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## MAY 1963

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Historical data since 1941 are contained in the July 1961 issue in this geries, 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 "Anmual Report on Benef:t Periods Established and Terminated under the Unemployment Insurance Act", D.B.S. Labour Division, Unemployment Insurance Section.

## UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES








MILLIONS
OF DOLLARS


MAY 1963

## Claimants at month-end: volume and type

The interval during which seasonal benefit was operative terminated on May l8. The claimant count for May 31, therefore, represents claimants for regular benefit only, whereas April figures included seasonal benefit claimants.

Claimants for unemployment insurance benefit numbered 270,900 on May 31 , in comparison with 263,900 one year ago. On April 30, the total of 565,900 comprised 378,800 on regular and 187,100 on seasonal benefit.

About 50 per cent of the May 31 claimants had been on continuous claim less than 8 weeks; one-third came on claim during the month and about 10 per cent had been continuously on claim more than half a year.

## Initial and renewal Claims

A total of 122,900 initial and renewal claims were filed during May, 30 per cent fewer than for April and about 10 per cent below the tatal for May 1962. Part of the April-to-May decline is associated with the termination of seasonal benefit, as of May 18 , since, in the main, regular claims on which exhaustion occurred after May 11 were not considered under the seasonal benefit provisions. Of the 86,000 initial claims filed during May, 34,000 or 40 per cent were transitional claims. During April 57,000 or 45 per cent of the 125,000 initial claims were thus classified.

## Beneficiaries and benefit payments

The average weekly estimate of beneficiaries was 387,600 for May, 582,000 for April and 430,300 for May 1962. Benefit payments amounted to $\$ 41.1$ million during May, about 30 per cent less than April and 10 per cent lower than May 1962. Part of the April-to-May decline is associated with the termination date of seasonal benefit on May 18.(1)

## Claims by province

Variations in the relative importance of seasonal benefit, as between provinces, have their impact on the April-to-May changes in the month-end claimant count. For this reason, month-to-month percentage changes are not provided. Year-over-year data apply to regular claimants only.
(1) However, in order to compensate for unemployment occurring prior to and including the week of May 12-18, seasonal benefit payments would have been made, as usual, during the week of May $19-25$ and residual payments will continue to be made until all cases are cleared.
$\frac{\text { Percentage changes in month-end count of regular }}{\text { claimants }}$

|  | May 31, 1962 to May 31, 1963 |  |  | May 31, 1961 to May 31, 1962 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Male | Female | Total | Male | Female |
| Canada | $+3$ | $+3$ | $+3$ | - 23 | - 25 | - 16 |
| Nfld. | - 14 | - 13 | - 18 | - 1 | - 2 | + 6 |
| P.E.I. | $+20$ | + 22 | $+16$ | - 22 | - 28 | - 6 |
| N.S. | - 3 | - 6 | + 9 | - 6 | - 6 | - 8 |
| N.B. | + 9 | $+10$ | + 9 | - 17 | - 20 | - 4 |
| Que. | + 7 | + 8 | $+5$ | - 24 | - 26 | - 21 |
| Ont. | + 2 | + 2 | + 1 | - 30 | - 36 | - 19 |
| Man. | + 2 | - | + 6 | - 8 | - 9 | - 6 |
| Sask. | - 8 | - 8 | - 8 | - 13 | - 17 | - 4 |
| Alta. | + 8 | + 7 | -9 | - 15 | - 17 | - 10 |
| B.C. | - 2 | - 4 | + 1 | - 20 | - 24 | - 10 |

The April-to-may declines in claims were significant for all provinces. In comparison with one year ago, the current volume is lower in all provinces except Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick where small increases occurred.

## Percentage changes in claims filed

|  |  | pril to 1963 |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Tay } 1962 \\ & \text { May } 196 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Apri1 to } \\ 1962 \end{array}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Initial | Renewal | Total | Initial | Renewal | Total | Initial | Renewal |
| Canada | - 30 | - 31 | - 26 | - 21 |  | - 18 | - 24 | - 24 | - 23 |
| Nf1d. | - 37 | $=36$ | - 44 | - 15 | - 14 | - 23 | - 21 | - 16 | 39 |
| P.E.I. | - 55 | - 54 | - 61 | + 8 | + 17 | - 20 | - 57 | - 55 | - 61 |
| N.S. | - 47 | - 43 | - 55 | - 45 | - 16 | - 76 | - 19 | - 35 | + 10 |
| N.B. | - 45 | - 37 | - 64 | + 1 | + 7 | - 19 | - 43 | - 39 | - 52 |
| Que. | - 26 | - 30 | - 16 | - 5 | - 5 | - 5 | - 21 | - 22 | - 20 |
| Ont. | - 22 | - 26 | - 13 | - 9 | - 9 | - 10 | - 19 | - 18 | - 22 |
| Man. | - 34 | - 34 | - 35 | - 16 | - 11 | - 29 | - 31 | - 29 | - 36 |
| Sask. | - 49 | - 51 | - 42 | - 14 | - 9 | - 30 | - 49 | - 46 | - 56 |
| Alta. | - 45 | - 45 | - 46 | - 10 | - 10 | - 11 | - 38 | - 39 | - 38 |
| B.C. | - 28 | - 24 | - 35 | - 17 | - 12 | - 25 | - 15 | - 12 | - 19 |

.. Not available.

- Nil.

Summary table


[^0]Table 1. - Estimates of the Insured Population under the Unemployment Insurance Act.

| End of: | Total | Employed | Claimants |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | $4,146,000$ |  |  |
| March | $4,223,000$ | $3,580,100$ | $565,900(1)$ |
| February | $4,246,000$ | $3,537,700$ | $685,300(1)$ |
| January | $4,241,000$ | $3,525,500$ | $720,500(1)$ |
| 1962 - December | $4,212,000$ | $3,537,900$ | $703,100(1)$ |
| November | $4,094,000$ | $3,620,000$ | $592,000(1)$ |
| October | $3,991,000$ | $3,719,800$ | $374,200(1)$ |
| September | $3,977,000$ | $3,746,900$ | 244,100 |
| August | $3,995,000$ | $3,779,200$ | 197,800 |
| July | $3,976,000$ | $3,796,300$ | 198,700 |
| June | $3,954,000$ | $3,764,000$ | 212,000 |
| May | $3,889,000$ | $3,739,700$ | 214,300 |
| April | $4,064,000$ | $3,625,100$ | 263,900 |
|  |  | $3,499,500$ | 564,500 |

(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 - May - 1962 |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Initial | Renewal | Total | Initial | Renewal |
| Canada - | 122,911 | 85,696 | 37,215 | 138,439 | 92,945 | 45,494 |
| Nfld. | 3,650 | 3,152 | 498 | 4,317 | 3,670 | 647 |
| P.E.I. | 530 | 444 | 86 | 489 | 381 | 108 |
| N.S. | 4,735 | 3,706 | 1,029 | 8,633 | 4,421 | 4,212 |
| N.B. | 5,643 | 4,522 | 1,121 | 5,599 | 4,207 | 1,392 |
| Que. | 40,288 | 27,725 | 12,563 | 42,381 | 29,105 | 13,276 |
| Ont. | 40,572 | 26,550 | 14,022 | 44,689 | 29,091 | 15,598 |
| Man. | 4,793 | 3,644 | 1,149 | 5,685 | 4,076 | 1,609 |
| Sask. | 2,428 | 1,944 | 484 | 2,836 | 2,146 | 690 |
| Alta. | 6,539 | 4,629 | 1,910 | 7,287 | 5,147 | 2,140 |
| B.C. | 13,733 | 9,380 | 4,353 | 16,523 | 10,701 | 5,822 |

(1) In addition, revised claims received numbered 41,359

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)

| Province and Sex | Total <br> claimants | Number of weeks on claim (based on 20 per cent sample) |  |  |  | Percent - <br> age <br> Postal | $\begin{aligned} & \text { May } 31, \\ & 1962 \\ & \text { Total } \\ & \text { claimants } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 1-4 | 5-13 | 14-26 | $\begin{aligned} & 27 \text { or } \\ & \text { more (1) } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |
|  | May 31, 1963 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| CANADA | 270,892 | 86,651 | 84,780 | 70,748 | 28,713 | 36.1 | 263,862 |
| MALE | 185,998 | 59,520 | 61,463 | 47,477 | 17,538 | 39.8 | 181,219 |
| FEMALE | 84,894 | 27,131 | 23,317 | 23,271 | 11,175 | 27.8 | 82,643 |
| Nf1d. | 8,518 | 1,746 | 2,954 | 3,072 | 746 | 71.5 | 9,885 |
| Male | 7,611 | 1,524 | 2,727 | 2,755 | 605 | 72.4 | 8,781 |
| Female | 907 | 222 | 227 | 317 | 141 | 63.7 | 1,104 |
| P.E.I. | 1,101 | 303 | 308 | 391 | 99 | 61.6 | 919 |
| Male | 740 | 211 | 197 | 262 | 70 | 69.2 | 607 |
| Female | 361 | 92 | 111 | 129 | 29 | 46.0 | 312 |
| N.S. | 14,277 | 3,468 | 4,669 | 4,467 | 1,673 | 46.7 | 14,736 |
| Male | 11,157 | 2,820 | 3,789 | 3,479 | 1,069 | 47.1 | 11,874 |
| Female | 3,120 | 648 | 880 | 988 | 604 | 45.2 | 2,862 |
| N.B. | 13,558 | 3,502 | 4,750 | 4,091 | 1,215 | 59.3 | 12,386 |
| Male | 10,640 | 2,816 | 4,168 | 2,952 | 704 | 61.4 | 9,711 |
| Female | 2,918 | 686 | 582 | 1,139 | 511 | 51.7 | 2,675 |
| Que. | 86,284 | 28,425 | 27,915 | 21,330 | 8,614 | 33.8 | 80,528 |
| Male | 62,054 | 19,714 | 21,139 | 15,849 | 5,352 | 37.4 | 57,346 |
| Female | 24,230 | 8,711 | 6,776 | 5,481 | 3,262 | 24.5 | 23,182 |
| Ont. | 81,248 | 28,879 | 23,321 | 19,665 | 9,383 | 25.5 | 79,848 |
| Male | 50,045 | 18,248 | 14,716 | 11,467 | 5,614 | 26.4 | 48,923 |
| Female | 31,203 | 10,631 | 8,605 | 8,198 | 3,769 | 24.1 | 30,925 |
| Man. | 12,820 | 3,852 | 4,014 | 3,800 | 1,154 | 34.7 | 12,570 |
| Male | 8,546 | 2,635 | 2,777 | 2,404 | 730 | 40.7 | 8,522 |
| Female | 4,274 | 1,217 | 1,237 | 1,396 | 424 | 22.5 | 4,048 |
| Sask. | 6,138 | 1,561 | 1,741 | 1,974 | 862 | 47.2 | 6,669 |
| Male | 3,835 | 953 | 1,185 | 1,184 | 513 | 54.1 | 4,179 |
| Female | 2,303 | 608 | 556 | 790 | 349 | 35.8 | 2,490 |
| Alta. | 17,231 | 4,687 | 6,188 | 4,962 | 1,394 | 61.7 | 15,966 |
| Male | 12,037 | 3,329 | 4,626 | 3,299 | 783 | 66.2 | 11,199 |
| Female | 5,194 | 1,358 | 1,562 | 1,663 | 611 | 51.1 | 4,767 |
| B.C. | 29,717 | 10,228 | 8,920 | 6,996 | 3,573 | 28.1 | 30,355 |
| Male | 19,333 | 7,270 | 6,139 | 3,826 | 2,098 | 32.5 | 20,077 |
| Female | 10,384 | 2,958 | 2,781 | 3,170 | 1,475 | 19.9 | 10,278 |

(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. (1)

| Province |  |  |  |  |  | Pending |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Entitled to Benefit |  | Not Entitled to Benefit |  | Initial | Renewal |
|  |  | Initial | Renewal | Initial | Renewal |  |  |

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| Canada - | 137,289 | 71,687 | 35,158 | 25,187 | 5,257 | 22,099 | 9,490 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Nfld. | 4,865 | 3,396 | 553 | 793 | 123 | 127 |  |  |
| P.E.I. | 780 | 539 | 107 | 116 | 18 | 784 | 62 | 20 |
| N.S. | 5,576 | 3,491 | 1,063 | 841 | 181 | 715 | 194 |  |
| N.B. | 6,873 | 4,395 | 1,332 | 987 | 159 | 798 | 237 |  |
| Que. | 43,794 | 23,282 | 11,508 | 7,330 | 1,674 | 7,929 | 3,453 |  |
| Ont. | 43,226 | 20,353 | 12,851 | 8,126 | 1,896 | 7,200 | 3,440 |  |
| Man. | 5,535 | 2,885 | 1,136 | 1,374 | 140 | 777 | 357 |  |
| Sask. | 3,248 | 2,101 | 493 | 558 | 96 | 411 | 129 |  |
| Alta. | 8,349 | 4,388 | 2,077 | 1,616 | 268 | 1,362 | 511 |  |
| B.C. | 15,043 | 6,857 | 4,038 | 3,446 | 702 | 2,061 | 1,022 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| Canada - | 153,463 | 75,727 | 44,099 | 28,335 | 5,302 | 22,160 | 9,224 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Nfld. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P.E.I. | 5,038 | 3,098 | 647 | 1,191 | 102 | 733 | 153 |
| N.S. | 6,648 | 4,402 | 103 | 107 | 13 | 46 | 26 |
| N.B. | 6,772 | 4,324 | 1,121 | 952 | 173 | 857 | 328 |
| Que. | 46,464 | 24,182 | 12,925 | 7,931 | 160 | 783 | 301 |
| Ont. | 48,548 | 22,212 | 15,160 | 9,184 | 1,992 | 7,630 | 2,950 |
| Man. | 6,476 | 3,415 | 1,592 | 1,254 | 215 | 7,472 | 3,042 |
| Sask. | 3,650 | 2,182 | 733 | 629 | 106 | 358 | 472 |
| Alta. | 8,277 | 4,064 | 2,017 | 1,892 | 304 | 1,207 | 137 |
| B.C. | 17,941 | 7,422 | 5,449 | 4,259 | 811 | 2,333 | 1,256 |

(1) In addition 42,678 revised claims were disposed of. Of these, 3,604 were special requests not granted and 2,782 were appeals by claimants. There were 9,341 revised claims pending at the end of the month.

Table 5. - Number of Claimants Not Entitled to Benefit in each Province during May 1963 and 1902 with Chief Rea oris for Non-enticlement.

| Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement | Year | Canada | NEld. | P.E.I. | N. S. | N. B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B. C. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Benefit period not established | $\begin{aligned} & 1963(1) \\ & 1962 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,951 \\ & 15,057 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 437 \\ & 637 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 75 \\ & 37 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 381 \\ & 425 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 577 \\ & 503 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,675 \\ & 4,282 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,755 \\ & 4,495 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 903 \\ & 628 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 232 \\ & 267 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 894 \\ 1,040 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,022 \\ & 2,743 \end{aligned}$ |
| Claimants disqualified | $\begin{aligned} & 1963 \\ & 1962 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 35,860 \\ & 38,915 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 780 \\ & 971 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 156 \\ & 158 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,241 \\ & 1,403 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,260 \\ & 1,205 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,490 \\ & 12,589 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,121 \\ & 13,462 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,315 \\ & 1,631 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 830 \\ 1,003 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,946 \\ & 2,320 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,721 \\ & 4,173 \end{aligned}$ |
| Not unemployed | $\begin{aligned} & 1963 \\ & 1962 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 791 \\ & 815 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 40 \\ & 15 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9 \\ & 1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 43 \\ & 35 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 55 \\ & 41 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 221 \\ & 273 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 198 \\ & 215 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 28 \\ & 34 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 42 \\ & 41 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 80 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 95 \\ & 80 \end{aligned}$ |
| Not capable of and not available for work | $\begin{aligned} & 1963 \\ & 1962 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11,792 \\ & 14,412 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 153 \\ & 164 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 32 \\ & 48 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 324 \\ & 439 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 331 \\ & 327 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,598 \\ & 4,424 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,441 \\ & 5,420 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 618 \\ & 801 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 338 \\ 438 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 761 \\ & 896 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,196 \\ & 1,455 \end{aligned}$ |
| Loss of work due to a labour dispute | $\begin{aligned} & 1963 \\ & 1962 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 138 \\ & 944 \end{aligned}$ | -- |  | 2 | - | $\begin{array}{r} 99 \\ 547 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 30 \\ 378 \end{array}$ | 6 | $1$ | 6 | 9 4 |
| Refused offer of work and neglected opportunity to work | $\begin{aligned} & 1963 \\ & 1962 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,833 \\ & 2,593 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 41 \\ & 19 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45 \\ & 25 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 86 \\ 118 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 87 \\ & 96 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 964 \\ & 911 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,116 \\ 956 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 104 \\ 76 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 92 \\ & 63 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 109 \\ & 160 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 189 \\ & 169 \end{aligned}$ |
| Discharged for misconduct | $\begin{aligned} & 1963 \\ & 1962 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,554 \\ & 1,372 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 38 \\ & 32 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3 \\ & 7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 60 \\ & 49 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 49 \\ & 46 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 573 \\ & 486 \end{aligned}$ | $517$ | $\begin{aligned} & 58 \\ & 39 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 22 \\ & 17 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 85 \\ & 68 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 149 \\ & 136 \end{aligned}$ |
| Voluntarily left employment without | $\begin{aligned} & 1963 \\ & 1962 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7,836 \\ & 8,243 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 153 \\ & 154 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 28 \\ & 36 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 292 \\ & 239 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 225 \\ & 242 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,327 \\ & 2,358 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2,702 \\ & 2,744 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 300 \\ & 384 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 190 \\ & 243 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 507 \\ & 613 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1,112 \\ & 1,230 \end{aligned}$ |
| Other ressons | $\begin{aligned} & 1963 \\ & 1962 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 10,916 \\ & 10,536 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 355 \\ & 587 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 39 \\ & 41 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 436 \\ & 521 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 513 \\ & 453 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4,708 \\ & 3,590 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 3,117 \\ & 3,257 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 207 \\ & 291 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 146 \\ & 200 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 424 \\ & 497 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 971 \\ 1,099 \end{array}$ |
| (1) Previously failed on during May | $\begin{aligned} & \text { lal clai } \\ & 1963 \end{aligned}$ | but su $2,081$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { luent } \\ & 115 \end{aligned}$ | establ 14 | $\begin{gathered} \text { on } \mathrm{r} \\ 94 \end{gathered}$ | sed cl $188$ | 11577 | 554 | 82 | 33 | 119 | 305 |

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


Table 7. - Benefit Payments, by Province.

| Prov. | 1963 - May - 1962 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Weeks | $\begin{gathered} \text { Amount } \\ \text { (in dollars) } \end{gathered}$ | Weeks | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Amount } \\ & \text { (in dollars) } \end{aligned}$ |
| Canada | 1,705,628 | 41,146,612 | 1,893,197 | 45,409,414 |
| Nf1d. | 92,198 | 2,267,884 | 127,897 | 3,071,856 |
| P.E.I. | 14,226 | 308,389 | 17,885 | 376,880 |
| N.S. | 102,673 | 2,288,579 | 115,516 | 2,585,089 |
| N. B | 110,382 | 2,528,299 | 116,721 | 2,639,396 |
| Que. | 547,370 | 13,455,837 | 561,843 | 13,629,311 |
| Ont. | 448,214 | 10,647,621 | 519,967 | 12,375,878 |
| Man. | 84,729 | 2,016,537 | 95,040 | 2,326,7454 |
| Sask. | 48,967 | 1,153,007 | 60,002 | 1,446,127 |
| Alta. | 97,117 | 2,499,771 | 100,224 | 2,578,348 |
| B.C. | 159,752 | 3,980,688 | 178,102 | 4,379,784 |

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

| Province | Complete <br> Weeks | Totial Weeks |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |

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| Canada - | $1,563,475$ | 142,153 | 107,403 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland | 85,031 | 7,167 | 5,946 |
| Prince Edward Island | 13,125 | 1,101 | 839 |
| Nova Scotia | 90,839 | 11,834 | 9,772 |
| New Brunswick | 100,391 | 9,991 | 7,459 |
| Quebec | 506,212 | 41,158 | 29,015 |
| Ontario | 411,050 | 37,164 | 28,432 |
| Manitoba | 77,446 | 7,283 | 5,770 |
| Saskatchewan | 44,657 | 4,310 | 6,272 |
| Albeta | 88,641 | 8,476 | 10,477 |
| British Columbia | 146,083 | 13,669 |  |

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| Canada - | $1,742,194$ | 151,003 | 115,697 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| Newfoundland | 119,854 | 8,043 | 5,516 |
| Prince Edward Island | 16,541 | 1,344 | 1,044 |
| Nova Scotia | 102,697 | 12,819 | 10,661 |
| New Brunswick | 106,165 | 10,556 | 7,775 |
| Quebec | 520,256 | 41,587 | 30,422 |
| Ontario | 476,556 | 43,411 | 33,255 |
| Manitoba | 87,139 | 7,901 | 6,152 |
| Saskatchewan | 55,232 | 4,770 | 3,790 |
| Alberta | 92,113 | 8,111 | 6,132 |
| British Columbia | 165,641 | 12,461 | 10,950 |

Between 40 and 45 per cent of initial claims processed from the end of November 1962 to June 1, 1963, were considered under the seasonal benefit provisions, in comparison with slightly over 45 per cent one year earlier.

The number of claims established under these provisions was almost 30,000 fewer, approximately 363,000 for the December 1962 -May 1963 period, as against 391, 000 the year previous. The year-to-year decline occurred amongst persons qualifying for non-fishing seasonal benefit, the number eligible for fishing seasonal benefit having increased slightly.

Less than one-quarter of the non-fishing seasonal benefit claims were established during December but for fishing seasonal benefit the proportion was over 50 per cent. Very few fishing seasonal benefit claims, but over 50 per cent of non-fishing seasonal benefit claims, were set up after January. This illustrates the basic distinction in the operation of the regulations governing fishing claimants and others. In the first place, the majority of fishermen are eligible only for seasonal benefit. Hence in the main, they qualify under Class $A$ and there is no transition from regular to seasonal benefit during the winter months, as is the case for other claimants. Generally a fisherman may continue to fish during the seasonal benefit period and still draw benefit. However, he will not draw benefit for any week in which his excess earnings equal his benefit rate. Non-fishing claimants may not draw benefit for any week during which they work the full working week, regardless of the amount of earnings.

On the average, 168,000 seasonal benefit claimants were reported on claim at the end of each of the 5 months December to April. The peak claimant total for fishermen was the end of February, after which exhaustion of benefit resulted in a decline. In the case of non-fishing claimants, however, exhaustions of seasonal benefit were offset by additional seasonal benefit cases. The peak for these cases was the end of March.

During the season just terminating it is estimated that some $\$ 86$ million were paid under the seasonal benefit provisions. This is a preliminary estimate. In the 1961-62 period, the amount was $\$ 88.9$ million.

Table I - (S.B.) Initial Claims Considered under the Seasonal Benefit Provisions as a Percentage of Initial Claims Processed, 1962-63 and 1961-62 Periods.

| Seasonal Benefit Period and Month | Canada | Nfld. | P.E.I. | N. S . | N. B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B. C. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1962-63 Period | 43.6 | 64.7 | 66.5 | 51.9 | 58.1 | 42.3 | 36.9 | 42.8 | 44.0 | 38.0 | 45.6 |
| December | 53.1 | 78.1 | 74.7 | 64.9 | 67.3 | 49.1 | 46.5 | 46.5 | 45.4 | 42.9 | 60.6 |
| January | 37.6 | 59.5 | 57.2 | 51.4 | 54.6 | 35.4 | 30.6 | 33.5 | 32.7 | 33.7 | 39.0 |
| February | 38.4 | 47.6 | 51.0 | 43.2 | 52.7 | 39.5 | 33.0 | 38.1 | 37.1 | 35.0 | 41.2 |
| March | 44.4 | 58.7 | 68.8 | 46.6 | 59.9 | 43.8 | 37.4 | 53.3 | 54.1 | 42.4 | 45.9 |
| April | 47.8 | 65.6 | 78.3 | 48.3 | 58.1 | 47.8 | 43.0 | 55.4 | 60.9 | 41.9 | 42.1 |
| May | 38.4 | 67.4 | 67.9 | 46.1 | 49.1 | 41.6 | 31.6 | 29.1 | 51.1 | 30.3 | 31.0 |
| 1961-62 Period | 47.4 | 65.3 | 66.0 | 51.4 | 59.3 | 46.8 | 41.9 | 46.5 | 48.5 | 41.4 | 50.4 |
| December | 57.8 | 78.0 | 71.6 | 63.2 | 66.5 | 53.9 | 52.5 | 51.0 | 51.9 | 49.4 | 67.4 |
| January | 41.5 | 60.3 | 57.7 | 55.1 | 56.9 | 40.8 | 35.4 | 35.5 | 37.6 | 37.4 | 42.0 |
| February | 42.1 | 49.8 | 51.4 | 43.2 | 55.0 | 44.1 | 36.8 | 41.7 | 44.0 | 38.3 | 45.2 |
| March | 46.9 | 56.9 | 68.1 | 46.5 | 57.9 | 47.5 | 41.6 | 53.5 | 56.6 | 42.4 | 48.1 |
| April | 50.0 | 66.8 | 77.4 | 42.7 | 58.8 | 50.7 | 47.1 | 57.2 | 59.2 | 43.5 | 45.1 |
| May | 40.9 | 61.8 | 68.3 | 38.1 | 52.0 | 43.8 | 36.8 | 44.5 | 51.6 | 31.8 | 32.2 |

Table II - (S.B.) Number of Claims Established(1) under the Seasonal Benefit Provisions, by Month, $1962-63$ and 1961-62 Periods.

| Seasonal Benefit Period | Total for the period | December (2) | January | February | March | Apr 11 | May ( 2 ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1962-63 Period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 362.9 | 95.3 | 79.7 | 48.0 | 53.9 | 56.2 | 29.9 |
| Non-fishing | 331.4 | 78.5 | 68.1 | 46.1 | 53.0 | 55.8 | 29.9 |
| Fishing | 31.5 | 16.8 | 11.6 | 1.8 | 0.9 | 0.4 | - |
| 1961-62 Period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 390.9 | 111.6 | 81.1 | 50.9 | 62.5 | 51.2 | 33.6 |
| Non-fishing | 361.5 | 94.8 | 71.4 | 49.3 | 61.5 | 50.9 | 33.6 |
| Pishing | 29.5 | 16.8 | 9.8 | 1.6 | 1.0 | 0.3 | - |

(1) The contribution requirement of 15 weeks since the preceding March 31 was proven or a regular benefit period had terminated since the Saturday following the week in which May 15 occurred.
(2) Includes cases processed during November but excludes residual cases processed after May 31.

Table III - (S.B.) Number of Claims Established under the Seasonal Benefit Provisions, by Province, $1962-63$ and 1961-62 Periods.

| Seasonal Benefit Period | Canada | Nfld. | P.E.I. | N. S. | N. B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B. C. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | ousands |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1962-63 Period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 362.9 | 28.2 | 6.0 | 24.3 | 27.6 | 108.6 | 86.4 | 17.1 | 12.7 | 16.8 | 35.3 |
| Non-fishing | 331.4 | 17.0 | 3.9 | 18.0 | 23.3 | 107.2 | 85.6 | 16.5 | 12.7 | 16.8 | 30.4 |
| Fishing | 31.5 | 11.2 | 2.1 | 6.3 | 4.2 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.6 | - | - | 4.9 |
| 1961-62 Period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total | 390.9 | 26.7 | 5.6 | 24.5 | 27.8 | 114.9 | 100.7 | 18.8 | 14.1 | 18.4 | 39.4 |
| Non-fishing | 361.5 | 16.5 | 3.8 | 18.5 | 23.9 | 113.8 | 99.9 | 18.2 | 14.1 | 18.4 | 34.5 |
| Fishing | 29.5 | 10.2 | 1.9 | 5.9 | 3.9 | 1.2 | 0.8 | 0.6 | - | - | 5.0 |

Table IV - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, 1962-63 and 1961-62 Periods.

| Seasonal Benefit Period | Average for the period | December | January | February | March | April |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | in | ds |  |  |
| 1962-63 Period |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} \text { Total - Claimants } \\ \text { Male } \\ \text { Female } \end{aligned}$ | 168.4 | 95.3 | 159.3 | 196.3 | 203.9 | 187.1 |
|  | 136.1 | 76.4 | 128.8 | 158.7 | 166.1 | 150.3 |
|  | 32.3 | 19.0 | 30.4 | 37.6 | 37.8 | 36.7 |
| Non-fishing | 144.9 | 75.9 | 131.5 | 166.4 | 178.7 | 172.0 |
| Male | 112.7 | 57.0 | 101.2 | 128.9 | 141.0 | 135.3 |
| Female | 32.2 | 18.9 | 30.3 | 37.5 | 37.7 | 36.7 |
| Fishing | 23.5 | 19.4 | 27.7 | 29.9 | 25.2 | 15.1 |
| Male | 23.4 | 19.3 | 27.6 | 29.8 | 25.1 | 15.0 |
|  | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| 1961-62 Period |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} \text { Total - Claimants } \\ \text { Male } \\ \text { Female } \end{aligned}$ | 180.2 | 108.5 | 174.2 | 207.3 | 220.1 | 191.2 |
|  | 144.7 | 87.0 | 139.7 | 165.6 | 178.0 | 153.3 |
|  | 35.5 | 21.5 | 34.5 | 41.7 | 42.1 | 37.9 |
| Non-fishing | 158.7 | 91.4 | 148.0 | 179.7 | 196.6 | 177.9 |
| Male | 123.3 | 70.0 | 113.6 | 138.1 | 154.6 | 140.0 |
| Female | 35.4 | 21.4 | 34.4 | 41.5 | 42.0 | 37.9 |
|  | 21.5 | 17.1 | 26.2 | 27.6 | 23.5 | 13.3 |
| Male | 21.4 | 17.0 | 26.1 | 27.5 | 23.4 | 13.3 |
| Female | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.1 | - |

Table V - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month by Province, 1962-63 and 1961-62 Periods.

| Seasonal Benefit Period | Canada | Nf1d. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N. B . | Que. | Ont. | Man . | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | in thousands |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1962-63 Period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average for the Period | 168.4 | 16.7 | 3.4 | 12.9 | 14.1 | 49.0 | 36.2 | 7.7 | 5.2 | 6.8 | 16.5 |
| December 31, 1962 | 95.3 | 12.0 | 2.2 | 6.7 | 8.0 | 25.1 | 19.9 | 4.5 | 2.5 | 3.0 | 11.4 |
| January 31, 1963 | 159.3 | 16.6 | 3.8 | 13.3 | 13.6 | 45.3 | 32.7 | 6.7 | 4.3 | 6.2 | 16.7 |
| February 28, 1963 | 196.3 | 20.4 | 4.3 | 15.4 | 16.2 | 56.5 | 41.5 | 8.7 | 6.0 | 7.9 | 19.4 |
| March 29, 1963 | 203.9 | 18.7 | 3.9 | 15.6 | 17.1 | 60.4 | 45.4 | 8.9 | 6.9 | 8.0 | 19.1 |
| April 30, 1963 | 187.1 | 15.5 | 2.7 | 13.4 | 15.4 | 57.9 | 41.7 | 9.6 | 6.1 | 8.9 | 15.8 |
| 1961-62 Period |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Average for the Period | 180.2 | 15.6 | 3.4 | 13.0 | 14.3 | 51.8 | 42.6 | 8.2 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 18.2 |
| December 29, 1961 | 108.5 | 10.8 | 2.4 | 7.2 | 8.7 | 28.8 | 24.5 | 4.7 | 3.2 | 3.7 | 14.5 |
| January 31, 1962 | 174.2 | 17.0 | 3.7 | 13.6 | 13.8 | 47.2 | 40.3 | 7.4 | 5.3 | 6.6 | 19.2 |
| February 28, 1962 | 207.3 | 19.1 | 4.1 | 15.3 | 16.9 | 58.8 | 49.2 | 9.1 | 7.0 | 7.6 | 20.2 |
| March 30, 1962 | 220.1 | 18.3 | 3.8 | 15.9 | 17.3 | 64.7 | 52.6 | 9.8 | 7.9 | 9.1 | 20.4 |
| April 30, 1962 | 191.2 | 13.5 | 2.7 | 13.1 | 14.7 | 59.5 | 46.3 | 10.0 | 6.8 | 8.2 | 16.6 |

Table VI - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants as a Percentage of Total Claimants, by Province $1962-63$ and 1961-62 Periods.

| Seasonal Benefit Period | Canada | Nf1d. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | per cent |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1962-63 Period | 25.8 | 46.9 | 49.9 | 34.6 | 38.6 | 24.4 | 19.9 | 23.9 | 22.9 | 19.5 | 25.5 |
| December 31, 1962 | 16.1 | 36.5 | 36.0 | 21.7 | 25.9 | 14.0 | 11.9 | 15.5 | 12.6 | 10.2 | 17.1 |
| January 31, 1963 | 22.7 | 42.2 | 49.3 | 33.4 | 36.0 | 21.7 | 16.5 | 18.5 | 16.8 | 16.2 | 23.3 |
| February 28, 1963 | 27.2 | 51.1 | 53.5 | 37.7 | 40.9 | 25.5 | 20.6 | 24.4 | 23.0 | 20.2 | 28.3 |
| March 29, 1963 | 29.8 | 52.3 | 54.7 | 39.0 | 44.0 | 28.0 | 23.4 | 27.6 | 28.9 | 22.5 | 30.7 |
| April 30, 1963 | 33.1 | 52.5 | 55.4 | 39.0 | 43.9 | 32.1 | 27.8 | 35.0 | 35.2 | 27.9 | 29.1 |
| 1961-62 Period | 27.6 | 47.6 | 51.1 | 34.1 | 40.5 | 26.7 | 22.6 | 24.7 | 25.5 | 19.8 | 27.5 |
| December 29, 1961 | 18.0 | 38.8 | 41.3 | 23.7 | 29.6 | 16.5 | 13.7 | 15.0 | 14.9 | 11.6 | 20.7 |
| January 31, 1962 | 24.9 | 46.8 | 50.2 | 33.2 | 37.8 | 23.5 | 19.9 | 20.9 | 20.4 | 17.6 | 25.6 |
| February 28, 1962 | 28.8 | 50.0 | 52.9 | 35.9 | 43.2 | 27.5 | 23.7 | 25.1 | 25.9 | 20.4 | 29.4 |
| March 30, 1962 | 32.0 | 51.0 | 55.3 | 36.5 | 45.0 | 31.2 | 27.0 | 29.5 | 31.9 | 24.0 | 32.2 |
| Apri1 30, 1962 | 33.9 | 49.6 | 55.6 | 39.1 | 44.9 | 34.1 | 29.6 | 33.4 | 35.5 | 24.6 | 31.2 |

Table VII - (S.B.) Seasonal Benefit Claimants, Non-fishing and Fishing, Reporting to Local Offices on the Last Working Day of the Month, by Province, 1962-63 Period.

| Type of Seasonal Benefit Claimant and Month | Canada | Nfld. | P.E.I. | N.S. | N.B. | Que. | Ont. | Man. | Sask. | Alta. | B.C. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | in | hous an |  |  |  |  |  |
| ```1962-63 period (average): Non-fishing Fishing``` | $\begin{array}{r} 144.9 \\ 23.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.1 \\ & 9.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.9 \\ & 1.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.5 \\ & 4.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 11.0 \\ 3.1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 48.0 \\ 1.1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 35.8 \\ 0.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.5 \\ & 0.2 \end{aligned}$ | $5.2$ | $6.8$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13.3 \\ 3.2 \end{array}$ |
| December: <br> Non-fishing <br> Fishing | $\begin{aligned} & 75.9 \\ & 19.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.7 \\ & 9.3 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.0 \\ & 1.2 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 4.6 \\ & 2.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 5.6 \\ & 2.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 24.4 \\ 0.8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19.6 \\ 0.3 \end{array}$ | 4.5 | 2.5 | 3.0 | $\begin{aligned} & 8.1 \\ & 3.2 \end{aligned}$ |
| January: <br> Non-fishing <br> Fishing | $\begin{array}{r} 131.5 \\ 27.7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6.1 \\ 10.5 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.8 \\ & 2.0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 7.9 \\ & 5.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.7 \\ & 3.9 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 44.0 \\ 1.3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 32.1 \\ 0.6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6.6 \\ & 0.1 \end{aligned}$ | 4.3 | $6.2$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12.8 \\ 3.9 \end{array}$ |
| February: <br> Non-fishing <br> Fishing | $\begin{array}{r} 166.4 \\ 29.9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 8.5 \\ 11.9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.2 \\ & 2.1 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.6 \\ & 5.8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 12.3 \\ 3.9 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 55.1 \\ 1.3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 40.8 \\ 0.7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.6 \\ & 0.1 \end{aligned}$ | 6.0 | $7.9$ | $\begin{array}{r} 15.4 \\ 4.0 \end{array}$ |
| March: <br> Non-fishing Fishing | $\begin{array}{r} 178.7 \\ 25.2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.2 \\ & 9.5 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.3 \\ & 1.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10.2 \\ 5.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13.6 \\ 3.4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 59.2 \\ 1.2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 44.8 \\ 0.6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.6 \\ & 0.3 \end{aligned}$ | 6.9 | 8.0 | $\begin{array}{r} 15.9 \\ 3.2 \end{array}$ |
| ```April: Non-fishing Fishing``` | $\begin{array}{r} 172.0 \\ 15.1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 8.9 \\ & 6.6 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.1 \\ & 0.7 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10.1 \\ 3.3 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13.7 \\ 1.7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 57.2 \\ 0.7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 41.5 \\ 0.2 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9.3 \\ & 0.3 \end{aligned}$ | $6.1$ | 8.9 | $\begin{array}{r} 14.2 \\ 1.5 \end{array}$ |

## 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 benefl.

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.

Inilial 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 clalm was to the effect that the claimant was ineligible to establish either a regular, seasonal or fishing benefit period.

Benefit period not established: The minimum contribution requirements for any type of benefit have not been met. This figure thus represents the net total of persons with insufficient contributions to establish a benefit period under either the regular, seasonal or fishing benefit provisions, based on decisions arising from initial claims only. Subsequent decisions arising from a revised claim and constituting a reversal of the initial adjudication are not taken into account, but such decisions would reduce the number of benefit periods not established.

Disqualification: A disqualification is imposed because of circumstances surrounding the claim which render the claimant ineligible for the receipt of benefit either for a stated period or so long as the condition causing the disqualification continues.

Where it is establisheri 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: Cal endar 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 wucher 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 clalmant recrived 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 "nonavailability'. A reduction will occur also if a portion of a week was designated as part of the prescribed waiting period.

Excess eamings: 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 beneficiaties.

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 15 th day of May immediat ely 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 equid 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. fallures 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 $3: 1$.


[^0]:    * Monthly average.
    ** Seasonal benefit is not payable in respect of unemployment occurring after the Saturday following May 15, hence, totals are not comparable.

