

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - March 2006

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>March 2006</u>	<u>March 2005</u>
Total	\$786,970,000	\$765,520,000
Retired employees	513,325,000	495,635,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	93,991,000	90,993,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,679,000	156,440,000
Other survivors	22,970,000	22,452,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security March 2006	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	590,200	.....	2,400	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	281,100	\$1,807	1,000	\$2,296	.....	.....
Age	197,200	1,767	² 300	² 2,848	\$1,005	³ \$1,334
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,500	1,612	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,400	2,106	400	2,323	942	991
Spouses and divorced spouses	139,700	664	700	743	485	355
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	142,000	1,100	600	1,482	952	792
Widowed mothers and fathers	900	1,395	<u>4</u>	1,286	718	729
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,600	736	100	737	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	11,700	826	<u>4</u>	1,089	659	667
Other survivors	<u>4</u>	802	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities	Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
	<u>March 2006</u>	<u>March 2005</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$5,104,000	\$5,256,000	122,200	\$42	400	\$41

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	3,300	\$495	\$277
Sickness	6,000	489	278
		Benefit payments	
		March 2006	March 2005
Total		\$7,061,000	\$6,803,000
Unemployment		3,645,000	3,281,000
Sickness		3,415,000	3,522,000

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