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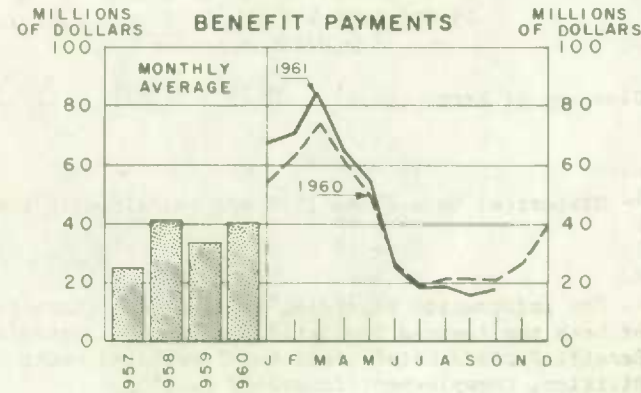
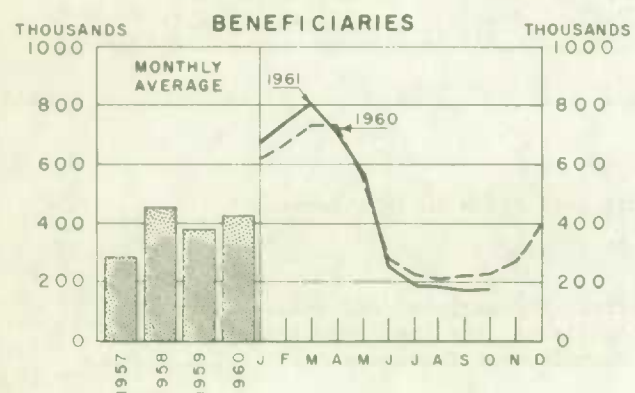
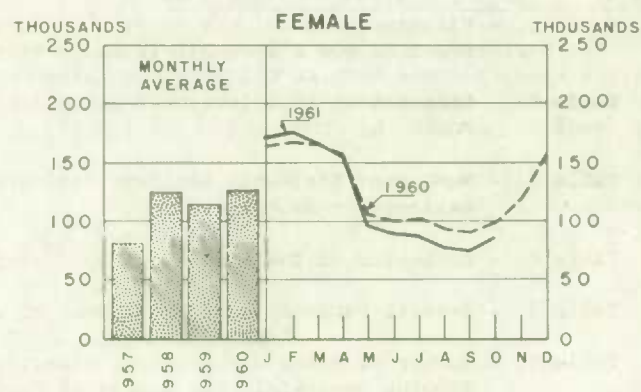
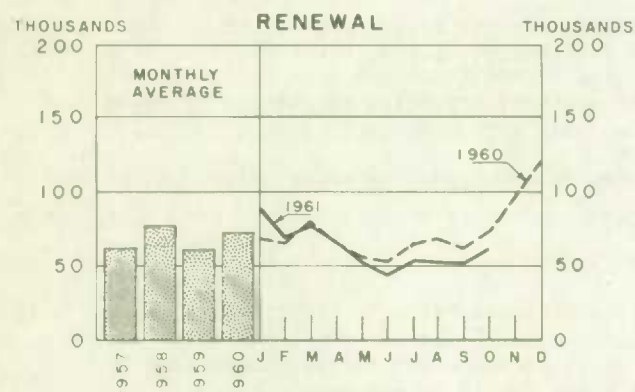
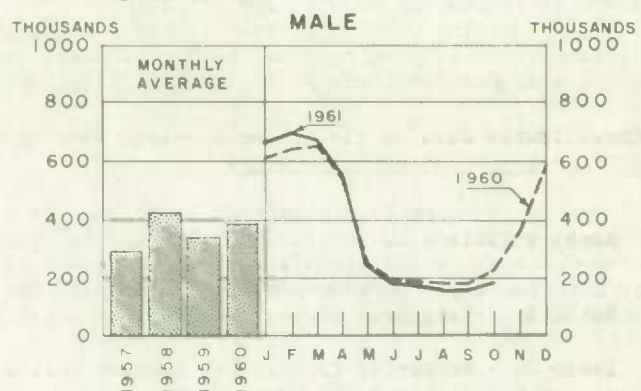
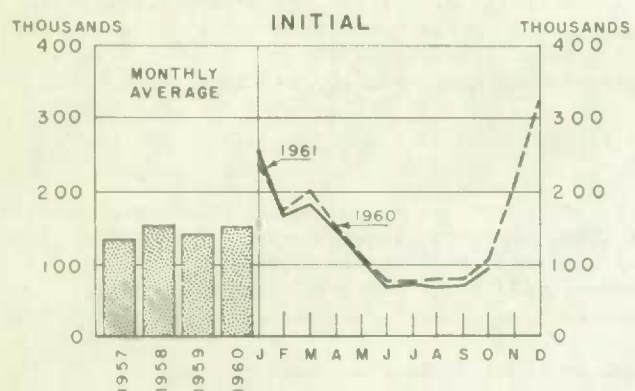
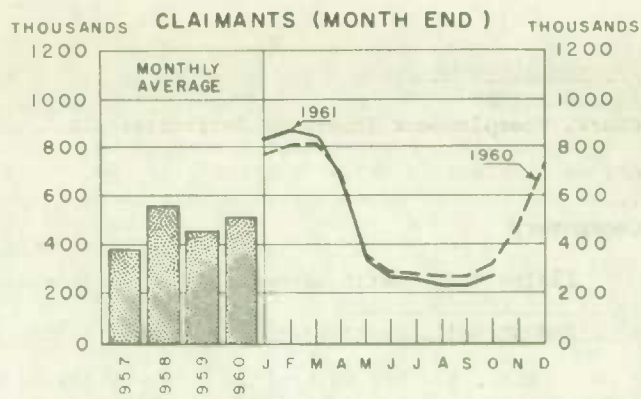
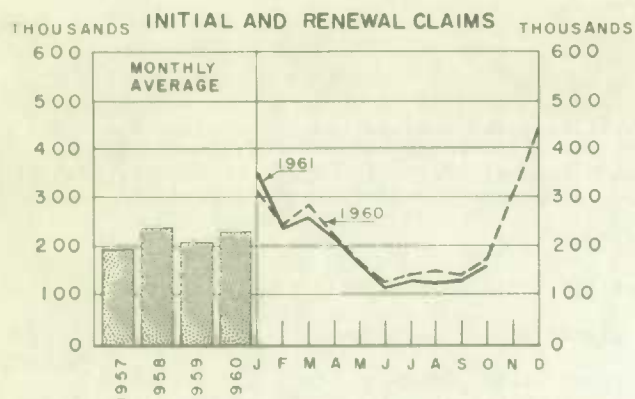
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series.

For information regarding the personal characteristics, occupational and industrial status of both the insured population and persons establishing claims, see the "Annual Report on Benefit Periods Established and Terminated under the Unemployment Insurance Act", D.B.S. Labour Division, Unemployment Insurance Section.

# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



# CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

October 1961

## Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on October 31 numbered 268,700. While this represents an increase of 39,500 over the 229,200 recorded on September 29, it is 61,500 below the total of 330,200 for the corresponding date last year. Eight out of ten of the additional claimants on October 31 were males.

## Initial and renewal claims: receipt and disposal

A total of 158,100 initial and renewal claims was filed during October. This compares with 122,000 for September and 178,200 for October 1960. The proportion of initial claims rose slightly to 61 per cent during October, versus 57 per cent for September and 58 per cent for October 1960. A rise in claims is usually accompanied by a relatively greater increase in initial claims; however, the September to October increase in initial claims this year was somewhat greater than last year.

## Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 173,300 for October, unchanged from September and almost 53,000 below the estimate of 225,900 for October 1960. Benefit payments amounted to \$17 million during October, versus \$16 million for September and \$21 million during October 1960. The average benefit payment per week compensated was \$23.52 for October, \$23.22 for September and \$22.86 for October 1960.

## Claims and Benefit Payments by province

The September-to-October increase in the month-end claimant count was relatively greater in the Prairie provinces and British Columbia than elsewhere. In all provinces but Nova Scotia and Ontario the percentage increase exceeded the national rate. The increase for males was more pronounced than for females.

In relation to the same month last year all provinces showed a decline except Manitoba and Saskatchewan, where small increases occurred.

## Percentage change in month-end claimant count

	<u>September 29 to</u> <u>October 31, 1961</u>			<u>October 31, 1960</u> <u>to October 31, 1961</u>			<u>September 30 to</u> <u>October 31, 1960</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	+ 17	+ 21	+ 11	- 19	- 19	- 17	+ 18	+ 24	+ 7
Nfld.	+ 19	+ 25	- 4	- 21	- 21	- 19	+ 31	+ 39	+ 3
P.E.I.	+ 19	+ 20	+ 18	- 15	- 20	- 5	+ 14	+ 22	+ 2
N.S.	+ 11	+ 10	+ 11	- 14	- 17	-	+ 13	+ 17	-
N.B.	+ 23	+ 25	+ 20	- 18	- 23	- 1	+ 24	+ 25	+ 20
Que.	+ 18	+ 22	+ 8	- 20	- 18	- 23	+ 17	+ 21	+ 9
Ont.	+ 5	+ 4	+ 8	- 24	- 24	- 22	+ 12	+ 16	+ 5
Man.	+ 57	+ 76	+ 23	+ 11	+ 20	- 5	+ 39	+ 59	+ 11
Sask.	+ 27	+ 44	+ 3	+ 6	+ 9	+ 2	+ 47	+ 81	+ 10
Alta.	+ 41	+ 56	+ 20	- 11	- 16	+ 2	+ 25	+ 39	+ 3
B.C.	+ 31	+ 39	+ 16	- 19	- 24	- 7	+ 25	+ 32	+ 10



The October claim intake constituted a rise in excess of 40 per cent in all provinces except Ontario (8 per cent) and Nova Scotia (14 per cent). Nova Scotia experienced the sharpest decline from last year's claim load, the current level being 45 per cent lower than last October.

Percentage change in claims filed

	<u>September to October 1961</u>			<u>October 1960 to October 1961</u>			<u>September to October 1960</u>		
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Renewal</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Initial</u>	<u>Renewal</u>
Canada	+ 30	+ 39	+ 17	- 11	- 7	- 18	+ 27	+ 31	+ 21
Nfld.	+ 64	+ 76	+ 41	- 17	- 14	- 24	+ 79	+ 85	+ 66
P.E.I.	+ 62	+ 85	+ 27	- 17	- 13	- 23	+ 47	+ 55	+ 33
N.S.	+ 14	+ 25	+ 1	- 45	- 27	- 60	+ 57	+ 48	+ 66
N.B.	+ 47	+ 53	+ 38	- 10	- 12	- 7	+ 46	+ 54	+ 35
Que.	+ 42	+ 47	+ 34	- 9	- 6	- 13	+ 26	+ 29	+ 22
Ont.	+ 8	+ 18	- 5	- 13	- 10	- 17	+ 14	+ 19	+ 9
Man.	+ 65	+ 69	+ 59	+ 1	-	+ 2	+ 68	+ 81	+ 49
Sask.	+ 60	+ 65	+ 49	+ 11	+ 16	+ 2	+ 83	+ 83	+ 83
Alta.	+ 71	+ 81	+ 55	- 1	+ 7	- 12	+ 34	+ 42	+ 24
B.C.	+ 42	+ 47	+ 34	- 9	- 4	- 17	+ 27	+ 31	+ 23

Industrial Classification(1) of persons filing  
new claims for Unemployment Insurance during September

Special monthly tabulations have recently been instituted to record the number of new claimants for unemployment insurance benefit. These have been designed to indicate the distribution of new unemployment among the insured population by large industrial groups for each province. Changes in the industrial composition of new claimants should be more sensitive indicators of the industrial source of unemployment than total counts of claimants. This series should become increasingly useful as historical data are accumulated.

The industrial classification of the new claimants is based on information given by the claimant regarding his most recent employment. This is noted on the document (UIC 417) completed in conjunction with the filing of an initial claim. The period of employment with this employer may have been short, and therefore may not be representative of his usual industrial attachment. However, in examining the documents for industrial attachment no allowance was made for such cases.

The primary purpose of this analysis is to provide information on provincial distribution of the new claimants by industry. This information is not available from any other source on a monthly basis although "The Labour Force"(2) at intervals does provide an industry distribution. No classification by province and industry is available, however, from this source. Further, such data do not distinguish between the newly unemployed and those whose current spell of unemployment commenced in an earlier month.

The present investigation relates only to the insured unemployed. However, since the Unemployment Insurance Act covers about 80 per cent of all non-agricultural paid workers, these data are representative of a large segment of the Canadian workers.

Only the new cases were examined, i.e. the study excludes transitional cases in respect of persons terminating one claim and seeking to re-establish a subsequent one.

During September separations from manufacturing, trade, construction and service were significant in all provinces. The relative importance of an industry within a province was to some extent associated with the industrial structure of the province.

(1) See Technical Note in Glossary of Terms.

(2) Prepared in the Special Surveys Division of D.B.S.

More than a third of the cases in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario were from manufacturing. In Ontario transportation equipment industries accounted for a substantial proportion of manufacturing layoffs. Steel and fish processing plants contributed the major part of separations in this industry in Nova Scotia. In Quebec manufacturing separations were not concentrated to the same extent. However, sawmills, clothing factories and paper products plants were responsible for appreciable numbers.

All provinces showed a substantial concentration of separations from trade ranging from about 33 per cent in Prince Edward Island to about 14 per cent in Quebec. Claimants terminating employment in the service industries were less important in the Atlantic provinces than elsewhere in keeping with the relatively smaller numbers in this industry.

Between 15 and 20 per cent of the new cases in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta were from construction; elsewhere the number of cases was relatively lower.

The per cent distribution of cases by industry and province is as follows:

	<u>Nfld.</u>	<u>P.E.I.</u>	<u>N.S.</u>	<u>N.B.</u>	<u>Que.</u>	<u>Ont.</u>	<u>Man.</u>	<u>Sask.</u>	<u>Alta.</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
	Per cent									
Forestry	3.4	-	3.3	10.0	3.2	1.4	4.5	0.4	1.1	3.7
Fishing & trapping	1.1	-	2.2	0.4	-	-	0.3	-	0.1	0.2
Mining	5.5	1.7	2.4	2.1	1.0	1.7	2.3	1.9	3.7	6.5
Manufacturing	15.8	5.4	35.5	27.4	34.0	43.2	20.4	9.3	14.8	25.2
Construction	19.5	15.5	9.6	10.4	18.7	10.7	13.8	17.8	17.6	11.5
Transportation communication & other utilities	14.0	16.4	8.4	10.9	6.6	3.3	13.3	9.3	3.9	8.5
Trade	21.2	32.6	17.8	18.6	13.6	16.1	16.9	23.9	21.5	17.6
Wholesale	5.2	10.3	3.6	4.4	3.3	3.4	7.1	6.9	7.8	5.5
Retail	16.0	22.3	14.2	14.2	10.3	12.7	9.8	17.0	13.7	12.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1.4	6.0	2.2	2.3	2.6	2.3	3.1	3.0	2.4	3.3
Service	6.9	14.6	10.3	12.4	15.7	13.0	15.8	22.5	19.4	16.8
Public Administration & Defence	10.0	7.8	7.1	4.0	3.8	5.0	7.6	6.9	10.7	5.8
Other	0.8	-	0.8	1.6	1.5	1.3	2.3	4.9	2.6	1.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	Oct. 1961	Sept. 1961	Oct. 1960	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Sept. 1961	Oct. 1960	January to October		12 months ending October	
						1961	1960	1961	1960
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	3,948	4,002	..	..	..	4,125*	..	4,139*
Initial and renewal claims filed	158	122	178	+ 30	- 11	1,850	1,948	2,603	2,668
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	269	229	330	+ 17	- 19	486*	498*	508*	507*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	173	173	226	-	- 23	446*	449*	428*	421*
Weeks compensated	728	693	903	+ 5	- 19	18,638	18,764	21,475	21,121
Benefit paid	\$ 17,115	16,082	20,651	+ 6	- 17	443,585	415,487	509,935	465,628

Average weekly benefit	\$	23.52	23.22	22.86	+ 1	+ 3	23.80	22.14	23.75	22.05
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\* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1961 - September	3,948,000	3,718,800	229,200
August	3,987,000	3,757,700	229,300
July	3,971,000	3,715,700	255,300
June	3,943,000	3,676,100	266,900
May	3,891,000	3,550,000	341,000
April	4,126,000	3,412,900	713,100
March	4,210,000	3,372,000	838,000
February	4,247,000	3,374,200	872,800
January	4,240,000	3,393,100	846,900
1960 - December	4,251,000	3,496,900	754,100
November	4,110,000	3,624,800	485,200
October	4,002,000	3,671,800	330,200
September	3,998,000	3,718,500	279,500

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

Prov.	1961 - October - 1960					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	158,060	96,870	61,190	178,211	103,919	74,292
Nfld.	2,797	1,986	811	3,386	2,319	1,067
P.E.I.	385	263	122	463	304	159
N.S.	5,549	3,333	2,216	10,098	4,562	5,536
N.B.	5,045	3,057	1,988	5,634	3,493	2,141
Que.	46,260	28,130	18,130	50,828	29,924	20,904
Ont.	54,436	32,429	22,007	62,406	35,963	26,443
Man.	7,109	4,615	2,494	7,060	4,603	2,457
Sask.	4,648	3,194	1,454	4,175	2,754	1,421
Alta.	9,782	6,286	3,496	9,878	5,900	3,978
B.C.	22,049	13,577	8,472	24,283	14,097	10,186

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 38,732



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	October 31, 1960 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
	October 31, 1961									
CANADA -	268,682	104,835	34,446	40,863	23,799	16,323	11,584	36,832	26.7	330,223
MALE	185,454	80,254	24,754	27,473	14,800	9,421	6,380	22,372	27.8	230,025
FEMALE	83,228	24,581	9,692	13,390	8,999	6,902	5,204	14,460	24.3	100,198
Nfld.	5,461	2,052	564	717	437	323	235	1,133	62.7	6,886
Male	4,513	1,843	455	565	341	229	161	919	64.8	5,718
Female	948	209	109	152	96	94	74	214	52.7	1,168
P.E.I.	765	289	73	115	64	50	46	128	55.3	896
Male	471	212	44	63	36	30	21	65	59.0	588
Female	294	77	29	52	28	20	25	63	49.3	308
N.S.	12,134	3,558	1,509	2,041	1,273	789	569	2,395	36.1	14,069
Male	9,332	2,845	1,176	1,553	970	548	395	1,845	37.0	11,277
Female	2,802	713	333	488	303	241	174	550	33.0	2,792
N.B.	9,272	3,341	1,259	1,392	766	573	393	1,548	51.8	11,286
Male	6,484	2,559	882	969	481	349	228	1,016	53.6	8,456
Female	2,788	782	377	423	285	224	165	532	47.7	2,830
Que.	79,590	30,585	10,200	12,022	7,171	5,089	3,845	10,678	27.3	99,111
Male	55,591	23,481	7,648	8,407	4,542	2,931	2,090	6,492	28.2	67,991
Female	23,999	7,104	2,552	3,615	2,629	2,158	1,755	4,186	25.1	31,120
Ont.	90,451	35,051	11,749	13,761	8,158	5,451	3,765	12,516	20.3	118,603
Male	60,316	25,962	8,092	8,993	5,006	3,149	1,963	7,151	20.1	79,761
Female	30,135	9,089	3,657	4,768	3,152	2,302	1,802	5,365	20.6	38,842
Man.	13,703	6,471	1,284	1,820	1,051	882	613	1,582	19.1	12,294
Male	9,782	5,122	886	1,187	672	513	370	1,032	20.4	8,185
Female	3,921	1,349	398	633	379	369	243	550	15.9	4,109
Sask.	7,356	2,573	1,051	1,238	740	494	323	937	42.1	6,917
Male	4,846	1,974	752	787	419	258	163	493	44.9	4,463
Female	2,510	599	299	451	321	236	160	444	36.7	2,454
Alta.	14,717	6,304	1,877	2,104	1,373	865	560	1,634	27.8	16,468
Male	9,474	4,820	1,207	1,166	685	411	284	901	30.7	11,305
Female	5,243	1,484	670	938	688	454	276	733	22.4	5,163
B.C.	35,233	14,611	4,880	5,653	2,766	1,807	1,235	4,281	24.9	43,693
Male	24,645	11,436	3,612	3,783	1,648	1,003	705	2,458	26.1	32,281
Female	10,588	3,175	1,268	1,870	1,118	804	530	1,823	22.1	11,412

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		
October - 1961							
Canada -	146,330	51,689	50,948	37,588	6,105	30,557	17,327
Nfld.	2,302	816	605	803	78	714	268
P.E.I.	328	139	97	74	18	87	26
N.S.	5,137	1,796	1,884	1,255	202	1,005	536
N.B.	4,580	1,576	1,779	1,075	150	981	479
Que.	40,450	13,807	14,301	10,394	1,948	10,190	5,496
Ont.	54,723	19,773	19,288	13,248	2,414	10,071	5,932
Man.	6,157	2,467	1,830	1,652	208	886	839
Sask.	4,010	1,543	1,172	1,183	112	945	437
Alta	8,292	3,141	2,686	2,211	254	1,760	1,114
B.C.	20,351	6,631	7,306	5,693	721	3,918	2,200

<u>October - 1960</u>							
Canada -	162,512	56,913	65,418	35,991	4,190	32,424	17,689
Nfld.	2,729	1,036	842	783	68	974	320
P.E.I.	387	136	134	107	10	120	37
N.S.	9,168	2,572	4,889	1,512	195	1,457	927
N.B.	4,906	1,847	1,801	1,127	131	1,123	536
Que.	46,246	16,672	18,440	10,033	1,101	9,526	4,995
Ont.	58,080	20,190	23,797	12,584	1,509	11,412	6,263
Man.	6,071	2,379	1,978	1,522	192	1,214	634
Sask.	3,453	1,263	1,132	967	91	882	386
Alta.	9,449	3,488	3,786	1,963	212	1,611	1,060
B.C.	22,023	7,330	8,619	5,393	681	4,105	2,531

\* In addition 37,739 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 4,559 were special requests not granted and 1,730 were appeals by claimants. There were 10,731 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during October, 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*	26,408	573	42	916	798	7,194	8,694	1,184	833	1,611	4,563
	1960	27,539	594	66	1,149	894	7,890	9,329	1,033	661	1,407	4,516
Claimants disqualified	1961	32,591	518	129	985	781	10,835	12,476	1,148	893	1,487	3,339
	1960	25,661	501	117	1,023	801	7,906	9,708	1,023	629	1,363	2,590
Not unemployed	1961	697	27	4	26	20	179	220	29	61	45	86
	1960	487	18	1	44	20	136	130	22	33	34	49
Not capable of and not available for work	1961	8,478	136	27	227	242	2,466	3,170	379	385	436	1,010
	1960	7,234	118	19	264	198	2,046	2,985	329	219	453	603
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1961	2,903	-	-	3	1	1,644	1,253	1	-	-	1
	1960	196	3	-	1	-	96	87	2	-	4	3
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1961	1,741	7	37	85	48	632	630	31	37	86	148
	1960	1,504	3	18	65	59	506	539	80	54	99	81
Discharged for misconduct	1961	1,206	23	3	44	25	457	448	35	23	49	99
	1960	1,123	24	4	33	24	394	472	23	13	42	94
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1961	7,068	140	24	245	193	2,061	2,452	359	225	476	893
	1960	6,582	146	32	259	224	1,878	2,224	356	191	459	813
Other reasons	1961	10,498	185	34	355	252	3,396	4,303	314	162	395	1,102
	1960	8,535	189	43	357	276	2,850	3,271	211	119	272	947

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

during October	1961	3,316	84	9	115	159	1,200	1,022	77	52	111	487
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1961 - October - 1960	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	173.3	225.9
Newfoundland	3.4	4.0
Prince Edward Island	0.5	0.6
Nova Scotia	8.4	10.5
New Brunswick	5.8	7.7
Quebec	51.2	67.2
Ontario	63.6	85.9
Manitoba	7.2	7.1
Saskatchewan	4.4	3.9
Alberta	7.9	10.8
British Columbia	21.0	28.2

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1961 - October - 1960			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	727,724	17,115,047	903,403	20,650,922
Nfld.	14,126	302,577	15,799	342,739
P.E.I.	2,031	40,030	2,462	46,856
N.S.	35,380	799,782	41,903	917,198
N.B.	24,286	513,213	30,700	657,156
Que.	214,945	4,982,307	268,984	5,948,623
Ont.	267,220	6,421,034	343,642	8,072,034
Man.	30,058	695,539	28,274	617,230
Sask.	18,369	418,546	15,750	333,182
Alta.	32,998	788,271	43,115	983,653
B.C.	88,311	2,153,748	112,774	2,732,251



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

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

October - 1961

Canada -	659,029	68,695	49,174
Newfoundland	12,122	2,004	1,644
Prince Edward Island	1,871	160	122
Nova Scotia	30,232	5,148	4,112
New Brunswick	20,742	3,544	2,695
Quebec	196,654	18,291	11,915
Ontario	242,183	25,037	17,699
Manitoba	27,630	2,428	1,763
Saskatchewan	16,896	1,473	1,043
Alberta	30,179	2,819	1,980
British Columbia	80,520	7,791	6,201

October - 1960

Canada -	831,188	72,215	50,984
Newfoundland	13,903	1,896	1,576
Prince Edward Island	2,287	175	131
Nova Scotia	36,355	5,548	4,631
New Brunswick	27,071	3,629	2,695
Quebec	249,027	19,957	13,091
Ontario	318,906	24,736	17,112
Manitoba	26,137	2,137	1,516
Saskatchewan	14,677	1,073	748
Alberta	39,808	3,307	2,281
British Columbia	103,017	9,757	7,203

## 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.

**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 3 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.

**Industrial Classification of persons filing new claims for Unemployment Insurance:** This information is based on a sample of documents in respect of initial claims filed in local offices during a month. To ensure that all such claims have an equal chance of being included in the study, the documents are accumulated until the end of the third week following the month in which the claim was filed.

The sampling ratio varies from one hundred per cent in the Atlantic provinces (during the period of low claim) to five per cent in Ontario. The sample embraces all new initial claims without regard to benefit status, i.e. failures as well as disqualifications are included.

At the present time only the new separations requiring an initial claim are included in this study, as these are the only documents forwarded to the Bureau for analysis. The ratio of initial to renewal claims fluctuates with the claim load, so that during the months of heavy claim, it is approximately 3.1.

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