

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. However, prior to enactment of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Amendments Act of 1996, extended benefits would have been paid for a 26-week period to those with 15 or more years of service. Title V of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1991, provided extended unemployment benefits to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional benefits to those with 10-14 years during benefit years 1991-1992 and 1992-1993.

An employee was qualified for benefit year 2000-2001 if in the preceding calendar (base) year his/her compensation for railroad work, excluding earnings over \$970 a month, was \$2,425 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 2000 - June 2001 period include benefits that technically were payable in extensions of the 1999-2000 benefit year or accelerations of the 2001-2002 benefit year as well as those payable for the general benefit year (2000-2001).

Table C1 shows the principal figures for operations in benefit year 2000-2001 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 1971-1972 through 2000-2001. 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 2000-2001. Table C9 shows the distribution of experience based contribution rates, by number of employers, for 2001.

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 2000-2001 include all payments made by June 30, 2001. 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 \$48.00 maximum and a \$12.70 minimum in benefit year 2000-2001.

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 1996-1997 through 2000-2001

Item	1996-1997	1997-1998	1998-1999	1999-2000	2000-2001
Qualified employees.....	284,800	276,600	272,400	278,200	277,400
Maximum daily benefit rate.....	\$42	\$43	\$44	\$46	\$48
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$38,249	\$27,034	\$31,565	\$35,620	\$43,008
Payments:¹					
Number.....	105,500	71,500	80,800	83,300	96,100
Average amount per two week					
claim period.....	\$358	\$375	\$386	\$399	\$415
Beneficiaries.....	15,300	11,300	12,600	13,700	16,700
Applications received.....	19,500	13,700	15,800	17,500	20,100
Claims received.....	130,200	86,800	97,900	101,400	118,800
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	2,700	2,100	2,000	2,100	2,200
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	1,400	200	200	(3)	(3)
SICKNESS BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$32,475	\$33,058	\$34,642	\$40,499	\$49,512
Payments:¹					
Number.....	154,600	147,500	145,200	151,300	163,200
Average amount per two week					
claim period.....	\$372	\$385	\$394	\$406	\$426
Beneficiaries.....	20,500	20,500	20,600	22,000	23,000
Applications received.....	27,400	26,600	26,300	27,100	28,700
Claims received.....	184,300	171,100	169,000	175,900	189,000
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	4,300	4,300	3,900	4,100	4,500
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	1,300	200	200	100	100

¹ Not adjusted for recoveries or settlements of underpayments.

² Prior to the October 1996 legislation, no benefits were payable for the first claim in a benefit year, generally resulting in a 2-week waiting period. As a result of the legislation, 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 C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1971-1972 through 2000-2001

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									
1971-1972 ⁴	196,600	\$78,344	16	11	6.0	70	\$12.67	\$589	\$63.40
1972-1973 ⁴	100,100	41,653	9	11	6.2	72	12.66	602	63.30
1973-1974.....	45,700	22,933	7	8	5.3	61	12.66	502	63.30
1974-1975.....	76,000	37,298	12	6	5.2	59	12.69	491	63.50
1975-1976.....	104,800	45,827	16	19	7.6	90	23.36	1,392	116.80
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	⁵ 62,185	8	21	8.7	76	30.94	2,353	154.70
1992-1993.....	20,700	⁵ 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

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1971-1972 through 2000-2001 - 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
SICKNESS⁶									
1971-1972.....	73,800	\$49,809	10	13	6.4	86	\$11.71	\$675	\$58.60
1972-1973.....	66,700	42,547	9	11	5.9	79	12.13	638	60.70
1973-1974.....	63,400	39,777	10	11	5.7	77	12.39	627	62.00
1974-1975.....	56,600	35,934	9	11	5.7	76	12.55	635	62.80
1975-1976.....	73,900	85,145	11	13	5.8	78	21.22	1,153	106.10
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

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1971-1972 through 2000-2001 - 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 Number of beneficiaries in 1970-1971, 1971-1972, and 1972-1973 include those whose only unemployment benefits resulted from brief major strikes; except for the total amount of benefits, all other data relate to the remaining beneficiaries who were paid for regular unemployment. These numbered 99,800 in 1970-1971, 117,400 in 1971-1972 and 64,000 in 1972-1973.

⁵ 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.

⁶ 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 based on sample tabulations through 1974-1975 and total counts thereafter. 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 2000-2001 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	9,500	11	58	\$48	\$2,800
10-14	1,600	8	63	48	3,000
15 and over	5,600	3	54	48	2,600
Total	16,700	6	57	\$48	\$2,700
SICKNESS					
Under 10	6,000	7	66	\$48	\$3,200
10-14	2,000	10	75	48	3,600
15 and over	15,000	9	72	48	3,500
Total	23,000	8	71	\$48	\$3,400

NOTE.-- Data is partly estimated.

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2000-2001**

States	Unemployment benefits		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
Alabama	212	\$574,000	327	\$1,168,000
Alaska	50	219,000	1	2,000
Arizona	430	1,017,000	239	816,000
Arkansas	237	639,000	582	2,113,000
California	919	2,792,000	1,612	6,070,000
Colorado	342	823,000	283	922,000
Connecticut	62	209,000	109	375,000
Delaware	32	132,000	133	459,000
Washington DC	19	72,000	54	235,000
Florida	185	574,000	558	1,974,000
Georgia	268	671,000	627	2,126,000
Hawaii .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Idaho	192	473,000	136	433,000
Illinois	1,263	4,124,000	1,825	5,996,000
Indiana	447	1,274,000	806	2,923,000
Iowa	378	980,000	287	811,000
Kansas	477	1,126,000	505	1,437,000
Kentucky	283	708,000	609	2,213,000
Louisiana	265	659,000	362	1,352,000
Maine	100	288,000	99	376,000
Maryland	173	602,000	509	1,815,000
Massachusetts	117	310,000	253	853,000
Michigan	446	1,540,000	569	1,981,000
Minnesota	707	1,799,000	414	1,192,000
Mississippi	70	232,000	169	664,000
Missouri	722	1,906,000	677	2,268,000
Montana	310	801,000	205	640,000
Nebraska	854	2,129,000	762	2,229,000
Nevada	53	129,000	62	250,000
New Hampshire	21	54,000	24	84,000
New Jersey	162	566,000	876	2,403,000
New Mexico	432	1,037,000	151	519,000

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2000-2001 - Continued**

States	Unemployment benefits		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
New York	436	\$1,471,000	1,598	\$4,872,000
North Carolina	125	321,000	262	927,000
North Dakota	317	959,000	141	413,000
Ohio	716	1,902,000	935	3,497,000
Oklahoma	121	234,000	128	434,000
Oregon	217	476,000	253	874,000
Pennsylvania	831	2,895,000	1,621	5,958,000
Rhode Island	18	60,000	51	172,000
South Carolina	101	252,000	230	764,000
South Dakota	114	301,000	48	155,000
Tennessee	262	751,000	440	1,472,000
Texas	1,029	2,305,000	1,198	4,425,000
Utah	130	260,000	135	492,000
Vermont	15	44,000	12	39,000
Virginia	600	1,793,000	706	2,704,000
Washington	295	564,000	430	1,324,000
West Virginia	240	599,000	438	1,601,000
Wisconsin	504	1,520,000	372	1,023,000
Wyoming	427	952,000	216	722,000
Total ¹	16,727	\$46,120,000	23,046	\$78,584,000

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 2000-2001 unemployment, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2000	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	605	23	4,400	14	57	\$47.61	\$2,731
25 to 29	2,060	79	14,600	14	56	47.77	2,657
30 to 34	2,335	96	19,400	12	54	47.76	2,574
35 to 39	2,066	135	21,000	10	57	47.81	2,710
40 to 44	2,661	164	37,100	7	57	47.88	2,741
45 to 49	2,979	149	57,000	5	59	47.88	2,838
50 to 54	2,245	128	55,800	4	60	47.87	2,852
55 to 59	1,189	72	36,200	3	57	47.76	2,736
60 to 64	525	31	18,400	3	60	47.73	2,868
65 to 69	49	4	2,200	2	46	47.59	2,175
70 and older	13	2	400	3	43	36.63	1,561
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male	15,844	.....	254,300	6	56	\$47.86	\$2,678
Female	883	883	23,100	4	80	\$47.21	\$3,790
Total ¹	16,727	883	277,400	6	57	\$47.81	\$2,736

¹ Includes employees whose sex 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 2000-2001 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 1999 compensation.

Table C6.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 2000-2001 sickness, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2000	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	209	35	4,400	5	53	\$47.49	\$2,535
25 to 29	821	144	14,600	6	56	48.03	2,707
30 to 34	1,474	298	19,400	8	59	47.83	2,823
35 to 39	1,692	358	21,000	8	67	47.94	3,203
40 to 44	2,736	397	37,100	7	68	47.87	3,272
45 to 49	4,566	463	57,000	8	72	47.92	3,435
50 to 54	5,143	444	55,800	9	75	47.92	3,580
55 to 59	4,124	298	36,200	11	75	47.92	3,589
60 to 64	2,080	139	18,400	11	73	47.84	3,511
65 to 69	169	22	2,200	8	65	46.08	3,007
70 and older	32	3	400	8	58	42.81	2,499
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male	20,445	.....	254,300	8	71	\$47.91	\$3,407
Female	2,601	2,601	23,100	11	68	\$47.68	\$3,236
Total ¹	23,046	2,601	277,400	8	71	\$47.88	\$3,388

¹ Includes employees whose sex 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 2000-2001 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 1999 compensation.

Table C7.--Beneficiaries and average compensable days for benefit year 2000-2001 sickness, by type of sickness

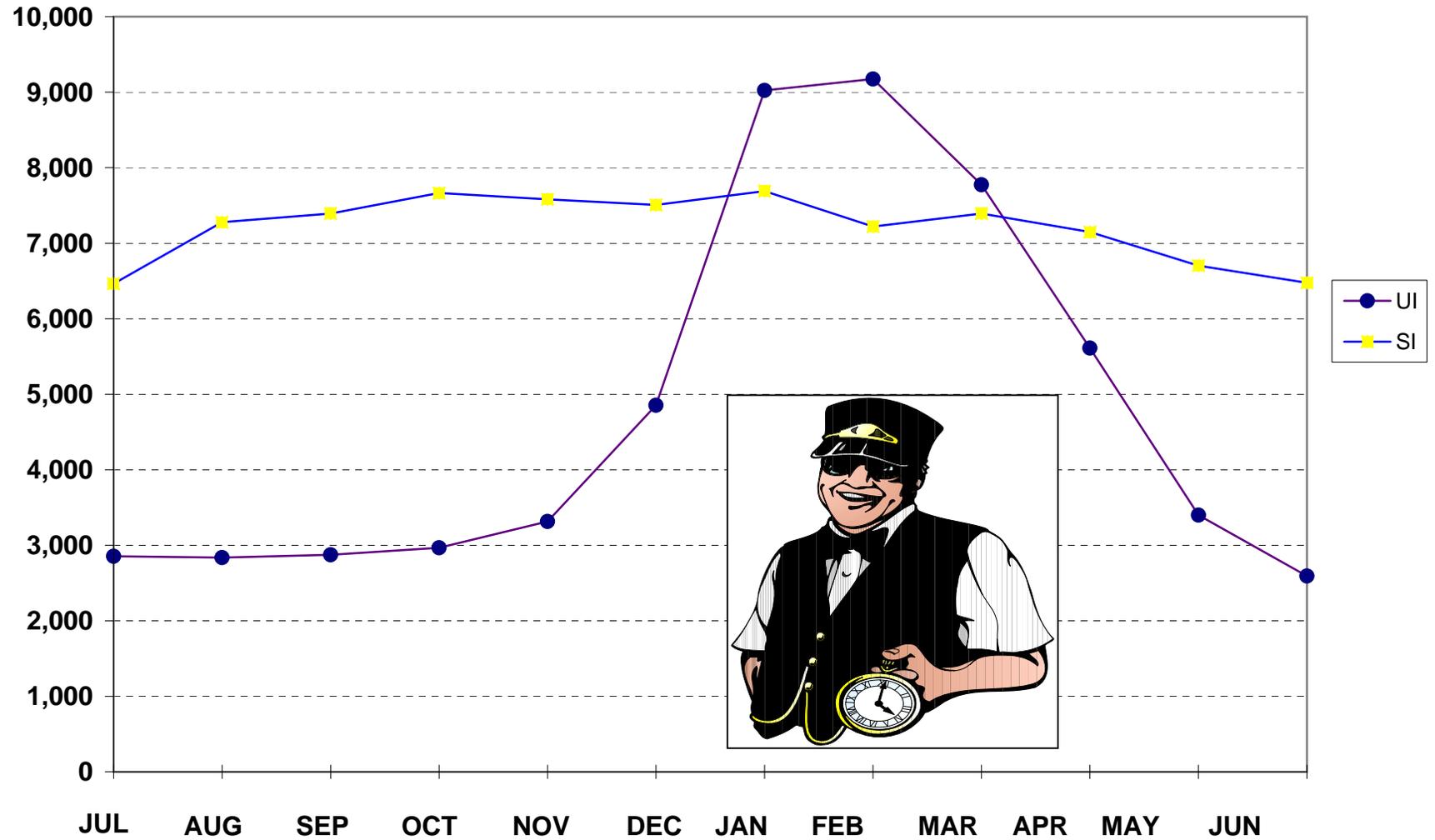
International list no.	Type of sickness	Beneficiaries	Average compensable days of sickness
001-139	Infective and parasitic diseases	122	53
140-239	Neoplasms	1,220	67
240-279	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders	300	68
280-289	Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs	25	67
290-319	Mental disorders	2,382	74
320-389	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs	1,709	74
390-459	Diseases of the circulatory system	2,431	72
460-519	Diseases of the respiratory system	642	49
520-579	Diseases of the digestive system	1,370	36
580-629	Diseases of the genitourinary system	250	45
630-679	Pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium, total ¹	349	53
680-709	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue	186	45
710-739	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	4,687	95
740-759	Congenital anomalies	228	57
780-799	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions and perinatal morbidity and mortality.	1,444	59
800-999	Injury and complications of poisoning	5,701	67
Total		23,046	71

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 2000-2001**

Beneficiaries



**TABLE C9. - EXPERIENCE RATING DISTRIBUTION,
BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS, 2001**

EMPLOYERS

