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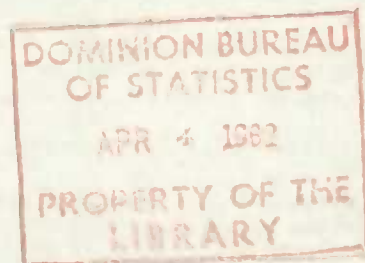


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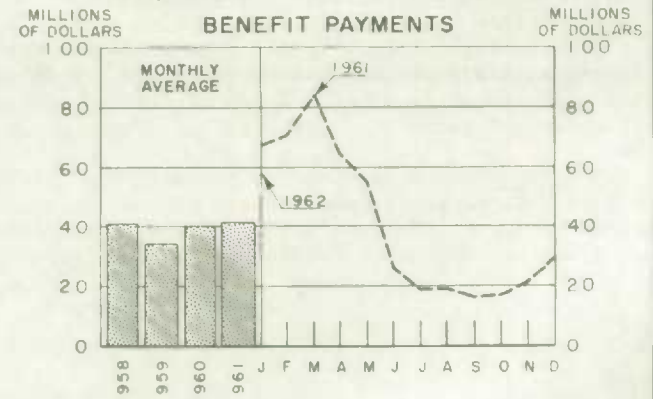
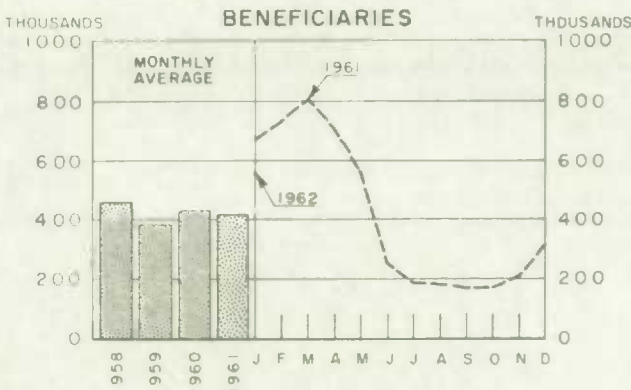
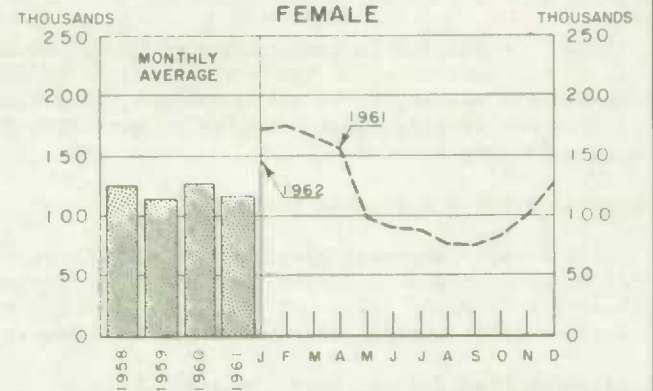
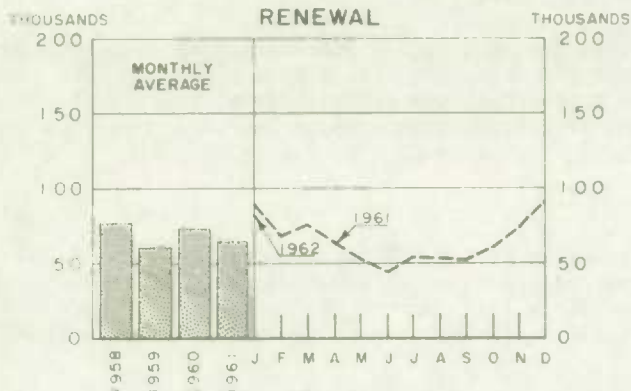
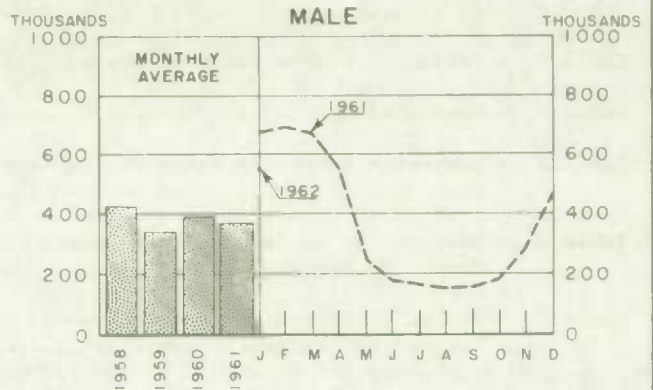
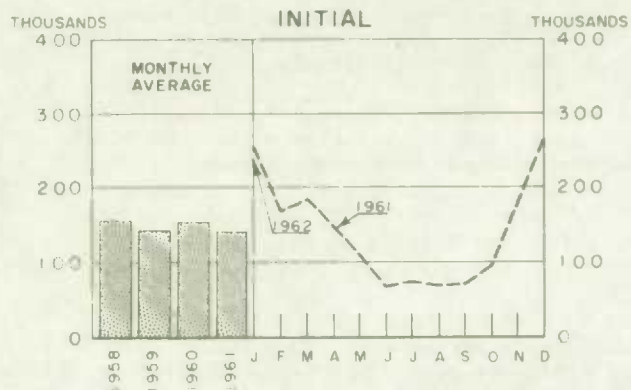
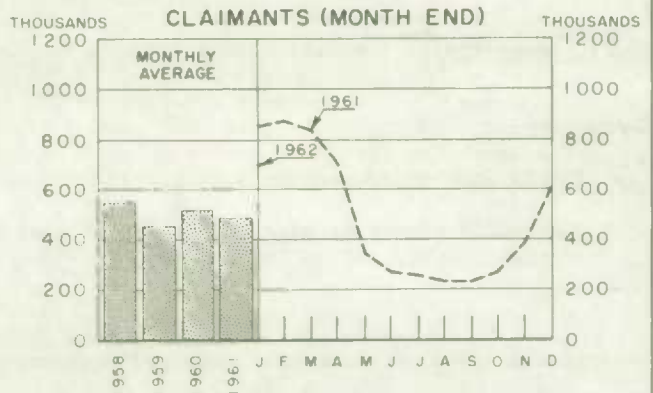
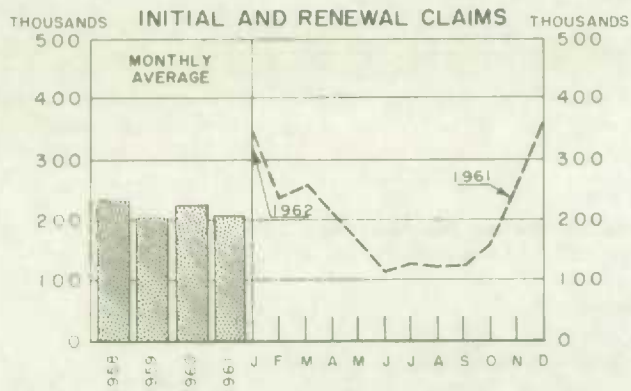
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# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

January 1962

Claimants at month-end:  
volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on January 31 numbered 698,500, an increase of some 97,000 from December 29, but 148,000 fewer than on January 31, 1961. These totals include persons claiming under the seasonal benefit provisions, totalling 174,200 on January 31, 108,500 on December 29, and 205,000 on January 31, 1961.

The predominance of males among the persons filing claims during the past three months is reflected in a significant variation in the per cent distribution of males and females by number of weeks on continuous claim.

Per cent distribution, by weeks on claim

	Total	12 weeks or less	13 weeks or more
Both sexes	100.0	83.2	16.8
Males	100.0	86.2	13.8
Females	100.0	71.7	28.3

Four out of five persons coming on claim during the last three months were males. On the other hand, males comprised less than 2 out of 3 persons on claim over 20 weeks as of January 31.

The proportion of claimants classed as seasonal benefit, at 25 per cent, was unchanged from January 31, 1961.

Initial and renewal claims: receipt and disposal

A total of 320,200 initial and renewal claims was filed during January, down 37,700 from December and 24,000 fewer than for January 1961. Three out of 4 claims filed during these periods were classed as "initial".

Of the 237,300 initial claims filed in January, some 183,600, or slightly more than three-quarters, can be categorized as new separations(1) from employment, the remainder being from persons exhausting benefit and seeking re-establishment of credits, under either the regular or seasonal benefit provisions. To this may be added 82,900 renewal claims, for a total of 266,500 new cases of recorded unemployment during January.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 560,100 for January, versus 320,200 for December and 672,500 for January 1961. Payments, at \$57.8 million in January, were almost double those for December (\$29.4 million) but were \$10 million below last January (\$67.7 million). The average weekly benefit paid was \$24.57 for January, \$24.20 for December and \$23.96 for January 1961.

Claims and benefit payments, by province

Percentage changes in the January 31 claimant count, over December 29, were substantially greater in the Atlantic provinces than elsewhere. This is associated with the importance of seasonal benefit claimants (and the concentration of fishing claimants), in that area.

(1) See footnote (1), page 9.



Percentage change in month-end claimant count

	<u>December 29, 1961 to January 31, 1962</u>			<u>January 31, 1961 to January 31, 1962</u>			<u>December 30, 1960 to January 31, 1961</u>		
	<u>Total</u> (1)	<u>Male</u> (2)	<u>Female</u> (3)	<u>Total</u> (4)	<u>Male</u> (5)	<u>Female</u> (6)	<u>Total</u> (7)	<u>Male</u> (8)	<u>Female</u> (9)
Canada	+ 16	+ 17	+ 12	- 18	- 18	- 16	+ 12	+ 13	+ 8
Nfld.	+ 30	+ 30	+ 23	- 5	- 4	- 12	+ 17	+ 17	+ 21
P.E.I.	+ 26	+ 26	+ 23	- 4	- 5	+ 1	+ 20	+ 21	+ 17
N.S.	+ 36	+ 38	+ 23	- 13	- 14	- 9	+ 20	+ 18	+ 36
N.B.	+ 25	+ 26	+ 18	- 14	- 16	- 4	+ 22	+ 23	+ 19
Que.	+ 15	+ 19	+ 2	- 23	- 23	- 23	+ 14	+ 18	-
Ont.	+ 13	+ 14	+ 13	- 20	- 20	- 19	+ 8	+ 9	+ 5
Man.	+ 13	+ 12	+ 17	- 3	- 3	- 3	+ 14	+ 12	+ 23
Sask.	+ 19	+ 16	+ 34	- 5	- 7	+ 5	+ 19	+ 18	+ 26
Alta.	+ 17	+ 17	+ 20	- 12	- 13	- 6	+ 18	+ 16	+ 22
B.C.	+ 7	+ 4	+ 20	- 16	- 18	- 10	+ 4	-	+ 16

While the level of claimants is substantially lower than last year, the December to January increases this year were slightly above those for a year ago in most provinces, as comparison of columns (1) and (7) indicates.

The importance of the longer term claimant group varies significantly, by province. The proportion classed as long-term was greatest in British Columbia and smallest in the Atlantic provinces.

Percentage distribution of claimants, by number  
of weeks on claim as at January 31, 1962.

	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
12 weeks or less	83	92	94	85	87	83	81	84	84	83	80
13 weeks or more	17	8	6	15	13	17	19	16	16	17	20

All provinces except Manitoba showed a decline from last year in the number of claimants identified as seasonal benefit on January 31. However, the proportion classed as seasonal benefit, by province, is virtually unchanged from last year.

Seasonal Benefit claimants as a per cent  
of total claimants, the end of January:

	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
Canada	25	24
Nfld.	47	47
P.E.I.	50	52
N.S.	33	31
N.B.	38	36
Que.	24	24
Ont.	20	20
Man.	21	18
Sask.	20	20
Alta.	18	16
B.C.	26	24

The January claim volume was lower than December in all provinces except Nova Scotia (where claims rose by almost 15 per cent) and Ontario where it was unchanged.

Percentage change in claims filed

	<u>December 1961 to January 1962</u>			<u>January 1961 to January 1962</u>			<u>December 1960 to January 1961</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	- 11	- 11	- 10	- 7	- 7	- 7	- 23	- 22	- 28
Nfld.	- 41	- 45	+ 2	+ 15	+ 15	+ 17	- 49	- 52	- 20
P.E.I.	- 45	- 48	- 16	+ 17	+ 18	+ 13	- 54	- 56	- 39
N.S.	+ 14	- 7	+ 87	+ 4	-	+ 11	- 23	- 19	- 29
N.B.	- 21	- 22	- 16	- 3	- 2	- 8	- 29	- 30	- 27
Que.	- 15	- 12	- 21	- 15	- 15	- 15	- 23	- 20	- 30
Ont.	-	+ 3	- 8	- 6	- 5	- 7	- 21	- 19	- 27
Man.	- 12	- 8	- 23	- 2	- 3	+ 1	- 16	- 11	- 33
Sask.	- 18	- 13	- 34	- 4	- 3	- 7	- 22	- 19	- 33
Alta.	- 2	+ 1	- 8	- 7	- 7	- 9	- 6	- 1	- 17
B.C.	- 16	- 17	- 15	- 6	- 6	- 6	- 25	- 24	- 26

The proportion of initial claims approximating the new separations(1) from insured employment during the month exceeded 80 per cent in the Atlantic provinces. Elsewhere, this proportion ranged between 70 and 80 per cent. The concentration of fishermen in the Atlantic region is probably the main factor in this variation. This is because fishing claimants are, in the main, eligible only for seasonal benefit. The number of new initial claims, for January, in absolute numbers and as a per cent of all initial claims is shown below:

	<u>New initial claims</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of all initial claims</u>
Canada	183,569	77
Nfld.	8,006	85
P.E.I.	1,699	83
N.S.	10,984	80
N.B.	10,358	84
Que.	53,242	77
Ont.	57,904	77
Man.	7,759	71
Sask.	6,004	74
Alta.	9,563	77
B.C.	18,050	75

Industrial Classification of Persons Filing Initial(2)  
Claims for Unemployment Insurance Benefit During December.

One out of every two persons filing an initial(2) claim during December represented a separation from employment in either manufacturing or construction, which contributed about equal numbers to the initial claimant total. An additional twenty per cent were previously employed in transportation, communication, other utilities or in trade.

However, in individual provinces there was considerable deviation from the national pattern. Manufacturing and construction accounted for as much as 57 per cent in Ontario, (32 and 25 per cent respectively), while in Newfoundland less than 30 per cent (12 and 17 per cent respectively) of the cases were thus classified. Elsewhere, the proportions were between these limits.

(1) See footnote (1), page 9.

(2) Data cover new cases only; i.e. exclude initial claims taken on behalf of persons exhausting benefit and seeking re-establishment of credits. Such exclusions comprised 10 per cent of all initial claims filed. See Technical Note in Glossary of Terms.

Percentage distribution of claims by industry  
and province, December 1961.

Industry Group	Canada	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Total new cases (000's)	231.6	16.3	3.8	13.0	14.2	68.3	62.8	10.2	7.9	10.5	24.5
Per cent											
Forestry (mainly logging)	7	17	1	7	19	8	2	-	-	2	14
Fishing & trapping	5	22	23	18	8	1	1	1	-	-	11
Mining	2	2	-	6	1	1	1	3	2	5	2
Manufacturing	25	12	17	16	21	29	32	20	11	10	23
Construction	24	17	22	18	16	24	25	29	33	39	17
Transportation, commun. and other utilities	12	12	11	13	11	14	10	18	11	9	7
Trade	10	9	14	9	9	8	9	12	19	13	12
Service	8	4	4	5	7	7	10	9	9	10	9
Public Admin. & defence(1)	6	5	6	6	6	6	5	7	12	11	4
Other	3	1	4	3	3	2	4	2	3	2	4

(1) Includes all basic government service except Post Office, which is now included with communication.

More than one in five of the cases in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island represented claims from fishermen,(2) with the construction industry ranking second. In New Brunswick, claims from construction slightly outnumbered those from fishermen. One in five of the New Brunswick claims was from some segment of the manufacturing industry, the largest single component being food processing. Claims from persons engaged in logging were second in importance in New Brunswick while in Newfoundland this industry accounted for approximately the same volume of claims as did construction.

In central Canada, manufacturing was the single most important source of new claims, accounting for a third of the cases in Ontario and 29 per cent in Quebec. In both provinces, construction accounted for about 25 per cent of claims.

In two of the Prairie provinces construction accounted for a relatively greater volume of cases than any other industry in any other province. In Alberta, almost 40 per cent of claims were from construction; in Saskatchewan this proportion was 33 per cent and in Manitoba, just under 30 per cent. One in five claims in Manitoba represented a separation from manufacturing. In Saskatchewan one in five represented a separation from trade.

Manufacturing ranked first in British Columbia, construction second. These two industries made up about 40 per cent of the total. Forestry (chiefly logging) and trade totalled an additional 25 per cent.

Within the manufacturing industry there was considerable concentration in the durable goods segment and in the food processing segment of non-durables, as the following table illustrates:

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Per cent										
All manufacturing	11.7	17.1	15.8	20.5	29.0	32.3	19.5	11.0	9.9	23.1
Durable	1.9	1.5	5.6	6.6	9.4	13.6	8.3	4.0	4.8	11.7
Non-durable	9.8	15.6	10.2	13.9	19.6	18.7	11.2	7.0	5.1	11.4
Food Processing	8.9	14.9	7.3	11.3	4.9	7.1	5.9	4.9	2.7	8.8
Other	0.9	0.7	2.9	2.6	14.7	11.6	5.3	2.1	2.4	2.6

(2) In coding cases to the fishing industry, persons whose occupation was "fisherman" were coded to the fishing industry even though the former employer's nature of business was "fish processing". This treatment is slightly different from the general coding practice of assigning a single code on the basis of the principal activity. Since, in the main, fishermen report themselves as self-employed, such cases constitute the bulk of persons coded to the fishing industry.



While lay-offs in food processing plants are reflected in all provinces, they accounted for a relatively higher proportion of the non-durable cases in the Atlantic provinces and British Columbia than elsewhere.

Examination of the month-end claimant count for those on claim 4 weeks\* or less gives some indication of the sex composition of the emerging cases of recorded unemployment during the month. There are, however two qualifications which should be kept in mind. In the first place, the month-end claimant count would include those persons who came on claim during the month and filed a renewal claim. These persons would not have been included in the initial claim study. Secondly, it is inevitable that some persons never report back to the local office after filing an initial claim and, depending on the reporting schedule, some of these cases might not be included in the count of claimants currently reporting as of the month-end.

That the December claims had a higher proportion of males than the previous month is evident from the following table:

	Males as a percent of all claimants			
	On continuous claim 4 weeks or less		On continuous claim 5 weeks or more	
	Dec. 29, 1961	Nov. 30, 1961	Dec. 29, 1961	Nov. 30, 1961
Canada	83.0	80.4	71.4	65.0
Nfld.	96.8	95.9	86.2	79.1
P.E.I.	86.0	78.4	71.6	58.9
N.S.	89.9	86.7	80.1	75.9
N.B.	86.5	82.7	73.8	67.6
Que.	81.8	78.2	70.3	64.3
Ont.	78.1	77.7	68.3	62.5
Man.	83.1	79.8	76.6	69.3
Sask.	86.3	85.7	76.8	65.8
Alta.	86.6	82.7	71.3	60.9
B.C.	83.3	80.8	70.1	65.6

Variations in these proportions may be associated with the relative importance of industries, such as fishing and construction, in the claimant group. However, interprovincial variation in labour force participation rates for women is also a factor.

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\* The total of month-end claimants 4 weeks or less probably includes a certain number who started on claim towards the end of the preceding month. For example, a person filing a claim November 27 would be included in the 2 weeks or less as of November 30 and if still reporting at the end of December would be included in the 4 weeks or less if the period covered by his last report in December was the week ending December 23.

Summary table

Activity	Jan. 1962	Dec. 1961	Jan. 1961	% Change from		Cumulative data	
				Dec. 1961	Jan. 1961	12 months ending January	
						1962	1961
			(Thousands)			(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,258	4,240	..	..	..	4,129*
Initial and renewal claims filed	320	358	344	- 11	- 7	2,436	2,738
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	699	601	847	+ 16	- 18	475*	524*
Regular	524	493	642	+ 6	- 18		
SB	174	109	205	+ 61	- 15		
SB Fishing	26	17	28	+ 53	- 6		
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	560	320	673	+ 75	- 17	408*	434*
Weeks compensated	2,353	1,217	2,824	+ 93	- 17	20,264	21,946
Benefit paid	\$ 57,799	29,447	67,660	+ 96	- 15	484,110	495,152
Average weekly benefit	\$ 24.57	24.20	23.96	+ 2	+ 3	23.89	22.56
* Monthly average.							

\* Monthly average.



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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1961 - December	4,258,000	3,656,800	601,200 <sup>(1)</sup>
November	4,081,000	3,695,000	386,000 <sup>(1)</sup>
October	3,991,000	3,722,300	268,700
September	3,966,000	3,736,800	229,200
August	3,987,000	3,757,700	229,300
July	3,971,000	3,715,700	255,300
June	3,943,000	3,676,100	266,900
May	3,891,000	3,550,000	341,000
April	4,126,000	3,412,900	713,100
March	4,210,000	3,372,000	838,000
February	4,247,000	3,374,200	872,800
January	4,240,000	3,393,100	846,900
1960 - December	4,251,000	3,496,900	754,100

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

Prov.	1962 - January - 1961					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	320,216	237,296	82,920	344,237	254,949	89,288
Nfld.	11,125	9,419	1,706	9,662	8,198	1,464
P.E.I.	2,363	2,045	318	2,021	1,739	282
N.S.	21,604	13,721	7,883	20,786	13,687	7,099
N.B.	14,799	12,277	2,522	15,237	12,495	2,742
Que.	91,724	69,088	22,636	107,770	81,196	26,574
Ont.	104,698	75,300	29,398	110,800	79,247	31,553
Man.	14,042	10,931	3,111	14,330	11,263	3,067
Sask.	9,960	8,074	1,886	10,329	8,304	2,025
Alta.	16,768	12,368	4,400	18,107	13,268	4,839
B.C.	33,133	24,073	9,060	35,195	25,552	9,643

(1) By virtue of seasonal benefit class B, the claimant count during the seasonal benefit period may include a number of persons who were not represented in the insured population within the last six months. This explains, in part, unequal variations in the month-to-month movement of the employed and claimants.

(2) In addition, revised claims received numbered 66,623.

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	January 31, 1961 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
	January 31, 1962									
CANADA -	698,538	167,126	98,876	214,634	100,673	40,122	23,151	53,956	39.5	846,940
MALE	553,422	133,492	81,069	181,846	80,959	28,795	14,827	32,434	42.8	673,931
FEMALE	145,116	33,634	17,807	32,788	19,714	11,327	8,324	21,522	26.7	173,009
Nfld.	36,264	7,213	7,090	15,520	3,553	1,115	463	1,310	83.0	38,091
Male	34,377	6,802	6,873	15,026	3,333	966	354	1,023	84.5	35,950
Female	1,887	411	217	494	220	149	109	287	56.1	2,141
P.E.I.	7,431	1,053	1,183	3,693	1,026	187	81	208	78.9	7,723
Male	6,219	906	1,023	3,167	821	134	50	118	81.3	6,520
Female	1,212	147	160	526	205	53	31	90	66.8	1,203
N.S.	41,071	10,674	6,722	12,314	5,025	1,804	1,249	3,283	54.2	47,348
Male	35,908	9,535	6,033	11,212	4,360	1,392	925	2,451	56.2	41,688
Female	5,163	1,139	689	1,102	665	412	324	832	40.3	5,660
N.B.	36,401	7,654	5,236	13,607	5,281	1,725	960	1,938	71.9	42,317
Male	30,287	6,663	4,560	11,829	4,286	1,239	549	1,161	74.2	35,921
Female	6,114	991	676	1,778	995	486	411	777	60.4	6,396
Que.	200,876	49,024	27,540	62,992	27,262	10,776	6,341	16,941	39.9	261,849
Male	161,092	40,400	22,968	53,950	21,799	7,838	4,166	9,971	42.9	210,266
Female	39,784	8,624	4,572	9,042	5,463	2,938	2,175	6,970	27.6	51,583
Ont.	202,609	51,716	28,423	56,021	28,937	12,242	7,313	17,957	24.4	253,747
Male	150,297	38,477	21,772	44,681	22,107	8,302	4,455	10,503	25.8	188,848
Female	52,312	13,239	6,651	11,340	6,830	3,940	2,858	7,454	20.5	64,899
Man.	35,322	7,586	4,567	11,376	6,055	2,288	1,149	2,301	33.9	36,519
Male	28,138	5,800	3,653	9,527	4,997	1,754	829	1,578	38.1	29,150
Female	7,184	1,786	914	1,849	1,058	534	320	723	17.3	7,369
Sask.	25,952	4,937	3,412	8,433	5,152	1,812	809	1,397	51.7	27,286
Male	20,798	3,804	2,622	7,221	4,446	1,392	515	798	56.4	22,377
Female	5,154	1,133	790	1,212	706	420	294	599	32.8	4,909
Alta.	37,393	9,370	5,010	10,178	6,451	2,736	1,370	2,278	32.9	42,305
Male	29,728	7,511	3,990	8,767	5,491	1,974	759	1,236	34.9	34,127
Female	7,665	1,859	1,020	1,411	960	762	611	1,042	24.9	8,178
B.C.	75,219	17,899	9,693	20,500	11,931	5,437	3,416	6,343	32.0	89,755
Male	56,578	13,594	7,575	16,466	9,319	3,804	2,225	3,595	34.5	69,084
Female	18,641	4,305	2,118	4,034	2,612	1,633	1,191	2,748	24.2	20,671

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		
January - 1962							
Canada -	366,468	223,491	87,856	49,394	5,727	52,176	15,820
Nfld.	15,429	10,600	1,850	2,822	157	2,274	450
P.E.I.	3,006	2,260	351	378	17	321	51
N.S.	23,801	13,593	7,534	2,443	231	2,392	1,062
N.B.	16,387	11,011	2,534	2,640	202	2,441	623
Que.	108,780	66,526	25,259	15,514	1,481	17,271	4,706
Ont.	116,122	69,320	30,680	13,892	2,230	16,635	5,068
Man.	15,839	10,092	3,405	2,133	209	1,405	667
Sask.	11,779	7,756	2,187	1,698	138	1,551	399
Alta.	18,008	10,764	4,313	2,558	373	2,856	1,114
B.C.	37,317	21,569	9,743	5,316	689	5,030	1,680

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Canada -	388,252	243,794	94,887	45,142	4,429	60,139	18,273
Nfld.	12,124	8,237	1,453	2,281	153	2,152	264
P.E.I.	2,519	1,946	276	278	19	256	70
N.S.	23,952	14,221	7,474	2,095	162	2,710	512
N.B.	17,323	11,673	2,985	2,508	157	2,268	562
Que.	123,119	78,042	28,688	15,148	1,241	21,497	6,040
Ont.	124,566	77,195	33,289	12,483	1,599	19,136	6,451
Man.	15,312	9,959	3,256	1,905	192	2,277	1,031
Sask.	11,702	7,683	2,342	1,580	97	1,728	412
Alta.	18,452	11,351	4,653	2,242	206	2,750	1,265
B.C.	39,183	23,487	10,471	4,622	603	5,365	1,666

\* In addition 64,667 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 8,056 were special requests not granted and 1,920 were appeals by claimants. There were 17,369 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during January 1962 and 1961 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	1962*	32,219	1,773	271	1,698	2,020	10,531	8,489	1,244	1,048	1,505	3,640
	1961	31,341	1,416	190	1,540	1,909	10,946	8,355	1,183	934	1,511	3,357
Claimants disqualified	1962	37,101	1,606	189	1,573	1,404	11,433	12,170	1,655	1,161	2,188	3,722
	1961	31,955	1,448	168	1,057	1,321	10,522	10,471	1,398	1,039	1,565	2,966
Not unemployed	1962	1,951	43	27	76	66	634	513	113	211	129	139
	1961	1,514	37	31	38	41	644	384	69	135	63	72
Not capable of and not available for work	1962	11,258	343	57	459	412	3,357	3,920	587	347	604	1,172
	1961	9,048	296	33	271	378	2,583	3,400	419	377	495	796
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1962	324	-	-	-	14	86	178	1	-	11	34
	1961	191	1	-	1	-	35	74	1	-	1	78
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1962	1,829	36	7	137	75	686	554	60	37	112	125
	1961	1,737	4	14	73	97	607	627	58	38	119	100
Discharged for misconduct	1962	1,687	20	4	53	34	619	635	63	27	94	138
	1961	1,224	28	3	31	28	388	497	49	19	62	119
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1962	8,626	361	39	303	360	3,000	2,368	428	248	642	877
	1961	7,395	336	38	309	405	2,709	1,836	415	249	479	619
Other reasons	1962	11,426	803	55	545	443	3,051	4,002	403	291	596	1,237
	1961	10,846	746	49	334	372	3,556	3,653	387	221	346	1,182

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

1962	15,442	1,029	193	725	1,109	5,037	4,417	367	332	473	1,760
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1962 - January - 1961	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	560.1	672.5
Newfoundland	26.0	29.1
Prince Edward Island	6.3	6.9
Nova Scotia	30.6	36.8
New Brunswick	28.4	34.9
Quebec	159.6	200.3
Ontario	164.4	203.2
Manitoba	27.9	28.4
Saskatchewan	22.4	21.4
Alberta	29.8	32.6
British Columbia	64.7	78.9

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1962 - January - 1961			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	2,352,548	57,799,308	2,824,373	67,660,186
Nfld.	109,216	2,587,038	122,035	2,905,052
P.E.I.	26,250	567,999	28,829	613,994
N.S.	128,590	2,924,795	154,693	3,381,099
N.B.	119,159	2,620,779	146,483	3,242,600
Que.	670,509	16,456,559	841,247	19,969,842
Ont.	690,559	16,994,426	853,456	20,532,881
Man.	117,262	2,973,175	119,347	2,912,456
Sask.	93,997	2,355,521	90,068	2,195,149
Alta.	125,060	3,180,879	136,850	3,374,461
B.C.	271,946	7,138,137	331,365	8,532,652

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

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

January - 1962

Canada -	2,186,549	165,999	111,967
Newfoundland	102,363	6,853	5,132
Prince Edward Island	25,089	1,161	824
Nova Scotia	116,574	12,016	9,205
New Brunswick	110,106	9,053	5,782
Quebec	624,896	45,613	27,843
Ontario	639,876	50,683	33,907
Manitoba	110,295	6,967	4,667
Saskatchewan	88,934	5,063	3,502
Alberta	116,011	9,049	5,896
British Columbia	252,405	19,541	15,209

January - 1961

Canada -	2,647,723	176,650	117,355
Newfoundland	116,539	5,496	3,730
Prince Edward Island	27,804	1,025	698
Nova Scotia	140,701	13,992	10,892
New Brunswick	137,269	9,214	5,819
Quebec	791,433	49,814	30,164
Ontario	796,066	57,390	38,280
Manitoba	113,326	6,021	4,020
Saskatchewan	85,687	4,381	2,974
Alberta	127,767	9,083	6,077
British Columbia	311,131	20,234	14,701

### Seasonal benefit, 1961-62 period

The provisions regulating the operation of seasonal benefit are unchanged from last year. Effective November 20, 1961, to mid-May 1962, claims failing the regular contribution requirements are considered for seasonal benefit. Benefit is not payable under these terms for unemployment occurring before December 4 (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 17.

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, 1962. 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 20, 1961. The duration will be that shown on the preceding regular benefit, or the number of weeks which remain in the seasonal benefit period, whichever is the lesser. 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 27.
- (2) Twelve weeks is the minimum on SBB claims. Where fewer than 12 weeks remain between the date of establishing the claim and May 19, the duration authorized will be equal to that number of weeks. For SB claims established subsequent to March 3 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.	1962 - January - 1961					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	174,159	139,672	34,487	205,037	163,246	41,791
Nfld.	16,980	16,438	542	17,859	17,257	602
P.E.I.	3,730	3,175	555	3,999	3,457	542
N.S.	13,648	12,146	1,502	14,688	13,069	1,619
N.B.	13,765	11,544	2,221	15,396	13,109	2,287
Que.	47,249	37,924	9,325	62,537	49,958	12,579
Ont.	40,305	28,392	11,913	50,406	34,985	15,421
Man.	7,392	6,009	1,383	6,501	5,280	1,221
Sask.	5,287	4,195	1,092	5,510	4,424	1,086
Alta.	6,580	5,110	1,470	6,913	5,511	1,402
B.C.	19,223	14,739	4,484	21,228	16,196	5,032

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

Prov.	1962 - January - 1961					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	26,176	26,051	125	27,864	27,759	105
Nfld.	9,506	9,502	4	10,277	10,271	6
P.E.I.	1,881	1,827	54	1,953	1,913	40
N.S.	5,348	5,340	8	5,679	5,673	6
N.B.	3,577	3,557	20	3,982	3,963	19
Que.	1,071	1,067	4	1,253	1,250	3
Ont.	622	617	5	601	598	3
Man.	131	131	-	133	133	-
Sask.	-	-	-	4	4	-
Alta.	15	14	1	15	15	-
B.C.	4,025	3,996	29	3,967	3,939	28



Calendar Year totals, 1961 and 1960, Tables i to v.  
Historical data, 1942 et seq, Tables vi to viii

During 1961 the insured population, averaging 4,100,000, was virtually unchanged from 1960, and the estimate for the end of December, at 4,258,000, was almost the same as a year earlier.

Examination of data covering the non-agricultural paid worker segment of the employed labour force during 1961 indicates an increase of some 70,000 or less than 2 per cent over 1960. On an industry basis, the largest year-to-year increase was in service, an industry in which unemployment insurance coverage is relatively low.

A total of 2,460,000 initial and renewal claims was filed during 1961, some 240,000 fewer than in 1960. For the month of high claim, December, this year's total was almost 100,000 lower than 1960. The count of claimants at the month-end averaged 487,000 during 1961, 30,000 lower than for 1960. The peak total in 1961 was 873,000 on February 28, as against 823,000 on March 31, 1960.

Payments rose to \$494 million in 1961 as against \$482 million in 1960. March 1961 payments were a record \$85 million, some \$10 million in excess of March 1960. The 1961 increase in payments, in contrast to lower levels of claims, is associated, to some extent, with the delayed impact of the two new contribution classes (and corresponding benefit rates) introduced in September 1959\*. However, higher earnings, changing composition of claimants and differences in duration of compensatory periods are also contributing factors.

Additional information on the impact of the two new classes of benefit rates is available in Table v. The December 1961 average of \$24.20 was very little above the \$23.96 shown for January 1961. In 1960, however, the January average was \$21.91 in comparison with \$23.51 for December.

Provincial differences in average weekly rates reflect not only variations in earnings but also in the sex composition of the claimants. Other things being equal, a province where the claimant group is predominantly male will show a higher average rate than one where females are relatively more numerous.

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\* For further information on these changes, see the September 1959 issue in this series. See also, the November 1960 issue (p4) for discussion on the impact of the new rates.

Table i. - Estimates of Insured Population, Number of Initial and Renewal Claims Filed, Count of Claimants at month-end, by month, 1961 and 1960.

Month and year		Estimate of Insured Population at month-end	Initial and Renewal Claims filed			Count of Claimants at month-end		
			Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Male	Female
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
(Thousands)								
Calendar Year	1961	4,076 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,460	1,677	784	487 <sup>(1)</sup>	370 <sup>(1)</sup>	118 <sup>(1)</sup>
	1960	4,134 <sup>(1)</sup>	2,700	1,825	875	518 <sup>(1)</sup>	390 <sup>(1)</sup>	128 <sup>(1)</sup>
January	1961	4,240	344	255	89	847	674	173
	1960	4,296	307	237	69	783	616	166
February	1961	4,247	235	167	68	873	697	176
	1960	4,308	240	175	65	814	645	169
March	1961	4,210	259	183	76	838	671	167
	1960	4,307	284	203	81	823	656	167
April	1961	4,126	210	144	65	713	557	156
	1960	4,222	215	150	65	715	556	159
May	1961	3,891	162	109	53	341	243	98
	1960	4,110	166	110	55	364	258	106
June	1961	3,943	113	68	45	267	177	90
	1960	4,014	128	77	52	296	196	100
July	1961	3,971	126	72	54	255	168	88
	1960	3,985	140	77	64	294	192	102
August	1961	3,987	121	68	53	229	152	77
	1960	4,003	150	81	69	280	186	94
September	1961	3,966	122	70	52	229	154	75
	1960	3,998	140	79	61	280	186	93
October	1961	3,991	158	97	61	269	185	83
	1960	4,002	178	104	74	330	230	100
November	1961	4,081	253	178	74	386	286	100
	1960	4,110	304	207	97	485	364	121
December	1961	4,258	358	266	92	601	472	129
	1960	4,251	448	325	123	754	594	160

(1) Average of month-end data.

Table II. - Number of Initial and Renewal Claims Filed in Local Offices in each Provinces, by Month, 1961(1).

Province	Total 1961	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
(Thousands)													
<u>Initial and renewal claims</u>													
Canada -	2,460	344	235	259	210	162	113	126	121	122	158	253	358
Nfld.	72	10	7	7	6	4	2	2	2	2	3	10	19
P.E.I.	13	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
N.S.	128	21	12	13	14	7	6	7	10	5	6	11	19
N.B.	100	15	9	12	11	6	3	3	3	3	5	9	19
Que.	734	108	76	81	63	50	35	35	32	33	46	67	107
Ont.	828	111	76	84	68	58	42	55	47	51	54	78	105
Man.	103	14	10	11	8	6	4	3	4	4	7	14	16
Sask.	69	10	6	7	6	3	2	2	2	3	5	10	12
Alta.	131	18	14	16	12	9	5	5	5	6	10	16	17
B.C.	283	35	23	27	21	18	15	14	16	16	22	36	39

<u>Initial claims</u>													
Canada -	1,677	255	167	183	144	109	68	72	68	70	97	178	266
Nfld.	60	8	5	6	5	4	1	1	1	1	2	8	17
P.E.I.	11	2	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4
N.S.	80	14	7	8	8	5	3	3	3	3	3	7	15
N.B.	76	12	7	9	8	5	2	2	2	2	3	7	16
Que.	509	81	55	60	44	35	21	21	19	19	28	47	79
Ont.	537	79	52	56	45	36	25	31	27	27	32	53	73
Man.	75	11	8	9	6	4	2	2	2	3	5	10	12
Sask.	52	8	5	6	4	3	1	1	2	2	3	7	9
Alta.	90	13	10	11	9	6	3	3	3	3	6	11	12
B.C.	187	26	16	17	14	12	9	8	9	9	14	26	29

<u>Renewal claims</u>													
Canada -	784	89	68	76	65	53	45	54	53	52	61	74	92
Nfld.	12	1	2	1	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	2
P.E.I.	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
N.S.	48	7	4	4	5	2	3	3	6	2	2	3	4
N.B.	24	3	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	3
Que.	225	27	21	21	19	16	14	15	13	14	18	20	29
Ont.	291	32	24	28	23	21	17	23	20	23	22	26	32
Man.	28	3	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	4
Sask.	17	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	3
Alta.	41	5	4	5	4	3	2	2	2	2	3	5	5
B.C.	96	10	7	10	7	7	6	6	7	6	8	9	11

(1) Comparable data for 1960 available in the January 1961 issue in this series.

Table iii. - Number of Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Province and Sex, during 1961(1).

Province	Monthly Ave.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
(Thousands)													
<u>Male and female</u>													
Canada -	487	847	873	838	713	341	267	255	229	229	269	386	601
Nfld.	19	38	40	37	30	10	6	5	5	5	5	14	28
P.E.I.	3	8	8	7	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	6
N.S.	25	47	48	48	39	16	13	11	12	11	12	19	30
N.B.	23	42	45	43	39	15	10	8	7	8	9	15	29
Que.	150	262	275	268	228	107	83	78	68	68	80	108	175
Ont.	153	254	258	249	213	115	94	97	81	86	90	122	179
Man.	22	37	39	37	33	14	11	10	8	9	14	18	31
Sask.	15	27	28	27	20	8	6	5	5	6	7	14	22
Alta.	25	42	44	44	38	19	12	11	10	10	15	23	32
B.C.	53	90	88	80	68	38	32	29	30	27	35	53	70
<u>Male</u>													
Canada -	370	674	697	671	557	243	177	168	152	154	185	286	472
Nfld.	17	36	38	35	28	9	5	5	4	4	5	13	26
P.E.I.	3	7	7	6	4	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	5
N.S.	22	42	42	42	33	13	10	8	9	8	9	15	26
N.B.	19	36	38	37	34	12	7	6	5	5	6	11	24
Que.	115	211	225	220	183	77	55	50	45	45	56	78	135
Ont.	109	189	192	185	153	77	59	62	52	58	60	87	132
Man.	16	29	31	30	25	9	7	6	5	6	10	14	25
Sask.	11	22	23	22	16	5	3	3	3	3	5	11	18
Alta.	19	34	35	35	30	13	8	7	6	6	9	17	25
B.C.	39	69	66	60	49	27	22	20	21	18	25	39	54
<u>Female</u>													
Canada -	118	173	176	167	156	98	90	88	77	75	83	100	129
Nfld.	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
P.E.I.	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
N.S.	4	6	6	6	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
N.B.	4	6	7	6	5	3	3	2	2	2	3	4	5
Que.	35	52	50	48	45	29	28	28	23	22	24	30	39
Ont.	44	65	66	64	60	38	35	34	29	28	30	35	46
Man.	5	7	8	7	7	4	4	4	3	3	4	5	6
Sask.	3	5	5	5	4	3	2	2	2	2	3	3	4
Alta.	6	8	9	9	8	5	4	4	4	4	5	6	6
B.C.	14	21	21	20	18	11	10	9	9	9	11	13	16

(1) Comparable data for 1960 available in January 1961 issue in this series.



Table iv. - Benefit Payments by Province and Month, 1961 and 1960.

Province	Total 12 months	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
\$'000													
Canada - 1961	493,971	67,660	70,989	85,188	64,540	58,704	25,890	18,551	18,866	16,082	17,115	20,938	29,447
1960	481,836	54,345	62,586	74,845	61,768	52,206	26,842	19,703	21,357	21,186	20,651	26,584	39,766
Nfld. 1961	19,951	2,905	3,421	3,692	3,504	3,051	923	377	422	318	303	385	652
1960	18,413	2,337	3,137	3,611	3,138	2,170	942	365	389	349	343	552	1,080
P.E.I. 1961	3,316	614	545	741	520	398	113	54	53	50	40	54	134
1960	3,399	650	634	695	569	276	95	60	56	57	47	62	198
N.S. 1961	24,150	3,381	3,404	4,352	3,354	2,944	1,279	810	802	890	800	911	1,223
1960	22,037	2,743	3,221	3,623	3,149	2,199	1,277	779	849	817	917	967	1,496
N.B. 1961	22,575	3,243	3,253	4,113	3,422	3,442	1,201	623	584	510	513	698	972
1960	21,293	2,743	3,018	3,537	3,479	2,585	1,011	613	645	679	657	885	1,441
Que. 1961	149,958	19,970	21,563	26,376	21,083	18,322	7,573	5,630	5,550	4,764	4,982	5,864	8,281
1960	153,346	17,243	20,202	24,331	21,467	18,315	8,246	5,979	6,298	6,070	5,949	7,649	11,597
Ont. 1961	156,597	20,533	21,886	25,964	18,416	17,625	8,872	6,960	6,954	5,845	6,421	7,331	9,789
1960	155,480	16,314	17,619	23,082	17,657	15,608	9,121	7,721	8,452	8,862	8,072	9,746	13,226
Man. 1961	21,846	2,912	3,147	3,998	2,814	2,573	1,083	684	704	602	696	1,030	1,602
1960	18,327	2,111	2,722	2,983	2,405	2,043	1,022	567	586	554	617	980	1,737
Sask. 1961	15,211	2,195	2,494	3,068	1,913	1,594	602	375	444	375	419	642	1,089
1960	13,614	1,824	2,268	2,522	1,829	1,440	633	360	373	316	333	568	1,148
Alta. 1961	25,485	3,374	3,663	4,538	3,265	3,095	1,433	847	853	675	788	1,182	1,772
1960	23,707	2,580	3,079	3,576	2,849	2,658	1,486	962	926	856	984	1,416	2,335
B.C. 1961	54,881	8,533	7,612	8,346	6,249	5,659	2,811	2,191	2,499	2,054	2,154	2,841	3,934
1960	52,221	5,799	6,686	6,884	5,227	4,911	3,009	2,297	2,782	2,628	2,732	3,759	5,507

Table v - Average Weekly Benefit Rate(1), by Province and Month, 1961 and 1960.

Province	12 month average	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
(Dollars)													
Canada - 1961	23.82	23.96	24.07	23.99	23.98	23.68	23.57	23.13	22.98	23.22	23.52	23.76	24.20
1960	22.31	21.91	22.00	22.20	22.18	22.17	22.11	21.81	22.01	22.65	22.85	23.19	23.51
Nfld. 1961	24.09	23.81	23.14	23.84	24.49	25.78	26.72	22.97	23.05	22.73	21.42	22.09	23.81
1960	22.14	21.72	21.83	21.88	22.08	22.76	22.29	21.31	21.70	21.98	21.69	22.98	24.18
P.E.I. 1961	21.35	21.30	21.11	21.40	22.11	21.82	21.19	19.99	19.68	19.94	19.71	20.40	21.10
1960	20.32	20.52	20.44	20.45	20.43	20.30	19.65	19.31	19.18	19.11	19.03	19.63	20.49
N.S. 1961	22.46	21.86	22.39	22.50	22.59	22.38	23.43	22.16	21.97	23.33	22.61	22.48	22.94
1960	20.80	20.03	20.49	21.12	20.29	20.39	21.79	21.23	21.78	21.23	21.89	21.03	21.38
N.B. 1961	22.24	22.14	22.07	22.15	22.60	22.95	22.87	21.98	21.45	21.17	21.13	21.18	21.68
1960	21.15	20.77	20.95	21.00	21.16	21.41	21.47	20.94	20.99	21.13	21.41	21.55	21.73
Que. 1961	23.69	23.74	24.07	24.10	24.09	23.46	23.29	22.75	22.50	22.95	23.18	23.22	23.84
1960	22.26	22.04	22.31	22.45	22.58	22.38	21.88	21.13	21.44	21.73	22.12	22.56	22.88
Ont. 1961	23.89	24.06	24.31	23.95	23.86	23.59	23.46	23.35	23.06	23.36	24.03	24.46	24.32
1960	22.45	22.05	21.62	22.14	22.17	22.01	22.23	22.24	22.43	23.48	23.49	23.63	23.82
Man. 1961	23.91	24.40	24.32	24.38	24.27	23.29	23.25	22.18	22.47	22.30	23.14	23.55	24.64
1960	21.85	21.78	21.72	22.01	21.82	21.67	21.82	20.55	20.57	21.14	21.83	22.92	22.71
Sask. 1961	23.86	24.37	24.27	24.22	24.05	23.62	22.47	23.62	21.68	21.73	22.79	22.97	24.58
1960	22.11	21.45	22.41	22.90	22.21	21.58	21.24	20.79	20.59	20.61	21.15	22.28	23.67
Alta. 1961	24.53	24.66	24.78	24.80	24.65	24.97	24.13	23.35	23.28	23.64	23.89	23.81	24.77
1960	22.83	22.83	23.04	22.58	22.71	23.30	21.91	22.31	20.15	22.52	22.81	23.41	24.45
B.C. 1961	25.10	25.75	25.34	25.27	25.01	24.49	24.41	24.48	25.10	24.64	24.39	24.89	25.54
1960	23.44	22.78	23.22	22.77	22.69	22.84	23.19	23.15	23.84	23.97	24.23	24.77	25.25

(1) Including partial weeks.

Table vi - Initial and Renewal Claims for Unemployment Insurance Benefit  
by Month, February 1942 - December 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	12.3	15.0	59.1	47.1	76.7	93.5	109.3	110.5
March .....	)	4.8	5.0	10.7	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	2,460.5
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	121.2
September .....	64.7	85.6	109.5	87.6	65.0	124.9	157.6	115.1	140.3	122.0
October .....	88.0	123.2	127.6	94.7	87.9	167.4	191.2	151.2	178.2	158.1
November .....	123.4	188.9	187.7	159.8	151.4	249.1	246.6	278.6	304.4	252.6
December .....	215.9	292.3	310.6	276.7	265.2	499.2	475.2	441.6	448.3	357.9

Table vii - Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of each Month, September 30, 1943 to December 29, 1961.

(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 .....	487	847	873	838	713	341	267	255	229	229	269	386	601
% S.B. ....		24	29	32	35								18



Table viii - 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 .....	493.97	67.66	70.99	85.19	64.54	58.70	25.89	18.55	18.86	16.08	17.12	20.94	29.45

(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.

## Glossary of Terms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

At the present time only the new separations requiring an initial claim are included in this study, as these are the only documents forwarded to the Bureau for analysis. The ratio of initial to renewal claims fluctuates with the claim load, so that during the months of heavy claim, it is approximately 3:1.

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