

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

Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Benefit payments ¹	<u>March 2020</u>	<u>March 2019</u>
		Total	\$1,094,603,000	$1,086,683,000
	Retired employees	755,210,000	750,380,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	161,286,000	158,524,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,301,000	150,976,000
	Other benefits	26,806,000	26,803,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security March 2020	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	511,900	.....	2,100	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	257,300	\$2,889	700	\$3,095	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	187,300	2,964	³ 300	³ 3,984	\$1,509	⁴ \$2,079
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	48,900	2,611	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	21,100	2,867	100	2,982	1,259	\$1,407
Spouses and divorced spouses	147,900	1,081	900	1,043	768	730
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	83,800	1,796	400	2,286	1,385	1,351
Widowed mothers and fathers	500	1,945	<u>6</u>	935	1,024	1,012
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,400	1,190	100	1,165	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Children	7,900	1,190	<u>6</u>	1,520	905	913
Other benefits	2,200	323	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	116,100	42	200	42	.....	.....

¹Data provided by the 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 33); some 300 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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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹	
	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	5,100	\$657
Sickness	4,700	643
		Benefit payments^{1,2}
	March 2020	March 2019
Total	\$21,599,000	\$9,975,000
Unemployment³	14,467,000	3,721,000
Sickness	7,132,000	6,254,000

¹ 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, 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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