

Table 5-3. Number and Average Amount of New Awards

March 2012

Beneficiary type	Number	Average Amount ^a
Employee Annuities:		
Retired workers ^b	765	\$2,791
Disabled workers full retirement age and over
Disabled workers under full retirement age	269	2,555
Spouses	888	974
Divorced Spouses	49	560
Survivor benefits:		
Aged widow(er)s	523	1,827
Disabled widow(er)s	19	1,517
Widowed mothers/fathers	6	852
Remarried widow(er)s	10	1,174
Divorced widow(er)s	58	1,102
Children	37	1,154
Parents	-	-
Insurance lump sums ^c	322	903
Residual benefits	3	455
Total monthly benefits ^d	2,624	NA

Source: U.S. Railroad Retirement Board.**Notes:** Amounts, except for lump sums, are per month. NA = not available. This table was updated on August 9, 2012 for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.

- a. Railroad retirement monthly benefits shown are net of reduction for Social Security benefit entitlement.
- b. Number and average benefit for employees retiring directly from the railroad industry with full annuities were 457 and \$3,475, respectively. Their years of service averaged 35.
- c. Excludes deferred benefits, i.e., those payable a year after the employee's death.
- d. Excludes insurance lump sums and residual benefits. Also excludes 502 supplemental annuity awards averaging \$41 after court-ordered partitions, and awards of partition payments when the employee is deceased or not otherwise entitled to an annuity.