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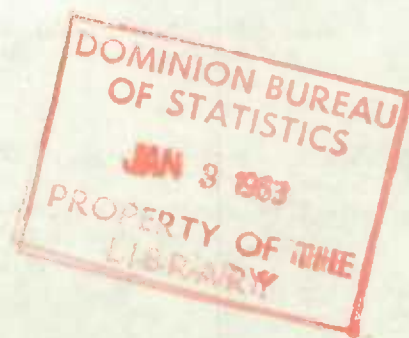


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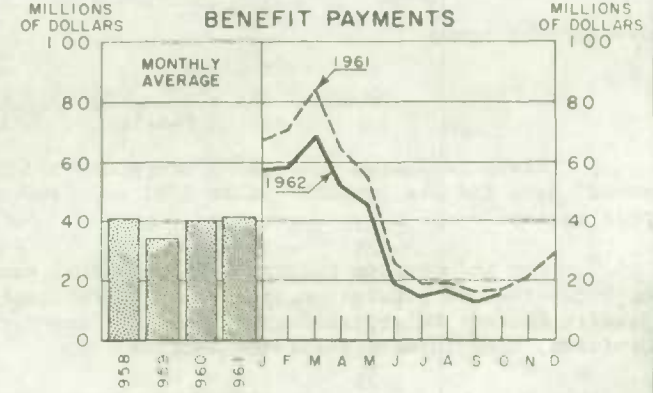
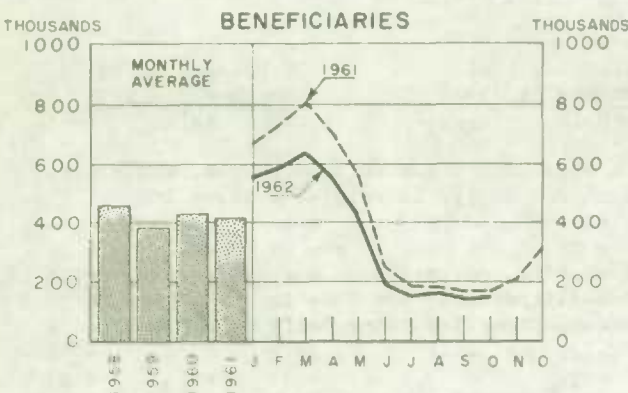
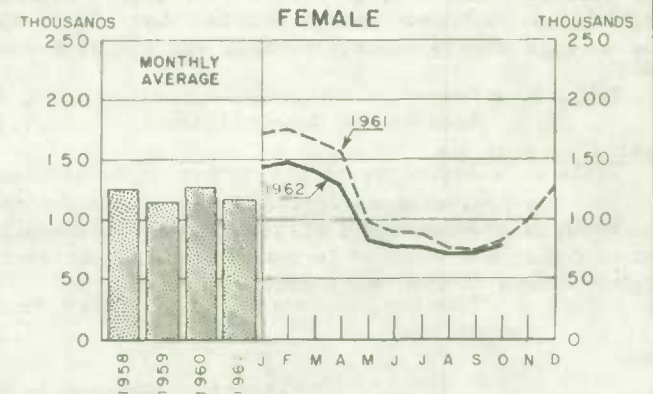
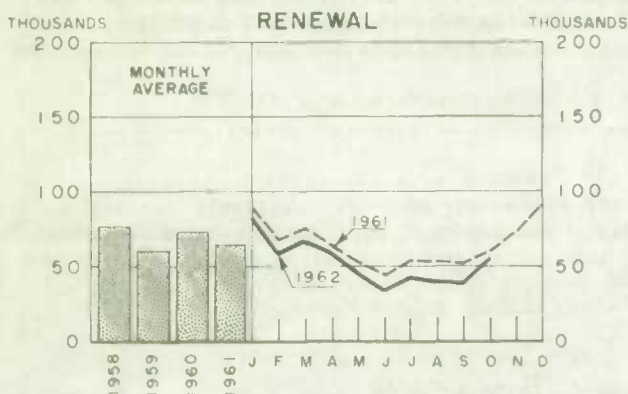
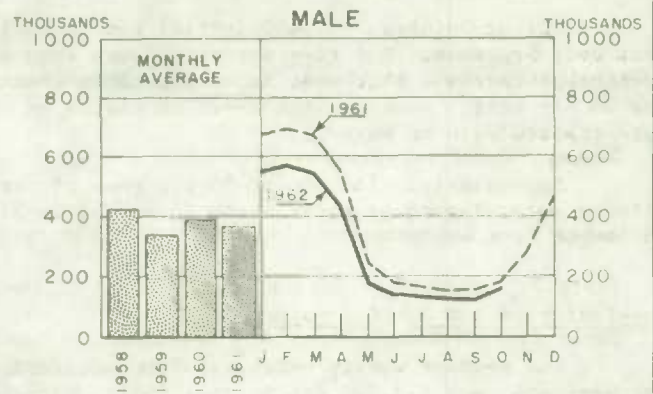
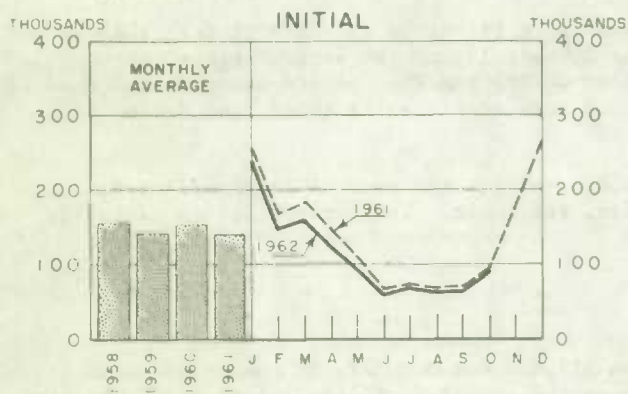
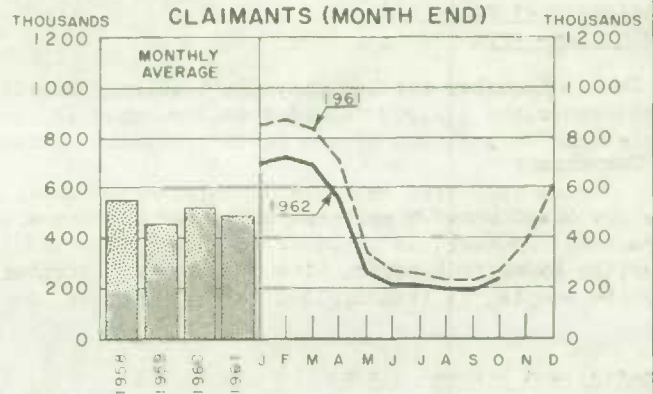
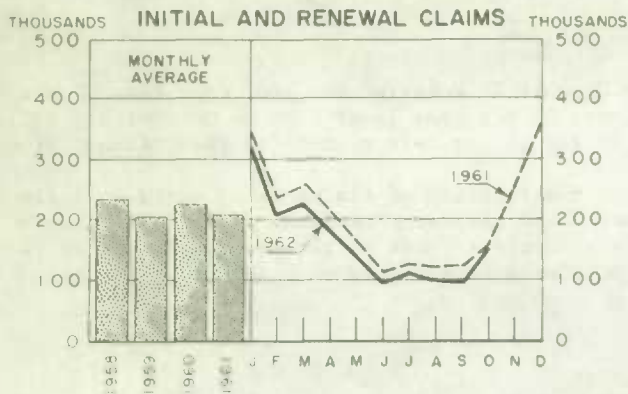
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1961 and 1960 are included in the January 1962 issue in this series.

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

# UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES





# CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

OCTOBER 1962

## Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on October 31 totalled 244,100, more than 20 per cent above the 197,800 recorded on September 28, but almost 10 per cent lower than on October 31, 1961. More than 80 per cent of the month-to-month increase occurred in the male segment of the claimant group.

As indicated on Table 3, information covering the distribution of claimants by weeks on claim is now based on a 20 per cent sample of the cases in each local office. The total of claimants, by province, however, is obtained separately and represents a complete count of the persons currently reporting to claim benefit. The percentage distribution of claimants, by weeks on claim, as indicated by the sample, is then applied to the complete count.

## Initial and renewal claims

During October, 150,400 initial and renewal claims were filed, an increase of more than 50 per cent over September, but five per cent fewer than during October 1961. The September-to-October percentage increase this year is considerably greater than during the same period one year ago when it was 30 per cent. However, the level of claims in 1962 has been consistently lower than during 1961 (see charted data on page 3).

Approximately 142,800 or 95 per cent of the 150,400 initial and renewal claims filed during October were classed as separations from employment during the month. This proportion is virtually unchanged from September.

## Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 152,900 for October, in comparison with 142,000 for September and 173,300 for October 1961. Payments amounted to \$15.8 million, close to 25 per cent higher than September (\$12.7 million) but almost 10 per cent below October 1961 (\$17.1 million). The average weekly benefit payment was \$23.42 for October, \$23.36 for September and \$23.52 for October 1961.

## Claims by province

The September-to-October increase in the month-end claimant count was relatively greater in the Prairie provinces and British Columbia than elsewhere. The regional variations were more marked for men than for women. In comparison with October 31, 1961, only the Atlantic provinces indicated a higher volume of claimants this year.

### Percentage Changes in Month-end Claimant Count

	September 28 to October 31, 1962			October 31, 1961 to October 31, 1962			September 29 to October 31, 1961		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	+ 23	+ 30	+ 11	- 9	- 11	- 5	+ 17	+ 21	+ 11
Nfld.	+ 5	+ 10	- 18	+ 11	+ 16	- 12	+ 19	+ 25	- 4
P.E.I.	+ 23	+ 39	- 1	+ 15	+ 26	- 2	+ 19	+ 20	+ 18
N.S.	+ 23	+ 24	+ 20	+ 3	+ 5	- 3	+ 11	+ 10	+ 11
N.B.	+ 17	+ 21	+ 5	+ 10	+ 23	- 18	+ 23	+ 25	+ 20
Que.	+ 22	+ 26	+ 13	- 8	- 8	- 7	+ 18	+ 22	+ 8
Ont.	+ 21	+ 30	+ 8	- 13	- 17	- 4	+ 5	+ 4	+ 8
Man.	+ 31	+ 39	+ 19	- 17	- 27	+ 7	+ 57	+ 76	+ 23
Sask.	+ 39	+ 74	+ 6	- 19	- 26	- 7	+ 27	+ 44	+ 3
Alta.	+ 28	+ 37	+ 15	- 7	- 7	- 7	+ 41	+ 56	+ 20
B.C.	+ 34	+ 44	+ 17	- 12	- 14	- 5	+ 31	+ 39	+ 16

The claim intake increased during October, by about 50 per cent or more in all provinces except Prince Edward Island. The relative increase was generally higher in the Prairie provinces than elsewhere. The current claim volume exceeded that for October 1961 only in the Atlantic provinces.

Percentage Changes in Claims Filed

	<u>September to October 1962</u>			<u>October 1961 to October 1962</u>			<u>September to October 1961</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 53	+ 58	+ 45	- 5	- 1	- 10	+ 30	+ 39	+ 17
Nfld.	+ 62	+ 64	+ 58	+ 29	+ 17	+ 58	+ 64	+ 76	+ 41
P.E.I.	+ 34	+ 43	+ 20	+ 16	+ 11	+ 25	+ 62	+ 85	+ 27
N.S.	+ 54	+ 68	+ 35	+ 15	+ 21	+ 7	+ 14	+ 25	+ 1
N.B.	+ 51	+ 59	+ 40	+ 16	+ 20	+ 9	+ 47	+ 53	+ 38
Que.	+ 50	+ 50	+ 50	- 4	- 2	- 8	+ 42	+ 47	+ 34
Ont.	+ 51	+ 57	+ 42	- 6	+ 1	- 17	+ 8	+ 18	- 5
Man.	+ 63	+ 57	+ 75	- 16	- 17	- 13	+ 65	+ 69	+ 59
Sask.	+ 106	+ 128	+ 66	- 22	- 19	- 28	+ 60	+ 65	+ 49
Alta.	+ 65	+ 74	+ 51	- 9	- 8	- 12	+ 71	+ 81	+ 55
B.C.	+ 49	+ 58	+ 37	- 7	- 6	- 9	+ 42	+ 47	+ 34

Industrial Classification of Persons Filing Initial(1) Claims  
for Unemployment Insurance during September 1962

Some 55,500 or over 90 per cent of initial claims filed during September represented separations from employment during the month. The current survey thus covers a substantially greater proportion of the initial claims than during the months when claimants can requalify for seasonal benefit. Last March, for example, only 60 per cent of the initial claims filed were classed as new cases.

Thirty per cent of the September claims were from persons employed in manufacturing, while trade and service together accounted for 33 per cent. Between 10 and 15 per cent of the claims were from the construction industry.

(1) Data cover new cases only, i.e. they exclude initial claims taken on behalf of persons exhausting benefit and seeking re-establishment of credits. Such exclusions accounted for approximately eight per cent of the initial claims filed in September.

Percentage Distribution of Claims by Industry and Province, September 1962

<u>Industry group</u>	<u>Canada</u>	<u>Nfld.</u>	<u>P.E.I.</u>	<u>N.S.</u>	<u>N.B.</u>	<u>Que.</u>	<u>Ont.</u>	<u>Man.</u>	<u>Sask.</u>	<u>Alta.</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Total new cases (000's)	55.5	1.2	(1)	2.0	2.0	16.8	19.2	2.3	1.1	3.2	7.6
Per cent distribution											
Forestry (mainly logging)	3	5	-	3	5	4	1	1	-	2	7
Fishing and trapping	(2)	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mining	2	2	-	3	2	1	2	2	3	7	2
Manufacturing	30	21	6	25	23	37	33	21	12	14	24
Construction	14	16	13	15	14	16	12	10	10	15	16
Transportation, Communication and Other											
Utilities	8	16	23	9	15	5	7	13	9	7	10
Trade	18	15	22	21	18	16	19	19	26	20	13
Service	15	9	13	10	9	13	15	21	23	20	17
Public Administration and Defence											
Defence	6	14	18	9	10	4	5	8	10	9	4
Other	5	1	4	3	4	4	6	6	8	6	6
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

(1) Less than 500 cases.

(2) Less than one-half of one per cent.

In Quebec and Ontario the proportion from manufacturing was higher than at the national level, while the reverse was true elsewhere. In the Prairie provinces, claims from the trade and service industries were relatively more important than in the other areas.

In the table which follows, September data are shown together with those for previous quarterly interval dates.

Percentage Distribution of Claims by Industry

<u>Industry group</u>	<u>September 1962</u>	<u>June 1962</u>	<u>March 1962</u>	<u>December 1961</u>
Total new cases (000's)	55.5	50.7	93.1	231.6
Per cent distribution				
Forestry (mainly logging)	3	2	17	7
Fishing and trapping	(1)	(1)	1	5
Mining	2	2	3	2
Manufacturing	30	33	25	25
Construction	14	11	15	24
Transportation, Communication and Other Utilities				
Utilities	8	9	8	12
Trade	18	17	14	10
Service	15	15	10	8
Public Administration and Defence				
Defence	6	7	4	6
Other	5	4	3	3

(1) Less than one-half of one per cent.



This table indicates that claims from manufacturing are relatively more important during months of low claim. Claims from trade and service show a somewhat similar pattern. On the other hand, when climatic conditions reduce employment in construction, claims from this industry are more significant than during periods of high employment. Seasonal disemployment in the logging industry was evident from the March claims.

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary Table

Activity	Oct. 1962	Sept. 1962	Oct. 1961	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Sept. 1962	Oct. 1961	January to October		12 months ending October	
						1962	1961	1962	1961
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	3,893	3,940	..	..	..	4,045*	..	4,068*
Initial and renewal claims filed	150	98	158	+ 53	- 5	1,625	1,850	2,235	2,603
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	244	198	269	+ 23	- 9	400*	486*	416*	508*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	153	143	173	+ 7	- 12	357*	446*	342*	428*
Weeks compensated	673	542	728	+ 24	- 8	14,867	18,638	16,965	21,475
Benefit paid	\$ 15,754	12,664	17,115	+ 24	- 8	359,187	443,585	409,573	509,935

Average weekly benefit	\$ 23.42	23.36	23.52	-	-	24.16	23.80	24.14	23.75
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\* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1962 - September	3,893,000	3,695,200	197,800
August	3,995,000	3,796,300	198,700
July	3,976,000	3,764,000	212,000
June	3,954,000	3,739,700	214,300
May	3,889,000	3,625,100	263,900
April	4,064,000	3,499,500	564,500
March	4,144,000	3,456,500	687,500
February	4,161,000	3,442,300	718,700
January	4,158,000	3,459,500	698,500
1961 - December	4,139,000	3,537,800	601,200
November	4,023,000	3,637,000	386,000
October	3,940,000	3,671,300	268,700
September	3,913,000	3,683,800	229,200

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

Prov.	1962 - October - 1961					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	150,444	95,524	54,920	158,060	96,870	61,190
Nfld.	3,610	2,328	1,282	2,797	1,986	811
P.E.I.	445	293	152	385	263	122
N.S.	6,389	4,020	2,369	5,549	3,333	2,216
N.B.	5,832	3,669	2,163	5,045	3,057	1,988
Que.	44,318	27,681	16,637	46,260	28,130	18,130
Ont.	50,915	32,609	18,306	54,436	32,429	22,007
Man.	6,001	3,830	2,171	7,109	4,615	2,494
Sask.	3,623	2,577	1,046	4,648	3,194	1,454
Alta.	8,881	5,809	3,072	9,782	6,286	3,496
B.C.	20,430	12,708	7,722	22,049	13,577	8,472

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 40,592.



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 (based on 20 per cent sample)							Percent- age Postal	October 31, 1961 total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
	October 31, 1962									
CANADA -	244,140	93,324	33,993	39,314	21,303	14,126	9,996	32,084	30.0	268,682
MALE	165,316	70,508	24,620	25,101	12,942	7,794	5,152	19,199	30.9	185,454
FEMALE	78,824	22,816	9,373	14,213	8,361	6,332	4,844	12,885	28.1	83,228
Nfld.	6,063	1,486	807	948	722	397	296	1,407	63.0	5,461
Male	5,232	1,380	758	811	595	314	224	1,150	63.5	4,513
Female	831	106	49	137	127	83	72	257	59.7	948
P.E.I.	880	214	175	188	84	43	34	142	58.3	765
Male	593	167	123	119	48	27	24	85	62.1	471
Female	287	47	52	69	36	16	10	57	50.5	294
N.S.	12,526	3,923	1,602	2,028	1,482	640	583	2,268	41.4	12,134
Male	9,812	3,192	1,333	1,550	1,125	477	410	1,725	42.0	9,332
Female	2,714	731	269	478	357	163	173	543	39.4	2,802
N.B.	10,242	3,614	1,387	1,699	957	646	461	1,478	51.2	9,272
Male	7,969	3,049	1,069	1,307	712	427	313	1,092	53.9	6,484
Female	2,273	565	318	392	245	219	148	386	41.9	2,788
Que.	73,359	28,341	9,896	12,318	6,298	4,528	3,080	8,898	26.4	79,590
Male	51,038	21,706	7,331	8,637	3,973	2,585	1,632	5,174	26.4	55,591
Female	22,321	6,635	2,565	3,681	2,325	1,943	1,448	3,724	26.6	23,999
Ont.	78,959	31,019	11,327	12,002	6,431	4,339	3,264	10,577	23.5	90,451
Male	49,967	22,543	7,814	6,727	3,509	2,184	1,378	5,812	22.8	60,316
Female	28,992	8,476	3,513	5,275	2,922	2,155	1,886	4,765	24.7	30,135
Man.	11,314	4,565	1,240	1,708	963	728	366	1,744	22.2	13,703
Male	7,129	3,171	825	1,048	503	383	221	978	23.6	9,782
Female	4,185	1,394	415	660	460	345	145	766	19.7	3,921
Sask.	5,941	2,360	842	893	481	305	277	783	41.1	7,356
Male	3,603	1,713	577	411	249	138	122	393	44.4	4,846
Female	2,338	647	265	482	232	167	155	390	36.0	2,510
Alta.	13,676	5,657	1,754	2,242	1,190	868	506	1,459	57.0	14,717
Male	8,804	4,238	1,195	1,158	597	450	257	909	59.6	9,474
Female	4,872	1,419	559	1,084	593	418	249	550	52.2	5,243
B.C.	31,180	12,145	4,963	5,288	2,695	1,632	1,129	3,328	24.9	35,233
Male	21,169	9,349	3,595	3,333	1,631	809	571	1,881	26.5	24,645
Female	10,011	2,796	1,368	1,955	1,064	823	558	1,447	21.4	10,588

N.B.: Values less than 50 subject to relatively large sampling variability.

Table 4. - Disposition of Initial and Renewal Claims and Claims Pending at the End of the Month.(1)

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>October - 1962</u>							
Canada -	131,265	49,066	42,824	33,649	5,726	33,010	17,057
Nfld.	3,035	1,080	955	878	122	893	457
P.E.I.	394	163	130	88	13	108	42
N.S.	5,640	2,198	1,941	1,313	188	1,322	689
N.B.	5,048	1,955	1,710	1,174	209	1,265	703
Que.	38,930	15,324	12,879	8,972	1,755	10,020	5,189
Ont.	45,523	17,188	14,517	11,798	2,020	10,468	5,437
Man.	5,412	1,859	1,861	1,477	215	1,217	597
Sask.	2,900	1,106	793	898	103	1,021	357
Alta.	6,439	2,298	1,980	1,898	263	2,919	1,385
B.C.	17,944	5,895	6,058	5,153	838	3,777	2,201
<u>October - 1961</u>							
Canada -	146,330	51,689	50,948	37,588	6,105	30,557	17,327
Nfld.	2,302	816	605	803	78	714	268
P.E.I.	328	139	97	74	18	87	26
N.S.	5,137	1,796	1,884	1,255	202	1,005	536
N.B.	4,580	1,576	1,779	1,075	150	981	479
Que.	40,450	13,807	14,301	10,394	1,948	10,190	5,496
Ont.	54,723	19,773	19,288	13,248	2,414	10,071	5,932
Man.	6,157	2,467	1,830	1,652	208	886	839
Sask.	4,010	1,543	1,172	1,183	112	945	437
Alta.	8,292	3,141	2,686	2,211	254	1,760	1,114
B.C.	20,351	6,631	7,306	5,693	721	3,918	2,200

(1) In addition 42,804 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,938 were special requests not granted and 2,362 were appeals by claimants. There were 8,821 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during October 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(1)	22,041	618	61	863	855	5,944	7,168	1,007	587	1,167	3,771
	1961	26,408	573	42	916	798	7,194	8,694	1,184	833	1,611	4,563
Claimants disqualified	1962	36,555	732	146	1,142	981	11,237	14,964	1,059	723	1,856	3,715
	1961	32,591	518	129	985	781	10,835	12,476	1,148	893	1,487	3,339
Not unemployed	1962	808	43	7	43	45	191	187	29	50	46	167
	1961	697	27	4	26	20	179	220	29	61	45	86
Not capable of and not available for work	1962	9,823	185	46	305	298	2,709	3,866	444	302	636	1,032
	1961	8,478	136	27	227	242	2,466	3,170	379	385	436	1,010
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1962	141	-	-	1	1	77	26	2	-	-	34
	1961	2,903	-	-	3	1	1,644	1,253	1	-	-	1
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1962	1,747	6	34	112	41	572	686	42	62	69	123
	1961	1,741	7	37	85	48	632	630	31	37	86	148
Discharged for misconduct	1962	1,274	24	2	45	43	429	477	35	12	76	131
	1961	1,206	23	3	44	25	457	448	35	23	49	99
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1962	7,393	130	16	277	230	1,972	2,730	301	175	444	1,118
	1961	7,068	140	24	245	193	2,061	2,452	359	225	476	893
Other reasons	1962	15,369	344	41	359	323	5,287	6,992	206	122	585	1,110
	1961	10,498	185	34	355	252	3,396	4,303	314	162	395	1,102

(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during October

	1962	2,896	122	19	113	156	911	981	47	25	88	434
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1962 - October - 1961	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	152.9	173.3
Newfoundland	4.3	3.4
Prince Edward Island	0.6	0.5
Nova Scotia	8.4	8.4
New Brunswick	6.7	5.8
Quebec	45.7	51.2
Ontario	51.3	63.6
Manitoba	6.1	7.2
Saskatchewan	3.5	4.4
Alberta	7.6	7.9
British Columbia	18.8	21.0

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1962 - October - 1961			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	672,646	15,753,741	727,724	17,115,047
Nfld.	18,869	430,840	14,126	302,577
P.E.I.	2,762	57,714	2,031	40,030
N.S.	36,873	832,660	35,380	799,782
N.B.	29,361	644,427	24,286	513,213
Que.	201,187	4,748,126	214,945	4,982,307
Ont.	225,508	5,261,250	267,220	6,421,034
Man.	26,892	619,286	30,058	695,539
Sask.	15,223	332,970	18,369	418,546
Alta.	33,452	800,286	32,998	788,271
B.C.	82,519	2,026,182	88,311	2,153,748

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

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

October - 1962

Canada -	609,904	62,742	45,564
Newfoundland	16,558	2,311	1,845
Prince Edward Island	2,511	251	212
Nova Scotia	31,312	5,561	4,668
New Brunswick	25,427	3,934	2,877
Quebec	183,227	17,960	11,760
Ontario	205,265	20,243	14,333
Manitoba	24,657	2,235	1,652
Saskatchewan	13,967	1,256	884
Alberta	30,587	2,865	2,017
British Columbia	76,393	6,126	5,316

October - 1961

Canada -	659,029	68,695	49,174
Newfoundland	12,122	2,004	1,644
Prince Edward Island	1,871	160	122
Nova Scotia	30,232	5,148	4,112
New Brunswick	20,742	3,544	2,695
Quebec	196,654	18,291	11,915
Ontario	242,183	25,037	17,699
Manitoba	27,630	2,428	1,763
Saskatchewan	16,896	1,473	1,043
Alberta	30,179	2,819	1,980
British Columbia	80,520	7,791	6,201

## 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 and without just cause 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 3 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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