Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - April 2023

Retirement and Survivor Benefits, Including Supplemental Annuities

Benefit payments ¹	<u>April 2023</u>	<u> April 2022</u>
Total	\$1,186,439,000	\$1,130,644,000
Retired employees	821,580,000	780,410,000
Spouses and divorced spouses	174,778,000	167,229,000
Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	158,715,000	153,889,000
Other benefits	31,367,000	29,114,000

Monthly benefits	Being end of n	=	Award mo		Average Social S April 2	ecurity
	Number	Average ²	Number	Average ²	Being Paid	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	479,300		1,500			
Regular employee annuities, total	240,500	\$3,356	500	\$3,268		
Awarded age annuity	177,000	3,440	³ 100	³ 4,086	\$1,835	⁴ \$2,525
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	47,600	3,051				
Disability	15,900	3,338	100	3,615	1,484	\$1,683
Spouses and divorced spouses	139,600	1,233	500	1,132	876	749
Widow(er)saged and disabled	76,600	2,066	400	2,812	1,666	1,595
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	2,201	<u>6/</u>	1,633	1,223	1,187
Widow(er)sremarried and divorced	12,000	1,460	100	1,554	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
Children	7,300	1,453	<u>6/</u>	1,664	1,071	1,058
Other survivors	2,800	342				
Employee supplemental annuities ⁸	102,400	41	<u>6/</u>	38		

¹Amounts are from the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Monthly Treasury Statement.

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.

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 29); 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.

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Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

	Average payment ¹		
Number of beneficiaries during month	Per 2-week registration period	Per full week	
900	\$737	\$421	
Sickness 3,700	721	418	
	Benefit payments ¹ April 2023 April 2022		
	\$7,110,000	\$8,703,000	
	1,362,000	2,064,000	
	5,748,000	6,639,000	
	900	Per 2-week registration period	

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, 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 April 2022 amount was \$0.02 million.