

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

Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	<u>September 2020</u>	<u>September 2019</u>
<b>Total</b>	\$1,096,457,000	\$1,084,658,000
Retired employees	756,215,000	747,413,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	161,626,000	159,180,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,609,000	151,368,000
Other benefits	27,007,000	26,697,000

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

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security September 2020	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
<b>Total, regular annuities</b>	508,500	.....	2,300	.....	.....	.....
<b>Regular employee annuities, total</b>	255,600	\$2,906	800	\$3,233	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	186,400	2,985	<sup>3</sup> 400	<sup>3</sup> 3,952	\$1,519	<sup>4</sup> \$2,083
Disability converted to age annuity <sup>5</sup>	49,300	2,625	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	20,000	2,871	200	2,917	1,259	1,447
<b>Spouses and divorced spouses</b>	147,400	1,088	900	1,072	768	709
<b>Widow(er)s--aged and disabled</b>	82,600	1,824	500	2,288	1,392	1,352
<b>Widowed mothers and fathers</b>	600	1,992	<u>6</u>	1,779	1,044	1,007
<b>Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced</b>	12,300	1,201	100	1,285	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
<b>Children</b>	7,700	1,195	<u>6</u>	1,544	904	904
<b>Other benefits</b>	2,300	322	.....	.....	.....	.....
<b>Employee supplemental annuities<sup>8</sup></b>	114,400	42	300	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 300 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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and Unemployment Insurance Systems - (Continued)  
September 2020**

**Unemployment and Sickness Benefits**

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment <sup>1</sup>	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	9,500	\$667	\$376
Sickness	5,500	605	375
		Benefit payments <sup>1</sup>	
		September 2020	September 2019
<b>Total</b>		\$21,163,000	\$11,450,000
<b>Unemployment</b>		13,474,000	4,761,000
<b>Sickness</b>		7,689,000	6,690,000

<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, 5.9% for days after September 30, 2019.

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- Beginning in May 2020, RUIA claimants have also been paid under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act). The September 2020 amount calculated for payment was \$ 2.9 million.