

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

Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities	Benefit payments ¹	<u>October 2020</u>	<u>October 2019</u>
		Total	\$1,093,375,000	$1,086,832,000
	Retired employees	753,823,000	748,983,000
	Spouses and divorced spouses	161,729,000	159,187,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,154,000	151,724,000
	Other benefits	26,669,000	26,938,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security October 2020	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	507,900	.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	255,300	\$2,909	700	\$3,262	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	186,200	2,987	³ 300	³ 4,151	\$1,522	⁴ \$2,070
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	49,300	2,628	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	19,800	2,872	200	3,069	1,261	1,438
Spouses and divorced spouses	147,300	1,089	700	1,071	769	696
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	82,400	1,829	400	2,357	1,393	1,353
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	1,998	<u>6/</u>	1,682	1,044	1,000
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,300	1,203	100	1,306	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
Children	7,700	1,198	<u>6/</u>	1,572	905	911
Other benefits	2,300	323	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	114,200	42	200	40	.....	.....

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 34); about 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	9,000	\$660
Sickness	5,500	620
		Benefit payments¹
	October 2020	October 2019
Total	\$20,375,000	\$14,177,000
Unemployment	12,726,000	6,348,000
Sickness	7,649,000	7,830,000

¹ In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, amounts reflect a reduction of 6.6% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2017, 6.2% for days after September 30, 2018, 5.9% for days after September 30, 2019, and 5.7% for days after September 30, 2020.

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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 October 2020 amount calculated for payment was \$ 1.6 million.