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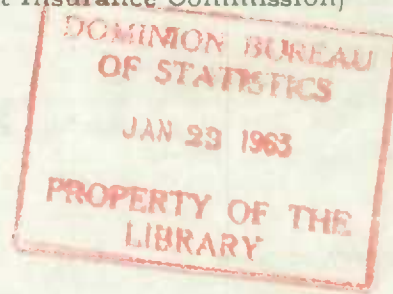


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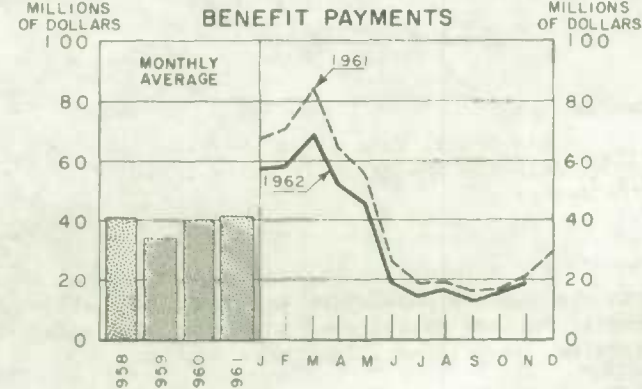
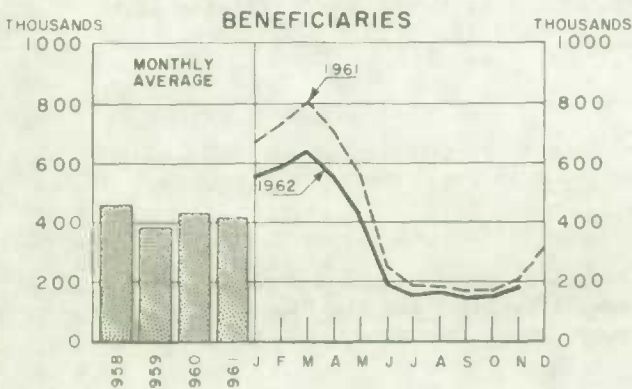
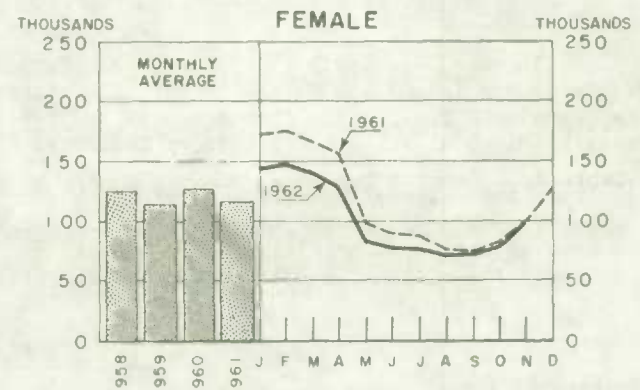
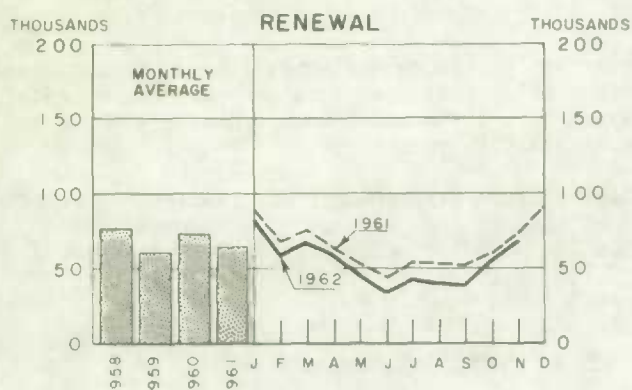
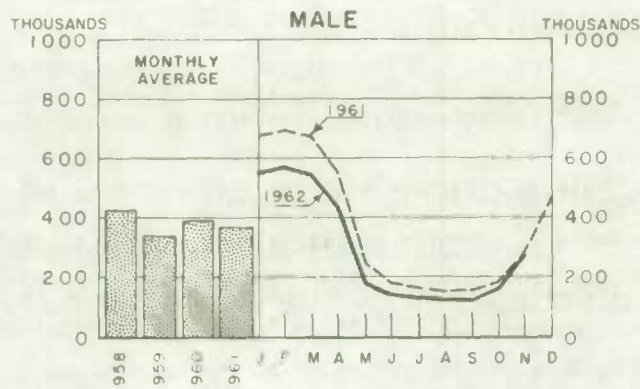
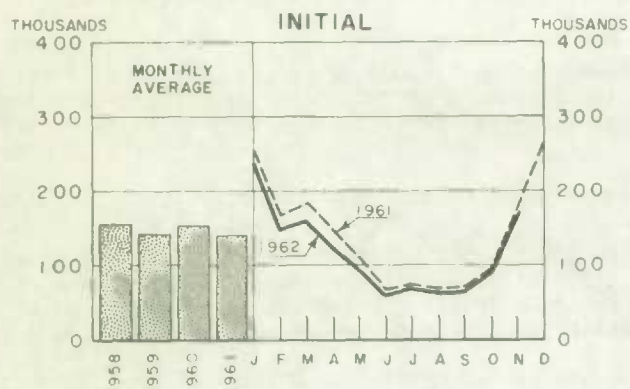
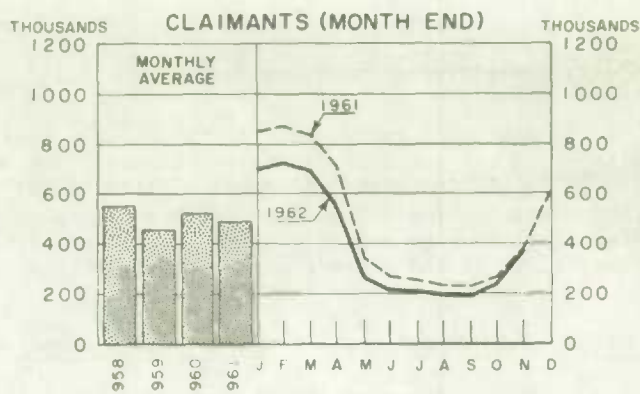
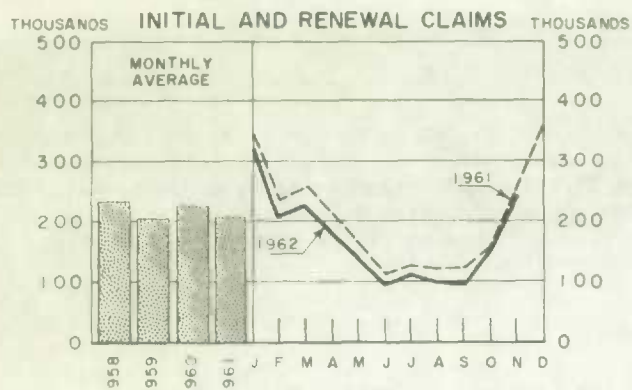
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1961 and 1960 are included in the January 1962 issue in this series.

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

NOVEMBER 1962

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 374,200 on November 30, up 130,000 from October 31 but about 12,000 below the total for the same date last year. Male claimants increased by 110,000 while the number of female claimants was about 20,000 greater than at the end of October. The preponderance of males is attributable mainly to the customary reduction in outside activities at this time of year. The year-over-year decline occurred in the male segment of the claimant group only. Some 12,000 of the current total were identified as seasonal benefit.(1)

Initial and Renewal claims: receipt and disposal

During November the claim volume totalled 243,600, almost 95,000 more than for October and 9,000 below that for November 1961.

Of the 175,700 initial claims filed during November, some 161,000 or 90 per cent were identified as separations from employment during the month, the remaining 15,000 claims comprising requests from claimants exhausting benefit and seeking re-establishment of credits.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 189,000 for November, 152,900 for October and 209,800 for November 1961. Benefit payments totalled \$18.9 million during November in comparison with \$15.8 million during October and \$20.9 million during November 1961. The average weekly payment per week compensated was \$23.85 in November, \$23.42 in October and \$23.76 in November 1961.

Claims by province

The month-to-month increase in the claimant count was proportionately heaviest in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan. For all provinces, males increased at a markedly higher rate than females. The decline from November 30, 1961 occurred only in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia; all other provinces indicated higher totals this year.

- (1) Under the seasonal benefit provisions, claims processed after mid-November and failing the regular requirements are re-computed immediately for seasonal benefit and post-dated to November 25. However, seasonal benefit can not be paid for proven unemployment occurring prior to December 2 unless the claimant qualifies to have the waiting period waived.

Percentage Changes in Month-end Claimant Count

	October 31 to November 30, 1962			November 30, 1961 to November 30, 1962			October 31 to November 30, 1961		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	+ 53	+ 66	+ 26	- 3	- 4	-	+ 44	+ 54	+ 20
Nfld.	+ 131	+ 143	+ 58	+ 2	+ 1	+ 13	+ 153	+ 180	+ 23
P.E.I.	+ 185	+ 223	+ 106	+ 35	+ 41	+ 20	+ 142	+ 188	+ 68
N.S.	+ 54	+ 63	+ 22	+ 4	+ 5	- 1	+ 53	+ 63	+ 19
N.B.	+ 76	+ 79	+ 64	+ 20	+ 25	+ 6	+ 61	+ 76	+ 26
Que.	+ 52	+ 61	+ 32	+ 4	+ 5	- 1	+ 35	+ 40	+ 24
Ont.	+ 39	+ 49	+ 22	- 10	- 14	+ 1	+ 35	+ 44	+ 16
Man.	+ 65	+ 99	+ 8	+ 1	+ 1	-	+ 35	+ 43	+ 15
Sask.	+ 96	+ 145	+ 21	- 16	- 18	- 7	+ 87	+ 122	+ 21
Alta.	+ 64	+ 87	+ 21	- 2	- 3	+ 3	+ 55	+ 79	+ 10
B.C.	+ 49	+ 61	+ 23	- 12	- 14	- 7	+ 49	+ 60	+ 25

The claim intake during November was more than double that for October in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. In comparison with one year ago, current totals are higher only in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Quebec.

Percentage Changes in Claims Filed

	October to November 1962			November 1961 to November 1962			October to November 1961		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 62	+ 84	+ 24	- 4	- 2	- 8	+ 60	+ 84	+ 21
Nfld.	+ 166	+ 238	+ 35	- 2	- 6	+ 26	+ 249	+ 322	+ 70
P.E.I.	+ 347(1)	+ 468(1)	+ 114	+ 36	+ 38	+ 25	+ 281	+ 358	+ 113
N.S.	+ 70	+ 102	+ 17	- 1	+ 9	- 20	+ 98	+ 124	+ 57
N.B.	+ 104	+ 148	+ 30	+ 26	+ 27	+ 21	+ 88	+ 133	+ 17
Que.	+ 60	+ 82	+ 24	+ 6	+ 7	+ 3	+ 45	+ 67	+ 10
Ont.	+ 40	+ 53	+ 16	- 9	- 5	- 17	+ 44	+ 63	+ 16
Man.	+ 128	+ 164	+ 64	- 5	- 2	- 14	+ 103	+ 123	+ 65
Sask.	+ 136	+ 157	+ 83	- 12	- 8	- 24	+ 109	+ 125	+ 73
Alta.	+ 67	+ 78	+ 47	- 5	- 3	- 10	+ 60	+ 70	+ 42
B.C.	+ 47	+ 69	+ 9	- 16	- 18	- 11	+ 62	+ 93	+ 12

(1) The numbers involved are relatively small.

.. Not available.

- Nil.

Note: Commencing with this issue, claims from Sioux Lookout formerly included in the province of Ontario are included in Manitoba.

Summary Table

Activity	Nov. 1962	Oct. 1962	Nov. 1961	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Oct. 1962	Nov. 1961	January to November		12 months ending November	
						1962	1961	1962	1961
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,040	4,023	4,043*	..	4,060*
Initial and renewal claims filed	244	150	253	+ 62	- 4	1,868	2,103	2,226	2,551
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	374	244	386	+ 53	- 3	398*	477*	415*	500*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	189	153	210	+ 24	- 10	342*	425*	340*	423*
Weeks compensated	794	673	881	+ 18	- 10	15,661	19,519	16,878	21,210
Benefit paid	\$ 18,934	15,754	20,938	+ 20	- 10	378,121	464,524	407,569	504,289
Average weekly benefit	\$ 23.85	23.42	23.76	+ 2	-	24.14	23.80	24.15	23.78

* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1962 - October	4,040,000	3,795,900	244,100
September	3,977,000	3,779,200	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

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

Prov.	1962 - November - 1961					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	243,563	175,672	67,891	252,551	178,400	74,151
Nfld.	9,599	7,863	1,736	9,762	8,380	1,382
P.E.I.	1,990	1,664	326	1,465	1,205	260
N.S.	10,891	8,115	2,776	10,964	7,476	3,488
N.B.	11,913	9,091	2,822	9,466	7,136	2,330
Que.	70,944	50,344	20,600	67,055	47,047	20,008
Ont.	71,210	49,987	21,223	78,401	52,819	25,582
Man.	13,675	10,110	3,565	14,397	10,270	4,127
Sask.	8,533	6,621	1,912	9,704	7,188	2,516
Alta.	14,846	10,345	4,501	15,687	10,710	4,977
B.C.	29,962	21,532	8,430	35,650	26,169	9,481

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 35,639.

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	November 30, 1961 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
		November 30, 1962								
CANADA -	374,191	180,702	50,585	55,354	29,112	16,526	10,350	31,562	34.8	385,964
MALE	274,881	142,869	39,099	40,198	18,240	9,892	5,789	18,794	37.0	286,374
FEMALE	99,310	37,833	11,486	15,156	10,872	6,634	4,561	12,768	28.6	99,590
Nfld.	14,032	7,268	2,093	1,864	844	491	356	1,116	74.6	13,810
Male	12,720	6,873	1,951	1,708	692	388	265	843	75.9	12,647
Female	1,312	395	142	156	152	103	91	273	62.0	1,163
P.E.I.	2,504	1,582	286	283	137	63	29	124	71.1	1,850
Male	1,914	1,225	229	208	103	43	20	86	73.5	1,357
Female	590	357	57	75	34	20	9	38	63.6	493
N.S.	19,320	8,610	2,349	2,762	1,661	1,125	522	2,291	47.6	18,546
Male	15,998	7,382	1,934	2,348	1,270	852	392	1,820	48.7	15,203
Female	3,322	1,228	415	414	391	273	130	471	42.3	3,343
N.B.	17,990	9,354	2,410	2,335	1,239	783	436	1,433	59.8	14,962
Male	14,269	7,564	2,030	1,820	928	587	303	1,037	60.9	11,436
Female	3,721	1,790	380	515	311	196	133	396	55.6	3,526
Que.	111,469	52,759	16,139	16,274	8,851	4,929	3,318	9,199	30.0	107,561
Male	82,014	41,558	12,548	11,792	5,978	3,073	1,788	5,277	31.3	77,910
Female	29,455	11,201	3,591	4,482	2,873	1,856	1,530	3,922	26.3	29,651
Ont.	109,821	51,644	13,969	17,386	8,800	4,860	2,956	10,206	24.9	121,689
Male	74,468	38,302	9,925	11,861	4,859	2,530	1,487	5,504	25.2	86,773
Female	35,353	13,342	4,044	5,525	3,941	2,330	1,469	4,702	24.3	34,916
Man.	18,705	9,541	2,861	2,605	1,217	705	409	1,367	27.2	18,497
Male	14,190	7,763	2,320	1,809	786	367	244	901	30.3	13,989
Female	4,515	1,778	541	796	431	338	165	466	17.3	4,508
Sask.	11,641	6,291	1,541	1,536	741	392	258	882	48.8	13,790
Male	8,813	5,429	1,296	990	349	165	127	457	52.2	10,759
Female	2,828	862	245	546	392	227	131	425	38.4	3,031
Alta.	22,393	11,798	2,930	3,124	1,606	934	552	1,449	60.0	22,738
Male	16,474	9,669	2,288	2,237	714	451	276	839	64.6	16,968
Female	5,919	2,129	642	887	892	483	276	610	47.4	5,770
B.C.	46,316	21,855	6,007	7,185	4,016	2,244	1,514	3,495	28.0	52,521
Male	34,021	17,104	4,578	5,425	2,561	1,436	887	2,030	30.3	39,332
Female	12,295	4,751	1,429	1,760	1,455	808	627	1,465	21.7	13,189

Note: 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>November - 1962</u>							
Canada -	194,160	92,036	57,852	38,436	5,836	78,210	21,260
Nfld.	5,728	3,010	1,455	1,131	132	4,615	606
P.E.I.	1,090	627	251	189	23	956	94
N.S.	8,277	4,043	2,301	1,571	362	3,823	802
N.B.	9,059	4,784	2,545	1,567	163	4,005	817
Que.	57,810	27,914	17,608	10,475	1,813	21,975	6,368
Ont.	59,723	27,257	18,164	12,253	2,049	20,932	6,442
Man.	9,503	4,688	2,764	1,851	200	4,801	1,203
Sask.	5,644	3,043	1,352	1,144	105	3,455	812
Alta.	12,130	5,673	3,840	2,338	279	5,253	1,767
B.C.	25,196	10,997	7,572	5,917	710	8,395	2,349

<u>November - 1961</u>							
Canada -	212,546	93,039	66,425	46,953	6,129	68,965	18,924
Nfld.	6,603	4,272	1,050	1,179	102	3,643	498
P.E.I.	781	452	182	133	14	707	90
N.S.	8,377	3,780	3,131	1,257	209	3,444	684
N.B.	7,327	3,766	2,065	1,352	144	2,999	600
Que.	57,131	24,869	18,130	12,164	1,968	20,204	5,406
Ont.	68,822	28,808	23,213	14,484	2,317	19,598	5,984
Man.	11,843	5,933	3,537	2,143	230	3,080	1,199
Sask.	7,935	3,834	2,111	1,861	129	2,438	713
Alta.	13,732	6,116	4,453	2,871	292	3,483	1,346
B.C.	29,995	11,209	8,553	9,509	724	9,369	2,404

(1) In addition 35,517 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,615 were special requests not granted and 2,353 were appeals by claimants. There were 8,943 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during November 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)	26,336	820	136	1,029	1,188	7,017	7,976	1,333	789	1,539	4,509
	1961	35,593	918	84	879	1,023	8,696	10,307	1,653	1,437	2,192	8,404
Claimants disqualified	1962	31,445	733	138	1,364	891	9,669	11,518	1,177	688	1,828	3,439
	1961	31,204	601	100	959	839	10,296	11,773	1,279	810	1,441	3,106
Not unemployed	1962	899	35	8	173	51	176	186	46	57	64	103
	1961	843	32	4	39	27	193	260	65	81	64	78
Not capable of and not available for work	1962	9,383	184	41	278	277	2,678	3,521	475	297	567	1,065
	1961	8,864	159	30	233	228	2,529	3,422	590	275	411	987
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1962	227	-	-	9	-	78	57	1	-	-	82
	1961	1,982	-	-	2	3	1,575	373	-	-	-	29
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1962	1,405	21	9	61	22	465	605	24	34	65	99
	1961	1,525	8	13	80	37	534	642	35	23	57	96
Discharged for misconduct	1962	1,522	31	4	68	40	579	506	48	22	74	150
	1961	1,469	24	3	57	51	518	564	41	32	69	110
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1962	7,755	212	30	383	224	2,123	2,567	354	197	574	1,091
	1961	7,375	157	29	242	214	2,264	2,455	366	228	530	890
Other reasons	1962	10,254	250	46	392	277	3,570	4,076	229	81	484	849
	1961	9,146	221	21	306	279	2,683	4,057	182	171	310	916

(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during November 1962 3,715 133 16 137 210 1,158 1,174 126 61 174 526

Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1962 - November - 1961	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	189.0	209.8
Newfoundland	5.6	4.2
Prince Edward Island	0.8	0.6
Nova Scotia	9.6	9.7
New Brunswick	8.5	7.8
Quebec	56.4	60.1
Ontario	61.0	71.3
Manitoba	9.2	10.4
Saskatchewan	5.0	6.7
Alberta	10.2	11.8
British Columbia	22.8	27.2

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1962 - November - 1961			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	793,921	18,933,673	881,230	20,938,313
Nfld.	23,546	554,733	17,435	385,140
P.E.I.	3,244	67,271	2,639	53,833
N.S.	40,216	895,052	40,534	911,350
N.B.	35,754	798,324	32,962	698,283
Que.	236,735	5,654,041	252,564	5,864,116
Ont.	256,303	6,094,820	299,659	7,331,052
Man.	38,581	921,087	43,733	1,029,893
Sask.	20,812	486,673	27,940	641,919
Alta.	43,017	1,045,647	49,636	1,181,896
B.C.	95,713	2,416,025	114,128	2,840,831

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

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

November - 1962

Canada -	716,358	77,563	55,630
Newfoundland	20,283	3,263	2,639
Prince Edward Island	2,905	339	246
Nova Scotia	34,057	6,159	5,088
New Brunswick	31,081	4,673	3,424
Quebec	214,132	22,603	14,916
Ontario	232,653	23,650	16,673
Manitoba	35,176	3,405	2,297
Saskatchewan	19,097	1,715	1,191
Alberta	38,943	4,074	2,873
British Columbia	88,031	7,682	6,283

November - 1961

Canada -	797,457	83,773	58,856
Newfoundland	14,927	2,508	2,060
Prince Edward Island	2,385	254	192
Nova Scotia	34,684	5,850	4,451
New Brunswick	28,336	4,626	3,447
Quebec	229,020	23,544	15,433
Ontario	271,678	27,981	19,272
Manitoba	40,072	3,661	2,491
Saskatchewan	25,669	2,271	1,550
Alberta	45,213	4,423	2,906
British Columbia	105,473	8,655	7,054

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 \$23.00.

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.

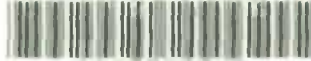
Fishing contribution week: Any week for which a fishing contribution is recorded, whether or not a contribution was also made in respect of other insured employment. Specially designed stamps are used to record insured employment in fishing and employers using the bulk pay method must report employee's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