

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - December 2011

Benefit payments	<u>December 2011</u>	<u>December 2010</u>
Total	\$915,833,000	\$902,217,000
Retired employees	618,716,000	606,476,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	117,471,000	113,614,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	155,848,000	157,945,000
Other benefits	23,798,000	24,181,000

**Regular Retirement
and Survivor Benefits**

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2011	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u> ¹	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u> ¹	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	550,700	.....	2,100	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	273,100	\$2,317	700	\$2,694	.....	.....
Age	190,100	2,318	² 300	² 3,430	\$1,229	³ \$1,695
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	36,600	2,065	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	46,400	2,512	300	2,616	1,111	1,185
Spouses and divorced spouses	138,900	865	800	921	587	461
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	113,600	1,388	400	1,811	1,156	921
Widowed mothers and fathers	700	1,681	<u>4</u>	966	884	857
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	13,600	931	100	1,122	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	9,900	976	<u>4</u>	1,269	783	797
Other benefits	900	309	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Annuities ⁶	Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
	<u>December 2011</u>	<u>December 2010</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$5,077,000	\$5,051,000	121,600	\$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); about 200 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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December 2011**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment		
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	3,300	\$583	\$325
Sickness	5,300	591	327
		Benefit payments	
		December 2011	December 2010
Total		\$8,441,000	\$10,311,000
Unemployment¹		3,776,000	4,957,000
Sickness		4,665,000	5,354,000

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 by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010.

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