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# Quarterly Benefit Statistics

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## Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Programs

Selected Current Statistics for **April - June 2022**

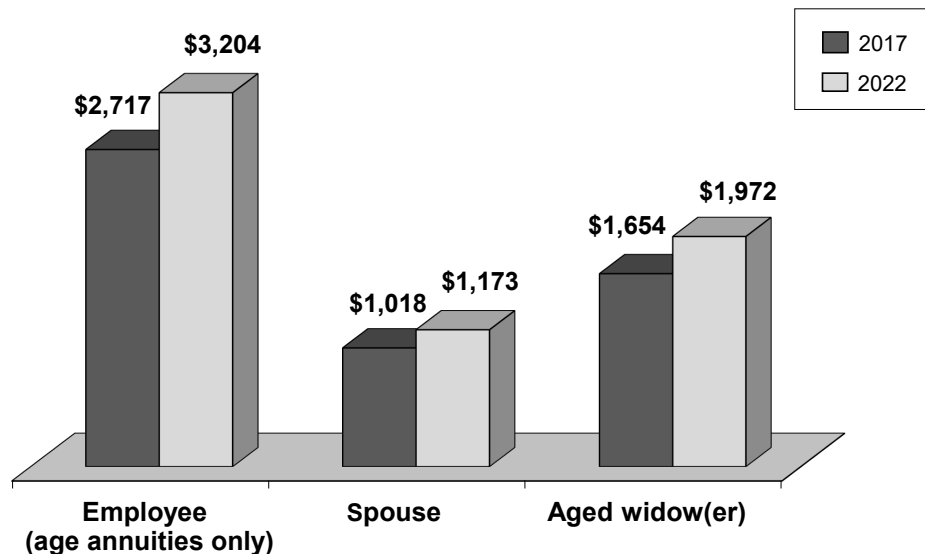
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**Average annuity amounts being paid,  
June 2017 and June 2022**



**Table 1: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Benefit Statistics  
April - June 2022**

Period	Total <sup>1</sup>		Employee annuities					Divorced spouse annuities
			Age		Disability	Supplemental <sup>3</sup>	Spouse annuities	
	Monthly benefits	Monthly beneficiaries	Awarded age annuity	Disability converted to age annuity <sup>2</sup>				
<b>Number in current-payment status at end of period</b>								
June 2022	594,846	479,498	179,918	47,883	17,529	106,293	137,145	4,908
May 2022	596,018	480,286	180,113	47,880	17,675	106,673	137,391	4,927
April 2022	597,258	481,130	180,462	47,862	17,816	107,052	137,579	4,931
<b>Average amount in current-payment status at end of period</b>								
June 2022	.....	.....	\$3,204.20	\$2,825.09	\$3,090.22	\$41.49	\$1,173.20	\$761.91
May 2022	.....	.....	3,202.73	2,823.82	3,088.53	41.49	1,172.47	762.15
April 2022	.....	.....	3,201.51	2,821.31	3,087.89	41.49	1,172.30	761.34
<b>Number awarded during period</b>								
June 2022	1,661	1,633	479	.....	114	28	469	35
May 2022	1,557	1,525	347	.....	114	32	486	44
April 2022	1,705	1,628	380	.....	125	77	529	34
10/21 - 6/22	17,056	16,225	4,333	.....	1,072	831	4,977	417
10/20 - 6/21	18,287	16,974	4,528	.....	1,237	1,313	5,147	393
<b>Average amount awarded during period<sup>4</sup></b>								
June 2022	.....	.....	\$3,167.38	.....	\$3,345.67	\$36.65	\$1,139.77	\$866.55
May 2022	.....	.....	3,033.93	.....	3,260.78	37.32	1,088.03	913.28
April 2022	.....	.....	3,151.67	.....	3,347.26	38.28	1,076.49	759.38
<b>Benefit payments during period (thousands)<sup>5</sup></b>								
June 2022	\$1,125,445	.....	\$577,168	\$135,540	\$59,576	\$4,463	\$162,531	\$3,826
May 2022	1,127,728	.....	578,417	135,595	59,779	4,479	163,034	3,842
April 2022	1,130,644	.....	579,842	135,536	60,540	4,492	163,451	3,778
10/21 - 6/22	10,051,966	.....	5,148,637	1,209,028	533,851	40,724	1,454,115	33,706
10/20 - 6/21	9,864,719	.....	5,024,013	1,164,674	564,873	42,113	1,423,958	34,502

<sup>1</sup>Includes dependent parents' annuities. Except for benefit payment data, excludes insurance lump-sum and residual payment figures. Total benefit payments also include hospital insurance benefits for services in Canada. <sup>2</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>3</sup>Excludes partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased. Averages are after court-ordered partitions. <sup>4</sup>Regular employee and spouse annuity averages are preliminary estimates. <sup>5</sup>Beginning in July 2019, data is from the Monthly Treasury Statement. Prior to July 2019, data was provided by the Bureau of Fiscal Operations.

**NOTE**--MONTHLY BENEFITS in CURRENT-PAYMENT STATUS at the end of month include all benefits awarded to date and payable for the month. BENEFITS AWARDED consist of those certified for the first time on either a partial or final basis. BENEFIT PAYMENTS for a month, shown in both the benefit and financial statistics, consist of recurrent monthly checks dated the first of the month, plus retroactive and lump-sum payments made during the month, less returned checks (excluding those not yet distributed by Account), refunds of benefits paid previously, etc.

**Table 1: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Benefit Statistics  
April - June 2022 -- Continued**

Survivor benefits									
Period	Annuities					Children	Insurance lump sums	Residual payments	Partition payments <sup>7</sup>
	Aged widows and widowers	Disabled widows and widowers <sup>6</sup>	Widowed mothers and fathers	Remarried widows and widowers	Divorced widows and widowers				
<b>Number in current-payment status at end of period</b>									
June 2022	75,541	2,935	594	2,315	9,746	7,439	.....	.....	2,590
May 2022	75,674	2,935	587	2,316	9,732	7,542	.....	.....	2,563
April 2022	75,864	2,951	581	2,325	9,722	7,545	.....	.....	2,558
<b>Average amount in current-payment status at end of period</b>									
June 2022	\$1,972.22	\$1,528.63	\$2,107.09	\$1,308.05	\$1,331.76	\$1,325.65	.....	.....	\$334.12
May 2022	1,967.41	1,526.37	2,107.94	1,307.19	1,329.63	1,329.06	.....	.....	332.60
April 2022	1,962.91	1,525.74	2,106.91	1,303.78	1,327.60	1,328.22	.....	.....	330.59
<b>Number awarded during period</b>									
June 2022	428	4	5	12	61	26	132	----	.....
May 2022	403	6	10	12	62	41	142	----	.....
April 2022	420	7	15	4	73	41	146	----	.....
10/21 - 6/22	4,228	37	115	62	596	388	1,331	----	.....
10/20 - 6/21	4,515	56	92	63	574	367	1,549	1	.....
<b>Average amount awarded during period<sup>4</sup></b>									
June 2022	\$2,529.40	\$2,257.90	\$222.95	\$1,354.92	\$1,466.59	\$1,707.91	\$880	----	.....
May 2022	2,465.98	1,589.45	1,080.86	1,567.33	1,381.81	1,394.63	936	----	.....
April 2022	2,511.44	1,704.42	2,064.19	1,352.25	1,451.92	1,776.21	957	----	.....
<b>Benefit payments during period (thousands)<sup>5</sup></b>									
June 2022	\$148,892	\$4,618	\$1,293	\$3,018	\$13,138	\$10,354	\$124	----	\$890
May 2022	148,935	4,645	1,346	3,025	13,099	10,496	144	----	879
April 2022	149,149	4,740	1,347	3,043	13,259	10,442	147	----	865
10/21 - 6/22	1,335,410	41,699	11,710	27,054	115,293	91,724	1,248	----	7,656
10/20 - 6/21	1,324,272	42,620	10,834	27,389	107,115	89,930	1,456	\$2	6,827

<sup>6</sup>Number and average in current-payment status, and benefit payments during period, includes annuities to disabled widow(er)s age 60 and over now payable as aged widow(er)s' annuities. <sup>7</sup>Limited to partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased or not otherwise entitled to an annuity. Partition payments from employees on the rolls are included with the employees' annuities.

**NOTE**--(Continued from previous page.)

FOR WIDOWS and WIDOWERS aged 60 and over and WIDOWED MOTHERS and FATHERS, the number of benefits being paid and benefit payments include benefits temporarily being continued at spouse annuity rates, pending award of survivor annuities.

INSURANCE LUMP SUMS and RESIDUAL PAYMENTS are each counted only once with respect to an employee's death even though divided among 2 or more persons. Award data for insurance lump sums exclude deferred benefits, i.e., those payable a year after the employee's death.

Data on benefit payments are for CALENDAR MONTHS; all other data are for ACCOUNTING MONTHS ending on approximately the 29th of each month.

**Table 2: Retirement and Survivor Programs, Financial Statistics**  
**April - June 2022 (In thousands)**  
**Cash Basis**

Item	June 2022	May 2022	April 2022	October 2021 - June 2022	October 2020 - June 2021
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY EQUIVALENT BENEFIT ACCOUNT</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Payroll taxes <sup>1</sup>	\$223,690	\$230,568	\$207,929	\$2,200,290	\$1,764,671
Income tax transfers <sup>2</sup>	.....	.....	87,000	268,000	201,000
Financial interchange advances <sup>3</sup>	450,555	363,188	411,907	3,587,823	3,846,641
RRB-SSA financial interchange transfer	5,471,335	.....	.....	5,471,335	4,899,598
Interest on investments <sup>4</sup>	2,312	2,426	2,267	18,385	14,350
<b>Outgo</b>					
Benefit payments	\$655,353	\$656,775	\$657,483	\$5,821,786	\$5,652,035
Repayment of financial interchange advances <sup>3</sup>	5,085,908	.....	.....	5,085,908	4,951,591
RRB-CMS financial interchange transfer	515,866	.....	.....	515,866	568,162
Transfer to Railroad Retirement Account <sup>5</sup>	.....	.....	.....	.....	-466,000
Administrative expenses	1,959	1,959	1,766	15,854	18,584
Funding for Office of Inspector General	202	202	202	1,629	1,679
<b>RAILROAD RETIREMENT ACCOUNT</b>					
<b>Income</b>					
Payroll taxes <sup>1</sup>	\$270,591	\$277,963	\$252,293	\$2,466,648	\$2,137,528
Income tax transfers <sup>2</sup>	.....	.....	107,000	320,000	393,000
Reimbursements for payment of SSA benefits	183,838	183,920	183,917	1,618,342	1,522,792
Transfers from National RR Investment Trust <sup>5</sup>	231,000	52,000	98,000	1,164,000	2,489,000
Transfer from SSEB Account <sup>5</sup>	.....	.....	.....	.....	-466,000
Interest on investments <sup>4</sup>	1,150	1,546	1,572	11,839	6,492
<b>Outgo</b>					
Benefit payments	\$469,369	\$470,218	\$472,414	\$4,223,135	\$4,203,965
Payments of SSA benefits	183,707	183,926	183,996	1,617,092	1,522,100
Loans to Railroad Unemployment Insurance Account	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Administrative expenses	7,489	7,489	6,825	60,673	63,681
Funding for Office of Inspector General	773	773	773	6,231	5,777
<b>NATIONAL RAILROAD RETIREMENT INVESTMENT TRUST</b>					
<b>Cash and investment balance at end of period<sup>6</sup></b>	\$25,118,402	\$26,690,902	\$26,635,288	\$25,118,402	\$28,021,203
<b>DUAL BENEFITS PAYMENTS ACCOUNT <sup>7</sup></b>					
<b>Vested dual benefit payments</b>	\$723	\$735	\$748	\$7,045	\$8,719

<sup>1</sup>Net of U.S. Treasury adjustments for payroll tax refunds to certain carriers and their employees for prior periods. <sup>2</sup>Amounts include U.S. Treasury adjustments for prior period income tax reconciliations. <sup>3</sup>Includes interest. <sup>4</sup>Net of adjustments for payroll tax refunds (see note 1). <sup>5</sup>Under the Railroad Retirement and Survivors' Improvement Act of 2001, as amended, the portion of the Railroad Retirement (RR) Account not needed to pay current administrative expenses is to be transferred to the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust (Trust). The Trust may transfer funds back to the RR Account for payment of benefits. The balance of the Social Security Equivalent Benefit (SSEB) Account not needed to pay current benefits and administrative expenses is to be transferred to the Trust or to the RR Account. <sup>6</sup>Source: National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust. <sup>7</sup>Total vested dual benefits paid during a fiscal year are limited to the amount appropriated to the Dual Benefits Payments Account for that year. Any amounts not spent are returned to the U.S. Treasury. The benefit appropriation, including income tax transfers, for fiscal years 2021 and 2022 was \$13.0 and \$11.0 million, respectively.

**NOTE--This Table has been revised to only include information from the Monthly Treasury Statements and other resources within the Railroad Retirement Board's Bureau of the Actuary and Research.**

**Table 3: Unemployment and Sickness Programs, Benefit Statistics  
April - June 2022**

Period	Normal benefit accounts			Beneficiaries		
	Applications received	Opened	Exhausted	Total	Normal benefits	Extended benefits
<b>Unemployment<sup>1</sup></b>						
June 2022	1,305	193	72	1,018	763	286
May 2022	354	170	102	1,116	802	357
April 2022	309	188	290	1,566	1,160	526
7/21 - 6/22	11,724	5,608	1,806	6,617	6,439	1,056
7/20 - 6/21	25,953	21,240	5,926	23,702	23,528	1,810
<b>Sickness</b>						
June 2022	1,397	741	309	3,793	3,173	812
May 2022	976	705	319	4,019	3,279	968
April 2022	978	738	376	4,552	3,464	1,318
7/21 - 6/22	24,902	14,777	3,451	18,704	18,507	2,798
7/20 - 6/21	34,063	16,304	3,792	24,090	23,949	2,700

Period	Number of payments			Averages <sup>1</sup>		
	Total	Normal benefits	Extended benefits	Benefit days	Benefit per week <sup>2</sup>	Benefit payments <sup>2, 3</sup> (thousands)
<b>Unemployment</b>						
June 2022	2,331	1,706	625	9.0	\$405.45	\$1,696
May 2022	2,290	1,620	670	8.8	404.25	1,638
April 2022	3,088	2,110	978	8.3	399.60	2,064
7/21 - 6/22	50,773	45,132	5,641	9.1	403.20	37,043
7/20 - 6/21	188,153	178,155	9,998	8.7	384.45	130,198
<b>Sickness</b>						
June 2022	8,747	6,882	1,865	8.8	\$404.90	\$5,979
May 2022	8,625	6,734	1,891	8.7	403.85	5,817
April 2022	9,680	7,096	2,584	8.8	404.85	6,639
7/21 - 6/22	131,036	115,569	15,467	8.7	406.60	90,665
7/20 - 6/21	140,015	125,028	14,987	7.8	387.05	89,968

<sup>1</sup> Benefit days--average benefit days per registration period. Benefit per week--equal to 5 times average daily benefit.

<sup>2</sup> 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, and before January 3, 2021. Beginning January 3, 2021, the Continued Assistance to Rail Workers Act (CARWA) of 2020 temporarily suspended sequestration until 30 days after a Presidential declaration of an end to the national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOTE** --Additional unemployment and sickness benefits were also paid under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act of 2020 (CARES Act). CARWA and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) reduced the enhanced benefit payments from \$1,200 to \$600 per registration period while extending all benefits through registration periods beginning September 6, 2021.

Special Extended Unemployment Benefits and Enhanced Benefits were paid to unemployment beneficiaries, and Waived Waiting Period Benefits were paid to unemployment and to sickness beneficiaries, as follows:

- In April 2022, \$10,000 to 10 beneficiaries, \$6,000 to fewer than 10 beneficiaries, and less than \$300 to fewer than 10 unemployment and \$1,000 to fewer than 10 sickness beneficiaries.
- In May 2022, \$1,000 to fewer than 10 beneficiaries, \$3,000 to fewer than 10 beneficiaries, and less than \$300 to fewer than 10 unemployment and \$1,000 to fewer than 10 sickness beneficiaries.
- In June 2022, \$1,000 to fewer than 10 beneficiaries, no enhanced benefits were paid, and no waived waiting period unemployment and \$1,000 to fewer than 10 sickness beneficiaries.

**GENERAL NOTES** --An unemployment claimant files only one APPLICATION for a benefit year. A sickness claimant files an APPLICATION at the beginning of each period of continuing sickness.

NORMAL BENEFIT ACCOUNTS are opened when the first payment is made.

The number of BENEFICIARIES is the count of persons receiving unemployment or sickness benefits in the period. Those receiving both normal and extended benefits for unemployment or sickness are counted only once in the total for each type.

PAYMENTS generally cover 14-day registration periods. Benefits are payable for days over 7 during an employee's first 14-day registration period.

- Sickness benefits are paid for days of sickness after the 4th consecutive day of sickness in the first claim in each period of continuing sickness; for subsequent registration periods in the same period of continuing sickness, payments are made for all days of sickness over 4 whether or not consecutive.

- Unemployment benefits are paid for days of unemployment over 4. However, in the case of unemployment benefits due to a legal authorized strike, unemployment benefits are not paid until after a 14-day waiting period. Non-strikers unemployed due to an illegal strike must also serve a 14-day waiting period.

## Table 4: Benefits and Beneficiaries -- June 2022

### RETIREMENT - SURVIVOR

<b>Total benefit payments - cash basis (unaudited)<sup>1</sup></b>	\$1,125,445,000
Regular and Supplemental benefits	1,124,722,000
Vested dual benefits	723,000

	<b>Number</b>	<b>Average</b>
<b>Total benefits being paid at end of month</b>	595,000	.....
Retired employees':		
Regular	245,000	\$3,122
Supplemental	106,000	41
Spouses' and divorced spouses'	142,000	1,159
Aged widows' and widowers'	76,000	1,972
Other benefits	26,000	1,267
<b>Total beneficiaries being paid at end of month</b>	479,000	.....

### UNEMPLOYMENT - SICKNESS

	<b>Unemployment</b>	<b>Sickness</b>
<b>Gross benefit payments<sup>1</sup></b>	\$1,696,000	\$5,979,000
<b>Beneficiaries</b>	1,000	3,800
<b>Average payment per week<sup>1</sup></b>	\$405	\$405

<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, amounts reflect a reduction of 5.9% under sequestration for days of unemployment and sickness 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 (CARWA) of 2020 temporarily suspended sequestration until 30 days after a Presidential declaration of an end to the national emergency concerning the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOTE.**--Additional unemployment and sickness benefits were also paid under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020. The Continued Assistance to Rail Workers Act of 2020 (CARWA) and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) reduced the enhanced benefit payments from \$1,200 to \$600 per registration period while extending all benefits through registration periods beginning September 6, 2021. In June 2022, the gross amount paid was less than \$2,000.