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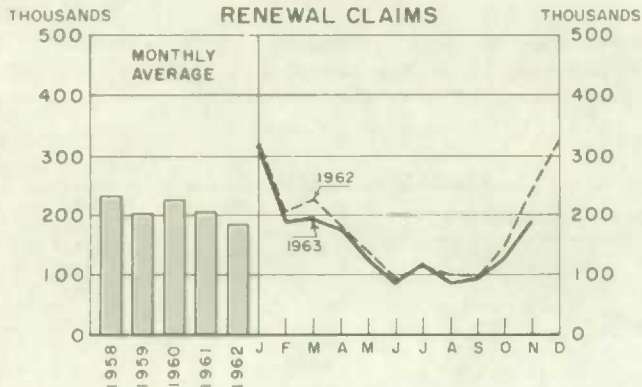
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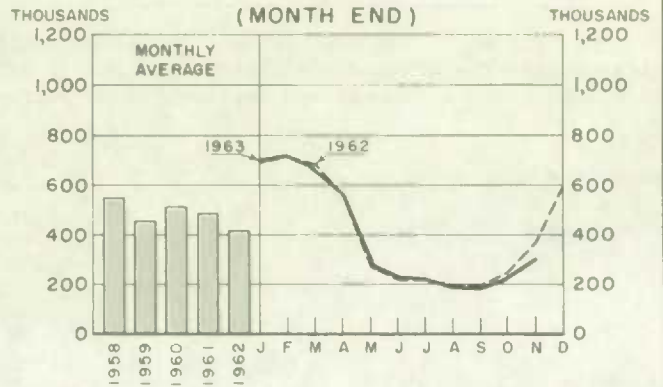
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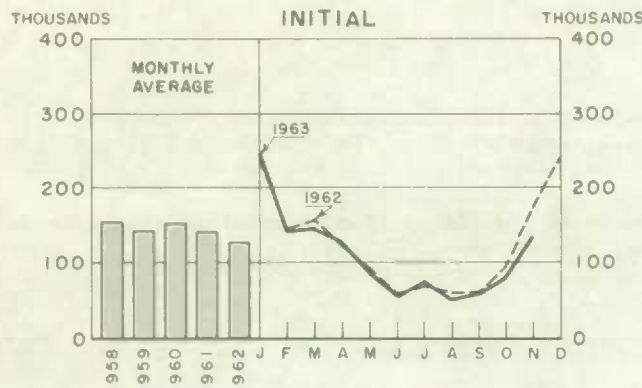
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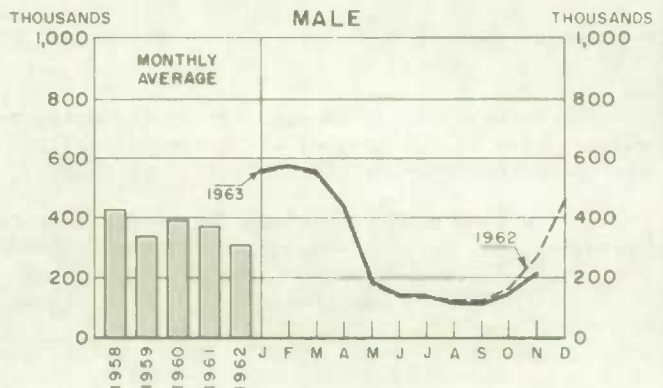
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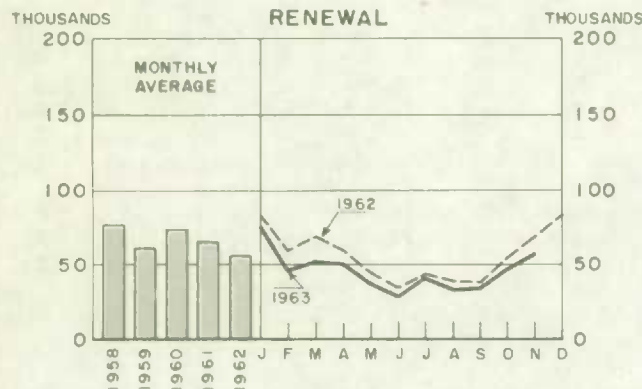
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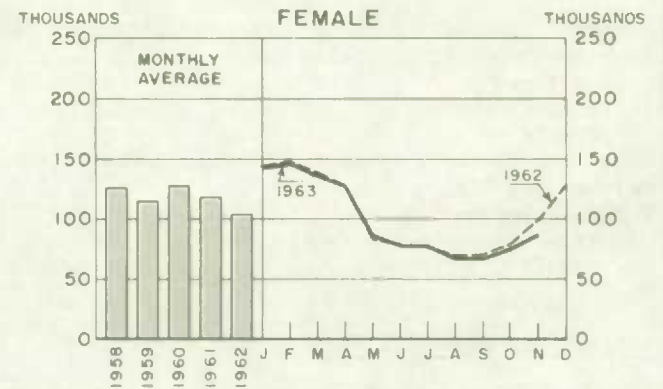
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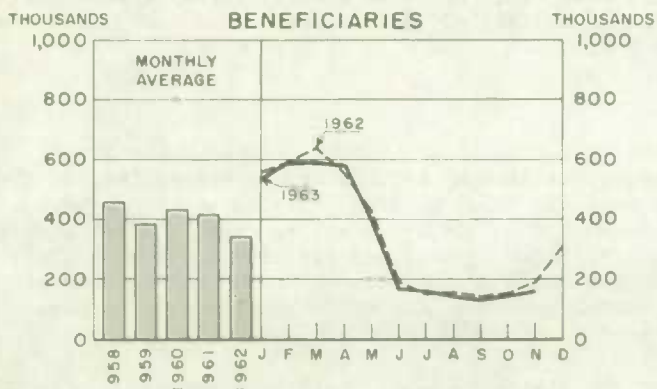
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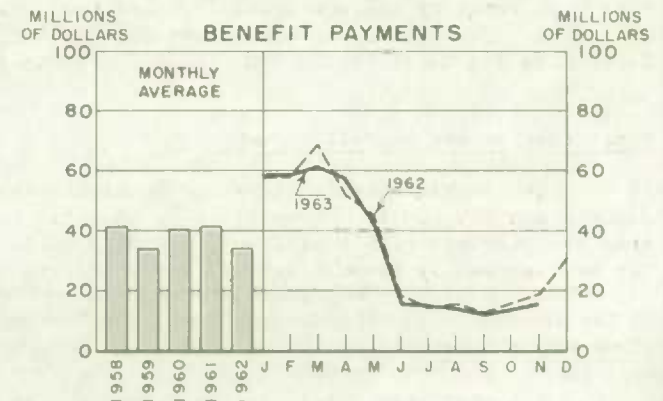
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## BENEFICIARIES



## BENEFIT PAYMENTS



## CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

NOVEMBER 1963

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

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 303,400 on November 29, 40 per cent higher than the total of 218,900 on October 31 but 20 per cent below the November 30, 1962 figure of 374,200. Month-to-month and year-over-year percentage changes, by sex, are as follows:

	Percentage changes		
	October-to-November		November 1962 to November 1963
	1963	1962	
Both sexes	+ 39	+ 53	- 19
Males	+ 51	+ 66	- 21
Females	+ 15	+ 26	- 13

Between 85 and 90 per cent of the October-to-November increment was accounted for by males, who comprise 72 per cent of the current total, in comparison with 66 per cent on October 31 and 74 per cent on November 30, 1962.

Persons coming on claim during the month made up 60 per cent of the November 29 total, as against 52 per cent on October 31. These proportions, by sex, are as follows:

	Number of weeks on claim				
	Total	1-4	5-13	14-26	27 or over
	Per cent				
November 29, 1963					
Both sexes	100	60	24	10	6
Male	100	66	21	8	5
Female	100	46	30	16	8
October 31, 1963					
Both sexes	100	52	26	13	9
Male	100	57	24	11	8
Female	100	42	30	18	10

### Initial and renewal claims

A total of 189,400 initial and renewal claims were filed at local offices across Canada during the month. This is 50 per cent above the October volume of 126,200, but is between 20 and 25 per cent fewer than the total of 243,600 claims for November 1962.

### Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 161,200 for November, 148,800 for October and 189,000 for November 1962. Benefit payments, at \$15.5 million, were 20 per cent lower than one year ago (\$18.9 million), but were up 10 per cent from the \$14.0 million paid out in October. The average weekly payment was \$23.98 for November, \$23.51 for October and \$23.85 for November 1962.

### Claims by Province

All provinces shared in the November rise in the claimant count. Half this increment occurred in the two central provinces of Quebec and Ontario; however, the percentage increases elsewhere were substantially above those for the two central provinces.



Percentage changes in the month-end claimant count

	October 31 to November 29, 1963			November 30, 1962 to November 29, 1963			October 31 to November 30, 1962		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	+ 39	+ 51	+ 15	- 19	- 21	- 13	+ 53	+ 66	+ 26
Nfld.	+ 109	+ 123	+ 45	- 13	- 16	+ 11	+ 131	+ 143	+ 58
P.E.I.	+ 140	+ 183	+ 67	- 26	- 28	- 19	+ 185	+ 223	+ 106
N.S.	+ 48	+ 59	+ 19	- 26	- 30	- 6	+ 54	+ 63	+ 22
N.B.	+ 54	+ 60	+ 40	- 25	- 30	- 5	+ 76	+ 79	+ 64
Que.	+ 31	+ 38	+ 14	- 18	- 20	- 14	+ 52	+ 61	+ 32
Ont.	+ 28	+ 39	+ 12	- 18	- 21	- 13	+ 39	+ 49	+ 22
Man.	+ 55	+ 99	- 5	- 34	- 36	- 29	+ 65	+ 99	+ 8
Sask.	+ 90	+ 157	+ 8	- 30	- 32	- 26	+ 96	+ 145	+ 21
Alta.	+ 59	+ 73	+ 31	- 5	- 6	- 3	+ 64	+ 87	+ 21
B.C.	+ 36	+ 47	+ 12	- 16	- 17	- 13	+ 49	+ 61	+ 23

Variations in the rate of monthly increase, as between this year and last, are revealed in columns 1-3 and 7-9. Percentages are smaller this year except for Manitoba and Saskatchewan males and Alberta females.

The November claim load was substantially higher than October in all provinces.

Percentage changes in claims filed

	October to November 1963			November 1962 to November 1963			October to November 1962		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 50	+ 66	+ 22	- 22	- 25	- 16	+ 62	+ 84	+ 24
Nfld.	+ 146	+ 204	+ 25	- 19	- 18	- 26	+ 166	+ 238	+ 35
P.E.I.	+ 253*	+ 337*	+ 64	- 31	- 30	- 40	+ 347*	+ 468*	+ 114
N.S.	+ 84	+ 115	+ 30	- 22	- 23	- 21	+ 70	+ 102	+ 17
N.B.	+ 85	+ 115	+ 30	- 31	- 32	- 29	+ 104	+ 148	+ 30
Que.	+ 40	+ 54	+ 17	- 22	- 25	- 14	+ 60	+ 82	+ 24
Ont.	+ 32	+ 42	+ 16	- 23	- 26	- 16	+ 40	+ 53	+ 16
Man.	+ 107	+ 132	+ 56	- 31	- 30	- 35	+ 128	+ 164	+ 64
Sask.	+ 170	+ 176	+ 152	- 28	- 30	- 22	+ 136	+ 157	+ 83
Alta.	+ 66	+ 75	+ 50	- 12	- 14	- 7	+ 67	+ 78	+ 47
B.C.	+ 39	+ 56	+ 11	- 18	- 20	- 11	+ 47	+ 69	+ 9

\* Numbers involved are relatively small.

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	Nov. 1963	Oct. 1963	Nov. 1962	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Oct. 1963	Nov. 1962	January to November		12 months ending November	
						1963	1962	1963	1962
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,189	4,110	..	..	..	4,066*	..	4,072*
Initial and renewal claims filed	189	126	243	+ 50	- 22	1,692	1,868	2,016	2,226
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	303	219	374	+ 39	- 19	390*	398*	406*	415*
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	161	149	189	+ 8	- 15	327*	342*	326*	340*
Weeks compensated	645	595	794	+ 8	- 19	14,947	15,661	16,214	16,878
Benefit paid	\$ 15,467	13,989	18,934	+ 11	- 18	364,803	378,121	395,890	407,569

Average weekly benefit	\$ 23.98	23.51	23.85	+ 2	+ 1	24.41	24.14	24.42	24.15
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\* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1963 - October	4,189,000	3,970,100	218,900
September	4,114,000	3,927,700	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

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

Province	1963 - November - 1962					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	189,375	132,612	56,763	243,563	175,672	67,891
Nfld.	7,773	6,484	1,289	9,599	7,863	1,736
P.E.I.	1,365	1,170	195	1,990	1,664	326
N.S.	8,472	6,265	2,207	10,891	8,115	2,776
N.B.	8,219	6,202	2,017	11,913	9,091	2,822
Que.	55,477	37,761	17,716	70,944	50,344	20,600
Ont.	54,802	36,939	17,863	71,210	49,987	21,223
Man.	9,379	7,072	2,307	13,675	10,110	3,565
Sask.	6,104	4,622	1,482	8,533	6,621	1,912
Alta.	13,110	8,909	4,201	14,846	10,345	4,501
B.C.	24,674	17,188	7,486	29,962	21,532	8,430

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 32,512.

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)	
		November 29, 1963				November 30, 1962
CANADA -	303,353	182,832	72,391	30,155	17,975	374,191
MALE	216,940	143,518	46,151	16,486	10,785	274,881
FEMALE	86,413	39,314	26,240	13,669	7,190	99,310
Nfld.	12,169	8,587	2,224	885	473	14,032
Male	10,707	7,951	1,817	646	293	12,720
Female	1,462	636	407	239	180	1,312
P.E.I.	1,858	1,481	186	137	54	2,504
Male	1,378	1,143	108	73	54	1,914
Female	480	338	78	64	-	590
N.S.	14,340	8,302	3,397	1,672	969	19,320
Male	11,219	6,894	2,475	1,175	675	15,998
Female	3,121	1,408	922	497	294	3,322
N.B.	13,540	8,551	3,011	1,113	865	17,990
Male	9,995	6,555	2,033	781	626	14,269
Female	3,545	1,996	978	332	239	3,721
Que.	91,277	53,072	23,161	9,610	5,434	111,469
Male	65,987	41,711	15,639	5,351	3,286	82,014
Female	25,290	11,361	7,522	4,259	2,148	29,455
Ont.	89,677	52,043	21,737	9,785	6,112	109,821
Male	58,904	37,846	12,729	4,806	3,523	74,468
Female	30,773	14,197	9,008	4,979	2,589	35,353
Man.	12,266	7,757	2,585	1,161	763	18,705
Male	9,065	6,288	1,501	724	552	14,190
Female	3,201	1,469	1,084	437	211	4,515
Sask.	8,116	5,490	1,556	746	324	11,641
Male	6,032	4,621	910	331	170	8,813
Female	2,084	869	646	415	154	2,828
Alta.	21,182	13,142	5,155	1,948	937	22,393
Male	15,420	11,135	2,805	980	500	16,474
Female	5,762	2,007	2,350	968	437	5,919
B.C.	38,928	24,407	9,379	3,098	2,044	46,316
Male	28,233	19,374	6,134	1,619	1,106	34,021
Female	10,695	5,033	3,245	1,479	938	12,295

(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		

November - 1963

Canada -	153,289	64,419	46,693	36,124	6,053	59,279	18,328
Nfld.	5,146	2,941	1,004	1,063	138	3,327	444
P.E.I.	650	330	130	170	20	791	85
N.S.	6,393	2,866	1,766	1,541	220	2,832	718
N.B.	6,639	3,166	1,869	1,446	158	2,579	520
Que.	44,636	18,587	14,541	9,890	1,618	18,240	6,137
Ont.	47,368	18,975	15,132	11,030	2,231	15,651	5,272
Man.	7,691	3,565	1,782	2,039	305	2,409	655
Sask.	3,674	1,684	818	1,039	133	2,479	716
Alta.	11,015	4,458	3,393	2,766	398	3,454	1,382
B.C.	20,077	7,847	6,258	5,140	832	7,517	2,399

November - 1962

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

(1) In addition 31,589 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,285 were special requests not granted and 2,535 were appeals by claimants. There were 8,132 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during November 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)	24,522	738	121	1,086	1,104	6,840	6,862	1,389	707	1,907	3,768
	1962	26,336	820	136	1,029	1,188	7,017	7,976	1,333	789	1,539	4,509
Claimants disqualified	1963	29,146	714	129	1,061	846	8,536	10,660	1,392	699	1,840	3,269
	1962	31,445	733	138	1,364	891	9,669	11,518	1,177	688	1,828	3,439
Not unemployed	1963	626	22	5	54	27	151	162	37	42	51	75
	1962	899	35	8	173	51	176	186	46	57	64	103
Not capable of and not available for work	1963	9,313	192	33	275	259	2,485	3,682	573	306	552	956
	1962	9,383	184	41	278	277	2,678	3,521	475	297	567	1,065
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1963	107	2	-	17	5	36	41	-	-	-	6
	1962	227	-	-	9	-	78	57	1	-	-	82
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1963	1,231	3	12	52	25	368	542	38	26	59	106
	1962	1,405	21	9	61	22	465	605	24	34	65	99
Discharged for misconduct	1963	1,508	19	5	51	39	527	532	65	26	100	144
	1962	1,522	31	4	68	40	579	506	48	22	74	150
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1963	7,325	212	30	274	212	1,952	2,539	352	172	531	1,051
	1962	7,755	212	30	383	224	2,123	2,567	354	197	574	1,091
Other reasons	1963	9,036	264	44	338	279	3,017	3,162	327	127	547	931
	1962	10,254	250	46	392	277	3,570	4,076	229	81	484	849

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

1963	2,844	110	19	109	155	838	907	121	34	141	410
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1963 - November - 1962	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	161.2	189.0
Newfoundland	4.6	5.6
Prince Edward Island	0.6	0.8
Nova Scotia	7.2	9.6
New Brunswick	6.9	8.5
Quebec	51.7	56.4
Ontario	51.0	61.0
Manitoba	6.2	9.2
Saskatchewan	3.1	5.0
Alberta	9.4	10.2
British Columbia	20.5	22.8

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province	1963 - November - 1962			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	644,981	15,467,326	793,921	18,933,673
Nfld.	18,351	426,280	23,546	554,733
P.E.I.	2,404	50,163	3,244	67,271
N.S.	28,864	618,755	40,216	895,052
N.B.	27,445	591,878	35,754	798,324
Que.	206,961	5,002,907	236,735	5,654,041
Ont.	204,171	4,887,937	256,303	6,094,820
Man.	24,937	587,591	38,581	921,087
Sask.	12,516	287,578	20,812	486,673
Alta.	37,457	944,083	43,017	1,045,647
B.C.	81,875	2,070,154	95,713	2,416,025

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

Province	Complete Weeks	Partial Weeks	
		Total	Due to Excess Earnings

November - 1963

Canada -	584,007	60,974	44,254
Newfoundland	15,753	2,598	2,232
Prince Edward Island	2,209	195	135
Nova Scotia	24,610	4,254	3,474
New Brunswick	23,727	3,718	2,849
Quebec	187,458	19,503	13,490
Ontario	186,626	17,545	12,145
Manitoba	22,694	2,243	1,508
Saskatchewan	11,511	1,005	663
Alberta	34,036	3,421	2,318
British Columbia	75,383	6,492	5,440

November - 1962

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



## 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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