

Benefits and Beneficiaries Under the Railroad Retirement and Unemployment Insurance Systems - October 2024

	Benefit payments ¹	<u>October 2024</u>	<u>October 2023</u>
Retirement and Survivor	Total	\$1,195,663,000	\$1,181,122,000
Benefits, Including	Retired employees	828,903,000	818,425,000
Supplemental Annuities	Spouses and divorced spouses	173,401,000	173,201,000
	Widow(er)s - aged and disabled	161,678,000	158,948,000
	Other benefits	31,682,000	30,549,000

Monthly benefits	Being paid end of month		Awarded in month		Average under Social Security October 2024	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Average²</u>	<u>Being Paid</u>	<u>Awarded</u>
Total, regular annuities	465,900	.....	1,600	.....	.....	.....
Regular employee annuities, total	234,300	\$3,470	600	\$3,565	.....	.....
Awarded age annuity	173,200	3,552	³ 200	³ 4,524	\$1,924	⁴ \$2,634
Disability converted to age annuity ⁵	46,200	3,162	.....	.....	.....	.....
Disability	14,800	3,464	200	3,701	1,542	1,701
Spouses and divorced spouses	135,700	1,261	500	1,167	889	734
Widow(er)s--aged and disabled	73,800	2,187	300	2,888	1,740	1,608
Widowed mothers and fathers	600	2,323	<u>6/</u>	1,849	1,288	1,235
Widow(er)s--remarried and divorced	11,800	1,526	100	1,701	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>
Children	6,800	1,511	<u>6/</u>	1,891	1,104	1,093
Other survivors	3,100	347	.....	.....	.....	.....
Employee supplemental annuities⁸	96,000	41	100	35	.....	.....

¹ Data provided by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Monthly Treasury Statement.

² Railroad retirement benefits shown are net of reduction for social security benefit entitlement.

³ For employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full age annuity; their years of service averaged 30. Other age annuities awarded in the month numbered 300; they represent deferred retirements as well as the immediate retirements of employees less than full retirement age with reduced annuities.

⁴ For men full retirement age or over.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Fewer than 50.

⁷ Remarried and divorced widow(er)s included with aged and disabled widow(er)s and widowed mothers and fathers.

⁸ Excludes 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	1,500	\$821	\$440
Sickness	3,800	805	441
		Benefit payments ¹	
		October 2024	October 2023
Total		\$10,135,000	\$7,713,000
Unemployment		2,739,000	1,684,000
Sickness		7,396,000	6,029,000

¹ In accordance with the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, as amended, amounts reflect a reduction of 5.7% for days of unemployment and sickness after May 9, 2023. Though the Railroad Employee Equity and Fairness Act of 2024 (REEF Act), enacted December 23, 2024, ended sequestration retroactively to May 9, 2023, benefit amounts reflect the provisions in place at time of payment. Repayment of benefit amounts will be included in the month in which they are repaid.

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