

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - December 2004

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	December 2004	December 2003
Total	\$747,140,000	\$734,696,000
Retired employees	481,074,000	469,281,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	89,209,000	88,276,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	155,194,000	155,822,000
Other survivors	21,663,000	21,317,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2004	
	Number	Average ¹	Number	Average ¹	Being Paid	Awarded
Total	609,300	.....	1,900	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	287,700	\$1,701	700	\$2,261	.....	.....
Age	204,100	1,661	² 200	² 2,709	\$955	³ \$1,317
Disability, full retirement age and over	35,300	1,515	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, under full retirement age	48,300	2,004	300	2,346	894	966
Spouses and divorced spouses	142,700	635	600	754	464	356
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	150,700	1,039	400	1,353	905	761
Widowed mothers and fathers	1,000	1,354	4/	1,392	689	677
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,800	693	100	746	5/	5/
Children	12,200	787	4/	1,054	625	647
Other survivors	100	726	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities

Benefit payments	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		
	December 2004	December 2003	Number	Average	Number	Average
\$5,254,000	\$5,113,000	125,800	\$42	300	\$40

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 34); some 100 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	3,400	\$486	\$274
Sickness	6,600	498	277
		Benefit payments	
		December 2004	December 2003
Total		\$7,657,000	\$10,039,000
Unemployment		3,312,000	4,376,000
Sickness		4,346,000	5,663,000

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



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