600	6	63	60.79	3,844
45 to 49	1,993	282	29,600	7	67	60.64	4,050
50 to 54	3,265	311	43,900	7	70	60.74	4,231
55 to 59	4,435	291	47,100	9	70	60.77	4,246
60 to 64	2,213	184	22,700	10	73	60.58	4,450
65 to 69	237	35	3,000	8	67	57.83	3,848
70 and older	21	2	500	4	57	43.99	2,528
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male	15,742	.....	233,100	7	67	\$60.74	\$4,073
Female	1,856	1,856	21,900	8	62	\$60.25	\$3,757
Total ¹	17,598	1,856	255,500	7	67	\$60.69	\$4,040

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 2008-2009 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2007 compensation.

Table C7.--Beneficiaries and average compensable days for benefit year 2008-2009 sickness, by type of sickness

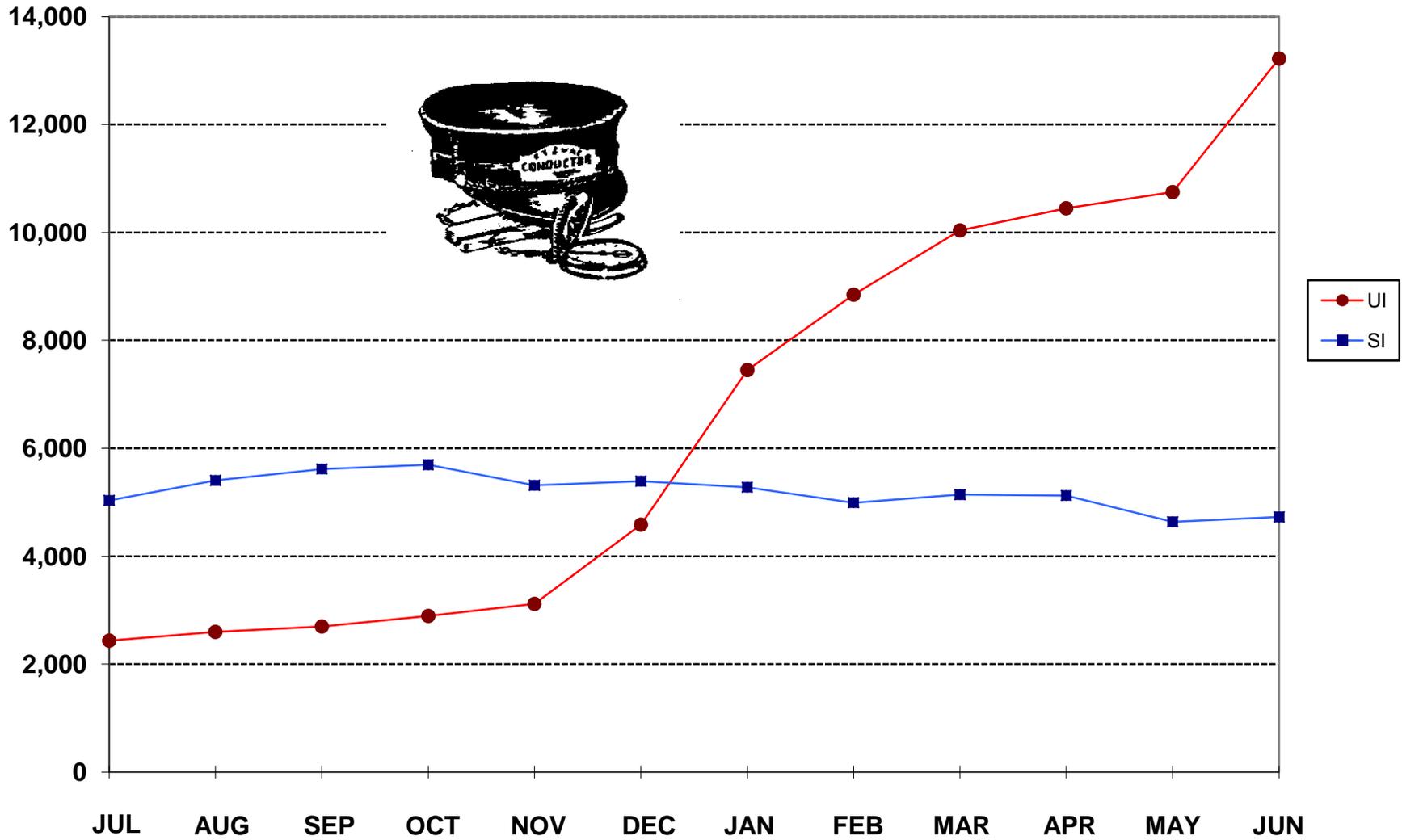
International list no.	Type of sickness	Beneficiaries	Average compensable days of sickness
001-139	Infective and parasitic diseases	83	48
140-239	Neoplasms.....	993	67
240-279	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders.....	239	63
280-289	Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs.....	24	70
290-319	Mental disorders.....	1,809	68
320-389	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs.....	848	63
390-459	Diseases of the circulatory system.....	1,372	67
460-519	Diseases of the respiratory system.....	408	55
520-579	Diseases of the digestive system.....	1,111	35
580-629	Diseases of the genitourinary system.....	183	49
630-679	Pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium, total ¹	266	47
680-709	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue.....	168	44
710-739	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue.....	3,943	85
740-759	Congenital anomalies.....	183	50
780-799	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions and perinatal morbidity and mortality.....	1,311	59
800-999	Injury and complications of poisoning.....	4,657	65
Total.....		17,598	67

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.

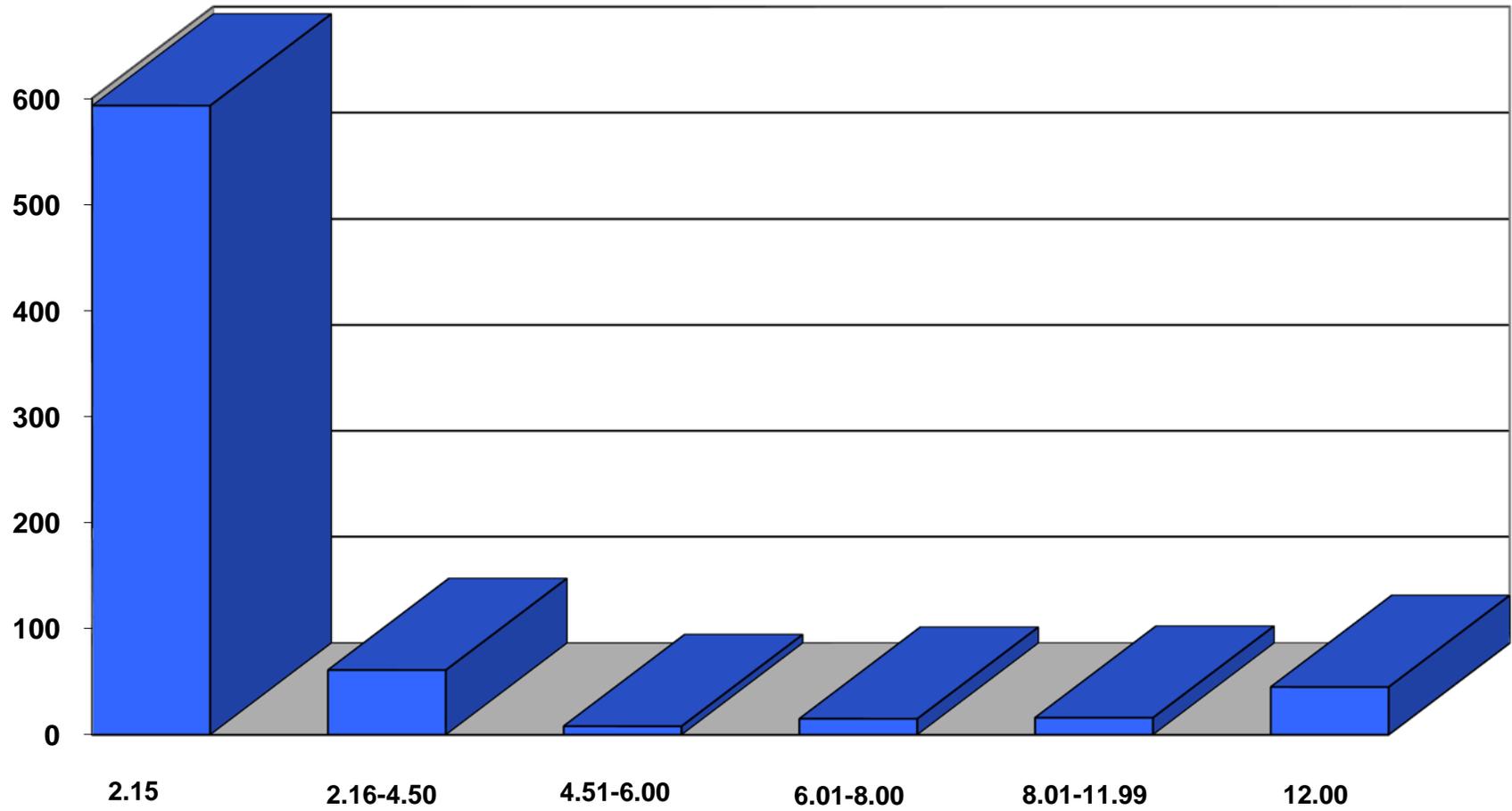
**TABLE C8. - UI & SI BENEFICIARIES
BY MONTH FOR BENEFIT YEAR 2008-2009**

Beneficiaries



**TABLE C9. - EXPERIENCE RATING DISTRIBUTION,
BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS, 2009**

EMPLOYERS



CONTRIBUTION RATE (percent)