

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - December 2016

Benefit payments	<u>December 2016</u>	<u>December 2015</u>
Total	\$1,074,698,000	\$1,021,229,000
Retired employees	733,217,000	700,346,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	155,696,000	142,016,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	158,145,000	153,399,000
Other benefits	27,640,000	25,468,000

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

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2016	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	530,700	.....	1,700	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	266,500	\$2,636	500	\$2,903	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	190,900	2,691	² 300	² 3,710	\$1,360	³ \$1,833
Disability converted to age annuity ⁴	45,100	2,372	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	30,500	2,684	100	2,191	1,171	1,292
Spouses and divorced spouses	146,400	996	700	1,008	687	698
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	93,900	1,617	400	2,014	1,263	1,213
Widowed mothers and fathers	700	1,885	<u>5</u>	1,828	947	917
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,900	1,058	100	1,151	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Children	8,700	1,072	<u>5</u>	1,483	837	838
Other benefits	1,600	310	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁷	122,900	42	300	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.

⁴A 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.

⁵Fewer than 50.

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

⁷Excludes 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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**Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement
and Unemployment Insurance Systems - (Continued)
December 2016**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	5,000	\$606	\$333
Sickness	5,400	610	334
		Benefit payments ¹	
		December 2016	December 2015
Total		\$13,081,000	\$11,380,000
Unemployment²		7,742,000	5,394,000
Sickness		5,339,000	5,986,000

¹ In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency 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, 6.8% for days after September 30, 2015, and 6.9% for days after September 30, 2016.

² 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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