

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

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>May 2008</u>	<u>May 2007</u>
Total	\$834,595,000	\$815,117,000
Retired employees	553,019,000	538,689,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	101,405,000	97,099,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,826,000	156,451,000
Other survivors	23,345,000	22,877,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security May 2008	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	567,500	.....	2,300	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	275,300	\$1,991	900	\$2,451	.....	.....
Age	191,100	1,959	² 300	² 3,146	\$1,084	³ \$1,466
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,100	1,773	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	50,200	2,259	300	2,460	1,004	1,049
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,300	735	700	860	517	380
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	129,900	1,203	600	1,547	1,024	844
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,495	<u>4</u>	1,867	775	758
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,200	802	100	857	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	11,000	881	<u>4</u>	1,200	708	703
Other survivors	100	558	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities

Benefit payments	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month			
	<u>May 2008</u>	<u>May 2007</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$5,029,000	\$5,015,000	120,400	\$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	2,200	\$502	\$291
Sickness	4,800	512	292
		Benefit payments	
		May 2008	May 2007
Total		\$3,611,000	\$4,483,000
Unemployment		1,730,000	1,800,000
Sickness		1,881,000	2,683,000

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