

Table 5-2. Total Benefit Payments and Number of Beneficiaries

Selected Fiscal years 1950—2011

Fiscal Year ^c	Benefit Payments (in Millions) ^a			Beneficiaries (in Thousands) ^b		
	Total	Retirement	Survivor	Total	Retirement	Survivor
1950	\$301.6	\$248.2	\$53.4	458	272	189
1955	549.7	424.5	125.2	700	452	252
1960	925.7	711.5	214.2	873	584	299
1965	1,117.7	834.0	283.7	980	650	340
1970	1,593.5	1,177.0	416.5	1,051	702	366
1975	3,060.3	2,222.4	837.9	1,094	733	380
1980	4,730.6	3,389.8	1,340.8	1,084	731	367
1985	6,250.9	4,539.3	1,711.6	1,023	694	343
1986	6,329.5	4,608.1	1,721.4	1,007	684	339
1987	6,520.3	4,773.6	1,746.7	994	675	333
1988	6,675.9	4,915.0	1,760.9	981	666	328
1989	6,938.5	5,140.9	1,797.6	967	659	322
1990	7,194.6	5,357.0	1,837.6	951	650	315
1991	7,490.8	5,593.2	1,897.6	932	638	307
1992	7,693.9	5,754.0	1,939.9	913	626	301
1993	7,872.3	5,896.0	1,976.2	898	615	298
1994	7,978.9	5,978.9	1,999.9	874	599	288
1995	8,059.2	6,042.9	2,016.3	847	582	282
1996	8,113.6	6,089.1	2,024.4	818	565	272
1997	8,205.7	6,166.3	2,039.4	800	549	263
1998	8,246.6	6,199.0	2,047.5	772	530	254
1999	8,248.5	6,207.2	2,041.3	748	514	246
2000	8,294.5	6,254.1	2,040.3	724	499	237
2001	8,411.4	6,352.6	2,058.8	700	483	228
2002	8,643.5	6,535.9	2,107.5	684	475	219
2003	8,862.9	6,726.0	2,136.9	666	465	211
2004	9,008.3	6,876.9	2,131.3	649	456	203
2005	9,181.1	7,051.6	2,129.5	634	448	194
2006	9,440.9	7,294.0	2,146.9	619	441	187
2007	9,797.4	7,641.1	2,156.4	616	444	180
2008	10,035.3	7,877.0	2,158.1	598	433	174
2009	10,504.0	8,311.0	2,192.0	589	430	167
2010	10,780.2	8,588.6	2,187.1	582	428	161
2011	10,946.5	8,778.5	2,165.3	578	429	156

Source: U.S. Railroad Retirement Board.**Notes:** This table was updated on August 9, 2012 for the 2012 version of the House Ways and Means Committee Green Book.

- a. Retirement benefits include tier 1 and tier 2 employee and spouse benefits, employee and spouse vested dual benefits, and supplemental employee annuity payments. Survivor benefits include tier 1 and tier 2 benefits, vested dual benefits and lump-sum payments. Total benefits include hospital insurance benefits for services in Canada. Beginning in fiscal year 2008, total also includes partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased or not otherwise entitled to an annuity.
- b. Number of beneficiaries represents all individuals paid benefits in each year. In the total number for each year, beneficiaries are counted only once, even though they may have received more than one type of benefit. In fiscal year 2011, 7,600 individuals received both retirement and survivor benefits. Beginning in fiscal year 2008, total includes partition payments to spouses and divorced spouses where the employee is deceased or not otherwise entitled to an annuity. Figures are partially estimated.
- c. Benefits paid for fiscal years beginning in 1987 are not strictly comparable to those for prior years due to a change in accounting systems.