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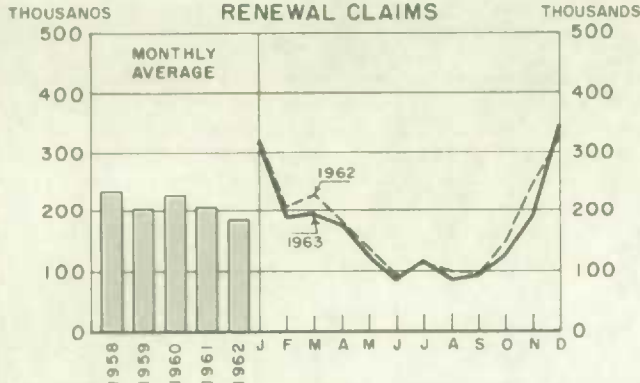
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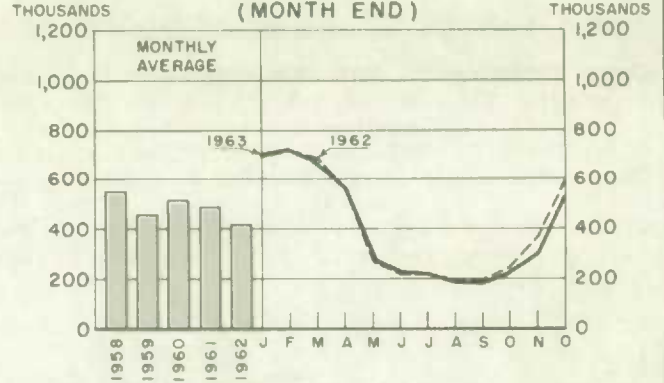
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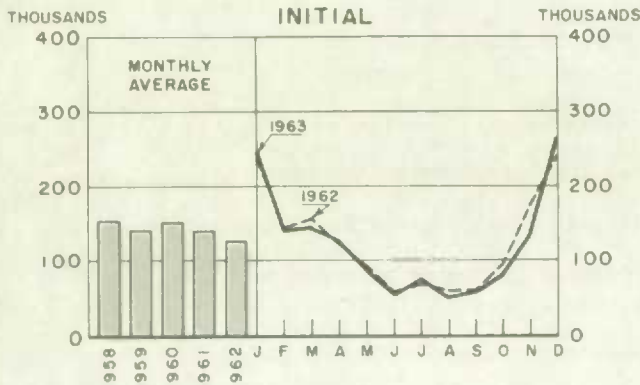
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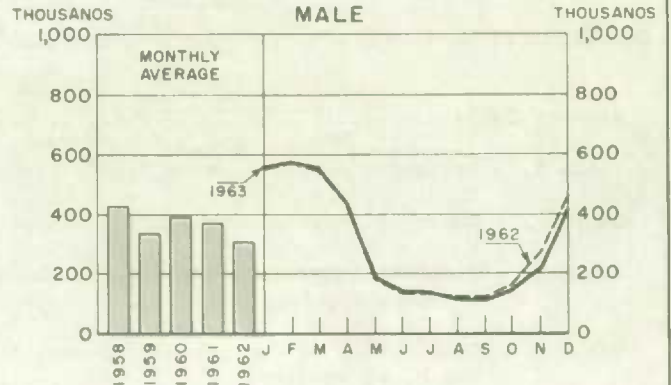
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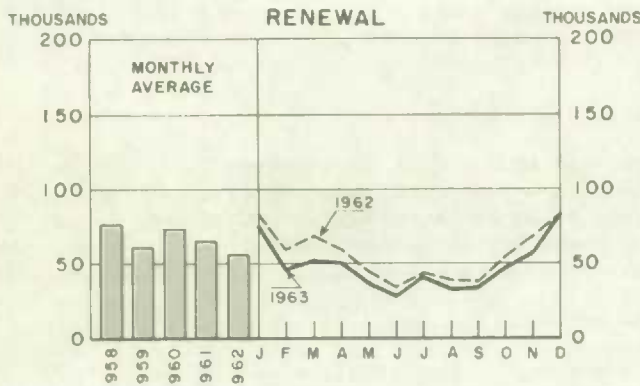
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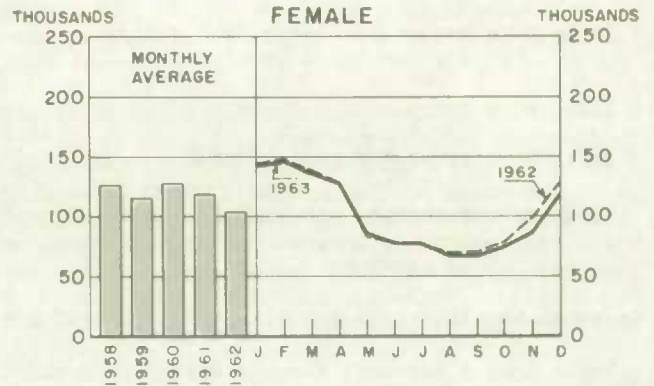
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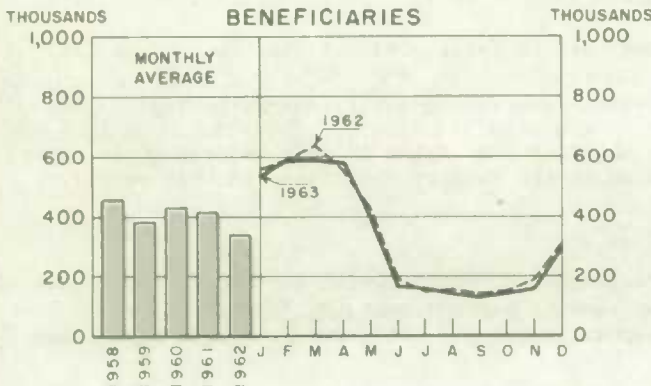
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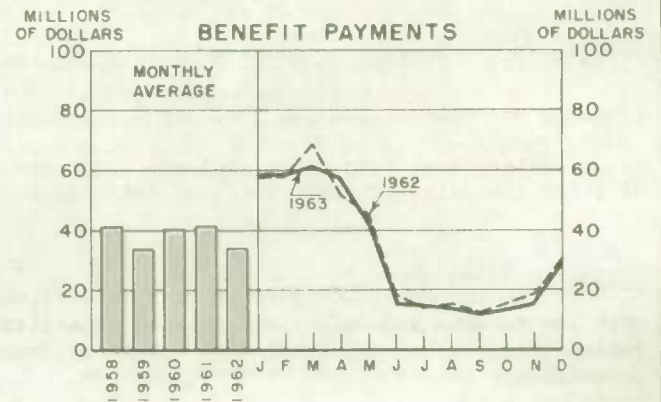
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BENEFIT PAYMENTS



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

DECEMBER 1963

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit on December 31, 1963 numbered 532,300, ten per cent below the total of 592,000 recorded the same date last year. These totals comprise regular and seasonal(1) benefit claimants numbering 451,400 and 80,900 respectively, at December 31, 1963, and 496,600 and 95,300 on December 31, 1962. On November 29, 1963 claimants numbered 303,400, of whom 3,000 were identified as seasonal benefit.

More than 90 per cent of the males reporting on December 31, 1963 came on claim during the last quarter of the year. For females the proportion was below 80 per cent.

Percentage distribution of claimants by number of weeks on continuous claim

	December 31, 1963				December 31, 1962			
	Total	13 or less	14-26	27 or more	Total	13 or less	14-26	27 or more
Total	100	89	8	4	100	88	8	4
Male	100	92	6	3	100	91	6	3
Female	100	78	15	7	100	79	14	7

Between 85 and 90 per cent of the November to December increase was accounted for by males, who made up 78 per cent of the total on December 31, in contrast with 72 per cent on November 29.

Initial and Renewal Claims

A total of 345,300 initial and renewal claims were filed during December, some 20,000 more than in December 1962. The November-to-December increase was of the magnitude of 155,900. Thus, while the total for December this year is only slightly above that of one year ago, the November-to-December percentage increase was 82 per cent, in sharp contrast with the situation one year ago, when the month-to-month increase was 33 per cent (80,000 claims). This is clearly illustrated in the first chart on the left portion of page 3.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly number of beneficiaries was estimated at 293,800 for December in comparison with 161,200 for November and 316,700 for December 1962. The sum of \$29.4 million was paid out during December, versus \$15.5 million for November and \$31.1 million for December 1962. The average weekly payment was \$24.99 for December, \$23.98 for November, and \$24.54 for December 1962.

Claims by province

The month-end claimant count was lower than last year in all provinces. The November-to-December percentage increases were relatively heavier in Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island than elsewhere.

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

Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	November 29 to December 31, 1963			December 31, 1962 to December 31, 1963			November 30 to December 31, 1962		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	+ 75	+ 91	+ 36	- 10	- 11	- 8	+ 58	+ 69	+ 29
Nfld.	+ 133	+ 149	+ 22	- 14	- 14	- 16	+ 135	+ 143	+ 62
P.E.I.	+ 201	+ 235	+ 103	- 7	- 8	- 2	+ 140	+ 162	+ 68
N.S.	+ 101	+ 121	+ 31	- 6	- 6	- 7	+ 60	+ 66	+ 32
N.B.	+ 98	+ 114	+ 53	- 14	- 17	+ 1	+ 72	+ 80	+ 44
Que.	+ 82	+ 98	+ 40	- 7	- 7	- 8	+ 61	+ 72	+ 30
Ont.	+ 70	+ 86	+ 40	- 9	- 10	- 5	+ 52	+ 64	+ 29
Man.	+ 76	+ 90	+ 38	- 25	- 24	- 29	+ 54	+ 60	+ 37
Sask.	+ 104	+ 125	+ 42	- 17	- 18	- 15	+ 72	+ 88	+ 23
Alta.	+ 33	+ 46	- 1	- 3	- 3	- 6	+ 31	+ 41	+ 2
B.C.	+ 47	+ 55	+ 26	- 13	- 13	- 14	+ 43	+ 49	+ 27

All provinces reported a substantial percentage increase in the December claim load, the smallest being in Alberta.

Percentage changes in claims filed

	November to December 1963			December 1962 to December 1963			November to December 1962		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	+ 82	+ 97	+ 47	+ 7	+ 9	+ 1	+ 33	+ 37	+ 22
Nfld.	+ 164	+ 188	+ 39	+ 8	+ 9	- 3	+ 97	+ 117	+ 7
P.E.I.	+ 203	+ 219	+ 108	+ 4	+ 3	+ 9	+ 100	+ 117	+ 14
N.S.	+ 121	+ 140	+ 68	+ 17	+ 19	+ 12	+ 46	+ 56	+ 19
N.B.	+ 112	+ 136	+ 37	+ 5	+ 9	- 11	+ 39	+ 48	+ 10
Que.	+ 99	+ 118	+ 60	+ 9	+ 11	+ 1	+ 43	+ 47	+ 35
Ont.	+ 83	+ 92	+ 65	+ 6	+ 8	+ 3	+ 33	+ 32	+ 35
Man.	+ 45	+ 51	+ 26	- 6	- 4	- 11	+ 5	+ 10	- 9
Sask.	+ 89	+ 100	+ 54	+ 6	+ 7	+ 2	+ 28	+ 31	+ 16
Alta.	+ 14	+ 26	- 11	+ 6	+ 9	-	- 5	-	- 17
B.C.	+ 37	+ 49	+ 8	+ 2	+ 4	- 4	+ 10	+ 14	-

Summary table

Activity	Dec. 1963	Nov. 1963	Dec. 1962	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Nov. 1963	Dec. 1962	January to December		12 months ending December	
						1963	1962	1963	1962
	(Thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,179	4,223	4,079*	..	4,079*
Initial and renewal claims filed	345	189	324	+ 82**	+ 7	2,038	2,192	2,038	2,192
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	532	303	592	+ 75**	- 10	402*	414*	402*	414*
Regular	451	300	497	+ 50**	- 9				
S.B.	81	3	95	**	- 15				
S.B. Fishing	19	-	19	**	- 5				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	294	161	317	+ 82**	- 7	324*	340*	324*	340*
Weeks compensated	1,175	645	1,267	+ 82**	- 7	16,122	16,928	16,122	16,928
Benefit paid	\$29,361	15,467	31,087	+ 90**	- 6	394,163	409,208	394,163	409,208
Average weekly benefit	\$ 24.99	23.98	24.54	+ 4	+ 2	24.45	24.17	24.45	24.17

* Monthly average.

** November to December comparisons affected by commencement of seasonal benefit on December 2.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1963 - November	4,179,000	3,875,600	303,400
October	4,120,000	3,901,100	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

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

Province	1963 - December - 1962					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	345,306	261,881	83,425	323,844	241,050	82,794
Nfld.	20,485	18,694	1,791	18,943	17,094	1,849
P.E.I.	4,134	3,728	406	3,985	3,613	372
N.S.	18,715	15,014	3,701	15,937	12,632	3,305
N.B.	17,427	14,656	2,771	16,564	13,446	3,118
Que.	110,409	82,141	28,268	101,666	73,773	27,893
Ont.	100,348	70,882	29,466	94,379	65,794	28,585
Man.	13,575	10,679	2,896	14,400	11,149	3,251
Sask.	11,507	9,228	2,279	10,883	8,658	2,225
Alta.	14,949	11,192	3,757	14,042	10,301	3,741
B.C.	33,757	25,667	8,090	33,045	24,590	8,455

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 40,128.

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)	
		<u>December 31, 1963</u>				<u>December 31, 1962</u>
CANADA -	532,331	347,124	124,958	39,775	20,474	591,965
MALE	415,106	287,439	92,852	22,638	12,177	464,007
FEMALE	117,225	59,685	32,106	17,137	8,297	127,958
Nfld.	28,396	22,602	3,997	1,186	611	32,985
Male	26,614	21,732	3,554	933	395	30,859
Female	1,782	870	443	253	216	2,126
P.E.I.	5,589	4,673	683	168	65	6,013
Male	4,617	3,953	520	100	44	5,024
Female	972	720	163	68	21	989
N.S.	28,894	19,252	6,448	2,024	1,170	30,896
Male	24,815	17,383	5,281	1,362	789	26,496
Female	4,079	1,869	1,167	662	381	4,400
N.B.	26,790	18,350	6,103	1,500	837	31,024
Male	21,350	15,440	4,341	979	590	25,661
Female	5,440	2,910	1,762	521	247	5,363
Que.	166,217	109,171	38,467	12,475	6,104	179,327
Male	130,864	90,578	29,238	7,472	3,576	141,076
Female	35,353	18,593	9,229	5,003	2,528	38,251
Ont.	152,621	95,781	36,491	12,763	7,586	167,299
Male	109,606	73,195	25,364	6,663	4,384	121,810
Female	43,015	22,586	11,127	6,100	3,202	45,489
Man.	21,635	13,697	5,668	1,436	834	28,844
Male	17,204	11,643	4,204	770	587	22,637
Female	4,431	2,054	1,464	666	247	6,207
Sask.	16,561	12,124	3,209	940	288	20,046
Male	13,592	10,548	2,468	429	147	16,555
Female	2,969	1,576	741	511	141	3,491
Alta.	28,275	16,118	8,655	2,508	994	29,237
Male	22,573	14,093	6,642	1,245	593	23,191
Female	5,702	2,025	2,013	1,263	401	6,046
B.C.	57,353	35,356	15,237	4,775	1,985	66,294
Male	43,871	28,874	11,240	2,685	1,072	50,698
Female	13,482	6,482	3,997	2,090	913	15,596

(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		

December - 1963

Canada -	296,827	183,584	67,202	39,697	6,344	97,879	28,207
Nfld.	18,429	14,893	1,521	1,870	145	5,258	569
P.E.I.	3,999	3,320	341	317	21	882	129
N.S.	15,653	10,677	3,016	1,747	213	5,422	1,190
N.B.	14,976	10,950	2,149	1,692	185	4,593	957
Que.	88,101	52,257	22,243	11,673	1,928	36,451	10,234
Ont.	84,965	48,325	22,919	11,583	2,138	26,625	9,681
Man.	13,033	8,440	2,472	1,868	253	2,780	826
Sask.	10,264	6,495	1,998	1,552	219	3,660	778
Alta.	14,937	8,603	3,503	2,407	424	3,636	1,212
B.C.	32,470	19,624	7,040	4,988	818	8,572	2,631

December - 1962

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

(1) In addition 37,977 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,965 were special requests not granted and 2,452 were appeals by claimants. There were 10,283 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during December 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) 1962	23,807 24,653	1,325 1,112	183 172	1,066 1,102	1,205 1,293	7,049 7,173	6,622 6,667	1,080 1,369	772 891	1,350 1,315	3,155 3,559
Claimants disqualified	1963 1962	34,024 30,948	966 936	216 155	1,429 1,141	1,040 1,008	10,918 9,458	10,672 10,503	1,597 1,604	1,314 957	2,110 1,890	3,762 3,296
Not unemployed	1963 1962	1,127 1,274	32 28	18 27	79 59	30 68	326 340	234 297	92 96	121 158	68 81	127 120
Not capable of and not available for work	1963 1962	10,289 10,370	219 304	56 44	374 335	307 331	3,150 2,885	3,510 3,814	562 601	463 348	592 635	1,056 1,073
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1963 1962	78 191	- -	- -	- 1	- -	24 44	54 28	- -	- -	- 3	- 115
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1963 1962	1,414 1,463	7 12	11 9	54 63	38 34	564 435	477 604	46 61	45 47	58 86	114 112
Discharged for misconduct	1963 1962	1,779 1,444	25 27	7 2	76 50	42 40	651 460	558 512	73 78	42 38	115 105	190 132
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1963 1962	8,639 7,456	258 228	55 32	298 250	263 217	2,603 2,234	2,661 2,179	416 514	352 260	616 586	1,117 956
Other reasons	1963 1962	10,698 8,750	425 337	69 41	548 383	360 318	3,600 3,060	3,178 3,069	408 254	291 106	661 394	1,158 788

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

1963	5,073	311	65	212	400	1,552	1,294	223	145	238	633
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1963 - December - 1962	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	293.8	316.7
Newfoundland	12.6	10.7
Prince Edward Island	2.3	2.8
Nova Scotia	15.1	16.1
New Brunswick	15.0	16.0
Quebec	87.1	95.8
Ontario	87.4	94.8
Manitoba	13.1	15.2
Saskatchewan	7.9	9.9
Alberta	18.5	18.1
British Columbia	34.7	37.4

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Province	1963 - December - 1962			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	1,175,063	29,360,512	1,266,735	31,086,589
Nfld.	50,496	1,209,768	42,599	1,036,182
P.E.I.	9,357	203,447	11,175	241,007
N.S.	60,324	1,334,485	64,242	1,438,226
N.B.	60,015	1,319,635	63,938	1,434,028
Que.	348,222	8,839,688	383,012	9,338,452
Ont.	349,659	8,770,183	379,024	9,316,331
Man.	52,530	1,310,691	60,824	1,524,574
Sask.	31,757	795,057	39,793	965,939
Alta.	73,880	1,897,449	72,389	1,847,732
B.C.	138,823	3,680,109	149,739	3,944,118

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

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

December - 1963

Canada -	1,080,586	94,477	64,945
Newfoundland	46,164	4,332	3,511
Prince Edward Island	8,636	721	524
Nova Scotia	53,307	7,017	5,377
New Brunswick	54,181	5,834	4,137
Quebec	316,961	31,261	21,292
Ontario	327,946	21,713	13,104
Manitoba	48,293	4,237	2,710
Saskatchewan	29,259	2,498	1,605
Alberta	67,948	5,932	3,984
British Columbia	127,891	10,932	8,701

December - 1962

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

Seasonal Benefit, 1963-64 period

Provisions regulating the operation of seasonal benefit are unchanged from last year. Effective November 25, 1963 to mid-May 1964, claims failing the regular contribution requirements are considered for seasonal benefit. Benefit is not payable under these terms for unemployment occurring before December 9(1). Only one seasonal benefit period may be established by a claimant during this period. As a result, claimants exhausting their rights to seasonal benefit and wishing to be re-considered for benefit during this interval would be tested under the regular provisions. However, since the minimum establishment is 12 weeks,(2) exhaustion will not occur before February 22.

In testing for seasonal benefit, claims failing the regular requirements are considered first under class A, i.e. a minimum of 15 contribution weeks since March 30, 1963. Total entitlement for claimants qualifying in this class is based entirely on contributions during this period, i.e. since March 30, 1963. The authorization will be 5 full weeks of benefit for every 6 weeks of contribution(2).

Cases failing under class A are then examined for possible qualification under class B which represents an extension of benefit for those for whom a regular benefit period terminated during the interval since May 18, 1963. The authorization will be that shown on the preceding regular benefit, or the number of weeks which remain in the seasonal benefit period, whichever is the lesser. The weekly rate(3) will be that of the preceding claim, adjusted, if necessary, for any change in dependency status.

Claimants for seasonal benefit (except fishermen)(4) must comply with all the provisions of the Act and Regulations, except where mentioned above.

Fishing Claimants

Table 3b, Fishing Seasonal Benefit Claimants, includes those seasonal benefit claimants whose claim documents carry the identification F, for fishing. This indicates that the person is eligible for seasonal benefit by virtue of fishing contributions, i.e. his countable contributions for the 15 weeks included at least one week of fishing contributions (or his preceding regular benefit period was also designated as F.).

- (1) A claimant eligible to have the waiting period waived could draw seasonal benefit for the week commencing December 2.
- (2) While the minimum entitlement on SBA claims is 13 weeks (SBB, 12 weeks) claims established subsequent to the week ending February 29, 1964 provide entitlement only for the number of weeks remaining between the date of establishment and May 16.
- (3) Section 47 (2a) of the Act is not applicable to seasonal benefit claims. This section was added in September 1959 in order to minimize the impact of short-term employment on the weekly rate for subsequent regular claims filed within a two-year period.
- (4) During the seasonal benefit period, claimants classed as fishermen will be considered available and unemployed in respect to any activity in commercial fishing or in the repair of fishing gear, equipment or boat. However, income from fishing is taken into consideration in determining the amount of benefit payable.

Table 3a. - Seasonal Benefit Claimants Currently Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Sex and Province.

Province	1963 - December - 1962					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	80,913	64,620	16,293	95,338	76,375	18,963
Nfld.	11,772	11,450	322	12,035	11,786	249
P.E.I.	2,403	2,028	375	2,162	1,817	345
N.S.	6,720	5,975	745	6,714	5,818	896
N.B.	6,965	5,549	1,416	8,048	6,529	1,519
Que.	18,463	13,911	4,552	25,120	20,023	5,097
Ont.	16,681	11,329	5,352	19,916	13,541	6,375
Man.	3,034	2,565	469	4,483	3,530	953
Sask.	2,228	1,767	461	2,523	2,099	424
Alta.	3,139	2,466	673	2,976	2,430	546
B.C.	9,508	7,580	1,928	11,361	8,802	2,559

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

Province	1963 - December - 1962					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	18,511	18,436	75	19,421	19,335	86
Nfld.	8,060	8,060	-	9,288	9,287	1
P.E.I.	1,345	1,324	21	1,208	1,169	39
N.S.	2,504	2,499	5	2,096	2,095	1
N.B.	2,245	2,221	24	2,497	2,485	12
Que.	763	757	6	755	753	2
Ont.	435	433	2	298	291	7
Man.	91	91	-	30	30	-
Sask.	1	1	-	2	2	-
Alta.	12	12	-	2	2	-
B.C.	3,055	3,038	17	3,245	3,221	24

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.



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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.