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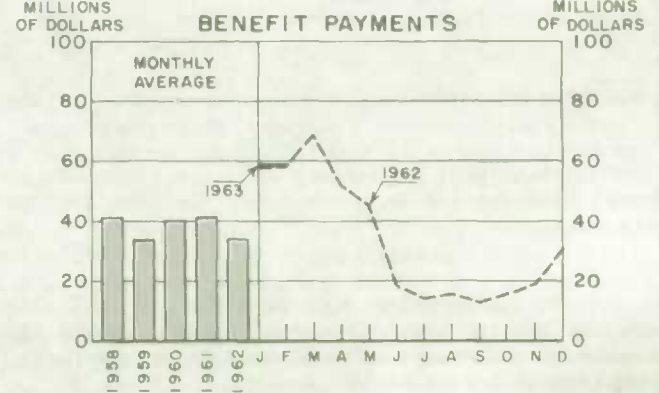
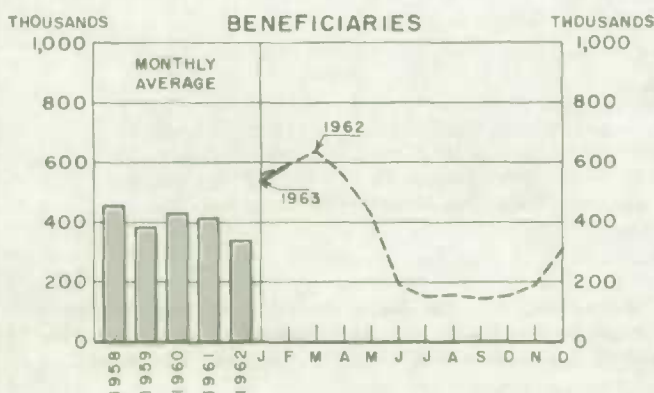
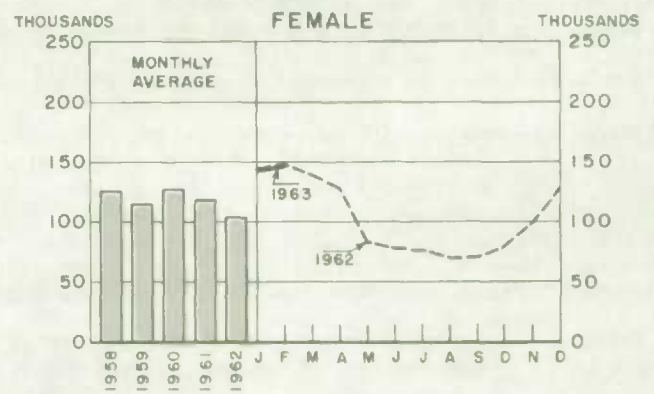
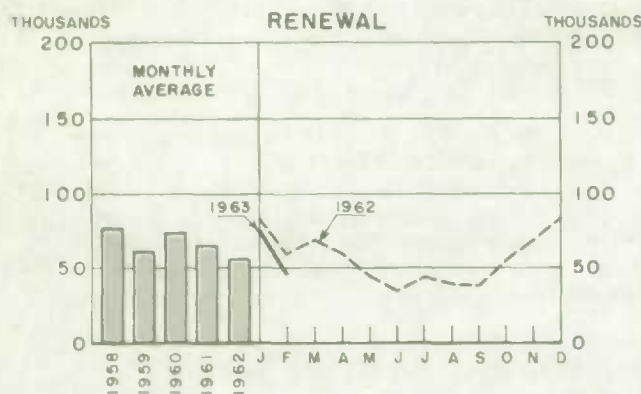
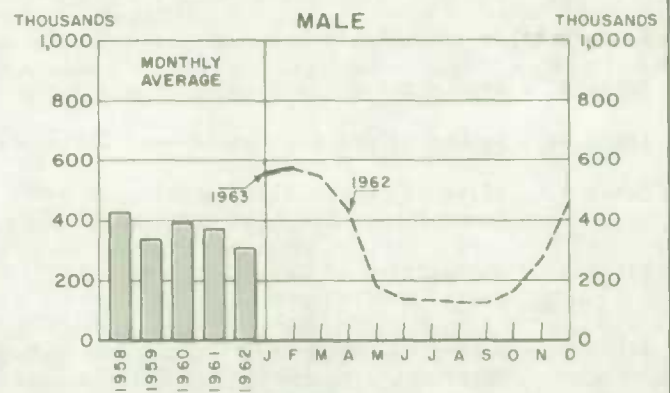
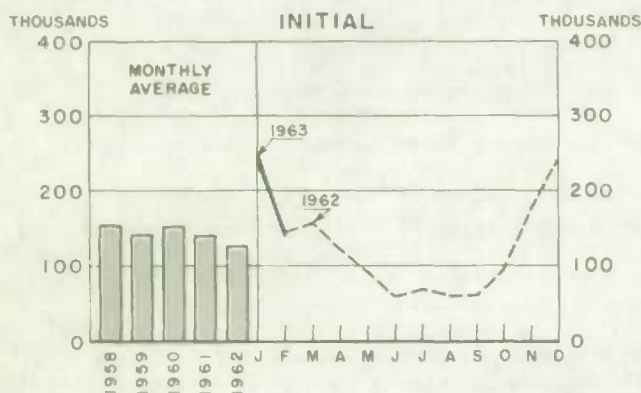
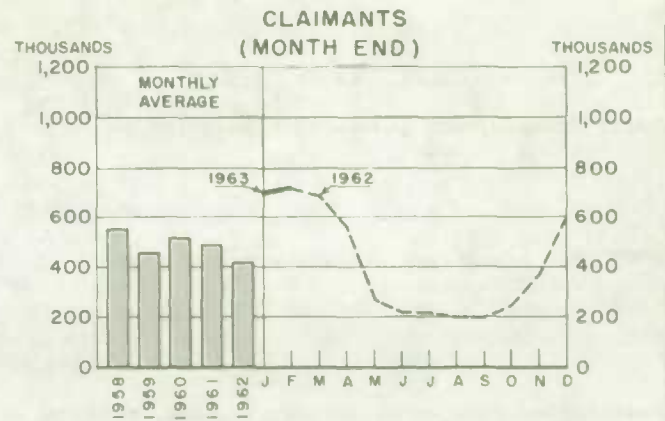
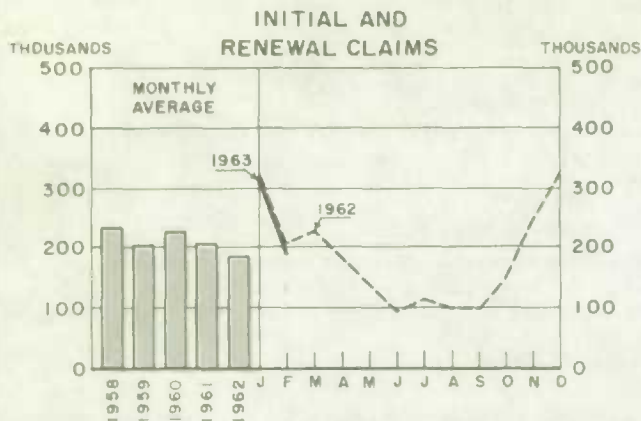
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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this series, while annual data for the calendar years 1962 and 1961 are included in the January 1963 issue in this series.

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

FEBRUARY 1963

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 720,500 on February 28, little changed from the previous month-end total of 703,100 or from February 28, 1962, at 718,700.

In view of the 143,000 new(1) claims filed during February, the month-to-month increment of 17,000 claimants suggests 110,000(2) or more persons withdrew from claimant status and returned to work during the month. This is a return-to-work rate of close to 15 per cent among persons either claiming at the end of January or filing a claim during February.

Some 55 per cent of the claimants had been on continuous claim more than 4 weeks but not more than 13 weeks as of February 28, 1963. This reflects the heavy influx of claims in December together with continuation of reduced employment opportunities. Men comprised 82 per cent of this group, but only 70 per cent of those on continuous claim more than 13 weeks.

Initial and Renewal Claims:

A total of 188,500 initial and renewal claims were filed in local offices across Canada during February. This is a decline of some 130,000 from January and about 17,000 from February 1962.

Some 143,000 or slightly more than three-quarters of the current claim intake emanated from disemployment during the month. In January the proportion was close to 85 per cent. Decline in relative importance of new cases during the month is attributable partly to the transition to seasonal benefit as claimants exhaust their entitlement to regular benefit. Of 142,000 initial claims filed during February, 45,000 or about one-third were in this category; in January less than one-quarter of the initial claims were transitional.

Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 591,900 for February, in comparison with 536,900 for January and 590,400 for February 1962. Benefit payments totalled \$58.7 million during February, \$58.6 million during January and \$58.0 million for February 1962. The average weekly payment was \$24.81 in February, \$24.79 in January and \$24.56 in February 1962.

Claims by province

At the provincial level, there was virtually no variation over the periods under review.

- (1) See paragraph 2 under "Initial and renewal claims".
- (2) This is explained as follows: Minimum duration of regular and seasonal benefit is 12 weeks, except for seasonal benefit claims established after March 2. Hence, a claimant establishing eligibility for 12 weeks of either benefit during the week containing December 1 would not exhaust his entitlement until February 23, unless he was not required to serve a waiting period. Persons establishing the right to regular benefit prior to the week of December 1 and exhausting during this period automatically become eligible for at least 12 weeks of seasonal benefit. The probability of a seasonal benefit claimant establishing a duration of 12 weeks during the week of the 1st of December is estimated to be something less than .003, while for regular benefit it would be appreciably lower. If all the new claims during the month were found to have sufficient contributions to qualify, the February total could rise by that number, but some would fail. The net withdrawal of 110,000 makes some allowance for failures but cannot be explained by exhaustion of benefit. Claimants drawing less benefit than authorized are presumed to have returned to work.

Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

| | <u>January 31 to February 28, 1963</u> | | | <u>February 28, 1962 to February 28, 1963</u> | | | <u>January 31 to February 28, 1962</u> | | |
|--------|--|------|--------|---|------|--------|--|------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Canada | + 2 | + 3 | + 1 | - | - | - 1 | + 3 | + 3 | + 2 |
| Nfld. | + 2 | + 1 | + 4 | + 5 | + 5 | - 3 | + 5 | + 5 | + 7 |
| P.E.I. | + 3 | + 2 | + 5 | + 3 | + 4 | + 2 | + 4 | + 4 | + 3 |
| N.S. | + 2 | + 1 | + 12 | - 4 | - 6 | + 10 | + 4 | + 3 | + 6 |
| N.B. | + 5 | + 6 | - | + 2 | + 1 | + 5 | + 7 | + 8 | + 4 |
| Que. | + 6 | + 8 | - 3 | + 3 | + 4 | + 1 | + 6 | + 9 | - 4 |
| Ont. | + 2 | + 2 | + 2 | - 3 | - 4 | - 2 | + 3 | + 3 | + 3 |
| Man. | - 2 | - 2 | - 1 | - 2 | - 4 | + 4 | + 3 | + 1 | + 9 |
| Sask. | + 1 | - | + 5 | - 4 | - 3 | - 6 | + 4 | + 4 | + 3 |
| Alta. | + 2 | + 1 | + 8 | + 5 | + 12 | - 17 | - | - 5 | + 18 |
| B.C. | - 5 | - 8 | + 3 | - | - 2 | + 3 | - 9 | - 12 | + 1 |

The return to work rates during February differed significantly as between regions:

| <u>Canada</u> | <u>Atlantic</u> | <u>Quebec</u> | <u>Ontario</u> | <u>Prairie</u> | <u>Pacific</u> |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 14 | 7 | 13 | 17 | 13 | 19 |

These rates are associated with differences in the industrial structure and in seasonal employment patterns of the regions.

All provinces reported a sharply reduced claim volume in February, greater where seasonal benefit claimants are relatively more prominent.

Percentage changes in claims filed

| | <u>January to February 1963</u> | | | <u>February 1962 to February 1963</u> | | | <u>January to February 1962</u> | | |
|--------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|---|---------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| | Total | Initial | Renewal | Total | Initial | Renewal | Total | Initial | Renewal |
| Canada | - 41 | - 42 | - 37 | - 8 | - 3 | - 22 | - 36 | - 38 | - 28 |
| Nfld. | - 55 | - 55 | - 57 | - 8 | - 1 | - 34 | - 47 | - 50 | - 32 |
| P.E.I. | - 61 | - 62 | - 52 | - 6 | - 1 | - 25 | - 56 | - 59 | - 36 |
| N.S. | - 55 | - 55 | - 53 | - 32 | - 7 | - 70 | - 47 | - 49 | - 43 |
| N.B. | - 45 | - 46 | - 41 | - 3 | + 1 | - 14 | - 40 | - 44 | - 20 |
| Que. | - 36 | - 38 | - 30 | - 4 | - 2 | - 11 | - 28 | - 32 | - 19 |
| Ont. | - 40 | - 42 | - 37 | - 9 | - 5 | - 19 | - 37 | - 39 | - 31 |
| Man. | - 38 | - 36 | - 45 | - 8 | - 3 | - 25 | - 34 | - 34 | - 35 |
| Sask. | - 49 | - 47 | - 57 | - 16 | - 10 | - 40 | - 38 | - 39 | - 32 |
| Alta. | - 39 | - 36 | - 47 | - 7 | + 2 | - 30 | - 29 | - 32 | - 22 |
| B.C. | - 42 | - 44 | - 36 | - 6 | + 4 | - 25 | - 42 | - 46 | - 32 |

Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

| Activity | Feb. 1963 | Jan. 1963 | Feb. 1962 | % Change from | | Cumulative data | | | |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------|---------|------------------------------|---------|
| | | | | Jan. 1963 | Feb. 1962 | January to February | | 12 months ending February | |
| | | | | | | 1963 | 1962 | 1963 | 1962 |
| | (Thousands) | | | | | (Thousands) | | (Thousands) | |
| Insured population as at month-end | .. | 4,218 | 4,161 | .. | .. | .. | 4,160* | .. | 4,037* |
| Initial and renewal claims filed | 189 | 319 | 206 | - 41 | - 8 | 508 | 526 | 2,174 | 2,408 |
| Claimants currently reporting to local offices | 720 | 703 | 719 | + 2 | - | 712* | 709* | 414* | 462* |
| Regular | 524 | 544 | 511 | - 4 | + 2 | | | | |
| S.B. | 196 | 159 | 207 | + 23 | - 5 | | | | |
| S.B. Fishing | 30 | 28 | 28 | + 8 | + 9 | | | | |
| Beneficiaries (weekly average) | 592 | 537 | 590 | + 10 | - | 564* | 575* | 338* | 394* |
| Weeks compensated | 2,368 | 2,362 | 2,361 | - | - | 4,730 | 4,714 | 16,944 | 19,675 |
| Benefit paid | \$ 58,742 | 58,560 | 57,988 | - | + 1 | 117,302 | 115,788 | 410,722 | 471,110 |
| Average weekly benefit | \$ 24.81 | 24.79 | 24.56 | - | + 1 | 24.80 | 24.56 | 24.24 | 23.94 |

* Monthly average.

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

| End of: | Total | Employed | Claimants |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1963 - January | 4,218,000 | 3,514,900 | 703,100(1) |
| 1962 - December | 4,212,000 | 3,620,000 | 592,000(1) |
| November | 4,094,000 | 3,719,800 | 374,200(1) |
| October | 3,991,000 | 3,746,900 | 244,100 |
| September | 3,977,000 | 3,779,200 | 197,800 |
| August | 3,995,000 | 3,796,300 | 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 |

(1) By virtue of seasonal benefit class B, the claimant count during the seasonal benefit period may include a number of persons who were not represented in the insured population within the last six months. This explains, in part, unequal variations in the month-to-month movement of the employed and claimants. An additional factor stems from the fact that the number of claimants is ascertained by actual count, in local offices across Canada, whereas the employed figure is an estimate.

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

| Prov. | 1963 - February - 1962 | | | | | |
|----------|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Total | Initial | Renewal | Total | Initial | Renewal |
| Canada - | 188,523 | 142,392 | 46,131 | 205,643 | 146,232 | 59,411 |
| Nfld. | 5,446 | 4,681 | 765 | 5,894 | 4,734 | 1,160 |
| P.E.I. | 981 | 828 | 153 | 1,039 | 835 | 204 |
| N.S. | 7,805 | 6,462 | 1,343 | 11,431 | 6,951 | 4,480 |
| N.B. | 8,615 | 6,877 | 1,738 | 8,843 | 6,825 | 2,018 |
| Que. | 62,810 | 46,489 | 16,321 | 65,714 | 47,295 | 18,419 |
| Ont. | 60,165 | 43,671 | 16,494 | 66,355 | 46,101 | 20,254 |
| Man. | 8,516 | 6,998 | 1,518 | 9,222 | 7,208 | 2,014 |
| Sask. | 5,193 | 4,429 | 764 | 6,209 | 4,933 | 1,276 |
| Alta. | 10,986 | 8,564 | 2,422 | 11,862 | 8,416 | 3,446 |
| B.C. | 18,006 | 13,393 | 4,613 | 19,074 | 12,934 | 6,140 |

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 48,223.

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

(Counted on last working day of the month)

| Prov. and Sex | Total claimants | Number of weeks on claim (based on 20 per cent sample) | | | | | Percent- age Postal | February 28, 1962 total claimants |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---|---------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------------------|--|
| | | 1-4 | 5-13 | 14-26 | 27-39 | 40 or more | | |
| <u>February 28, 1963</u> | | | | | | | | |
| CANADA - | 720,461 | 196,831 | 396,049 | 98,769 | 20,217 | 8,595 | 43.6 | 718,668 |
| MALE | 573,127 | 157,186 | 326,417 | 72,127 | 11,983 | 5,414 | 46.9 | 570,314 |
| FEMALE | 147,334 | 39,645 | 69,632 | 26,642 | 8,234 | 3,181 | 30.8 | 148,354 |
| Nfld. | 40,016 | 5,855 | 29,362 | 4,453 | 206 | 140 | 83.1 | 38,172 |
| Male | 38,043 | 5,370 | 28,434 | 3,941 | 174 | 124 | 84.0 | 36,148 |
| Female | 1,973 | 485 | 928 | 512 | 32 | 16 | 65.0 | 2,024 |
| P.E.I. | 8,014 | 978 | 6,180 | 718 | 120 | 18 | 79.5 | 7,749 |
| Male | 6,733 | 746 | 5,285 | 591 | 105 | 6 | 81.5 | 6,497 |
| Female | 1,281 | 232 | 895 | 127 | 15 | 12 | 69.1 | 1,252 |
| N.S. | 40,947 | 8,437 | 25,384 | 5,553 | 1,098 | 475 | 60.2 | 42,509 |
| Male | 34,916 | 6,992 | 22,344 | 4,444 | 745 | 391 | 62.6 | 37,011 |
| Female | 6,031 | 1,445 | 3,040 | 1,109 | 353 | 84 | 46.7 | 5,498 |
| N.B. | 39,592 | 8,458 | 24,363 | 5,375 | 1,173 | 223 | 73.1 | 38,970 |
| Male | 32,902 | 7,422 | 20,414 | 4,150 | 792 | 124 | 75.6 | 32,598 |
| Female | 6,690 | 1,036 | 3,949 | 1,225 | 381 | 99 | 60.6 | 6,372 |
| Que. | 221,247 | 64,974 | 117,725 | 28,780 | 7,148 | 2,620 | 42.7 | 213,828 |
| Male | 182,792 | 54,929 | 100,702 | 21,385 | 4,144 | 1,632 | 45.7 | 175,668 |
| Female | 38,455 | 10,045 | 17,023 | 7,395 | 3,004 | 988 | 28.0 | 38,160 |
| Ont. | 201,519 | 61,102 | 103,197 | 28,109 | 5,880 | 3,231 | 27.2 | 208,089 |
| Male | 148,662 | 45,940 | 78,694 | 18,847 | 3,230 | 1,951 | 28.1 | 154,120 |
| Female | 52,857 | 15,162 | 24,503 | 9,262 | 2,650 | 1,280 | 24.4 | 53,969 |
| Man. | 35,626 | 10,550 | 19,399 | 4,644 | 780 | 253 | 37.5 | 36,336 |
| Male | 27,448 | 7,743 | 15,474 | 3,515 | 521 | 195 | 41.0 | 28,472 |
| Female | 8,178 | 2,807 | 3,925 | 1,129 | 259 | 58 | 25.6 | 7,864 |
| Sask. | 25,931 | 5,813 | 14,936 | 4,318 | 683 | 181 | 52.7 | 26,980 |
| Male | 20,977 | 4,586 | 12,508 | 3,412 | 377 | 94 | 57.1 | 21,692 |
| Female | 4,954 | 1,227 | 2,428 | 906 | 306 | 87 | 34.0 | 5,288 |
| Alta. | 39,079 | 10,856 | 20,449 | 6,477 | 748 | 549 | 60.9 | 37,256 |
| Male | 31,591 | 9,096 | 16,745 | 4,945 | 534 | 271 | 61.9 | 28,226 |
| Female | 7,488 | 1,760 | 3,704 | 1,532 | 214 | 278 | 56.3 | 9,030 |
| B.C. | 68,490 | 19,808 | 35,054 | 10,342 | 2,381 | 905 | 30.4 | 68,779 |
| Male | 49,063 | 14,362 | 25,817 | 6,897 | 1,361 | 626 | 33.1 | 49,882 |
| Female | 19,427 | 5,446 | 9,237 | 3,445 | 1,020 | 279 | 23.8 | 18,897 |

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.(1)

| Prov. | A d j u d i c a t e d | | | | | P e n d i n g | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| | Total | Entitled to Benefit | | Not Entitled to Benefit | | Initial | Renewal |
| | | Initial | Renewal | Initial | Renewal | | |
| <u>February 1963</u> | | | | | | | |
| Canada - | 207,218 | 130,151 | 43,143 | 29,188 | 4,736 | 44,344 | 14,060 |
| Nfld. | 6,437 | 4,549 | 762 | 1,044 | 82 | 1,464 | 257 |
| P.E.I. | 1,149 | 849 | 149 | 137 | 14 | 299 | 40 |
| N.S. | 9,159 | 6,644 | 1,319 | 1,037 | 159 | 1,705 | 335 |
| N.B. | 9,041 | 6,196 | 1,555 | 1,109 | 181 | 1,935 | 605 |
| Que. | 67,307 | 41,398 | 15,118 | 9,287 | 1,504 | 16,447 | 5,244 |
| Ont. | 66,024 | 39,407 | 15,266 | 9,496 | 1,855 | 12,814 | 4,772 |
| Man. | 9,585 | 6,595 | 1,579 | 1,276 | 135 | 2,088 | 488 |
| Sask. | 6,142 | 4,374 | 798 | 873 | 97 | 1,530 | 257 |
| Alta. | 12,755 | 8,181 | 2,404 | 1,902 | 268 | 2,535 | 739 |
| B.C. | 19,619 | 11,958 | 4,193 | 3,027 | 441 | 3,527 | 1,323 |

| | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|
| <u>February 1962</u> | | | | | | | |
| Canada - | 217,144 | 128,005 | 55,540 | 29,066 | 4,533 | 41,337 | 15,158 |
| Nfld. | 6,499 | 4,275 | 1,097 | 1,040 | 87 | 1,693 | 426 |
| P.E.I. | 1,137 | 824 | 192 | 102 | 19 | 230 | 44 |
| N.S. | 12,212 | 6,187 | 4,753 | 1,085 | 187 | 2,071 | 602 |
| N.B. | 9,558 | 6,168 | 1,908 | 1,282 | 200 | 1,816 | 533 |
| Que. | 67,991 | 40,317 | 16,990 | 9,425 | 1,259 | 14,824 | 4,876 |
| Ont. | 70,927 | 41,205 | 18,781 | 9,232 | 1,709 | 12,299 | 4,832 |
| Man. | 9,322 | 6,157 | 1,848 | 1,162 | 155 | 1,294 | 678 |
| Sask. | 6,630 | 4,383 | 1,220 | 931 | 96 | 1,170 | 359 |
| Alta. | 12,448 | 7,320 | 3,238 | 1,621 | 269 | 2,331 | 1,053 |
| B.C. | 20,420 | 11,169 | 5,513 | 3,186 | 552 | 3,609 | 1,755 |

(1) In addition 49,907 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 5,572 were special requests not granted and 3,044 were appeals by claimants. There were 11,277 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during February 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) | 13,203 | 517 | 53 | 466 | 651 | 4,426 | 3,812 | 590 | 379 | 770 | 1,539 |
| | 1962 | 15,270 | 606 | 57 | 579 | 893 | 5,236 | 4,293 | 575 | 428 | 793 | 1,810 |
| Claimants disqualified | 1963 | 35,518 | 959 | 180 | 1,295 | 1,177 | 11,686 | 12,645 | 1,434 | 927 | 2,100 | 3,115 |
| | 1962 | 33,012 | 961 | 111 | 1,362 | 1,267 | 10,769 | 11,309 | 1,227 | 947 | 1,794 | 3,265 |
| Not unemployed | 1963 | 1,467 | 44 | 14 | 84 | 77 | 538 | 345 | 62 | 120 | 94 | 89 |
| | 1962 | 1,644 | 44 | 5 | 48 | 56 | 642 | 361 | 90 | 147 | 97 | 154 |
| Not capable of and not available for work | 1963 | 11,317 | 249 | 58 | 380 | 362 | 3,002 | 4,438 | 636 | 382 | 741 | 1,069 |
| | 1962 | 10,061 | 191 | 30 | 312 | 311 | 3,046 | 3,867 | 388 | 307 | 553 | 1,056 |
| Loss of work due to a labour dispute | 1963 | 407 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 130 | 275 | - | - | - | - |
| | 1962 | 121 | - | - | - | 1 | 14 | 93 | 4 | - | 7 | 2 |
| Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work | 1963 | 2,138 | 31 | 10 | 152 | 44 | 802 | 710 | 81 | 41 | 121 | 146 |
| | 1962 | 1,959 | 39 | 6 | 231 | 73 | 615 | 696 | 42 | 45 | 88 | 124 |
| Discharged for misconduct | 1963 | 1,895 | 30 | 8 | 59 | 44 | 672 | 687 | 73 | 40 | 136 | 146 |
| | 1962 | 1,699 | 27 | 5 | 73 | 34 | 634 | 631 | 55 | 35 | 71 | 134 |
| Voluntarily left employment without just cause | 1963 | 8,298 | 213 | 40 | 279 | 238 | 2,748 | 2,748 | 378 | 199 | 573 | 882 |
| | 1962 | 8,041 | 256 | 25 | 260 | 262 | 2,918 | 2,421 | 355 | 208 | 569 | 767 |
| Other reasons | 1963 | 9,996 | 392 | 50 | 340 | 411 | 3,794 | 3,442 | 204 | 145 | 435 | 783 |
| | 1962 | 9,487 | 404 | 40 | 438 | 530 | 2,900 | 3,240 | 293 | 205 | 409 | 1,028 |

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

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-------|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1963 | 6,200 | 500 | 52 | 290 | 425 | 1,890 | 1,897 | 212 | 125 | 263 | 546 |
|------|-------|-----|----|-----|-----|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|

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

| Province | Average per week | |
|----------------------|------------------------|-------|
| | 1963 - February - 1962 | |
| | (in thousands) | |
| Canada - | 591.9 | 590.4 |
| Newfoundland | 39.1 | 30.1 |
| Prince Edward Island | 7.5 | 6.4 |
| Nova Scotia | 33.7 | 33.1 |
| New Brunswick | 31.4 | 28.7 |
| Quebec | 176.6 | 169.9 |
| Ontario | 165.1 | 176.7 |
| Manitoba | 29.1 | 30.9 |
| Saskatchewan | 22.9 | 23.5 |
| Alberta | 31.9 | 30.4 |
| British Columbia | 54.6 | 60.7 |

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

| Prov. | 1963 - February - 1962 | | | |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------|
| | Weeks | Amount (in dollars) | Weeks | Amount (in dollars) |
| Canada - | 2,367,753 | 58,741,717 | 2,361,458 | 57,988,335 |
| Nfld. | 156,267 | 3,757,557 | 120,308 | 2,867,824 |
| P.E.I. | 29,907 | 664,155 | 25,438 | 553,172 |
| N.S. | 134,630 | 3,081,694 | 132,538 | 3,105,439 |
| N.B. | 125,814 | 2,812,541 | 114,670 | 2,545,225 |
| Que. | 706,385 | 17,798,027 | 679,638 | 16,864,792 |
| Ont. | 660,537 | 16,323,862 | 706,879 | 17,373,885 |
| Man. | 116,546 | 2,900,714 | 123,655 | 3,064,322 |
| Sask. | 91,613 | 2,314,540 | 93,859 | 2,322,687 |
| Alta. | 127,550 | 3,350,091 | 121,569 | 3,070,080 |
| B.C. | 218,504 | 5,738,536 | 242,904 | 6,220,909 |

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

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

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| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Canada - | 2,225,107 | 142,646 | 102,407 |
| Newfoundland | 149,455 | 6,812 | 5,759 |
| Prince Edward Island | 28,894 | 1,013 | 781 |
| Nova Scotia | 124,904 | 9,726 | 7,787 |
| New Brunswick | 118,611 | 7,203 | 5,063 |
| Quebec | 665,613 | 40,772 | 25,783 |
| Ontario | 618,931 | 41,606 | 30,280 |
| Manitoba | 109,768 | 6,778 | 5,254 |
| Saskatchewan | 86,321 | 5,292 | 3,822 |
| Alberta | 119,506 | 8,044 | 5,565 |
| British Columbia | 203,104 | 15,400 | 12,313 |

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| | | | |
|----------------------|-----------|---------|---------|
| Canada - | 2,217,070 | 144,388 | 104,954 |
| Newfoundland | 114,559 | 5,749 | 4,553 |
| Prince Edward Island | 24,663 | 775 | 588 |
| Nova Scotia | 123,689 | 8,849 | 7,129 |
| New Brunswick | 108,018 | 6,652 | 4,548 |
| Quebec | 642,793 | 36,845 | 23,928 |
| Ontario | 659,617 | 47,262 | 34,282 |
| Manitoba | 116,366 | 7,289 | 5,246 |
| Saskatchewan | 88,946 | 4,913 | 3,619 |
| Alberta | 112,063 | 9,506 | 7,195 |
| British Columbia | 226,356 | 16,548 | 13,866 |

Seasonal Benefit, 1962-63 period

Provisions regulating the operation of seasonal benefit are unchanged from last year. Effective November 19, 1962 to mid-May 1963, claims failing the regular contribution requirements are considered for seasonal benefit. Benefit is not payable under these terms for unemployment occurring before December 3(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 16.

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 31, 1962. Total entitlement for claimants qualifying in this class is based entirely on contributions during this period, i.e. since March 31, 1962. 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 19, 1962. 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 November 26.
- (2) While the minimum entitlement on SBA claims is 13 weeks (SBB, 12 weeks) claims established subsequent to the week ending March 2, 1963 provide entitlement only for the number of weeks remaining between the date of establishment and May 18.
- (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.

| Prov. | 1963 - February - 1962 | | | | | |
|----------|------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Canada - | 196,292 | 158,665 | 37,627 | 207,282 | 165,615 | 41,667 |
| Nfld. | 20,430 | 19,921 | 509 | 19,078 | 18,468 | 610 |
| P.E.I. | 4,285 | 3,664 | 621 | 4,101 | 3,485 | 616 |
| N.S. | 15,426 | 13,490 | 1,936 | 15,265 | 13,431 | 1,834 |
| N.B. | 16,190 | 13,667 | 2,523 | 16,854 | 14,169 | 2,685 |
| Que. | 56,489 | 47,014 | 9,475 | 58,827 | 48,209 | 10,618 |
| Ont. | 41,510 | 28,730 | 12,780 | 49,242 | 34,388 | 14,854 |
| Man. | 8,703 | 6,825 | 1,878 | 9,125 | 7,340 | 1,785 |
| Sask. | 5,975 | 4,812 | 1,163 | 6,981 | 5,564 | 1,417 |
| Alta. | 7,884 | 6,468 | 1,416 | 7,589 | 5,770 | 1,819 |
| B.C. | 19,400 | 14,074 | 5,326 | 20,220 | 14,791 | 5,429 |

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

| Prov. | 1963 - February - 1962 | | | | | |
|----------|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Canada - | 29,938 | 29,773 | 165 | 27,588 | 27,468 | 120 |
| Nfld. | 11,927 | 11,901 | 26 | 10,040 | 10,039 | 1 |
| P.E.I. | 2,080 | 2,020 | 60 | 1,980 | 1,923 | 57 |
| N.S. | 5,820 | 5,806 | 14 | 5,562 | 5,552 | 10 |
| N.B. | 3,881 | 3,863 | 18 | 3,914 | 3,897 | 17 |
| Que. | 1,349 | 1,340 | 9 | 1,150 | 1,144 | 6 |
| Ont. | 675 | 666 | 9 | 658 | 654 | 4 |
| Man. | 146 | 146 | - | 167 | 167 | - |
| Sask. | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Alta. | 34 | 34 | - | 20 | 20 | - |
| B.C. | 4,026 | 3,997 | 29 | 4,097 | 4,072 | 25 |

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



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constituting a reversal of the initial adjudication are not taken into account, but such decisions would reduce the number of benefit periods not established.

Disqualification: A disqualification is imposed because of circumstances surrounding the claim which render the claimant ineligible for the receipt of benefit either for a stated period or so long as the condition causing the disqualification continues. Where it is established that loss of employment was voluntary and without just cause on the part of the claimant, i.e., he left employment of his own volition or was dismissed because of misconduct, the maximum disqualification is six weeks; claimants participating in a labour dispute in which they are directly interested are disqualified for the duration of the work stoppage. In assessing the number of cases of disqualification, no distinction is made as to the type of claim, hence disqualifications arising from revised claims are included. The cases mentioned here serve as examples only and do not constitute a complete summary of conditions under which a disqualification may be imposed. Sections 59-66 of the Act contain a description of these conditions.

Weeks compensated: Calendar weeks in respect of which some benefit, either regular, seasonal or fishing, was paid. A compensated week is counted in the month in which the copy of the payment voucher is received in the District Treasury Office, which is not necessarily the month in which the week of unemployment occurred.

Amount of benefit: The sum of all benefit payments made during the month. This comprises regular, seasonal or fishing benefit.

Complete week: A week in respect of which a claimant received the full weekly rate of benefit authorized on that benefit period.

Partial week: A week for which a claimant received less than the full weekly rate authorized. A partial week may be due to excess earnings resulting in a reduced payment in direct proportion to the amount of such earnings. If a claimant was "not available for work" on any day or days during a week, a reduction will be made in the weekly rate proportionate to the number of days of "non-availability". A reduction will occur also if a portion of a week was designated as part of the prescribed waiting period.

Excess earnings: Earnings during a week in excess of the allowable earnings for a claimant's weekly benefit rate. As an example, a claimant whose weekly rate is \$30.00 may earn up to \$15.00 in a week without suffering a reduction in benefit; however, in a week where he earns \$17.00 his benefit will be reduced to \$28.00.

Beneficiaries: Persons who received one or more benefit payments. The estimate, based on the number of payment documents, represents the average weekly number of beneficiaries.

Seasonal benefit: Benefit payable during the period commencing with the Sunday prior to December 1 and ending with the Saturday after May 15, to certain classes of claimants unable to fulfil the requirements under the regular benefit provisions of the Act. Claimants in class A must prove 15 contributions since the Saturday preceding the 31st day of March immediately prior to the date of claim, while qualification under class 3 is contingent upon a regular benefit period having terminated since the Saturday following the 15th day of May immediately prior to the claim.

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

Fishing contribution week: Any week for which a fishing contribution is recorded, whether or not a contribution was also made in respect of other insured employment. Specially designed stamps are used to record insured employment in fishing and employers using the bulk pay method must report employee's fishing contributions separately from those relating to other insurable employment.

Industrial Classification of persons filing new claims for Unemployment Insurance: This information is based on a sample of documents in respect of initial claims filed in local offices during a month. To ensure that all such claims have an equal chance of being included in the study, the documents are accumulated until the end of the third week following the month in which the claim was filed.

The sampling ratio varies from one hundred per cent in the Atlantic provinces (during the period of low claim) to five per cent in Ontario. The sample embraces all new initial claims without regard to benefit status, i.e. failures as well as disqualifications are included.

At the present time only the new separations requiring an initial claim are included in this study, as these are the only documents forwarded to the Bureau for analysis. The ratio of initial to renewal claims fluctuates with the claim load, so that during the months of heavy claim, it is approximately 3:1.