

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

Benefit payments	<u>March 2008</u>	<u>March 2007</u>
Total	\$834,517,000	\$828,139,000
Retired employees	552,977,000	546,796,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	101,189,000	99,641,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	157,070,000	158,108,000
Other survivors	23,280,000	23,594,000

**Regular Retirement
and Survivor Benefits**

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security March 2008	
	Number	Average ¹	Number	Average ¹	Being Paid	Awarded
Total	569,500	.....	2,800	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	276,100	\$1,984	1,200	\$2,555	.....	.....
Age	191,900	1,952	² 500	² 3,091	\$1,082	³ \$1,446
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,000	1,765	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	50,200	2,256	300	2,500	1,004	1,039
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,700	731	900	883	517	378
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	130,700	1,197	600	1,599	1,023	857
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,493	<u>4</u> /	1,321	773	765
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,100	799	100	835	<u>5</u> /	<u>5</u> /
Children	11,000	878	<u>4</u> /	1,208	707	714
Other survivors	100	635	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities	Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
	March 2008	March 2007	Number	Average	Number	Average
	\$5,010,000	\$5,094,000	120,800	\$42	600	\$42

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); some 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	3,700	\$524	\$292
Sickness	5,300	514	292
		Benefit payments	
		March 2008	March 2007
Total		\$7,812,000	-\$2,814,000
Unemployment		3,268,000	-5,135,000
Sickness		4,544,000	2,321,000

Note. --Data are on a cash basis (unaudited). Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

In March 2007, approximately \$9.6 million was paid in annuity adjustments for additional service and earnings credits, resulting in higher than normal retirement benefit payments. In addition, retirement-survivor and unemployment benefits also reflect a reversal of fiscal year 2007 accounting adjustments to unapplied cash and the corresponding entries to benefit payments.

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