

## Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - January 2020

	<b>Benefit payments<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>January 2020</b>	<b>January 2019</b>
<b>Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities</b>	<b>Total</b>	\$1,097,595,000	\$1,088,673,000
	Retired employees	757,726,000	751,648,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	161,021,000	158,440,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,912,000	151,937,000
	Other benefits	26,936,000	26,648,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security January 2020	
	Number	Average <sup>2</sup>	Number	Average <sup>2</sup>	Being Paid	Awarded
<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	512,600	.....	2,400	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	257,700	\$2,884	800	\$3,054	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	187,400	2,959	<sup>3</sup> 300	<sup>3</sup> 3,986	\$1,506	<sup>4</sup> \$2,117
Disability converted to age annuity <sup>5</sup>	48,800	2,607	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	21,500	2,863	200	3,166	1,258	1,410
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	148,000	1,079	1,000	1,110	768	761
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	84,100	1,787	500	2,248	1,382	1,418
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	500	1,940	<u>6</u>	974	1,021	1,004
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	12,400	1,188	100	1,223	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>Children</b>	7,900	1,184	<u>6</u>	1,599	903	910
<b>Other survivors</b>	2,100	323	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>8</sup></b>	116,800	42	200	41	.....	.....

<sup>1</sup>Data provided by the 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 33); about 400 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 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.

<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
<b>Unemployment</b>	6,100	\$656
<b>Sickness</b>	5,100	652
		<b>Benefit payments<sup>1, 2</sup></b>
	<b>January 2020</b>	<b>January 2019</b>
<b>Total</b>	\$17,093,000	\$11,924,000
<b>Unemployment<sup>3</sup></b>	8,944,000	4,422,000
<b>Sickness</b>	8,149,000	7,503,000

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, 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.

<sup>2</sup> 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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