

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - March 2005

**Regular Retirement
and Survivor Benefits**

Benefit payments	<u>March 2005</u>	<u>March 2004</u>
Total	\$765,520,000	\$749,589,000
Retired employees	495,635,000	481,666,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	90,993,000	89,624,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,440,000	156,190,000
Other survivors	22,452,000	22,109,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security March 2005	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	602,700	.....	2,700	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	285,600	\$1,712	1,100	\$2,207	.....	.....
Age	202,000	1,672	² 400	² 2,730	\$958	³ \$1,245
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	35,000	1,527	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	48,600	2,011	500	2,229	895	955
Spouses and divorced spouses	141,200	638	800	710	465	336
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	148,100	1,047	700	1,392	907	753
Widowed mothers and fathers	900	1,326	<u>4</u>	1,178	682	687
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,700	695	100	776	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	12,100	789	100	900	628	644
Other survivors	100	757	.....	.....	.....	.....

**Supplemental
Employee
Annuities**

Benefit payments	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month			
	<u>March 2005</u>	<u>March 2004</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$5,256,000	\$5,386,000	124,600	\$42	500	\$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 34); about 300 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.

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
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March 2005**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment		
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	3,800	\$493	\$276
Sickness	6,100	485	277
		Benefit payments	
		March 2005	March 2004
Total		\$6,803,000	\$6,514,000
Unemployment		3,281,000	4,768,000
Sickness		3,522,000	1,747,000

Note. --Data are on a cash basis (unaudited). Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

