

Table 5-1. Monthly Railroad Retirement Cash Benefits in Current Payment Status
March 2012

Category of beneficiary	Number	Percent of Total	Average Monthly Benefit ^a
Aged retired workers	189,800	34.6%	\$2,335
Disabled workers, full retirement age and over	36,600	6.7%	\$2,076
Disabled workers, under full retirement age	46,100	8.4%	\$2,517
Spouses and divorced spouses	138,900	25.3%	\$871
Widow(er)s, aged and disabled	112,100	20.4%	\$1,397
Widowed mothers/fathers	700	0.1%	\$1,669
Widow(er)s, remarried and divorced	13,500	2.5%	\$933
Children	9,800	1.8%	\$979
Other benefits ^b	900	0.2%	\$314
Total monthly beneficiaries ^c	548,400	100.0%	NA

Source: U.S. Railroad Retirement Board.

Notes: NA = not available. Totals may not add due to rounding. This table was updated on August 9, 2012 for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.

- a. Social Security benefits are subtracted from tier I benefits because work covered by Social Security is counted towards tier I benefits. The beneficiary receives a single check.
- b. Includes parent annuities, and partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased or not otherwise entitled to an annuity.
- c. Total excludes 121,400 supplemental employee annuities averaging \$42 per month. Supplemental annuity average is after court-ordered partitions (generally in cases of divorce or separation).