

Table 5-7. Railroad Unemployment and Sickness Insurance Program Statistics

Selected Years 1970—2010

	Benefit Year Ending ^a							
	1970	1980	1990	2000	2005	2008	2009	2010
Insured unemployment (percent) ^b	11	17	9	5	4	4	8	10
Coverage (qualified in thousands)	748	609	349	278	242	255	256	252
Unemployment (average daily benefit)	\$12.61	\$24.94	\$30.16	\$45.51	\$55.26	\$58.40	\$60.66	\$63.42
Sickness (average daily benefit)	\$12.66	\$24.97	\$30.25	\$45.75	\$55.89	\$58.75	\$60.69	\$63.62
Number of beneficiaries								
Unemployment (thousands)	79.2	101.6	29.9	13.7	9.3	10.1	21.4	24.8
Sickness (thousands)	91.4	76.8	28.2	22.0	20.2	18.4	17.6	17.8
Benefit exhaustions, normal								
Unemployment (thousands)	6.3	11.2	5.6	2.1	2.2	2.0	3.1	7.5
Sickness (thousands)	16.8	9.5	6.1	4.1	3.9	3.3	3.1	3.2
Amount paid								
Unemployment (millions) ^c	\$35.0	\$112.7	\$57.2	\$35.6	\$30.2	\$32.2	\$77.8	\$138.2
Sickness (millions)	\$57.9	\$60.0	\$32.6	\$40.5	\$43.4	\$46.1	\$45.2	\$52.4
Total tax collection								
Benefit account (millions)	\$122.7	\$173.3	\$192.5	\$68.8	\$81.3	\$66.9	\$69.4	\$70.3
Administration (millions)	\$8.2	\$12.9	\$17.2	\$18.9	\$21.0	\$23.3	\$23.0	\$22.7
Outlays								
Benefits (millions)	\$93.0	\$172.7	\$89.8	\$76.1	\$73.6	\$78.3	\$123.0	\$190.5
Administration (millions)	\$6.6	\$11.2	\$14.6	\$14.1	\$16.8	\$14.9	\$13.3	\$15.7
Account balance ^d	\$81.3	\$40.8	\$188.4	\$95.7	\$97.4	\$105.9	\$66.8	\$28.8

Source: U.S. Railroad Retirement Board

Notes:

- a. Actual amounts are shown.
- b. Unemployment beneficiaries divided by qualified employees; does not include sickness insurance beneficiaries.
- c. Starting in June 2009, includes temporary extended unemployment benefits authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Beginning in November 2009, temporary extended unemployment benefits are also being paid under the Worker, Homeownership, and Business Assistance Act of 2009.
- d. Account balances do not reflect amounts due the Railroad Retirement Account. Loans made in 2010 are expected to be repaid by the end of fiscal year 2011.