

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - May 2012

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>May 2012</u>	<u>May 2011</u>
Total	\$945,290,000	\$908,068,000
Retired employees	640,943,000	612,108,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	122,455,000	115,435,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	157,236,000	156,503,000
Other benefits	24,656,000	24,022,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security May 2012	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	547,400	.....	2,400	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	272,000	\$2,337	900	\$2,660	.....	.....
Age	189,300	2,342	² 300	² 3,538	\$1,233	³ \$1,706
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	36,800	2,083	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	45,900	2,520	300	2,559	1,111	1,185
Spouses and divorced spouses	138,900	874	900	922	589	462
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	111,500	1,404	500	1,863	1,160	923
Widowed mothers and fathers	700	1,677	<u>4</u>	1,190	876	853
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	13,500	937	100	988	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	9,800	981	<u>4</u>	1,293	786	780
Other benefits	1,000	308	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Annuities⁶

Benefit payments	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		
May 2012	May 2011	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
\$5,067,000	\$5,059,000	121,100	\$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); some 300 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

³For men full retirement age or over.

⁴Fewer than 50.

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

⁶Includes 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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May 2012**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	2,900	\$549	\$322
Sickness	4,500	570	327
		Benefit payments	
		May 2012	May 2011
Total		\$5,908,000	\$6,366,000
Unemployment ¹		2,765,000	3,162,000
Sickness		3,142,000	3,205,000

¹ 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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