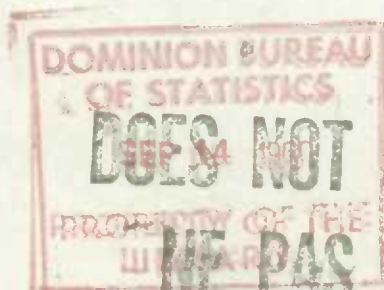


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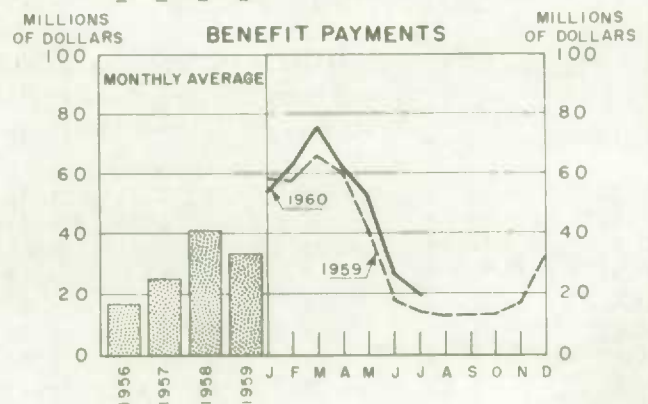
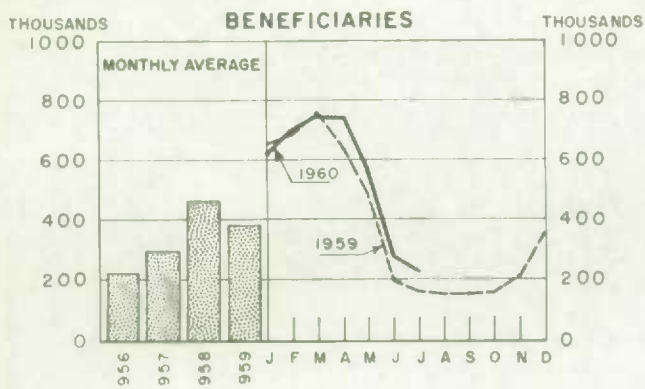
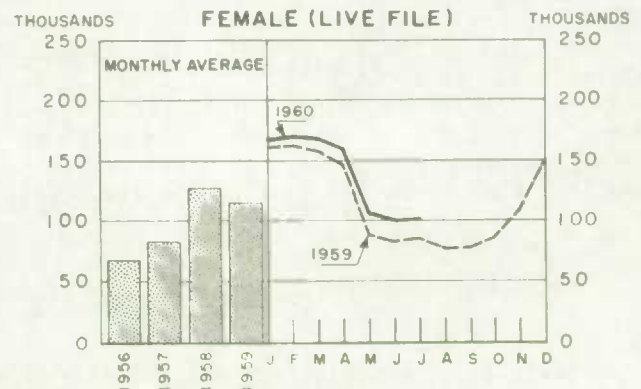
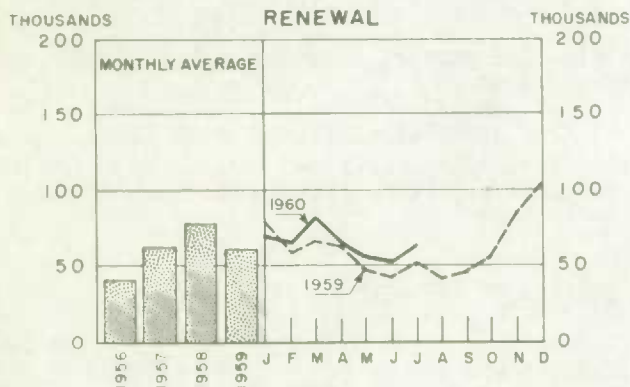
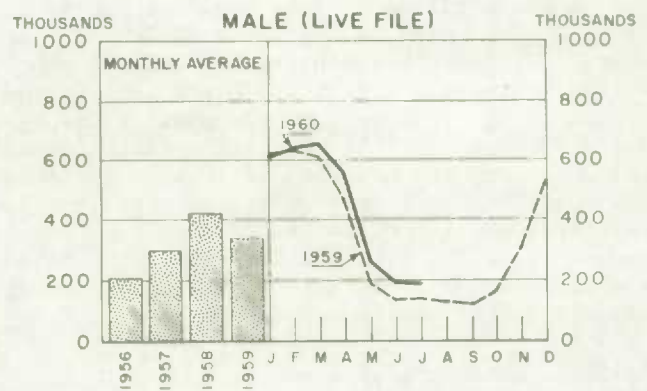
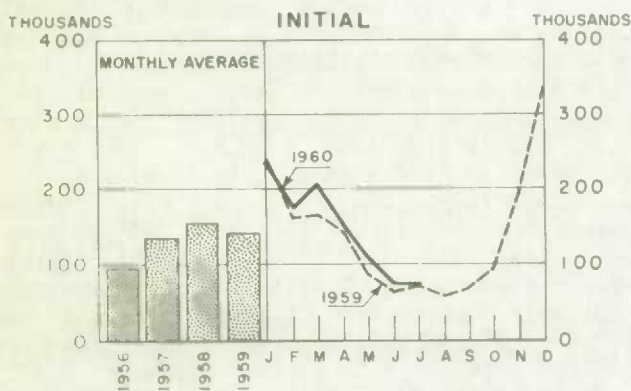
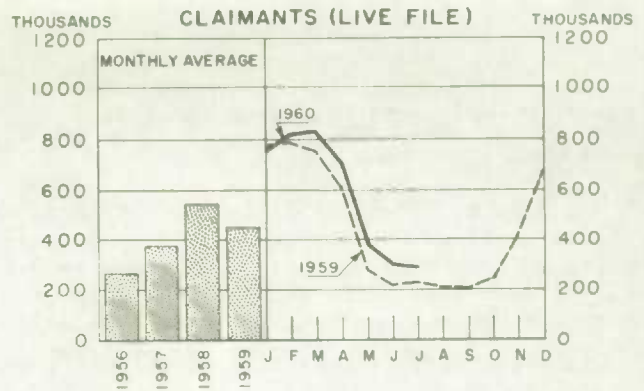
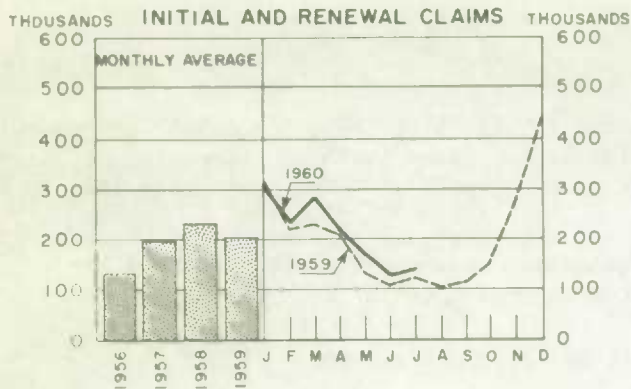
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# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS AND BENEFIT

July 1960

Claimants at month-end:  
volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 294,100 on July 29, virtually unchanged from June 30 but 30 per cent above July 31 last year. The relative increase over last year was substantially greater for males (36 per cent) than for females (21 per cent).

The magnitude of the group a month or less on claim went up, by about 17,000, during July, but the reverse occurred for all other duration groups. More than 70 per cent of the former group, but only 60 per cent of the remainder, were men. The heavy concentration of males among the recent claimants reflects lower employment levels in construction and in certain segments of manufacturing e.g. heavy industries. The fire hazard in British Columbia forests which affected employment among loggers was an additional factor.

Initial and renewal claims:  
receipt and disposal

A total of 140,400 initial and renewal claims were received in local offices during July, in comparison with 128,500 the previous month and 122,300 in July 1959. The month-to-month increase in claims, at nine per cent, was less than over the same period last year

when it was 14 per cent. However, the monthly intake of claims, with the exception of January, has been higher this year than last.

The failure rate in July was 22.3, slightly lower than for June and for the corresponding month last year.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 225,900 for July, down 18 per cent from the 275,900 estimated for June but 37 per cent higher than for July 1959. Benefit payments amounted to \$19.7 million during July, down sharply from June (\$26.8 million) but 36 per cent in excess of the \$14.5 million paid out last July. The number of weeks compensated showed a lesser increase (25 per cent) over last July. As a result, the average weekly payment, at \$21.81 for July, was considerably higher than last year when it was \$20.04. This reflects mainly the four new benefit rates in effect since September 1959.

Claims and benefit payments,  
by province

The level of claimants at the end of July was lower, in comparison with June, for all provinces except Ontario and British Columbia.

Percentage change in month-end count of claimants

	<u>June 30 to July 29, 1960</u>			<u>July 1959 to July 1960</u>			<u>June 30 to July 31, 1959</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Canada	- 1	- 2	+ 2	+ 30	+ 36	+ 21	+ 2	+ 3	+ 1
Nfld.	- 11	- 14	+ 5	+ 18	+ 15	+ 34	- 21	- 23	- 8
P.E.I.	- 2	- 1	- 5	+ 21	+ 32	+ 3	+ 10	+ 5	+ 18
N.S.	- 29	- 35	+ 1	+ 13	+ 14	+ 9	- 20	- 26	-
N.B.	- 3	- 5	+ 3	+ 19	+ 18	+ 21	- 11	- 14	- 3
Que.	-	- 3	+ 4	+ 31	+ 36	+ 23	- 3	- 7	+ 3
Ont.	+ 6	+ 7	+ 3	+ 32	+ 39	+ 20	+ 15	+ 24	+ 3
Man.	- 6	- 7	- 4	+ 31	+ 44	+ 17	- 6	- 10	- 1
Sask.	- 15	- 20	- 7	+ 29	+ 39	+ 19	- 11	- 18	- 2
Alta.	- 16	- 23	- 1	+ 30	+ 30	+ 29	- 2	- 3	-
B.C.	+ 2	+ 4	- 3	+ 37	+ 43	+ 25	+ 7	+ 16	- 7



While the largest relative increase over a year ago occurred in British Columbia (37 per cent), increases amounting to 30 per cent or more occurred in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. For males, this year's level was 30 per cent or more in excess of last year in

all provinces except Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

While the proportion of males is higher this year over last at the national level, this does not hold for all provinces.

Male claimants as a per cent of total

	<u>July 29, 1960</u>	<u>July 31, 1959</u>
Canada	65	63
Newfoundland	80	82
Prince Edward Island	66	60
Nova Scotia	74	73
New Brunswick	71	71
Quebec	64	62
Ontario	64	61
Manitoba	56	51
Saskatchewan	54	50
Alberta	64	64
British Columbia	69	66

Newfoundland showed a decline in the proportion of males this year, while in New Brunswick and Alberta there was no change. In all other provinces there was an increase.

Relative changes in the receipt of claims for July, compared with June and July 1959, are as follows:

Per cent change in claims filed

	<u>June to July 1960</u>			<u>July 1959 to July 1960</u>			<u>June to July 1959</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 9	- 1	+ 24	+ 15	+ 7	+ 26	+ 14	+ 12	+ 17
Nfld.	- 2	- 13	+ 48	- 4	+ 26	- 41	- 42	- 35	- 48
P.E.I.	- 21	- 14	- 31	- 6	- 17	+ 22	+ 10	+ 11	+ 8
N.S.	- 6	- 33	+ 45	+ 39	+ 8	+ 86	- 65	- 49	- 77
N.B.	+ 11	+ 14	+ 5	+ 17	+ 12	+ 25	- 4	- 3	- 6
Que.	+ 18	+ 10	+ 30	+ 14	+ 11	+ 19	+ 14	+ 10	+ 20
Ont.	+ 10	- 3	+ 26	+ 17	+ 7	+ 29	+ 38	+ 25	+ 60
Man.	- 7	- 8	- 3	+ 2	+ 1	+ 4	- 1	- 6	+ 12
Sask.	- 17	- 18	- 15	-	- 5	+ 10	- 1	+ 1	- 5
Alta.	- 10	- 9	- 11	+ 7	+ 13	- 1	+ 23	+ 9	+ 51
B.C.	+ 10	-	+ 24	+ 13	- 5	+ 43	+ 35	+ 38	+ 29

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	July 1960	June 1960	July 1959	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				June 1960	July 1959	Calendar year		12 months ending July	
						1960	1959	1960	1959
(Thousands)				(Thousands)		(Thousands)			
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,014	3,975	..	..	..	4,129*	..	4,102*
Initial and renewal claims filed	140	128	122	+ 9	+ 15	1,480	1,339	2,569	2,549
Claimants "live file" (month-end)	294	296	226	- 1	+ 30	584*	526*	488*	477*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	226	276	165	- 18	+ 37	547*	511*	406*	407*
Weeks compensated	904	1,214	725	- 26	+ 25	15,955	14,841	20,284	20,247
Benefit paid \$	19,703	26,842	14,531	- 27	+ 36	352,294	315,696	442,695	430,008

Average weekly benefit	\$	21.81	22.11	20.04	- 1	+ 9	22.22	21.27	21.82	21.24
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\* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1960 - June	4,014,300	3,717,900	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
October	4,032,000	3,781,400	250,600
September	4,019,000	3,817,400	201,600
August	3,990,000	3,780,000	210,000
July	3,975,000	3,749,100	225,900

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

Prov.	1960 - July - 1959					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	140,435	76,506	63,929	122,278	71,642	50,636
Nfld.	1,638	1,202	436	1,698	955	743
P.E.I.	291	187	104	309	224	85
N.S.	5,245	2,454	2,791	3,764	2,264	1,500
N.B.	3,780	2,387	1,393	3,237	2,127	1,110
Que.	41,571	24,066	17,505	36,384	21,720	14,664
Ont.	60,731	30,817	29,914	52,030	28,802	23,228
Man.	2,918	1,870	1,048	2,861	1,856	1,005
Sask.	1,675	1,081	594	1,675	1,133	542
Alta.	5,299	3,227	2,072	4,967	2,865	2,102
B.C.	17,287	9,215	8,072	15,353	9,696	5,657

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 25,601.

Table 3. - Claimants having an Unemployment Register in the "Live File" on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Duration, and Showing the Percentage Postal, by Sex and Province.

Prov. and Sex	Total claimants	Duration on the Register (weeks)							Percent- age Postal	July 31, 1959 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
	July 29, 1960									
CANADA -	294,137	97,051	31,513	42,199	29,612	24,477	17,431	51,854	25.1	225,945
MALE	191,686	69,270	21,436	26,898	18,029	15,679	10,607	29,767	26.6	141,434
FEMALE	102,451	27,781	10,077	15,301	11,583	8,798	6,824	22,087	22.5	84,511
Nfld.	5,466	1,157	547	708	552	533	418	1,551	56.9	4,617
Male	4,353	959	444	528	434	449	347	1,192	58.9	3,788
Female	1,113	198	103	180	118	84	71	359	49.0	829
P.E.I.	857	177	109	170	98	73	45	185	60.0	710
Male	561	122	81	117	60	47	26	108	66.3	424
Female	296	55	28	53	38	26	19	77	48.0	286
N.S.	10,389	2,555	1,206	1,517	990	1,152	635	2,334	39.3	9,207
Male	7,707	1,983	945	1,072	729	929	450	1,599	39.9	6,743
Female	2,682	572	261	445	261	223	185	735	37.8	2,464
N.B.	9,185	2,591	1,009	1,223	1,045	1,298	494	1,525	45.1	7,735
Male	6,489	1,869	751	817	746	1,070	343	893	48.0	5,513
Female	2,696	722	258	406	299	228	151	632	37.9	2,222
Que.	91,476	29,878	9,863	12,494	9,673	7,886	5,993	15,689	25.5	69,992
Male	58,723	20,200	6,621	7,629	6,032	5,125	3,949	9,167	27.3	43,281
Female	32,753	9,678	3,242	4,865	3,641	2,761	2,044	6,522	22.1	26,711
Ont.	117,429	42,260	12,465	17,312	11,148	8,196	6,253	19,795	19.4	89,296
Male	75,264	30,737	8,310	11,079	6,329	4,614	3,393	10,802	19.1	54,073
Female	42,165	11,523	4,155	6,233	4,819	3,582	2,860	8,993	20.1	35,223
Man.	8,389	2,009	760	1,133	1,027	870	697	1,893	20.9	6,419
Male	4,696	1,221	401	609	610	471	345	1,039	24.6	3,262
Female	3,693	788	359	524	417	399	352	854	16.2	3,157
Sask.	4,811	978	501	739	619	531	345	1,098	43.9	3,733
Male	2,606	532	260	396	342	311	179	586	50.1	1,874
Female	2,205	446	241	343	277	220	166	512	36.5	1,859
Alta.	12,373	3,583	1,190	1,855	1,356	1,271	878	2,240	28.4	9,538
Male	7,886	2,374	808	1,176	791	861	560	1,316	31.4	6,066
Female	4,487	1,209	382	679	565	410	318	924	23.2	3,472
B.C.	33,762	11,863	3,863	5,048	3,104	2,667	1,673	5,544	25.5	24,698
Male	23,401	9,273	2,815	3,475	1,956	1,802	1,015	3,065	27.4	16,410
Female	10,361	2,590	1,048	1,573	1,148	865	658	2,479	21.0	8,288



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		
J u l y - 1 9 6 0							
Canada -	137,448	50,681	58,795	24,751	3,221	25,234	11,777
Nfld.	1,535	760	344	386	45	415	130
P.E.I.	305	119	101	76	9	64	21
N.S.	6,415	2,806	2,612	861	136	742	373
N.B.	3,328	1,271	1,268	704	85	953	364
Que.	41,116	15,614	16,486	8,146	870	7,621	3,630
Ont.	58,014	20,466	27,273	8,999	1,276	11,435	4,695
Man.	2,897	1,282	874	642	99	316	236
Sask.	1,814	697	571	474	72	242	123
Alta.	5,407	2,113	1,959	1,178	157	847	552
B.C.	16,617	5,553	7,307	3,285	472	2,599	1,653

<u>J u l y - 1 9 5 9</u>							
Canada -	118,304	44,157	46,002	24,548	3,597	20,967	8,666
Nfld.	1,796	522	702	535	37	361	134
P.E.I.	305	139	83	75	8	65	10
N.S.	4,573	1,982	1,517	935	139	535	216
N.B.	3,270	1,346	1,052	765	107	540	236
Que.	37,461	14,736	13,772	7,910	1,043	5,371	2,313
Ont.	47,170	16,262	21,166	8,566	1,176	10,325	3,721
Man.	2,884	1,197	864	719	104	265	153
Sask.	1,739	688	519	464	68	266	71
Alta.	4,898	1,827	1,919	1,031	121	861	444
B.C.	14,208	5,458	4,408	3,548	794	2,378	1,368

\* In addition 24,300 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,274 were special requests not granted and 988 were appeals by claimants. There were 6,113 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during July 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*	16,841	272	38	520	465	6,029	5,820	333	251	711	2,402
	1959	16,020	396	31	599	484	5,575	5,609	402	229	590	2,105
Claimants disqualified	1960	20,799	362	74	887	624	6,572	7,900	795	465	1,000	2,120
	1959	21,487	424	84	805	771	6,910	7,340	705	501	900	3,047
Not unemployed	1960	464	52	7	34	15	113	149	16	10	17	51
	1959	446	96	3	23	20	108	133	6	14	15	28
Not capable of and not available for work	1960	6,842	88	19	245	183	2,050	2,864	275	181	311	626
	1959	6,667	82	25	211	191	2,151	2,668	263	201	299	576
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1960	316	-	-	4	-	40	250	1	10	2	9
	1959	1,055	3	-	-	-	217	40	4	9	-	782
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1960	1,607	5	1	87	44	728	409	117	35	80	101
	1959	1,727	17	7	64	30	630	585	89	55	58	192
Discharged for misconduct	1960	894	10	2	35	23	269	371	27	10	40	107
	1959	945	15	1	36	22	362	330	26	4	38	111
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1960	5,849	86	29	217	173	1,680	2,131	229	156	414	734
	1959	6,444	97	35	254	215	1,935	2,171	236	149	374	978
Other reasons	1960	4,827	121	16	265	186	1,692	1,726	130	63	136	492
	1959	4,203	114	13	217	293	1,507	1,413	81	69	116	380

\* Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during July

1960	3,138	70	11	86	93	1,212	1,253	34	29	97	253
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1960 - July - 1959	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	225.9	164.8
Newfoundland	4.3	4.0
Prince Edward Island	0.8	0.5
Nova Scotia	9.2	7.7
New Brunswick	7.3	6.5
Quebec	70.7	53.9
Ontario	86.8	59.6
Manitoba	6.9	5.3
Saskatchewan	4.3	3.3
Alberta	10.8	6.9
British Columbia	24.8	17.1

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1960 - July - 1959			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	903,575	19,702,607	724,975	14,531,393
Nfld.	17,117	364,685	17,596	368,239
P.E.I.	3,112	60,088	2,340	40,897
N.S.	36,688	779,012	33,614	642,786
N.B.	29,266	612,764	28,646	547,576
Que.	282,940	5,979,174	237,174	4,734,496
Ont.	347,211	7,721,264	262,299	5,314,214
Man.	27,571	566,651	23,217	433,045
Sask.	17,312	359,917	14,653	268,475
Alta.	43,132	962,179	30,152	610,406
B.C.	99,226	2,296,873	75,284	1,571,259

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

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

J u l y - 1 9 6 0

Canada -	833,351	70,224	48,887
Nfld.	15,500	1,617	1,324
P.E.I.	2,950	162	113
N.S.	31,843	4,845	4,066
N.B.	26,164	3,102	2,270
Que.	264,143	18,797	12,163
Ont.	320,626	26,585	18,345
Man.	25,278	2,293	1,663
Sask.	16,164	1,148	782
Alta.	39,980	3,152	2,131
B.C.	90,703	8,523	6,030

J u l y - 1 9 5 9

Canada -	665,613	59,362	37,708
Nfld.	16,158	1,438	1,055
P.E.I.	2,174	166	130
N.S.	29,188	4,426	3,466
N.B.	25,430	3,216	2,316
Que.	220,252	16,922	10,184
Ont.	243,175	19,124	12,430
Man.	20,726	2,491	1,321
Sask.	13,369	1,284	705
Alta.	26,319	3,833	2,024
B.C.	68,822	6,462	4,077



## APPENDIX

### 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 having an unemployment register in the "live file" 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.

**Unemployment register:** A document prepared when the initial claim is taken and providing a means whereby a composite record of the claimant's weekly reports and of other action taken on the claim can be maintained currently. The upper portion of the document contains information on the personal characteristics of the claimant, i.e., name, insurance number, sex, occupation. On receipt of the adjudication, data pertinent to the payment of benefit are recorded, i.e., the type of benefit to which the claimant is entitled, dependency status, weekly rate of benefit authorized, total entitlement in terms of dollars, allowable weekly earnings and the date beyond which benefit may not be paid on this benefit period. Provision is made for recording changes in dependency status or other factors and disqualifications imposed. The lower or ledger portion serves to record information on the claimant's benefit status for each week reported, i.e., claimant is required to make a statement regarding his employment, earnings and unemployment for the week covered by the report, and this is recorded on the register, in addition to payments made.

**Live file:** The file of unemployment registers for claimants currently reporting to local offices. A claimant's unemployment register is placed in the "live file" at the local office as soon as the claim is filed, and remains in the "live file" so long as the claimant reports as directed to the local office during the currency of the benefit period. It is removed from this file after the claimant fails to report over a certain interval; in the case of a claimant who reports weekly, this interval is ten days, while for one reporting once every two weeks the limit is twenty-one days. Claimants generally report in person once weekly, but the Commission has authority to vary this and does so, for example, when the return cost of ordinary transportation to the local office is excessive, in which case the claimant is directed to report by mail, once in two weeks (postal claimant). There are cases, too, in which the one-week report for claimants calling at local offices may be varied. This would occur during a period when the volume of claims being currently handled is excessive, and claimants would be asked to report, in person, once in two weeks. Due to these administrative procedures and because of cases in which the adjudication has not yet been received or the

waiting period, only, served, the "live file" inevitably contains a number of cases on which no compensated unemployment is shown.

**Claimants having an unemployment register in the "live file":** A count of all unemployment registers, (regular, seasonal, fishing) in the "live file" at the close of business on the last working day of the month and used as a measure of recorded unemployment among insured persons at a point in time.

**Duration on the register:** 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 unemployment register 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 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 benefit, a fisherman is a claimant showing five or more fishing contribution weeks during the last 52 weeks.

**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.

### Comment on the Terms

#### Claimants, Beneficiaries and Registrations at N.E.S. Offices

The concept of "claimants" is more comprehensive in scope than beneficiaries. While the majority of claimants at any time are beneficiaries, i.e., actually receiving benefit payments, there is always a certain number not in receipt of compensation. The minimum lag between the date of filing a claim and receipt of a benefit payment is one week, but in the case of initial claims which must be forwarded to Regional offices for processing of contributions, the interval may be longer. Since the average time required to process initial claims is about one week, initial claimants may be directed to make their first report in the second week following that in which the claim was filed. The week during which the initial claim was filed will be credited as the "waiting" week, unless this requirement is waived.

On the other hand, a person reported as a beneficiary during the month may not be included in the count of claimants at the month end because his claim is no longer active.

The fundamental difference between "claimants" and "registrations at N.E.S. offices" lies in the fact that they represent a count of two different sets of records which are not intended to be identical. Applications for employment are received from claimants and non-claimants, the latter including such groups as persons seeking work who were previously engaged in non-insured employment, persons seeking first jobs and persons who have exhausted their entitlement to benefit. On the other hand, claimants experiencing a regular pattern of short-time employment with the same employer may claim benefit for lost time but such persons are not registered for employment unless they are looking for another job. Claimants receiving compensation in respect of periods of disability are not included in the registration count while disabled. Commencing with the 1958-59 seasonal benefit period, fishing benefit claimants are excluded from the count of registrations during such periods.

The above is only a partial resumé of differences between these series but it indicates the main factors involved.

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