

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

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	<u>December 2007</u>	<u>December 2006</u>
Total	\$818,116,000	\$787,674,000
Retired employees	540,053,000	515,608,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	98,668,000	93,886,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	156,710,000	155,826,000
Other survivors	22,659,000	22,352,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2007	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average¹</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total	574,100	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	277,400	\$1,970	700	\$2,587	.....	.....
Age	193,000	1,936	² 300	² 3,071	\$1,079	³ \$1,503
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	34,100	1,753	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	50,400	2,249	300	2,579	1,004	1,046
Spouses and divorced spouses	137,500	726	700	935	516	385
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	132,900	1,187	500	1,548	1,020	847
Widowed mothers and fathers	900	1,489	<u>4</u>	1,674	782	762
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	14,300	796	100	766	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	11,000	875	<u>4</u>	1,122	704	716
Other survivors	100	703	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Employee Annuities	Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
	<u>December 2007</u>	<u>December 2006</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average</u>
	\$5,040,000	\$5,090,000	121,300	\$42	400	\$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 100 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	\$523	\$291
Sickness	5,600	523	292
		Benefit payments	
		December 2007	December 2006
Total		\$7,425,000	\$7,260,000
Unemployment		3,526,000	3,458,000
Sickness		3,899,000	3,802,000

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

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