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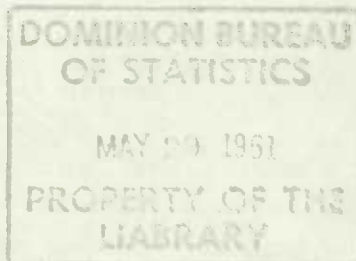
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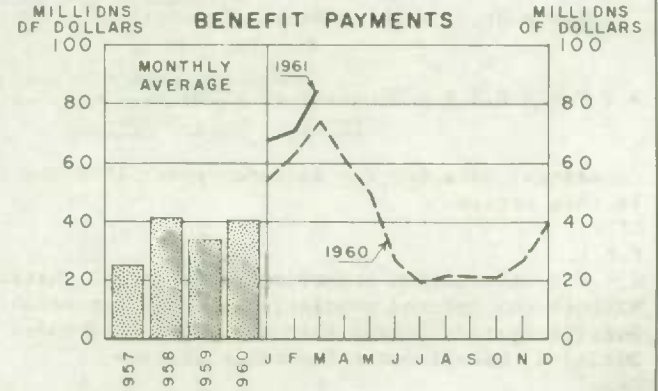
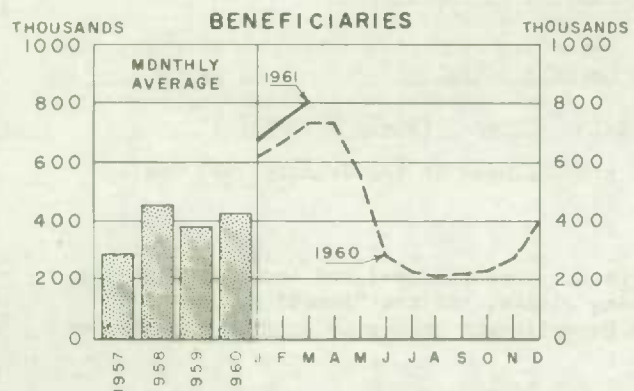
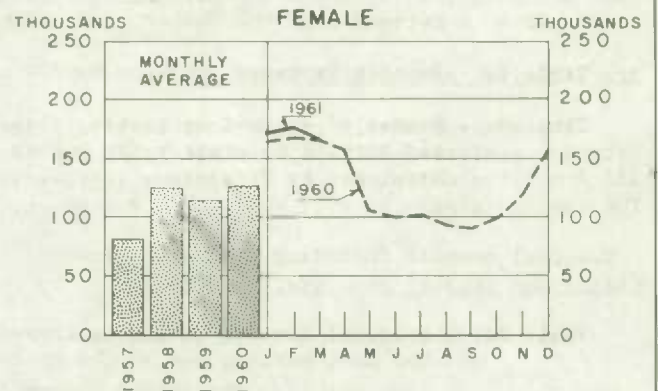
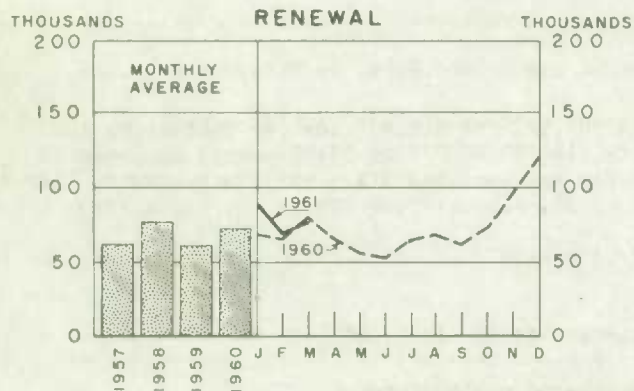
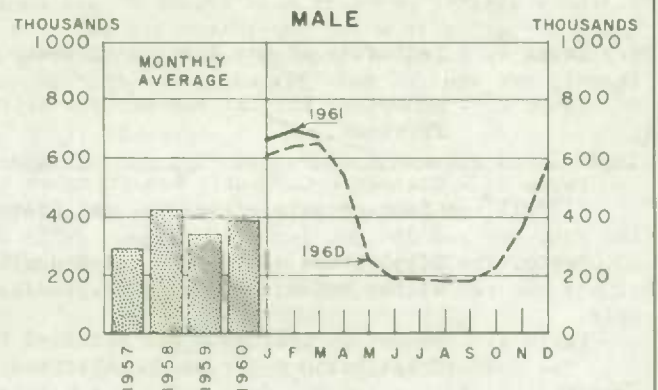
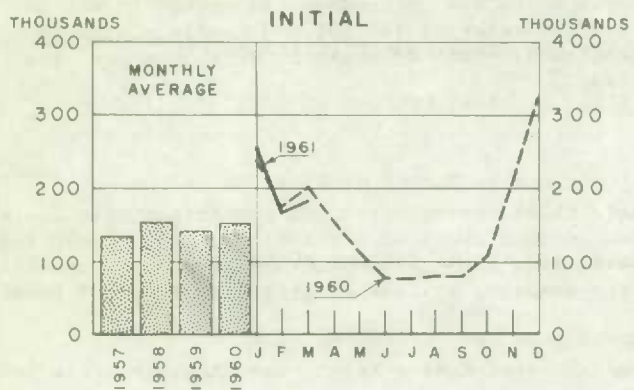
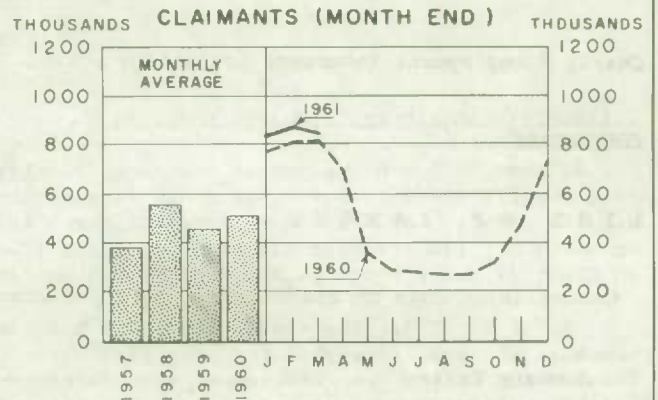
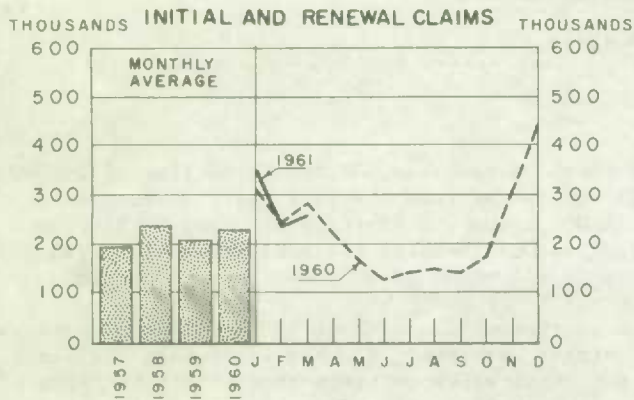
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Annual data for the calendar years 1959 and 1960 are included in the January 1961 issue in this series.

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

March 1961

## Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on March 31 numbered 838,000, a decline of 34,000 from the 872,800 recorded on February 28 and virtually unchanged from one year ago. Claimants for regular benefit, at 572,200 on March 31, were about 51,000 below the February 28 total of 623,300. On March 31, 1960 regular claimants numbered 574,500. Seasonal benefit claimants, totalling 265,800 on March 31, were about 16,000 higher than on February 28 and about 17,000 above March 31, 1960.

As of March 31, the average claimant had been on continuous claim about 13 weeks; the record was somewhat shorter (12 weeks) for male claimants, in contrast with over 14 weeks for female claimants. Examination of the distribution of the claimants by number of weeks on claim shows that the ratio of slightly over 80 per cent male versus 20 per cent female holds for all categories except in the "over 20" group in which two-thirds are male. Almost one-quarter of the 167,400 female claimants reporting to local offices on March 31 had been on continuous claim 20 weeks or more, whereas less than 15 per cent of male claimants are in this category.

## Initial and renewal claims: receipt and disposal

A total of 259,400 initial and renewal claims were filed during March, in comparison with 234,600 for February and 283,500 for March 1960. It is estimated that about 45 per cent (between 80,000 and 85,000) of the 183,000 initial claims filed during March were from persons terminating their benefit rights and requesting re-establishment of credits. The majority will be eligible for seasonal benefit only.

The failure rate, 7.0 per cent on initial claims processed during March, was unchanged from last year but slightly below the 9.0 per cent for February.

## Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 807,100 for March, nine per cent above the February estimate of 737,400. Last March the estimate was 733,000. Benefit payments amounted to \$85.2 million during March, as against \$71.0 million for February and \$74.8 million for March 1960. The average weekly benefit was \$23.99 for March, \$24.07 for February and \$22.20 for March 1960.

## Claims and Benefit Payments, by province

The claimant count on March 31 was down from February 28 in all provinces:

### Percentage change in month-end claimant count

	<u>February 28 to</u> <u>March 31, 1961</u>			<u>March 31, 1960 to</u> <u>March 31, 1961</u>			<u>February 29 to</u> <u>March 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	- 4	- 4	- 5	+ 2	+ 2	-	+ 1	+ 2	- 1
Nfld.	- 9	- 9	- 3	+ 3	+ 3	+ 15	- 8	- 8	- 8
P.E.I.	- 12	- 10	- 18	- 3	- 5	+ 10	- 13	- 12	- 20
N.S.	- 1	-	- 5	+ 10	+ 11	-	-	+ 1	- 5
N.B.	- 3	- 2	- 10	+ 5	+ 5	+ 2	- 1	+ 1	- 13
Que.	- 3	- 2	- 4	- 3	- 3	- 3	+ 3	+ 4	- 1
Ont.	- 4	- 4	- 4	+ 1	+ 3	- 1	+ 3	+ 3	+ 1
Man.	- 6	- 6	- 9	+ 7	+ 11	- 8	+ 2	-	+ 7
Sask.	- 6	- 6	- 6	+ 1	+ 2	- 1	- 3	- 4	- 2
Alta.	- 1	- 1	- 2	+ 3	+ 2	+ 7	+ 10	+ 12	-
B.C.	- 9	- 9	- 6	+ 10	+ 9	+ 12	- 6	- 6	- 6

As of March 31 three-quarters of the persons establishing the right to seasonal benefit this year were still on claim. The proportion was highest in Newfoundland and New Brunswick and lowest in Alberta and British Columbia. Survival(1) rates for the provinces are as follows:

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
	(Per cent)										
March 31	75	83	80	80	83	78	70	71	77	68	68
February 28	89	100	99	92	100	90	83	86	86	77	83

These declines are associated with exhaustion of seasonal benefit, especially fishing benefit. This is exemplified in Tables 3a and b. The net rise in seasonal benefit claimants from February to March was about 16,000(2). However, fishing claimants declined from 29,400 on February 28 to 23,900 on March 31. Hence, non-fishing seasonal benefit claimants increased by about 21,500. Part of the claimant decline is, of course, attributable to resumption of activity interrupted by winter conditions.

The month-to-month increase in claims filed was general, the largest percentage changes occurring in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick. The claim intake was lower than last year in all provinces except Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Manitoba.

Percentage change in claims filed

	<u>February to March</u> <u>1961</u>			<u>March 1960 to</u> <u>March 1961</u>			<u>February to March</u> <u>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	+ 11	+ 10	+ 13	- 9	- 10	- 6	+ 18	+ 16	+ 25
Nfld.	+ 1	+ 10	- 26	+ 3	- 1	+ 26	+ 3	+ 6	- 13
P.E.I.	+ 24	+ 25	+ 16	- 9	- 13	+ 17	+ 22	+ 27	- 2
N.S.	+ 10	+ 14	+ 3	+ 10	- 6	+ 63	+ 24	+ 23	+ 29
N.B.	+ 28	+ 26	+ 34	- 7	- 7	- 7	+ 28	+ 23	+ 45
Que.	+ 7	+ 9	+ 2	- 14	- 15	- 10	+ 18	+ 18	+ 17
Ont.	+ 11	+ 8	+ 17	- 11	- 10	- 12	+ 16	+ 12	+ 24
Man.	+ 9	+ 8	+ 12	+ 3	+ 3	+ 1	+ 11	+ 9	+ 16
Sask.	+ 11	+ 11	+ 9	- 6	- 7	- 4	+ 13	+ 15	+ 6
Alta.	+ 14	+ 11	+ 20	- 3	- 7	+ 8	+ 26	+ 23	+ 32
B.C.	+ 15	+ 8	+ 32	- 2	- 2	- 3	+ 26	+ 13	+ 56

(1) The survival rate represents the extent to which the cumulative total of persons eligible for seasonal benefit are recorded on claim at a particular date, i.e., the month-end seasonal benefit claimant count expressed as a percentage of seasonal benefit claims established since the end of November.

(2) During March, more than 73,000 additional claimants became eligible for seasonal benefit.

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	March 1961	Feb. 1961	March 1960	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Feb. 1961	March 1960	Calendar year		12 months ending March	
						1961	1960	1961	1960
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,257	4,307	..	..	..	4,304*	..	4,128*
Initial and renewal claims filed	259	235	284	+ 11	- 9	838	830	2,708	2,490
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	838	873	823	- 4	+ 2	853*	807*	530*	460*
Regular	572	623	574	- 8	-				
SB	266	250	249	+ 7	+ 7				
SB Fishing	24	29	24	- 18	-				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	807	737	733	+ 9	+ 10	739*	677*	447*	380*
Weeks compensated	3,551	2,950	3,372	+ 20	+ 5	9,325	8,697	22,230	19,377
Benefit paid	\$ 85,188	70,989	74,845	+ 20	+ 14	223,837	191,775	513,898	415,276

Average weekly benefit	\$ 23.99	24.07	22.20		24.00	22.05	23.12	21.43
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\* Monthly average.



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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1961 - February	4,257,000	3,384,200	872,800
January	4,270,000	3,423,100	846,900
1960 - December	4,288,000	3,533,900	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

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

Prov.	1961 - March - 1960					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	259,399	182,980	76,419	283,545	202,589	80,956
Nfld.	6,829	5,598	1,231	6,633	5,655	978
P.E.I.	1,214	1,015	199	1,331	1,161	170
N.S.	12,770	8,351	4,419	11,569	8,855	2,714
N.B.	11,985	9,285	2,700	12,844	9,946	2,898
Que.	81,119	59,876	21,243	94,288	70,585	23,703
Ont.	84,399	56,216	28,183	94,534	62,440	32,094
Man.	11,428	8,859	2,569	11,123	8,579	2,544
Sask.	7,103	5,723	1,380	7,570	6,138	1,432
Alta.	15,602	10,990	4,612	16,048	11,766	4,282
B.C.	26,950	17,067	9,883	27,605	17,464	10,141

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 51,334.

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	March 31, 1960 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
	March 31, 1961									
CANADA -	837,961	127,802	64,024	115,588	143,234	167,678	95,113	124,522	39.7	823,005
MALE	670,517	103,587	51,758	93,643	116,599	143,257	77,308	84,365	43.4	655,913
FEMALE	167,444	24,215	12,266	21,945	26,635	24,421	17,805	40,157	24.9	167,092
Nfld.	36,626	2,132	1,900	4,435	6,365	12,933	4,827	4,034	81.1	35,484
Male	34,622	1,984	1,793	4,175	5,981	12,632	4,602	3,455	82.7	33,744
Female	2,004	148	107	260	384	301	225	579	52.9	1,740
P.E.I.	6,999	353	229	571	1,301	2,996	1,018	531	78.1	7,229
Male	5,981	280	187	500	1,139	2,663	855	357	80.8	6,300
Female	1,018	73	42	71	162	333	163	174	62.2	929
N.S.	47,539	8,820	2,758	4,836	9,068	10,998	4,915	6,144	52.8	43,245
Male	41,906	8,184	2,471	4,101	7,931	10,121	4,327	4,771	53.9	37,611
Female	5,633	636	287	735	1,137	877	588	1,373	44.8	5,634
N.B.	43,262	4,974	2,663	5,298	8,551	11,268	5,310	5,198	71.9	41,203
Male	37,345	4,402	2,378	4,667	7,523	10,200	4,412	3,763	74.5	35,408
Female	5,917	572	285	631	1,028	1,068	898	1,435	55.6	5,795
Que.	267,570	38,226	21,547	40,353	47,911	51,508	29,191	38,834	42.6	272,492
Male	219,730	30,820	18,324	34,877	41,350	44,687	23,722	25,950	46.5	225,420
Female	47,840	7,406	3,223	5,476	6,561	6,821	5,469	12,884	24.6	49,072
Ont.	248,515	42,883	20,051	33,194	38,293	44,081	27,359	42,654	23.7	244,872
Male	184,615	32,985	14,840	24,470	28,495	35,141	21,057	27,627	25.1	180,018
Female	63,900	9,898	5,211	8,724	9,798	8,940	6,302	15,027	19.6	64,854
Man.	36,960	5,669	3,112	6,572	7,688	7,090	3,573	3,256	36.9	34,651
Male	29,543	4,535	2,453	5,082	6,174	6,025	2,959	2,315	41.4	26,576
Female	7,417	1,134	659	1,490	1,514	1,065	614	941	19.1	8,075
Sask.	26,649	2,997	1,773	3,648	5,235	6,596	3,699	2,701	53.1	26,301
Male	21,841	2,428	1,415	2,950	4,214	5,780	3,246	1,808	57.1	21,460
Female	4,808	569	358	698	1,021	816	453	893	34.9	4,841
Alta.	43,567	7,865	4,041	7,197	8,038	6,970	4,789	4,667	34.0	42,338
Male	34,825	6,587	3,229	5,786	6,363	5,800	3,930	3,130	36.9	34,155
Female	8,742	1,278	812	1,411	1,675	1,170	859	1,537	22.5	8,183
B.C.	80,274	13,883	5,950	9,484	10,784	13,238	10,432	16,503	32.0	73,190
Male	60,109	11,382	4,668	7,035	7,429	10,208	8,198	11,189	34.8	55,221
Female	20,165	2,501	1,282	2,449	3,355	3,030	2,234	5,314	23.5	17,969



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 -	252,245	152,327	71,823	23,749	4,346	53,095	17,037
Nfld.	6,872	4,643	1,324	769	136	1,780	322
P.E.I.	1,196	892	196	96	12	214	39
N.S.	10,859	6,010	3,954	745	150	3,342	723
N.B.	10,928	7,283	2,536	969	140	2,734	528
Que.	80,859	50,636	21,015	8,057	1,151	18,242	4,993
Ont.	83,354	47,879	26,782	7,086	1,607	15,425	5,291
Man.	11,253	7,540	2,386	1,142	185	1,846	698
Sask.	7,102	4,990	1,245	745	122	1,363	332
Alta.	13,893	8,337	3,791	1,500	265	3,526	1,598
B.C.	25,929	14,117	8,594	2,640	578	4,623	2,513

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Canada -	274,772	167,273	74,981	27,679	4,839	56,979	15,561
Nfld.	6,422	4,485	1,170	714	53	2,430	396
P.E.I.	1,231	999	156	68	8	312	42
N.S.	10,673	7,143	2,483	897	150	2,565	511
N.B.	12,390	8,411	2,690	1,160	129	2,390	520
Que.	91,697	57,485	22,261	10,045	1,906	21,170	4,824
Ont.	93,887	53,784	30,090	8,475	1,538	15,665	4,870
Man.	11,231	7,536	2,447	1,071	177	1,635	428
Sask.	7,454	5,205	1,386	778	85	1,532	312
Alta.	15,221	9,495	3,865	1,647	214	3,894	1,407
B.C.	24,566	12,730	8,433	2,824	579	5,386	2,251

\* In addition 52,675 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 6,920 were special requests not granted and 1,856 were appeals by claimants. There were 11,847 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during March 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*	12,117	293	46	376	605	4,442	3,257	502	285	768	1,543
	1960	14,175	421	37	519	815	5,144	4,085	500	374	786	1,494
Claimants disqualified	1961	32,252	1,041	261	1,144	1,424	11,017	10,374	1,378	919	1,655	3,039
	1960	32,888	707	97	1,075	979	12,629	10,583	1,238	830	1,667	3,083
Not unemployed	1961	1,494	24	2	25	56	643	437	72	98	70	67
	1960	1,350	35	8	31	26	696	289	57	85	64	59
Not capable of and not available for work	1961	9,249	168	22	272	304	3,040	3,395	409	272	449	918
	1960	9,555	164	23	304	318	2,913	3,812	405	282	505	829
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1961	18	-	-	-	-	2	16	-	-	-	-
	1960	1,977	-	-	1	-	1,867	94	14	-	-	1
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1961	2,050	24	11	118	61	719	706	88	72	113	138
	1960	2,244	15	3	123	73	776	820	120	84	122	108
Discharged for misconduct	1961	1,500	16	3	53	38	490	612	62	30	76	120
	1960	1,441	23	2	62	25	512	587	35	19	55	121
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1961	7,021	156	23	230	189	2,369	2,075	426	227	566	760
	1960	8,552	203	20	244	256	2,791	2,754	417	209	657	1,001
Other reasons	1961	10,920	653	200	446	776	3,754	3,133	321	220	381	1,036
	1960	7,769	267	41	310	281	3,074	2,227	190	151	264	964

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

during March	1961	6,528	365	54	205	441	2,460	1,887	134	110	263	609
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1961 - March - 1960	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	807.1	733.0
Newfoundland	35.2	35.9
Prince Edward Island	7.9	7.4
Nova Scotia	44.0	37.3
New Brunswick	42.2	36.6
Quebec	248.8	235.6
Ontario	246.4	226.7
Manitoba	37.3	29.5
Saskatchewan	28.8	23.9
Alberta	41.6	34.4
British Columbia	75.1	65.7

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1961 - March - 1960			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	3,551,350	85,187,924	3,371,925	74,844,833
Nfld.	154,824	3,691,730	165,082	3,611,179
P.E.I.	34,622	740,759	33,968	694,806
N.S.	193,437	4,351,719	171,540	3,623,359
N.B.	185,703	4,113,427	168,409	3,537,113
Que.	1,094,569	26,375,662	1,083,903	24,331,050
Ont.	1,084,319	25,964,240	1,042,602	23,082,308
Man.	163,972	3,998,317	135,550	2,983,361
Sask.	126,682	3,068,095	110,118	2,522,069
Alta.	182,963	4,537,896	158,388	3,575,683
B.C.	330,259	8,346,079	302,365	6,883,905



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

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

March - 1961

Canada -	3,354,828	196,522	140,642
Newfoundland	149,365	5,459	3,915
Prince Edward Island	33,493	1,129	850
Nova Scotia	181,122	12,315	10,004
New Brunswick	175,500	10,203	7,046
Quebec	1,041,186	53,383	34,793
Ontario	1,020,254	64,065	46,154
Manitoba	154,592	9,380	6,909
Saskatchewan	120,160	6,522	4,844
Alberta	170,978	11,985	8,720
British Columbia	308,178	22,081	17,407

March - 1960

Canada -	3,207,742	164,183	110,482
Newfoundland	158,714	6,368	4,613
Prince Edward Island	32,997	971	722
Nova Scotia	159,489	12,051	9,997
New Brunswick	160,062	8,347	5,748
Quebec	1,038,358	45,545	26,601
Ontario	990,227	52,375	36,191
Manitoba	128,844	6,706	4,675
Saskatchewan	105,435	4,683	3,111
Alberta	149,400	8,988	5,659
British Columbia	284,216	18,149	13,165

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.	1 9 6 1 - M a r c h - 1 9 6 0					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	265,788	213,898	51,890	248,541	199,898	48,643
Nfld.	18,968	18,319	649	18,237	17,708	529
P.E.I.	4,063	3,579	484	4,064	3,598	466
N.S.	16,629	14,616	2,013	17,186	15,187	1,999
N.B.	19,266	16,671	2,595	18,709	16,132	2,577
Que.	86,568	71,436	15,132	81,463	67,212	14,251
Ont.	65,581	46,260	19,321	60,779	42,713	18,066
Man.	10,265	8,474	1,791	9,978	7,982	1,996
Sask.	8,377	6,917	1,460	7,824	6,414	1,410
Alta.	10,418	8,468	1,950	9,009	7,060	1,949
B.C.	25,653	19,158	6,495	21,292	15,892	5,400

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

Prov.	1 9 6 1 - M a r c h - 1 9 6 0					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	23,941	23,869	72	23,908	23,845	63
Nfld.	8,807	8,807	-	8,473	8,471	2
P.E.I.	1,509	1,480	29	1,565	1,537	28
N.S.	5,194	5,187	7	5,285	5,284	1
N.B.	3,485	3,478	7	3,288	3,275	13
Que.	1,062	1,061	1	1,376	1,374	2
Ont.	362	358	4	533	529	4
Man.	292	292	-	526	525	1
Sask.	3	3	-	2	2	-
Alta.	30	30	-	23	23	-
B.C.	3,197	3,173	24	2,837	2,825	12



## 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



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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.