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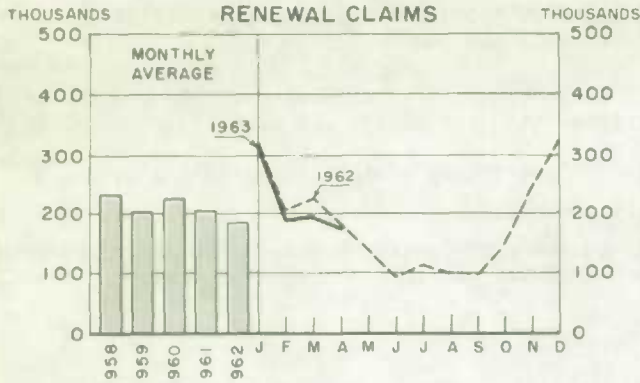
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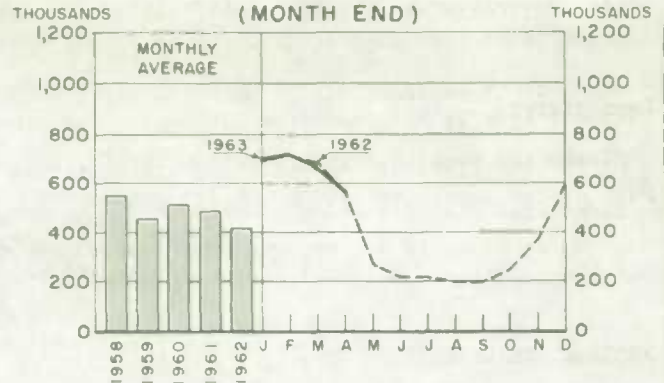
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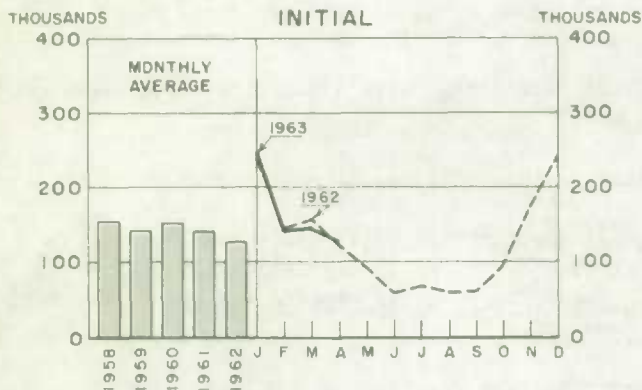
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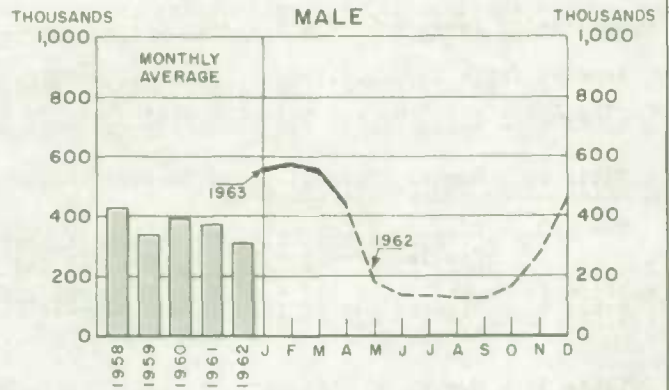
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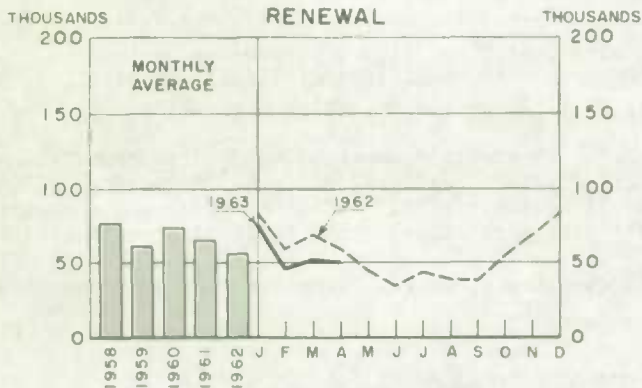
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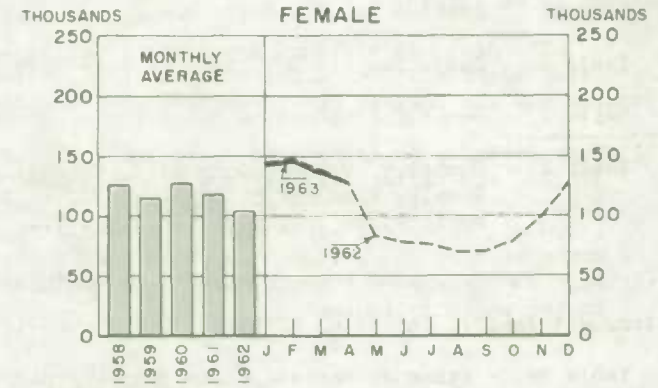
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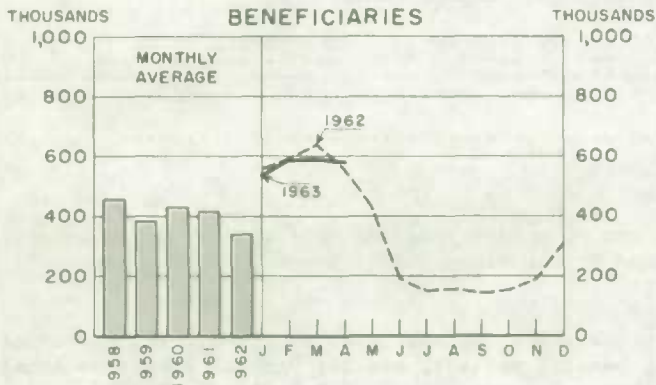
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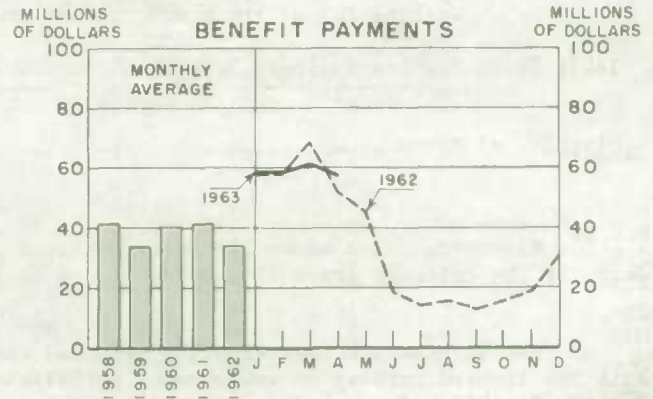
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BENEFIT PAYMENTS



CLAIMS AND BENEFIT PAYMENTS

APRIL 1963

Claimants at month-end: volume and type

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 565,900 on April 30, approximately 120,000 fewer than on March 29. On April 30, 1962, the count was 564,500.

It is estimated that approximately 165,000(1) persons eligible to receive either regular or seasonal benefit withdrew from claimant status and returned to work during the month.

Two-thirds of the month-end claimants had been on continuous claim between 15 and 16 weeks. Most of the remainder came on during the month.

As of April 30, men accounted for 80 per cent of those on continuous claim from 1 to 26 weeks, but they comprised only slightly more than 60 per cent of those on claim 27 weeks or longer.

Initial and renewal claims

A total of 175,600 initial and renewal claims was filed at local offices across Canada during April. This is 20,000 fewer than in March and approximately 6,000 below the April 1962 volume.

Of the 175,600 claims, approximately 118,000, or two-thirds, were separations from employment during April. For March, this proportion was 70 per cent.

Beneficiaries and Benefit Payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 582,000 for April, 589,700 for March and 556,300 for April 1962. Payments amounted to \$57.6 million during April, in comparison with \$61.3 million in March(2) and \$51.6 million in April 1962. The average weekly payment was \$24.73 for April, \$24.75 for March and \$24.43 for April 1962.

Claims by province

The April 30 claimant count was lower in all provinces, the largest percentage declines occurring in Prince Edward Island, Saskatchewan and Ontario. In comparison with April 30, 1962, only Ontario and the Prairie provinces indicated declines, small increases occurring elsewhere.

- (1) This estimate is calculated as follows: To the March 29 claimant count of 685,300 is added the 118,300 new claims arising from disemployment during April. The April failures, numbering 9,700 are deducted as are also the maximum potential number of seasonal benefit exhaustions during the month (63,000). However, since not all seasonal benefit claimants exhaust, the latter deduction tends to underestimate the return-to-work volume.
- (2) Supplementary payments for March were included in that month, whereas normally they would be added to the month following.

Percentage changes in month-end claimant count

	March 29 to April 30, 1963			April 30, 1962 to April 30, 1963			March 30 to April 30, 1962		
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada	- 17	- 20	- 7	-	+ 1	- 1	- 18	- 20	- 8
Nfld.	- 18	- 18	- 10	+ 8	+ 10	- 12	- 24	- 25	- 13
P.E.I.	- 30	- 32	- 17	+ 2	+ 4	- 4	- 30	- 32	- 19
N.S.	- 14	- 15	- 8	+ 2	+ 1	+ 12	- 23	- 24	- 9
N.B.	- 10	- 9	- 12	+ 7	+ 7	+ 9	- 15	- 16	- 12
Que.	- 16	- 19	- 5	+ 3	+ 5	- 3	- 16	- 19	- 4
Ont.	- 23	- 27	- 8	- 4	- 5	- 2	- 20	- 24	- 9
Man.	- 14	- 15	- 12	- 6	- 7	- 3	- 13	- 14	- 10
Sask.	- 28	- 30	- 16	- 9	- 9	- 11	- 23	- 25	- 15
Alta.	- 10	- 15	+ 16	- 5	- 1	- 16	- 11	- 15	-
B.C.	- 13	- 15	- 7	+ 2	-	+ 7	- 16	- 18	- 10

Percentage changes in the volume of claims filed in April are as follows:

	March to April 1963			April 1962 to April 1963			March to April 1962		
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada	- 10	- 13	- 3	- 3	+ 2	- 15	- 20	- 23	- 13
Nfld.	- 11	- 9	- 18	+ 6	+ 12	- 16	- 24	- 20	- 37
P.E.I.	+ 21	+ 12	+ 79	+ 5	+ 13	- 20	+ 2	- 8	+ 54
N.S.	- 2	- 3	-	- 17	- 5	- 40	- 25	- 7	- 44
N.B.	+ 9	- 4	+ 59	+ 5	+ 4	+ 7	- 10	- 18	+ 15
Que.	- 15	- 18	- 7	+ 1	+ 6	- 9	- 20	- 26	- 4
Ont.	- 14	- 15	- 12	- 6	+ 1	- 19	- 20	- 24	- 10
Man.	- 18	- 24	+ 7	- 12	- 5	- 30	- 20	- 29	+ 13
Sask.	- 10	- 12	- 4	- 14	- 1	- 46	- 16	- 25	+ 21
Alta.	+ 1	- 1	+ 8	+ 1	+ 1	+ 2	- 17	- 17	- 16
B.C.	- 3	- 5	+ 2	- 2	-	- 6	- 21	- 18	- 27

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

Claims arising from disemployment in the manufacturing industry accounted for close to 30 per cent of the March claim(1) volume; logging, construction and trade each accounted for approximately 15 per cent.

Table 1. Percentage Distribution of Claims(1) by Industry and
Province March 1963 and 1962

Industry Group		Canada	Nfld.	PEI.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.
Total new cases (000's)	1963	83.9	2.2	(3)	3.6	3.3	28.4	26.9	3.8	1.9	5.3	8.4
	1962	93.1	2.8	(3)	3.6	4.4	30.9	29.0	3.7	2.3	6.6	9.7
Per cent distribution												
Forestry (mainly logging)	1963	15	14		15	31	22	9	9	1	4	11
	1962	17	37		14	38	26	9	3	3	5	16
Fishing(4) and trapping	1963	1	3		3	3	-	-	10	-	(2)	6
	1962	1	1		1	1	-	-	7	-	-	3
Mining	1963	3	4		17	1	1	1	1	8	10	2
	1962	3	2		17	1	1	2	3	6	11	9
Manufacturing	1963	29	25		24	14	29	38	19	10	16	30
	1962	25	10		19	10	25	35	22	14	17	19
Construction	1963	16	17		15	16	14	17	17	22	25	9
	1962	15	19		11	11	16	13	16	20	27	9
Transp. commun., and other utilities	1963	7	12		7	13	6	6	11	14	7	7
	1962	8	9		13	16	8	7	12	10	7	6
Trade	1963	14	16		9	11	11	14	16	22	25	15
	1962	14	11		13	12	10	16	20	23	14	15
Service	1963	10	5		5	4	10	11	11	14	7	16
	1962	10	5		5	4	10	9	10	15	11	15
Public admin. and defence	1963	3	3		2	4	5	2	3	4	3	2
	1962	4	6		4	5	3	4	4	6	5	4
Other	1963	2	1		3	3	2	2	3	5	3	2
	1962	3	-		2	2	1	5	3	3	3	4
All cases	1963	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
	1962	100	100		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

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

(2) Less than one-half of 1 p.c.

(3) Less than 500.

(4) In coding cases to the fishing industry persons whose reported occupation under covered employment was "fisherman" were coded to the fishing industry even though the nature of business of the most recent employer was other than fishing. This treatment is slightly different from the general coding practice of assigning a single code on the basis of the principal activity. Since fishermen report themselves usually as self-employed, the number of others is relatively small.

In comparison with one year ago, the industrial composition of the claims shows very little deviation, with some exceptions. For example, in Newfoundland, the very large concentration of cases in logging one year ago is associated with reduced employment caused by the severe forest fires in the summer of 1961.

Table 2 presents comparable data at quarterly intervals, since March 1962. The March rise in claims from forestry is associated partly with completion of logging operations (in central Canada) but in some areas, as in New Brunswick this year, heavy snow conditions hampered operations.

Table 2. Percentage Distribution of Claims by Industry, quarterly intervals

Industry Group	March 1963	December 1962	September 1962	June 1962	March 1962
Total new cases (000's)	83.9	212.2	55.5	50.7	93.1
	Per cent distribution				
Forestry (mainly logging)	15	7	3	2	17
Fishing and trapping	1	6	(1)	(1)	1
Mining	3	2	2	2	3
Manufacturing	29	28	30	33	25
Construction	16	24	14	11	15
Transportation, communication and other utilities	7	10	8	9	8
Trade	14	9	18	17	14
Service	10	7	15	15	10
Public administration and defence	3	5	6	7	4
Other	2	3	5	4	3
All cases	100	100	100	100	100

(1) Less than one-half of 1 p.c.

.. Figures not available.

- Nil.

Summary table

Activity	Apr. 1963	Mar. 1963	Apr. 1962	% Change from		Cumulative data			
				Mar. 1963	Apr. 1962	January to April		12 months ending April	
						1963	1962	1963	1962
	(thousands)					(Thousands)		(Thousands)	
Insured population as at month-end	..	4,194	4,064	4,132*	..	4,026*
Initial and renewal claims filed	176	196	181	- 10	- 3	879	933	2,139	2,346
Claimants currently reporting to local offices	566	685	564	- 17	-	669*	667*	414*	437*
Regular	379	481	373	- 21	+ 1				
S.B.	187	204	191	- 8	- 2				
S.B. Fishing (incl. in S.B.)	15	25	13	- 40	+ 13				
Beneficiaries (weekly average)	582	590	556	- 1	+ 5	575*	586*	336*	368*
Weeks compensated	2,328	2,477	2,114	- 6	+ 10	9,535	9,639	16,824	18,357
Benefit paid	\$ 57,583	61,287	51,647	- 6	+ 11	236,172	236,261	409,118	441,855

Average weekly benefit	\$ 24.73	24.75	24.43	-	+ 1	24.77	24.51	24.32	24.07
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* Monthly average.

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

End of:	Total	Employed	Claimants
1963 - March	4,194,000	3,508,700	685,300(1)
February	4,246,000	3,525,500	720,500(1)
January	4,241,000	3,537,900	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

(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 since last May. 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 - April - 1962					
	Total	Initial	Renewal	Total	Initial	Renewal
Canada -	175,594	125,017	50,577	181,299	122,080	59,219
Nfld.	5,783	4,892	891	5,445	4,381	1,064
P.E.I.	1,187	967	220	1,127	852	275
N.S.	8,821	6,510	2,311	10,671	6,828	3,843
N.B.	10,319	7,196	3,123	9,819	6,913	2,906
Que.	54,597	39,596	15,001	53,848	37,356	16,492
Ont.	51,868	35,663	16,205	55,339	35,408	19,931
Man.	7,258	5,503	1,755	8,281	5,772	2,509
Sask.	4,772	3,933	839	5,526	3,971	1,555
Alta.	11,980	8,475	3,505	11,827	8,374	3,453
B.C.	19,009	12,282	6,727	19,416	12,225	7,191

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 41,163.

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	April 30, 1962 Total claimants
		1-4	5-13	14-26	27 or more(1)		
	April 30, 1963						
CANADA -	565,928	143,619	186,362	191,423	44,524	45.1	564,478
MALE	438,338	112,689	147,865	149,844	27,940	49.7	435,094
FEMALE	127,590	30,930	38,497	41,579	16,584	29.5	129,384
Nfld.	29,504	5,141	9,160	14,239	964	82.1	27,253
Male	28,006	4,867	8,652	13,654	833	83.2	25,552
Female	1,498	274	508	585	131	63.0	1,701
P.E.I.	4,948	758	926	3,079	185	77.3	4,826
Male	4,103	596	720	2,640	147	80.2	3,947
Female	845	162	206	439	38	63.2	879
N.S.	34,394	7,185	10,634	13,841	2,734	58.7	33,560
Male	29,074	6,248	8,817	11,995	2,014	60.9	28,790
Female	5,320	937	1,817	1,846	720	46.7	4,770
N.B.	35,011	7,566	10,331	14,798	2,316	69.1	32,678
Male	29,636	6,789	9,190	12,137	1,520	71.2	27,756
Female	5,375	777	1,141	2,661	796	57.5	4,922
Que.	180,591	43,477	64,145	58,797	14,172	44.8	174,620
Male	146,398	34,488	54,746	48,299	8,865	48.8	139,461
Female	34,193	8,989	9,399	10,498	5,307	27.5	35,159
Ont.	150,333	40,593	47,190	47,913	14,637	28.7	156,463
Male	104,079	28,635	33,492	33,032	8,920	30.5	109,444
Female	46,254	11,958	13,698	14,881	5,717	24.6	47,019
Man.	27,516	6,608	10,098	9,175	1,635	38.3	29,238
Male	20,982	5,025	7,476	7,481	1,000	43.3	22,487
Female	6,534	1,583	2,622	1,694	635	22.2	6,751
Sask.	17,328	4,107	4,856	7,230	1,135	55.1	19,061
Male	13,460	3,384	3,713	5,733	630	60.8	14,738
Female	3,868	723	1,143	1,497	505	35.3	4,323
Alta.	32,009	11,707	11,805	6,831	1,666	66.3	33,537
Male	25,433	10,162	9,352	4,888	1,031	71.5	25,691
Female	6,576	1,545	2,453	1,943	635	46.3	7,846
B.C.	54,294	16,477	17,217	15,520	5,080	32.4	53,242
Male	37,167	12,495	11,707	9,985	2,980	36.9	37,228
Female	17,127	3,982	5,510	5,535	2,100	22.9	16,014

(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.*

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>April - 1963</u>							
Canada -	190,717	115,275	47,837	22,423	5,182	33,277	12,690
Nfld.	6,244	4,565	882	682	115	1,821	305
P.E.I.	1,177	885	195	74	23	273	59
N.S.	9,952	6,734	2,238	776	204	1,341	409
N.B.	10,963	7,058	2,935	805	165	1,658	607
Que.	60,098	37,950	14,003	6,630	1,515	10,816	4,072
Ont.	56,285	31,806	15,268	7,354	1,857	9,129	4,165
Man.	8,165	5,384	1,717	926	138	1,392	484
Sask.	5,201	3,701	848	572	80	1,126	234
Alta.	12,474	7,196	3,412	1,593	273	2,737	946
B.C.	20,158	9,996	6,339	3,011	812	2,984	1,409

April - 1962

Canada -	188,155	104,508	54,453	24,474	4,720	33,277	13,131
Nfld.	5,841	3,868	1,022	818	133	1,352	255
P.E.I.	1,237	866	262	86	23	198	34
N.S.	11,445	6,441	3,861	950	193	1,790	410
N.B.	10,476	6,493	2,878	954	151	1,836	421
Que.	56,673	33,291	15,056	7,156	1,170	10,638	4,025
Ont.	55,999	28,806	17,771	7,679	1,743	9,777	4,596
Man.	8,287	4,851	2,061	1,169	206	1,351	670
Sask.	5,646	3,371	1,396	713	166	1,006	286
Alta.	12,113	6,751	3,308	1,778	276	2,016	740
B.C.	20,438	9,770	6,838	3,171	659	3,313	1,694

* In addition 40,981 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,900 were special requests not granted and 2,675 were appeals by claimants. There were 10,660 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during April 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)	9,657	262	33	317	445	2,922	2,763	421	228	689	1,577
	1962	13,288	418	55	468	604	4,019	3,838	633	340	1,000	1,913
Claimants disqualified	1963	34,312	836	151	1,225	1,055	11,769	11,614	1,296	851	1,885	3,630
	1962	30,991	842	119	1,201	1,049	9,811	10,399	1,402	991	1,887	3,290
Not unemployed	1963	1,112	132	4	49	72	312	239	45	62	86	111
	1962	1,195	27	8	47	27	422	261	79	83	134	107
Not capable of and not available for work	1963	10,784	165	31	317	294	3,240	4,077	595	365	637	1,063
	1962	10,394	175	30	364	300	3,097	3,803	562	365	642	1,056
Loss of work due to a labour dispute	1963	164	-	-	6	-	126	30	-	-	-	2
	1962	335	-	-	16	-	168	97	-	40	2	12
Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work	1963	2,225	36	29	111	52	699	936	67	57	79	159
	1962	1,921	28	21	115	61	598	730	49	64	124	131
Discharged for misconduct	1963	1,639	39	2	58	39	557	577	56	33	120	158
	1962	1,298	28	-	50	33	462	482	42	26	52	123
Voluntarily left employment without just cause	1963	7,494	154	31	229	177	2,252	2,610	306	181	517	1,037
	1962	7,112	164	22	211	176	2,198	2,351	399	229	505	857
Other reasons	1963	10,894	310	54	455	421	4,583	3,145	227	153	446	1,100
	1962	8,736	420	38	398	452	2,866	2,675	271	184	428	1,004

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

1963	2,593	141	25	116	146	797	648	112	62	174	372
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Table 6. - Estimates of the Number of Beneficiaries, by Province.

Province	Average per week	
	1963 - April - 1962	
	(in thousands)	
Canada -	582.0	556.3
Newfoundland	31.5	30.0
Prince Edward Island	6.4	5.5
Nova Scotia	35.1	32.1
New Brunswick	34.9	31.7
Quebec	189.7	177.2
Ontario	158.5	154.1
Manitoba	28.3	27.7
Saskatchewan	19.0	18.5
Alberta	31.4	29.7
British Columbia	47.3	49.9

Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

Prov.	1963 - April - 1962			
	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)	Weeks	Amount (in dollars)
Canada -	2,328,024	57,583,100	2,113,953	51,647,128
Nfld.	126,010	3,100,132	113,996	2,752,086
P.E.I.	25,535	565,375	20,845	448,066
N.S.	140,073	3,158,262	122,068	2,818,201
N.B.	139,511	3,198,481	120,446	2,734,135
Que.	758,895	19,051,271	673,341	16,625,251
Ont.	634,130	15,524,017	585,573	14,423,550
Man.	113,276	2,760,174	105,122	2,568,188
Sask.	75,827	1,875,046	70,209	1,698,554
Alta.	125,569	3,233,844	112,793	2,863,516
B.C.	189,198	5,116,498	189,560	4,715,581

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

Province	Complete Weeks	Partial Weeks	
		Total	Due to Excess Earnings

April 1963

Canada -	2,165,391	162,633	117,084
Newfoundland	118,990	7,020	5,471
Prince Edward Island	24,111	1,424	947
Nova Scotia	127,820	12,253	9,672
New Brunswick	130,530	8,981	6,030
Quebec	711,708	47,187	30,304
Ontario	587,618	46,512	34,773
Manitoba	104,892	8,384	6,609
Saskatchewan	70,345	5,482	4,009
Alberta	116,093	9,476	7,079
British Columbia	173,284	15,914	12,190

April 1962

Canada -	1,969,833	144,120	105,973
Newfoundland	108,099	5,897	4,332
Prince Edward Island	19,772	1,073	769
Nova Scotia	112,233	9,835	7,939
New Brunswick	112,492	7,954	5,033
Quebec	632,109	41,232	28,309
Ontario	541,695	43,878	32,986
Manitoba	97,970	7,152	5,282
Saskatchewan	65,809	4,400	3,388
Alberta	105,005	7,788	5,596
British Columbia	174,649	14,911	12,339

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 - April - 1962					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	187,078	150,332	36,746	191,198	153,299	37,899
Nfld.	15,489	15,016	473	13,526	12,963	563
P.E.I.	2,740	2,332	408	2,685	2,243	442
N.S.	13,414	11,640	1,774	13,121	11,456	1,665
N.B.	15,387	13,318	2,069	14,668	12,657	2,011
Que.	57,906	48,894	9,012	59,486	49,088	10,398
Ont.	41,727	29,091	12,636	46,346	33,041	13,305
Man.	9,630	7,857	1,773	9,766	8,160	1,606
Sask.	6,093	4,987	1,106	6,769	5,464	1,305
Alta.	8,918	6,634	2,284	8,244	6,591	1,653
B.C.	15,774	10,563	5,211	16,587	11,636	4,951

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

Prov.	1963 - April - 1962					
	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female
Canada -	15,069	15,016	53	13,304	13,269	35
Nfld.	6,574	6,563	11	5,032	5,030	2
P.E.I.	665	647	18	634	619	15
N.S.	3,299	3,298	1	3,274	3,273	1
N.B.	1,692	1,689	3	1,525	1,522	3
Que.	709	704	5	590	589	1
Ont.	249	245	4	184	183	1
Man.	329	329	-	327	327	-
Sask.	1	1	-	-	-	-
Alta.	30	30	-	18	18	-
B.C.	1,521	1,510	11	1,720	1,708	12

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.