

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - March 2009

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	March 2009	March 2008
Total	\$880,477,000	\$834,517,000
Retired employees	587,588,000	552,977,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	107,950,000	101,189,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	160,549,000	157,070,000
Other survivors	24,383,000	23,280,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security March 2009	
	Number	Average ¹	Number	Average ¹	Being Paid	Awarded
Total	561,500	.....	2,700	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	274,000	\$2,123	1,100	\$2,573	.....	.....
Age	190,200	2,097	² 500	² 3,221	\$1,157	³ \$1,583
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,300	1,888	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,600	2,386	300	2,588	1,062	1,110
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,100	784	1,000	907	553	399
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	125,800	1,269	600	1,725	1,093	895
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,544	⁴ /	1,209	827	817
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	13,900	860	100	901	⁵ /	⁵ /
Children	10,700	935	100	1,269	747	751
Other benefits	200	472	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities

Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
March 2009	March 2008	Number	Average	Number	Average
\$5,043,000	\$5,010,000	120,600	\$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 35); some 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	10,000	\$523	\$303
Sickness	5,100	529	302
		Benefit payments	
		March 2009	March 2008
Total		\$14,917,000	\$7,812,000
Unemployment		10,666,000	3,268,000
Sickness		4,251,000	4,544,000

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