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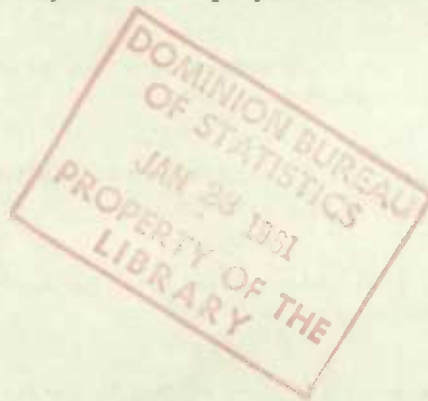
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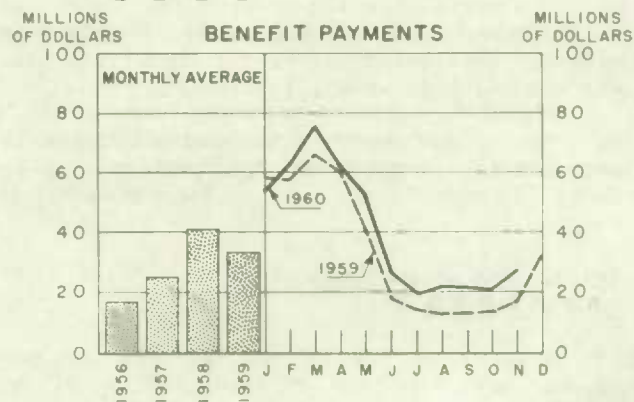
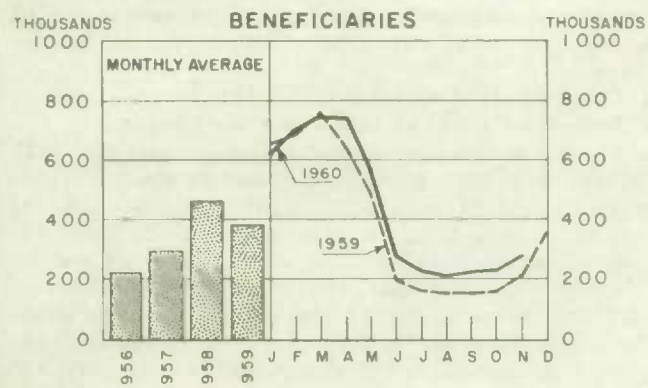
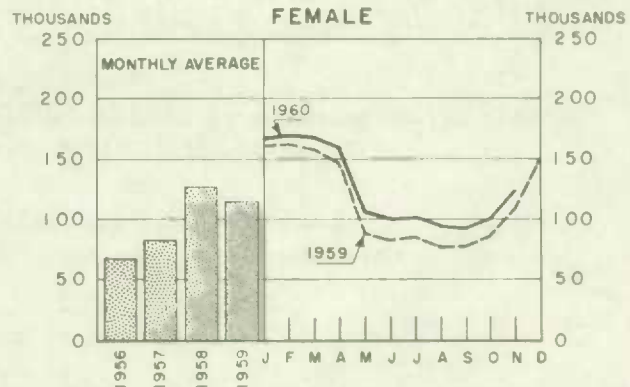
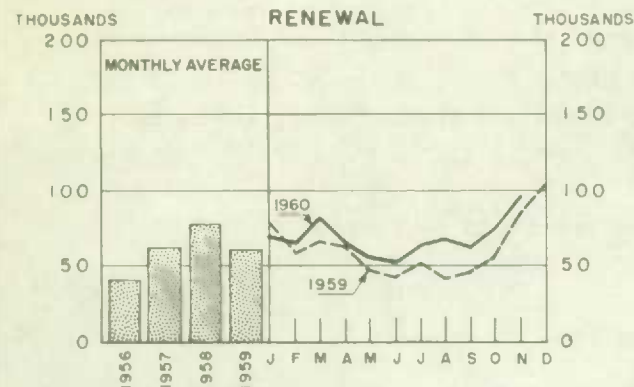
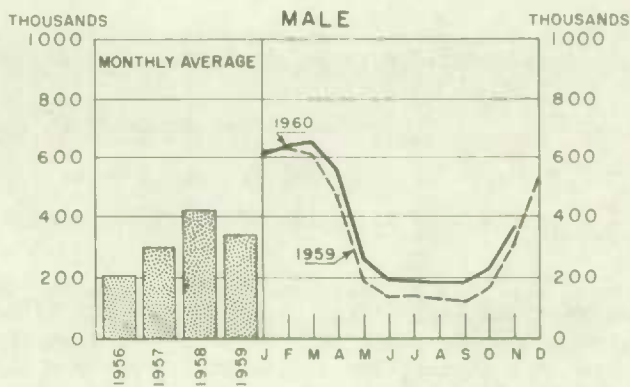
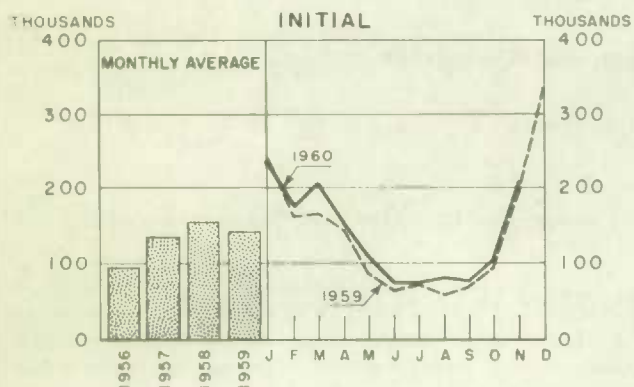
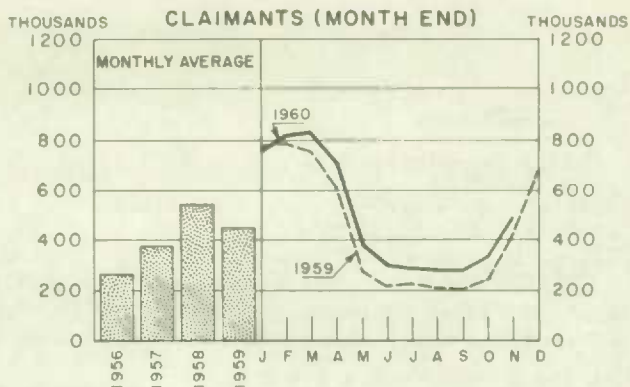
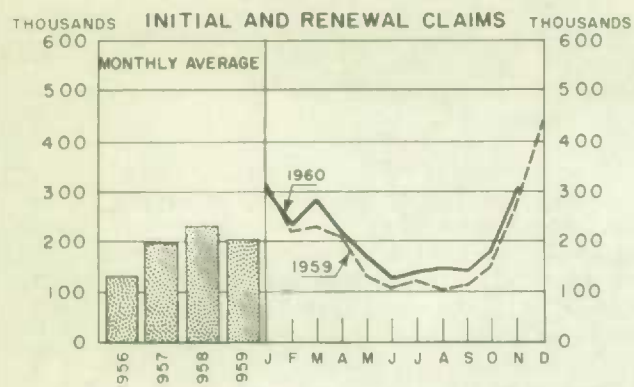
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS AND BENEFIT

November 1960

Claimants at month-end:
volume and type

benefit, as against 5,000 for the same date last year.

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on November 30 numbered 485,200, an increase of 155,000 over October 31, and 68,000 more than on November 30, 1959. Males accounted for more than 85 per cent of the October-November increase. Some 15,000 of the current claimants were identified as seasonal

The pattern of distribution of the claimant group according to the number of weeks on claim underwent a significant change, on November 30, as a sharp rise occurred in the number of those on claim two weeks or less. This was particularly true for males.

Number of weeks on claim

	all cases	2 or less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	over 20	4 or less	5 or more
<u>Percentage increase in claimants over October 31, 1960</u>										
Total	47	81	45	41	25	19	17	2	72	22
Male	58	91	56	52	30	29	22	3	82	30
Female	21	49	17	16	15	4	9	-	40	9

The sharp increase in the number of claims pending, (from 50,000 on October 31 to 104,000 on November 30, see Table 4), suggests that the claims for a substantial portion of the 221,000 in the two weeks or less class have not yet been completely processed.

In comparison with last year, there is a substantial increase in the number of persons on claim over three months, and again this pattern is more marked for males than for females:

Number of weeks on claim

	all cases	2 or less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	over 20	12 or less	13 or more
<u>Percentage increase in claimants over November 30, 1959</u>										
Total	16	6	4	28	38	54	42	33	12	40
Male	18	5	5	37	54	78	65	45	13	58
Female	11	8	1	7	13	23	18	19	8	20

The average period of time on claim, as at November 30, was estimated to have been slightly over seven weeks, in comparison with six and one-half weeks, last year.

Thirty per cent of the current claimants were postal, compared with 26 per cent on October 31 and 32 per cent on November 30 last year.

Initial and renewal claims:
receipt and disposal

A total of 304,400 initial and renewal claims were received at local offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission during No-

vember, seventy per cent more than the October total of 178,200 and about ten per cent in excess of the 278,600 filed in November 1959.

The month-to-month increase in initial claims was 100 per cent whereas renewal claims were up by 31 per cent. During the latter part of November, claims failing the regular contribution requirements are considered under the seasonal benefit provisions though benefit may not be paid until the Monday of the week in which December 1 falls. This explains, in part, the relatively larger increase in initial claims.

In comparison with one year ago, renewal claims are up by 14 per cent, while a seven per cent rise occurred in initial claims.

The failure rate on initial claims processed declined from 30 per cent for October to 24 per cent in November. Last November, 25 per cent of the initial claims processed were thus classified.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 272,900 for November, 225,900 for October and 209,600 for November 1959. Benefit payments amounted to \$26.6 million for November, \$20.7 million for October and \$17.5 million for November 1959. The average weekly payment was \$23.19, \$22.86 and \$20.85, respectively, for the months under review. These data are discussed in greater detail in the two final paragraphs of this commentary.

Examination of columns 4 and 5 of the summary table, page 5, reveals that during November, beneficiaries, weeks and amount paid increased at a relatively slower rate than claimants, while the reverse occurred on a year-over-year basis. These percentage changes reflect the variation in the composition of claimants, in comparison with last year and with the previous month, referred to in the opening paragraphs of this text. The relatively larger increase in amount over weeks of benefit in comparison with last year is due mainly to the operation of the four new benefit rates arising out of the amendments of September 1959.

Claims and benefit payments, by province

The monthly increment in the November claimant total was relatively larger in the Atlantic and Prairie provinces than elsewhere:

Percentage change in claimants

	October 31 to November 30, 1960			November 30, 1959 to November 30, 1960			October 30 to November 30, 1959		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	+ 47	+ 58	+21	+16	+18	+11	+ 67	+ 88	+27
Nfld.	+138	+161	+26	+32	+32	+36	+120	+139	+20
P.E.I.	+188	+240	+87	- 2	- 3	+ 1	+208	+279	+85
N.S.	+ 60	+ 70	+21	+31	+37	+ 5	+ 57	+ 70	+19
N.B.	+ 66	+ 77	+34	+11	+14	-	+ 80	+ 96	+41
Que.	+ 41	+ 49	+24	+14	+16	+11	+ 57	+ 72	+29
Ont.	+ 31	+ 39	+15	+ 8	+ 8	+10	+ 66	+ 94	+22
Man.	+ 81	+111	+21	+37	+39	+28	+ 84	+112	+30
Sask.	+100	+143	+22	+10	+11	+ 6	+ 96	+130	+29
Alta.	+ 67	+ 88	+20	+30	+37	+11	+ 92	+123	+39
B.C.	+ 50	+ 59	+27	+25	+29	+13	+ 59	+ 73	+27

Variations in the monthly increases, for the provinces, are associated with the commencement of the seasonal benefit period and the relatively greater importance of these claims for certain regions. Examination of the

October-November increase among the group coming on claim after the middle of the month, i.e., those who had been on claim two weeks or less, suggests this to be a factor.

Percentage increase, October to November 1960, in the volume of persons two weeks or less on claim

Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
+ 81	+265	+353	+136	+108	+ 73	+ 59	+ 97	+150	+ 93	+ 78

The predominance of males among the new cases during the month is reflected in the following table:

Percentage of male claimants, November 30, by number of weeks on claim and province

	<u>Weeks on claim</u>							
	Total	2 or less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	over 20
Canada	75	81	79	75	68	65	60	59
Nfld.	91	95	94	89	82	75	74	76
P.E.I.	78	83	78	77	56	55	68	48
N.S.	85	90	85	84	79	73	72	75
N.B.	80	84	80	80	78	76	66	70
Que.	72	78	77	73	69	64	55	55
Ont.	71	77	75	71	65	64	62	57
Man.	78	83	80	79	66	65	64	58
Sask.	78	87	83	76	60	55	60	55
Alta.	77	86	82	75	61	60	56	57
B.C.	78	83	81	79	72	68	64	60

Percentage changes in claims filed by province, are as follows:

	<u>October to November 1960</u>			<u>November 1959 to November 1960</u>			<u>October to November 1959</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 71	+100	+ 31	+ 9	+ 7	+ 14	+ 84	+101	+ 55
Nfld.	+258	+343	+ 72	+35	+34	+ 40	+197	+258	+ 49
P.E.I.	+330	+447	+106	- 7	-10	+ 7	+359	+462	+119
N.S.	+ 42	+ 77	+ 13	+39	+ 6	+133	+ 64	+ 85	+ 25
N.B.	+105	+139	+ 48	+ 6	+ 1	+ 20	+ 99	+124	+ 46
Que.	+ 67	+ 95	+ 27	+11	+ 8	+ 18	+ 72	+ 93	+ 36
Ont.	+ 49	+ 67	+ 24	- 4	- 4	- 4	+ 87	+ 93	+ 78
Man.	+107	+126	+ 73	+23	+17	+ 41	+ 98	+115	+ 60
Sask.	+143	+171	+ 88	+10	+ 8	+ 15	+ 99	+109	+ 74
Alta.	+ 90	+109	+ 61	+16	+13	+ 23	+ 99	+118	+ 69
B.C.	+ 77	+115	+ 24	+21	+22	+ 19	+ 71	+ 91	+ 38

The size of the average benefit payment varies substantially by province. Comparison with last year (column 3 of the following table) provides an indication of the varying impact of the higher benefit rates. Though effective as of September 27, 1959 the higher rates did not cause upward pressure on the average until late in the spring. The summer low usually drops below the average for the previous late fall months and is, normally, well under the high for the previous winter. However, the low for this summer (\$21.81 in July) exceeded the previous November and December (\$20.85 and \$21.51) and was almost on a

par with the previous January average of \$21.91. The rise since July has been substantial.

The national average of \$23.19 was attained only by Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia, whereas one year ago Newfoundland and Manitoba also exceeded the national average. Thus, while the average weekly payment has increased for all provinces, there is a substantial variation in the extent to which the provinces have participated in the higher rates. This reflects the differing levels of earnings, for the provinces.

Average weekly payment

	November		Increase over last year
	1960 (1)	1959 (2)	(3)
		(dollars)	
Canada	23.19	20.85	2.34
Newfoundland	22.98	21.53	1.45
Prince Edward Island	19.63	18.16	1.47
Nova Scotia	21.03	18.21	2.82
New Brunswick	21.55	19.11	2.44
Quebec	22.56	20.38	2.18
Ontario	23.63	21.29	2.34
Manitoba	22.92	20.91	2.01
Saskatchewan	22.28	20.57	1.71
Alberta	23.41	21.42	1.99
British Columbia	24.77	21.93	2.84

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	Nov. 1960	Oct. 1960	Nov. 1959	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Oct. 1960	Nov. 1959	Calendar year		12 months ending November	
						1960	1959	1960	1959
		(Thousands)				(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,125	4,131	4,097*	..	4,111*
Initial and renewal claims filed	304	178	279	+71	+ 9	2,252	1,987	2,694	2,462
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	485	330	417	+47	+16	497*	433*	513*	457*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	273	226	210	+21	+30	433*	387*	427*	386*
Weeks compensated	1,146	903	838	+27	+37	19,910	17,652	21,428	19,210
Benefit paid \$	26,584	20,651	17,479	+29	+52	442,071	373,436	474,732	406,994
Average weekly benefit \$	23.19	22.86	20.85	+ 1	+11	22.20	21.16	22.15	21.19

* Monthly average.

Table 1. - Estimates of the Insured Population under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1960 - October	4,124,900	3,794,700	330,200
September	4,037,000	3,757,500	279,500
August	4,040,000	3,759,800	280,200
July	4,024,000	3,729,900	294,100
June	4,048,000	3,751,600	296,400
May	3,988,000	3,623,700	364,300
April	4,222,000	3,507,100	714,900
March	4,307,000	3,484,000	823,000
February	4,308,000	3,493,800	814,200
January	4,296,000	3,513,500	782,500
1959 - December	4,295,000	3,609,300	685,700
November	4,131,000	3,713,500	417,500

Table 2. - Number of Initial and Renewal Claims Filed in Local Offices in each Province. (1)

Prov.	1960 - November - 1959					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	304,416	207,409	97,007	278,592	193,734	84,858
Nfld.	12,115	10,276	1,839	8,974	7,665	1,309
P.E.I.	1,990	1,662	328	2,149	1,843	306
N.S.	14,347	8,096	6,251	10,331	7,650	2,681
N.B.	11,527	8,360	3,167	10,900	8,265	2,635
Que.	84,982	58,461	26,521	76,737	54,269	22,468
Ont.	92,992	60,083	32,909	96,778	62,487	34,291
Man.	14,635	10,380	4,255	11,867	8,851	3,016
Sask.	10,126	7,458	2,668	9,196	6,877	2,319
Alta.	18,759	12,353	6,406	16,110	10,913	5,197
B.C.	42,943	30,280	12,663	35,550	24,914	10,636

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 41,424

Table 3. - Claimants* Currently Reporting to Local Offices by Number of Weeks on Claim, Province and Sex, and Percentage Postal.

(Counted on last working day of the month)

Prov. and Sex	Total claimants	Number of weeks on claim							Percent- age Postal	November 30, 1959 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
	November 30, 1960									
CANADA -	485,177	220,925	60,053	73,222	41,677	26,881	17,366	45,053	30.1	417,541
MALE	364,136	179,302	47,125	54,762	28,480	17,468	10,497	26,502	32.4	308,477
FEMALE	121,041	41,623	12,928	18,460	13,197	9,413	6,869	18,551	23.5	109,064
Nfld.	16,401	9,738	1,812	1,763	754	512	466	1,356	73.4	12,427
Male	14,928	9,289	1,700	1,563	618	386	346	1,026	75.7	11,341
Female	1,473	449	112	200	136	126	120	330	49.8	1,086
P.E.I.	2,576	1,698	277	234	110	64	44	149	73.3	3,626
Male	1,999	1,407	215	179	62	35	30	71	76.0	2,053
Female	577	291	62	55	48	29	14	78	64.1	573
N.S.	22,561	11,597	2,185	2,900	1,803	1,027	711	2,338	40.7	17,197
Male	19,190	10,466	1,864	2,425	1,425	747	510	1,753	41.2	13,984
Female	3,371	1,131	321	475	378	280	201	585	37.6	3,213
N.B.	18,745	8,415	2,554	2,956	1,453	1,076	635	1,656	58.1	16,845
Male	14,954	7,039	2,031	2,370	1,127	814	419	1,154	59.3	13,068
Female	3,791	1,376	523	586	326	262	216	502	53.6	3,777
Que.	140,109	62,979	17,185	21,092	12,532	7,774	5,241	13,306	30.1	122,529
Male	101,468	49,112	13,180	15,413	8,633	4,939	2,856	7,335	32.8	87,818
Female	38,641	13,867	4,005	5,679	3,899	2,835	2,385	5,971	23.2	34,711
Ont.	155,506	66,029	18,857	23,745	14,246	9,743	6,245	16,641	20.7	143,364
Male	110,964	51,036	14,140	16,886	9,311	6,226	3,851	9,514	21.0	102,746
Female	44,542	14,993	4,717	6,859	4,935	3,517	2,394	7,127	19.9	40,618
Man.	22,218	10,496	3,097	3,773	1,690	1,097	612	1,453	25.6	16,268
Male	17,240	8,754	2,463	2,964	1,110	710	390	849	28.9	12,365
Female	4,978	1,742	634	809	580	387	222	604	14.1	3,903
Sask.	13,834	7,050	1,917	1,979	881	664	391	952	48.3	12,623
Male	10,847	6,105	1,599	1,498	525	367	234	519	52.2	9,816
Female	2,987	945	318	481	356	297	157	433	34.2	2,807
Alta.	27,471	12,741	3,859	4,429	2,294	1,381	878	1,889	28.3	21,140
Male	21,271	10,984	3,180	3,307	1,400	826	490	1,084	30.5	15,534
Female	6,200	1,757	679	1,122	894	555	388	805	20.7	5,606
B.C.	65,756	30,182	8,310	10,351	5,914	3,543	2,143	5,313	27.0	52,522
Male	51,275	25,110	6,753	8,157	4,269	2,418	1,371	3,197	28.5	39,752
Female	14,481	5,072	1,557	2,194	1,645	1,125	772	2,116	21.9	12,770

* Changes in the wording of this heading do not involve any change in concept.

Table 4. - Disposition of Initial and Renewal Claims and Claims Pending at the End of the Month.*

Prov.	A d j u d i c a t e d					P e n d i n g	
	Total	Entitled to Benefit		Not Entitled to Benefit		Initial	Renewal
		Initial	Renewal	Initial	Renewal		
November - 1960							
Canada -	250,461	110,467	87,057	48,046	4,891	81,320	22,748
Nfld.	7,268	4,274	1,497	1,391	106	5,585	556
P.E.I.	1,150	726	263	136	25	920	77
N.S.	12,247	4,615	5,919	1,511	202	3,427	1,057
N.B.	9,266	4,892	2,908	1,327	139	3,264	656
Que.	69,427	31,194	24,086	12,842	1,305	23,951	6,125
Ont.	79,326	33,200	29,647	14,804	1,675	23,491	7,850
Man.	12,406	6,213	3,360	2,597	236	2,784	1,293
Sask.	7,998	4,003	2,118	1,727	150	2,610	786
Alta.	16,078	7,155	5,675	2,936	312	3,873	1,479
B.C.	35,295	14,195	11,584	8,775	741	11,415	2,869
November - 1959							
Canada -	221,207	97,901	74,005	45,386	3,915	80,524	18,513
Nfld.	4,872	2,437	1,093	1,272	70	4,966	416
P.E.I.	1,439	903	268	255	13	800	57
N.S.	7,430	3,177	2,354	1,758	141	3,898	659
N.B.	8,019	3,709	2,304	1,866	140	3,998	677
Que.	61,297	28,876	19,255	12,018	1,148	21,950	5,190
Ont.	78,569	32,986	30,305	13,959	1,319	24,856	6,445
Man.	10,086	4,979	2,587	2,354	166	2,728	754
Sask.	7,459	3,552	1,925	1,892	90	2,503	603
Alta.	13,748	6,226	4,596	2,738	188	4,572	1,532
B.C.	28,288	11,056	9,318	7,274	640	10,253	2,180

* In addition 39,182 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 4,568 were special requests not granted and 1,405 were appeals by claimants. There were 10,514 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during November 1960 and 1959 with Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement.

Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement	Year	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Benefit period not established	1960*	38,620	1,143	98	1,113	1,004	10,370	11,639	1,898	1,314	2,279	7,762
	1959	36,444	1,025	214	1,445	1,580	9,542	10,949	1,845	1,505	2,116	6,223
Claimants disqualified	1960	27,565	671	102	992	821	8,537	9,938	1,382	811	1,473	2,838
	1959	21,028	491	71	788	675	6,461	7,424	875	651	1,136	2,456
Not unemployed	1960	627	18	1	31	20	184	159	52	50	52	60
	1959	485	22	5	31	21	136	138	22	41	21	48
Not capable of and not available for work	1960	7,196	122	27	264	227	2,026	2,842	346	307	425	610
	1959	6,252	104	17	207	164	1,653	2,522	323	264	364	634
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1960	614	129	-	26	-	63	78	137	-	114	67
	1959	358	-	-	-	-	340	14	-	2	-	2
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1960	1,439	8	13	33	21	448	683	66	46	64	57
	1959	1,164	3	1	66	29	362	479	33	30	74	87
Discharged for misconduct	1960	1,266	22	4	44	35	470	489	37	16	49	100
	1959	1,089	18	5	38	24	404	418	27	18	35	102
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1960	7,047	211	31	269	220	2,096	2,155	469	238	513	845
	1959	6,828	215	31	205	253	2,013	2,135	338	222	508	908
Other reasons	1960	9,376	161	26	325	298	3,250	3,532	275	154	256	1,099
	1959	4,852	129	12	241	184	1,553	1,718	132	74	134	675

* Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during November

1960	6,674	164	20	162	241	2,470	2,131	154	198	323	811
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1960 - November - 1959	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	272.9	209.6
Newfoundland	5.7	4.0
Prince Edward Island	0.8	0.8
Nova Scotia	10.9	9.1
New Brunswick	9.8	7.6
Quebec	80.7	63.3
Ontario	98.2	75.8
Manitoba	10.2	7.8
Saskatchewan	6.1	5.3
Alberta	14.4	9.6
British Columbia	36.1	26.3

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1960 - November - 1959			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	1,146,188	26,583,608	838,456	17,479,376
Nfld.	24,008	551,713	16,000	344,445
P.E.I.	3,148	61,797	3,061	55,575
N.S.	45,978	967,140	36,501	664,598
N.B.	41,076	885,243	30,358	580,140
Que.	339,048	7,648,821	253,389	5,163,388
Ont.	412,446	9,746,054	303,068	6,451,705
Man.	42,777	980,260	31,424	657,042
Sask.	25,504	568,348	21,339	439,003
Alta.	60,473	1,415,631	38,251	819,390
B.C.	151,730	3,758,601	105,065	2,304,090

Table 8. - Number of Weeks of Benefit, by Province.

Province	Complete Weeks	Partial Weeks	
		T o t a l	Due to Excess Earnings

November - 1960

Canada -	1,052,792	93,396	65,050
Newfoundland	21,315	2,693	2,141
Prince Edward Island	2,930	218	176
Nova Scotia	39,913	6,065	5,040
New Brunswick	36,265	4,811	3,407
Quebec	312,076	26,972	17,717
Ontario	382,189	30,257	20,883
Manitoba	39,585	3,192	2,145
Saskatchewan	23,703	1,801	1,207
Alberta	55,950	4,523	3,023
British Columbia	138,866	12,864	9,311

November - 1959

Canada -	750,341	88,115	44,466
Newfoundland	14,530	1,470	1,033
Prince Edward Island	2,815	246	185
Nova Scotia	11,398	25,103	3,669
New Brunswick	26,810	3,548	2,550
Quebec	234,192	19,197	11,387
Ontario	280,083	22,985	15,039
Manitoba	29,297	2,127	1,370
Saskatchewan	19,745	1,594	1,029
Alberta	35,120	3,131	2,423
British Columbia	96,351	8,714	5,781

Glossary of Terms

Insured population: For purposes of this report, the insured population is defined as the number of persons estimated as currently in contact with the Unemployment Insurance Commission either as contributors or as claimants. The estimates are revised once a year when data from the book renewal are available.

Employed population: The number of persons estimated as currently contributing under the scheme.

Claimant population: The count of persons currently reporting to the local offices as at the end of the month. An exception occurs in the month which serves as a benchmark, i.e., May or June, when the claimant count represents the number of persons reporting to local offices as claimants during the first two weeks of book renewal.

Initial claim: An application for benefit from an insured person for whom there is no benefit period in existence. This category includes both regular and seasonal claims, since it is impossible to determine, at the time of filing a claim, the type of benefit for which the claimant will subsequently qualify. On an initial claim the claimant's contribution history for the two years preceding the claim is examined. This is required in order to test the claimant's attachment to insured employment and thus determine the type of benefit for which he is eligible, if at all. In cases of eligibility, this record is used to calculate the weekly rate of benefit and maximum entitlement for the benefit period. Only one initial claim is required for each benefit period.

Benefit period: A period commencing with the week in which the initial claim is made, provided the qualifying conditions are fulfilled. The maximum length of the benefit period is 52 weeks, in the case of claimants qualifying under the regular terms of the Act. Seasonal benefit periods may be established only from December 1 to mid-May, with a maximum length of 24 weeks. In either case, however, the benefit period terminates with exhaustion of benefit.

Renewal claim: An application for benefit from an insured person during the currency of a benefit period. As in the case of initial claims, this category includes renewal claims from all classes of claimants, i.e., regular, seasonal and fishing.

Initial and renewal claims filed: The number of new cases of recorded unemployment among insured persons during a period. However, an initial claim representing a request for re-establishment of a benefit period with no actual interruption in the period on claim would not constitute a new case of

unemployment. To the extent that such claims are filed in any month, these claims overstate the number of new cases.

Revised claims: Those, other than initial or renewal, which must be considered by an insurance officer, e.g., involving dependency, extension of qualifying period, etc. A revised claim is thus an administrative device to initiate action for reconsideration of an existing initial or renewal claim.

Claimants currently reporting to local offices: All persons currently reporting to local offices to claim unemployment insurance benefit either regular, seasonal or fishing. Under the Unemployment Insurance Act a person may claim benefit for any week during which he did not work a full working week.

Number of weeks on claim: The cumulative number of weeks during which a claimant has reported to prove unemployment during the current period on claim. The count commences with the week in which the initial (or renewal) claim is filed and continues unbroken so long as the claimant continues to report as directed. Cases occur in which a spell of unemployment extends beyond the termination of a benefit period and a new benefit period is immediately established with no actual interruption of the period on claim. In such cases the cumulative number of weeks is transferred from the previous claim document to that covering the subsequent benefit period and the count continued. This procedure applies also for contiguous periods on regular and seasonal benefit. Excluded from the count are any weeks for which a claimant reported "non-availability" during a complete week.

Entitled to benefit: For purposes of this report, this category comprises those adjudications arising from initial claims on which a benefit period (regular, seasonal or fishing) is shown as established and no disqualification imposed and adjudications indicating "approval" on renewal claims, either regular, seasonal or fishing.

Not entitled to benefit: Claimants disqualified on initial and renewal claims, and those for whom the adjudication on an initial claim was to the effect that the claimant was ineligible to establish either a regular, seasonal or fishing benefit period.

Benefit period not established: The minimum contribution requirements for any type of benefit have not been met. This figure thus represents the net total of persons with insufficient contributions to establish a benefit period under either the regular, seasonal or fishing benefit provisions, based on decisions arising from initial claims only. Subsequent decisions arising from a revised claim and

constituting a reversal of the initial adjudication are not taken into account, but such decisions would reduce the number of benefit periods not established.

Failure rate: The number of initial claims on which a benefit period was not established in a month expressed as a per cent of initial claims cleared during that month. During the period when seasonal benefit is effective, the failure rate represents the net cases with insufficient contributions to qualify for either regular, seasonal or fishing benefit. In some cases additional contributions are located necessitating a recomputation whereby the claimant subsequently establishes a benefit period. No account is taken of such cases.

Disqualification: A disqualification is imposed because of circumstances surrounding the claim which render the claimant ineligible for the receipt of benefit either for a stated period or so long as the condition causing the disqualification continues. Where it is established that loss of employment was voluntary on the part of the claimant, i.e., he left employment of his own volition or was dismissed because of misconduct, the maximum disqualification is six weeks; claimants participating in a labour dispute in which they are directly interested are disqualified for the duration of the work stoppage. In assessing the number of cases of disqualification, no distinction is made as to the type of claim, hence disqualifications arising from revised claims are included. The cases mentioned here serve as examples only and do not constitute a complete summary of conditions under which a disqualification may be imposed. Sections 59-66 of the Act contain a description of these conditions.

Weeks compensated: Calendar weeks in respect of which some benefit, either regular, seasonal or fishing, was paid. A compensated week is counted in the month in which the copy of the payment voucher is received in the District Treasury Office, which is not necessarily the month in which the week of unemployment occurred.

Amount of benefit: The sum of all benefit payments made during the month. This comprises regular, seasonal or fishing benefit.

Complete week: A week in respect of which a claimant received the full weekly rate of benefit authorized on that benefit period.

Partial week: A week for which a claimant received less than the full weekly rate authorized. A partial week may be due to excess earnings resulting in a reduced payment in direct proportion to the amount of such earnings. If a claimant was "not available for work" on any day or days during a week, a reduction will be made in the weekly rate proportionate to the number of days of "non-availability". A reduction will occur also if a portion of a week was designated as part of the prescribed waiting period.

Excess earnings: Earnings during a week in excess of the allowable earnings for a claimant's weekly benefit rate. As an example, a claimant whose weekly rate is \$30.00 may earn up to \$15.00 in a week without suffering a reduction in benefit; however, in a week where he earns \$17.00 his benefit will be reduced to \$28.00.

Beneficiaries: Persons who received one or more benefit payments. The estimate, based on the number of payment documents, represents the average weekly number of beneficiaries.

Seasonal benefit: Benefit payable during the period commencing with the Sunday prior to December 1 and ending with the Saturday after May 15, to certain classes of claimants unable to fulfil the requirements under the regular benefit provisions of the Act. Claimants in class A must prove 15 contributions since the Saturday preceding the 31st day of March immediately prior to the date of claim, while qualification under class B is contingent upon a regular benefit period having terminated since the Saturday following the 15th day of May immediately prior to the claim.

Fishermen: For purposes of regular benefit, a fisherman is a claimant showing five or more fishing contribution weeks during the last 52 weeks. For purposes of seasonal benefit, however, any claimant whose qualifying contributions include even one fishing contribution week is classed as a fishing claimant.

Fishing contribution week: Any week for which a fishing contribution is recorded, whether or not a contribution was also made in respect of other insured employment. Specially designed stamps are used to record insured employment in fishing and employers using the bulk pay method must report employee's fishing contributions separately from those relating to other insurable employment.

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