Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - February 2008

Benefit payments	February 2008	February 2007
Total	\$832,260,000	\$807,963,000
Retired employees	551,263,000	530,869,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	100,888,000	96,954,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	157,195,000	157,240,000
Other survivors	22,915,000	22,900,000

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security February 2008	
	Number	Average ¹	Number	Average ¹	Being Paid	Awarded
Total	570,700		2,900			
Regular employee annuities, total	276,400	\$1,979	1,200	\$2,488		
Age	192,100	1,946	² 600	² 3,073	\$1,082	³ \$1,455
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,000	1,761				
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	50,200	2,254	300	2,462	1,004	1,044
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,900	729	900	884	517	375
Widow(er)saged and disabled	131,400	1,193	600	1,638	1,022	870
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,479	<u>4</u> /	1,213	773	768
Widow(er)sremarried and divorced	14,200	797	100	861	<u>5</u> /	<u>5</u> /
Children	11,000	878	<u>4</u> /	1,064	707	716
Other survivors	100	654				

Supplemental Employee Annuities

Benefit pay	rments	Being end of			arded month
February 2008	February 2007	Number	<u>Average</u>	Number	<u>Average</u>
\$5,065,000	\$5,038,000	120,900	\$42	600	\$41

¹Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

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.

²For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 35); about 400 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

³For men aged 65 or over insured on regular basis.

⁴Fewer than 50.

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

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - (Continued) February 2008

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

		Average payment		
Number of beneficiaries during month		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	4,100	\$516	\$292	
Sickness	5,400	509	292	
		Benefit payments		
		February 2008	February 2007	
Total		\$8,113,000	\$7,957,000	
Unemployment		4,028,000	5,165,000	
Sickness		4,085,000	2,793,000	

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