

## Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - December 2014

Benefit payments	December 2014	December 2013
<b>Total</b>	\$1,002,961,000	\$972,869,000
Retired employees	685,876,000	663,061,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,746,000	129,823,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	155,110,000	155,204,000
Other benefits	25,230,000	24,781,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2014	
	Number	Average <sup>1</sup>	Number	Average <sup>1</sup>	Being Paid	Awarded
<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	538,400	.....	2,200	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	269,600	\$2,548	800	\$2,997	.....	.....
Age	190,400	2,583	<sup>2</sup> 400	<sup>2</sup> 3,790	\$1,329	<sup>3</sup> \$1,848
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	42,000	2,294	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	37,200	2,653	200	2,372	1,165	1,257
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	143,100	962	800	1,053	651	673
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	101,400	1,534	400	1,914	1,241	1,198
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	700	1,821	<u>4</u>	1,692	935	929
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	13,300	1,026	100	1,137	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
<b>Children</b>	9,100	1,048	<u>4</u>	1,289	831	843
<b>Other benefits</b>	1,300	313	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>6</sup></b>	122,300	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>Fewer than 50.

<sup>5</sup>Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

<sup>6</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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**Unemployment and Sickness Benefits**

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment <sup>1</sup>	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	2,700	\$596	\$323
Sickness	5,000	587	323
		Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	
		December 2014	December 2013
<b>Total</b>		\$8,448,000	\$7,163,000
<b>Unemployment<sup>2</sup></b>		3,322,000	4,172,000
<b>Sickness</b>		5,126,000	2,991,000

<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 9.2% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after February 28, 2013, a reduction of 7.2% for days after September 30, 2013, and 7.3% for days after September 30, 2014.

<sup>2</sup> Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 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.

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