

Section C -- Unemployment and Sickness Benefits

This section presents data on unemployment and sickness benefits paid to qualified railroad employees under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act. Railroad unemployment and sickness benefits, by law, are based on a July-June benefit year. Therefore, railroad unemployment and sickness insurance benefit operations are presented on a benefit year basis, rather than on a fiscal year basis.

Normal benefits of each type may be paid for as many as 130 days in a period of 26 or more weeks but may not exceed the total creditable base year compensation of the beneficiary. After exhaustion of normal benefits, an employee with 10 or more years of railroad service may receive additional benefits in an extended benefit period provided he/she has not voluntarily retired, has not left work without good cause (for unemployment benefits only), and is less than 65 years old (for sickness benefits only). Extended benefits are paid in a 13-week period.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act), enacted February 17, 2009, authorized payment of special extended unemployment benefits to railroad employees with jobless claims during the period from July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. Key provisions related to railroad unemployment benefits include the following:

- Railroad employees who previously were not eligible for extended unemployment benefits because they did not have 10 years of railroad service may be eligible for up to 65 days within an extended period consisting of 7 consecutive 2-week registration periods.
- Railroad employees who were previously eligible for extended unemployment benefits of up to 65 days may be eligible for extended benefits of up to 130 days within an extended period consisting of 13 consecutive 2-week registration periods.
- The special extended unemployment benefit periods can begin no later than December 31, 2009.

Enacted on November 6, 2009, the Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009 (WHBAA) contained an appropriation of \$175,000,000 to extend the provisions of the Recovery Act by one year. The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, enacted December 17, 2010, amended WHBAA to extend the temporary extended unemployment benefits provisions an additional year.

An employee was qualified for benefit year 2010-2011 if in the preceding calendar (base) year his(her) compensation for railroad work, excluding earnings over \$1,330 a month, was \$3,325 or more. Additionally, if the employee was a new entrant to the industry in the base year, he(she) must have had at least five months of service in that year. For a long-service employee (one with 10 or more years of railroad service) a benefit year could be started early if he(she) was not currently qualified but would be qualified for the next benefit year. Also, an extended benefit period could continue beyond the usual June 30 ending date of a benefit year and thus extend the duration of the employee's benefit year. Therefore, the tables in this section on payments for unemployment and sickness that occurred during the July 2010 - June 2011 period include benefits that technically were payable in extensions of the 2009-2010 benefit year or accelerations of the 2011-2012 benefit year as well as those payable for the general benefit year (2010-2011).

Table C1 shows the principal figures for operations in benefit year 2010-2011 and other recent years. Figures in this table refer to payments made and other administrative actions taken under the unemployment and sickness programs during the designated benefit year. Table C2 provides various unemployment and sickness benefit and beneficiary data for benefit years 1981-1982 through 2010-2011. Tables C3 through C7 contain benefit data for unemployment and sickness which occurred in claim periods paid during the particular benefit years stated in the table headings or to which reference is made in the footnotes. Table C8 is a graph of unemployment and sickness beneficiaries by month for benefit year 2010-2011. Table C9 shows the distribution of experience based contribution rates, by number of employers, for 2011.

Payments for maternity under a separate program were discontinued by amendments adopted in 1968. However, provision was made for payment of sickness benefits to female employees prevented from working because of pregnancy or childbirth. The sickness benefit data in this section include such payments.

The unemployment and sickness beneficiary tables for benefit year 2010-2011 include all payments made by June 30, 2011. Benefits are paid for compensable days of unemployment or sickness at a daily rate equal to 60 percent of the employee's last daily rate of pay in the base year, subject to a \$66.00 maximum and a \$12.70 minimum in benefit year 2010-2011.

The most important qualifications of the data for each table are shown in footnotes to the table.

**Table C1.-- Principal administrative data for the unemployment and sickness benefit programs,
benefit years 2006-2007 through 2010-2011, cash basis**

Item	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
Qualified employees.....	250,200	255,200	255,500	252,300	239,100
Maximum daily benefit rate.....	\$57	\$59	\$61	\$64	\$66
UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$29,627	\$32,212	\$77,804	\$138,175	\$51,424
Payments:¹					
Number.....	56,600	64,600	139,100	241,200	89,300
Average amount per two week					
claim period.....	\$499	\$519	\$520	\$553	\$566
Beneficiaries.....	9,500	10,100	21,400	24,800	11,600
Applications received.....	12,200	13,200	32,600	24,500	14,500
Claims received.....	68,800	78,000	166,900	265,900	101,100
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	1,800	2,000	3,100	7,500	2,800
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾	⁽³⁾
SICKNESS BENEFITS					
Net amount of benefits paid (thousands)	\$43,533	\$46,115	\$45,158	\$52,358	\$51,161
Payments:¹					
Number.....	128,300	122,400	117,200	120,000	117,100
Average amount per two week					
claim period.....	\$503	\$520	\$538	\$565	\$585
Beneficiaries.....	19,000	18,400	17,600	17,800	17,400
Applications received.....	23,300	22,500	21,500	21,500	21,200
Claims received.....	149,700	143,000	137,400	140,400	137,300
Normal benefit accounts exhausted.....	3,500	3,300	3,100	3,200	3,100
Non-compensable waiting period only²..	100	100	100	100	100

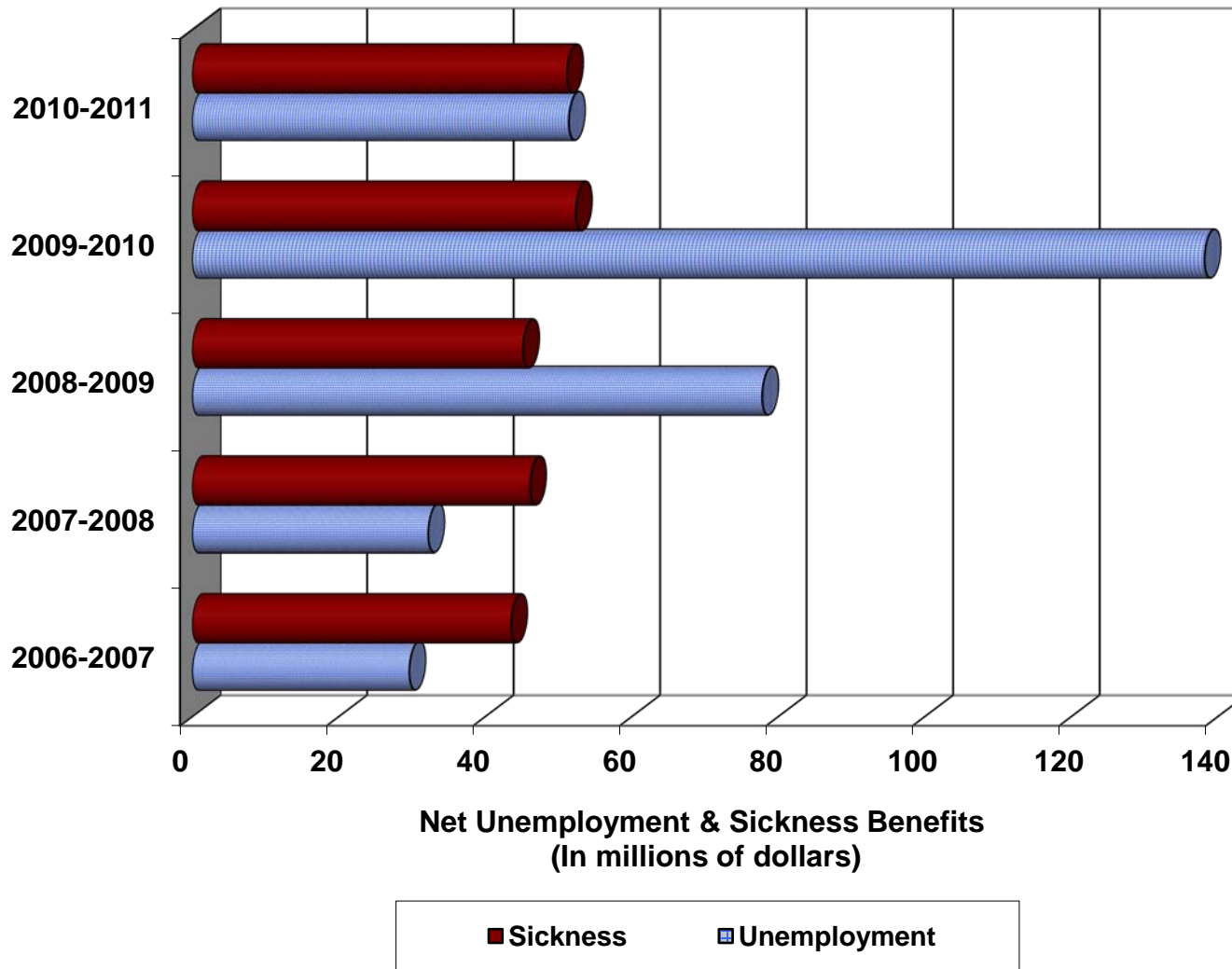
¹ Not adjusted for recoveries or settlements of underpayments.

² Benefits are payable for each day of unemployment or sickness in excess of 7 during the first 14-day registration period in a benefit year.

³ Less than 50.

NOTE.--Data covered program activities during the year, regardless of when unemployment or sickness occurred. 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. The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010, enacted December 17, 2010, extended the special unemployment benefit provisions for an additional year. Net benefits for these temporary payments were \$1,058,000 in benefit year 2008-2009, \$26,850,000 in 2009-2010 and \$9,388,000 in 2010-2011.

Table C1.--Net benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act, benefit years 2006-2007 through 2010-2011, cash basis



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, as amended by the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1981-1982 through 2010-2011

Year	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of gross benefits (thousands)	Beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees ¹	Benefit exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries ¹	Average per beneficiary				
					Creditable registration periods	Creditable/compensable days ²	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits	
								Total for year	Total per week ³
UNEMPLOYMENT									
1981-1982.....	145,200	\$258,822	24	26	8.5	105	\$24.98	\$1,783	\$124.90
1982-1983.....	174,700	398,448	30	37	10.6	134	24.99	2,281	124.95
1983-1984.....	108,500	209,126	21	28	9.2	114	24.98	1,928	124.90
1984-1985.....	80,000	127,437	17	19	7.9	96	24.98	1,594	124.90
1985-1986.....	86,800	142,795	19	19	8.0	98	24.98	1,645	124.90
1986-1987.....	75,200	127,235	18	8	8.2	68	24.72	1,693	123.60
1987-1988.....	54,400	84,938	14	18	7.5	63	24.72	1,561	123.60
1988-1989.....	35,200	59,047	10	15	7.0	59	28.29	1,679	141.45
1989-1990.....	29,900	57,488	9	17	7.5	64	30.14	1,921	150.70
1990-1991.....	30,500	63,315	9	18	7.9	67	30.85	2,078	154.25
1991-1992.....	26,400	⁴ 62,185	8	21	8.7	76	30.94	2,353	154.70
1992-1993.....	20,700	⁴ 51,150	7	19	8.5	75	32.82	2,466	164.10
1993-1994.....	18,600	44,016	6	16	8.1	71	32.94	2,348	164.70
1994-1995.....	18,700	39,670	6	15	6.8	59	35.73	2,120	178.65
1995-1996.....	16,800	42,263	6	19	7.8	69	35.86	2,461	179.30
1996-1997.....	15,300	40,228	5	18	7.2	63	40.57	2,564	202.85
1997-1998.....	11,300	30,175	4	18	6.9	60	42.78	2,571	213.90
1998-1999.....	12,600	35,354	5	16	7.0	62	43.81	2,719	219.05
1999-2000.....	13,700	38,317	5	13	6.9	61	45.51	2,759	227.56
2000-2001.....	16,700	46,120	6	13	6.6	57	47.81	2,736	239.05
2001-2002.....	17,800	51,398	7	14	6.7	58	49.62	2,862	248.08
2002-2003.....	15,400	49,563	6	17	7.1	62	51.45	3,182	257.27
2003-2004.....	11,700	41,315	5	19	7.4	64	54.38	3,503	271.89
2004-2005.....	9,300	34,394	4	21	7.4	66	55.27	3,633	276.34
2005-2006.....	8,900	30,478	4	18	6.9	61	55.27	3,393	276.35
2006-2007.....	9,500	32,529	4	17	6.8	60	56.29	3,398	281.47
2007-2008.....	10,100	38,187	4	18	7.2	64	58.40	3,732	292.01
2008-2009.....	21,400	⁵ 82,572	8	13	7.4	63	60.66	3,846	303.32
2009-2010.....	24,800	⁵ 142,609	10	30	10.3	90	63.43	5,715	317.14
2010-2011.....	11,600	⁵ 55,623	5	24	8.4	73	65.23	4,742	326.15

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1981-1982 through 2010-2011 - Continued

Year	Number of beneficiaries	Amount of gross benefits (thousands)	Beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees ¹	Benefit exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries ¹	Average per beneficiary				
					Creditable registration periods	Creditable/compensable days ²	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits	
								Total for year	Total per week ³
SICKNESS									
1981-1982.....	66,400	\$83,570	11	12	5.4	72	\$24.85	\$1,255	\$124.25
1982-1983.....	59,300	81,077	10	15	5.8	78	24.88	1,366	124.40
1983-1984.....	52,000	70,000	10	14	5.8	77	24.88	1,346	124.40
1984-1985.....	48,100	65,763	10	14	5.9	78	24.88	1,368	124.40
1985-1986.....	46,400	69,114	10	17	6.4	85	24.88	1,491	124.40
1986-1987.....	45,200	72,678	11	19	6.9	65	24.69	1,609	123.45
1987-1988.....	41,700	66,809	11	18	6.9	65	24.74	1,602	123.70
1988-1989.....	33,700	62,115	9	19	7.1	67	27.63	1,845	138.15
1989-1990.....	28,200	58,337	8	20	7.2	68	30.24	2,068	151.20
1990-1991.....	25,600	54,528	8	21	7.4	69	30.81	2,133	154.05
1991-1992.....	23,600	52,666	7	21	7.7	72	30.97	2,232	154.85
1992-1993.....	21,800	50,693	7	20	7.6	71	32.80	2,323	164.00
1993-1994.....	21,600	50,613	7	16	7.5	71	32.98	2,328	164.90
1994-1995.....	21,000	54,006	7	20	7.7	72	35.74	2,573	178.70
1995-1996.....	20,400	55,437	7	21	7.9	74	35.94	2,652	179.70
1996-1997.....	20,500	60,566	7	21	7.6	70	40.18	2,825	200.90
1997-1998.....	20,500	63,356	7	18	7.7	69	42.90	2,967	214.50
1998-1999.....	20,600	64,203	8	16	7.6	68	43.91	2,999	219.55
1999-2000.....	22,000	69,992	8	17	7.8	69	45.75	3,152	228.73
2000-2001.....	23,000	78,584	8	19	7.9	71	47.88	3,388	239.42
2001-2002.....	23,000	84,125	9	21	8.2	73	49.85	3,629	249.25
2002-2003.....	22,400	83,690	9	19	8.0	71	51.83	3,701	259.17
2003-2004.....	21,600	83,718	9	19	7.9	70	54.80	3,848	274.02
2004-2005.....	20,200	78,547	8	18	7.8	69	55.89	3,855	279.46
2005-2006.....	19,700	76,041	8	17	7.7	69	55.93	3,835	279.63
2006-2007.....	19,000	73,140	8	17	7.6	67	56.83	3,814	284.17
2007-2008.....	18,400	72,336	7	17	7.5	66	58.76	3,896	293.78
2008-2009.....	17,600	71,704	7	17	7.5	67	60.69	4,040	303.45
2009-2010.....	17,800	76,991	7	17	7.6	68	63.62	4,298	318.11
2010-2011.....	17,400	77,555	7	17	7.6	68	65.66	4,441	328.28

See footnotes at end of table.

Table C2.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, benefit averages, and related data, by benefit year, 1981-1982 through 2010-2011 - Continued

¹ Through benefit year 1985-1986, beneficiaries per 100 qualified employees based on data for current general benefit year; exhaustions per 100 beneficiaries refer to normal benefits only.

² Compensable days data was first used in benefit year 1986-1987. Previous years data refers to creditable days.

³ Benefit for full week of unemployment or sickness.

⁴ Includes benefits under Title V of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act of 1991, as amended, which provided extended unemployment benefits to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional extended benefits to those with 10-14 years.

⁵ Includes benefits under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and the Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009, as amended, which provided extended unemployment benefits to claimants with less than 10 years of service and additional extended benefits to those with 10 or more years of service.

NOTE.--Data include all unemployment and sickness in claims periods begun in the year. For this reason, and because adjustments of benefit amounts have occurred after tabulating cutoff dates, the total amounts of benefits differ substantially from the figures in Tables A1 and C1. Beginning in benefit year 1986-1987 the table was compiled using different source materials than those used in previous years.

Table C3.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries in benefit year 2010-2011 and selected data, by completed years of service

Completed years of service	Beneficiaries		Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days on benefit rolls	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
UNEMPLOYMENT					
Under 10.....	7,740	8	71	\$65.25	\$4,629
10-14	1,567	4	84	65.33	5,474
15 and over	2,332	2	71	65.09	4,623
Total	11,639	5	73	\$65.23	\$4,742
SICKNESS					
Under 10.....	6,203	6	59	\$65.42	\$3,860
10-14	2,621	7	72	65.26	4,683
15 and over	8,538	8	73	65.91	4,788
Total	17,362	7	68	\$65.66	\$4,441

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2010-2011**

States	Unemployment benefits ¹		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
Alabama	213	\$965,000	270	\$1,093,000
Alaska	70	489,000	2	11,000
Arizona	229	1,085,000	174	780,000
Arkansas	147	712,000	272	1,124,000
California	795	4,191,000	1,081	4,986,000
Colorado	202	1,010,000	212	824,000
Connecticut	32	193,000	105	445,000
Delaware	29	130,000	109	488,000
Washington DC	13	122,000	22	106,000
Florida	304	1,842,000	329	1,515,000
Georgia	357	1,798,000	472	2,239,000
Hawaii .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Idaho	89	403,000	114	460,000
Illinois	863	4,482,000	1,466	6,440,000
Indiana	434	2,037,000	706	3,264,000
Iowa	337	1,301,000	270	1,058,000
Kansas	289	978,000	334	1,222,000
Kentucky	289	1,272,000	471	2,426,000
Louisiana	209	1,316,000	248	1,192,000
Maine	82	436,000	52	248,000
Maryland	158	964,000	371	1,685,000
Massachusetts	96	581,000	263	1,301,000
Michigan	266	1,153,000	373	1,783,000
Minnesota	276	992,000	314	1,271,000
Mississippi	98	639,000	124	513,000
Missouri	487	1,810,000	476	2,076,000
Montana	243	1,248,000	133	573,000
Nebraska	586	2,106,000	835	3,133,000
Nevada	65	302,000	36	150,000
New Hampshire	23	143,000	35	140,000
New Jersey	196	1,243,000	783	3,098,000
New Mexico	70	355,000	101	476,000

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table C4.--Unemployment and sickness beneficiaries, and total gross benefits for the year,
by state, benefit year 2010-2011 - Continued**

States	Unemployment benefits ¹		Sickness benefits	
	Beneficiaries	Total amount	Beneficiaries	Total amount
New York	484	\$2,556,000	870	\$4,108,000
North Carolina	158	963,000	203	892,000
North Dakota	81	364,000	127	511,000
Ohio	419	2,089,000	719	3,274,000
Oklahoma	99	591,000	97	440,000
Oregon	177	763,000	180	772,000
Pennsylvania	393	1,852,000	1,100	5,318,000
Rhode Island	12	84,000	42	193,000
South Carolina	127	641,000	168	659,000
South Dakota	69	272,000	63	262,000
Tennessee	218	983,000	382	1,738,000
Texas	632	2,996,000	1,032	4,937,000
Utah	161	640,000	124	518,000
Vermont	11	49,000	13	67,000
Virginia	223	1,108,000	495	2,413,000
Washington	186	840,000	327	1,425,000
West Virginia	174	642,000	320	1,596,000
Wisconsin	285	1,196,000	351	1,477,000
Wyoming	183	698,000	188	814,000
Total²	11,639	\$55,623,000	17,362	\$77,555,000

¹ 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, as amended.

² Includes beneficiaries whose state of residence was unknown.

NOTE.--Detail may not add to totals due to rounding.

Data is partly estimated.

Table C5.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 2010-2011 unemployment, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2010	Number of beneficiaries				Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Female	Qualified employees	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days of unemployment	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
Under 25	247	16	4,100	6	73	\$64.54	\$4,693
25 to 29	1,328	65	15,700	8	68	65.38	4,466
30 to 34	1,720	99	23,700	7	70	65.51	4,604
35 to 39	1,708	102	28,400	6	73	65.28	4,779
40 to 44	1,805	107	29,000	6	72	65.54	4,706
45 to 49	1,418	121	27,600	5	76	65.06	4,940
50 to 54	1,346	117	36,300	4	77	65.07	4,994
55 to 59	1,365	102	45,900	3	73	65.18	4,753
60 to 64	613	52	24,300	3	75	64.62	4,833
65 to 69	78	4	3,200	2	65	63.00	4,073
70 and older	11	.....	600	2	49	58.76	2,858
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male	10,854	.....	217,300	5	71	\$65.29	\$4,620
Female	785	785	21,500	4	99	\$64.66	\$6,428
Total ¹	11,639	785	239,100	5	73	\$65.23	\$4,742

¹ Includes employees whose sex and/or age was not reported.

NOTE.-- Beneficiary figures based on payments made in the year, regardless of the benefit year for which payment was made. Qualified employees for 2010-2011 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2009 compensation.

Table C6.--Beneficiaries and selected averages for benefit year 2010-2011 sickness, by age and sex

Age on birthday in 2010	Number of beneficiaries				Average per beneficiary		
	Total	Female	Qualified employees	Per 100 qualified employees	Compensable days of unemployment	Daily benefit	Amount of benefits for year
Under 25	115	14	4,100	3	53	\$64.86	\$3,418
25 to 29	684	106	15,700	4	57	65.25	3,716
30 to 34	1,226	197	23,700	5	56	65.64	3,652
35 to 39	1,592	196	28,400	6	64	65.71	4,178
40 to 44	2,003	251	29,000	7	64	65.63	4,213
45 to 49	1,901	267	27,600	7	65	65.53	4,233
50 to 54	2,812	309	36,300	8	69	65.73	4,514
55 to 59	4,333	272	45,900	9	74	65.85	4,878
60 to 64	2,370	197	24,300	10	73	65.77	4,801
65 to 69	291	35	3,200	9	66	64.06	4,246
70 and older	35	7	600	6	59	51.32	3,023
ALL BENEFICIARIES							
Male	15,511	.....	217,300	7	68	\$65.71	\$4,478
Female	1,851	1,851	21,500	9	63	\$65.19	\$4,127
Total ¹	17,362	1,851	239,100	7	68	\$65.66	\$4,441

¹ Includes employees whose sex and/or age was not reported.

NOTE.-- Beneficiary figures based on payments made in the year, regardless of the benefit year for which payment was made. Qualified employees for 2010-2011 benefit year are those qualified on the basis of 2009 compensation.

Table C7.--Beneficiaries and average compensable days for benefit year 2010-2011 sickness, by type of sickness

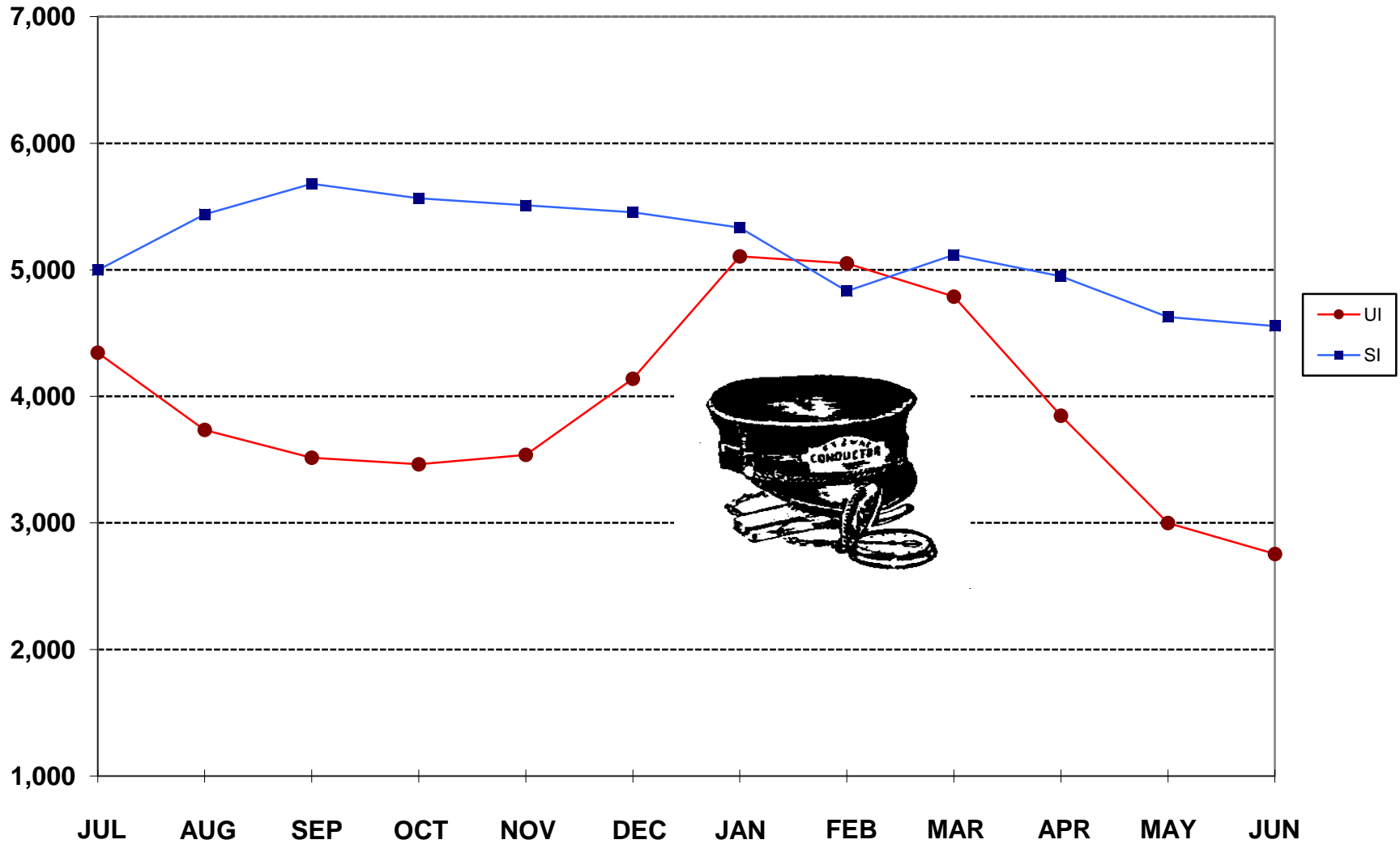
International list no.	Type of sickness	Beneficiaries	Average compensable days of sickness
001-139	Infective and parasitic diseases	86	51
140-239	Neoplasms.....	880	69
240-279	Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases and immunity disorders.....	261	77
280-289	Diseases of the blood and blood forming organs.....	23	63
290-319	Mental disorders.....	1,835	70
320-389	Diseases of the nervous system and sense organs.....	849	66
390-459	Diseases of the circulatory system.....	1,349	64
460-519	Diseases of the respiratory system.....	520	53
520-579	Diseases of the digestive system.....	1,132	33
580-629	Diseases of the genitourinary system.....	201	52
630-679	Pregnancy, childbirth, and the puerperium, total ¹	263	48
680-709	Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue.....	195	43
710-739	Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue.....	3,941	87
740-759	Congenital anomalies.....	194	55
780-799	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions and perinatal morbidity and mortality.....	1,136	60
800-999	Injury and complications of poisoning.....	4,497	67
Total.....		17,362	68

¹ Includes normal periods of pregnancy and the puerperium in addition to morbidities included in the classifications numbered 630-679.

NOTE.--Type of sickness is determined by the first sickness for which payment was made. Classification by sickness group is in accordance with The International Classification of Diseases, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM), United States Government.

**TABLE C8. - UI & SI BENEFICIARIES
BY MONTH FOR BENEFIT YEAR 2010-2011**

Beneficiaries



**TABLE C9. - EXPERIENCE RATING DISTRIBUTION,
BY NUMBER OF EMPLOYERS, 2011**

EMPLOYERS

