

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

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	October 2009	October 2008
Total	\$884,674,000	\$841,179,000
Retired employees	592,791,000	558,815,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	109,074,000	102,517,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	158,425,000	156,587,000
Other benefits	24,383,000	23,228,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security October 2009	
	Number	Average ¹	Number	Average ¹	Being Paid	Awarded
Total	559,700	.....	2,700	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	274,200	\$2,151	1,200	\$2,702	.....	.....
Age	190,400	2,130	² 600	² 3,321	\$1,161	³ \$1,599
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,800	1,913	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,000	2,401	300	2,444	1,063	1,123
Spouses and divorced spouses	136,600	797	1,000	953	555	413
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	123,500	1,289	500	1,722	1,098	887
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,608	<u>4</u> /	2,439	841	809
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	13,900	871	100	925	<u>5</u> /	<u>5</u> /
Children	10,400	936	<u>4</u> /	1,198	746	747
Other benefits	400	335	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Annuities⁶

Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
October 2009	October 2008	Number	Average	Number	Average
\$5,055,000	\$5,045,000	120,900	\$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 36); 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.

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	11,000	\$562	\$318
Sickness	5,600	583	318
		Benefit payments	
		October 2009	October 2008
Total		\$17,136,000	\$8,598,000
Unemployment ¹		12,306,000	3,214,000
Sickness		4,831,000	5,384,000

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

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