

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

Benefit payments ¹	<u>December 2020</u>	<u>December 2019</u>
Total	\$1,095,256,000	\$1,082,779,000
Retired employees	754,533,000	745,245,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	161,771,000	159,230,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,903,000	151,747,000
Other benefits	27,049,000	26,557,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2020	
	Number	Average ²	Number	Average ²	Being Paid	Awarded
Total, regular annuities	506,600	.....	1,700	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	254,700	\$2,943	600	\$3,211	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	185,800	3,023	³ 200	³ 4,088	\$1,544	⁴ \$2,105
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	49,400	2,660	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	19,400	2,907	100	3,103	1,277	1,455
Spouses and divorced spouses	147,000	1,100	500	1,033	778	696
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	82,100	1,841	400	2,381	1,413	1,381
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	1,996	<u>6/</u>	1,889	1,054	1,015
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,300	1,220	100	1,344	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
Children	7,700	1,217	<u>6/</u>	1,567	918	927
Other benefits	2,300	324	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	113,600	42	100	41	.....	.....

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 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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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

	Number of beneficiaries during month	Average payment ¹	
		Per 2-week registration period	Per full week
Unemployment	8,700	\$664	\$376
Sickness	6,700	595	376
		Benefit payments ¹	
		December 2020	December 2019
Total		\$23,383,000	\$13,134,000
Unemployment		14,223,000	6,408,000
Sickness		9,160,000	6,726,000

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, 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 December 2020 amount calculated for payment was \$ 1.3 million.