

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

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>September 2009</u>	<u>September 2008</u>
Total	\$872,959,000	\$839,389,000
Retired employees	585,403,000	557,324,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	107,149,000	102,166,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,201,000	156,735,000
Other benefits	24,202,000	23,163,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security September 2009	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	559,800	.....	3,000	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	274,100	\$2,147	1,300	\$2,668	.....	.....
Age	190,300	2,126	² 600	² 3,286	\$1,161	³ \$1,623
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,700	1,909	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,100	2,400	300	2,542	1,062	1,125
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,500	795	1,100	922	554	409
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	123,800	1,286	500	1,724	1,098	889
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,597	<u>4</u> /	1,621	842	818
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	13,900	871	100	988	<u>5</u> /	<u>5</u> /
Children	10,400	935	<u>4</u> /	1,241	745	750
Other benefits	300	363	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Annuities⁶

Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
<u>September 2009</u>	<u>September 2008</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
\$5,054,000	\$5,019,000	120,800	\$42	700	\$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.

⁶Benefit payments include supplemental benefits paid to partitioned spouses and partitioned divorced spouses where the employee is deceased. Number and averages are for employee annuitants only.

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	10,700	\$563	\$318
Sickness	5,700	572	317
		Benefit payments	
		September 2009	September 2008
Total		\$16,434,000	\$7,380,000
Unemployment ¹		11,162,000	2,950,000
Sickness		5,272,000	4,430,000

¹ Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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