

Table 5-8. Benefits Under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance System

Benefit Years 2009-2010, 2010-2011, 2011-2012 and 2012-2013

Monthly Compensation Base	
Base Year 2008.....	\$1,280
Base Year 2009.....	\$1,330
Base Year 2010.....	\$1,330
Base Year 2011.....	\$1,330
Qualifying Wages..... 2.5 times the monthly compensation base	
Base Year 2008.....	\$3,200
Base Year 2009.....	\$3,325
Base Year 2010.....	\$3,325
Base Year 2011.....	\$3,325
Daily Benefit Rate	
Basic Rate.....	60% of daily rate of pay
Maximum.....	5 Percent of Base year Monthly Compensation Base
Benefit Year 2009-2010.....	\$64
Benefit Year 2010-2011.....	\$66
Benefit Year 2011-2012.....	\$66
Benefit Year 2012-2013.....	\$66
Minimum.....	\$12.70
Maximum Normal Benefits	
For 14-day Period:	
Benefit Year 2009-2010.....	\$640
Benefit Year 2010-2011.....	\$660
Benefit Year 2011-2012.....	\$660
Benefit Year 2012-2013.....	\$660
For Benefit Year:	
Duration.....	130 Compensable Days
Amount ^a	
Benefit Year 2009-2010.....	\$8,320
Benefit Year 2010-2011.....	\$8,580
Benefit Year 2011-2012.....	\$8,580
Benefit Year 2012-2013.....	\$8,580
Maximum Extended Benefits ^b	
10 or More Years of Service:	
Duration:.....	65 Compensable Days
Amount:	
Benefit Year 2009-2010.....	\$4,160
Benefit Year 2010-2011.....	\$4,290
Benefit Year 2011-2012.....	\$4,290
Benefit Year 2012-2013.....	\$4,290

Source: U.S. Railroad Retirement Board.

Notes: Some net sickness benefit payments are somewhat less than the above amounts since they are subject to tier I railroad retirement taxes. This table was updated on August 9, 2012 for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.

- a. Not to exceed the employee's earnings in the base year over \$1,653 a month for benefit year 2009-2010 (base year 2008), \$1,718 a month for benefit year 2010-2011 (base year 2009), \$1,718 a month for benefit year 2011-2012 (base year 2010), and \$1,718 for benefit year 2012-2013 (base year 2011).
- b. Under provisions of the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009, as amended by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010, the Temporary Payroll Tax Cut Continuation Act of 2011, and the Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012, employees with less than 10 years of service are eligible for up to 65 compensable days of unemployment benefits in benefit years 2009-2010, 2010-2011 and 2012-2013, and employees with 10 or more years of service are eligible for up to 130 days.