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# Quarterly Benefit Statistics

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## Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Programs

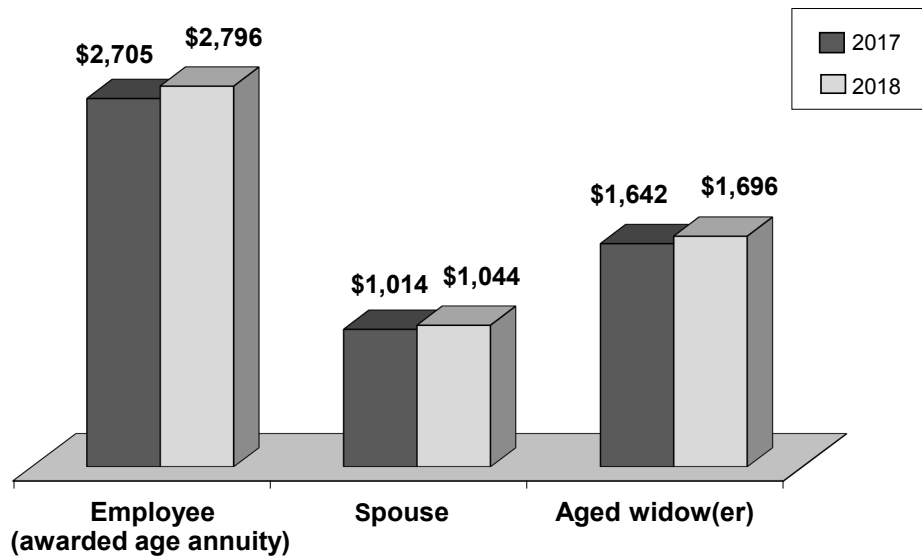
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**Average annuity amounts,  
March 2017 and March 2018**



**Table 1: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Benefit Statistics  
January - March 2018**

Period	Employee annuities							
	Total <sup>1</sup>		Age			Supple- mental <sup>3</sup>	Spouse annuities	Divorced spouse annuities
	Monthly benefits	Monthly beneficiaries	Awarded age annuity	Disability converted to age annuity <sup>2</sup>	Disability			
<b>Number in current-payment status at end of period</b>								
March 2018	644,083	513,732	189,834	46,773	26,486	121,036	141,949	5,130
February 2018	644,887	514,312	189,958	46,675	26,714	121,260	142,026	5,114
January 2018	644,921	514,224	189,820	46,572	26,910	121,394	141,851	5,107
<b>Average amount in current-payment status at end of period</b>								
March 2018	.....	.....	\$2,795.72	\$2,457.72	\$2,742.55	\$41.53	\$1,043.57	\$651.84
February 2018	.....	.....	2,791.77	2,454.68	2,741.25	41.53	1,042.24	649.31
January 2018	.....	.....	2,788.60	2,451.58	2,740.40	41.53	1,041.23	647.16
<b>Number awarded during period</b>								
March 2018	2,666	2,335	720	.....	181	331	787	72
February 2018	2,830	2,523	804	.....	102	307	864	59
January 2018	3,090	2,662	960	.....	108	428	878	97
10/17 - 3/18	16,220	14,069	4,488	.....	787	2,151	4,907	394
10/16 - 3/17	16,734	14,096	4,509	.....	733	2,638	4,998	340
<b>Average amount awarded during period<sup>4</sup></b>								
March 2018	.....	.....	\$3,122.74	.....	\$2,994.56	\$40.64	\$1,088.93	\$761.03
February 2018	.....	.....	2,976.98	.....	2,904.97	41.33	968.13	727.97
January 2018	.....	.....	3,221.02	.....	2,754.45	41.62	1,025.43	727.84
<b>Benefit payments during period (thousands)<sup>5</sup></b>								
March 2018	\$1,062,244	.....	\$532,196	\$114,281	\$80,168	\$5,044	\$149,851	\$3,515
February 2018	1,057,163	.....	531,333	113,920	77,590	5,045	149,262	3,432
January 2018	1,064,002	.....	533,823	113,614	80,222	5,077	149,435	3,501
10/17 - 3/18	6,318,657	.....	3,165,042	675,053	475,080	30,402	888,964	20,419
10/16 - 3/17	6,225,242	.....	3,085,216	638,409	520,617	30,688	864,815	19,383

<sup>1</sup>Includes dependent parents' annuities. Except for benefit payment data, excludes insurance lump-sum and residual payment figures. Total benefit payments also include hospital insurance benefits for services in Canada. <sup>2</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>3</sup>Excludes partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased. Averages are after court-ordered partitions. <sup>4</sup>Regular employee and spouse annuity averages are preliminary estimates. <sup>5</sup>Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

**NOTE**--MONTHLY BENEFITS in CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS at the end of month include all benefits awarded to date and payable for the month. BENEFITS AWARDED consist of those certified for the first time on either a partial or final basis. BENEFIT PAYMENTS for a month, shown in both the benefit and financial statistics, consist of recurrent monthly checks dated the first of the month, plus retroactive and lump-sum payments made during the month, less returned checks (excluding those not yet distributed by Account), refunds of benefits paid previously, etc. Data are on a cash basis (unaudited) and are partly estimated.

**Table 1: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Benefit Statistics  
January - March 2018 -- Continued**

Survivor benefits									
Period	Annuities					Children	Insurance lump sums	Residual payments	Partition payments <sup>7</sup>
	Aged widows and widowers	Disabled widows and widowers <sup>6</sup>	Widowed mothers and fathers	Remarried widows and widowers	Divorced widows and widowers				
<b>Number in current-payment status at end of period</b>									
March 2018	85,954	3,465	599	2,980	9,667	8,400	.....	.....	1,789
February 2018	86,280	3,473	589	2,984	9,644	8,386	.....	.....	1,764
January 2018	86,409	3,492	572	3,003	9,620	8,397	.....	.....	1,753
<b>Average amount in current-payment status at end of period</b>									
March 2018	\$1,696.09	\$1,356.76	\$1,873.27	\$1,101.57	\$1,106.80	\$1,109.19	.....	.....	\$316.25
February 2018	1,691.43	1,353.59	1,870.99	1,101.35	1,105.52	1,107.21	.....	.....	315.67
January 2018	1,686.46	1,352.14	1,863.92	1,099.78	1,102.00	1,105.15	.....	.....	316.40
<b>Number awarded during period</b>									
March 2018	441	7	10	10	73	33	254	----	.....
February 2018	573	6	6	10	81	18	224	----	.....
January 2018	499	13	7	13	51	36	194	----	.....
10/17 - 3/18	2,761	48	48	67	384	183	1,209	1	.....
10/16 - 3/17	2,830	37	44	56	353	195	1,239	1	.....
<b>Average amount awarded during period<sup>4</sup></b>									
March 2018	\$2,176.72	\$1,928.49	\$1,922.53	\$1,215.10	\$1,120.11	\$1,313.64	\$912	----	.....
February 2018	2,075.45	1,703.43	1,829.47	1,472.80	1,250.78	1,644.80	909	----	.....
January 2018	2,172.52	2,136.44	1,440.93	1,057.23	1,202.96	1,520.32	938	----	.....
<b>Benefit payments during period (thousands)<sup>5</sup></b>									
March 2018	\$146,304	\$4,917	\$1,189	\$3,315	\$10,829	\$9,767	\$242	----	\$606
February 2018	146,057	4,826	1,123	3,327	10,741	9,656	211	----	620
January 2018	147,081	5,179	1,233	3,357	10,811	9,904	189	----	555
10/17 - 3/18	879,535	29,679	7,300	19,882	64,250	58,345	1,153	\$4	3,419
10/16 - 3/17	884,049	28,750	7,518	19,992	62,704	58,735	1,179	1	3,056

<sup>6</sup>Number and average in current-payment status, and benefit payments during period, includes annuities to disabled widow(er)s age 60 and over now payable as aged widow(er)s' annuities. <sup>7</sup>Limited to partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased or not otherwise entitled to an annuity. Partition payments from employees on the rolls are included with the employees' annuities.

**NOTE**--(Continued from previous page.)

FOR WIDOWS and WIDOWERS aged 60 and over and WIDOWED MOTHERS and FATHERS, the number of benefits being paid and benefit payments include benefits temporarily being continued at spouse annuity rates, pending award of survivor annuities.

INSURANCE LUMP SUMS and RESIDUAL PAYMENTS are each counted only once with respect to an employee's death even though divided among 2 or more persons. Award data for insurance lump sums exclude deferred benefits, i.e., those payable a year after the employee's death.

Data on benefit payments are for CALENDAR MONTHS; all other data are for ACCOUNTING MONTHS ending on approximately the 29th of each month.

**Table 2: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Financial Statistics**  
**January - March 2018 (In thousands)**  
**Cash Basis (Unaudited)**

Item	March 2018	February 2018	January 2018	October 2017 - March 2018	October 2016 - March 2017
<b>RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACCOUNT</b>					
<b>Balance at beginning of period<sup>1</sup></b>	\$748,752	\$687,189	\$456,171	\$446,656	\$739,556
<b>Income, total</b>	592,820	667,298	840,511	3,893,305	3,566,726
Payroll taxes <sup>2</sup>	310,376	380,304	329,439	1,664,066	1,536,451
Income tax transfers <sup>3</sup>	.....	.....	114,000	219,000	210,000
Reimbursements for payment of SSA benefits	149,657	145,708	146,922	864,626	820,753
Transfers from National RR Investment Trust <sup>4</sup>	131,000	140,000	249,000	1,138,000	989,000
Transfer from SSEB Account <sup>4</sup>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Undistributed recoveries of benefit payments <sup>5</sup>	370	-106	56	363	3,136
Uncashed check credits from U.S. Treasury <sup>6</sup>	21	25	46	178	160
Interest on investments <sup>7</sup>	1,395	1,367	1,048	7,071	7,226
<b>Outgo, total</b>	612,126	605,734	609,494	3,610,514	3,509,331
Benefit payments	455,977	453,027	455,920	2,709,261	2,654,909
Payments of SSA benefits	149,690	145,684	146,551	863,247	818,038
Transfer to SSEB Account <sup>4</sup>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Administrative expenses <sup>8</sup>	5,959	6,273	6,273	34,584	33,808
Funding for Office of Inspector General	500	750	750	3,421	2,575
<b>Balance at end of period<sup>1</sup></b>	729,446	748,752	687,189	729,446	796,951
<b>NATIONAL RAILROAD RETIREMENT INVESTMENT TRUST</b>					
<b>Cash and investment balance at end of period<sup>9</sup></b>	\$26,365,985	\$26,642,823	\$27,438,904	\$26,365,985	\$25,374,748
<b>DUAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT<sup>10</sup></b>					
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	-\$8,793	-\$6,909	-\$5,190	.....	.....
Congressional apportionments <sup>11</sup>	(12)	.....	-1,000	-\$1,000	-\$1,000
Income tax transfers <sup>3</sup>	.....	.....	1,000	1,000	1,000
Vested dual benefit payments	1,653	1,884	1,719	10,446	12,133
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	-10,446	-8,793	-6,909	-10,446	-12,132

**Table 2: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Financial Statistics**  
**January - March 2018 (In thousands)**  
**Cash Basis (Unaudited) -- Continued**

Item	March 2018	February 2018	January 2018	October 2017 - March 2018	October 2016 - March 2017
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT ACCOUNT</b>					
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	\$1,075,020	\$1,091,676	\$956,858	\$917,572	\$721,860
<b>Income, total</b>	601,964	588,351	743,934	3,766,117	3,632,252
Payroll taxes <sup>2</sup>	257,039	318,486	281,736	1,532,032	1,455,224
Income tax transfers <sup>3</sup>	.....	.....	75,000	148,000	143,000
Financial interchange advances <sup>13</sup>	343,123	267,830	385,380	2,075,499	2,026,703
RRB-SSA financial interchange transfer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Interest on investments <sup>7</sup>	1,802	2,035	1,818	10,587	7,324
<b>Outgo, total</b>	607,146	605,007	609,116	3,613,851	3,573,232
Benefit payments	604,614	602,252	606,362	3,598,950	3,558,200
Repayment of financial interchange advances <sup>13</sup>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
RRB-CMS financial interchange transfer	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Transfer to Railroad Retirement Account <sup>4</sup>	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Administrative expenses <sup>8</sup>	2,332	2,454	2,455	13,533	13,956
Funding for Office of Inspector General	200	300	300	1,369	1,076
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	1,069,838	1,075,020	1,091,676	1,069,838	780,880

<sup>1</sup>Balances include liabilities for uncashed checks. As of the end of March 2018 liabilities were \$14,659,000. <sup>2</sup>Net of U.S. Treasury adjustments for payroll tax refunds to certain carriers and their employees for prior periods. <sup>3</sup>Amounts include U.S. Treasury adjustments for prior period income tax reconciliations. <sup>4</sup>Under the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001, as amended, the portion of the RR Account not needed to pay current administrative expenses is to be transferred to the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (Trust). The Trust may transfer funds back to the RR Account for payment of benefits. The balance of the SSEB Account not needed to pay current benefits and administrative expenses is to be transferred to the Trust or to the RR Account. <sup>5</sup>Net of amounts distributed by account. <sup>6</sup>Net of returns of uncashed check credits. Includes undistributed canceled checks under 1-year limited payability. <sup>7</sup>Net of adjustments for payroll tax refunds (see note 2). <sup>8</sup>Reflects adjustments for prior periods. <sup>9</sup>Source: National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust. <sup>10</sup>Total vested dual benefits paid during a fiscal year are limited to the amount appropriated to the Dual Benefits Payments Account for that year. Any amounts not spent are returned to the U.S. Treasury. The benefit appropriation for fiscal year 2018 was \$22.0 million, including income tax transfers. The appropriation for 2017 was \$25.0 million, including income tax transfers. Funds for October 2016 through March 2017 and October 2017 through March 2018 were provided under a partial year continuing resolution. Final appropriation for fiscal year 2018 was signed into law on March 23, 2018. <sup>11</sup>Includes a small amount of interest on uncashed checks. <sup>12</sup>Less than \$500. <sup>13</sup>Includes interest.

**NOTE**--Data relate to CALENDAR month.

**SOURCE:** Bureau of Fiscal Operations

Detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.

**Table 3: Unemployment and Sickness Programs, Benefit Statistics  
January - March 2018**

Period	Normal benefit accounts			Beneficiaries		
	Applications received	Opened	Exhausted	Total	Normal benefits	Extended benefits
<b>Unemployment<sup>1</sup></b>						
March 2018	571	536	233	3,177	2,710	573
February 2018	734	746	248	3,442	3,039	504
January 2018	1,112	872	852	3,778	3,738	346
7/17 - 3/18	9,608	7,412	1,536	8,128	8,038	887
7/16 - 3/17	13,004	10,588	2,428	11,713	11,636	876
<b>Sickness</b>						
March 2018	1,142	1,075	472	5,140	4,179	1,264
February 2018	1,121	772	538	4,847	4,141	1,036
January 2018	1,129	928	1,163	5,375	5,320	557
7/17 - 3/18	16,171	12,588	2,553	13,228	13,066	1,974
7/16 - 3/17	16,231	12,813	2,455	13,432	13,295	1,793
Period	Number of payments			Averages <sup>2</sup>		
	Total	Normal benefits	Extended benefits	Benefit days	Benefit per week <sup>3</sup>	Benefit payments <sup>3,4</sup> (thousands)
<b>Unemployment<sup>1</sup></b>						
March 2018	6,142	4,938	1,204	8.9	\$333.15	\$3,667
February 2018	5,998	5,069	929	8.9	334.40	3,543
January 2018	7,333	6,888	445	8.8	334.25	4,272
7/17 - 3/18	51,065	47,079	3,986	9.0	333.75	33,629
7/16 - 3/17	75,219	71,325	3,894	8.9	334.15	55,582
<b>Sickness</b>						
March 2018	10,784	7,995	2,789	8.7	\$334.75	\$5,345
February 2018	8,966	6,976	1,990	8.7	333.65	5,075
January 2018	11,209	10,459	750	8.8	333.30	5,647
7/17 - 3/18	89,583	81,155	8,428	8.9	337.20	45,266
7/16 - 3/17	88,756	81,142	7,614	8.9	337.15	47,642

<sup>1</sup> Temporary extended benefits under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 had to begin by December 31, 2009. Temporary extended benefits under the Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009, as amended, had to begin by December 31, 2013. Current activity reflects recoveries.

<sup>2</sup> Benefit days--average benefit days per registration period. Benefit per week--equal to 5 times average daily benefit.

<sup>3</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, 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>4</sup> Data provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

**NOTE**--An unemployment claimant files only one APPLICATION for a benefit year. A sickness claimant files an APPLICATION at the beginning of each period of continuing sickness.

NORMAL BENEFIT ACCOUNTS are opened when the first payment is made.

The number of BENEFICIARIES is the count of persons receiving unemployment or sickness benefits in the period. Those receiving both normal and extended benefits for unemployment or sickness are counted only once in the total for each type.

PAYMENTS generally cover 14-day registration periods. Benefits are payable for days over 7 during an employee's first 14-day registration period. Sickness benefits are paid for days of sickness after the 4th consecutive day of sickness in the first claim in each period of continuing sickness; for subsequent registration periods in the same period of continuing sickness, payments are made for all days of sickness over 4 whether or not consecutive. Unemployment benefits are paid for days of unemployment over 4. However, in the case of unemployment benefits due to a legal authorized strike, unemployment benefits are not paid until after a 14-day waiting period. Non-strikers unemployed due to an illegal strike must also serve a 14-day waiting period.

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**Table 4: Unemployment and Sickness Programs, Financial Statistics**  
**January - March 2018 (In thousands)**  
**Cash Basis (Unaudited)**

Item	March 2018	February 2018	January 2018	October 2017 - March 2018	October 2016 - March 2017
<b>RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACCOUNT</b>					
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	\$79,467	\$87,781	\$71,978	\$73,610	\$69,019
<b>Income, total</b>	2,874	462	25,883	55,725	54,892
Contributions <sup>1</sup>	2,376	845	25,693	54,866	47,459
Interest on investments	470	13	56	1,176	840
Undistributed recoveries of benefit payments <sup>2</sup>	28	-396	134	-318	6,593
Transfers from RUI Administration Fund	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Outgo, total</b>	9,148	8,776	10,080	56,142	71,964
Unemployment benefit payments <sup>3</sup>	3,702	3,550	4,283	23,911	38,509
Sickness benefit payments <sup>3</sup>	5,345	5,075	5,647	31,547	32,909
Funding for Office of Inspector General	100	150	150	684	547
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	73,194	79,467	87,781	73,194	51,947
<b>RAILROAD UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION FUND</b>					
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	\$19,163	\$20,211	\$14,970	\$11,483	\$12,132
<b>Income, total</b>	-2,009	225	6,513	11,478	13,211
Contributions <sup>1</sup>	-2,108	225	6,513	11,272	13,023
Interest on investments	98	.....	.....	207	189
<b>Outgo, total</b>	1,209	1,273	1,273	7,017	7,585
Administrative expenses	1,209	1,273	1,273	7,017	7,585
Transfers to RUI Account	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	15,944	19,163	20,211	15,944	17,758

<sup>1</sup> Amounts reflect quarterly re-allocation of contributions between the RUI Account and the RUI Administration Fund.

<sup>2</sup> Net of distributed amounts.

<sup>3</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.

**NOTE**--(Continued from previous page.)

BENEFIT PAYMENTS are on a cash basis (unaudited) and represent amounts paid during the period including retroactive payments, less recoveries distributed to beneficiary accounts, refunds, and cancellations of previous payments.

ADMINISTRATION FUND balances reflect current adjustments to income and disbursements for previous years.

All unemployment and sickness data relate to CALENDAR MONTHS.

**Detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.**

**Table 4: Unemployment and Sickness Programs, Financial Statistics**  
**January - March 2018 (In thousands)**  
**Cash Basis (Unaudited) -- Continued**

Item	March 2018	February 2018	January 2018	October 2017 - March 2018	October 2016 - March 2017
<b>EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT<sup>4</sup></b>					
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	\$9,484	\$9,482	\$9,481	\$9,477	\$9,448
Interest and other income	(5)	(5)	1	2	.....
Benefits <sup>6</sup>	-3	-1	-1	-8	.....
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	9,487	9,484	9,482	9,487	9,448
<b>EXTENDED UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, WORKER, HOMEOWNERSHIP, AND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE ACT<sup>7</sup></b>					
<b>Balance at beginning of period</b>	\$133,205	\$133,197	\$133,181	\$133,167	\$132,929
Interest and other income	6	2	5	15	.....
Benefits <sup>3,6</sup>	-32	-7	-10	-62	.....
<b>Balance at end of period</b>	133,243	133,205	133,197	133,243	132,929

<sup>4</sup> The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, signed into law on February 17, 2009, contained an appropriation of \$20,000,000 to provide up to 13 additional weeks of unemployment benefits for certain railroad workers who exhaust their rights to the benefits normally provided under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2009.

<sup>5</sup> Less than \$500.

<sup>6</sup> Current activity reflects recoveries.

<sup>7</sup> Enacted on November 6, 2009, the Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009 contained an appropriation of \$175,000,000 to extend the provisions of the Recovery Act by one year. The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (enacted December 17, 2010), the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011 (enacted December 23, 2011), the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (enacted February 22, 2012), and the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 (enacted January 2, 2013) each continued the special unemployment benefit provision for periods ranging from two months to one year, for a total extension of three years. Benefits had to begin by December 31, 2013.

**Source: Bureau of Fiscal Operations**

**Detail may not add to totals shown because of rounding.**



**Table 5: Benefits and Beneficiaries -- March 2018**

**RETIREMENT - SURVIVOR**

<b>Total benefit payments - cash basis (unaudited)<sup>1</sup></b>	\$1,062,244,000
Regular and Supplemental benefits	1,060,591,000
Vested dual benefits	1,653,000

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>Total benefits being paid at end of month</b>	644,000	.....
Retired employees':		
Regular	263,000	\$2,730
Supplemental	121,000	42
Spouses' and divorced spouses'	147,000	1,030
Aged widows' and widowers'	86,000	1,696
Other benefits	27,000	1,104
<b>Total beneficiaries being paid at end of month</b>	514,000	.....

**UNEMPLOYMENT-SICKNESS**

	<b>Unemployment<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Sickness</b>
<b>Benefit payments - cash basis (unaudited)<sup>1,3</sup></b>	\$3,667,000	\$5,345,000
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	2,000	4,400
<b>Average payment per week<sup>3</sup></b>	\$335	\$339

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

<sup>2</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.

<sup>3</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 6.8% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2015, 6.9% for days after September 30, 2016, and 6.6% for days after September 30, 2017.