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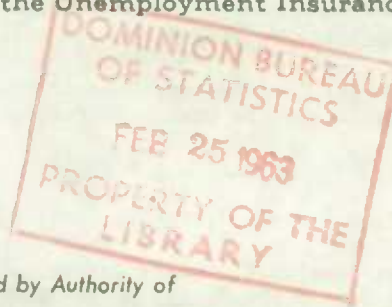
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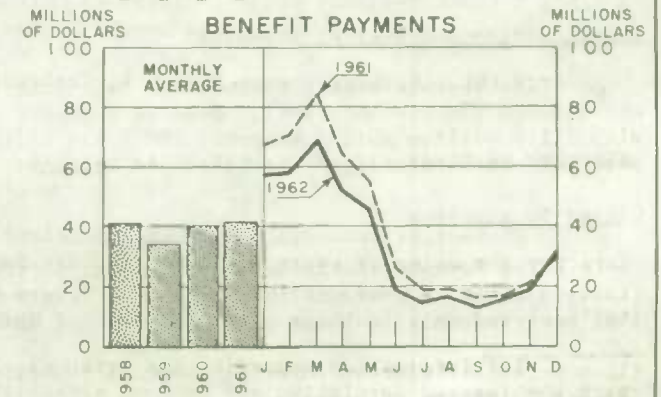
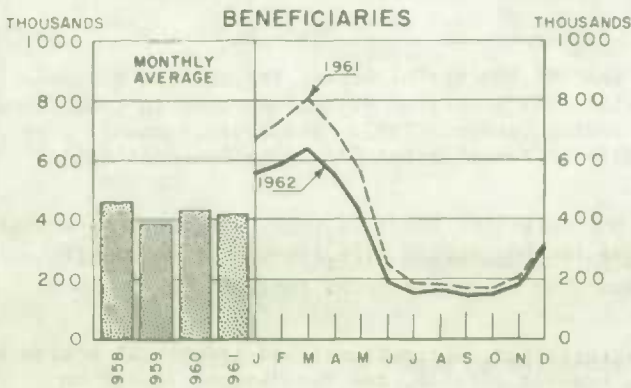
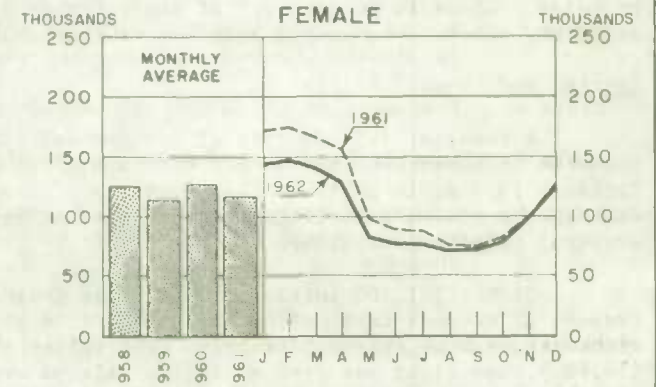
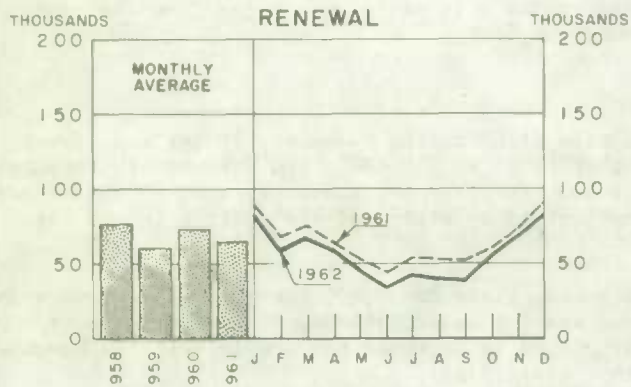
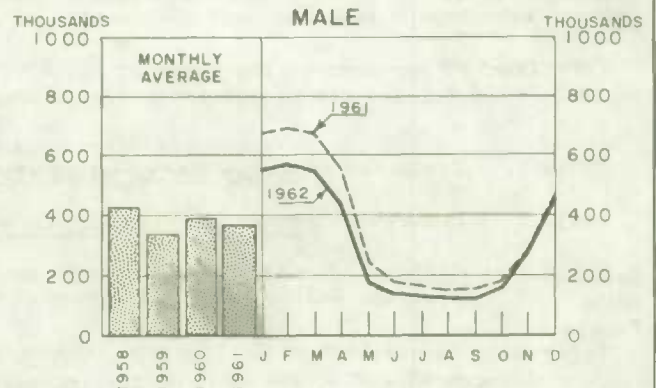
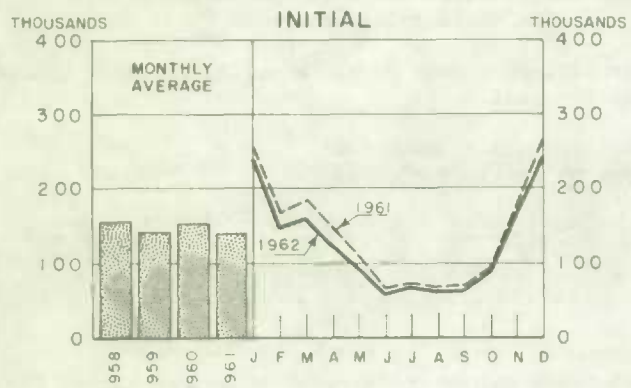
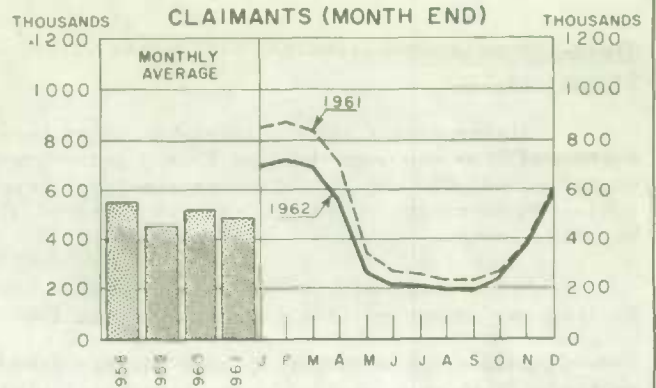
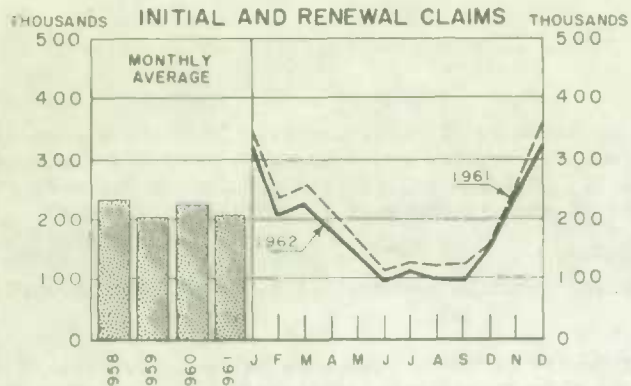
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1961 and 1960 are included in the January 1962 issue in this series.

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

DECEMBER 1962

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on December 31, 1962 numbered 592,000, virtually unchanged from the same date in 1961. These totals comprise regular and seasonal(1) benefit claimants numbering 496,600 and 95,300 respectively at December 31, 1962 and 492,700 and 108,500 on December 29, 1961. On November 30, 1962 claimants numbered 374,200 of whom 12,000 were identified as seasonal benefit.

At the beginning of December, claimants comprised about 10 per cent of the estimated insured population, unchanged from the same date in 1961.

Commencing with this issue, the categories of "weeks on claim" shown in Table 3 have been revised. Hitherto, persons on continuous(2) claim more than 20 weeks were grouped together; the present arrangement provides more information on the duration of long-term cases.

Over 90 per cent of the December 31, 1962 male claimants came on claim during the last quarter of 1962. For females the proportion was only about 80 per cent.

Percentage distribution of claimants by number of weeks during which they were on continuous claim

	<u>Total</u>	<u>13 or less</u>	<u>14-26</u>	<u>27-39</u>	<u>40 and over</u>
Total	100	88	8	3	1
Male	100	91	6	2	1
Female	100	79	14	5	2

Between 85 and 90 per cent of the increased claimant volume on December 31 was accounted for by males. Close to 80 per cent of the December 31, 1962 total were males, unchanged from the year prior but about 5 percentage points more than on November 30, 1962.

Initial and renewal claims

A total of 323,800 initial and renewal claims were filed during December, 10 per cent fewer than for December 1961 but 33 per cent above the November total of 243,600. The November-to-December increase is due, in part, to the operation of the seasonal benefit provisions. Between 40 and 45 per cent of the claims established during December were authorized by virtue of the application of the seasonal benefit provisions.

Of the 241,100 initial claims filed during December, close to 30,000 (or 12 per cent) were in respect of persons terminating their benefit rights and seeking re-establishment of credits under either regular or seasonal benefit. The volume of such cases in December was double that for November (14,600) when eight per cent of initial claims were thus classified.

Beneficiaries and Benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 316,700 for December, 189,000 for November and 320,200 for December 1961. Benefit payments totalled \$31.1 million during December in comparison with \$18.9 million during November and \$29.4 million during December 1961. The average weekly payment per week compensated was \$24.54 in December, \$23.85 in November and \$24.20 in December 1961.

Claims by province

The November-to-December percentage increases in the month-end claimant count were substantially greater in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island than elsewhere. The decline from December 1961 occurred only in those provinces west of Quebec.

(1) A brief explanation covering seasonal benefit is presented on page 13.

(2) See "Glossary of terms".

Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	<u>November 30 to December 31, 1962</u>			<u>December 29, 1961 to December 31, 1962</u>			<u>November 30 to December 29, 1961</u>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	+ 58	+ 69	+ 29	- 2	- 2	- 1	+ 56	+ 65	+ 30
Nfld.	+ 135	+ 143	+ 62	+ 18	+ 17	+ 38	+ 102	+ 108	+ 32
P.E.I.	+ 140	+ 162	+ 68	+ 2	+ 2	+ 1	+ 219	+ 263	+ 99
N.S.	+ 60	+ 66	+ 32	+ 2	+ 2	+ 5	+ 63	+ 72	+ 25
N.B.	+ 72	+ 80	+ 44	+ 6	+ 7	+ 3	+ 95	+ 110	+ 47
Que.	+ 61	+ 72	+ 30	+ 3	+ 4	- 2	+ 62	+ 74	+ 32
Ont.	+ 52	+ 64	+ 29	- 6	- 8	- 2	+ 47	+ 53	+ 32
Man.	+ 54	+ 60	+ 37	- 7	- 10	+ 1	+ 69	+ 79	+ 36
Sask.	+ 72	+ 88	+ 23	- 8	- 8	- 9	+ 58	+ 66	+ 27
Alta.	+ 31	+ 41	+ 2	- 8	- 9	- 5	+ 40	+ 50	+ 10
B.C.	+ 43	+ 49	+ 27	- 5	- 7	-	+ 33	+ 39	+ 18

The November-to-December increases are influenced upward by the operation of the seasonal benefit provisions, particularly in the Atlantic provinces.

	<u>Percentage of claims established in December and identified as Seasonal Benefit</u>		<u>Percentage of December 31 claimants identified as Seasonal Benefit</u>	
	1962	1961	1962	1961
Canada	42	46	16	18
Nfld.	74	73	37	39
P.E.I.	72	68	36	41
N.S.	58	56	22	24
N.B.	61	59	26	30
Que.	37	41	14	17
Ont.	34	39	12	14
Man.	35	38	16	15
Sask.	35	39	13	15
Alta.	30	34	10	12
B.C.	47	52	17	21

Percentage changes in claims filed during December, by province and by type of claim, are as follows:

Percentage changes in claims filed

	<u>November to December 1962</u>			<u>December 1961 to December 1962</u>			<u>November to December 1961</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 33	+ 37	+ 22	- 10	- 9	- 10	+ 42	+ 49	+ 24
Nfld.	+ 97	+ 117	+ 7	+ 1	-	+ 11	+ 93	+ 105	+ 21
P.E.I.	+ 100	+ 117	+ 14	- 8	- 8	- 1	+ 195	+ 228	+ 45
N.S.	+ 46	+ 56	+ 19	- 16	- 15	- 22	+ 74	+ 98	+ 21
N.B.	+ 39	+ 48	+ 10	- 11	- 14	+ 4	+ 97	+ 120	+ 28
Que.	+ 43	+ 47	+ 35	- 5	- 6	- 2	+ 60	+ 67	+ 43
Ont.	+ 33	+ 32	+ 35	- 10	- 10	- 10	+ 34	+ 39	+ 25
Man.	+ 5	+ 10	- 9	- 9	- 6	- 19	+ 10	+ 15	- 2
Sask.	+ 28	+ 31	+ 16	- 11	- 7	- 22	+ 25	+ 30	+ 13
Alta.	- 5	-	- 17	- 18	- 16	- 22	+ 9	+ 15	- 4
B.C.	+ 10	+ 14	-	- 16	- 15	- 20	+ 11	+ 10	+ 12

Table 3a presents information on numbers of claimants identified as seasonal benefit while 3b shows the number of such claimants eligible by virtue of fishing contributions.

Comparison of year-over-year data indicate that while the overall count of seasonal benefit claimants is down, those classed as fishing seasonal benefit are up. Most of the year-over-year increases occurred in Newfoundland.

Percentage distribution of claimants by province,
showing relative importance of fishing seasonal
benefit in each province, December 31, 1962

	Per cent distribution of claimants			Fishing S.B. claimants as a per cent of all S.B. claimants
	S.B.	F.S.B.	Non-fishing S.B.	
Canada	100	100	100	20
Nfld.	13	48	4	77
P.E.I.	2	6	1	56
N.S.	7	11	6	31
N.B.	8	13	7	31
Que.	26	4	32	3
Ont.	21	2	26	1
Man.	5	-	6	1
Sask.	3	-	3	-
Alta.	3	-	4	-
B.C.	12	17	11	29

Almost half the fishing seasonal benefit claimants are in Newfoundland but only four per cent of other Seasonal Benefit claimants are located in that province. Conversely, Quebec and Ontario account for well over half non-fishing Seasonal Benefit claimants but only six per cent of fishing claimants.

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary Table

Activity	Dec. 1962	Nov. 1962	Dec. 1961	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Nov. 1962	Dec. 1961	January to December		12 months ending December	
						1962	1961	1962	1961
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,118	4,139	4,051*	..	4,051*
Initial and renewal claims filed	324	244	358	+ 33	- 10	2,192	2,460	2,192	2,460
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	592	374	601	+ 58**	- 2	414*	487*	414*	487*
Regular	497	362	493	+ 37	+ 1				
S.B.	95	12	109	**	- 12				
S.B. Fishing	19	..	17	**	+ 14				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	317	189	320	+ 68	- 1	340*	416*	340*	416*
Weeks compensated	1,267	794	1,217	+ 60	+ 4	16,928	20,735	16,928	20,735
Benefit paid	\$ 31,087	18,934	29,447	+ 64	+ 6	409,208	493,971	409,208	493,971

Average weekly benefit	\$	24.54	23.85	24.20	+ 3	+ 1	24.17	23.82	24.17	23.82
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* Monthly average.

** November to December comparisons affected by commencement of seasonal benefit on November 26.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1962 - November	4,118,000	3,743,800	374,200(1)
October	3,991,000	3,746,900	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

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

Prov.	1962 - December - 1961					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	323,844	241,050	82,794	357,873	265,868	92,005
Nfld.	18,943	17,094	1,849	18,832	17,162	1,670
P.E.I.	3,985	3,613	372	4,325	3,948	377
N.S.	15,937	12,632	3,305	19,024	14,801	4,223
N.B.	16,564	13,446	3,118	18,694	15,709	2,985
Que.	101,666	73,773	27,893	107,304	78,724	28,580
Ont.	94,379	65,794	28,585	105,107	73,230	31,877
Man.	14,400	11,149	3,251	15,867	11,839	4,028
Sask.	10,883	8,658	2,225	12,175	9,325	2,850
Alta.	14,042	10,301	3,741	17,060	12,278	4,782
B.C.	33,045	24,590	8,455	39,485	28,852	10,633

(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 35,325.

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	December 29, 1961 Total claimants
		1-4	5-13	14-26	27-39	40 or more		
<u>December 31, 1962</u>								
CANADA -	591,965	362,042	161,725	45,912	15,926	6,360	39.6	601,210
MALE	464,007	299,926	122,814	27,456	9,645	4,166	42.1	472,040
FEMALE	127,958	62,116	38,911	18,456	6,281	2,194	30.3	129,170
Nfld.	32,985	24,590	6,254	925	479	737	80.6	27,909
Male	30,859	23,632	5,651	695	278	603	80.3	26,369
Female	2,126	958	603	230	201	134	85.2	1,540
P.E.I.	6,013	4,836	914	210	53	-	80.3	5,910
Male	5,024	4,119	734	144	27	-	81.6	4,927
Female	989	717	180	66	26	-	73.7	983
N.S.	30,896	19,036	7,707	2,871	1,000	282	56.8	30,259
Male	26,496	16,978	6,394	2,099	790	235	58.6	26,076
Female	4,400	2,058	1,313	772	210	47	46.4	4,183
N.B.	31,024	20,311	7,824	2,225	548	116	68.9	29,237
Male	25,661	17,155	6,415	1,606	415	70	70.2	24,043
Female	5,363	3,156	1,409	619	133	46	62.6	5,194
Que.	179,327	110,239	48,285	14,153	5,083	1,567	35.4	174,500
Male	141,076	91,416	36,979	8,653	3,072	956	37.8	135,317
Female	38,251	18,823	11,306	5,500	2,011	611	26.4	39,183
Ont.	167,299	99,021	47,936	13,703	4,490	2,149	24.8	178,629
Male	121,810	76,569	33,840	7,473	2,513	1,415	25.3	132,416
Female	45,489	22,452	14,096	6,230	1,977	734	23.4	46,213
Man.	28,844	14,080	9,680	3,045	1,455	584	36.3	31,175
Male	22,637	11,958	7,485	1,967	952	275	39.2	25,039
Female	6,207	2,122	2,195	1,078	503	309	25.8	6,136
Sask.	20,046	13,607	4,993	987	354	105	52.3	21,733
Male	16,555	11,794	4,035	472	193	61	55.9	17,898
Female	3,491	1,813	958	515	161	44	35.3	3,835
Alta.	29,237	15,652	10,269	2,438	645	233	60.0	31,826
Male	23,191	13,139	8,132	1,356	396	168	60.4	25,460
Female	6,046	2,513	2,137	1,082	249	65	58.5	6,366
B.C.	66,294	40,670	17,863	5,355	1,819	587	30.9	70,032
Male	50,698	33,166	13,149	2,991	1,009	383	33.0	54,495
Female	15,596	7,504	4,714	2,364	810	204	24.0	15,537

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>December - 1962</u>							
Canada -	292,071	179,345	67,627	39,769	5,330	100,146	31,097
Nfld.	14,503	11,365	1,314	1,697	127	8,647	1,014
P.E.I.	3,657	3,091	271	271	24	1,207	171
N.S.	14,016	9,545	2,614	1,668	189	5,242	1,304
N.B.	15,680	11,124	2,567	1,806	183	4,521	1,185
Que.	85,038	50,005	21,684	11,575	1,774	34,168	10,803
Ont.	83,728	48,232	22,340	11,347	1,809	27,147	10,878
Man.	15,771	9,935	3,308	2,300	228	3,715	918
Sask.	10,340	6,753	1,942	1,523	122	3,837	973
Alta.	15,951	9,400	3,925	2,327	299	3,827	1,284
B.C.	33,387	19,895	7,662	5,255	575	7,835	2,567

December - 1961

Canada -	331,514	198,914	80,085	48,154	4,361	87,765	26,483
Nfld.	15,945	12,495	1,329	2,033	88	6,277	751
P.E.I.	4,107	3,300	346	441	20	914	101
N.S.	17,501	11,520	3,778	2,018	185	4,707	944
N.B.	17,641	12,637	2,522	2,256	226	3,815	837
Que.	93,881	54,432	24,009	14,273	1,167	30,223	8,810
Ont.	97,562	54,348	27,693	13,933	1,588	24,547	8,580
Man.	16,277	9,974	3,903	2,246	154	2,699	1,170
Sask.	11,557	7,074	2,613	1,758	112	2,931	838
Alta.	16,679	9,591	4,504	2,360	224	3,810	1,400
B.C.	40,364	23,543	9,388	6,836	597	7,842	3,052

(1) In addition 33,902 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,764 were special requests not granted and 2,193 were appeals by claimants. There were 10,366 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during December 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)	24,653	1,112	172	1,102	1,293	7,173	6,667	1,369	891	1,315	3,559
	1961	35,081	1,515	327	1,471	1,742	10,363	9,911	1,490	1,181	1,596	5,485
Claimants disqualified	1962	30,948	936	155	1,141	1,008	9,458	10,503	1,604	957	1,890	3,296
	1961	28,319	791	175	1,224	1,089	8,912	9,289	1,342	945	1,496	3,056
Not unemployed	1962	1,274	28	27	59	68	340	297	96	158	81	120
	1961	1,298	20	15	47	47	368	331	110	157	91	112
Not capable of and not available for work	1962	10,370	304	44	335	331	2,885	3,814	601	348	635	1,073
	1961	8,856	173	72	342	333	2,741	3,037	443	311	406	998
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1962	191	-	-	1	-	44	28	-	-	3	115
	1961	483	-	-	-	79	136	257	-	-	-	11
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1962	1,463	12	9	63	34	435	604	61	47	86	112
	1961	1,385	8	6	115	34	440	507	54	29	72	120
Discharged for misconduct	1962	1,444	27	2	50	40	460	512	78	38	105	132
	1961	1,467	17	3	54	42	565	498	46	30	76	136
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1962	7,456	228	32	250	217	2,234	2,179	514	260	586	956
	1961	6,514	200	34	245	248	2,164	1,811	357	216	476	763
Other reasons	1962	8,750	337	41	383	318	3,060	3,069	254	106	394	788
	1961	8,316	373	45	421	306	2,498	2,848	332	202	375	916
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during December												
	1962	4,862	194	51	210	312	1,367	1,511	231	139	229	618

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

Province	Average per week	
	1962 - December - 1961	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	316.7	320.2
Newfoundland	10.7	7.2
Prince Edward Island	2.8	1.7
Nova Scotia	16.1	14.0
New Brunswick	16.0	11.8
Quebec	95.8	91.4
Ontario	94.8	105.9
Manitoba	15.2	17.1
Saskatchewan	9.9	11.7
Alberta	18.1	18.8
British Columbia	37.4	40.5

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1962 - December - 1961			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	1,266,735	31,086,589	1,216,603	29,447,393
Nfld.	42,599	1,036,182	27,362	651,515
P.E.I.	11,175	241,007	6,342	133,840
N.S.	64,242	1,438,226	53,304	1,222,566
N.B.	63,938	1,434,028	44,851	972,471
Que.	383,012	9,338,452	347,397	8,280,628
Ont.	379,024	9,316,331	402,489	9,789,182
Man.	60,824	1,524,574	65,008	1,602,108
Sask.	39,793	965,939	44,320	1,089,237
Alta.	72,389	1,847,732	71,535	1,772,277
B.C.	149,739	3,944,118	153,995	3,933,569

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

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

December - 1962

Canada -	1,165,912	100,823	68,681
Newfoundland	39,066	3,533	2,688
Prince Edward Island	10,260	915	676
Nova Scotia	57,262	6,980	5,451
New Brunswick	57,814	6,124	4,370
Quebec	350,935	32,077	20,257
Ontario	351,925	27,099	17,381
Manitoba	56,446	4,378	2,970
Saskatchewan	36,889	2,904	2,030
Alberta	66,549	5,840	3,648
British Columbia	138,766	10,973	9,210

December - 1961

Canada -	1,110,327	106,276	73,622
Newfoundland	24,403	2,959	2,301
Prince Edward Island	5,803	539	416
Nova Scotia	47,255	6,049	4,690
New Brunswick	39,178	5,673	3,918
Quebec	316,540	30,857	19,689
Ontario	367,766	34,723	23,689
Manitoba	59,969	5,039	3,512
Saskatchewan	41,225	3,095	2,080
Alberta	65,709	5,826	3,852
British Columbia	142,479	11,516	9,475

Seasonal Benefit, 1962-63 period

Provisions regulating the operation of seasonal benefit are unchanged from last year. Effective November 19, 1962 to mid-May 1963, claims failing the regular contribution requirements are considered for seasonal benefit. Benefit is not payable under these terms for unemployment occurring before December 3(1). Only one seasonal benefit period may be established by a claimant during this period. As a result, claimants exhausting their rights to seasonal benefit and wishing to be re-considered for benefit during this interval would be tested under the regular provisions. However, since the minimum establishment is 12 weeks, (2) exhaustion will not occur before February 16.

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 March 31, 1962. Total entitlement for claimants qualifying in this class is based entirely on contributions during this period, i.e. since March 31, 1962. The authorization will be 5 full weeks of benefit for every 6 weeks of contribution(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 19, 1962. The authorization 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 26.
- (2) While the minimum entitlement on SBA claims is 13 weeks (SBB, 12 weeks) claims established subsequent to the week ending March 2, 1963 provide entitlement only for the number of weeks remaining between the date of establishment and May 18.
- (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 - December - 1961					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	95,338	76,375	18,963	108,505	86,992	21,513
Nfld.	12,035	11,786	249	10,840	10,520	320
P.E.I.	2,162	1,817	345	2,442	2,051	391
N.S.	6,714	5,818	896	7,162	6,284	878
N.B.	8,048	6,529	1,519	8,659	7,053	1,606
Que.	25,120	20,023	5,097	28,819	22,433	6,386
Ont.	19,916	13,541	6,375	24,493	17,458	7,035
Man.	4,483	3,530	953	4,683	3,875	808
Sask.	2,523	2,099	424	3,242	2,707	535
Alta.	2,976	2,430	546	3,678	3,087	591
B.C.	11,361	8,802	2,559	14,487	11,524	2,963

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

Prov.	1962 - December - 1961					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	19,421	19,335	86	17,079	16,974	105
Nfld.	9,288	9,287	1	6,440	6,436	4
P.E.I.	1,208	1,169	39	1,368	1,319	49
N.S.	2,096	2,095	1	2,057	2,052	5
N.B.	2,497	2,485	12	2,282	2,261	21
Que.	755	753	2	682	681	1
Ont.	298	291	7	301	298	3
Man.	30	30	-	22	22	-
Sask.	2	2	-	2	2	-
Alta.	2	2	-	4	4	-
B.C.	3,245	3,221	24	3,921	3,899	22

Glossary of Terms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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 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.