

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

Benefit payments ¹	<u>December 2019</u>	<u>December 2018</u>
Total	\$1,082,779,000	\$1,063,971,000
Retired employees	745,245,000	731,266,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	159,230,000	155,225,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,747,000	151,530,000
Other benefits	26,557,000	25,950,000

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

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2019	
	Number	Average ²	Number	Average ²	Being Paid	Awarded
Total, regular annuities	514,500	.....	1,600	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	258,600	\$2,881	600	\$3,276	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	188,100	2,956	³ 300	³ 4,061	\$1,503	⁴ \$1,994
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	48,800	2,604	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	21,700	2,861	100	2,983	1,258	1,420
Spouses and divorced spouses	148,200	1,078	600	1,109	767	811
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	84,700	1,785	300	2,505	1,381	1,346
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	1,949	<u>6</u>	2,488	1,034	999
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,400	1,188	100	1,260	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Children	7,900	1,180	<u>6</u>	1,689	902	916
Other benefits	2,100	324	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	117,300	42	200	41	.....	.....

¹Data provided by 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); some 200 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 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.

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)
December 2019**

Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	4,900	\$669	\$364
Sickness	4,900	669	365
		Gross benefit payments ^{1, 2}	
		December 2019	December 2018
Total		\$13,134,000	\$8,629,000
Unemployment		6,408,000	2,904,000
Sickness		6,726,000	5,724,000

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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