

## Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - December 2015

Benefit payments	<u>December 2015</u>	<u>December 2014</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$1,021,229,000	\$1,002,961,000
Retired employees	700,346,000	685,876,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	142,016,000	136,746,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	153,399,000	155,110,000
Other benefits	25,468,000	25,230,000

**Retirement and Survivor  
Benefits, Including  
Supplemental Annuities**

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2015	
	Number	Average <sup>1</sup>	Number	Average <sup>1</sup>	Being Paid	Awarded
<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	533,800	.....	2,100	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	267,800	\$2,590	800	\$3,029	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	190,500	2,636	<sup>2</sup> 500	<sup>2</sup> 3,765	\$1,342	<sup>3</sup> \$1,880
Disability converted to age annuity <sup>4</sup>	43,700	2,332	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	33,600	2,665	100	2,272	1,166	1,264
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	144,600	978	800	1,087	669	728
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	97,300	1,575	400	2,124	1,250	1,203
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	700	1,844	<u>5</u>	1,997	940	911
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	13,100	1,040	100	1,059	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
<b>Children</b>	8,900	1,060	<u>5</u>	1,377	832	828
<b>Other benefits</b>	1,400	312	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>7</sup></b>	123,300	42	400	41	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup>Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

<sup>2</sup>For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 36); some 200 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

<sup>3</sup>For men full retirement age or over.

<sup>4</sup>A disability annuity ends when the retiree attains full retirement age, at which time the annuity converts to an age and service annuity. Consequently, these annuitants are receiving age and service annuities. Full retirement age is age 65 for those born before 1938 and gradually increases to age 67 for those born 1960 and later.

<sup>5</sup>Fewer than 50.

<sup>6</sup>Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

<sup>7</sup>Excludes partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased. Number and averages are for employee annuitants only and reflect court-ordered partitions.

**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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and Unemployment Insurance Systems - (Continued)  
December 2015**

**Unemployment and Sickness Benefits**

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment <sup>1</sup>	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	5,500	\$599	\$334
Sickness	5,100	603	334
		Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	
		December 2015	December 2014
Total		\$11,380,000	\$8,448,000
Unemployment <sup>2</sup>		5,394,000	3,322,000
Sickness		5,986,000	5,126,000

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by the Budget Control Act of 2011, amounts reflect a reduction of 7.2% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2013, a reduction of 7.3% for days after September 30, 2014, and 6.8% for days after September 30, 2015.

<sup>2</sup> Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2009. Beginning in November 2009, temporary extended unemployment benefits are also being paid under the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, as amended. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2013.

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