

## FRINGE BENEFITS

## **EMPLOYEES OF RAIL CARRIERS PARTY TO NATIONAL BARGAINING**

The following breakdown represents the estimated value of fringe benefits accruing to operating craft employees with annual wages of \$168,600/\$125,100<sup>1</sup> during calendar year 2024. The values set forth are computed based on costs and rates of pay actually known as of January 2024:

PAID BY THE CARRIER <sup>2</sup>	PER YEAR	PER MONTH <sup>3</sup>
Railroad Retirement Tier I Tax (6.2%)	\$10,453.20	\$871.10
Railroad Retirement Tier II Tax (13.1%)	\$16,388.10	\$1,365.68
Railroad Unemployment Insurance (RUIA) Tax <sup>4</sup>	\$1,429.20	\$119.10
Medicare Part A Hospital Insurance (1.45%) <sup>5</sup>	\$2,444.70	\$203.73
Health & Welfare Plan (GA-23000/GA-690100) Incl. Life/AD&D	\$24,111.12	\$2,009.26
Retiree Health & Welfare Plan (GA-46000)	\$587.40	\$48.95
Dental Plan (GP-12000)	\$829.80	\$69.15
Vision Plan	\$102.72	\$8.56
Vacations <sup>6</sup>	\$15,403.85	\$1,283.65
Holidays/Personal Leave Days <sup>7</sup>	\$3,932.40	\$327.70
Paid Sick Leave <sup>8</sup>	\$1,638.50	\$136.54
Total	\$77,320.99	\$6,443.42

PAID BY THE EMPLOYEE	PER YEAR	PER MONTH
Railroad Retirement Tier I Tax (6.2%)	\$10,453.20	\$871.10
Railroad Retirement Tier II Tax (4.9%)	\$6,129.90	\$510.83
Medicare Part A Hospital Insurance (1.45%)	\$2,444.70	\$203.73
Health & Welfare Contribution <sup>9</sup>	\$3,710.52	\$309.21
Total	\$22,738.32	\$1,894.87

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> \$168,600 represents the minimum annual wage subject to a maximum railroad retirement Tier I tax. \$125,100 represents the minimum annual wage subject to the maximum railroad retirement Tier II tax.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Items not listed here include jury duty pay, bereavement pay, AD&D and liability insurance as part of the Off-track Vehicle Accident provisions, and other miscellaneous items attributable to fringe benefits that cannot be accurately estimated based on available information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Per year total divided on a pro rata basis per calendar month, and rounded to the nearest 1 cent equivalent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This tax requirement will vary from year to year based upon the individual carrier's experience rating. The amount shown here is based on the tax rate of 6.0%, and based on the first \$1,985.00 of the employee's earnings each month (\$23,820.00 per year). The maximum rate is 12%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Medicare hospitalization insurance is taxed at a rate of 1.45% with no annual maximum applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Taxable to employee as income and varies for each employee based on years of seniority, minimum service requirements, and on-property CBA provisions. Calculation based on 5 weeks of vacation, with previous year earnings of \$160,200 (2023 maximum railroad retirement Tier I tax amount).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Taxable to employee as income and may vary based on years of seniority, minimum service requirements, and on-property CBA provisions. Calculation based on 11 holidays or personal leave days, plus 1 additional personal leave day as per Public Law No. 117-216, at the 5-day yard service rate applicable to SMART-TD Conductors as of July 1, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Taxable to employee as income, and varies based on applicable on-property CBA provisions. Calculation based on 5 paid sick days, at the 5-day yard service rate applicable to SMART-TD Conductors as of July 1, 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Employee contribution to H&W Plan is fixed at 15% of the carriers' total premiums as per Public Law No. 117-216 (\$309.21/month in 2024).