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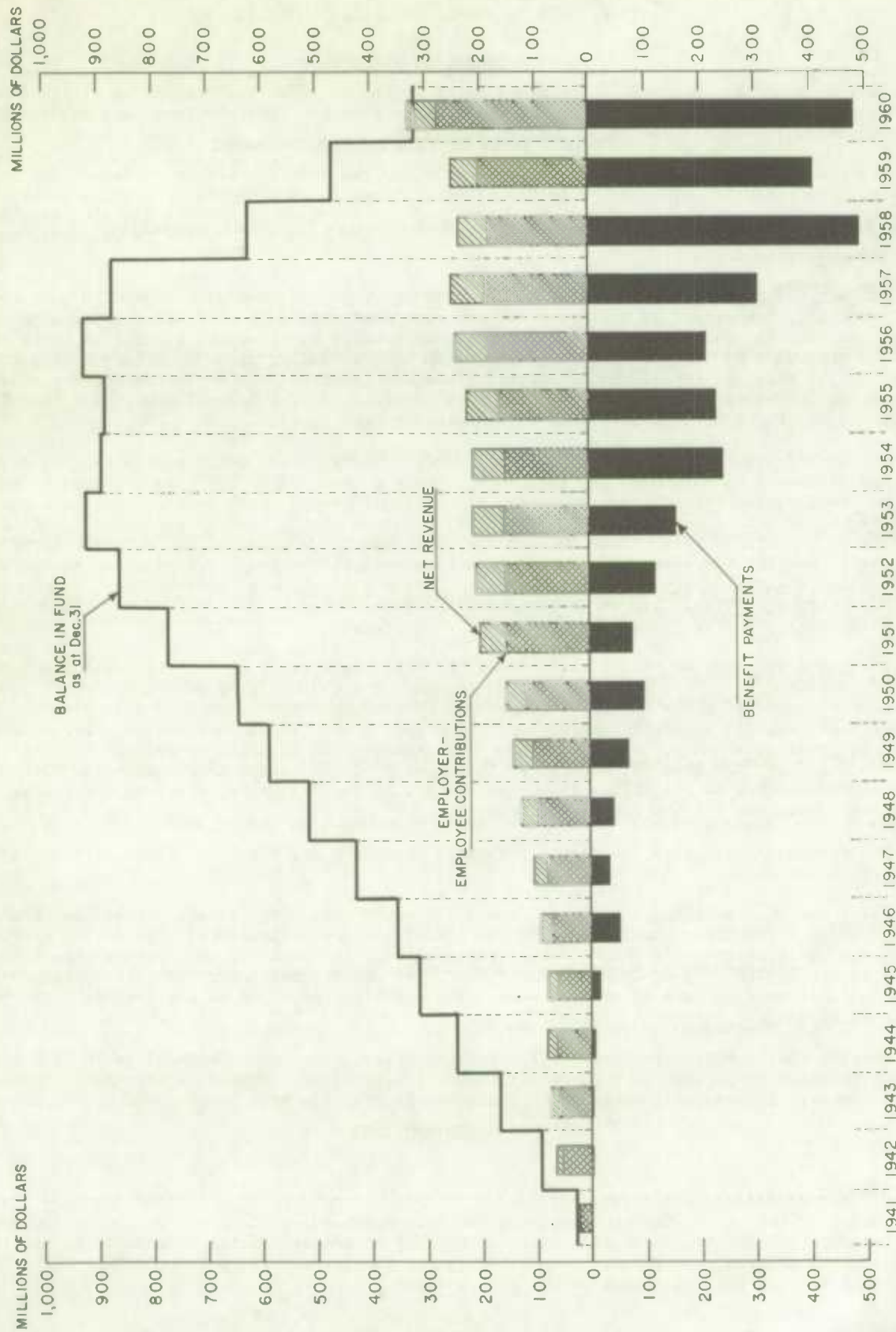
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THE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FUND



Twenty Years of Unemployment Insurance in Canada

Unemployment Insurance has been operative in Canada since July 1, 1941. The original Act, given Royal Assent on August 7, 1940, was given a major revision, effective October 2, 1955. During the 20 years since the inception of the 1940 Act, cumulative payments from the Fund have exceeded \$3 1/4 billion. Annual payments now total over \$400 million.

The Act is compulsory and until April 1, 1957 applied only to persons engaged under a contract of service. The extension of coverage to the fishing industry, as of April 1, 1957, however, brought under the Act not only the fishermen who worked under a contract of service but also those who worked as "lone workers" or "self-employed". Coverage within the fishing industry is thus more comprehensive than for any other industry.

The Act is specific regarding exclusions from coverage and reference should be made to it for the complete list. Identified as non-insurable are such employments as agriculture, domestic service, school teaching and those employed on other than an hourly, daily, piece or mileage basis with annual earnings exceeding \$5,460. Persons employed on an hourly, daily, piece or mileage basis are insured regardless of earnings level. Equal contributions are required from employers and employees, the specific amount varying with the employee's weekly earnings. The Federal Government contributes an additional one-fifth of this total and pays administration costs.

The weekly benefit rate is related to the weekly contribution which varies between defined earnings classes. In this way, the insurance payment is related to the loss incurred by the insured person. Weekly contributions for employees range from 10 cents where weekly earnings are under \$9 to 94 cents in respect of earnings of \$69 and over. Maximum weekly benefit rates are \$27 to individuals claiming at the single person rate and \$36 for those with a dependent. The duration formula allows one week of benefit for every two contribution weeks within the two years previous except where a second claim follows within two years, in which case the duration is somewhat reduced. An allowable earnings feature provides that where earnings in a week exceed 50 per cent of the claimant's benefit rate, his weekly benefit payment is reduced by this excess.

Under the seasonal benefit provisions of the Act, the regular contribution requirements are relaxed somewhat during a 5 1/2 month period commencing with the first week of December each year. This permits workers unable to fulfil the normal requirements for benefit to draw seasonal benefit if they have at least 15 weeks in insured employment during the fiscal year, or have terminated benefit since the previous mid-May. A claimant who draws the maximum duration on regular benefit (52 weeks) and then qualifies for seasonal benefit at the opening of the period in December may have benefit extended for another 24 (or 25) weeks, or an overall 76 (or 77) weeks, provided, of course, he fulfils the other conditions for the receipt of benefit.

The accompanying tables and charts provide a review of the main operations of the Act during the 20 years of operation.

Chart No. 1(1) provides a resumé of the major amendments and coverage extensions to the Act since its inception. The upper horizontal line represents the non-agricultural paid worker labour force (including those estimated as unemployed,) representing, in the main, that part of the labour force to which the Act applies. Roughly parallel to that line and slightly under it is the insured population, as recorded at book renewal dates each year. The monthly operations of the Act are reflected in the claims filed and the month-end claimant count.

Despite the increases in coverage(2) over the years, the insured population in 1960 accounted for roughly the same proportion of the non-agricultural paid worker segment of the labour force as in 1942 (80 per cent). This would indicate that increases in coverage have been offset by the growth of the

(1) Included under separate cover.

(2) Several of the groups to which coverage has been extended, such as seamen, longshoremen and fishermen, although of some significance from the claims standpoint, are small in relation to the total insured population. Even the loggers, the largest group brought into the scheme, hardly account for 2 per cent of the paid workers.

non-insured workers. For example, marked expansion has occurred within certain segments of the service industry, such as education and hospitals, where coverage is low. With the continuing trend to higher earnings, it is quite probable that a higher proportion of wage-earners are excluded because of the earnings ceiling, even though the ceiling has been raised to \$5,460. Another reason for the widening gap is the high unemployment rate for teenagers for whom a low claim rate due to insufficient credits lessen the chance of their being included within the concept of the insured population.

The marked seasonal character of the claim intake is reflected in the sharp rise which occurs during the fall and winter months each year. The contracting phases of the business cycles, 1948-49, 1953-54, 1957-58 and 1960, were reflected by a substantial rise in the claim load. Commencing with the winter 1957-58, the peak claim load has occurred in December; prior to that winter, it was in January. To some extent this is associated with commencing the payment of seasonal benefit(1) in December rather than January, as it was prior to 1957-58. The month of lowest claim fluctuates between July and August.

From Table 1 it will be seen that during 4 of the 10 years 1951-60 the claim rate has been well above 600 per 1,000 insured persons and for two other years it was just under 600. However, claims filed are not synonymous with persons filing claims. In general, a claim is filed each time an insured person, confronted with a new period of unemployment, decides to apply for benefit. If benefit rights are currently in existence for him, a renewal claim will be taken, otherwise it will be an initial claim. One person may therefore file several claims during the course of the year, hence, total claims would substantially overstate the number of persons.

Assessment of the factors contributing to the secular growth in the claim rate merits a deeper analysis of the developments in the labour force and insured population than is possible within this context. However, it is useful to consider the marked expansion in construction and trade, industries characterized by considerable seasonal variation in employment, as against the more moderate rate of expansion in manufacturing.

The employment of women, especially married women, has increased substantially with the expansion of service industries. Married women comprise slightly over half the female insured population, but they are relatively more important among claimants. For instance, in 1959, married women accounted for 61 per cent of the regular benefit periods terminated for females and 67 per cent of the weeks paid in respect of females. Their employment pattern is also shorter than for other women. Thus, in 1958 only a third of the married women(2) contributed 52 weeks whereas 45 per cent of other women had this record.

Furthermore, extension of coverage to persons engaged in the seasonal industries such as logging and fishing and inland water transportation increased the claim potential. The introduction of seasonal benefit is also significant in this respect.

The foregoing remarks are especially important in an examination of the chart line representing the month-end claimant count (Table 111). The seasonal rise in the claimant count follows that for claims filed, with a lag of a couple of months. The peak claimant total usually occurs in February. However, there are differences which require elaboration. In a general way, additional claims in a month are reflected by a rise in the claimant count, but the numerical increase in the month-end claimant count is less than the monthly claim intake. In the first place, the claimant count is like a two-way street where some are coming and others are going. In the second place, a new claim may be taken in respect of a person already on claim, in which case there is no increase at all in the claimant count. This is especially true during the months when seasonal benefit is operative and when large numbers of claimants terminating regular benefit become eligible for an extension under seasonal benefit. A new initial claim is taken in such cases and while a new unemployment ledger is placed in the reporting file, it is only a replacement ledger for the one removed when the regular credits terminated.

The movement within the claimant series is influenced partly by economic factors, but also by the terms of the Act and its Regulations. A striking example is the reduction in claimants at the end of the month in which the seasonal benefit period terminates. At present, a sharp reduction occurs between April and May, due partly to the termination of seasonal benefit, and partly to the pick-up in employment opportunities. Prior to 1958, this sharp change occurred between March and April. Changes in duration also affect the claimant count. When exhaustions rise, the claimant count is likely to fall. Increasing the maximum duration tends to lower the exhaustion rate and, other things being equal, to maintain the claimant level.

Table IV presents the amount of benefit paid on an annual and monthly basis, while Table V provides the average weekly benefit per week compensated each month. These tables should be examined along with

(1) See the chart for dates of seasonal benefit.

(2) Exclusive of new additions to insured employment that year.

the details on major amendments to the Act as portrayed in Chart 1 and with the changing schedules of benefit rates in Appendix I.

Increases in benefit payments over the years are a function of several factors. These include higher claim loads; increases in benefit rates together with the trend to higher earnings; amendments to the Act, such as an extension of the period during which seasonal benefit is operative; and inclusion of new groups with a high claim potential, e.g. loggers and fishermen.

Seasonal variations in the average rates are due chiefly to a changing proportion of male claimants, many of whom draw at the higher(1) rates. The usual trend to higher rates in the last quarter is reversed in 1955, when the rates in that quarter show a perceptible decline. This is associated with a difference in the concept of weeks, as between the 1940 and the 1955 Acts. Under the 1940 Act, benefit was on a daily basis and conversion to weeks was accomplished by dividing to the number of benefit days paid by six. Under the 1955 Act, however, benefit rates are on a weekly basis and this new concept consists of full and partial weeks. Inclusion of partial weeks lowers the average.

The secular increase in the average weekly payment is associated with the trend to higher earnings together with successive increases in the benefit rates. As to the current level of these rates, it is worth pointing out that, in the first place, the impact of higher earnings is relatively less for the insured population than for all non-agricultural paid workers because of the ceiling for insured workers. Secondly, there is a very heavy concentration of insured workers in the top earnings class. In 1960 it is estimated that for one-third of the contributors, average weekly earnings were \$69 or over. Since the claim rate for this group is substantially lower than for the other earnings classes, average earnings for claimants would be somewhat lower than the average, either for all insured persons or for all non-agricultural paid workers.

Annual payments are shown on the lower portion of Chart 2 which has been designed to present a comprehensive summary of changes to the Fund over the 20 year period.

(1) This is because a relatively higher proportion of males draw at dependency rates and is also a reflection of higher earnings predicated upon shorter annual periods of employment.

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TABLE 1. Insured Population(1) and Claims Filed(2) per 1,000 Insured Persons.

1942 - 1960

Year	Insured Population 000's	Claims per 1,000 insured	Year	Insured Population 000's	Claims per 1,000 insured
1942	2,302.5	11.7	1951	3,007.9	380.4
1943	1,997.7	18.4	1952	3,090.2	450.2
1944	2,209.9	41.1	1953	3,150.7	533.1
1945	2,198.8	134.8	1954	3,231.1	650.6
1946	2,128.7	229.6	1955	3,256.9	592.5
1947	2,280.2	194.2	1956	3,726.3	436.2
1948	2,298.3	282.4	1957	3,807.3	623.3
1949	2,610.2	357.8	1958	4,055.1	685.7
1950	2,618.6	439.2	1959	4,072.9	596.2
			1960	4,109.6	657.1

(1) Prior to 1955 the date was April 1. Commencing with 1955, the date is June 1, except for 1957 when it was May 1.

(2) Initial and renewal claims.

TABLE II - Initial and Renewal Claims for Unemployment Insurance Benefit
by Month, February 1942 - July 1961.

(thousands)

Month	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
12 month total	26.9	36.7	90.9	296.4	488.7	442.9	649.1	933.9	1,150.2	1,144.1
January	-	4.6	11.8	20.4	71.9	63.7	100.3	126.6	182.1	172.6
February	4.8	4.8	12.3	15.0	59.1	47.1	76.7	93.5	109.3	110.5
March		5.0	10.7	13.3	50.7	43.7	63.9	88.8	211.4	111.1
April	2.9	4.0	6.5	8.4	35.8	35.9	49.0	58.1	80.4	75.2
May	2.8	2.0	4.7	8.9	34.8	27.6	33.6	52.7	71.6	56.4
June	4.6	1.8	3.2	10.9	30.6	21.4	31.5	44.8	51.3	58.2
July	2.7	1.1	3.1	10.9	27.6	20.0	30.5	43.5	43.9	59.0
August	1.9	1.4	3.2	20.6	25.1	17.3	25.0	50.3	61.5	57.9
September	1.1	1.0	3.7	40.5	28.6	20.9	28.1	51.9	49.2	62.5
October	1.1	1.5	6.2	36.7	34.9	29.4	38.1	69.3	62.2	82.9
November	1.7	2.9	11.8	53.3	37.1	42.4	66.4	114.9	93.0	122.6
December	3.3	6.6	13.8	57.6	52.5	73.6	105.9	139.4	134.2	175.0
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
12 month total	1,391.3	1,679.7	2,102.2	1,929.8	1,625.4	2,373.2	2,780.5	2,428.3	2,700.4	...
January	212.7	223.7	293.2	311.0	263.8	361.1	367.4	317.5	306.6	344.2
February	141.3	172.6	216.1	238.7	188.6	192.7	243.9	220.9	240.3	234.6
March	155.5	181.5	250.8	247.1	176.5	195.2	253.3	230.1	283.5	259.4
April	101.0	117.9	159.5	155.9	139.1	163.5	217.5	206.9	214.6	209.6
May	83.8	71.5	113.4	97.6	84.1	104.3	165.1	134.4	165.6	162.1
June	68.8	72.8	114.8	90.4	55.2	86.4	155.7	107.1	128.5	112.8
July	75.3	75.9	106.3	81.6	73.5	114.1	167.4	122.3	140.4	126.2
August	61.0	74.1	112.7	88.6	75.0	115.3	139.7	102.4	149.6	
September	64.7	85.6	109.5	87.6	65.0	124.9	157.6	115.1	140.3	
October	88.0	123.2	127.6	94.7	87.9	167.4	191.2	151.2	178.2	
November	123.4	188.9	187.7	159.8	151.4	249.1	246.6	278.6	304.4	
December	215.9	292.3	310.6	276.7	265.2	499.2	475.2	441.6	448.3	

TABLE III - Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of each Month, September 30, 1943 to July 31, 1961.

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(thousands)

Year	12 Month Average	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1943	-									1	1	2	6
1944	10	12	16	16	12	7	5	4	5	6	8	13	19
1945	41	27	30	27	19	17	17	19	29	48	62	85	113
1946	98	146	162	155	124	99	82	69	62	58	63	67	87
1947	71	106	112	107	86	63	50	43	39	39	45	62	102
1948	95	145	153	142	112	77	62	53	47	47	60	88	151
1949	149	203	216	198	150	115	95	94	94	95	115	172	243
1950 total	188	313	304	368	230	166	127	106	111	89	102	139	202
% S.B.				23									3
1951 total	167	256	253	236	149	101	101	100	101	109	128	187	288
% S.B.		11	14	18									3
1952 total	219	358	351	352	249	182	149	144	125	109	128	182	304
% S.B.		9	11	13									4
1953 total	253	376	389	379	240	165	142	134	134	143	185	283	452
% S.B.		11	14	17									4
1954 total	357	556	559	561	379	293	245	228	223	214	236	307	479
% S.B.		10	14	18									7
1955 total	319	587	620	605	354	241	186	168	153	145	163	220	388
% S.B.		14	21	26									12
1956 total	272	477	511	511	292	189	136	138	132	128	139	215	398
% S.B.		23	28	29									7
1957 total	380	546	572	559	374	250	205	206	209	227	268	403	744
% S.B.		13	18	19									12
1958 total	552	835	869	860	722	551	445	301	295	283	324	419	715
% S.B.		20	24	27	31	33	30						18
1959 total	454	785	796	767	611	279	221	226	210	202	251	418	686
% S.B.		26	31	34	37								17
1960 total	518	783	814	823	715	364	296	294	280	280	330	485	754
% S.B.		23	27	30	32								18
1961	-	847	873	838	713	341	267	255					
% S.B.		24	29	32	35								

TABLE IV - Amount of Benefit Paid(1), by Month, 1942 to 1961

(million dollars)

Year	12 Month Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1942	0.37	-	(2)	0.03	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.04
1943	0.94	0.07	0.13	0.20	0.14	0.13	0.07	0.05	0.03	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.05
1944	3.29	0.13	0.30	0.76	0.36	0.47	0.25	0.14	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.18	0.34
1945	14.57	0.55	0.82	1.52	0.59	0.67	0.58	0.60	0.69	0.88	1.71	2.51	3.45
1946	51.08	4.49	5.90	7.21	7.01	5.22	4.47	3.30	2.86	3.40	2.46	2.24	2.51
1947	32.04	4.01	3.92	4.48	3.78	3.07	2.15	1.96	1.52	1.51	1.54	1.56	2.54
1948	40.27	3.92	5.02	6.63	5.18	3.67	2.60	2.08	1.84	1.69	1.76	2.28	3.59
1949	69.35	6.73	8.16	10.40	7.61	5.51	4.11	3.37	3.72	3.67	3.85	5.05	7.18
1950	98.98	11.78	13.61	16.64	13.71	10.50	6.66	4.76	4.41	3.84	3.57	4.18	5.31
1951	76.66	9.83	10.68	12.14	8.35	5.66	3.51	3.43	3.67	3.46	3.90	5.11	6.92
1952	118.83	13.98	15.57	16.89	13.95	10.39	6.73	6.29	6.24	5.71	5.71	6.44	10.93
1953	157.97	18.43	20.60	24.00	19.19	12.39	8.41	7.15	6.41	6.74	7.60	10.17	16.88
1954	241.11	25.15	29.68	37.19	29.84	21.13	15.72	12.72	12.06	12.40	11.78	14.02	19.43
1955	229.12	28.37	34.90	45.44	33.78	20.02	12.64	8.94	8.73	8.18	7.54	8.66	11.94
1956	210.33	24.63	32.19	38.17	33.20	19.16	9.93	7.93	8.17	7.09	8.07	9.28	12.53
1957	305.08	33.44	38.60	44.13	40.39	26.27	14.36	13.80	13.03	13.81	16.33	18.99	31.93
1958	492.90	60.76	63.31	72.38	66.68	51.65	36.99	26.82	19.49	19.85	20.27	21.14	33.56
1959	406.10	58.65	58.08	65.87	59.97	40.45	18.16	14.53	13.12	13.37	13.77	17.48	32.66
1960	481.84	54.35	62.59	74.85	61.77	52.21	26.84	19.70	21.36	21.19	20.65	26.58	39.77
1961	-	67.66	70.99	85.19	64.54	58.70	25.89	18.55					

(1) Benefit paid under the seasonal benefit provisions is included. The dates during which these provisions were operative, maximum weeks payable each period and amount of benefit paid are as follows:

February 28 to April 15, 1950 - 6 weeks - \$4.5 million
 January 1 to March 31, 1951 - 13 weeks - \$3.9 million
 January 1 to March 31, 1952 - 13 weeks - \$4.6 million
 January 1 to April 15, 1953 - 15 weeks - \$9.2 million
 January 1 to April 15, 1954 - 15 weeks - \$14.1 million
 January 1 to April 15, 1955 - 15 weeks - \$28.9 million
 January 1 to April 21, 1956 - 16 weeks - \$38.1 million
 January 1 to April 20, 1957 - 16 weeks - \$29.6 million
 December 1, 1957 to June 28, 1958 - 30 weeks - \$109.8 million
 December 1, 1958 to May 16, 1959 - 24 weeks - \$98.4 million
 November 30, 1959 to May 21, 1960 - 25 weeks - \$99.1 million
 November 28, 1960 to May 20, 1961 - 25 weeks - \$114.7 million (preliminary)

(2) Less than \$10,000.

TABLE V - Average Weekly Benefit per Week Compensated, by Month,
1942-1961.

Month	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
(dollars)										
12 month average	10.82	10.92	11.41	11.73	12.03	11.62	11.88	13.47	14.18	14.68
January	-	11.28	11.28	11.64	12.29	11.89	11.77	13.21	14.35	14.64
February	10.92	11.28	11.40	11.70	12.21	11.71	11.83	13.11	14.62	14.45
March	10.92	11.34	11.70	11.64	12.49	11.66	11.82	13.39	14.39	14.36
April	10.92	11.28	11.88	11.64	12.21	11.67	11.81	13.42	13.89	14.59
May	10.80	11.28	11.82	11.52	11.52	11.64	11.66	13.37	14.07	14.60
June	10.68	11.04	11.52	11.46	11.96	11.51	11.55	13.30	13.84	14.23
July	10.62	10.86	11.40	11.40	11.87	11.53	11.67	13.26	13.80	14.52
August	10.44	10.32	11.34	11.46	11.85	11.49	11.66	13.51	13.75	14.83
September	10.50	10.56	11.34	11.70	11.83	11.36	11.66	13.67	14.12	15.05
October	10.86	10.56	11.28	12.18	11.82	11.38	12.05	13.77	13.91	14.94
November	11.22	10.44	10.44	12.12	11.77	11.47	12.38	13.91	14.09	15.07
December	11.16	10.80	11.52	12.30	11.86	11.61	12.77	14.05	14.53	15.49
	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
12 month average	16.37	18.09	18.38	18.49	18.82	20.94	21.29	21.18	22.32	...
January	15.81	18.23	18.58	18.82	18.06	20.82	21.58	21.38	21.91	23.96
February	15.64	17.87	18.16	18.92	18.57	21.08	21.51	21.56	22.00	24.07
March	15.55	17.73	17.91	18.87	19.01	21.08	21.48	21.58	22.20	23.99
April	15.92	17.61	17.87	18.85	19.04	21.13	21.59	21.29	22.18	23.98
May	16.05	18.52	18.75	18.80	19.05	20.96	21.10	20.81	22.17	23.68
June	15.89	18.47	18.63	18.45	18.46	20.24	20.72	20.95	22.11	23.57
July	16.34	17.99	18.44	18.13	18.15	20.12	20.67	20.04	21.81	23.13
August	17.41	17.98	18.46	18.01	18.09	20.01	20.79	20.19	22.01	
September	17.75	18.13	18.72	18.14	18.82	20.80	21.10	20.54	22.65	
October	17.73	18.20	18.70	17.20	19.20	20.91	20.88	20.51	22.85	
November	17.89	18.29	18.64	16.76	19.39	20.92	21.19	20.85	23.19	
December	18.28	18.71	18.83	16.98	20.21	21.63	21.53	21.51	23.51	

APPENDIX I

Schedules of Contribution and Benefit Rates

Range of earnings		Daily rates											
		Employee Contri- bution	Benefit rates										
			Effective to Sept. 30, 1946		Effective Oct. 1, 1946		Effective Oct. 4, 1948						
			No dependent	With dependent	No dependent	With dependent	No dependent	With dependent					
Effective up to July 2, 1950		cents						dollars					
While earning in a week:													
Less than \$5.40(or under 16 years of age(1))		1.5(2)		-		-		-		-		-	
\$ 5.40 but less than \$ 7.50		2.0		0.68		0.80		0.70		0.80		0.70 0.80	
\$ 7.50 " " " \$ 9.60		2.5		0.85		1.00		0.85		1.00		0.85 1.05	
\$ 9.60 " " " \$12.00		3.0		1.02		1.20		1.00		1.20		1.00 1.25	
\$12.00 " " " \$15.00		3.5		1.19		1.40		1.20		1.40		1.20 1.50	
\$15.00 " " " \$20.00		4.0		1.26		1.60		1.35		1.60		1.35 1.70	
\$20.00 " " " \$26.00		5.0		1.70		2.00		1.55(4)		1.80(4)		1.55(4) 1.95(4)	
\$26.00 or more in a week		6.0		2.04		2.40		1.70		2.00		1.70 2.15	
Those earning \$34.00 or more in a week com- mencing October 4, 1948		7.0						1.85(4)		2.20(4)		1.85(4) 2.40(4)	
								2.05		2.40		2.05 2.60	
												2.20(4) 2.85(4)	
												2.40 3.05	
		Employee Contri- bution		Effective July 3, 1950				Effective July 4, 1952					
				No dependent		With dependent		No dependent		With dependent			
Effective July 3, 1950													
While earning in a week:													
Less than \$9.00		3.0		0.70		0.80		0.70		0.80			
\$ 9.00 - \$14.99		4.0		1.00		1.25		1.00		1.25			
\$15.00 - \$20.99		5.0		1.35		1.70		1.45		2.00			
\$21.00 - \$26.99		6.0		1.70		2.15		1.80		2.50			
\$27.00 - \$33.99		7.0		2.05		2.60		2.15		3.00			
\$34.00 - \$47.99		8.0		2.40		3.05		2.50		3.50			
\$48.00 or more		9.0		2.70(3)		3.50(3)		2.85		4.00			
		Weekly employee Contri- bution		Benefit schedule									
				Range of average weekly contributions		Weekly rate of benefit				Allowable earnings			
		cents		cents		No dependent		With dependent					
						\$		\$				\$	
Effective October 2, 1955													
While earning in a week:													
Less than \$ 9.00		8											
\$ 9.00 and under \$15.00		16		Less than 20		6.00		8.00		2.00			
\$15.00 " " \$21.00		24		20 and under 27		9.00		12.00		3.00			
\$21.00 " " \$27.00		30		27 " " 33		11.00		15.00		4.00			
\$27.00 " " \$33.00		36		33 " " 39		13.00		18.00		5.00			
\$33.00 " " \$39.00		42		39 " " 45		15.00		21.00		6.00			
\$39.00 " " \$45.00		48		45 " " 50		17.00		24.00		7.00			
\$45.00 " " \$51.00		52		50 " " 54		19.00(5)		26.00(5)		9.00			
\$51.00 " " \$57.00		56		54 " " 58		21.00(5)		28.00(5)		11.00			
\$57.00 and over		60		58 to 60		23.00(5)		30.00(5)		13.00			

1. Abolished October 4, 1948.

2. Paid on his behalf by employer.

3. These rates effective July 3, 1951 only.

4. These benefit rates payable where average contribution rates were 4.5, 5.5 and 6.5 respectively.

5. Effective November 28, 1955.

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Schedules of Contribution and Benefit Rates

Range of earnings	Weekly employee contri- bution	Range of average weekly contributions	Weekly rate of benefit		Allowable earnings	
	cents	cents	No dependent \$	With dependent \$	No dependent \$	With dependent \$
Effective September 27, 1959						
While earning in a week:						
Less than \$ 9.00	10					
\$ 9.00 and under \$15.00	20	Less than 25	6.00	8.00	3.00	4.00
\$15.00 " " \$21.00	30	25 and under 34	9.00	12.00	5.00	6.00
\$21.00 " " \$27.00	38	34 " " 42	11.00	15.00	6.00	8.00
\$27.00 " " \$33.00	46	42 " " 50	13.00	18.00	7.00	9.00
\$33.00 " " \$39.00	54	50 " " 57	15.00	21.00	8.00	11.00
\$39.00 " " \$45.00	60	57 " " 63	17.00	24.00	9.00	12.00
\$45.00 " " \$51.00	66	63 " " 69	19.00	26.00	10.00	13.00
\$51.00 " " \$57.00	72	69 " " 73	21.00	28.00	11.00	14.00
\$57.00 " " \$63.00	78	73 " " 82	23.00	30.00	12.00	15.00
\$63.00 " " \$69.00	86	82 " " 90	25.00	33.00	13.00	17.00
\$69.00 and over	94	90 and over	27.00	36.00	14.00	18.00

APPENDIX II

The Unemployment Insurance Fund

(million dollars)

Calendar Year	Net Revenue	Employer-employee contributions	Balance in Fund as at Dec. 31
1941	28.5	23.6	28.5
1942	67.5	55.1	95.5
1943	76.0	60.4	170.5
1944	82.8	64.3	250.0
1945	80.5	62.2	315.9
1946	92.3	70.9	357.2
1947	104.6	79.5	429.8
1948	128.0	97.2	517.7
1949	141.1	106.0	589.4
1950	157.4	118.6	647.8
1951	202.3	151.9	773.5
1952	209.1	154.7	863.8
1953	215.2	159.4	921.2
1954	214.6	158.0	896.6
1955	223.2	165.1	890.9
1956	246.0	183.1	926.8
1957	255.5	190.9	877.5
1958	240.4	185.5	625.4
1959	251.7	203.5	471.1
1960	331.6	278.2	320.9

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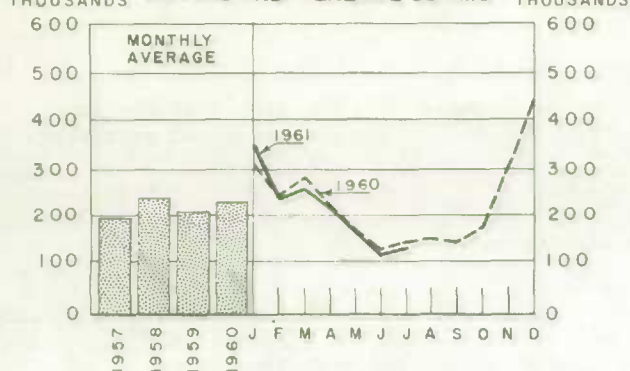
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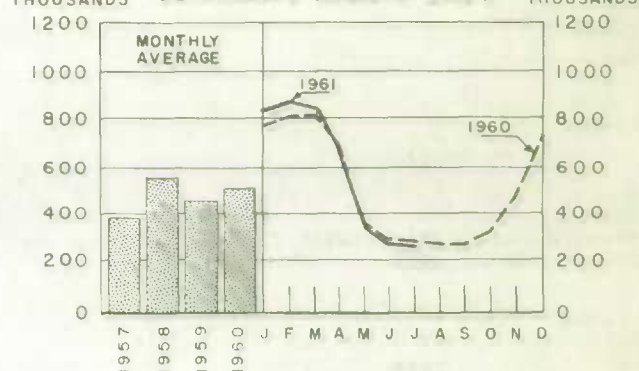
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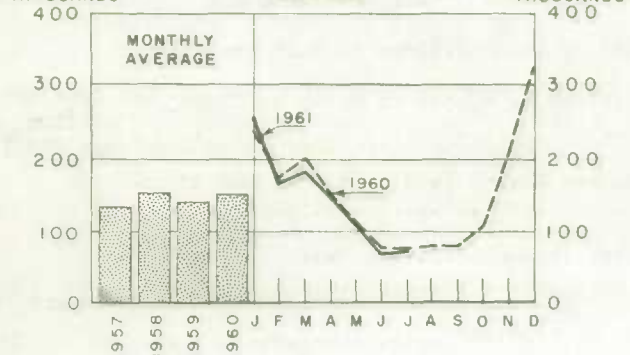
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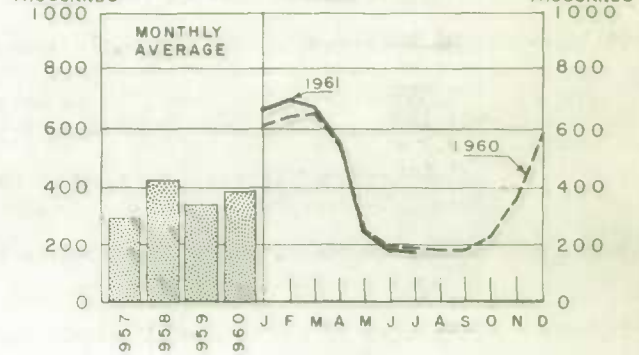
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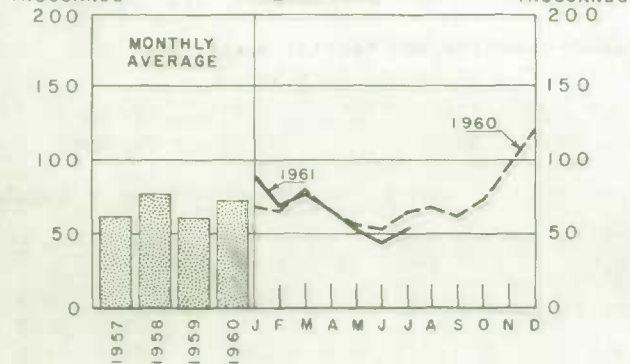
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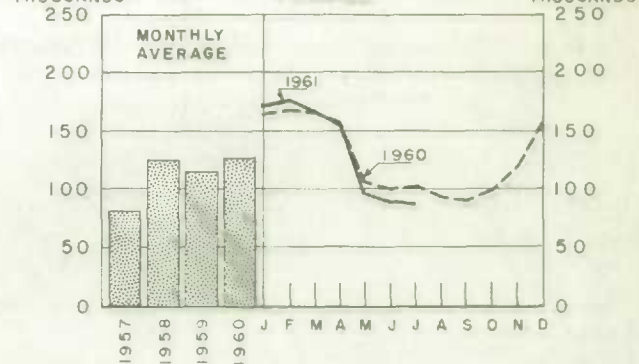
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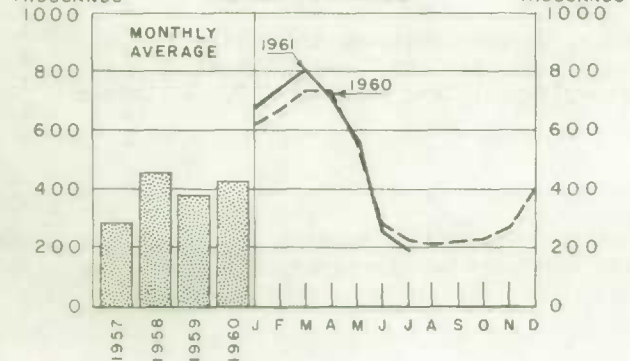
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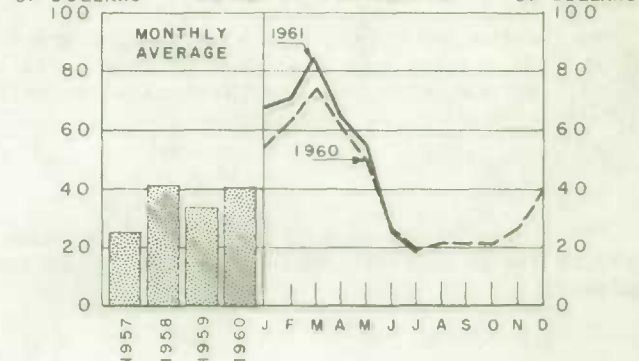
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BENEFICIARIES



BENEFIT PAYMENTS



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

July 1961

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on July 31 numbered 255,300, down slightly from 266,900 on June 30. In comparison with the July 1960 total of 294,100 the current count represents a 13 per cent decline.

Initial and renewal claims: receipt and disposal

A total of 126,200 initial and renewal claims were filed during July. This constitutes a 12 per cent increase over June (112,800) but is still 10 per cent below the 140,400 received last July. The June to July increase is associated, in the main, with plants closing for annual holidays.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 191,000 in comparison with 249,600 for June and 225,900 for July 1960. Total payments amounted to \$18.6 million for July, as against \$25.9 million for June and \$19.7 million for July 1960. The average benefit payment per week compensated was \$23.13 for July, \$23.57 for June and \$21.81 for July 1960.

Claims and Benefit Payments, by province

The June to July decline in the claimant count was nationwide, except for Prince Edward Island and Ontario where there was a slight increase.

Percentage change in month-end claimant count

	June 30 to July 31, 1961			July 29, 1960 to July 31, 1961			June 30 to July 29, 1960		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 4	- 5	- 2	- 13	- 13	- 14	- 1	- 2	+ 2
Nfld.	- 15	- 16	- 7	-	+ 5	- 17	- 11	- 14	+ 5
P.E.I.	+ 1	- 3	+ 8	- 5	- 11	+ 6	- 2	- 1	- 5
N.S.	- 18	- 21	- 3	+ 2	+ 5	- 6	- 29	- 35	+ 1
N.B.	- 15	- 18	- 9	- 11	- 11	- 11	- 3	- 5	+ 3
Que.	- 5	- 8	-	- 15	- 14	- 15	-	- 3	+ 4
Ont.	+ 3	+ 6	- 2	- 18	- 17	- 18	+ 6	+ 7	+ 3
Man.	- 9	- 8	- 10	+ 17	+ 31	- 2	- 6	- 7	- 4
Sask.	- 7	- 11	-	+ 10	+ 14	+ 5	- 15	- 20	- 7
Alta.	- 8	- 13	+ 2	- 7	- 9	- 3	- 15	- 21	- 1
B.C.	- 9	- 10	- 8	- 15	- 16	- 12	+ 1	+ 3	- 3

More than 95 per cent of the monthly increase in claims occurred in Ontario, reflecting curtailed activity due to vacation shut-down periods, particularly in plants manufacturing transportation equipment.

Percentage change in claims filed

	<u>June to</u> <u>July 1961</u>			<u>July 1960</u> <u>to July 1961</u>			<u>June to</u> <u>July 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	+ 12	+ 6	+ 21	- 10	- 6	- 15	+ 9	- 1	+ 24
Nfld.	+ 16	- 17	+ 128	+ 21	- 8	+ 101	- 2	- 13	+ 48
P.E.I.	+ 26	+ 29	+ 21	+ 2	+ 7	- 7	- 21	- 14	- 31
N.S.	+ 18	+ 9	+ 27	+ 27	+ 30	+ 25	- 6	- 33	+ 45
N.B.	+ 1	- 9	+ 20	- 21	- 25	- 13	+ 11	+ 14	+ 5
Que.	+ 1	- 3	+ 7	- 15	- 14	- 17	+ 18	+ 10	+ 30
Ont.	+ 30	+ 25	+ 38	- 10	+ 1	- 22	+ 10	- 3	+ 26
Man.	- 4	- 8	+ 3	+ 17	+ 13	+ 24	- 7	- 8	- 3
Sask.	+ 5	-	+ 16	+ 24	+ 21	+ 31	- 17	- 18	- 15
Alta.	+ 6	-	+ 17	- 4	- 8	+ 3	- 9	- 8	- 9
B.C.	- 9	- 15	-	- 20	- 19	- 20	+ 9	- 1	+ 23

Summary table

Activity	July 1961	June 1961	July 1960	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				June 1961	July 1960	January to July		12 months ending July	
						1961	1960	1961	1960
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	3,917	3,985	4,177*	..	4,142*
Initial and renewal claims filed	126	113	140	+ 12	- 10	1,449	1,480	2,670	2,569
Claimants currently report- ing to local offices	255	267	294	- 4	- 13	591*	584*	522*	488*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	191	250	226	- 23	- 15	561*	547*	439*	406*
Weeks compensated	802	1,098	904	- 27	- 11	16,396	15,955	22,043	20,284
Benefit paid	\$ 18,551	25,890	19,703	- 28	- 6	391,522	352,294	521,065	442,695
Average weekly benefit	\$ 23.13	23.57	21.81	- 2	+ 6	23.88	22.08	23.64	21.82

* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1961 - June	3,917,000	3,650,100	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
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

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

Prov.	1961 - July- 1960					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	126,156	71,948	54,208	140,435	76,506	63,929
Nfld.	1,982	1,104	878	1,638	1,202	436
P.E.I.	298	201	97	291	187	104
N.S.	6,659	3,181	3,478	5,245	2,454	2,791
N.B.	3,001	1,795	1,206	3,780	2,387	1,393
Que.	35,141	20,641	14,500	41,571	24,066	17,505
Ont.	54,639	31,227	23,412	60,731	30,817	29,914
Man.	3,405	2,108	1,297	2,918	1,870	1,048
Sask.	2,082	1,305	777	1,675	1,081	594
Alta.	4,934	2,870	2,064	5,128	3,115	2,013
B.C.	14,015	7,516	6,499	17,458	9,327	8,131

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 30,021

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	July 29, 1960 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
	July 31, 1961									
CANADA -	255,278	82,778	26,699	35,789	25,375	21,758	14,024	48,855	26.2	294,137
MALE	167,546	59,695	17,529	22,495	15,564	13,839	8,720	29,704	27.8	191,686
FEMALE	87,732	23,083	9,170	13,294	9,811	7,919	5,304	19,151	23.1	102,451
Nfld.	5,487	1,525	408	568	505	543	367	1,571	63.5	5,466
Male	4,562	1,317	336	449	412	458	300	1,290	65.4	4,353
Female	925	208	72	119	93	85	67	281	54.1	1,113
P.E.I.	815	199	83	124	110	72	46	181	60.6	857
Male	500	138	56	74	71	42	24	95	66.8	561
Female	315	61	27	50	39	30	22	86	50.8	296
N.S.	10,571	2,537	1,278	1,361	995	1,221	628	2,551	36.6	10,389
Male	8,056	2,009	1,005	1,021	734	968	464	1,855	36.6	7,707
Female	2,515	528	273	340	261	253	164	696	36.3	2,682
N.B.	8,146	1,872	732	1,104	869	1,229	480	1,860	48.7	9,185
Male	5,752	1,423	504	711	598	1,011	319	1,186	50.5	6,489
Female	2,394	449	228	393	271	218	161	674	44.4	2,696
Que.	78,172	24,332	8,060	11,775	8,268	6,691	4,555	14,491	26.3	91,476
Male	50,384	16,453	5,161	7,339	5,136	4,274	2,968	9,053	27.9	58,723
Female	27,788	7,879	2,899	4,436	3,132	2,417	1,587	5,438	23.5	32,753
Ont.	96,693	35,813	10,338	12,578	8,761	7,204	4,624	17,375	19.8	117,429
Male	62,323	26,379	6,685	7,447	5,084	4,112	2,652	9,964	20.0	75,264
Female	34,370	9,434	3,653	5,131	3,677	3,092	1,972	7,411	19.5	42,165
Man.	9,777	2,427	976	1,442	1,327	1,088	724	1,793	20.0	8,389
Male	6,144	1,606	603	891	776	681	439	1,148	22.6	4,696
Female	3,633	821	373	551	551	407	285	645	15.5	3,693
Sask.	5,278	1,303	560	722	628	513	321	1,231	41.0	4,811
Male	2,961	775	345	375	338	308	187	633	45.5	2,606
Female	2,317	528	215	347	290	205	134	598	35.3	2,205
Alta.	11,257	3,209	1,012	1,568	1,324	1,139	748	2,257	30.3	12,060
Male	7,018	2,198	593	939	801	729	429	1,329	34.6	7,676
Female	4,239	1,011	419	629	523	410	319	928	23.3	4,384
B.C.	29,082	9,561	3,252	4,547	2,588	2,058	1,531	5,545	26.4	34,075
Male	19,846	7,397	2,241	3,249	1,614	1,256	938	3,151	28.3	23,611
Female	9,236	2,164	1,011	1,298	974	802	593	2,394	22.4	10,464

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>July - 1961</u>							
Canada -	120,053	44,716	47,438	23,790	4,109	22,296	12,428
Nfld.	1,605	423	561	526	95	475	339
P.E.I.	291	130	71	73	17	46	30
N.S.	6,950	2,686	3,279	830	155	609	327
N.B.	2,844	1,090	991	653	110	496	285
Que.	34,380	13,047	12,506	7,613	1,214	6,429	3,701
Ont.	49,973	18,967	20,873	8,576	1,557	10,697	5,099
Man.	3,434	1,372	1,187	741	134	281	366
Sask.	1,957	697	625	561	74	349	214
Alta.	4,680	1,560	1,733	1,181	206	799	615
B.C.	13,939	4,744	5,612	3,036	547	2,115	1,452
<u>July - 1960</u>							
Canada -	137,448	50,681	58,795	24,751	3,221	25,234	11,777
Nfld.	1,535	760	344	386	45	415	130
P.E.I.	305	119	101	76	9	64	21
N.S.	6,415	2,806	2,612	861	136	742	373
N.B.	3,328	1,271	1,268	704	85	953	364
Que.	41,116	15,614	16,486	8,146	870	7,621	3,630
Ont.	58,014	20,466	27,273	8,999	1,276	11,435	4,695
Man.	2,897	1,282	874	642	99	316	236
Sask.	1,814	697	571	474	72	242	123
Alta.	5,407	2,113	1,959	1,178	157	847	552
B.C.	16,617	5,553	7,307	3,285	472	2,599	1,653

* In addition 29,028 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,275 were special requests not granted and 1,036 were appeals by claimants. There were 9,207 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during July 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*	14,994	377	36	476	422	5,049	5,196	387	314	628	2,109
	1960	16,841	272	38	520	465	6,029	5,820	333	251	711	2,402
Claimants disqualified	1961	24,660	434	98	983	681	8,082	9,004	1,109	512	1,215	2,542
	1960	20,799	362	74	887	624	6,572	7,900	795	465	1,000	2,120
Not unemployed	1961	802	39	6	64	32	138	395	16	19	32	61
	1960	464	52	7	34	15	113	149	16	10	17	51
Not capable of and not available for work	1961	8,639	84	25	256	210	2,744	3,181	608	199	431	901
	1960	6,842	88	19	245	183	2,050	2,864	275	181	311	626
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1961	349	-	-	2	1	78	261	-	1	1	5
	1960	316	-	-	4	-	40	250	1	10	2	9
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1961	1,748	14	6	58	33	753	565	58	41	86	134
	1960	1,607	5	1	87	44	728	409	117	35	80	101
Discharged for misconduct	1961	1,019	19	3	39	16	347	385	39	20	57	94
	1960	894	10	2	35	23	269	371	27	10	40	107
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1961	5,916	97	28	205	150	1,834	2,027	253	172	442	708
	1960	5,849	86	29	217	173	1,680	2,131	229	156	414	734
Other reasons	1961	6,187	181	30	359	239	2,188	2,190	135	60	166	639
	1960	4,827	121	16	265	186	1,692	1,726	130	63	136	492

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

1961	2,457	79	10	99	115	916	829	48	18	86	257
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1961 - July - 1960	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	191.0	225.9
Newfoundland	3.9	4.3
Prince Edward Island	0.6	0.8
Nova Scotia	8.7	9.2
New Brunswick	6.7	7.3
Quebec	58.9	70.7
Ontario	71.0	86.8
Manitoba	7.3	6.9
Saskatchewan	3.8	4.3
Alberta	8.6	10.8
British Columbia	21.3	24.8

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1961 - July - 1960			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	802,080	18,550,593	903,575	19,702,607
Nfld.	16,393	376,593	17,117	364,685
P.E.I.	2,680	53,573	3,112	60,088
N.S.	36,530	809,639	36,688	779,012
N.B.	28,346	622,986	29,266	612,764
Que.	247,516	5,629,833	282,940	5,979,174
Ont.	298,061	6,959,640	347,211	7,721,264
Man.	30,857	684,281	27,571	566,651
Sask.	15,893	375,340	17,312	359,917
Alta.	36,282	847,219	43,132	962,179
B.C.	89,522	2,191,489	99,226	2,296,873

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

Province	Complete Weeks	Partial Weeks	
		Total	Due to Excess Earnings

July - 1961

Canada -	729,184	72,896	51,211
Newfoundland	14,625	1,768	1,413
Prince Edward Island	2,480	200	148
Nova Scotia	31,848	4,682	3,763
New Brunswick	25,118	3,228	2,792
Quebec	228,082	19,434	12,585
Ontario	271,771	26,290	18,264
Manitoba	28,121	2,736	2,041
Saskatchewan	14,603	1,290	923
Alberta	32,980	3,302	2,300
British Columbia	79,556	9,966	6,982

July - 1960

Canada -	833,351	70,224	48,887
Newfoundland	15,500	1,617	1,324
Prince Edward Island	2,950	162	113
Nova Scotia	31,843	4,845	4,066
New Brunswick	26,164	3,102	2,270
Quebec	264,143	18,797	12,163
Ontario	320,626	26,585	18,345
Manitoba	25,278	2,293	1,663
Saskatchewan	16,164	1,148	782
Alberta	39,980	3,152	2,131
British Columbia	90,703	8,523	6,030

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.