

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

Regular Retirement and Survivor Benefits

Benefit payments	December 2009	December 2008
Total	\$905,950,000	\$840,477,000
Retired employees	606,994,000	558,151,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	111,350,000	102,670,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	162,297,000	156,634,000
Other benefits	25,303,000	23,019,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2009	
	Number	Average ¹	Number	Average ¹	Being Paid	Awarded
Total	560,300	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	274,400	\$2,157	700	\$2,588	.....	.....
Age	190,500	2,137	² 300	² 3,303	\$1,166	³ \$1,661
Disability, Full Retirement Age and Over	35,100	1,919	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability, Under Full Retirement Age	48,800	2,404	300	2,250	1,064	1,124
Spouses and divorced spouses	137,100	800	800	972	557	409
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	123,100	1,294	400	1,764	1,100	991
Widowed mothers and fathers	800	1,621	<u>4</u>	1,594	831	822
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	13,900	872	100	931	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>
Children	10,400	937	<u>4</u>	1,255	749	761
Other benefits	500	316	.....	.....	.....	.....

Supplemental Annuities⁶

Benefit payments		Being paid end of month		Awarded in month	
December 2009	December 2008	Number	Average	Number	Average
\$4,702,000	\$4,969,000	121,100	\$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 36); 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.

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	12,000	\$573	\$318
Sickness	5,600	572	317
		Benefit payments	
		December 2009	December 2008
Total		\$20,552,000	\$8,442,000
Unemployment ¹		14,799,000	4,501,000
Sickness		5,752,000	3,941,000

¹ Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Beginning in November 2009, temporary extended unemployment benefits are also being paid under the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009.

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