

## Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - February 2018

Benefit payments	<u>February 2018</u>	<u>February 2017</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$1,057,163,000	\$1,039,856,000
Retired employees	727,888,000	714,748,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	152,694,000	147,823,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	150,883,000	151,900,000
Other benefits	25,698,000	25,385,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security February 2018	
	Number	Average <sup>1</sup>	Number	Average <sup>1</sup>	Being Paid	Awarded
<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	523,600	.....	2,500	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	263,300	\$2,727	900	\$2,973	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	190,000	2,792	<sup>2</sup> 400	<sup>2</sup> 3,816	\$1,408	<sup>3</sup> \$1,929
Disability converted to age annuity <sup>4</sup>	46,700	2,455	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	26,700	2,741	100	2,956	1,197	1,338
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	147,100	1,029	900	972	714	732
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	89,800	1,678	600	2,072	1,301	1,277
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	600	1,871	<u>5/</u>	1,829	965	978
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	12,600	1,105	100	1,275	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>
<b>Children</b>	8,400	1,107	<u>5/</u>	1,645	860	883
<b>Other survivors</b>	1,800	318	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>7</sup></b>	121,300	42	300	41	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup>Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

<sup>2</sup>For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 34); about 400 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

<sup>3</sup>For men full retirement age or over.

<sup>4</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>5</sup>Fewer than 50.

<sup>6</sup>Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

<sup>7</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	3,400	\$595	\$334
Sickness	4,800	583	334
		Benefit payments <sup>1,2</sup>	
		February 2018	February 2017
<b>Total</b>		\$8,618,000	\$10,393,000
<b>Unemployment<sup>3</sup></b>		3,543,000	5,492,000
<b>Sickness</b>		5,075,000	4,901,000

<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 7.2% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2013, a reduction of 7.3% for days 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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