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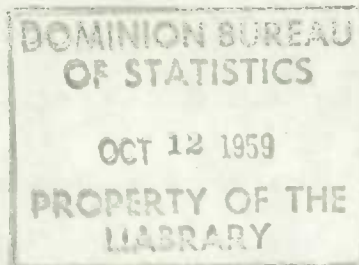
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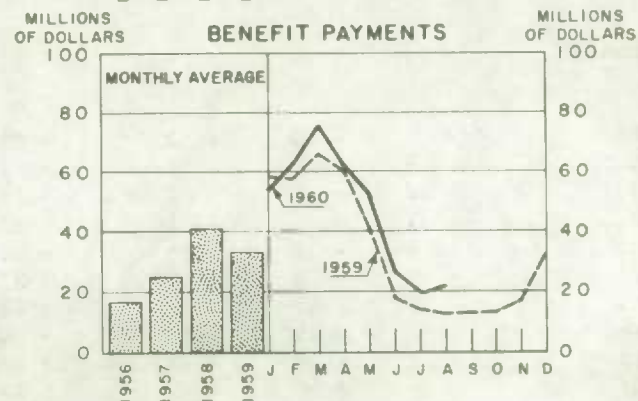
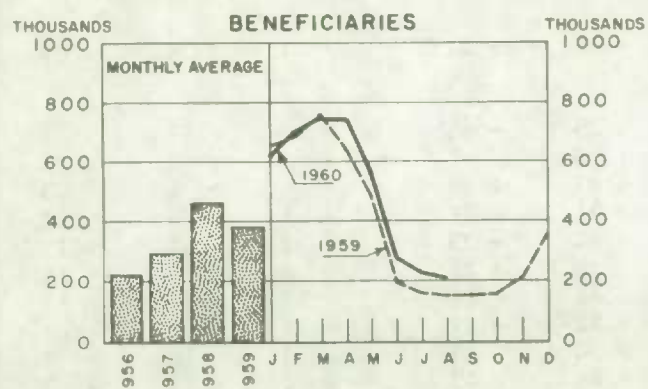
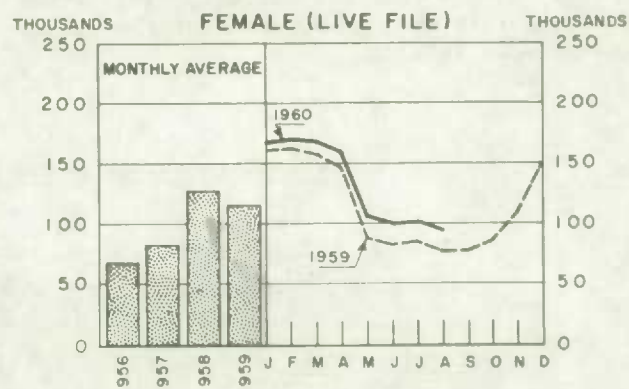
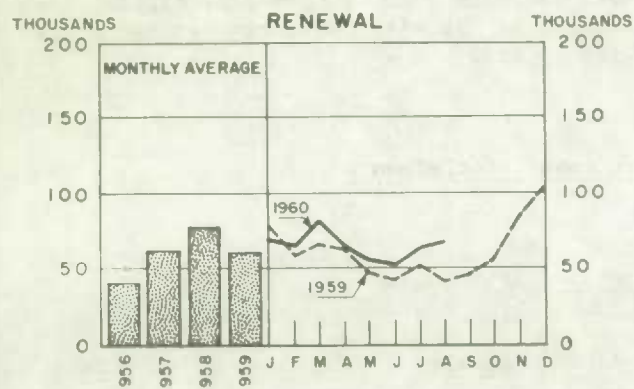
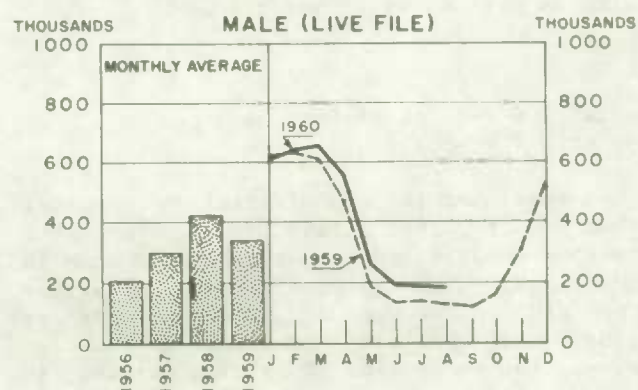
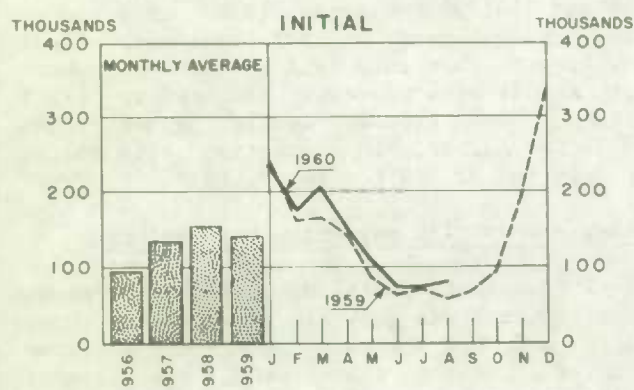
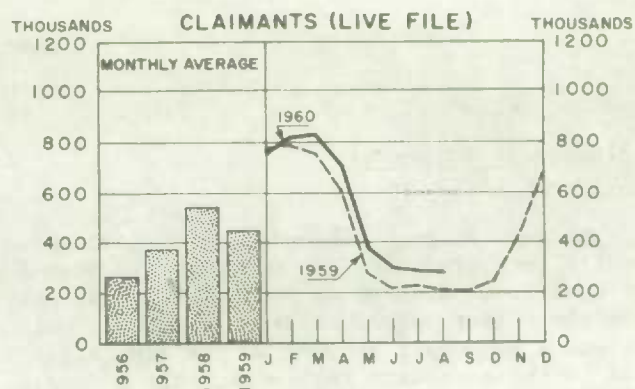
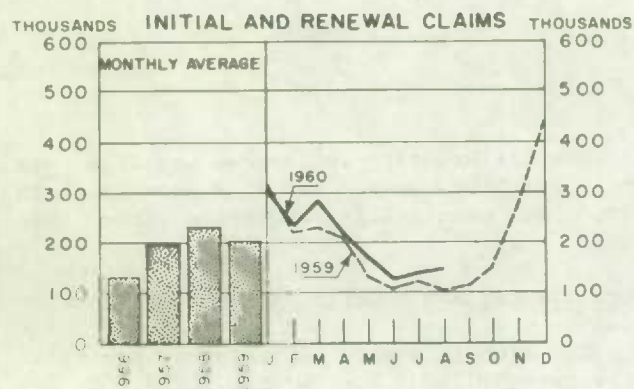
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS AND BENEFIT

August, 1960

Claimants at month-end:
volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 280,200 on August 31, down 5 per cent from 294,100 on July 29, but 33 per cent above last year's count of 210,000. Male claimants on August 31 were 40 per cent higher than on the same date last year, while female claimants were up by 22 per cent.

Initial and renewal claims:
receipt and disposal

A total of 149,600 initial and renewal claims were received during August, 7 per cent more than in July and 46 per cent more than in August 1959. The increase over last year was 69 per cent in the case of renewal claims as against a 31 per cent increase in initial claims. The proportion of initial claims, at 54 per cent, was thus considerably less than for last August when 61 per cent of the claims received were initial.

The failure rate in August was 21.4 per cent, slightly under the 22.3 per cent in July, but practically unchanged from last August.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 210,900 for August, 225,900 for July and 154,700 for August 1959. The amount paid during August was \$21.4 million, 8 per cent higher than July and 63 per cent above last August when payments amounted to \$13.1 million. The average weekly payment was \$22.01 for August, in comparison with \$21.81 for July and \$20.19 for August 1959.

Claims and benefit payments, by province

The month-to-month decline in the count of claimants was general, except for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick where an increase occurred. On the other hand, the claimant level was more than 20 per cent higher than last August in all provinces except Prince Edward Island.

Percentage change in month-end count of claimants

| | <u>July 29 to August 31</u> <u>1960</u> | | | <u>August 31, 1959</u> <u>to August 31, 1960</u> | | | <u>July 31 to August 31</u> <u>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 | - 5 | - 3 | - 9 | + 33 | + 40 | + 22 | - 7 | - 6 | - 9 |
| Nfld. | - 7 | - 10 | + 2 | + 29 | + 25 | + 45 | - 15 | - 17 | - 5 |
| P.E.I. | - 9 | - 10 | - 7 | + 7 | + 16 | - 7 | + 3 | + 2 | + 3 |
| N.S. | + 12 | + 17 | - 2 | + 27 | + 32 | + 10 | - | + 1 | - 3 |
| N.B. | + 1 | + 5 | - 9 | + 28 | + 32 | + 19 | - 6 | - 6 | - 7 |
| Que. | - 9 | - 7 | - 11 | + 36 | + 44 | + 23 | - 12 | - 13 | - 11 |
| Ont. | - 5 | - 2 | - 9 | + 32 | + 38 | + 21 | - 5 | - 1 | - 10 |
| Man. | - 10 | - 11 | - 8 | + 43 | + 65 | + 23 | - 17 | - 23 | - 12 |
| Sask. | - 7 | - 11 | - 2 | + 24 | + 33 | + 17 | - 3 | - 7 | - |
| Alta. | - 1 | - 1 | - 2 | + 47 | + 56 | + 33 | - 13 | - 18 | - 4 |
| B.C. | - | + 1 | - 3 | + 33 | + 40 | + 19 | + 2 | + 3 | + 2 |

While the proportion of males was higher, at the national level, on August 31 than for the other dates under review, this was not the case for all the provinces.

Male claimants as per cent of total

| | <u>August 31, 1960</u> | <u>July 29, 1960</u> | <u>August 31, 1959</u> | <u>July 31, 1959</u> |
|--------|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Canada | 67 | 65 | 63 | 63 |
| Nfld. | 78 | 80 | 80 | 82 |
| P.E.I. | 65 | 66 | 60 | 60 |
| N.S. | 78 | 74 | 74 | 73 |
| N.B. | 74 | 71 | 72 | 71 |
| Que. | 65 | 64 | 62 | 62 |
| Ont. | 66 | 64 | 63 | 61 |
| Man. | 55 | 56 | 48 | 51 |
| Sask. | 52 | 54 | 48 | 50 |
| Alta. | 64 | 64 | 60 | 64 |
| B.C. | 70 | 69 | 67 | 66 |

Fifty per cent of the July-to-August increase in claims occurred in Nova Scotia, and was associated with vacation lay-offs in the coal mines. The August intake of claims was

lower than July in Prince Edward Island and Quebec. In comparison with August 1959, Newfoundland claims were down 30 per cent, but an increase was shown in all other provinces.

Percentage change in claims filed

| | <u>July to August 1960</u> | | | <u>August 1959 to August 1960</u> | | | <u>July to August 1959</u> | | |
|--------|----------------------------|------|------|-----------------------------------|------|------|----------------------------|------|------|
| | Total | I | R | Total | I | R | Total | I | R |
| Canada | + 7 | + 5 | + 8 | + 46 | + 31 | + 69 | - 16 | - 14 | - 19 |
| Nfld. | + 6 | - 6 | + 39 | - 30 | + 20 | - 60 | + 45 | - 2 | +106 |
| P.E.I. | - 12 | - 22 | + 6 | + 6 | - 10 | + 39 | - 22 | - 27 | - 7 |
| N.S. | + 88 | + 21 | +147 | +165 | + 36 | +346 | - 1 | - 4 | + 3 |
| N.B. | + 13 | + 11 | + 15 | + 47 | + 51 | + 41 | - 11 | - 17 | + 2 |
| Que. | - 5 | - 6 | - 2 | + 41 | + 33 | + 55 | - 23 | - 22 | - 25 |
| Ont. | + 2 | + 9 | - 4 | + 40 | + 25 | + 64 | - 15 | - 7 | - 25 |
| Man. | + 17 | + 12 | + 25 | + 51 | + 36 | + 83 | - 21 | - 17 | - 29 |
| Sask. | + 15 | + 9 | + 25 | + 28 | + 17 | + 53 | - 11 | - 11 | - 10 |
| Alta. | + 25 | + 14 | + 44 | + 57 | + 50 | + 68 | - 15 | - 15 | - 16 |
| B.C. | + 14 | + 15 | + 12 | + 54 | + 37 | + 79 | - 17 | - 20 | - 11 |

At the provincial level, benefit payments were up over July in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and Alberta where they declined. The largest relative increase (21

per cent) occurred in British Columbia, but elsewhere it was below 10 per cent. Comparison of weeks and amount, this year and last, is presented below:

Percentage increase in weeks compensated and amount paid, August 1960 over 1959

| | <u>Weeks</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Canada | 49 | 63 |
| Newfoundland | 43 | 51 |
| Prince Edward Island | 15 | 24 |
| Nova Scotia | 30 | 50 |
| New Brunswick | 29 | 41 |
| Quebec | 48 | 60 |
| Ontario | 52 | 66 |
| Manitoba | 44 | 59 |
| Saskatchewan | 48 | 62 |
| Alberta | 78 | 80 |
| British Columbia | 53 | 68 |

The variation between increases in the weeks and amount compensated reflects the higher benefit rates in effect since last September. Average weekly rates for the provinces, this year and last, are shown below:

| | 1960 \$ | August 1959 \$ |
|----------------------|------------|----------------------|
| Canada | 22.01 | 20.19 |
| Newfoundland | 21.70 | 20.54 |
| Prince Edward Island | 19.18 | 17.79 |
| Nova Scotia | 21.78 | 18.89 |
| New Brunswick | 20.99 | 19.19 |
| Quebec | 21.44 | 19.81 |
| Ontario | 22.43 | 20.53 |
| Manitoba | 20.57 | 18.66 |
| Saskatchewan | 20.59 | 18.77 |
| Alberta | 20.15 | 20.02 |
| British Columbia | 23.84 | 21.66 |

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

| Activity | August 1960 | July 1960 | August 1959 | % Change from | | Cumulative data | | | |
|--|----------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------|----------------------------|---------|
| | | | | July 1960 | August 1959 | Calendar year | | 12 months ending August | |
| | | | | | | 1960 | 1959 | 1960 | 1959 |
| | (Thousands) | | | | | (Thousands) | | (Thousands) | |
| Insured population as at month-end | .. | 4,038 | 3,990 | .. | .. | .. | 4,111* | .. | 4,100* |
| Initial and renewal claims filed | 150 | 140 | 102 | + 7 | +46 | 1,629 | 1,442 | 2,616 | 2,512 |
| Claimants currently reporting to local offices | 280 | 294 | 210 | - 5 | +33 | 546* | 487* | 494* | 470* |
| Beneficiaries (weekly average) | 211 | 226 | 155 | - 7 | +36 | 504* | 467* | 410* | 401* |
| Weeks compensated | 970 | 904 | 650 | + 7 | +49 | 16,925 | 15,491 | 20,604 | 19,959 |
| Benefit paid | \$ 21,357 | 19,703 | 13,123 | + 8 | +63 | 373,650 | 328,819 | 450,928 | 423,640 |
| Average weekly benefit | \$ 22.01 | 21.80 | 20.19 | + 1 | + 9 | 22.08 | 21.23 | 21.89 | 21.23 |

* Monthly average.

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

| End of: | Total | Employed | Claimants |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1960 - July | 4,038,200 | 3,744,100 | 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 |
| 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 |

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

| Prov. | 1960 - August - 1959 | | | | | |
|----------|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Total | Initial | Renewal | Total | Initial | Renewal |
| Canada - | 149,574 | 80,605 | 68,969 | 102,439 | 61,628 | 40,811 |
| Nfld. | 1,732 | 1,124 | 608 | 2,468 | 935 | 1,533 |
| P.E.I. | 256 | 146 | 110 | 242 | 163 | 79 |
| N.S. | 9,876 | 2,969 | 6,907 | 3,729 | 2,181 | 1,548 |
| N.B. | 4,259 | 2,660 | 1,599 | 2,896 | 1,759 | 1,137 |
| Que. | 39,669 | 22,582 | 17,087 | 28,060 | 17,009 | 11,051 |
| Ont. | 62,179 | 33,596 | 28,583 | 44,285 | 26,845 | 17,440 |
| Man. | 3,410 | 2,098 | 1,312 | 2,263 | 1,547 | 716 |
| Sask. | 1,918 | 1,175 | 743 | 1,495 | 1,008 | 487 |
| Alta. | 6,649 | 3,668 | 2,981 | 4,222 | 2,446 | 1,776 |
| B.C. | 19,626 | 10,587 | 9,039 | 12,779 | 7,735 | 5,044 |

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 33,375.

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 | August 31, 1959 Total claimants |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|---------------------------|--|
| | | 2 or Less | 3-4 | 5-8 | 9-12 | 13-16 | 17-20 | Over 20 | | |
| August 31, 1960 | | | | | | | | | | |
| CANADA - | 280,195 | 85,371 | 33,456 | 45,831 | 29,727 | 21,849 | 16,148 | 47,813 | 25.3 | 209,966 |
| MALE | 186,456 | 63,847 | 24,192 | 30,601 | 17,760 | 12,886 | 9,754 | 27,416 | 26.5 | 132,825 |
| FEMALE | 93,739 | 21,524 | 9,264 | 15,230 | 11,967 | 8,963 | 6,394 | 20,397 | 22.9 | 77,141 |
| Nfld. | 5,075 | 1,038 | 603 | 845 | 533 | 418 | 339 | 1,299 | 54.0 | 3,920 |
| Male | 3,935 | 837 | 506 | 682 | 364 | 319 | 268 | 959 | 56.6 | 3,136 |
| Female | 1,140 | 201 | 97 | 163 | 169 | 99 | 71 | 340 | 45.3 | 784 |
| P.E.I. | 777 | 141 | 63 | 145 | 144 | 86 | 49 | 149 | 59.1 | 729 |
| Male | 503 | 91 | 41 | 102 | 92 | 61 | 24 | 92 | 65.0 | 434 |
| Female | 274 | 50 | 22 | 43 | 52 | 25 | 25 | 57 | 48.2 | 295 |
| N.S. | 11,647 | 3,731 | 1,187 | 1,821 | 1,124 | 835 | 837 | 2,112 | 35.3 | 9,205 |
| Male | 9,021 | 3,119 | 970 | 1,391 | 777 | 599 | 681 | 1,484 | 34.8 | 6,823 |
| Female | 2,626 | 612 | 217 | 430 | 347 | 236 | 156 | 628 | 37.1 | 2,382 |
| N.B. | 9,298 | 2,698 | 1,090 | 1,585 | 894 | 784 | 885 | 1,362 | 50.2 | 7,255 |
| Male | 6,844 | 2,213 | 855 | 1,135 | 574 | 525 | 701 | 841 | 54.1 | 5,185 |
| Female | 2,454 | 485 | 235 | 450 | 320 | 259 | 184 | 521 | 39.2 | 2,070 |
| Que. | 83,378 | 24,865 | 9,543 | 13,473 | 9,116 | 6,827 | 4,956 | 14,598 | 26.0 | 61,391 |
| Male | 54,367 | 18,377 | 6,582 | 8,707 | 5,316 | 3,997 | 2,890 | 8,498 | 27.3 | 37,746 |
| Female | 29,011 | 6,488 | 2,961 | 4,766 | 3,800 | 2,830 | 2,066 | 6,100 | 23.5 | 23,645 |
| Ont. | 112,079 | 35,022 | 14,325 | 18,503 | 11,912 | 8,196 | 5,624 | 18,497 | 19.9 | 84,942 |
| Male | 73,897 | 26,052 | 10,599 | 12,438 | 7,078 | 4,556 | 3,081 | 10,093 | 20.0 | 53,382 |
| Female | 38,182 | 8,970 | 3,726 | 6,065 | 4,834 | 3,640 | 2,543 | 8,404 | 19.7 | 31,560 |
| Man. | 7,586 | 2,102 | 729 | 1,106 | 803 | 732 | 543 | 1,571 | 19.9 | 5,299 |
| Male | 4,170 | 1,335 | 385 | 576 | 402 | 398 | 260 | 814 | 22.3 | 2,522 |
| Female | 3,416 | 767 | 344 | 530 | 401 | 334 | 283 | 757 | 16.9 | 2,777 |
| Sask. | 4,483 | 922 | 482 | 754 | 550 | 427 | 323 | 1,025 | 42.9 | 3,606 |
| Male | 2,312 | 522 | 230 | 377 | 249 | 231 | 182 | 521 | 48.9 | 1,743 |
| Female | 2,171 | 400 | 252 | 377 | 301 | 196 | 141 | 504 | 36.4 | 1,863 |
| Alta. | 12,214 | 3,943 | 1,353 | 1,851 | 1,289 | 975 | 753 | 2,050 | 27.0 | 8,318 |
| Male | 7,801 | 2,816 | 901 | 1,143 | 768 | 517 | 497 | 1,159 | 28.9 | 4,994 |
| Female | 4,413 | 1,127 | 452 | 708 | 521 | 458 | 256 | 891 | 23.7 | 3,324 |
| B.C. | 33,658 | 10,909 | 4,081 | 5,748 | 3,362 | 2,569 | 1,839 | 5,150 | 24.6 | 25,301 |
| Male | 23,606 | 8,485 | 3,123 | 4,050 | 2,140 | 1,683 | 1,170 | 2,955 | 26.0 | 16,860 |
| Female | 10,052 | 2,424 | 958 | 1,698 | 1,222 | 886 | 669 | 2,195 | 21.5 | 8,441 |

* 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 | | |
| A u g u s t - 1 9 6 0 | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 149,223 | 54,820 | 63,762 | 26,440 | 4,201 | 24,579 | 12,783 |
| Nfld. | 1,794 | 708 | 564 | 475 | 47 | 356 | 127 |
| P.E.I. | 270 | 101 | 89 | 70 | 10 | 39 | 32 |
| N.S. | 9,646 | 1,845 | 6,578 | 1,055 | 168 | 811 | 534 |
| N.B. | 4,430 | 2,032 | 1,455 | 828 | 115 | 753 | 393 |
| Que. | 39,829 | 14,503 | 15,894 | 8,262 | 1,170 | 7,438 | 3,653 |
| Ont. | 62,826 | 24,617 | 26,926 | 9,660 | 1,623 | 10,754 | 4,729 |
| Man. | 3,194 | 1,250 | 1,023 | 741 | 180 | 423 | 345 |
| Sask. | 1,842 | 659 | 625 | 470 | 88 | 288 | 153 |
| Alta. | 6,010 | 2,236 | 2,439 | 1,139 | 196 | 1,140 | 898 |
| B. C. | 19,382 | 6,869 | 8,169 | 3,740 | 604 | 2,577 | 1,919 |

A u g u s t - 1 9 5 9

| | | | | | | | |
|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| Canada - | 106,779 | 42,591 | 38,307 | 22,280 | 3,601 | 17,724 | 7,569 |
| Nfld. | 2,358 | 429 | 1,437 | 454 | 38 | 413 | 192 |
| P.E.I. | 250 | 114 | 65 | 61 | 10 | 53 | 14 |
| N.S. | 3,560 | 1,313 | 1,348 | 780 | 119 | 623 | 297 |
| N.B. | 2,933 | 1,087 | 984 | 752 | 110 | 460 | 279 |
| Que. | 29,538 | 11,353 | 10,455 | 6,784 | 946 | 4,243 | 1,963 |
| Ont. | 46,573 | 20,219 | 16,754 | 8,259 | 1,341 | 8,692 | 3,066 |
| Man. | 2,278 | 946 | 647 | 587 | 98 | 279 | 124 |
| Sask. | 1,493 | 654 | 414 | 368 | 57 | 252 | 87 |
| Alta. | 4,556 | 1,767 | 1,733 | 914 | 142 | 626 | 345 |
| B.C. | 13,240 | 4,709 | 4,470 | 3,321 | 740 | 2,083 | 1,202 |

* In addition 31,815 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 2,794 were special requests not granted and 1,256 were appeals by claimants. There were 7,673 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during August 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* | 17,396 | 312 | 28 | 666 | 515 | 5,670 | 6,205 | 368 | 244 | 638 | 2,750 |
| | 1959 | 13,973 | 334 | 21 | 454 | 485 | 4,467 | 5,195 | 286 | 160 | 501 | 2,070 |
| Claimants disqualified | 1960 | 26,365 | 495 | 70 | 1,056 | 784 | 8,566 | 9,956 | 969 | 636 | 1,212 | 2,621 |
| | 1959 | 21,132 | 332 | 74 | 714 | 711 | 6,620 | 7,690 | 658 | 474 | 871 | 2,988 |
| Not unemployed | 1960 | 446 | 45 | - | 28 | 15 | 131 | 131 | 15 | 7 | 20 | 54 |
| | 1959 | 346 | 32 | 2 | 17 | 10 | 103 | 98 | 6 | 15 | 19 | 44 |
| Not capable of and not available for work | 1960 | 8,351 | 109 | 17 | 268 | 229 | 2,538 | 3,548 | 321 | 218 | 372 | 731 |
| | 1959 | 6,571 | 82 | 13 | 189 | 200 | 2,005 | 2,876 | 256 | 178 | 316 | 456 |
| Loss of work due to a labour dispute | 1960 | 284 | 59 | - | - | - | 12 | 209 | 3 | - | - | 1 |
| | 1959 | 1,250 | - | - | 1 | 2 | 95 | 123 | - | 2 | 6 | 1,021 |
| Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work | 1960 | 1,930 | 7 | 1 | 113 | 47 | 794 | 579 | 73 | 78 | 100 | 138 |
| | 1959 | 1,739 | 22 | - | 73 | 45 | 589 | 636 | 83 | 45 | 53 | 193 |
| Discharged for misconduct | 1960 | 1,203 | 12 | 8 | 48 | 45 | 515 | 392 | 41 | 9 | 41 | 92 |
| | 1959 | 974 | 10 | 4 | 41 | 21 | 424 | 339 | 15 | 14 | 37 | 69 |
| Voluntarily left employment without just cause | 1960 | 6,985 | 118 | 35 | 288 | 243 | 2,154 | 2,348 | 304 | 170 | 453 | 872 |
| | 1959 | 6,189 | 91 | 40 | 241 | 239 | 1,844 | 2,185 | 222 | 154 | 352 | 821 |
| Other reasons | 1960 | 7,166 | 145 | 9 | 311 | 205 | 2,422 | 2,749 | 212 | 154 | 226 | 733 |
| | 1959 | 4,063 | 95 | 15 | 152 | 194 | 1,560 | 1,433 | 76 | 66 | 88 | 384 |

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

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|----|----|----|-----|
| 1960 | 3,908 | 69 | 17 | 102 | 120 | 1,655 | 1,423 | 21 | 24 | 57 | 420 |
|------|-------|----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|----|----|----|-----|

Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

| Province | Average per week | |
|----------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | 1960 - August - 1959 | |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Canada | 210.9 | 154.7 |
| Newfoundland | 3.9 | 3.0 |
| Prince Edward Island | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Nova Scotia | 8.5 | 7.2 |
| New Brunswick | 6.7 | 5.7 |
| Quebec | 63.8 | 47.3 |
| Ontario | 81.9 | 59.0 |
| Manitoba | 6.2 | 4.7 |
| Saskatchewan | 3.9 | 2.9 |
| Alberta | 10.0 | 6.1 |
| British Columbia | 25.4 | 18.2 |

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

| Prov. | 1960 - August - 1959 | | | |
|--------|----------------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------|
| | Weeks | Amount (in dollars) | Weeks | Amount (in dollars) |
| Canada | 970,369 | 21,356,560 | 649,861 | 13,123,154 |
| Nfld. | 17,942 | 389,355 | 12,522 | 257,210 |
| P.E.I. | 2,923 | 56,058 | 2,531 | 45,027 |
| N.S. | 38,997 | 849,259 | 29,957 | 565,754 |
| N.B. | 30,757 | 645,439 | 23,842 | 457,425 |
| Que. | 293,689 | 6,298,103 | 198,801 | 3,937,417 |
| Ont. | 376,820 | 8,451,803 | 247,951 | 5,089,390 |
| Man. | 28,473 | 585,790 | 19,799 | 369,489 |
| Sask. | 18,112 | 372,872 | 12,238 | 229,657 |
| Alta. | 45,925 | 925,580 | 25,741 | 515,247 |
| B.C. | 116,731 | 2,782,301 | 76,479 | 1,656,538 |

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

| Province | Complete Weeks | Partial Weeks | |
|----------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | | Total | Due to Excess Earnings |

August - 1960

| | | | |
|----------|---------|--------|--------|
| Canada - | 892,668 | 77,701 | 52,339 |
| Nfld. | 16,020 | 1,922 | 1,629 |
| P.E.I. | 2,788 | 135 | 105 |
| N.S. | 34,807 | 4,190 | 3,218 |
| N.B. | 27,919 | 2,838 | 1,901 |
| Que. | 272,164 | 21,525 | 13,623 |
| Ont. | 346,151 | 30,669 | 20,588 |
| Man. | 26,342 | 2,131 | 1,420 |
| Sask. | 17,005 | 1,107 | 758 |
| Alta. | 42,441 | 3,484 | 2,239 |
| B.C. | 107,031 | 9,700 | 6,858 |

August - 1959

| | | | |
|--------|---------|--------|--------|
| Canada | 597,915 | 51,946 | 32,111 |
| Nfld. | 11,501 | 1,021 | 791 |
| P.E.I. | 2,379 | 152 | 122 |
| N.S. | 25,944 | 4,013 | 3,115 |
| N.B. | 21,404 | 2,438 | 1,702 |
| Que. | 184,805 | 13,996 | 8,080 |
| Ont. | 229,438 | 18,513 | 11,481 |
| Man. | 17,978 | 1,821 | 894 |
| Sask. | 11,143 | 1,095 | 630 |
| Alta. | 22,545 | 3,196 | 1,594 |
| B.C. | 70,778 | 5,701 | 3,702 |

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.

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.

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

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