Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - November 2019

Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuites

Benefit payments[1]	November 2019	November 2018
Total	$1,083,773,000	$1,065,330,000
Retired employees	746,496,000	733,648,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	159,355,000	154,714,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,406,000	151,002,000
Other benefits	26,516,000	25,966,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security November 2019	
	Number	Average[2]	Number	Average[2]	Being Paid	Awarded
Total, regular annuities	514,800	....	1,800	....	....	....
Regular employee annuities, total	258,700	$2,844	600	$3,031	....	....
Awarded age annuity	188,000	2,917	[3] 300	[3] 3,910	$1,478	[4] $1,957
Disability converted to age annuity[5]	48,700	2,568	....	....	....	....
Disability	22,000	2,823	100	2,810	1,238	1,391
Spouses and divorced spouses	148,100	1,066	700	1,027	754	784
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	84,900	1,774	400	2,312	1,358	1,316
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	1,941	6/	1,429	1,020	995
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,400	1,170	6/	1,003	7/	7/
Children	7,900	1,161	6/	1,528	887	887
Other benefits	2,100	323	....	....	....	....
Employee supplemental annuities[8]	117,400	42	200	40	....	....

[1]Data provided by Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

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

[3]For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity (their years of service averaged 34); some 200 other age annuities were awarded in the month.

[4]For men full retirement age or over.

[5]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 gradually increases, from age 65 to 67, for those born between 1937 and 1960. It is age 67 for those born after 1959 and age 65 for those born before 1938.

[6]Fewer than 50.

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

[8]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[1]	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	4,600	$666	$364
Sickness	4,800	674	365

	Gross benefit payments[1,2]	
	November 2019	November 2018
Total	$12,847,000	$9,993,000
Unemployment	6,204,000	9,993,000
Sickness	6,643,000	6,868,000

[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 6.9% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2016, 6.6% for days after September 30, 2017, 6.2% for days after September 30, 2018, and 5.9% for days after September 30, 2019.

[2] Prior to July 2019, unemployment and sickness benefit payments were based on net amounts. Beginning in July 2019, that data is no longer available. Benefit payments for 2018 and 2019 have been adjusted to reflect gross amounts.

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