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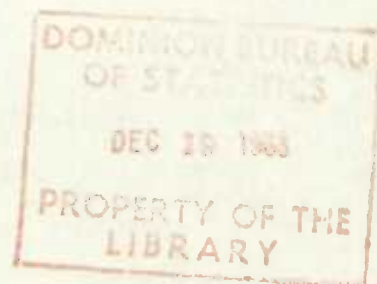
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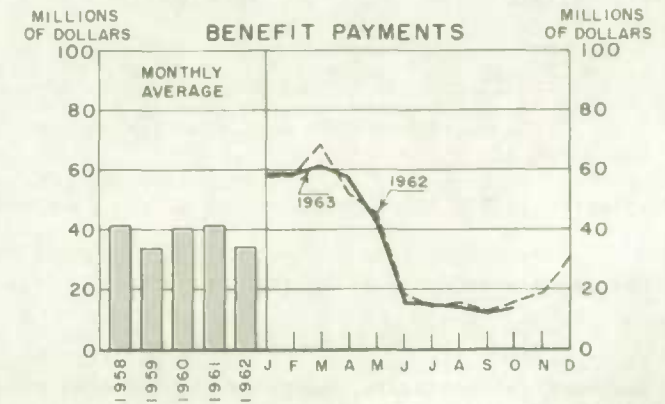
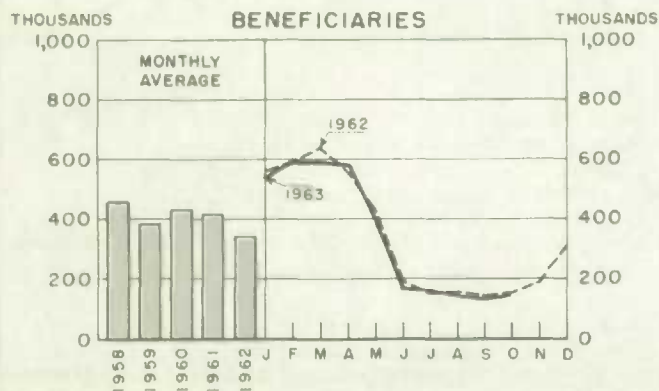
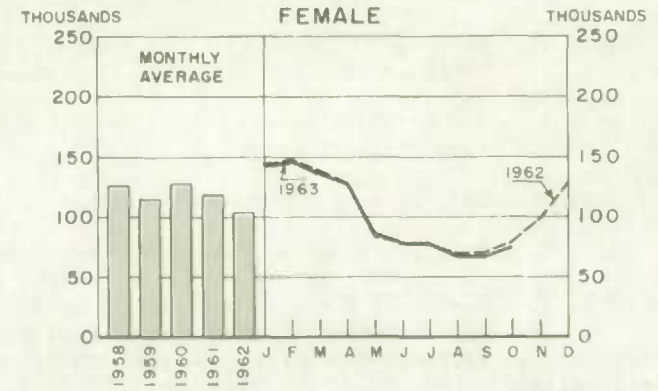
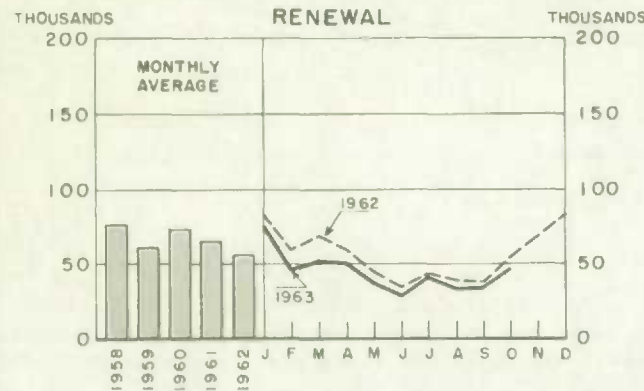
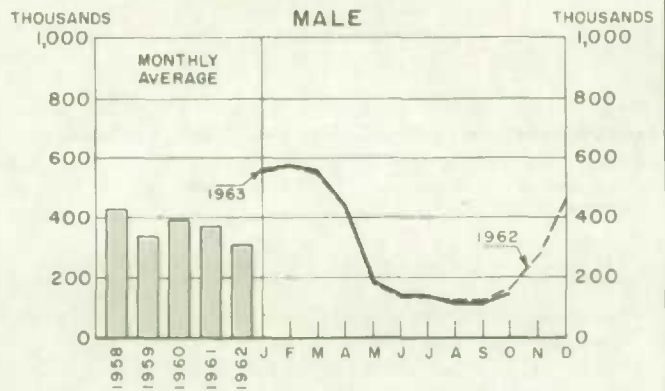
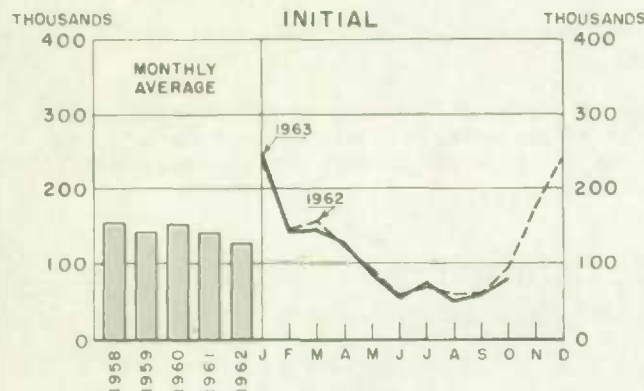
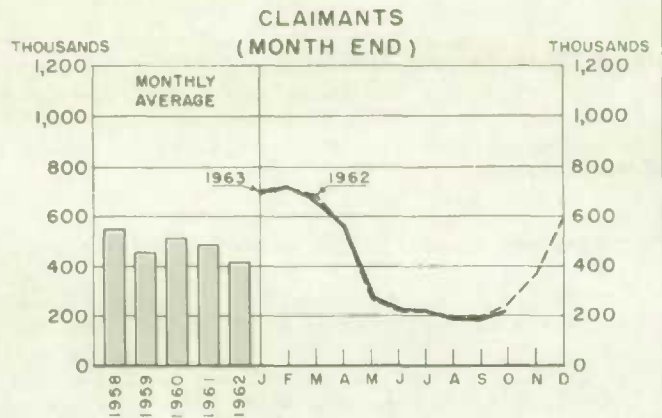
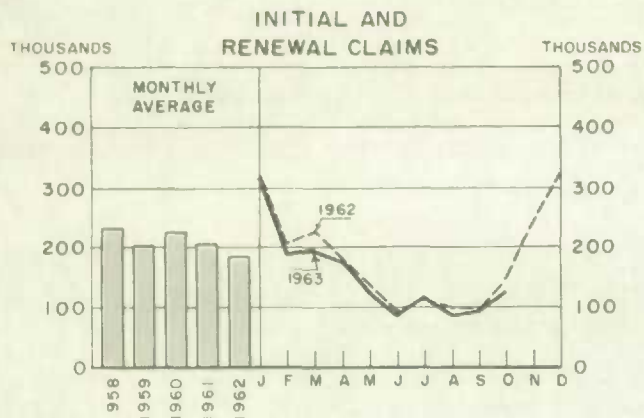
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1962 and 1961 are included in the January 1963 issue in this series.

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

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

OCTOBER 1963

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit increased to 218,900 on October 31 from 186,300 on September 30. The end-of-October total is, however, some 25,000 below the figure of 244,100 recorded on October 31, 1962. Males accounted for most of the variation from either the previous month or last year.

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
September to October increase in claimant count	32,605	26,529	6,076
Per cent	100	81	19
October 31, 1962 to October 31, 1963 decline in claimant count	25,274	21,763	3,511
Per cent	100	86	14

The month-to-month increment in the male segment of the claimant group is reflected in the relatively heavier proportion of males, between 55 and 60 per cent, on continuous claim less than 5 weeks, in comparison with 42 per cent for females. The distribution through the various duration categories, September 30 and October 31 is as follows:

<u>Continuous weeks on claim</u>					
	<u>Total</u>	<u>1 - 4</u>	<u>5 - 13</u>	<u>14 - 26</u>	<u>27 or more</u>
October 31, 1963:					
Total	100	52	26	13	9
Male	100	57	24	11	8
Female	100	42	30	18	10
September 30, 1963:					
Total	100	46	27	16	11
Male	100	50	26	14	10
Female	100	40	29	19	12

Initial and renewal claims

A total of 126,200 initial and renewal claims were filed in local offices across Canada during October, an increase of some 33,000 over the September total of 92,900. One year ago, 150,400 claims were filed.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 148,800 for October, 133,000 for September and 152,900 for October 1962. Benefit payments amounted to \$14.0 million in October, \$12.5 million for September and \$15.8 million for October, 1962. The average weekly payment declined slightly to \$23.51 in October from \$23.54 in September. For October 1962 it was \$23.42.

Claims by province

All provinces shared in the September to October increase in the month-end claimant count, the largest relative increase (close to 45 per cent) occurring in Newfoundland. Male claimants in Newfoundland and Saskatchewan were up by more than 50 per cent. Year-over-year declines were evident in all provinces. The largest were in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, where the number of recorded claimants was lower by more than 25 per cent.

Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	September 30 to October 31, 1963			October 31, 1962 to October 31, 1963			September 28 to October 31, 1962		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	+ 18	+ 23	+ 9	- 10	- 13	- 4	+ 23	+ 30	+ 11
Nfld.	+ 43	+ 56	+ 4	- 4	- 8	+ 21	+ 5	+ 10	- 18
P.E.I.	+ 10	+ 18	- 1	- 12	- 18	-	+ 23	+ 39	- 1
N.S.	+ 14	+ 17	+ 6	- 23	- 28	- 4	+ 23	+ 24	+ 20
N.B.	+ 17	+ 19	+ 12	- 14	- 22	+ 11	+ 17	+ 21	+ 5
Que.	+ 15	+ 18	+ 9	- 5	- 7	- 1	+ 22	+ 26	+ 13
Ont.	+ 11	+ 14	+ 6	- 12	- 15	- 5	+ 21	+ 30	+ 8
Man.	+ 20	+ 30	+ 9	- 30	- 36	- 19	+ 31	+ 39	+ 19
Sask.	+ 24	+ 51	+ 2	- 28	- 35	- 17	+ 39	+ 74	+ 6
Alta.	+ 32	+ 47	+ 10	- 3	+ 1	- 10	+ 28	+ 37	+ 15
B.C.	+ 32	+ 41	+ 17	- 8	- 9	- 5	+ 34	+ 44	+ 17

Examination of the claims filed series reveals somewhat similar movements to those observed in the claimant count. The main difference between the two series is in degree, the month-to-month and year-over-year variations in the claims filed being substantially greater than those for the claimants. This occurs because, first of all, some persons who file a claim early in the month never return to prove a period of unemployment. Then too, a portion of the claims filed during the month are by persons exhausting benefit and seeking re-establishment of benefit rights; such cases would not represent any change in the month-end claimant count. Again, claimants may cease reporting during a month because they have found work, or have exhausted benefit and cannot re-qualify immediately.

Percentage changes in claims filed

	September to October 1963			October 1962 to October 1963			September to October 1962		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 36	+ 38	+ 33	- 16	- 17	- 15	+ 53	+ 58	+ 45
Nfld.	+ 74	+ 80	+ 64	- 12	- 9	- 20	+ 62	+ 64	+ 58
P.E.I.	+ 34	+ 47	+ 11	- 13	- 9	- 22	+ 34	+ 43	+ 20
N.S.	+ 37	+ 38	+ 35	- 28	- 28	- 28	+ 54	+ 68	+ 35
N.B.	+ 28	+ 37	+ 14	- 24	- 22	- 28	+ 51	+ 59	+ 40
Que.	+ 34	+ 35	+ 33	- 11	- 11	- 9	+ 50	+ 50	+ 50
Ont.	+ 23	+ 26	+ 19	- 18	- 20	- 16	+ 51	+ 57	+ 42
Man.	+ 64	+ 58	+ 77	- 24	- 20	- 32	+ 63	+ 57	+ 75
Sask.	+ 64	+ 67	+ 55	- 38	- 35	- 44	+ 106	+ 128	+ 66
Alta.	+ 52	+ 54	+ 48	- 11	- 12	- 9	+ 65	+ 74	+ 51
B.C.	+ 57	+ 55	+ 59	- 13	- 13	- 13	+ 49	+ 58	+ 37

Industrial Classification of Persons Filing Initial(1)
Claims for Unemployment Insurance during September 1963

Initial claims filed by persons separating from employment during September numbered 52,800, comprising more than 90 per cent of initial claims filed. New initial claims during September 1962 totalled 55,500.

The most notable variation in the industrial composition of the current claim load, in comparison with one year ago, is a sizeable increase in the proportion of claims from manufacturing, i.e. 36 per cent this year, versus 30 per cent one year ago. Most of the year-over-year increase occurred in Ontario where claims from manufacturing are 40 per cent higher than in September last year. The increases are mainly concentrated in durable goods manufacturing.

(1) Initial claims taken on behalf of persons exhausting benefit and seeking re-establishment of credits are excluded. Excluded also are persons separating from employment and filing renewal claims.

Percentage distribution of claims(1) by Industry and Province
September 1963 and 1962

<u>Industry Group</u>		<u>Canada</u>	<u>Nfld.</u>	<u>P.E.I.</u>	<u>N.S.</u>	<u>N.B.</u>	<u>Que.</u>	<u>Ont.</u>	<u>Man.</u>	<u>Sask.</u>	<u>Alta.</u>	<u>B.C.</u>
Total new cases ('000)	1963	52.8	1.0	(2)	1.9	1.8	16.5	19.0	1.8	0.9	3.2	6.6
	1962	55.5	1.2	(2)	2.0	2.0	16.8	19.2	2.3	1.1	3.2	7.6
Per cent distribution												
Forestry (mainly logging)	1963	2	2	-	3	6	2	1	-	1	(3)	4
	1962	3	5	-	3	5	4	1	1	-	2	7
Fishing(4) and trapping	1963	1	3	-	3	5	-	-	-	-	(3)	1
	1962	(3)	1	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mining	1963	1	6	-	5	1	1	1	2	2	6	1
	1962	2	2	-	3	2	1	2	2	3	7	2
Manufacturing	1963	36	24	9	25	25	37	46	21	13	23	29
	1962	30	21	6	25	23	37	33	21	12	14	24
Construction	1963	14	18	22	13	12	16	11	10	8	16	15
	1962	14	16	13	15	14	16	12	10	10	15	16
Transp., commun., and other util.	1963	6	11	20	7	12	5	4	11	7	5	8
	1962	8	16	23	9	15	5	7	13	9	7	10
Trade	1963	15	21	16	21	19	14	13	22	29	19	15
	1962	18	15	22	21	18	16	19	19	26	20	13
Service	1963	17	7	16	12	13	16	17	21	29	18	18
	1962	15	9	13	10	9	13	15	21	23	20	17
Public admin. and defence	1963	4	7	11	6	5	4	2	11	6	8	4
	1962	6	14	18	9	10	4	5	8	10	9	4
Other	1963	6	(3)	6	5	2	6	6	3	7	5	5
	1962	5	1	4	3	4	4	6	6	8	6	6
Total cases	1963	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	1962	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

(1) Initial claims taken on behalf of persons exhausting benefit and seeking re-establishment of credits are excluded. Excluded also are persons separating from employment and filing renewal claims.

(2) Less than 500.

(3) Less than 1/2 of 1 per cent.

(4) Persons whose reported occupation under covered employment was "fisherman" were coded to the fishing industry even though the nature of business of the most recent employer was other than fishing. This differs from the general coding practice of assigning a single code on the basis of the principal activity of the employer. However, fishermen report themselves usually as self-employed.

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	Oct. 1963	Sept. 1963	Oct. 1962	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Sept. 1963	Oct. 1962	January to October		12 months ending October	
						1963	1962	1963	1962
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,028	4,009	4,061*	..	4,065*
Initial and renewal claims filed	126	93	150	+ 36	- 16	1,503	1,625	2,071	2,235
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	219	186	244	+ 18	- 10	398*	400*	412*	416*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	149	133	153	+ 12	- 3	343*	357*	328*	342*
Weeks compensated	595	532	673	+ 12	- 12	14,302	14,867	16,363	16,965
Benefit paid	\$ 13,989	12,528	15,754	+ 12	- 11	349,336	359,187	399,356	409,573

Average weekly benefit	\$ 23.51	23.54	23.42	-	-	24.43	24.16	24.41	24.14
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* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1963 - September	4,028,000	3,841,700	186,300
August	4,125,000	3,932,500	192,500
July	4,078,000	3,859,000	219,000
June	4,068,000	3,847,700	220,300
May	3,996,000	3,725,100	270,900
April	4,173,000	3,607,100	565,900
March	4,242,000	3,556,700	685,300
February	4,264,000	3,543,500	720,500
January	4,259,000	3,555,900	703,100
1962 - December	4,223,000	3,631,000	592,000
November	4,110,000	3,735,800	374,200
October	4,009,000	3,764,900	244,100
September	3,998,000	3,800,200	197,800

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

Province	1963 - October - 1962					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	126,219	79,690	46,529	150,444	95,524	54,920
Nfld.	3,159	2,130	1,029	3,610	2,328	1,282
P.E.I.	387	268	119	445	293	152
N.S.	4,608	2,909	1,699	6,389	4,020	2,369
N.B.	4,435	2,880	1,555	5,832	3,669	2,163
Que.	39,663	24,584	15,079	44,318	27,681	16,637
Ont.	41,544	26,096	15,448	50,915	32,609	18,306
Man.	4,531	3,053	1,478	6,001	3,830	2,171
Sask.	2,261	1,673	588	3,623	2,577	1,046
Alta.	7,895	5,102	2,793	8,881	5,809	3,072
B.C.	17,736	10,995	6,741	20,430	12,708	7,722

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 34,035.

Table 3. - Claimants Currently Reporting to Local Offices by Number of Weeks on Claim, Province and Sex.

(Counted on last working day of the month)

Province and Sex	Total claimants	Number of weeks on claim (based on 20 per cent sample)				Total claimants
		1-4	5-13	14-26	27 or more(1)	
		October 31, 1963				October 31, 1962
CANADA -	218,866	112,809	57,756	29,394	18,907	244,140
MALE	143,553	81,164	34,972	16,100	11,317	165,316
FEMALE	75,313	31,645	22,784	13,294	7,590	78,824
Nfld.	5,809	3,064	1,491	798	456	6,063
Male	4,803	2,674	1,228	592	309	5,232
Female	1,006	390	263	206	147	831
P.E.I.	774	341	223	121	89	880
Male	487	263	90	69	65	593
Female	287	78	133	52	24	287
N.S.	9,662	4,224	2,791	1,647	1,000	12,526
Male	7,045	3,338	1,902	1,113	692	9,812
Female	2,617	886	889	534	308	2,714
N.B.	8,768	4,357	2,328	1,323	760	10,242
Male	6,244	3,221	1,547	953	523	7,969
Female	2,524	1,136	781	370	237	2,273
Que.	69,817	35,739	19,105	9,304	5,669	73,359
Male	47,685	26,548	12,525	5,194	3,418	51,038
Female	22,132	9,191	6,580	4,110	2,251	22,321
Ont.	69,843	35,321	18,326	9,467	6,729	78,959
Male	42,324	23,820	9,995	4,683	3,826	49,967
Female	27,519	11,501	8,331	4,784	2,903	28,992
Man.	7,928	4,197	1,775	1,128	828	11,314
Male	4,554	2,377	967	650	560	7,129
Female	3,374	1,820	808	478	268	4,185
Sask.	4,276	2,024	1,278	646	328	5,941
Male	2,345	1,271	601	288	185	3,603
Female	1,931	753	677	358	143	2,338
Alta.	13,290	7,051	3,536	1,789	914	13,676
Male	8,891	5,347	2,059	903	582	8,804
Female	4,399	1,704	1,477	886	332	4,872
B.C.	28,699	16,491	6,903	3,171	2,134	31,180
Male	19,175	12,305	4,058	1,655	1,157	21,169
Female	9,524	4,186	2,845	1,516	977	10,011

(1) The bulk of the cases in this group were on claim from 27-39 weeks.

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, by Province.(1)

Province	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		

October - 1963

Canada -	117,375	42,835	37,720	30,950	5,870	27,210	14,311
Nfld.	2,836	1,001	852	868	115	847	297
P.E.I.	308	126	89	80	13	121	40
N.S.	4,290	1,513	1,384	1,173	220	974	497
N.B.	3,947	1,453	1,242	1,076	176	989	530
Que.	36,923	13,536	12,436	9,248	1,703	8,956	4,580
Ont.	39,792	14,761	12,705	10,203	2,123	8,717	4,772
Man.	4,052	1,434	1,094	1,321	203	941	435
Sask.	1,999	755	428	694	122	580	185
Alta.	7,364	2,773	2,229	1,968	394	1,769	972
B.C.	15,864	5,483	5,261	4,319	801	3,316	2,003

October - 1962

Canada -	131,265	49,066	42,824	33,649	5,726	33,010	17,057
Nfld.	3,035	1,080	955	878	122	893	457
P.E.I.	394	163	130	88	13	108	42
N.S.	5,640	2,198	1,941	1,313	188	1,322	689
N.B.	5,048	1,955	1,710	1,174	209	1,265	703
Que.	38,930	15,324	12,879	8,972	1,755	10,020	5,189
Ont.	45,523	17,188	14,517	11,798	2,020	10,468	5,437
Man.	5,412	1,859	1,861	1,477	215	1,217	597
Sask.	2,900	1,106	793	898	103	1,021	357
Alta.	6,439	2,298	1,980	1,898	263	2,919	1,385
B.C.	17,944	5,895	6,058	5,153	838	3,777	2,201

(1) In addition 35,012 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,089 were special requests not granted and 2,553 were appeals by claimants. There were 7,209 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during October 1963 and 1962 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	1963(1)	18,727	564	50	678	751	5,907	5,803	765	357	1,063	2,789
	1962	22,041	618	61	863	855	5,944	7,168	1,007	587	1,167	3,771
Claimants disqualified	1963	33,042	798	89	1,160	853	10,382	11,911	1,286	852	2,205	3,506
	1962	36,555	732	146	1,142	981	11,237	14,964	1,059	723	1,856	3,715
Not unemployed	1963	619	80	2	47	21	175	124	47	30	49	44
	1962	808	43	7	43	45	191	187	29	50	46	167
Not capable of and not available for work	1963	10,089	187	32	324	239	2,798	3,866	499	378	705	1,061
	1962	9,823	185	46	305	298	2,709	3,866	444	302	636	1,032
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1963	238	-	-	5	13	133	49	4	-	15	19
	1962	141	-	-	1	1	77	26	2	-	-	34
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1963	1,580	13	10	73	19	515	676	49	42	62	121
	1962	1,747	6	34	112	41	572	686	42	62	69	123
Discharged for misconduct	1963	1,558	34	4	45	45	619	500	40	19	84	168
	1962	1,274	24	2	45	43	429	477	35	12	76	131
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1963	8,059	187	15	340	250	2,224	2,762	309	170	595	1,207
	1962	7,393	130	16	277	230	1,972	2,730	301	175	444	1,118
Other reasons	1963	10,899	297	26	326	266	3,918	3,934	338	213	695	886
	1962	15,369	344	41	359	323	5,287	6,992	206	122	585	1,110
(1) Previously failed on initial claim but subsequently established on revised claim during October	1963	2,016	67	8	65	109	687	656	59	34	56	275

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

Province	Average per week	
	1963 - October - 1962	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	148.8	152.9
Newfoundland	3.7	4.3
Prince Edward Island	0.6	0.6
Nova Scotia	6.6	8.4
New Brunswick	6.0	6.7
Quebec	48.8	45.7
Ontario	50.0	51.3
Manitoba	5.3	6.1
Saskatchewan	2.9	3.5
Alberta	7.9	7.6
British Columbia	16.9	18.8

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province	1963 - October - 1962			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	595,019	13,989,450	672,646	15,753,741
Nfld.	14,749	328,072	18,869	430,840
P.E.I.	2,483	48,499	2,762	57,714
N.S.	26,405	562,310	36,873	832,660
N.B.	23,881	513,468	29,361	644,427
Que.	195,242	4,641,072	201,187	4,748,126
Ont.	200,192	4,727,434	225,508	5,261,250
Man.	21,298	483,255	26,892	619,286
Sask.	11,628	254,793	15,223	332,970
Alta.	31,711	774,241	33,452	800,286
B.C.	67,430	1,656,306	82,519	2,026,182

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

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

October - 1963

Canada -	539,179	55,840	39,929
Newfoundland	12,641	2,108	1,754
Prince Edward Island	2,276	207	159
Nova Scotia	22,164	4,241	3,618
New Brunswick	20,338	3,543	2,844
Quebec	177,939	17,303	11,273
Ontario	182,628	17,564	12,423
Manitoba	19,589	1,709	1,259
Saskatchewan	10,738	890	623
Alberta	28,802	2,909	2,071
British Columbia	62,064	5,366	3,905

October - 1962

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

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. Estimates are based on a 10 per cent sample and hence are subject to sampling variability.

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 a 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 contribution history for the two years preceding the claim is examined. This is required in order to test attachment to insured employment and thus determine the type of benefit for which the claimant is eligible, if at all. In cases of eligibility, the record of the qualifying period 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: An approximation of 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, the total overstates 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. However, it excludes initial claims classed as transitional, i.e., those taken on behalf of persons terminating one benefit period and seeking re-establishment of credits, since such claims are not new cases of separation from employment.

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.

Geographical classification: The provinces as defined in this bulletin are administrative entities. Hence, Ontario excludes Sioux Lookout for which data are included with Manitoba; British Columbia includes Whitehorse; Quebec excludes Magdalen Islands for which data are included in New Brunswick.

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