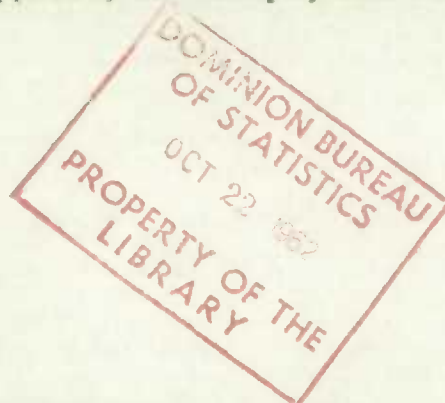




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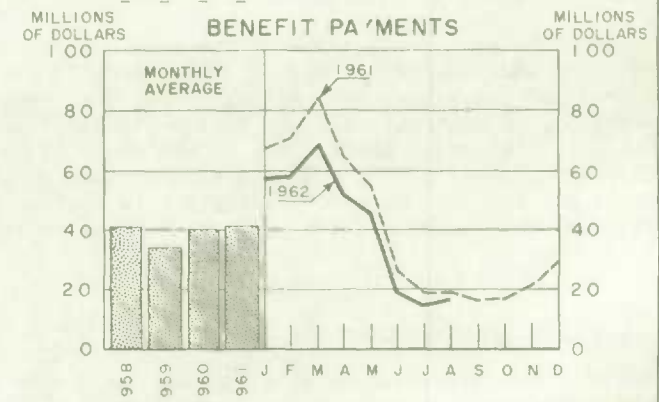
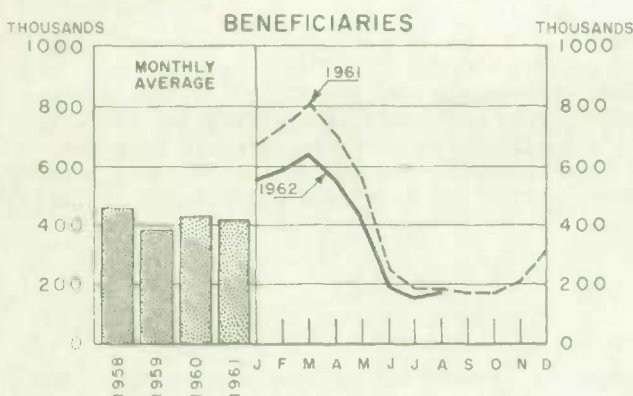
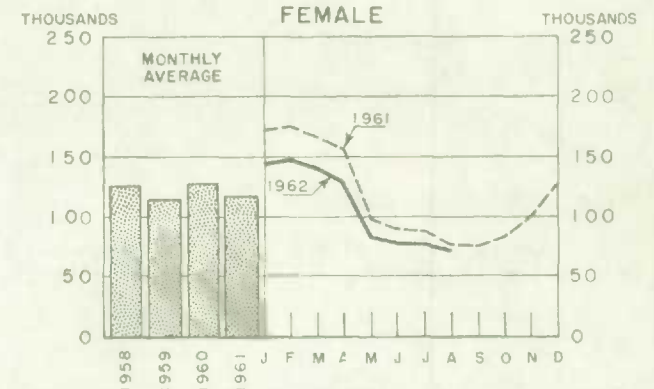
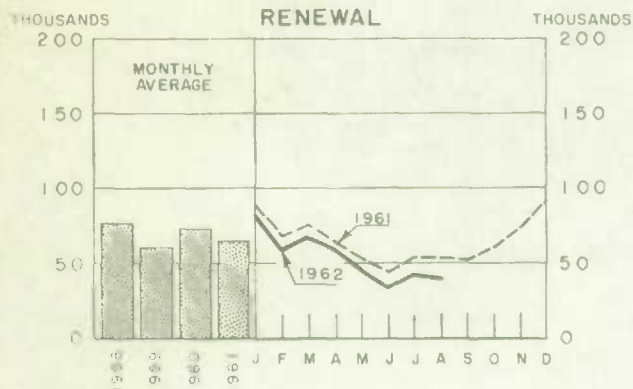
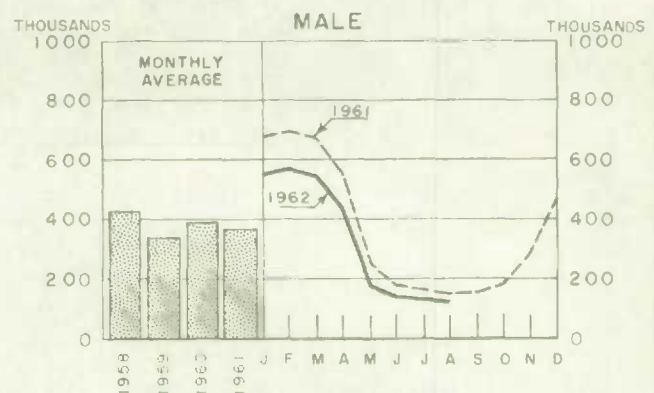
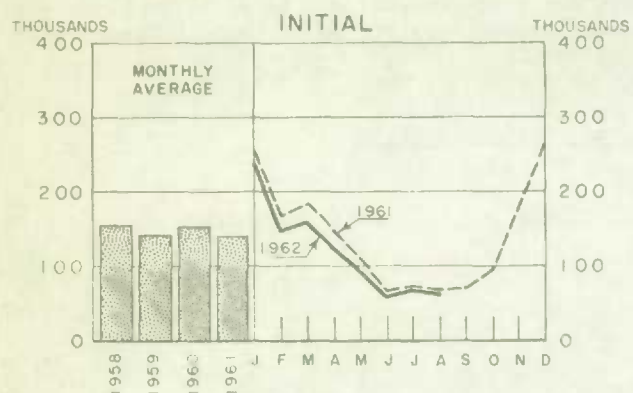
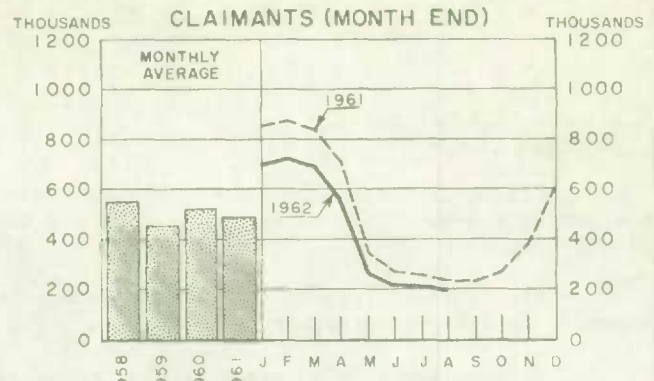
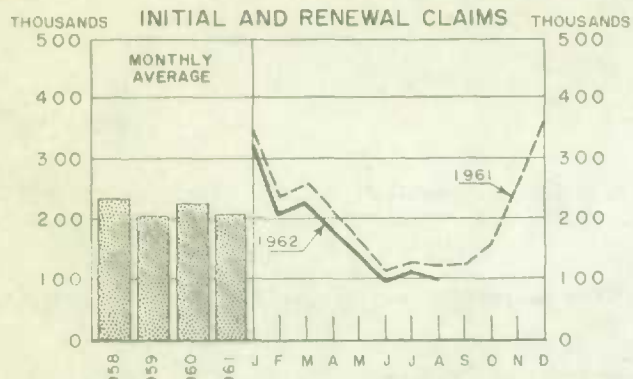
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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

August 1962

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on August 31 numbered 198,700. This represents the lowest aggregate for August since 1956 and is some 30,000 below last August. The count on July 31 was 212,000.

Almost two-thirds of the claimants were men. This proportion was virtually unchanged from the previous month or from August 31 last year.

Seventy per cent of those on continuous claim 4 weeks or less as of August 31 were men, in comparison with 61 per cent of those on continuous claim for a longer period. These proportions tend to vary directly with the claim load, and the gap between them narrows as the claim load rises.

Per cent male among those on continuous claim

	<u>4 weeks or less</u>	<u>5 weeks or more</u>
September 1961	74	61
December 1961	83	71
March 1962	81	79
June 1962	66	62
August 1962	70	61

Initial and renewal claims

During August 98,800 initial and renewal claims were filed. This is 12 per cent less than for July and almost 20 per cent below August 1961.

Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 157,100 for August in comparison with 150,400 for July and 186,600 for August 1961. Benefit payments amounted to \$15.9 million during August, almost 10 per cent more than in July but 15 per cent lower than the payments for August 1961. The increase in payments, in contrast with declines in claims filed and the claimant count, reflects a lag in payment data. These latter are counted in the month in which the duplicate payment vouchers are received in the Treasury offices of the U.I.C. for accounting purposes. The unemployment in respect of which the payments are made may have occurred prior to that particular month. The average weekly payment at \$22.97 was virtually unchanged for the months under review.

Claims and benefit payments, by province

Absolute declines in claimants for Quebec and Ontario taken together were greater than that at the national level but these were offset by increases in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Alberta.

Percentage change in month-end claimant count

	<u>July 31 to</u> <u>August 31, 1962</u>			<u>August 31, 1961 to</u> <u>August 31, 1962</u>			<u>July 31 to</u> <u>August 31, 1961</u>		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 6	- 5	- 9	- 13	- 16	- 9	- 10	- 9	- 12
Nfld.	- 1	- 3	+ 9	+ 10	+ 14	- 3	- 4	- 10	+ 27
P.E.I.	- 9	- 14	- 1	+ 4	+ 5	+ 2	- 12	- 13	- 10
N.S.	+ 7	+ 8	+ 4	- 11	- 14	-	+ 13	+ 16	+ 2
N.B.	+ 7	+ 10	- 2	+ 16	+ 26	- 5	- 8	- 9	- 6
Que.	- 9	- 7	- 12	- 16	- 16	- 15	- 13	- 11	- 16
Ont.	- 10	- 9	- 12	- 12	- 15	- 6	- 16	- 16	- 15
Man.	- 10	- 12	- 6	- 9	- 16	+ 1	- 13	- 15	- 11
Sask.	- 7	- 8	- 6	- 23	- 34	- 8	+ 2	+ 5	- 1
Alta.	+ 2	+ 3	+ 1	+ 1	+ 9	- 10	- 11	- 18	+ 1
B.C.	-	+ 2	- 3	- 29	- 36	- 11	+ 4	+ 8	- 5

The pattern of changes in the claim volume was somewhat similar to that for the month-end claimant count, with Quebec and Ontario accounting for most of the decline. Small absolute declines occurred elsewhere except in Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Alberta, and British Columbia where claims increased.

Percentage change in claims filed

	<u>July to</u> <u>August 1962</u>			<u>August 1961 to</u> <u>August 1962</u>			<u>July to</u> <u>August 1961</u>		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	- 12	- 14	- 9	- 19	- 12	- 26	- 4	- 6	- 2
Nfld.	+ 4	+ 6	+ 2	+ 25	+ 18	+ 36	- 8	-	- 19
P.E.I.	- 30	- 30	- 30	+ 16	+ 44	- 18	- 20	- 34	+ 8
N.S.	+ 12	- 2	+ 34	- 54	- 29	- 67	+ 47	+ 7	+ 83
N.B.	+ 5	+ 1	+ 13	+ 32	+ 31	+ 33	+ 2	+ 3	-
Que.	- 17	- 18	- 15	- 14	- 12	- 17	- 9	- 9	- 8
Ont.	- 22	- 23	- 20	- 19	- 14	- 27	- 15	- 14	- 16
Man.	- 8	- 6	- 11	- 23	- 18	- 30	+ 15	+ 15	+ 16
Sask.	- 4	- 6	+ 1	- 32	- 24	- 45	+ 20	+ 17	+ 25
Alta.	+ 14	+ 12	+ 17	+ 1	- 1	+ 4	+ 5	+ 7	+ 2
B.C.	+ 12	+ 10	+ 14	- 21	- 17	- 27	+ 14	+ 15	+ 13

New cases of insured unemployment during August

Of the 98,800 initial and renewal claims filed during August, 91,800 or 93 per cent represented separations from employment during the month.(1) This represents a 13 per cent decline from the 105,600 claims identified as new cases during July. The new cases, by province, are as follows:

	<u>August</u>	<u>July</u>	<u>Per cent change</u> <u>July to August</u>
Canada	91,800	105,574	- 13
Nfld.	2,005	2,006	-
P.E.I.	251	363	- 31
N.S.	4,153	3,675	+ 13
N.B.	3,663	3,507	+ 4
Que.	25,929	31,070	- 17
Ont.	34,330	45,113	- 24
Man.	2,869	3,098	- 7
Sask.	1,602	1,686	- 5
Alta.	5,059	4,428	+ 14
B.C.	11,939	10,628	+ 12

(1) The remainder were initial claims taken on behalf of persons exhausting benefit and seeking re-establishment of credits.

The industrial classification of persons filing new initial claims during July will not be published. In future, these data will be published in the issue covering the first month in the quarter and will refer to the final month in the preceeding quarter.

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	August 1962	July 1962	August 1961	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				July 1962	August 1961	January to August		12 months ending August	
						1962	1961	1962	1961
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	3,986	3,939	4,075*	..	4,080*
Initial and renewal claims filed	99	112	121	- 12	- 19	1,376	1,570	2,266	2,641
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	199	212	229	- 6	- 13	445*	545*	420*	518*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	157	150	187	+ 4	- 16	409*	515*	346*	437*
Weeks compensated	691	631	821	+ 9	- 16	13,653	17,217	17,171	21,893
Benefit paid	\$ 15,878	14,512	18,866	+ 9	- 16	330,770	410,388	414,353	518,574

Average weekly benefit	\$ 22.97	22.98	22.98	-	-	24.23	23.84	24.13	23.69
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*Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1962 - July	3,986,000	3,774,000	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
August	3,939,000	3,709,700	229,300
July	3,918,000	3,662,700	255,300

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

Prov.	1962 - August - 1961					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	98,752	59,609	39,143	121,174	67,959	53,215
Nfld.	2,276	1,310	966	1,820	1,109	711
P.E.I.	276	190	86	237	132	105
N.S.	4,520	2,426	2,094	9,780	3,408	6,372
N.B.	4,015	2,413	1,602	3,053	1,846	1,207
Que.	27,640	16,640	11,000	32,139	18,867	13,272
Ont.	37,504	23,289	14,215	46,580	26,983	19,597
Man.	3,032	1,972	1,060	3,925	2,416	1,509
Sask.	1,700	1,169	531	2,499	1,529	970
Alta.	5,229	3,035	2,194	5,172	3,058	2,114
B.C.	12,560	7,165	5,395	15,969	8,611	7,358

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 41,901.

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	August 31, 1961 Total claimants
		2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20		
	<u>August 31, 1962</u>									
CANADA -	198,694	61,722	21,413	34,317	21,377	15,406	10,933	33,526	30.1	229,318
MALE	128,234	43,792	14,385	22,398	12,326	8,932	6,522	19,879	31.7	151,855
FEMALE	70,460	17,930	7,028	11,919	9,051	6,474	4,411	13,647	27.3	77,463
Nfld.	5,824	1,387	606	909	594	542	312	1,474	66.1	5,277
Male	4,693	1,228	491	766	447	415	254	1,092	68.4	4,105
Female	1,131	159	115	143	147	127	58	382	56.1	1,172
P.E.I.	744	149	79	187	83	54	49	143	57.9	716
Male	455	88	53	126	52	32	29	75	62.0	434
Female	289	61	26	61	31	22	20	68	51.6	282
N.S.	10,633	2,975	1,017	1,616	1,127	786	821	2,291	37.8	11,934
Male	8,058	2,363	787	1,224	797	560	632	1,695	38.2	9,361
Female	2,575	612	230	392	330	226	189	596	36.7	2,573
N.B.	8,709	2,561	1,018	1,473	903	692	673	1,389	49.9	7,482
Male	6,572	2,137	829	1,080	598	491	531	906	52.4	5,230
Female	2,137	424	189	393	305	201	142	483	42.0	2,252
Que.	57,618	18,644	6,062	9,077	6,905	4,934	3,143	8,853	27.4	68,250
Male	37,797	13,392	4,179	5,808	4,190	2,999	1,916	5,313	28.2	44,911
Female	19,821	5,252	1,883	3,269	2,715	1,935	1,227	3,540	26.0	23,339
Ont.	71,631	21,912	7,933	14,573	7,220	4,982	3,384	11,627	22.6	81,486
Male	44,188	14,905	5,067	9,816	3,726	2,512	1,671	6,491	22.4	52,263
Female	27,443	7,007	2,866	4,757	3,494	2,470	1,713	5,136	23.0	29,223
Man.	7,693	2,214	837	1,391	805	587	410	1,449	21.0	8,471
Male	4,398	1,326	487	712	448	331	209	885	23.1	5,220
Female	3,295	888	350	679	357	256	201	564	18.1	3,251
Sask.	4,164	1,022	408	677	445	375	277	960	40.9	5,395
Male	2,063	582	195	291	205	168	135	487	46.3	3,106
Female	2,101	440	213	386	240	207	142	473	35.6	2,289
Alta.	10,131	3,242	1,201	1,524	1,119	813	674	1,558	62.5	10,072
Male	6,278	2,272	794	860	580	476	420	876	67.5	5,775
Female	3,853	970	407	664	539	337	254	682	54.5	4,297
B.C.	21,547	7,616	2,252	2,890	2,176	1,641	1,190	3,782	26.1	30,235
Male	13,732	5,499	1,503	1,715	1,283	948	725	2,059	28.2	21,450
Female	7,815	2,117	749	1,175	893	693	465	1,723	22.3	8,785

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		

August - 1962

Canada -	106,077	40,595	35,493	24,954	5,035	19,318	9,766
Nfld.	2,337	678	873	635	151	512	259
P.E.I.	292	119	69	91	13	50	23
N.S.	4,565	1,549	1,922	890	204	734	357
N.B.	4,036	1,405	1,493	998	140	713	379
Que.	29,217	10,315	10,093	7,491	1,318	5,489	3,102
Ont.	42,836	18,792	13,052	9,058	1,934	7,905	3,279
Man.	3,381	1,245	989	934	213	473	372
Sask.	1,772	696	465	519	92	332	132
Alta.	5,057	1,673	1,864	1,282	238	1,166	635
B.C.	12,584	4,123	4,673	3,056	732	1,944	1,228

August - 1961

Canada -	125,729	45,155	49,383	26,182	5,009	18,918	11,251
Nfld.	2,154	561	742	694	157	329	151
P.E.I.	261	87	102	58	14	33	19
N.S.	8,831	1,770	6,042	833	186	1,414	471
N.B.	3,085	1,018	1,103	823	141	501	248
Que.	33,662	11,839	12,394	8,026	1,403	5,431	3,176
Ont.	50,693	20,927	18,504	9,362	1,900	7,391	4,292
Man.	3,741	1,368	1,321	868	184	461	370
Sask.	2,462	958	817	588	99	332	268
Alta.	5,213	1,735	1,915	1,349	214	773	600
B.C.	15,627	4,892	6,443	3,581	711	2,253	1,656

(1) In addition 39,959 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,607 were special requests not granted and 2,030 were appeals by claimants. There were 11,842 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during August 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)	13,803	415	42	500	675	4,408	4,691	409	221	630	1,812
	1961	16,153	501	23	456	508	5,174	5,541	483	306	709	2,452
Claimants disqualified	1962	35,194	764	124	1,390	1,080	11,259	11,927	1,253	841	1,672	4,884
	1961	31,589	744	123	1,275	1,066	10,529	11,116	1,125	694	1,450	3,467
Not unemployed	1962	557	33	5	33	30	146	198	26	17	19	50
	1961	646	38	2	38	29	160	228	20	23	36	72
Not capable of and not available for work	1962	9,827	166	40	288	237	3,073	3,590	394	295	528	1,216
	1961	9,290	111	23	291	196	3,088	3,414	417	231	524	995
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1962	547	-	-	5	1	183	203	154	-	-	1
	1961	308	-	-	-	1	103	166	-	14	-	24
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1962	1,724	6	11	77	31	697	591	36	48	84	143
	1961	2,028	17	11	57	21	922	642	71	32	71	184
Discharged for misconduct	1962	1,247	22	10	45	43	443	470	29	17	52	116
	1961	1,239	27	-	42	36	429	467	37	21	72	108
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1962	7,066	112	12	247	197	2,108	2,409	315	166	485	1,015
	1961	6,778	111	32	237	261	2,169	2,119	291	199	479	880
Other reasons	1962	14,226	425	46	695	541	4,609	4,466	299	298	504	2,343
	1961	11,300	440	55	610	522	3,658	4,080	289	174	268	1,204

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

1962	3,391	111	8	106	142	1,594	1,040	44	16	63	267
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1962 - August - 1961	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	157.1	186.6
Newfoundland	4.7	4.2
Prince Edward Island	0.7	0.6
Nova Scotia	8.3	8.3
New Brunswick	7.1	6.2
Quebec	45.5	56.1
Ontario	56.8	68.5
Manitoba	6.7	7.1
Saskatchewan	3.7	4.7
Alberta	7.4	8.3
British Columbia	16.3	22.6

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1962 - August - 1961			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	691,346	15,878,047	820,925	18,865,698
Nfld.	20,817	494,454	18,317	422,270
P.E.I.	3,060	61,673	2,700	53,136
N.S.	36,447	799,405	36,515	802,327
N.B.	31,305	677,508	27,210	583,589
Que.	200,050	4,593,067	246,680	5,549,789
Ont.	249,810	5,735,821	301,483	6,954,305
Man.	29,544	670,663	31,354	704,498
Sask.	16,157	355,913	20,495	444,268
Alta.	32,455	778,984	36,638	852,985
B.C.	71,701	1,710,559	99,533	2,498,531

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

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

August - 1962

Canada -	625,666	65,680	43,402
Newfoundland	18,717	2,100	1,628
Prince Edward Island	2,801	259	195
Nova Scotia	31,618	4,829	3,907
New Brunswick	27,238	4,067	2,841
Quebec	183,091	16,959	10,027
Ontario	224,352	25,458	15,934
Manitoba	27,444	2,100	1,426
Saskatchewan	14,930	1,227	805
Alberta	29,349	3,106	2,179
British Columbia	66,126	5,575	4,460

August - 1961

Canada -	746,420	74,505	49,671
Newfoundland	16,365	1,952	1,426
Prince Edward Island	2,514	186	155
Nova Scotia	31,676	4,839	3,789
New Brunswick	24,032	3,178	2,202
Quebec	227,837	18,843	11,374
Ontario	272,629	28,854	18,825
Manitoba	28,851	2,503	1,764
Saskatchewan	19,008	1,487	998
Alberta	33,393	3,245	2,205
British Columbia	90,115	9,418	6,933

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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