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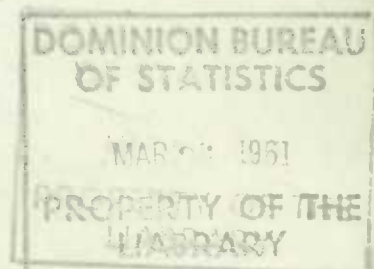
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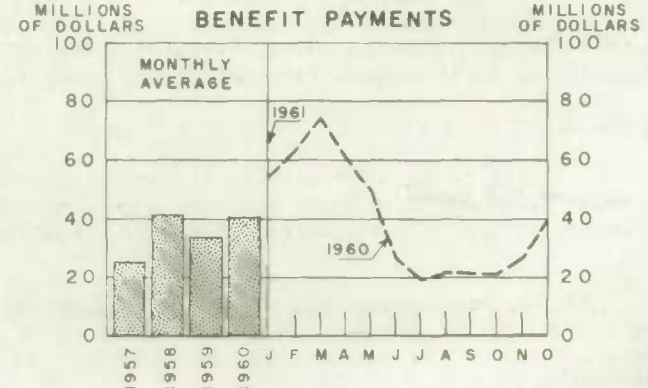
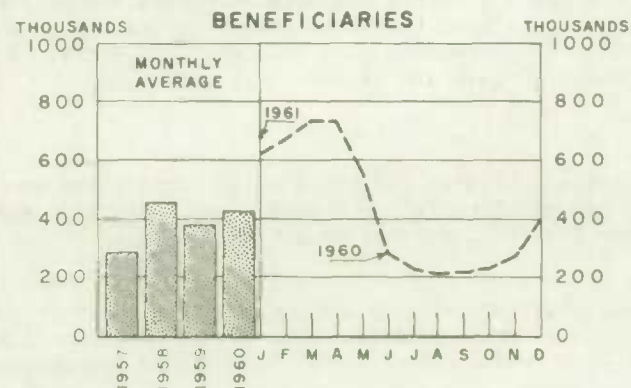
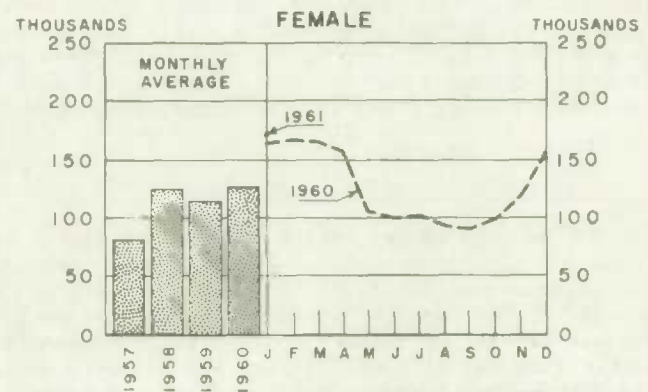
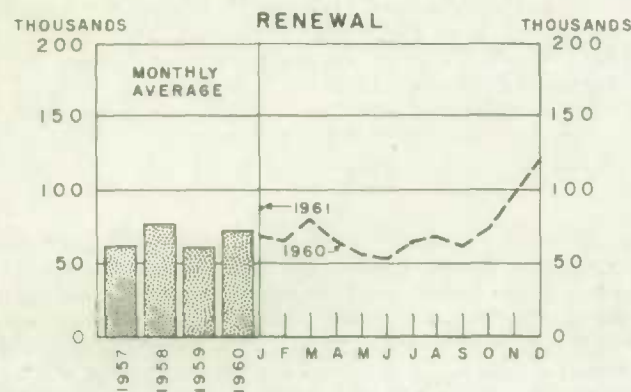
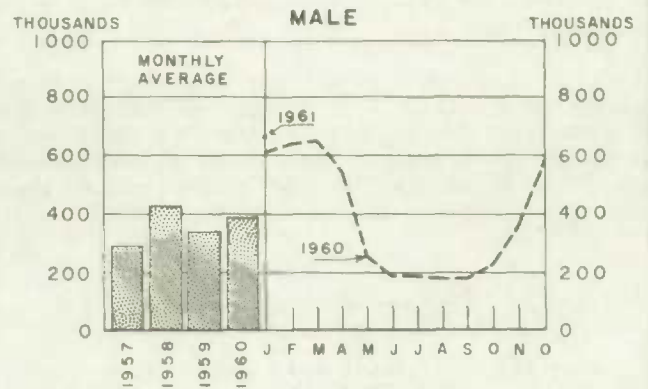
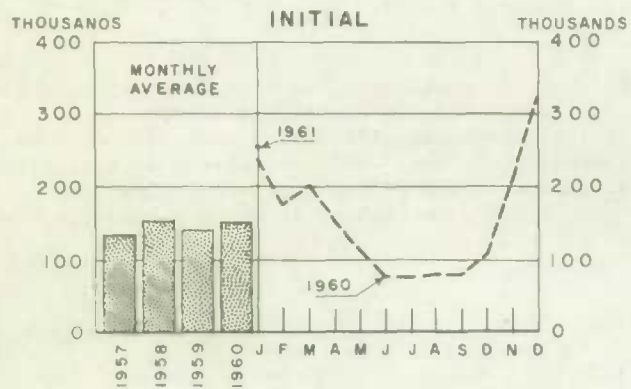
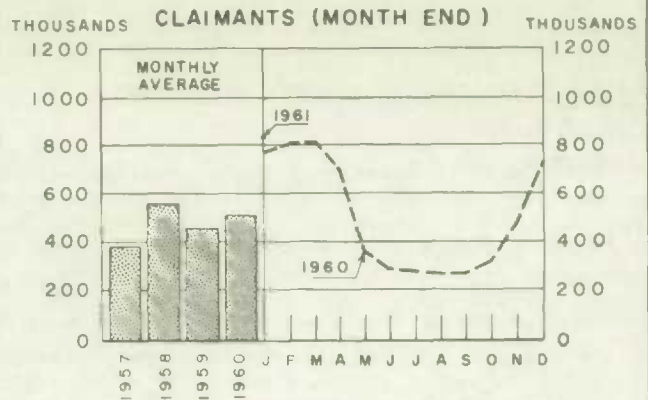
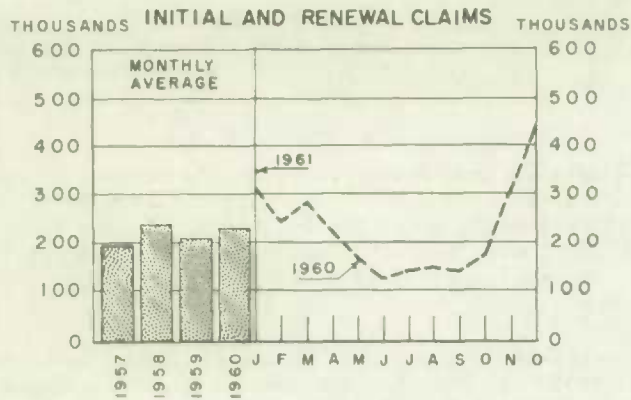
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CLAIMS AND BENEFIT

January 1961

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on January 31 numbered 846,900, an increase of 12 per cent from the December 30 total of 754,100 and 8 per cent above the 782,500 claimants recorded for January 29, 1960. These totals include seasonal benefit claimants, numbering 205,000 on January 31, 134,100 on December 30 and 177,100 on January 29, 1960. In comparison with last year, the number of seasonal benefit claimants was up by about 15 per cent, whereas regular (1) claimants increased by about 5 per cent.

At the beginning of January this year, claimants comprised 17.3 per cent of the estimated insured population, a slight increase over last year's 16.0 per cent. At December 1st persons currently reporting to local offices for the purpose of claiming benefit accounted for 11.7 per cent of all insured persons on that date.

As of January 31 it was estimated that claimants had been on continuous claim on the average about 2 months (8.4 weeks). The average was slightly higher for local than for postal claimants, e.g. 9 weeks versus 7.6 weeks. Proportions of postal claimants increase materially during the seasonal benefit period and almost 50 per cent of seasonal benefit claimants on January 31 were postal as against 35 per cent of regular. Higher proportions of postal claimants in the winter months coincide with increasing proportions of unemployment in outlying areas when total unemployment is at peak levels.

Initial and renewal claims: receipt and disposal

Some 344,200 initial and renewal claims were filed during January, down almost 25 per cent from the December (2) total of 448,300 and slightly more than 10 per cent above last year's January total of 306,600. The December to January decline was close to 30 per cent in the case of renewal claims, 22 per cent for initial claims. In comparison with last year, initial claims increased by less than 10 per cent, whereas a 30 per cent rise occurred in renewal claims. The failure rate on initial claims processed in January was 10.8 per cent, down from 13.5 for December and from 11.2 during January 1960.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 672,500 for January, up sharply from the estimate of 402,600 (3) for December and less than 10 per cent above last January's estimate of 620,000. Payments amounted to \$67.7 million during January, 70 per cent higher than the \$39.8 million paid out in December and 25 per cent above the \$54.3 million paid out during January 1960. The average weekly payment was \$23.96 for January, \$23.51 (3) for December and \$21.91 for January 1960. The relatively greater increase in beneficiaries and payments during January (close to 70 per cent) in contrast with a 12 per cent increase in the number of claimants is due primarily to the lag between the filing of a claim and the receipt of a benefit cheque. As of December 30, almost 40 per cent of the claimants had been on claim less than 3 weeks, but at the end of January this proportion was less than a quarter. In general, the first week of recorded unemployment is a "waiting" week and is not compensated.

(1) The classification of claimants at the month-end as between regular and seasonal is complicated because the count invariably includes some whose claim has not been fully processed and who are classed as regular until the computation of their contribution credits indicates otherwise.

(2) Of recent years December is the peak month for claims filed.

(3) Amended.

Claims and benefit payments, by province

The December to January increase in the month-end claimant count was relatively greater in the Atlantic provinces. In relation to last January, however, the percentage increases in the Prairie provinces were slightly greater than elsewhere.

Percentage change in month-end count of claimants

	December 30, 1960 to January 31, 1961			January 29, 1960 to January 31, 1961			December 31, 1959 to January 29, 1960		
	<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	+ 12	+ 13	+ 8	+ 8	+ 9	+ 4	+ 14	+ 15	+ 11
Nfld.	+ 17	+ 17	+ 21	+ 4	+ 3	+ 23	+ 23	+ 23	+ 23
P.E.I.	+ 20	+ 21	+ 17	- 3	- 4	+ 6	+ 17	+ 17	+ 16
N.S.	+ 20	+ 18	+ 36	+ 13	+ 14	+ 2	+ 25	+ 25	+ 24
N.B.	+ 22	+ 23	+ 19	+ 10	+ 13	- 2	+ 17	+ 17	+ 18
Que.	+ 14	+ 18	-	+ 6	+ 7	+ 3	+ 12	+ 14	+ 2
Ont.	+ 8	+ 9	+ 5	+ 9	+ 11	+ 4	+ 11	+ 11	+ 10
Man.	+ 14	+ 12	+ 23	+ 16	+ 18	+ 6	+ 19	+ 18	+ 23
Sask.	+ 19	+ 18	+ 26	+ 5	+ 5	+ 3	+ 23	+ 21	+ 29
Alta.	+ 18	+ 16	+ 22	+ 12	+ 14	+ 2	+ 26	+ 23	+ 39
B.C.	+ 4	-	+ 16	+ 8	+ 8	+ 8	+ 12	+ 12	+ 14

The January claim intake was relatively lower than December for all provinces, the heaviest percentage declines occurring in the Atlantic provinces. This is so despite the fact that the Atlantic provinces also reflected a relatively greater increase in the month-end claimant count on January 31 over December 30. In order to understand this seeming paradox, it is necessary to compare the distribution of the January 31 claimants according to the number of weeks on claim:

Percentage distribution of claimants
by number of weeks on claim, as of January 31, 1961

	<u>Total</u>	<u>2 or less</u>	<u>3 - 4</u>	<u>5 - 8</u>	<u>9 - 12</u>	<u>13 or over</u>
Canada	100	23	13	31	15	18
Nfld.	100	17	13	47	12	11
P.E.I.	100	15	14	54	11	7
N.S.	100	29	15	31	11	15
N.B.	100	20	14	38	14	14
Que.	100	24	13	31	14	18
Ont.	100	23	13	29	14	21
Man.	100	24	14	31	17	14
Sask.	100	21	14	35	17	13
Alta.	100	25	14	28	17	17
B.C.	100	21	11	27	18	24

If we compare the percentages for the Atlantic provinces with those at the national level, we find a relatively heavier proportion of persons on claim 5 - 8 weeks, particularly in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. The reverse is true, except in the 3 - 4 week group. This brings

out two points worth mentioning: (a) differences in the timing of the increases in claimant volume and (b) variations in the weeks entitlement. The December claim intake was relatively much heavier in the Atlantic provinces, consequently the increase in the December 30 count of claimants was also much greater. This was associated with the commencement of the seasonal benefit period and the relatively greater importance of that type of benefit in the Atlantic provinces, and is now reflected in the 5 - 8 weeks on claim. Secondly, experience indicates that the average weeks authorized is lower in the Atlantic provinces than elsewhere (1). This is borne out here by the relatively smaller proportion on claim 13 weeks or more in that area.

The percentage changes in claims filed during January, by province and by type of claim, are as follows:

Percentage change in claims filed

	December 1960 to January 1961			January 1960 to January 1961			December 1959 to January 1960		
	Total	I	R	Total	I	R	Total	I	R
Canada	- 23	- 22	- 28	+ 12	+ 7	+ 29	- 31	- 30	- 33
Nfld.	- 49	- 52	- 20	- 5	- 7	+ 4	- 50	- 53	- 21
P.E.I.	- 54	- 56	- 39	+ 11	+ 10	+ 17	- 61	- 63	- 41
N.S.	- 23	- 19	- 29	+ 28	+ 1	+170	- 26	- 25	- 33
N.B.	- 29	- 30	- 27	+ 16	+ 15	+ 20	- 38	- 40	- 28
Que.	- 23	- 20	- 30	+ 16	+ 11	+ 34	- 36	- 34	- 42
Ont.	- 21	- 19	- 27	+ 11	+ 7	+ 23	- 27	- 25	- 32
Man.	- 16	- 11	- 33	+ 10	+ 9	+ 15	- 20	- 20	- 23
Sask.	- 22	- 19	- 33	+ 8	+ 5	+ 22	- 28	- 25	- 38
Alta.	- 6	- 1	- 17	+ 8	+ 4	+ 20	- 6	- 4	- 11
B.C.	- 25	- 24	- 26	+ 7	+ 5	+ 11	- 26	- 27	- 21

The relatively greater importance of seasonal benefit in the Atlantic provinces is clearly illustrated when we examine the figures on claims established (2) since the commencement of the seasonal benefit period this year. Fifty per cent or more of claims established since that date in the Atlantic provinces were seasonal benefit. This is associated with the heavy concentration of fishing benefit in that area. Elsewhere the proportion was about one-third, except for British Columbia where it was over 40 per cent.

Claims established on seasonal benefit as a per cent of all
claims established, December 1960* and January 1961, combined

	Per cent									
Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
41	66	66	52	55	39	35	34	35	34	43

(1) See the 18th Annual Report on Benefit Periods Established and Terminated under the Unemployment Insurance Act, published by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Labour Division, Unemployment Insurance Section.

(2) i.e. initial claims, computed during December and January, on which the contribution requirements were fulfilled and either a regular or seasonal benefit period was established.

* Claims established as S.B. the latter part of November are included.

At the national level, less than one in four of the January 31 claimants were classed as seasonal benefit, but for the Atlantic provinces the proportion was substantially higher.

Per cent of claimants identified as Seasonal Benefit

	<u>January 31, 1961</u>	<u>January 29, 1960</u>
Canada	24	23
Newfoundland	47	46
Prince Edward Island	52	39
Nova Scotia	31	34
New Brunswick	36	36
Quebec	24	21
Ontario	20	18
Manitoba	18	17
Saskatchewan	20	19
Alberta	16	15
British Columbia	24	21

The level of the average weekly payment is about \$2.00 above last year, except for the Maritime provinces, Quebec and Alberta.

Average weekly payment, January

	1961	1960
Canada	23.96	21.91
Newfoundland	23.81	21.72
Prince Edward Island	21.30	20.52
Nova Scotia	21.86	20.03
New Brunswick	22.14	20.77
Quebec	23.74	22.04
Ontario	24.06	22.05
Manitoba	24.40	21.78
Saskatchewan	24.37	21.45
Alberta	24.66	22.83
British Columbia	25.75	22.78

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	Jan. 1961	Dec. 1960	Jan. 1960	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Dec. 1960	Jan. 1960	Calendar year		12 months ending January	
						1961	1960	1961	1960
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,359	4,296	4,296*	..	4,117*
Initial and renewal claims filed	344	448	307	- 23	+ 12	344	307	2,738	2,417
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	847	754	783	+ 12	+ 8	847*	783*	524*	454*
Regular	642	620	605	+ 4	+ 6				
SB	205	134	177	+ 53	+ 16				
SB Fishing	28	20	26	+ 39	+ 7				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	673	403	620	+ 67	+ 8	673*	620*	434*	382*
Weeks compensated	2,824	1,691	2,480	+ 67	+ 14	2,824	2,480	21,946	18,907
Benefit paid	\$ 67,660	39,766	54,345	+ 70	+ 25	67,660	54,345	495,152	401,790
Average weekly benefit	\$ 23.96	23.51	21.91	+ 2	+ 9	23.96	21.91	22.56	21.25

* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1960 - December	4,359,000	3,604,900	754,100
November	4,151,000	3,665,800	485,200
October	4,042,000	3,711,800	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

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

Prov.	1961 - January - 1960					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	344,237	254,949	89,288	306,564	237,387	69,177
Nfld.	9,662	8,198	1,464	10,189	8,785	1,404
P.E.I.	2,021	1,739	282	1,824	1,583	241
N.S.	20,786	13,687	7,099	16,250	13,618	2,632
N.B.	15,237	12,495	2,742	13,150	10,859	2,291
Que.	107,770	81,196	26,574	93,037	73,227	19,810
Ont.	110,800	79,247	31,553	99,811	74,057	25,754
Man.	14,330	11,263	3,067	12,974	10,298	2,676
Sask.	10,329	8,304	2,025	9,566	7,909	1,657
Alta.	18,107	13,268	4,839	16,794	12,773	4,021
B.C.	35,195	25,552	9,643	32,969	24,278	8,691

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 64,820.

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	January 29, 1960 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
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CANADA -	846,940	195,848	110,423	262,244	122,405	54,488	30,737	70,795	37.7	782,542
MALE	673,931	157,915	90,018	221,519	99,623	40,881	20,878	43,097	41.0	616,304
FEMALE	173,009	37,933	20,405	40,725	22,782	13,607	9,859	27,698	24.7	166,238
Nfld.	38,091	6,445	4,804	17,826	4,680	1,608	718	2,010	81.3	36,693
Male	35,950	5,966	4,583	17,339	4,435	1,442	604	1,581	83.0	34,949
Female	2,141	479	221	487	245	166	114	429	52.1	1,744
P.E.I.	7,723	1,124	1,050	4,208	825	209	89	218	79.4	7,948
Male	6,520	986	885	3,623	688	160	59	119	81.7	6,818
Female	1,203	138	165	585	137	49	30	99	67.1	1,130
N.S.	47,348	13,516	7,041	14,478	5,396	2,345	1,332	3,240	53.7	42,049
Male	41,688	12,114	6,335	13,179	4,766	1,926	1,037	2,331	55.2	36,474
Female	5,660	1,402	706	1,299	630	419	295	909	43.3	5,575
N.B.	42,317	8,266	6,043	16,005	6,045	2,428	1,047	2,483	71.1	38,424
Male	35,921	7,187	5,326	14,237	4,889	1,816	772	1,694	73.5	31,907
Female	6,396	1,079	717	1,768	1,156	612	275	789	57.6	6,517
Que.	261,849	63,468	34,126	79,761	36,554	16,022	9,546	22,372	38.6	246,599
Male	210,266	52,812	28,650	67,617	29,604	12,104	6,391	13,088	41.9	196,529
Female	51,583	10,656	5,476	12,144	6,950	3,918	3,155	9,284	25.1	50,070
Ont.	253,747	59,588	32,522	73,115	34,802	17,440	10,399	25,881	22.6	232,233
Male	188,848	45,011	24,599	57,881	26,795	12,342	6,864	15,356	23.9	169,838
Female	64,899	14,577	7,923	15,234	8,007	5,098	3,535	10,525	19.0	62,395
Man.	36,519	8,884	5,079	11,431	6,128	2,137	1,084	1,776	33.6	31,613
Male	29,150	6,712	4,036	9,725	5,171	1,654	736	1,116	38.0	24,655
Female	7,369	2,172	1,043	1,706	957	483	348	660	16.0	6,958
Sask.	27,286	5,749	3,758	9,551	4,697	1,604	660	1,267	53.2	26,085
Male	22,377	4,601	3,011	8,384	4,095	1,226	401	659	57.4	21,338
Female	4,909	1,148	747	1,167	602	378	259	608	34.1	4,747
Alta.	42,305	10,409	5,904	11,690	7,293	3,029	1,444	2,536	31.5	37,904
Male	34,127	8,453	4,841	10,020	6,116	2,257	914	1,526	33.7	29,876
Female	8,178	1,956	1,063	1,670	1,177	772	530	1,010	22.0	8,028
B.C.	89,755	18,399	10,096	24,179	15,985	7,666	4,418	9,012	30.8	82,994
Male	69,084	14,073	7,752	19,514	13,064	5,954	3,100	5,627	33.2	63,920
Female	20,671	4,326	2,344	4,665	2,921	1,712	1,318	3,385	23.1	19,074

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		

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Canada -	388,252	243,794	94,887	45,142	4,429	60,139	18,273
Nfld.	12,124	8,237	1,453	2,281	153	2,152	264
P.E.I.	2,519	1,946	276	278	19	256	70
N.S.	23,952	14,221	7,474	2,095	162	2,710	512
N.B.	17,323	11,673	2,985	2,508	157	2,268	562
Que.	123,119	78,042	28,688	15,148	1,241	21,497	6,040
Ont.	124,566	77,195	33,289	12,483	1,599	19,136	6,451
Man.	15,312	9,959	3,256	1,905	192	2,277	1,031
Sask.	11,702	7,683	2,342	1,580	97	1,728	412
Alta.	18,452	11,351	4,653	2,242	206	2,750	1,265
B.C.	39,183	23,487	10,471	4,622	603	5,365	1,666

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Canada -	375,872	250,526	75,765	46,278	3,303	57,407	12,359
Nfld.	16,383	11,637	1,773	2,880	93	2,842	368
P.E.I.	2,781	2,238	274	263	6	172	18
N.S.	21,083	15,689	2,979	2,290	125	2,436	390
N.B.	15,454	10,883	2,152	2,302	117	2,686	666
Que.	117,370	79,893	22,063	14,394	1,020	19,357	3,647
Ont.	119,541	76,536	28,492	13,396	1,117	16,651	3,952
Man.	15,822	10,631	2,998	2,069	124	2,134	538
Sask.	11,395	7,819	1,895	1,610	71	1,952	419
Alta.	19,287	12,535	4,275	2,348	129	3,329	959
B.C.	36,756	22,665	8,864	4,726	501	5,798	1,402

* In addition 61,890 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 7,905 were special requests not granted and 1,352 were appeals by claimants. There were 16,483 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during January 1961 and 1960 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	1961*	31,341	1,416	190	1,540	1,909	10,946	8,355	1,183	934	1,511	3,357
	1960	33,235	2,098	188	1,807	1,817	10,217	9,600	1,341	1,069	1,577	3,521
Claimants disqualified	1961	31,955	1,448	168	1,057	1,321	10,522	10,471	1,398	1,039	1,565	2,966
	1960	28,212	1,201	166	1,146	1,054	9,309	8,982	1,183	856	1,393	2,922
Not unemployed	1961	1,514	37	31	38	41	644	384	69	135	63	72
	1960	1,484	36	27	29	29	606	415	70	114	64	94
Not capable of and not available for work	1961	9,048	296	33	271	378	2,583	3,400	419	377	495	796
	1960	8,188	321	49	271	340	2,421	2,911	409	307	432	727
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1961	191	1	-	1	-	35	74	1	-	1	78
	1960	81	-	-	1	-	22	56	1	-	-	1
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1961	1,737	4	14	73	97	607	627	58	38	119	100
	1960	1,746	10	1	88	74	711	562	70	48	79	103
Discharged for misconduct	1961	1,224	28	3	31	28	388	497	49	19	62	119
	1960	1,120	12	2	51	24	426	391	21	18	57	118
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1961	7,395	336	38	309	405	2,709	1,836	415	249	479	619
	1960	8,040	446	47	323	322	2,954	1,997	410	209	543	789
Other reasons	1961	10,846	746	49	334	372	3,556	3,653	387	221	346	1,182
	1960	7,553	376	40	383	265	2,169	2,650	202	160	218	1,090

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

during January	1961	14,524	1,043	154	666	1,064	4,967	4,182	332	318	498	1,300
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1961 - January - 1960	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	672.5	620.0
Newfoundland	29.1	26.9
Prince Edward Island	6.9	7.9
Nova Scotia	36.8	34.2
New Brunswick	34.9	33.0
Quebec	200.3	195.6
Ontario	203.2	185.0
Manitoba	28.4	24.2
Saskatchewan	21.4	21.3
Alberta	32.6	28.3
British Columbia	78.9	63.6

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1961 - January - 1960			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	2,824,373	67,660,186	2,480,108	54,344,674
Nfld.	122,035	2,905,052	107,634	2,337,308
P.E.I.	28,829	613,994	31,665	649,682
N.S.	154,693	3,381,099	136,975	2,742,938
N.B.	146,483	3,242,600	132,091	2,743,412
Que.	841,247	19,969,842	782,316	17,243,296
Ont.	853,456	20,532,881	739,900	16,313,859
Man.	119,347	2,912,456	96,941	2,111,179
Sask.	90,068	2,195,149	85,050	1,824,006
Alta.	136,850	3,374,461	112,982	2,579,810
B.C.	331,365	8,532,652	254,554	5,799,184

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

Province	Complete Weeks	Partial Weeks	
		Total	Due to Excess Earnings

January - 1961

Canada -	2,647,723	176,650	117,355
Newfoundland	116,539	5,496	3,730
Prince Edward Island	27,804	1,025	698
Nova Scotia	140,701	13,992	10,892
New Brunswick	137,269	9,214	5,819
Quebec	791,433	49,814	30,164
Ontario	796,066	57,390	38,280
Manitoba	113,326	6,021	4,020
Saskatchewan	85,687	4,381	2,974
Alberta	127,767	9,083	6,077
British Columbia	311,131	20,234	14,701

January - 1960

Canada -	2,337,944	142,164	85,088
Newfoundland	102,740	4,894	2,838
Prince Edward Island	30,622	1,043	722
Nova Scotia	125,773	11,202	7,952
New Brunswick	123,854	8,237	5,333
Quebec	739,738	42,578	22,757
Ontario	696,614	43,286	26,669
Manitoba	92,281	4,660	2,854
Saskatchewan	81,050	4,000	2,464
Alberta	106,022	6,960	4,192
British Columbia	239,250	15,304	9,307

Seasonal benefit, 1960-61 period

The provisions regulating the operation of seasonal benefit are unchanged from last year. Effective November 20, 1960, to May 20, 1961, claims failing the regular contribution requirements are considered for seasonal benefit. Benefit is not payable under these terms for unemployment occurring before December 5 (1). Only one seasonal benefit period may be established by a claimant during this period. As a result, claimants exhausting their right to seasonal benefit during this interval would be tested under the regular provisions if they wished to be re-considered for benefit. However, since the minimum establishment is 12 weeks, (2) exhaustions would not occur before February 18.

In testing for seasonal benefit, claims failing the regular requirements are considered first under class A, i.e. a minimum of 15 contribution weeks since the preceding March 31. It follows, then, that no claims can be established in this class after March 31, 1961. Total entitlement for claimants qualifying in this class will be based entirely on contributions during this qualifying period. The duration will be 5 weeks of benefit for every 6 weeks of contribution, or a minimum of 13 weeks (subject to the exception in footnote 2).

Cases failing under class A are then examined for possible qualification under class B which represents an extension of benefit for those for whom a regular benefit period terminated during the interval since May 21, 1960. The duration will be that shown on the preceding regular benefit, subject to the maximum of 25 weeks (2). The weekly rate (3) will be that of the preceding claim, adjusted, if necessary, for any change in dependency status.

Claimants for seasonal benefit (except fishermen)(4) must comply with all the provisions of the Act and Regulations, except where mentioned above.

Fishing Claimants

Table 3b, Fishing seasonal benefit claimants, includes those seasonal benefit claimants whose claim documents carry the identification F, for fishing. This indicates that the person is eligible for seasonal benefit by virtue of fishing contributions, i.e. his countable contributions for the 15 weeks included at least one week of fishing contributions (or his preceding regular benefit period was also designated as F).

- (1) A claimant eligible to have the waiting period waived could draw seasonal benefit for the week commencing November 28.
- (2) Where fewer than 12 weeks remain between the date of establishing the claim and May 20, the duration authorized will be equal to that number of weeks. For SB claims established subsequent to March 4 the duration will be under 12 weeks.
- (3) Section 47 (2a) of the Act is not applicable to seasonal benefit claims. This section was added in September 1959 in order to minimize the impact of short-term employment on the weekly rate for subsequent regular claims filed within a two-year period.
- (4) During the seasonal benefit period, claimants classed as fishermen will be considered available and unemployed in respect to any activity in commercial fishing or in the repair of fishing gear, equipment or boat. However, income from fishing is taken into consideration in determining the amount of benefit payable.

Table 3a. - Seasonal Benefit Claimants Currently Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Sex and Province.

Prov.	1961 - January - 1960					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	205,037	163,246	41,791	177,129	139,935	37,194
Nfld.	17,859	17,257	602	16,767	16,324	443
P.E.I.	3,999	3,457	542	3,062	2,538	524
N.S.	14,688	13,069	1,619	14,384	12,849	1,535
N.B.	15,396	13,109	2,287	13,906	11,739	2,167
Que.	62,537	49,958	12,579	52,524	41,359	11,165
Ont.	50,406	34,985	15,421	42,639	29,135	13,504
Man.	6,501	5,280	1,221	5,350	4,221	1,129
Sask.	5,510	4,424	1,086	5,058	4,032	1,026
Alta.	6,913	5,511	1,402	5,712	4,402	1,310
B.C.	21,228	16,196	5,032	17,727	13,336	4,391

Table 3b. - Fishing Seasonal Benefit Claimants included in Table 3a.

Prov.	1961 - January - 1960					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	27,864	27,759	105	25,985	25,873	112
Nfld.	10,277	10,271	6	9,656	9,656	-
P.E.I.	1,953	1,913	40	1,050	999	51
N.S.	5,679	5,673	6	5,453	5,452	1
N.B.	3,982	3,963	19	3,955	3,921	34
Que.	1,253	1,250	3	1,506	1,500	6
Ont.	601	598	3	572	567	5
Man.	133	133	-	156	156	-
Sask.	4	4	-	-	-	-
Alta.	15	15	-	20	20	-
B.C.	3,967	3,939	28	3,617	3,602	15

Calendar Year Totals, 1960 and 1959, Tables i to vii

During 1960 the insured population averaged 4,150,000. Initial and renewal claims numbered 2,700,000.* The count of persons on claim at the end of each month averaged over half-a-million, ranging from a high of 823,000 at the end of March to 280,000 in mid-summer. Slightly more than 10 per cent of the initial claims were from persons unable to establish the right to any kind of benefit.

Benefit payments during 1960 amounted to \$482 million, almost 20 per cent in excess of the \$406 million paid out in 1959. Part of this increase was due to the adoption of two new classes as of September 1959, \$25 and \$27 (\$33 and \$36 for those with a dependant).

The average weekly payment rose from \$21.91 at the beginning of 1960 to \$23.51 as of December. During 1959 the average weekly payment was \$21.38 for January and \$21.51 for December.

While initial claims accounted for about two-thirds of the total initial and renewal claim load at the national level on an annual basis, this proportion varied appreciably both provincially and seasonally. In general, the proportion classed as initial rises with the claim volume; thus, during periods of heavy claim, about three-quarters of claims are initial. During the mid-summer low slightly more than half are initial. In Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island initial claims comprised over 80 per cent of the claim load, on an annual basis, while in British Columbia, Ontario and Nova Scotia the proportion was between 60 and 65 per cent. Elsewhere the ratio was from two-thirds to three-quarters. Provincial variations in the incidence of seasonal benefit claims and in average duration authorized on regular claims are factors contributing to these differences.

While on the average, the month-end claimant count for Quebec and Ontario is virtually identical, this does not hold when males and females are considered separately. On the average, Quebec had more male claimants than Ontario (125,000 versus 117,000) while female claimants in Ontario were appreciably above Quebec, 50,000 versus 39,000.

The average weekly payment tends to be considerably higher in Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia than elsewhere.

In the following 7 tables a dash (-) indicates less than 500.

* This total is not synonymous with persons because of the likelihood of multiple claims from one person during the 12 month interval.

Table i. - Estimates of Insured Population, Number of Initial and Renewal Claims Filed, Count of Claimants at month-end, by month, 1960 and 1959.

Month and year		Estimate of Insured Population at month-end	Initial and Renewal Claims filed			Count of Claimants at month-end		
			Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Male	Female
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(Thousands)								
Calendar Year	1960	4,152 ⁽¹⁾	2,700	1,825	875	518(1)	390(1)	128(1)
	1959	4,114(1)	2,428	1,691	737	454(1)	339(1)	115(1)
January	1960	4,296	307	237	69	783	616	166
	1959	4,257	318	239	79	785	624	161
February	1960	4,308	240	175	65	814	645	169
	1959	4,248	221	161	59	796	634	162
March	1960	4,307	284	203	81	823	656	167
	1959	4,239	230	164	66	767	610	157
April	1960	4,222	215	150	65	715	556	159
	1959	4,134	207	144	63	611	465	146
May	1960	3,988	166	110	55	364	258	106
	1959	4,073	134	87	47	279	190	89
June	1960	4,048	128	77	52	296	196	100
	1959	3,974	107	64	43	221	137	83
July	1960	4,024	140	77	64	294	192	102
	1959	3,975	122	72	51	226	141	85
August	1960	4,040	150	81	69	280	186	94
	1959	3,990	102	62	41	210	133	77
September	1960	4,037	140	79	61	280	186	93
	1959	4,019	115	70	45	202	125	77
October	1960	4,042	178	104	74	330	230	100
	1959	4,032	151	96	55	251	164	86
November	1960	4,151	304	207	97	485	364	121
	1959	4,131	279	194	85	418	308	109
December	1960	4,359	448	325	123	754	594	160
	1959	4,295	442	339	103	686	536	150

(1) Average of month-end data.

Table ii. - Disposition of Initial and Renewal Claims, by month, 1960.

Month	C l a i m s A d j u d i c a t e d						Benefit Period Not Established		
	Initial			Renewal					
	Total	Entitled	Not(1) Entitled	Total	Entitled	Not Entitled	As Reported Each Month	Net(2) (cumulative)	Failure Rate(3)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)
	(Thousands)								
Calendar Year	1,849	1,445	404	867	821	46	278		10.7
January	297	251	46	79	76	3	33	18	6.2
February	184	153	31	62	59	3	18	26	5.4
March	195	167	28	80	75	5	14	32	4.8
April	165	140	25	68	65	3	15	42	5.0
May	123	99	24	58	54	4	14	51	5.3
June	82	52	30	52	48	4	21	67	6.4
July	76	51	25	62	59	3	17	81	7.2
August	81	55	26	68	64	4	17	94	7.8
September	83	53	30	60	56	4	20	111	8.6
October	93	57	36	69	65	4	28	135	9.8
November	158	110	48	92	87	5	39	167	10.9
December	312	257	55	117	113	4	42	198	10.7

(1) No adjustment made for cases referred to in footnote (2).

(2) The net figure of "benefit periods not established" is calculated by deducting cases recomputed because additional contributions were located, thus enabling the claimant to fulfil the statutory requirements.

(3) Based on columns 1 and 8.

Table iii. - Payment Data, by month, 1960 and 1959.

Month and year		Average Weekly Estimate of Beneficiaries	Weeks (1) Compensated	Amount of Benefit	Average(2) Weekly Rate
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
		'000	'000	\$'000	\$
Calendar Year	1960	434(3)	21,601	481,836	22.32
	1959	385(3)	19,170	406,097	21.18
January	1960	620	2,480	54,345	21.91
	1959	653	2,743	58,652	21.38
February	1960	677	2,845	62,586	22.00
	1959	673	2,694	58,076	21.56
March	1960	733	3,372	74,845	22.20
	1959	763	3,053	65,868	21.58
April	1960	733	2,785	61,768	22.18
	1959	640	2,817	59,963	21.29
May	1960	561	2,355	52,206	22.17
	1959	486	1,943	40,446	20.81
June	1960	276	1,214	26,842	22.11
	1959	197	867	18,157	20.95
July	1960	226	904	19,703	21.81
	1959	165	725	14,531	20.04
August	1960	211	970	21,357	22.01
	1959	155	650	13,123	20.19
September	1960	223	935	21,186	22.65
	1959	155	651	13,371	20.54
October	1960	226	903	20,651	22.85
	1959	160	671	13,766	20.51
November	1960	273	1,146	26,584	23.19
	1959	210	838	17,479	20.85
December	1960	403(4)	1,691(4)	39,766	23.51(4)
	1959	362	1,518	32,661	21.51

(1) Includes partial weeks.

(2) Based on columns 2 and 3.

(3) Monthly average.

(4) Amended.

Table iv. - Number of Initial and Renewal Claims Filed in Local Offices in each Provinces, by Month 1960(1).

Province	Total 1960	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
(Thousands)													
<u>Initial and renewal claims</u>													
Canada -	2,700	307	240	284	215	166	128	140	150	140	178	304	448
Nfld.	75	10	6	7	6	4	2	2	2	2	3	12	19
P.E.I.	14	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
N.S.	138	16	9	12	14	8	6	5	10	6	11	14	27
N.B.	107	13	10	13	11	6	3	4	4	4	6	12	21
Que.	817	93	80	94	67	50	35	42	40	40	51	85	140
Ont.	936	100	82	95	68	62	55	61	62	55	62	93	141
Man.	99	13	10	11	8	5	3	3	3	4	7	15	17
Sask.	69	10	7	8	6	3	2	2	2	2	4	10	13
Alta.	142	17	13	17	13	8	6	5	7	8	10	19	19
B.C.	306	32	21	27	22	18	16	17	20	19	24	43	47
<u>Initial claims</u>													
Canada -	1,825	237	175	203	150	110	77	77	81	79	104	207	325
Nfld.	61	9	5	6	5	3	1	1	1	1	2	10	17
P.E.I.	12	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	4
N.S.	85	14	7	9	9	4	4	2	3	3	5	8	17
N.B.	79	11	8	10	8	5	2	2	3	2	3	8	18
Que.	569	73	60	71	48	35	22	24	23	23	30	58	102
Ont.	599	74	56	62	46	40	32	31	34	30	36	60	98
Man.	74	10	8	9	6	4	2	2	2	3	5	10	13
Sask.	51	8	5	6	5	2	1	1	1	2	3	7	10
Alta.	96	13	10	12	9	6	4	3	4	4	6	12	13
B.C.	200	24	15	17	14	12	9	9	11	11	14	30	34
<u>Renewal claims</u>													
Canada -	875	69	65	81	65	55	52	64	69	61	74	97	123
Nfld.	12	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	2	2
P.E.I.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N.S.	54	3	2	3	5	4	2	3	7	3	6	6	10
N.B.	26	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	4
Que.	249	20	20	24	19	15	13	18	17	17	21	27	38
Ont.	337	26	26	32	22	22	24	30	29	24	26	33	43
Man.	27	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	4	5
Sask.	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3
Alta.	45	4	4	5	3	3	2	2	3	3	4	6	6
B.C.	108	9	6	10	8	7	7	8	9	8	10	13	13

(1) Comparable data for 1959 available in the March 1960 issue in this series.

Table v. - Number of Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Province and Sex, during 1960(1).

Province	Monthly Ave.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
(Thousands)													
<u>Male and female</u>													
Canada -	518	783	814	823	715	364	296	294	280	280	330	485	754
Nfld.	19	37	39	35	29	9	6	5	5	5	7	16	32
P.E.I.	4	8	8	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	6
N.S.	26	42	43	43	40	19	15	10	12	12	14	23	39
N.B.	23	38	42	41	37	14	9	9	9	9	11	19	35
Que.	164	247	266	274	244	121	92	91	83	85	99	140	229
Ont.	167	232	238	245	209	122	111	117	112	106	119	156	234
Man.	20	32	34	35	30	13	9	8	8	9	12	22	32
Sask.	14	26	27	26	20	8	6	5	4	5	7	14	23
Alta.	26	39	40	44	38	20	15	12	12	13	16	27	36
B.C.	55	82	77	72	63	38	33	34	34	35	44	66	87

<u>Male</u>													
Canada -	390	616	645	656	556	258	196	192	186	186	230	364	594
Nfld.	17	35	37	34	27	8	5	4	4	4	6	15	31
P.E.I.	3	7	7	6	4	1	1	1	1	-	1	2	5
N.S.	22	36	37	38	35	16	12	8	9	10	11	19	35
N.B.	19	32	35	35	32	11	7	6	7	7	8	15	29
Que.	125	197	217	225	196	87	60	59	54	56	68	101	178
Ont.	117	170	174	180	147	80	70	75	74	69	80	111	173
Man.	15	25	27	27	22	9	5	5	4	5	8	17	26
Sask.	11	21	22	21	16	5	3	3	2	2	4	11	19
Alta.	20	31	32	35	30	15	10	8	8	8	11	21	29
B.C.	41	63	58	54	46	26	23	23	24	24	32	51	69

<u>Female</u>													
Canada -	128	166	169	167	159	106	100	102	94	93	100	121	160
Nfld.	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
P.E.I.	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
N.S.	4	6	6	6	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
N.B.	4	7	7	6	5	3	3	3	2	2	3	4	5
Que.	39	50	49	49	48	33	31	33	29	28	31	39	51
Ont.	50	62	64	65	62	42	41	42	38	37	39	45	62
Man.	5	7	8	8	8	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	6
Sask.	3	5	5	5	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	4
Alta.	6	8	8	8	8	5	5	4	4	5	5	6	7
B.C.	14	19	19	18	17	11	11	10	10	10	11	14	18

(1) Comparable data for 1959 available in March 1960 issue in this series.

Table vi. - Benefit Payments by Province and Month, 1960 and 1959.

Province		Total 12 months	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
\$'000														
Canada	1960	481,836	54,345	62,586	74,845	61,768	52,206	26,842	19,703	21,357	21,186	20,651	26,584	39,766
	1959	406,097	58,652	58,076	65,868	59,965	40,446	18,157	14,531	13,123	13,371	13,766	17,479	32,661
Nfld.	1960	18,413	2,337	3,137	3,611	3,138	2,170	942	365	389	349	343	552	1,080
	1959	15,248	2,074	2,573	3,111	2,664	1,826	737	368	257	273	298	344	723
P.E.I.	1960	3,399	650	634	695	569	276	95	60	56	57	47	62	198
	1959	2,919	518	514	642	529	267	47	41	45	41	44	56	175
N.S.	1960	22,037	2,743	3,221	3,623	3,149	2,199	1,277	779	849	817	917	967	1,496
	1959	20,146	2,740	2,929	3,625	3,379	2,349	1,062	642	566	572	581	665	1,036
N.B.	1960	21,293	2,743	3,018	3,537	3,479	2,585	1,011	613	645	679	657	885	1,441
	1959	19,418	2,793	2,873	3,439	3,450	2,493	732	548	457	437	459	580	1,157
Que.	1960	153,346	17,243	20,202	24,331	21,467	18,315	8,246	5,979	6,298	6,070	5,949	7,649	11,597
	1959	133,139	19,290	19,266	22,148	20,496	14,236	5,871	4,734	3,937	3,856	4,236	5,163	9,906
Ont.	1960	155,480	16,314	17,619	23,082	17,657	15,608	9,121	7,721	8,452	8,862	8,072	9,746	13,226
	1959	127,190	17,932	16,260	19,175	17,580	11,441	6,005	5,314	5,089	5,355	5,110	6,452	11,477
Man.	1960	18,327	2,111	2,722	2,983	2,405	2,043	1,022	567	586	554	617	980	1,737
	1959	14,962	2,123	2,475	2,523	2,221	1,408	584	433	369	346	390	657	1,433
Sask.	1960	13,614	1,824	2,268	2,522	1,829	1,440	633	360	373	316	333	568	1,148
	1959	11,535	1,852	1,975	2,166	1,737	960	369	268	230	232	266	439	1,041
Alta.	1960	23,707	2,580	3,079	3,576	2,849	2,658	1,486	962	926	856	984	1,416	2,335
	1959	18,277	2,652	2,905	2,925	2,624	1,761	828	610	515	497	563	819	1,578
B.C.	1960	52,221	5,799	6,686	6,884	5,227	4,911	3,009	2,297	2,782	2,628	2,732	3,759	5,507
	1959	43,261	6,678	6,308	6,114	5,284	3,706	1,922	1,571	1,657	1,762	1,819	2,304	4,136

Table vii. - Average Weekly Benefit Rate(1), by Province and Month, 1960 and 1959.

Province		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
		(Dollars)											
Canada	1960	21.91	22.00	22.20	22.18	22.17	22.11	21.81	22.01	22.65	22.85	23.19	23.51 ⁽²⁾
	1959	21.38	21.56	21.58	21.29	20.81	20.95	20.04	20.19	20.54	20.51	20.85	21.51
Nfld.	1960	21.72	21.83	21.88	22.08	22.76	22.29	21.31	21.70	21.98	21.69	22.98	24.18
	1959	20.98	21.51	21.01	21.40	21.52	21.24	20.93	20.54	20.79	21.04	21.53	22.16
P.E.I.	1960	20.52	20.44	20.45	20.43	20.30	19.65	19.31	19.18	19.11	19.03	19.63	20.49
	1959	19.65	19.46	18.70	19.74	19.18	17.87	17.48	17.79	17.52	17.85	18.16	19.73
N.S.	1960	20.03	20.49	21.12	20.29	20.39	21.79	21.23	21.78	21.23	21.89	21.03	21.38
	1959	19.69	20.38	20.40	20.17	20.16	20.96	19.12	18.89	19.18	19.18	18.21	19.51
N.B.	1960	20.77	20.95	21.00	21.16	21.41	21.47	20.94	20.99	21.13	21.41	21.55	21.73
	1959	20.34	20.44	20.46	20.66	20.47	19.74	19.12	19.19	19.07	19.07	19.11	20.15
Que.	1960	22.04	22.31	22.45	22.58	22.38	21.88	21.13	21.44	21.73	22.12	22.56	22.88
	1959	21.68	21.91	21.95	21.89	21.30	20.71	19.96	19.81	19.94	20.15	20.38	21.21
Ont.	1960	22.05	21.62	22.14	22.17	22.01	22.23	22.24	22.43	23.48	23.49	23.63	23.82
	1959	21.61	21.50	21.25	21.51	20.30	21.45	20.26	20.53	21.13	20.79	21.29	21.81
Man.	1960	21.78	21.72	22.01	21.82	21.67	21.82	20.55	20.57	21.14	21.83	22.92	22.71
	1959	19.89	20.14	21.90	18.77	19.56	19.23	18.65	18.66	18.98	19.68	20.91	21.38
Sask.	1960	21.45	22.41	22.90	22.21	21.58	21.24	20.79	20.59	20.61	21.15	22.28	23.67
	1959	20.64	21.49	22.50	20.47	20.22	20.60	18.32	18.77	18.90	23.04	20.57	21.78
Alta.	1960	22.83	23.04	22.58	22.71	23.30	21.91	22.31	20.15	22.52	22.81	23.41	24.45
	1959	21.03	21.60	23.18	19.71	21.13	20.77	20.24	20.02	19.99	20.69	21.42	22.03
B.C.	1960	22.78	23.22	22.77	22.69	22.84	23.19	23.15	23.84	23.97	24.23	24.77	25.25
	1959	22.35	22.64	22.16	21.87	21.63	21.35	20.87	21.66	21.81	21.26	21.93	22.19

(1) Including partial weeks.

(2) Amended.

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 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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