

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - December 2022

Benefit payments ¹	<u>December 2022</u>	<u>December 2021</u>
Total	\$1,119,399,000	\$1,089,024,000
Retired employees	771,690,000	749,164,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	165,264,000	161,149,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	153,604,000	151,716,000
Other benefits	28,840,000	26,995,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security December 2022	
	Number	Average ²	Number	Average ²	Being Paid	Awarded
Total, regular annuities	484,700	.....	1,200	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	243,300	\$3,348	400	\$3,286	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	178,800	3,432	³ 100	³ 4,146	\$1,825	⁴ \$2,500
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	48,000	3,040	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	16,600	3,328	100	3,576	1,483	1,685
Spouses and divorced spouses	141,100	1,232	400	1,117	880	756
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	77,600	2,042	300	2,602	1,659	1,581
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	2,191	<u>6</u>	2,052	1,232	1,200
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	12,100	1,451	100	1,484	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>
Children	7,300	1,444	<u>6</u>	1,922	1,067	1,060
Other benefits	2,700	340	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	104,300	41	<u>6</u>	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 30); 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	1,100	\$781	\$422
Sickness	4,300	769	420
		Benefit payments ¹	
		December 2022	December 2021
Total		\$9,683,000	\$13,225,000
Unemployment		1,988,000	4,507,000
Sickness		7,695,000	8,718,000

¹ 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, 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 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. There is no current activity. The December 2021 amount was \$0.07 million.