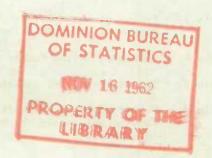




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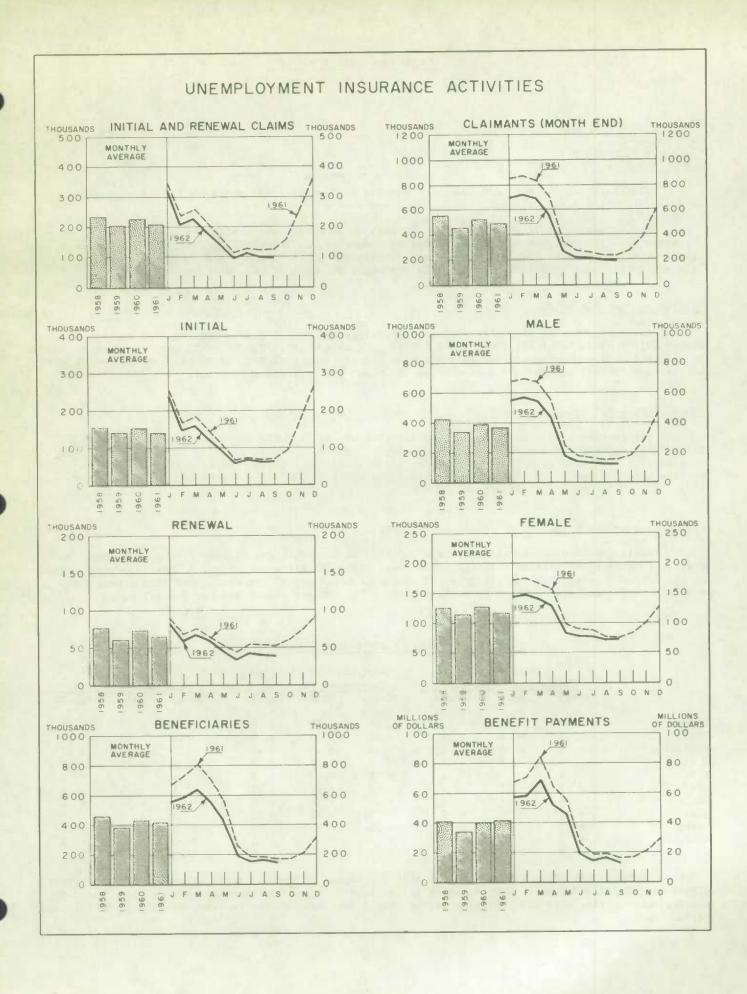
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Glossary of terms ......

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.



#### CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

September 1962

### Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on September 28, at 197,800, were virtually unchanged from the previous month, but 32,000 lower than on September 29, 1961.

Men accounted for about 70 per cent of persons on continuous claim less than 5 weeks as of September 28. This was unchanged from August 31. However, on September 29,1961, they comprised almost three-quarters of this group. The sex composition of the longer term claimants, at 60 per cent male and 40 per cent female, was practically unchanged for each of the dates under review.

#### Initial and renewal claims

During September, 98,300 initial and renewal claims were filed, unchanged from August, but almost 24,000 below the total for September 1961. Of this total, 93,300, or 95 per cent were estimated as separations from employment during the month. During August 91,800, or 93 per cent of the 98,800 initial and renewal claims were estimated as new cases of insured unemployment.

#### Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 142,600 for September in comparison with 157,100 for August, and 173,200 for September 1961. Benefit payments amounted to \$12.7 million for September, in contrast with \$15.9 million for August, and \$16.1 million in September 1961. The average weekly payment was \$23.36 for September, as against \$22,97 for August and \$23.22 for September 1961.

#### Claims by province

Small month-to-month increases were recorded in the month-end claimant count in Quebec, the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia. Elsewhere there was either no change or small declines. While at the national level, the current total of claimants is almost 15 per cent lower than a year ago, substantial increases were shown in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick.

#### Percentage change in month-end claimant count

		August 31 to September 28, 1962			September 29, 1961 to September 28, 1962			August 31 to September 29, 1961		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	
Canada	100,000	- 1	+ 1	- 14	- 18	- 6		+ 1	- 3	
Nfld.	- 1	+ 2	- 11	+ 26	+ 33	+ 3	- 13	- 12	- 16	
P.E.I.	- 3	- 6	+ 1	+ 12	+ 9	+ 16	- 10	- 10	- 11	
N.S.	- 4	- 2	- 12	- 7	- 6	- 10	- 8	- 10	- 2	
N.B.		_	+ 1	+ 16	+ 27	- 7	-	- 1	+ 3	
Que.	+ 5	+ 7	-	- 11	- 11	- 11	- 1	+ 1	- 5	
Ont.	- 9	- 13	- 2	- 24	- 34	- 4	+ 6	+ 11	- 4	
Man.	+ 12	+ 17	+ 7	- 1	- 8	+ 10	+ 3	+ 7	- 2	
Sask.	+ 3	-	+ 5	- 26	- 39	- 9	+ 8	+ 9	+ 6	
Alta.	+ 5	+ 3	+ 10	+ 2	+ 6	- 3	+ 4	+ 5	+ 2	
B.C.	+ 8	+ 7	+ 9	- 13	- 17	- 6	- 11	- 18	+ 4	

The September claim volume exceeded that for August in Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia, but elsewhere it was lower. In Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, the September claims were substantially higher than a year ago but the reverse was true in Ontario and Saskatchewan.

#### Percentage change in claims filed

	August to September 1962		September 19 September		August to September 1961		
	Total	Initial Renewal	Total Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	- 1	+ 2 - 3	- 19 - 13	- 28	+ 1	+ 3	- 2
Nfld.	- 2	+ 9 - 16	+ 31 + 26	+ 41	- 6	+ 2	- 19
P.E.I.	+ 20	+ 8 + 48	+ 39 + 44	+ 32	_	+ 8	- 9
N.S.	- 8	- 2 - 16	- 15 - 10	- 20	- 50	- 22	- 65
N.B.	- 4	- 4 - 4	+ 12 + 16	+ 8	+ 12	+ 8	+ 19
Que.	+ 7	+ 11 + 1	- 10 - 2	- 18	+ 2	+ 1	+ 2
Ont.	- 10	- 11 - 9	- 33 - 24	- 44	+ 9	+ 2	+ 18
Man.	+ 21	+ 24 + 17	- 15 - 11	- 21	+ 10	+ 13	+ 4
Sask.	- 6	- 3 + 18	- 40 - 41	- 36	+ 17	+ 26	+ 1
Alta.	- 10	+ 10 - 7	- 6 - 4	- 10	+ 11	+ 14	+ 7
B.C.	+ 9	+ 12 + 4	- 12 - 13	- 11	- 3	+ 7	- 14

<sup>..</sup> figures not available. - nil.

Summary table

				% Chan	ge from		Cummulative data				
Activity	Sept. Aug. 1962 1962		Sept. 1961	Aug. 1962	Sept. 1961		January to September		12 months ending September		
					1962	1961	1962	1961			
	(	Thousand	s)			(Thou	sands)	(Thou	sands)		
insured population as at month-end		3,945	3,913	* e			4,057*	• •	4,073*		
initial and renewal claims filed	98	99	122	- 1	- 19	1,474	1,692	2,243	2,623		
claimants currently reporting to local offices	198	199	229	-	- 14	417*	510*	418*	514*		
eneficiaries (weekly average)	143	157	173	- 9	- 18	380*	477*	343*	433*		
leeks compensated	542	691	693	- 22	- 22	14,195	17,910	17,020	21,650		
enefit paid \$	12,664	15,878	16,082	- 20	- 21	343,434	426,470	410,935	513,470		

<sup>\*</sup>Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimant	
1962 - August	3,945,000	3,746,300	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	
August	3,939,000	3,709,700	229,300	

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

Prov.	1962 - September - 1961									
Jan III	Total	Initial	Renewa1	Total	Initial	Renewal				
Canada -	98,293	60,512	37,781	121,980	69,836	52,144				
Nfld.	2,232	1,422	810	1,702	1,127	575				
P.E.I.	332	205	127	238	142	96				
N.S.	4,142	2,388	1,754	4,866	2,663	2,203				
N.B.	3,857	2,312	1,545	3,434	1,997	1,437				
Que.	29,530	18,447	11,083	32,647	19,102	13,545				
Ont.	33,712	20,779	12,933	50,571	27,411	23,160				
Man.	3,681	2,437	1,244	4,307	2,737	1,570				
Sask.	1,760	1,131	629	2,912	1,933	979				
Alta.	5,371	3,333	2,038	5,736	3,476	2,260				
B.C.	13,676	8,058	5,618	15,567	9,248	6,319				

<sup>(1)</sup> In addition, revised claims received numbered 38, 477.

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)

			N	umber of	weeks	on claim			Percent-	September 29,
Prov. and Sex	Total	2 or Less	3-4	5-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	Over 20	age Postal	1961 Total claimants
				Septem!	per 28,	1962				
CANADA -	197,799	72,806	21,512	28.269	18,673	13,910	10,357	32,272	29.5	229,197
MALE	126,914	51,173	14,179		10,761	7,750		19,357	30.7	153,887
FEMALE	70,885	21,633	7,333		7,912	6,160		12,915	27.5	75,310
Nfld.	5,783	1,675	647	820	525	371	246	1,499	64.2	4,583
Male	4,774	1,433	539	688	412	282	181	1,239	65.5	3,599
Female	1,009	242	108	132	113	89	65	260.	58.2	984
D P Y	710	233	77	77	104	50	35	142	55.8	641
P.E.I.	718	157	50	40	60	25	21	74	61.4	391
Male Female	427 291	76	27	37	44	25	14	68	47.8	250
	10.100	0.070	1 000	1 606	1 020	607	540	2 220	20 6	10,966
N.S.	10,183	2,970	1,083	1,626	1,030	687	549	2,238	38.6	8,451
Male	7,912	2,435	835	1,253	760	501	399	1,729		
Female	2,271	535	248	373	270	186	150	509	39.5	2,515
N.B.	8,744	2,836	1,024	1,468	863	625	455	1,473	47.4	7,515
Male	6,582	2,334	795	1,165	589	394	304	1,001	49.9	5,194
Female	2,162	502	229	303	274	231	151	472	39.9	2,321
Que.	60,286	22,382	6,551	8,748	5,865	4,684	3,450	8,606	26.6	67,696
Male	40,545	16,517	4,634	5,815	3,567	2,764	2,062	5,186	26.9	45,481
Female	19,741	5,865	1,917	2,933	2,298	1,920	1,388	3,420	26.2	22,215
Ont.	65,210	24,164	6,933	9,165	6,059	4,528	3,321	11,040	22.9	85,990
Male	38,309	15,793	4,184	5,271		2,199	1,605	6,090	22.2	58,071
Female	26,901	8,371	2,749	3,894	2,892	2,329	1,716	4,950	24.0	27,919
Man.	8,647	3,531	774	1,060	807	535	404	1,536	19.1	8,755
Male	5,124	2,216	438	613	436	278	236	907	20.1	5,562
Female	3,523	1,315	336	447	371	257	168	629	17.8	3,193
Sask.	4,277	1,336	409	596	471	306	278	881	39.3	5,806
Male	2,070	705	205	267		125	127	447	43.5	3,376
Female	2,207	631	204	329		181	151	434	35.3	2,430
Alta.	10,678	4,276	1,257	1,508	936	705	545	1,451	58.9	10,442
Male	6,446	2,949	683	830		360	303	833	63.8	6,078
Female	4,232	1,327	574	678		345	242	618	51.4	4,364
B.C.	23,273	9,403	2,757	3,201	2,013	1,419	1,074	3,406	24.0	26,803
Male	14,725	6,634	1,816	1,930		822	584		25.6	17,684
Female	8,548	2,769	941	1,271		597	490		21.2	9,119

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

		Adj	udica	ted		Pen	ding	
Prov.	Total		led to efit		itled to	Initial	Renewal	
	Initial Renewal Initial Renewal							
			Sep	tember - 19	962			
Canada -	96,489	34,944	32,231	24,685	4,629	20,201	10,687	
Nfld.	2,228	758	690	653	127	523	252	
	2,228	758 106	690 103	653 83	127 14	523 66		
P.E.I.							33	
P.E.I. N.S.	306	106	103	83	14	66	33 449	
P.E.I. N.S. N.B. Que.	306 3,971 3,765 28,300	106 1,392 1,358 10,211	103 1,493 1,313 9,550	83 917 942 7,090	14 169 152	66 813	33 449 459	
P.E.I. N.S. N.B. Que. Ont.	306 3,971 3,765	106 1,392 1,358	103 1,493 1,313	83 917 942	14 169 152	66 813 725	33 449 459 3,186	
P.E.I. N.S. N.B. Que. Ont. Man.	306 3,971 3,765 28,300 34,383 3,301	106 1,392 1,358 10,211 13,270 1,152	103 1,493 1,313 9,550 10,871 1,003	83 917 942 7,090 8,569 1,035	14 169 152 1,449	66 813 725 6,635	33 449 459 3,186 3,668	
P.E.I. N.S. N.B. Que. Ont. Man. Sask.	306 3,971 3,765 28,300 34,383 3,301 1,569	106 1,392 1,358 10,211 13,270 1,152 582	103 1,493 1,313 9,550 10,871 1,003 476	83 917 942 7,090 8,569 1,035 433	14 169 152 1,449 1,673 111 78	66 813 725 6,635 6,845 723 448	33 449 459 3,186 3,668 502 207	
Nfld. P.E.I. N.S. N.B. Que. Ont. Man. Sask. Alta.	306 3,971 3,765 28,300 34,383 3,301	106 1,392 1,358 10,211 13,270 1,152	103 1,493 1,313 9,550 10,871 1,003	83 917 942 7,090 8,569 1,035	14 169 152 1,449 1,673	66 813 725 6,635 6,845 723	252 33 449 459 3,186 3,668 502 207 556	

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Canada -	115,995	38,964	45,734	26,826	4,471	22,964	13,190
Nfld.	1,695	544	493	565	93	347	140
P.E.I.	234	77	82	61	14	37	19
N.S.	5,622	2,368	2,093	986	175	723	406
N.B.	3,188	1,086	1,159	837	106	575	420
Que.	31,378	10,582	11,952	7,690	1,154	6,261	3,615
Ont.	45,964	14,897	20,061	9,242	1,764	10,663	5,627
Man.	4,365	1,619	1,406	1,189	151	390	383
Sask.	2,768	1,040	826	748	154	477	267
Alta.	5,725	1,967	2,053	1,456	249	826	558
B.C.	15,056	4,784	5,609	4,052	611	2,665	1,755

<sup>(1)</sup> In addition 39,286 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,273 were special requests not granted and 1,836 were appeals by claimants. There were 11,033 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during September 1962 and 1961 with Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement.

Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement	Year	Canada	Nf1d.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Benefit period not established	1962(1) 1961	14,389 17,334	341 353	47 34	506 618	635 560	4,279 5,226	4,552 5,470	668 751	229 448	816 813	2,316
Claimants disqualified	1962 1961	34,962 33,624	893 570	111 88	1,291 1,057		11,920	12,725 12,618	913 1,006	573 908	1,420 1,784	4,015
Not unemployed	1962 1961	585 5 <b>9</b> 4	73 20	3	27 41	33 22	170 179	152 158	17 33	22 35	21 34	67
Not capable of and not available for work	1962 1961	9,000 8,772	172 132	26 23	278 272	298 201	2,722 2,655	3,445 3,410	323 335	231 261	498 610	1,007
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1962 1961	159 252	-	-	3	1 2	37 89	<b>67</b> 55	8 -	52	42	46
Refused offer of work and neglected opportu- nity to work	1962 1961	1,790 2,297	7 6	17 22	98 91	47 25	687 880	692 892	23 57	27 29	64 105	128 190
Discharged for misconduct	1962 1961	1,170 1,201	36 24	1 7	46 36	40 20	444 432	416 470	18 34	11 19	47 63	111
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1962 1961	6,533 6,862	146 119	27 17	222 248	178 187	1,960 2,137	2,343 2,350	217 306	116 185	377 479	947 834
Other reasons	1962 1961	15,725 13,646	459 269	37 16	620 366	504 246	5,900 5,177	5,610 5,283	307 241	166 327	413 451	1,709

(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during September 1962 2,317 77 6 95 127 765 835 35 15 66 296

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

Province	Average p	er week			
	1962 - September - 1961				
	(in thous	ands)			
Canada -	142.6	173.2			
Newfoundland	4.2	3.5			
Prince Edward Island	0.6	0.6			
Nova Scotia	7.7	9.5			
New Brunswick	6.7	6.0			
Quebec	41.3	51.9			
Ontario	50.3	62.5			
Manitoba	5.9	6.8			
Saskatchewan	3.2	4.3			
Alberta	7.1	7.1			
British Columbia	15.8	20.8			

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

3 1 5 3	1962 - September - 1961							
Prov.	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)				
Canada -	542,054	12,664,177	692,684	16,082,313				
Nfld. P.E.I. N.S. N.B. Que. Ont. Man. Sask. Alta. B.C.	15,865 2,329 29,123 25,419 156,753 191,234 22,238 12,201 26,978 59,914	363,665 47,104 648,812 556,446 3,701,881 4,510,681 494,549 264,086 638,514 1,438,439	13,972 2,499 38,145 24,083 207,632 250,193 27,017 17,244 28,550 83,349	317,605 49,828 889,849 509,759 4,764,191 5,845,200 602,352 374,793 674,941 2,053,795				

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

Province	Complete Weeks	Partial Weeks	
		Total	Due to Excess Earnings
A MARKET BELLEVIEW OF	September -	1962	
Canada -	494,725	47,329	32,946
Newfoundland	13,692	2,173	1,808
Prince Edward Island	2,155	174	127
Nova Scotia	24,892	4,231	3,500
New Brunswick	22,053	3,366	2,471
Quebec	146,752	10,001	4,933
Ontario	174,140	17,094	12,134
Manitoba	20,268	1,970	1,269
Saskatchewan	10,875	1,326	1,023
Alberta	24,826	2,152	1,559
British Columbia	55,072	4,842	4,122
	September -	1961	
Canada -	627,365	65,319	46,202
	the second secon		
Newfoundland	12,148	1,824	1,466
	2,335	164	125
Newfoundland	2,335 32,895	164 5,250	125 3,937
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island	2,335 32,895 20,776	164 5,250 3,307	125 3,937 2,421
Newfoundland Prince Edward Island Nova Scotia	2,335 32,895 20,776 191,117	164 5,250 3,307 16,515	125 3,937 2,421 10,640
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#### 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 B is contingent upon a regular benefit period having terminated since the Saturday following the 15th day of May immediately prior to the claim.

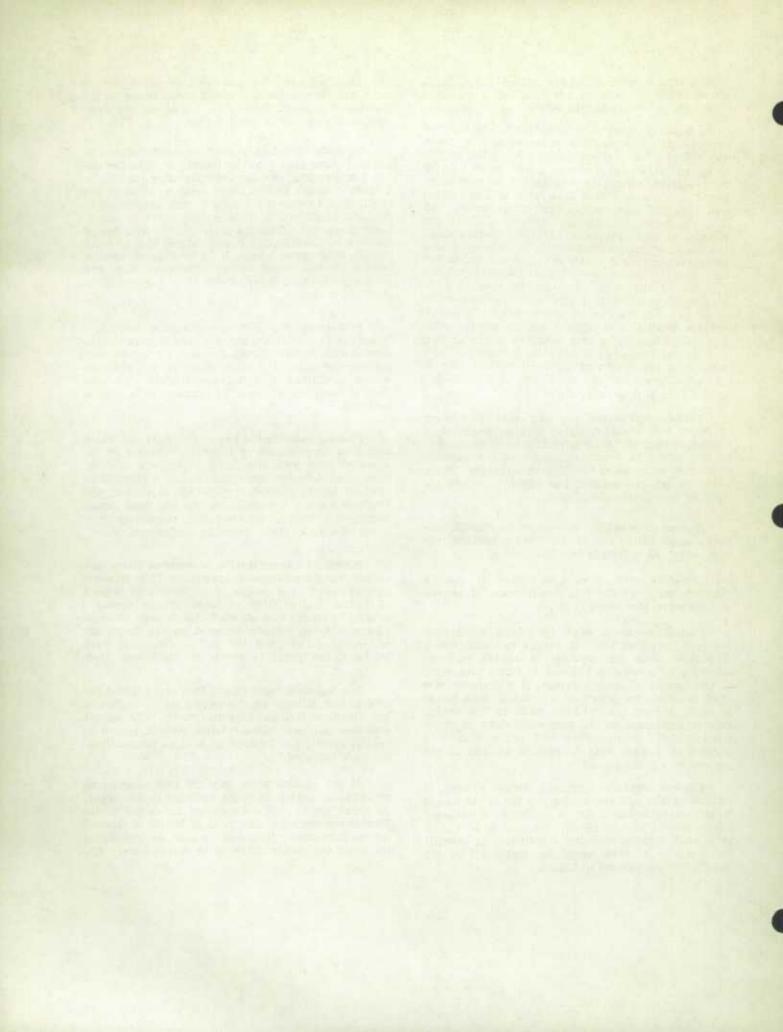
Fishermen: For purposes of regular benefit, a fisherman is a claimant showing five or more fishing contribution weeks during the last 52 weeks. For purposes of seasonal benefit, however, any claimant whose qualifying contributions include even one fishing contribution week is classed as a fishing claimant.

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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