

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - May 2017

Benefit payments ¹	<u>May 2017</u>	<u>May 2016</u>
Total	\$1,039,862,000	\$1,027,989,000
Retired employees	714,605,000	705,601,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	148,061,000	143,728,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,463,000	153,243,000
Other benefits	25,733,000	25,417,000

**Retirement and Survivor
Benefits, Including
Supplemental Annuities**

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security May 2017	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	526,900	.....	2,100	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	264,700	\$2,653	700	\$2,996	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	190,000	2,711	³ 300	³ 3,911	\$1,368	⁴ \$1,840
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	45,500	2,389	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	29,200	2,688	200	2,886	1,172	1,278
Spouses and divorced spouses	146,300	1,003	800	1,031	691	703
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	92,100	1,637	500	2,080	1,268	1,224
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	1,863	<u>6/</u>	1,243	941	944
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,700	1,069	100	1,161	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
Children	8,700	1,082	<u>6/</u>	1,411	841	834
Other benefits	1,700	314	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	122,000	42	300	41	.....	.....

¹Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

²Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

³For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 34); about 300 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

⁴For men full retirement age or over.

⁵A disability annuity ends when the retiree attains full retirement age, at which time the annuity converts to an age and service annuity. Consequently, these annuitants are receiving age and service annuities. Full retirement age is age 65 for those born before 1938 and gradually increases to age 67 for those born 1960 and later.

⁶Fewer than 50.

⁷Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

⁸Excludes partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased. Number and averages are for employee annuitants only and reflect court-ordered partitions.

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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**Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement
and Unemployment Insurance Systems - (Continued)
May 2017**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹		
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
Unemployment	2,700	\$577	\$332
Sickness	4,500	578	334
		Benefit payments ^{1,2}	
		May 2017	May 2016
Total		\$6,527,000	\$9,936,000
Unemployment³		2,402,000	5,981,000
Sickness		4,125,000	3,956,000

¹ In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended by the Budget Control Act of 2011, amounts reflect a reduction of 7.2% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2013, 7.3% for days after September 30, 2014, 6.8% for days after September 30, 2015, and 6.9% for days after September 30, 2016.

² Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

³ Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2009. Beginning in November 2009, temporary extended unemployment benefits are also being paid under the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, as amended. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2013.

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