

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

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>December 2005</u>	<u>December 2004</u>
Total	\$764,074,000	\$747,140,000
Retired employees	496,256,000	481,074,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	90,839,000	89,209,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	155,010,000	155,194,000
Other survivors	21,969,000	21,663,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2005	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	595,800	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	283,000	\$1,797	800	\$2,369	.....	.....
Age	198,800	1,756	² 300	² 2,851	\$1,002	³ \$1,392
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,700	1,602	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	49,500	2,098	300	2,429	938	997
Spouses and divorced spouses	141,000	660	700	780	485	362
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	144,300	1,091	500	1,444	950	782
Widowed mothers and fathers	1,000	1,401	<u>4</u>	1,651	724	709
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,700	734	100	784	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	11,800	822	<u>4</u>	1,067	656	682
Other survivors	100	788	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities

Benefit payments	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		
	<u>December 2005</u>	<u>December 2004</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	Average
\$5,416,000	\$5,254,000	123,200	\$42	300	\$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 200 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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December 2005**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	2,700	\$498	\$276
Sickness	6,400	500	278
		Benefit payments	
		December 2005	December 2004
Total		\$6,373,000	\$7,657,000
Unemployment		2,198,000	3,312,000
Sickness		4,174,000	4,346,000

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



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