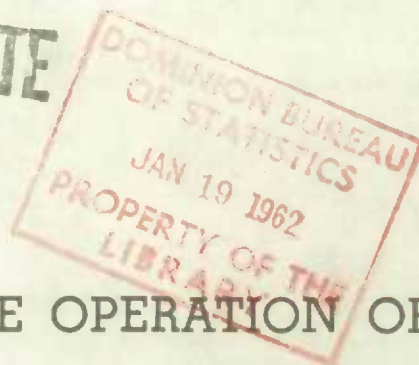




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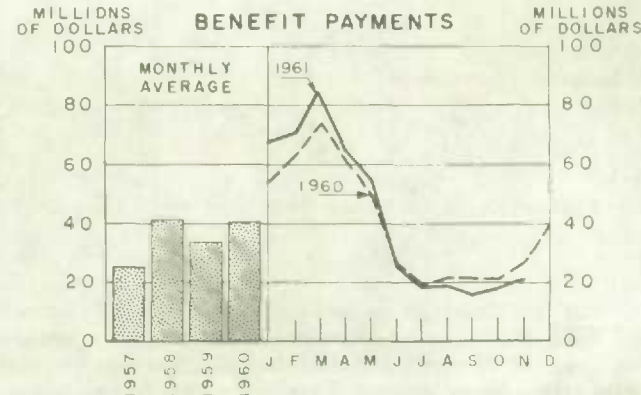
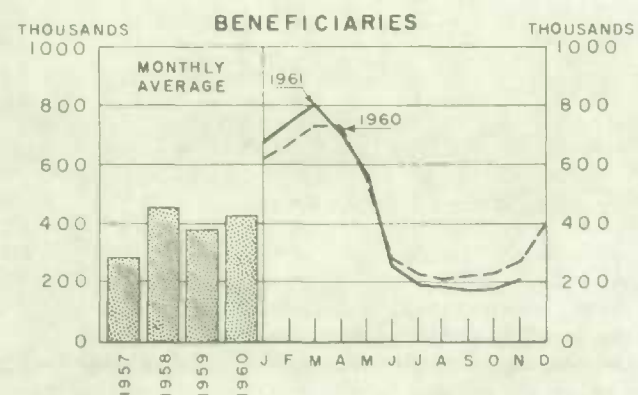
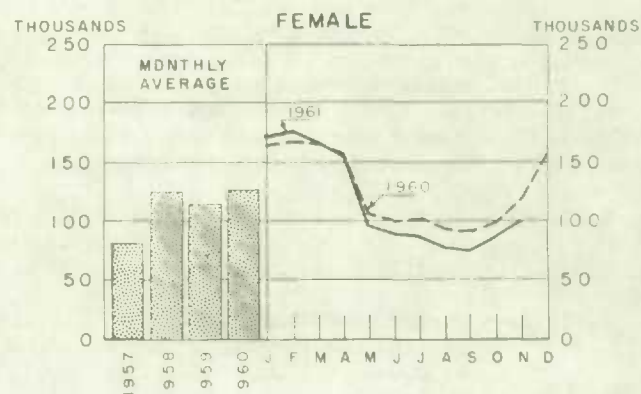
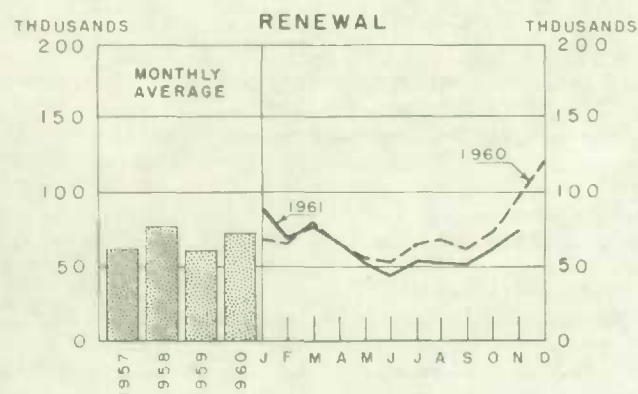
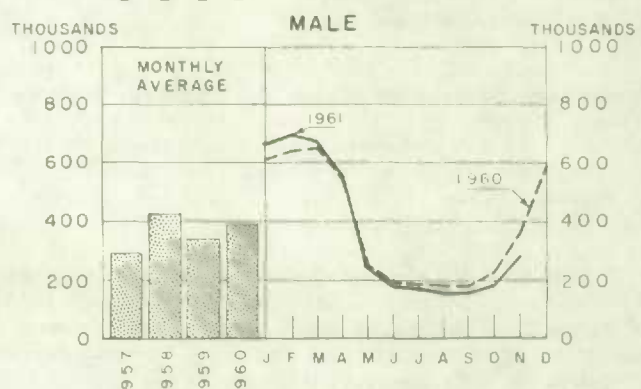
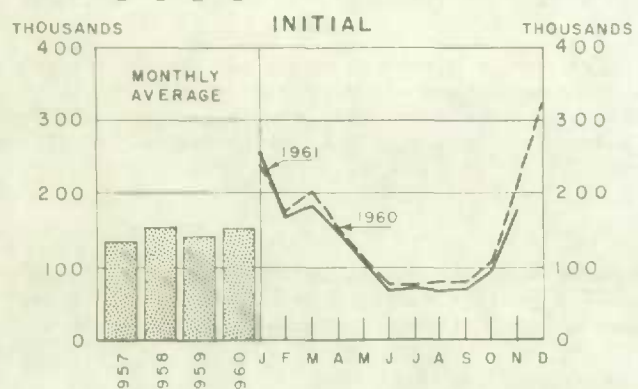
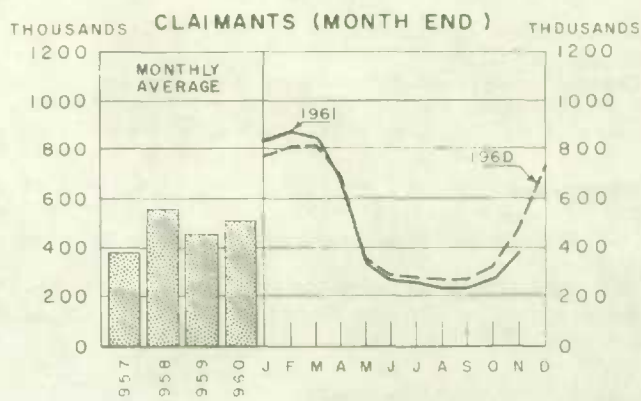
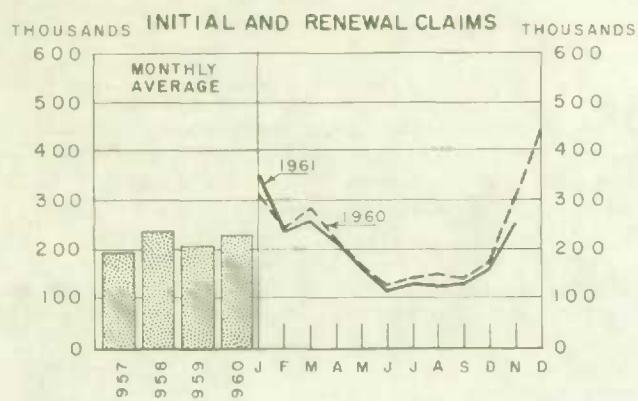
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For information regarding the personal characteristics, occupational and industrial status of both the insured population and persons establishing benefit periods, see the "Annual Report on Benefit Periods Established and Terminated under the Unemployment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

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTSNovember 1961Claimants at month-end:
volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on November 30 totalled 386,000. While this represents an increase of 117,300 from the 268,700 recorded on October 31, it is still about 100,000 below the total of 485,200 for November 30, 1960. Four out of five of the new claimants during November were males, whereas only 65 per cent of persons on claim more than 4 weeks were males. Some 15,000 of the current total were identified as seasonal benefit*, about the same volume as on this date last year.

The marked increase in the volume of male claimants during November was accompanied by a rise in the proportion classed as postal, which stood at 31.5 per cent on November 30 in comparison with 26.7 per cent on October 31.

Initial and renewal claims:
receipt and disposal

A total of 252,600 claims were filed at local offices during November, up 94,500 over the October total of 158,100, but about 52,000 fewer than the 304,400 claims received during November 1960. Slightly more than 70 per cent of the claims were initial, compared with 68 per cent last November and 61 per cent for October. The proportion of initial claims increases with the heavier volume of claims during the late fall and winter season.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 209,800 for November, 173,300 for October and 272,900 for November 1960. Benefit payments totalled \$20.9 million during November, some 20 per cent above the \$17.1 million paid out during October. Payments last November amounted to \$26.6 million. The average weekly payment per week compensated was \$23.76 for November, \$23.52 for October and \$23.19 for November 1960.

Claims and benefit payments by province

The October-to-November rise in the month-end claimant count was substantially greater for Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan than elsewhere; this was particularly true for the males. The largest relative increase in the number of female claimants occurred in Prince Edward Island, but the numbers involved were small.

Percentage change in month-end claimant count

	<u>October 31 to</u> <u>November 30, 1961</u>			<u>November 30, 1960</u> <u>to November 30, 1961</u>			<u>October 31 to</u> <u>November 30, 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	+ 44	+ 54	+ 20	- 20	- 21	- 18	+ 47	+ 58	+ 21
Nfld.	+ 153	+ 180	+ 23	- 16	- 15	- 21	+ 138	+ 161	+ 26
P.E.I.	+ 142	+ 188	+ 68	- 28	- 32	- 15	+ 188	+ 240	+ 87
N.S.	+ 53	+ 63	+ 19	- 18	- 21	- 1	+ 60	+ 70	+ 21
N.B.	+ 61	+ 76	+ 26	- 20	- 24	- 7	+ 66	+ 77	+ 34
Que.	+ 35	+ 40	+ 24	- 23	- 23	- 23	+ 41	+ 49	+ 24
Ont.	+ 35	+ 44	+ 16	- 22	- 22	- 22	+ 31	+ 39	+ 15
Man.	+ 35	+ 43	+ 15	- 17	- 19	- 9	+ 81	+ 111	+ 21
Sask.	+ 87	+ 122	+ 21	-	- 1	+ 1	+ 100	+ 143	+ 22
Alta.	+ 55	+ 79	+ 10	- 17	- 20	- 7	+ 67	+ 88	+ 20
B.C.	+ 49	+ 60	+ 25	- 20	- 23	- 9	+ 50	+ 59	+ 27

* Payments under the seasonal benefit provisions of the Act cannot be made for any week of unemployment prior to November 26. However, claims processed after mid-November and failing the regular requirements are re-computed immediately under the seasonal benefit provisions and post-dated to November 26.

To some extent, the relatively heavier increment in the claimant count on November 30 for the Atlantic provinces is associated with the commencement of the seasonal benefit period and the relatively greater importance of these claims in that area. However, other developments such as curtailment of highway work contributed materially to the situation.

Significant variations in the claim load by province are shown below:

Percentage change in claims filed

	<u>October to November 1961</u>			<u>November 1960 to November 1961</u>			<u>October to November 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	+ 60	+ 84	+ 21	- 17	- 14	- 24	+ 71	+ 100	+ 31
Nfld.	+ 249	+ 322	+ 70	- 19	- 18	- 25	+ 258	+ 343	+ 72
P.E.I.	+ 281	+ 358	+ 113	- 26	- 27	- 21	+ 330	+ 447	+ 106
N.S.	+ 98	+ 124	+ 57	- 24	- 8	- 44	+ 42	+ 77	+ 13
N.B.	+ 88	+ 133	+ 17	- 18	- 15	- 26	+ 105	+ 139	+ 48
Que.	+ 45	+ 67	+ 10	- 21	- 20	- 25	+ 67	+ 95	+ 27
Ont.	+ 44	+ 63	+ 16	- 16	- 12	- 22	+ 49	+ 67	+ 24
Man.	+ 103	+ 123	+ 65	- 2	- 1	- 3	+ 107	+ 126	+ 73
Sask.	+ 109	+ 125	+ 73	- 4	- 4	- 6	+ 143	+ 171	+ 88
Alta.	+ 60	+ 70	+ 42	- 16	- 13	- 22	+ 90	+ 109	+ 61
B.C.	+ 62	+ 93	+ 12	- 17	- 14	- 25	+ 77	+ 115	+ 24

It is worth noting that while the October-to-November increases this year were relatively lower than one year ago, initial claims constitute a slightly greater proportion of the claim intake this November.

Percentage of claims classed as initial

	<u>November</u>	
	<u>1961</u>	<u>1960</u>
Canada	70.6	68.1
Nfld.	85.8	84.8
P.E.I.	82.3	83.5
N.S.	68.2	56.4
N.B.	75.4	72.5
Que.	70.2	68.8
Ont.	67.4	64.6
Man.	71.3	70.9
Sask.	74.1	73.7
Alta.	68.3	65.9
B.C.	73.4	70.5

Industrial classification⁽¹⁾ of persons filing
new claims for Unemployment Insurance during October

The most recent industrial attachment for persons separating from employment and filing initial claims during October indicated a marked concentration of cases in the four industries of manufacturing, service, trade and construction. However, these four industry groups accounted for over 80 per cent of the non-agricultural paid worker segment of the Canadian labour force⁽²⁾ during October.

(1) See Technical Note in Glossary of Terms.

(2) Source: Special table prepared from the labour force sample in the Special Surveys Division, D.B.S.

With the exception of Newfoundland two-thirds or more of the cases in each province showed previous attachment to one of these four industries. In Newfoundland, only about 45 per cent could be thus classified. The single industry accounting for the greatest number of cases in this province was transportation, (reflecting completion of road maintenance operations).

The heaviest concentration was in manufacturing for 7 provinces; for 6 of these, the proportion from this industry was from one-quarter to one-third of the cases.

Within the manufacturing industry, the nature of business given for the former employer varied from province to province. Food processing was significant in all provinces, but more marked in the Atlantic provinces and British Columbia. Claims from persons formerly employed in saw and planing mills accounted for the largest volume of cases within manufacturing in British Columbia. Durable goods accounted for about 50 per cent of the recorded separations from manufacturing in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia.

Construction was recorded as the previous employment for about a quarter of the cases in Quebec, Saskatchewan and Alberta; elsewhere the proportion was appreciably less.

In Prince Edward Island, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia the service industry accounted for between 15 and 20 per cent of the cases; elsewhere except for Newfoundland (where the proportion was less than 5 per cent) this industry comprised between 10 and 15 per cent of the cases.

The percentage 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	4.5	-	3.9	6.9	5.5	2.0	4.2	0.1	1.8	4.7
Fishing & trapping	1.7	2.3	0.7	0.8	0.1	-	0.8	-	0.4	0.3
Mining	17.3	0.5	2.5	6.7	0.5	1.1	3.0	2.2	6.0	4.3
Manufacturing	11.2	24.2	32.5	27.7	29.4	33.1	20.0	9.5	12.7	29.7
Construction	17.9	9.9	13.3	13.4	24.5	17.1	18.0	26.0	26.0	14.6
Transportation communication & other utilities	22.7	6.3	8.7	9.2	6.4	6.5	9.7	11.3	9.0	10.2
Trade	12.7	15.4	14.1	13.5	12.7	13.0	12.1	20.2	13.8	8.5
Wholesale	2.9	2.3	3.9	4.2	2.2	4.5	4.7	7.9	4.3	3.0
Retail	9.8	13.1	10.2	9.3	10.5	8.5	7.4	12.3	9.5	5.5
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	0.4	2.7	1.6	2.7	1.7	2.2	2.4	2.0	2.3	1.7
Service	4.0	18.0	13.9	10.8	12.7	18.3	16.4	14.4	15.4	18.2
Public Administration & Defence	6.8	16.3	6.3	4.1	3.6	3.9	11.5	11.8	9.9	4.6
Other	0.4	4.6	2.4	4.1	2.8	3.2	2.0	2.4	2.5	2.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

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- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	November 1961	October 1961	November 1960	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				October 1961	November 1960	January to November		12 months ending November	
						1961	1960	1961	1960
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,006	4,110	4,123*	..	4,138*
Initial and renewal claims filed	253	158	304	+ 60	- 17	2,103	2,252	2,551	2,694
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	386	269	485	+ 44	- 20	477*	497*	500*	513*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	210	173	273	+ 21	- 23	425*	433*	423*	427*
Weeks compensated	881	728	1,146	+ 21	- 23	19,519	19,910	21,210	21,428
Benefit paid	\$ 20,938	17,115	26,584	+ 22	- 21	464,524	442,071	504,289	474,732

Average weekly benefit \$ 23.76 23.52 23.19 + 1 + 2 23.80 22.20 23.78 22.15

* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1961 - October	4,006,000	3,737,300	268,700
September	3,966,000	3,736,800	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

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

Prov.	1961 - November - 1960					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	252,551	178,400	74,151	304,416	207,409	97,007
Nfld.	9,762	8,380	1,382	12,115	10,276	1,839
P.E.I.	1,465	1,205	260	1,990	1,662	328
N.S.	10,964	7,476	3,488	14,347	8,096	6,251
N.B.	9,466	7,136	2,330	11,527	8,360	3,167
Que.	67,055	47,047	20,008	84,982	58,461	26,521
Ont.	78,401	52,819	25,582	92,992	60,083	32,909
Man.	14,397	10,270	4,127	14,635	10,380	4,255
Sask.	9,704	7,188	2,516	10,126	7,458	2,668
Alta.	15,687	10,710	4,977	18,759	12,353	6,406
B.C.	35,650	26,169	9,481	42,943	30,280	12,663

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 41,020.

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

(Counted on last working day of the month)

Prov. and Sex	Total claimants	Number of weeks on claim							Percent- age Postal	November 30, 1960 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
	November 30, 1961									
CANADA -	385,964	180,727	49,564	56,335	31,361	18,402	12,317	37,258	31.5	485,177
MALE	286,374	146,424	38,702	40,395	20,244	11,207	7,196	22,206	33.5	364,136
FEMALE	99,590	34,303	10,862	15,940	11,117	7,195	5,121	15,052	25.9	121,041
Nfld.	13,810	9,007	1,245	1,328	564	354	250	1,062	75.1	16,401
Male	12,647	8,691	1,141	1,120	432	261	167	835	77.1	14,928
Female	1,163	316	104	208	132	93	83	227	52.9	1,473
P.E.I.	1,850	1,178	190	170	100	53	34	125	68.1	2,576
Male	1,357	927	146	115	61	27	16	65	71.3	1,999
Female	493	251	44	55	39	26	18	60	59.0	577
N.S.	18,546	8,100	2,310	2,367	1,782	1,002	595	2,390	40.6	22,561
Male	15,203	7,077	1,949	1,824	1,364	739	418	1,832	41.2	19,190
Female	3,343	1,023	361	543	418	263	177	558	37.5	3,371
N.B.	14,962	6,803	1,963	2,373	1,196	621	442	1,564	58.9	18,745
Male	11,436	5,625	1,625	1,736	781	393	258	1,018	60.2	14,954
Female	3,526	1,178	338	637	415	228	184	546	54.9	3,791
Que.	107,561	49,873	13,076	15,352	8,943	5,340	3,639	11,338	31.2	140,109
Male	77,910	39,254	9,967	11,157	5,934	3,207	1,998	6,393	33.0	101,468
Female	29,651	10,619	3,109	4,195	3,009	2,133	1,641	4,945	26.6	38,641
Ont.	121,689	55,117	15,311	18,227	10,149	6,221	4,128	12,536	21.9	155,506
Male	86,773	43,242	11,492	12,401	6,295	3,726	2,440	7,177	22.2	110,964
Female	34,916	11,875	3,819	5,826	3,854	2,495	1,688	5,359	21.3	44,542
Man.	18,497	8,405	2,766	2,745	1,534	866	650	1,531	28.3	22,218
Male	13,989	6,727	2,186	1,985	1,046	585	441	1,019	32.0	17,240
Female	4,508	1,678	580	760	488	281	209	512	16.9	4,978
Sask.	13,790	6,369	2,116	2,133	1,150	643	419	960	49.4	13,834
Male	10,759	5,533	1,737	1,586	750	373	249	531	53.5	10,847
Female	3,031	836	379	547	400	270	170	429	35.1	2,987
Alta.	22,738	10,863	3,434	3,562	1,712	1,048	590	1,529	32.4	27,471
Male	16,968	9,173	2,653	2,482	935	555	289	881	35.1	21,271
Female	5,770	1,690	781	1,080	777	493	301	648	24.5	6,200
B.C.	52,521	25,012	7,153	8,078	4,231	2,254	1,570	4,223	26.7	65,756
Male	39,332	20,175	5,806	5,989	2,646	1,341	920	2,455	27.8	51,275
Female	13,189	4,837	1,347	2,089	1,585	913	650	1,768	23.5	14,481

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		
<u>November - 1961</u>							
Canada -	212,546	93,039	66,425	46,953	6,129	68,965	18,924
Nfld.	6,603	4,272	1,050	1,179	102	3,643	498
P.E.I.	781	452	182	133	14	707	90
N.S.	8,377	3,780	3,131	1,257	209	3,444	684
N.B.	7,327	3,766	2,065	1,352	144	2,999	600
Que.	57,131	24,869	18,130	12,164	1,968	20,204	5,406
Ont.	68,822	28,808	23,213	14,484	2,317	19,598	5,984
Man.	11,843	5,933	3,537	2,143	230	3,080	1,199
Sask.	7,935	3,834	2,111	1,861	129	2,438	713
Alta.	13,732	6,116	4,453	2,871	292	3,483	1,346
B.C.	29,995	11,209	8,553	9,509	724	9,369	2,404

<u>November - 1960</u>							
Canada -	250,461	110,467	87,057	48,046	4,891	81,320	22,748
Nfld.	7,268	4,274	1,497	1,391	106	5,585	556
P.E.I.	1,150	726	263	136	25	920	77
N.S.	12,247	4,615	5,919	1,511	202	3,427	1,057
N.B.	9,266	4,892	2,908	1,327	139	3,264	656
Que.	69,427	31,194	24,086	12,842	1,305	23,951	6,125
Ont.	79,326	33,200	29,647	14,804	1,675	23,491	7,850
Man.	12,406	6,213	3,360	2,597	236	2,784	1,293
Sask.	7,998	4,003	2,118	1,727	150	2,610	786
Alta.	16,078	7,155	5,675	2,936	312	3,873	1,479
B.C.	35,295	14,195	11,584	8,775	741	11,415	2,869

* In addition 41,988 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 5,272 were special requests not granted and 2,129 were appeals by claimants. There were 9,763 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during November 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*	35,593	918	84	879	1,023	8,696	10,307	1,653	1,437	2,192	8,404
	1960	38,620	1,143	98	1,113	1,004	10,370	11,639	1,898	1,314	2,279	7,762
Claimants disqualified	1961	31,204	601	100	959	839	10,296	11,773	1,279	810	1,441	3,106
	1960	27,565	671	102	992	821	8,537	9,938	1,382	811	1,473	2,838
Not unemployed	1961	843	32	4	39	27	193	260	65	81	64	78
	1960	627	18	1	31	20	184	159	52	50	52	60
Not capable of and not available for work	1961	8,864	159	30	233	228	2,529	3,422	590	275	411	987
	1960	7,196	122	27	264	227	2,026	2,842	346	307	425	610
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1961	1,982	-	-	2	3	1,575	373	-	-	-	29
	1960	614	129	-	26	-	63	78	137	-	114	67
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1961	1,525	8	13	80	37	534	642	35	23	57	96
	1960	1,439	8	13	33	21	448	683	66	46	64	57
Discharged for misconduct	1961	1,469	24	3	57	51	518	564	41	32	69	110
	1960	1,266	22	4	44	35	470	489	37	16	49	100
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1961	7,375	157	29	242	214	2,264	2,455	366	228	530	890
	1960	7,047	211	31	269	220	2,096	2,155	469	238	513	845
Other reasons	1961	9,146	221	21	306	279	2,683	4,057	182	171	310	916
	1960	9,376	161	26	325	298	3,250	3,532	275	154	256	1,099

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

1961	5,726	217	25	224	279	1,905	1,615	184	232	337	708
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1961 - November - 1960	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	209.8	272.9
Newfoundland	4.2	5.7
Prince Edward Island	0.6	0.8
Nova Scotia	9.7	10.9
New Brunswick	7.8	9.8
Quebec	60.1	80.7
Ontario	71.3	98.2
Manitoba	10.4	10.2
Saskatchewan	6.7	6.1
Alberta	11.8	14.4
British Columbia	27.2	36.1

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1961 - November - 1960			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	881,230	20,938,313	1,146,188	26,583,608
Nfld.	17,435	385,140	24,008	551,713
P.E.I.	2,639	53,833	3,148	61,797
N.S.	40,534	911,350	45,978	967,140
N.B.	32,962	698,283	41,076	885,243
Que.	252,564	5,864,116	339,048	7,648,821
Ont.	299,659	7,331,052	412,446	9,746,054
Man.	43,733	1,029,893	42,777	980,260
Sask.	27,940	641,919	25,504	568,348
Alta.	49,636	1,181,896	60,473	1,415,631
B.C.	114,128	2,840,831	151,730	3,758,601

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

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

November - 1961

Canada -	797,457	83,773	58,856
Newfoundland	14,927	2,508	2,060
Prince Edward Island	2,385	254	192
Nova Scotia	34,684	5,850	4,451
New Brunswick	28,336	4,626	3,447
Quebec	229,020	23,544	15,433
Ontario	271,678	27,981	19,272
Manitoba	40,072	3,661	2,491
Saskatchewan	25,669	2,271	1,550
Alberta	45,213	4,423	2,906
British Columbia	105,473	8,655	7,054

November - 1960

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

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 \$23.00.

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.

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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