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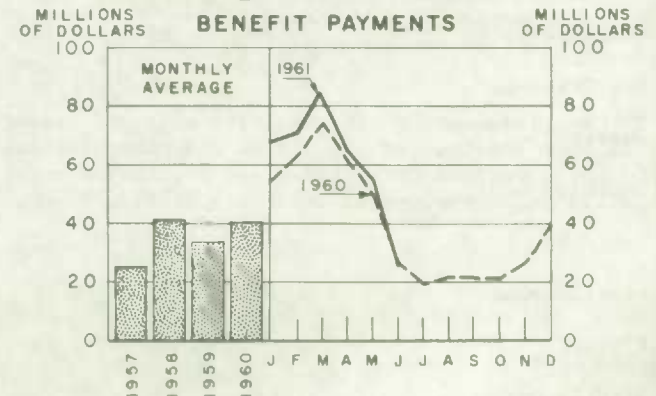
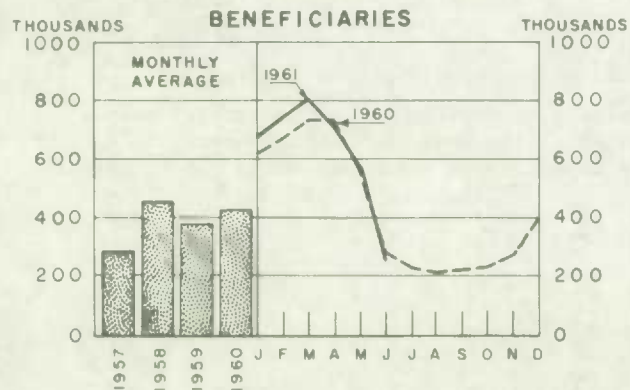
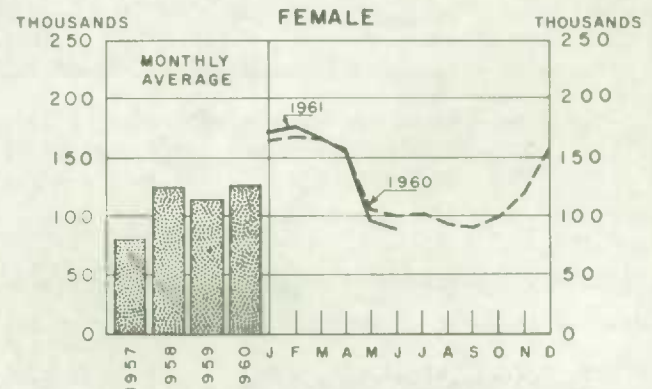
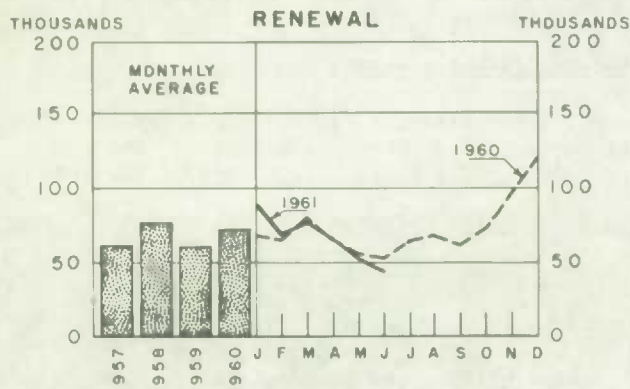
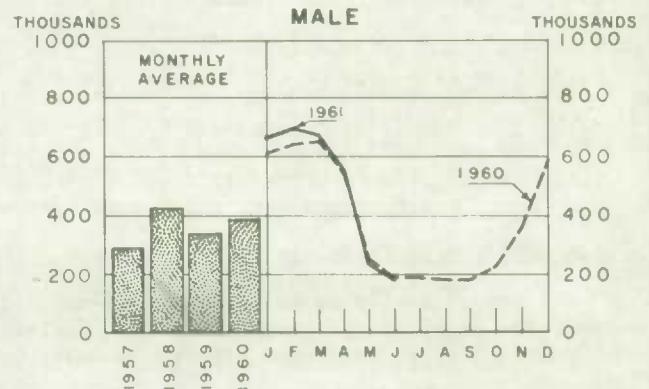
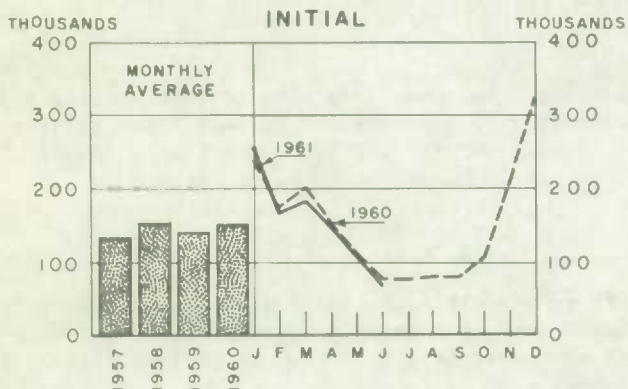
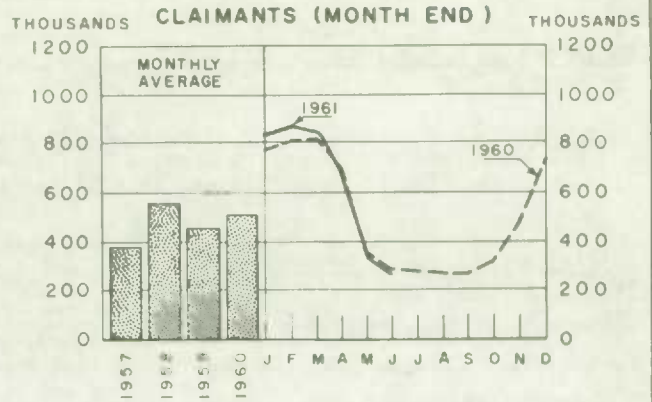
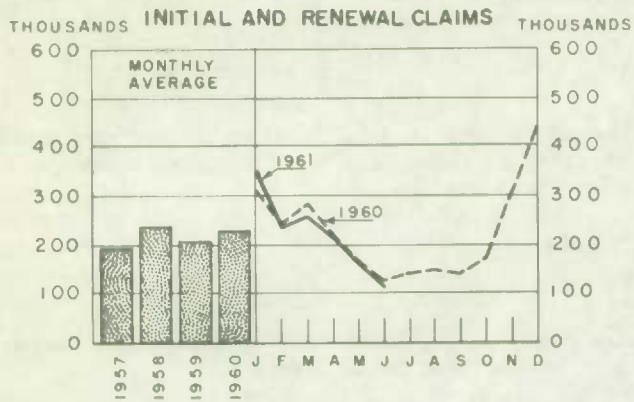
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For information regarding the personal characteristics, occupational and industrial status of both the insured population and persons establishing claims, see the "Annual Report on Benefit Periods Established and Terminated under the Unemployment Insurance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

# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



# CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

June 1961

## Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 266,900 on June 30, down 22 per cent from 341,000 on May 31 and 10 per cent below the 296,400 recorded on June 30, 1960. Males were down by 65,500, accounting for about 90 per cent of the month-to-month decline.

## Initial and renewal claims: receipt and disposal

A total of 112,800 initial and renewal claims were filed during June. This represents a 30 per cent decline from the 162,100 received during May and is 10 per cent below last June.

## Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 249,600 in comparison with 563,500 for May and 275,900 for June 1960. Total payments amounted to \$25.9 million for June, as against \$58.7 million for May and \$26.8 million for June 1960. The average benefit payment per week compensated was \$23.57 for June, \$23.68 for May and \$22.11 for June 1960.

## Claims and Benefit Payments, by province

All provinces shared in the month-to-month decline in the claimant count which was substantially greater for males (27 per cent) than for females (9 per cent). The relative decline in Nova Scotia and Ontario (18 per cent) and British Columbia (15 per cent) was less than the national rate of 22 per cent.

### Percentage change in month-end claimant count

	May 31 ' to June 30, 1961			June 30, 1960 to June 30, 1961			May 31 to June 30, 1960		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 22	- 27	- 9	- 10	- 10	- 11	- 19	- 24	- 5
Newfoundland	- 36	- 39	- 5	+ 5	+ 7	- 6	- 34	- 38	- 1
Prince Edward Island	- 31	- 38	- 12	- 8	- 9	- 6	- 16	- 23	- 1
Nova Scotia	- 18	- 19	- 16	- 12	- 14	- 2	- 22	- 24	- 9
New Brunswick	- 35	- 42	- 5	+ 2	+ 3	+ 1	- 33	- 39	- 10
Quebec	- 22	- 29	- 6	- 10	- 9	- 12	- 24	- 31	- 6
Ontario	- 18	- 23	- 8	- 15	- 16	- 15	- 9	- 12	- 3
Manitoba	- 22	- 29	- 6	+ 20	+ 31	+ 6	- 32	- 41	- 17
Saskatchewan	- 26	- 34	- 10	-	+ 2	- 2	- 27	- 37	- 4
Alberta	- 35	- 40	- 22	- 14	- 17	- 6	- 25	- 30	- 11
British Columbia	- 15	- 17	- 12	- 5	- 4	- 8	- 13	- 16	- 6



The claim volume declined by 40 per cent or more during June in all provinces except Nova Scotia (17 per cent), Quebec (31 per cent), Ontario (27 per cent) and British Columbia (17 per cent). Initial claims declined by 60 per cent or more in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, and New Brunswick, while the intake in the Prairie provinces was about 50 per cent lower than May. Quebec initial claims were down by almost 40 per cent, Ontario (30 per cent) and British Columbia (between 20-25 per cent). All provinces showed a reduced volume of renewal claims during June except Nova Scotia where there was an increase of more than 40 per cent. This is associated with reduced employment in the Nova Scotia coal mines.

Percentage change in claims filed

	<u>May to June</u> <u>1961</u>			<u>June 1960</u> <u>to</u> <u>June 1961</u>			<u>May to June</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	- 30	- 38	- 15	- 12	- 12	- 13	- 22	- 30	- 7
Nfld.	- 57	- 63	- 16	+ 2	- 4	+ 31	- 54	- 56	- 37
P.E.I.	- 60	- 67	- 27	- 36	- 28	- 47	- 21	- 41	+ 51
N.S.	- 17	- 40	+ 42	+ 1	- 20	+ 42	- 33	- 8	- 56
N.B.	- 52	- 60	- 19	- 13	- 6	- 24	- 42	- 54	- 3
Que.	- 31	- 39	- 14	- 1	- 2	+ 1	- 30	- 38	- 11
Ont.	- 27	- 31	- 21	- 24	- 21	- 29	- 10	- 20	+ 7
Man.	- 41	- 48	- 21	+ 14	+ 12	+ 16	- 42	- 48	- 26
Sask.	- 40	- 49	- 9	- 2	- 1	- 4	- 37	- 45	- 14
Alta.	- 46	- 50	- 37	- 18	- 15	- 21	- 28	- 36	- 10
B.C.	- 17	- 23	- 5	- 4	- 5	- 2	- 15	- 21	- 4

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	June 1961	May 1961	June 1960	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				May 1961	June 1960	January to June		12 months ending June	
						1961	1960	1961	1960
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	3,898	4,014	..	..	..	4,209*	..	4,142*
Initial and renewal claims filed	113	162	128	- 30	- 12	1,323	1,339	2,684	2,550
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	267	341	296	- 22	- 10	646*	633*	525*	482*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	250	564	276	- 56	- 10	623*	600*	442*	400*
Weeks compensated	1,098	2,479	1,214	- 56	- 10	15,594	15,051	22,144	20,105
Benefit paid \$	25,890	58,704	26,842	- 56	- 4	372,972	332,591	522,217	437,523

Average weekly benefit	\$	23.57	23.68	22.11	-	+ 7	23.92	22.10	23.58	21.76
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\* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1961 - May	3,898,000	3,557,000	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
August	4,003,000	3,722,800	280,200
July	3,985,000	3,690,900	294,100
June	4,014,000	3,717,600	296,400
May	4,109,580	3,591,520	518,060(1)

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

Prov.	1961 - June - 1960					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	112,845	67,970	44,875	128,465	76,949	51,516
Nfld.	1,708	1,323	385	1,671	1,377	294
P.E.I.	236	156	80	368	217	151
N.S.	5,649	2,920	2,729	5,591	3,669	1,922
N.B.	2,978	1,969	1,009	3,419	2,098	1,321
Que.	34,837	21,284	13,553	35,285	21,801	13,484
Ont.	41,900	24,954	16,946	55,364	31,645	23,719
Man.	3,550	2,291	1,259	3,122	2,041	1,081
Sask.	1,980	1,310	670	2,021	1,325	696
Alta.	4,635	2,878	1,757	5,621	3,402	2,219
B.C.	15,372	8,885	6,487	16,003	9,374	6,629

(1) The number of persons reporting to local offices as claimants during the first two weeks of book renewal. For other months, the claimants are as shown in Table 3.

(2) In addition, revised claims received numbered 35,491.

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	June 30, 1960 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
	June 30, 1961									
CANADA -	266,876	70,370	26,365	37,142	32,029	24,073	18,594	58,303	27.6	296,445
MALE	177,195	49,102	17,446	24,013	21,722	16,275	11,995	36,642	30.1	196,066
FEMALE	89,681	21,268	8,919	13,129	10,307	7,798	6,599	21,661	22.7	100,379
Nfld.	6,427	838	374	708	850	828	646	2,183	66.3	6,147
Male	5,435	676	303	597	735	748	564	1,812	68.9	5,089
Female	992	162	71	111	115	80	82	371	52.1	1,058
P.E.I.	808	151	68	147	103	66	54	219	56.8	876
Male	516	105	45	102	69	39	33	123	63.2	566
Female	292	46	23	45	34	27	21	96	45.5	310
N.S.	12,842	3,494	1,131	1,362	1,699	1,067	791	3,298	35.8	14,570
Male	10,242	3,012	927	1,022	1,380	804	578	2,519	35.0	11,926
Female	2,600	482	204	340	319	263	213	779	38.7	2,644
N.B.	9,625	1,621	792	1,220	1,783	1,030	633	2,546	52.6	9,437
Male	6,980	1,145	537	886	1,485	771	461	1,695	55.3	6,808
Female	2,645	476	255	334	298	259	172	851	45.3	2,629
Que.	82,611	21,432	9,175	11,978	9,569	7,797	5,990	16,670	28.5	91,831
Male	54,861	14,177	6,019	7,730	6,513	5,619	4,205	10,598	31.1	60,361
Female	27,750	7,255	3,156	4,248	3,056	2,178	1,785	6,072	23.2	31,470
Ont.	93,959	26,126	9,478	13,255	10,808	7,832	6,157	20,303	20.0	111,104
Male	59,060	17,577	6,037	8,216	6,707	4,861	3,565	12,097	20.6	70,284
Female	34,899	8,549	3,441	5,039	4,101	2,971	2,592	8,206	18.9	40,820
Man.	10,695	2,298	884	1,730	1,432	1,227	930	2,194	20.6	8,907
Male	6,647	1,535	520	1,069	883	733	550	1,357	24.9	5,072
Female	4,048	763	364	661	549	494	380	837	13.5	3,835
Sask.	5,652	1,166	461	816	774	551	424	1,460	43.2	5,635
Male	3,336	735	267	462	514	334	214	810	47.0	3,267
Female	2,316	431	194	354	260	217	210	650	37.7	2,368
Alta.	12,219	3,077	908	1,858	1,676	1,233	975	2,492	32.4	14,173
Male	8,081	2,113	584	1,203	1,137	801	604	1,639	36.7	9,759
Female	4,138	964	324	655	539	432	371	853	24.0	4,414
B.C.	32,038	10,167	3,094	4,068	3,335	2,442	1,994	6,938	26.2	33,765
Male	22,037	8,027	2,207	2,726	2,299	1,565	1,221	3,992	28.6	22,934
Female	10,001	2,140	887	1,342	1,036	877	773	2,946	20.9	10,831



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>June - 1961</u>							
Canada -	118,433	43,577	41,038	29,775	4,043	18,854	9,767
Nfld.	2,130	843	285	930	72	320	117
P.E.I.	253	96	69	77	11	48	21
N.S.	5,680	1,851	2,580	1,063	186	944	283
N.B.	3,484	1,477	951	933	123	444	180
Que.	37,556	14,514	12,793	9,208	1,041	6,448	2,921
Ont.	43,258	15,448	15,227	10,930	1,653	7,013	4,117
Man.	3,681	1,503	1,071	984	123	286	390
Sask.	2,105	822	591	609	83	302	136
Alta.	4,975	1,853	1,591	1,356	175	670	490
B.C.	15,311	5,170	5,880	3,685	576	2,379	1,112

<u>June - 1960</u>							
Canada -	133,641	51,985	47,804	30,220	3,632	24,160	9,864
Nfld.	2,042	1,028	272	710	32	359	83
P.E.I.	340	105	140	87	8	72	27
N.S.	4,523	1,705	1,741	941	136	1,955	330
N.B.	3,921	1,611	1,186	1,013	111	541	324
Que.	37,496	15,795	11,869	8,862	970	7,315	3,481
Ont.	57,091	21,251	22,822	11,627	1,391	10,083	3,330
Man.	3,469	1,446	1,062	836	125	370	161
Sask.	2,082	862	607	529	84	332	172
Alta.	6,213	2,355	2,198	1,483	177	911	596
B.C.	16,464	5,827	5,907	4,132	598	2,222	1,360

\* In addition 36,720 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 4,346 were special requests not granted and 1,410 were appeals by claimants. There were 8,214 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during June 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	20,150	594	37	720	640	6,356	7,341	627	342	816	2,677
	1960	20,712	550	54	628	695	6,117	8,014	484	288	907	2,975
Claimants disqualified	1961	27,303	663	92	901	823	8,985	10,119	930	678	1,297	2,815
	1960	26,262	425	69	809	924	9,292	9,198	888	575	1,297	2,785
Not unemployed	1961	950	43	5	67	49	187	430	26	31	40	72
	1960	570	28	7	30	35	160	195	17	18	29	51
Not capable of and not available for work	1961	8,457	113	18	243	184	2,720	3,294	341	215	422	907
	1960	8,044	107	14	213	235	2,590	3,206	319	231	447	682
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1961	262	-	1	1	10	122	81	-	44	-	3
	1960	367	-	-	2	-	127	105	1	-	-	132
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1961	1,871	10	7	58	49	660	699	83	62	105	138
	1960	2,583	14	6	69	88	1,429	616	97	48	101	115
Discharged for misconduct	1961	1,137	15	5	35	34	401	453	29	29	53	83
	1960	1,065	17	3	32	29	381	431	28	7	31	106
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1961	6,655	131	31	192	185	2,011	2,302	316	196	458	833
	1960	7,265	123	26	220	243	2,035	2,667	289	186	502	974
Other reasons	1961	7,971	351	25	305	312	2,884	2,860	135	101	219	779
	1960	6,368	136	13	243	294	2,570	1,978	137	85	187	725

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

during June	1961	3,895	151	20	140	180	1,340	1,434	52	37	127	414
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1961 - June - 1960	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	249.6	275.9
Newfoundland	7.8	9.6
Prince Edward Island	1.2	1.1
Nova Scotia	12.4	13.3
New Brunswick	11.9	10.7
Quebec	73.9	85.6
Ontario	86.0	93.3
Manitoba	10.6	10.6
Saskatchewan	6.1	6.8
Alberta	13.5	15.4
British Columbia	26.2	29.5

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1961 - June - 1960			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	1,098,256	25,890,434	1,214,155	26,841,961
Nfld.	34,528	922,542	42,255	942,061
P.E.I.	5,344	113,215	4,840	95,093
N.S.	54,598	1,279,394	58,611	1,276,851
N.B.	52,531	1,201,301	47,096	1,011,033
Que.	325,174	7,573,391	376,859	8,245,917
Ont.	378,193	8,872,112	410,315	9,121,077
Man.	46,603	1,083,403	46,836	1,021,925
Sask.	26,778	601,754	29,788	632,762
Alta.	59,370	1,432,708	67,833	1,486,492
B.C.	115,137	2,810,614	129,722	3,008,750

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

Province	Complete Weeks	Partial Weeks	
		Total	Due to Excess Earnings

June - 1961

Canada -	991,835	106,421	81,357
Newfoundland	30,953	3,575	2,970
Prince Edward Island	4,849	495	406
Nova Scotia	45,916	8,682	7,360
New Brunswick	45,066	7,465	6,091
Quebec	298,134	27,040	19,367
Ontario	344,182	34,011	25,595
Manitoba	42,267	4,336	3,422
Saskatchewan	24,399	2,379	1,877
Alberta	53,439	5,931	4,556
British Columbia	102,630	12,507	9,713

June - 1960

Canada -	1,115,504	98,651	73,968
Newfoundland	38,548	3,707	3,045
Prince Edward Island	4,485	355	281
Nova Scotia	51,112	7,499	6,311
New Brunswick	41,878	5,218	4,097
Quebec	349,048	27,811	19,766
Ontario	380,100	30,215	21,954
Manitoba	42,669	4,167	3,399
Saskatchewan	27,630	2,158	1,689
Alberta	62,546	5,287	3,822
British Columbia	117,488	12,234	9,604



## APPENDIX

## Glossary of Terms

**Insured population:** For purposes of this report, the insured population is defined as the number of persons estimated as currently in contact with the Unemployment Insurance Commission either as contributors or as claimants. The estimates are revised once a year when data from the book renewal are available.

**Employed population:** The number of persons estimated as currently contributing under the scheme.

**Claimant population:** The count of persons currently reporting to the local offices as at the end of the month. An exception occurs in the month which serves as a benchmark, i.e., May or June, when the claimant count represents the number of persons reporting to local offices as claimants during the first two weeks of book renewal.

**Initial claim:** An application for benefit from an insured person for whom there is no benefit period in existence. This category includes both regular and seasonal claims, since it is impossible to determine, at the time of filing a claim, the type of benefit for which the claimant will subsequently qualify. On an initial claim the claimant's contribution history for the two years preceding the claim is examined. This is required in order to test the claimant's attachment to insured employment and thus determine the type of benefit for which he is eligible, if at all. In cases of eligibility, this record is used to calculate the weekly rate of benefit and maximum entitlement for the benefit period. Only one initial claim is required for each benefit period.

**Benefit period:** A period commencing with the week in which the initial claim is made, provided the qualifying conditions are fulfilled. The maximum length of the benefit period is 52 weeks, in the case of claimants qualifying under the regular terms of the Act. Seasonal benefit periods may be established only from December 1 to mid-May, with a maximum length of 24 weeks. In either case, however, the benefit period terminates with exhaustion of benefit.

**Renewal claim:** An application for benefit from an insured person during the currency of a benefit period. As in the case of initial claims, this category includes renewal claims from all classes of claimants, i.e., regular, seasonal and fishing.

**Initial and renewal claims filed:** The number of new cases of recorded unemployment among insured persons during a period. However, an initial claim representing a request for re-establishment of a benefit period with no actual interruption in the period on claim would not constitute a new case of

unemployment. To the extent that such claims are filed in any month, these claims overstate the number of new cases.

**Revised claims:** Those, other than initial or renewal, which must be considered by an insurance officer, e.g., involving dependency, extension of qualifying period, etc. A revised claim is thus an administrative device to initiate action for reconsideration of an existing initial or renewal claim.

**Claimants currently reporting to local offices:** All persons currently reporting to local offices to claim unemployment insurance benefit, either regular, seasonal or fishing. Under the Unemployment Insurance Act a person may claim benefit for any week during which he did not work a full working week.

**Number of weeks on claim:** The cumulative number of weeks during which a claimant has reported to prove unemployment during the current period on claim. The count commences with the week in which the initial (or renewal) claim is filed and continues unbroken so long as the claimant continues to report as directed. Cases occur in which a spell of unemployment extends beyond the termination of a benefit period and a new benefit period is immediately established with no actual interruption of the period on claim. In such cases the cumulative number of weeks is transferred from the previous claim document to that covering the subsequent benefit period and the count continued. This procedure applies also for contiguous periods on regular and seasonal benefit. Excluded from the count are any weeks for which a claimant reported "non-availability" during a complete week.

**Entitled to benefit:** For purposes of this report, this category comprises those adjudications arising from initial claims on which a benefit period (regular, seasonal or fishing) is shown as established and no disqualification imposed and adjudications indicating "approval" on renewal claims, either regular, seasonal or fishing.

**Not entitled to benefit:** Claimants disqualified on initial and renewal claims, and those for whom the adjudication on an initial claim was to the effect that the claimant was ineligible to establish either a regular, seasonal or fishing benefit period.

**Benefit period not established:** The minimum contribution requirements for any type of benefit have not been met. This figure thus represents the net total of persons with insufficient contributions to establish a benefit period under either the regular, seasonal or fishing benefit provisions, based on decisions arising from initial claims only. Subsequent decisions arising from a revised claim and

constituting a reversal of the initial adjudication are not taken into account, but such decisions would reduce the number of benefit periods not established.

**Failure rate:** The number of initial claims on which a benefit period was not established in a month expressed as a per cent of initial claims cleared during that month. During the period when seasonal benefit is effective, the failure rate represents the net cases with insufficient contributions to qualify for either regular, seasonal or fishing benefit. In some cases additional contributions are located necessitating a recomputation whereby the claimant subsequently establishes a benefit period. No account is taken of such cases.

**Disqualification:** A disqualification is imposed because of circumstances surrounding the claim which render the claimant ineligible for the receipt of benefit either for a stated period or so long as the condition causing the disqualification continues. Where it is established that loss of employment was voluntary on the part of the claimant, i.e., he left employment of his own volition or was dismissed because of misconduct, the maximum disqualification is six weeks; claimants participating in a labour dispute in which they are directly interested are disqualified for the duration of the work stoppage. In assessing the number of cases of disqualification, no distinction is made as to the type of claim, hence disqualifications arising from revised claims are included. The cases mentioned here serve as examples only and do not constitute a complete summary of conditions under which a disqualification may be imposed. Sections 59-66 of the Act contain a description of these conditions.

**Weeks compensated:** Calendar weeks in respect of which some benefit, either regular, seasonal or fishing, was paid. A compensated week is counted in the month in which the copy of the payment voucher is received in the District Treasury Office, which is not necessarily the month in which the week of unemployment occurred.

**Amount of benefit:** The sum of all benefit payments made during the month. This comprises regular, seasonal or fishing benefit.

**Complete week:** A week in respect of which a claimant received the full weekly rate of benefit authorized on that benefit period.

**Partial week:** A week for which a claimant received less than the full weekly rate authorized. A partial week may be due to excess earnings resulting in a reduced payment in direct proportion to the amount of such earnings. If a claimant was "not available for work" on any day or days during a week, a reduction will be made in the weekly rate proportionate to the number of days of "non-availability". A reduction will occur also if a portion of a week was designated as part of the prescribed waiting period.

**Excess earnings:** Earnings during a week in excess of the allowable earnings for a claimant's weekly benefit rate. As an example, a claimant whose weekly rate is \$30.00 may earn up to \$15.00 in a week without suffering a reduction in benefit; however, in a week where he earns \$17.00 his benefit will be reduced to \$28.00.

**Beneficiaries:** Persons who received one or more benefit payments. The estimate, based on the number of payment documents, represents the average weekly number of beneficiaries.

**Seasonal benefit:** Benefit payable during the period commencing with the Sunday prior to December 1 and ending with the Saturday after May 15, to certain classes of claimants unable to fulfil the requirements under the regular benefit provisions of the Act. Claimants in class A must prove 15 contributions since the Saturday preceding the 31st day of March immediately prior to the date of claim, while qualification under class B is contingent upon a regular benefit period having terminated since the Saturday following the 15th day of May immediately prior to the claim.

**Fishermen:** For purposes of regular benefit, a fisherman is a claimant showing five or more fishing contribution weeks during the last 52 weeks. For purposes of seasonal benefit, however, any claimant whose qualifying contributions include even one fishing contribution week is classed as a fishing claimant.

**Fishing contribution week:** Any week for which a fishing contribution is recorded, whether or not a contribution was also made in respect of other insured employment. Specially designed stamps are used to record insured employment in fishing and employers using the bulk pay method must report employee's fishing contributions separately from those relating to other insurable employment.

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