

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

Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	<u>December 2017</u>	<u>December 2016</u>
	<b>Total</b>		\$1,044,700,000
	Retired employees	717,073,000	733,217,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	150,236,000	155,696,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,795,000	158,145,000
	Other benefits	25,595,772	27,640,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2017	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
	<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	526,100	.....	1,700	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	264,300	\$2,720	600	\$2,976	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	190,500	2,783	<sup>2</sup> 300	<sup>2</sup> 3,920	\$1,404	<sup>3</sup> \$1,893
Disability converted to age annuity <sup>5</sup>	46,600	2,448	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	27,300	2,739	100	2,278	1,197	1,333
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	147,400	1,026	700	1,070	712	727
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	90,800	1,670	400	2,103	1,299	1,254
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	600	1,883	<u>6/</u>	1,095	975	960
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	12,800	1,101	100	1,208	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
<b>Children</b>	8,500	1,103	<u>6/</u>	1,184	858	871
<b>Other benefits</b>	1,800	319	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>8</sup></b>	121,900	42	200	41	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup>Data provided by Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

<sup>2</sup>Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

<sup>3</sup>For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 35); about 200 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

<sup>4</sup>For men full retirement age or over.

<sup>5</sup>A 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.

<sup>6</sup>Fewer than 50.

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

<sup>8</sup>Excludes 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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**Unemployment and Sickness Benefits**

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment <sup>1</sup>	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	3,300	\$609	\$333
Sickness	5,300	615	334
		Benefit payments <sup>1,2</sup>	
		December 2017	December 2016
<b>Total</b>		\$9,928,000	\$13,081,000
<b>Unemployment<sup>3</sup></b>		5,368,000	7,742,000
<b>Sickness</b>		4,559,000	5,339,000

<sup>1</sup> 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 7.3% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2014, 6.8% for days after September 30, 2015, 6.9% for days after September 30, 2016, and 6.6% for days after September 30, 2017.

<sup>2</sup> Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

<sup>3</sup> 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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