

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - March 2007

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>March 2006</u>
Total	\$828,139,000	\$786,970,000
Retired employees	546,796,000	513,325,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	99,641,000	93,991,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	158,108,000	156,679,000
Other survivors	23,594,000	22,970,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security March 2007	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	578,300	.....	2,700	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	278,000	\$1,900	1,100	\$2,506	.....	.....
Age	193,800	1,862	² 500	² 2,978	\$1,048	³ \$1,382
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,100	1,694	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	50,100	2,189	400	2,408	978	1,019
Spouses and divorced spouses	137,500	699	800	902	503	355
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	136,100	1,150	600	1,526	992	816
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,435	<u>4</u>	920	748	743
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,400	772	100	876	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	11,400	853	100	1,059	686	690
Other survivors	<u>4</u>	830	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities

Benefit payments	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month			
	<u>March 2007</u>	<u>March 2006</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$5,094,000	\$5,104,000	121,100	\$42	600	\$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 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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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment		
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	3,500	\$498	\$280
Sickness	5,700	497	282
		Benefit payments	
		March 2007	March 2006
Total		-\$2,814,000	\$7,061,000
Unemployment		-5,135,000	3,645,000
Sickness		2,321,000	3,415,000

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

In March 2007, approximately \$9.6 million was paid in annuity adjustments for additional service and earnings credits, resulting in higher than normal retirement benefit payments. In addition, retirement-survivor and unemployment benefits also reflect a reversal of fiscal year 2007 accounting adjustments to unapplied cash and the corresponding entries to benefit payments.

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