

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - December 2021

Benefit payments ¹	<u>December 2021</u>	<u>December 2020</u>
Total	\$1,089,024,000	\$1,095,256,000
Retired employees	749,164,000 ^R	754,533,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	161,149,000 ^R	161,771,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	151,716,000 ^R	151,903,000
Other benefits	26,995,000 ^R	27,049,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2021	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	495,500	.....	1,600	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	248,900	\$3,109	600	\$3,335	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	182,200	3,191	³ 200	³ 4,288	\$1,658	⁴ \$2,278
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	48,700	2,814	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	18,000	3,080	100	3,281	1,358	1,565
Spouses and divorced spouses	144,000	1,155	600	1,156	820	699
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	79,900	1,926	400	2,577	1,512	1,447
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	2,079	<u>6/</u>	1,436	1,126	1,120
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,200	1,314	<u>6/</u>	1,463	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
Children	7,500	1,311	<u>6/</u>	1,770	978	996
Other benefits	2,500	327	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	108,900	42	100	42	.....	.....

R : Revised numbers

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 32); 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	2,600	\$754	\$403
Sickness	5,600	734	407
		Benefit payments ¹	
		December 2021	December 2020
Total		\$13,225,000	\$23,383,000
Unemployment		4,507,000	14,223,000
Sickness		8,718,000	9,160,000

¹ In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, amounts reflect a reduction of 6.2% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness after September 30, 2018, 5.9% for days after September 30, 2019, 5.7% for days after September 30, 2020 and before January 3, 2021. Beginning January 3, 2021, the Continued Assistance to Rail Workers Act of 2020 (CARWA), temporarily suspended sequestration until 30 days after a Presidential declaration of an end to the national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

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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), CARWA, and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) with no benefits payable under these acts for registration periods beginning after September 6, 2021. The December 2021 amount calculated for payment was less than \$0.07 million and the December 2020 amount was \$1.3 million.