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## INTRODUCTION

This reference paper contains a summary of unemployment insurance claims statistics for 1955 with some of the series shown for each year of the decade 1946-1955. Tables 1 to 8, 13 and 14 present monthly figures for Canada as a whole; while tables 9 to 12,15 and 16 contain provincial data on an annual basis. Classification of the series in this way gives some indication of both seasonal and geographical differences. Further, since some of the series cover a ten year period changes over the longer period can be studied.

The most important change in the benefit provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act which affected any significant part of the decade was the introduction of supplementary benefit in $1950^{1}$. Tables 1 to 12 (with the exception of Tables 2, 3 and 5) are confined to regular claims and regular benefit paid while Tables 13-16 present relevant data for supplementary benefit.

Statistics that are a product of administrative operations and which therefore represent cases that have been handled according to a fixed operational pattern should be interpreted in terms of the relevant administrative procedures. Thus the number of initial and renewal claims taken in a period is related both to the number of cases of unemployment that occurred among insured persons in the
period and to the rules governing the taking and recording of claims. A difference in the number of claims registered in one period as compared with another may be due to changes in either one or both of these sets of causes. With these considerations in mind the Appendix to this bulletin is designed to provide information that will assist those desiring to interpret the statistics. It consists of four parts:

Part I - definitions of terms :
Part II - a brief explanation of the administrative procedures from which the statistics are derived as well as examples of the statistical forms used;

Payt III - estimates of insured population and a summary of major changes in coverage and rates of benefit payable during the decade 1946-1955; and
Part IV - additional data under the 1940 Act which will permit study of the ten year period exclusive of experience under the new Act (these data relate to Tables 1, 2 and 7).

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## COMMENTARY

Table 1 shows the number of initial and renewal claims received in local offices of the Unemployment Insurance Commission, monthly from January 1946 to December 1955. A distinct seasonal variation is apparent, the intake of claims being high in the first three months of the year, declining to a low during the third quarter and turning upward again with the advance of the fall and winter seasons. In the main, the number of claims recorded during the peak month each year represents about triple the number recorded in the month of lowest claim. These variations are a reflection of the marked seasonal character of Canadian industry, especially those segments vulnerable to weather conditions, such as construction, logging and water transportation.

[^0]In general, the period is characterized by a progressive increase in the yearly volume of claims, the exceptions being 1947 and 1955. During 1946, claims received numbered slightly less than half a million, in 1950 they totalled just above a million, and by the end of 1954 had surpassed two million. The insured population also increased over the period by $1,128,000$, from $2,129,000$ at Aptil 1. 1946 to 3,257,000 at June 1, 1955. Thus, in 1946 the number of claims filed per 100 insured persons was 23, in 1950 it had risen to 40 and in 1954 it reached a peak of 65 .

In attempting to analyze some of the factors surrounding or influencing this increment, it is important to understand its meaning. It should be emphasized that the figures relate to "claims filed" and not to "persons filing claims". The number of claims filed (initial and renewal), may be taken to represent the number of new cases of recorded unemployment among insured persons. On a monthly basis. the number of claims filed and the
number of persons represented by these claims would generally be the same, since the number of cases in which one person files both an initial and a renewal claim in the same month is negligible. In the course of a year, however, an insured person may have several claims. Thus, the probability of multiple claims for one person increases with the period covered by the data. It is important to keep this in mind.

A number of factors have contributed to the steady rise in the rate of claims in a decade otherwise characterized by marked economic development. As previously noted, there was an increase in the number of insured persons over the period, so that a rising volume of claims could be expected, but other things being equal, the rate of claims should have remained fairly stable. Resource development proceeded at a rapid rate during the post-war period and this, together with a growing demand for consumers' goods ana services, brought about significant changes in the country's industrial structure. A detailed examination of the industrial composition of the working population (or of the insured population) is beyond the scope of the present st ly. It is useful to point out, however, that the number of paid workers in construction showed an increase of approximately $84 \%$ from June 1946 to June 1955, while less spectacular but quite substantial increases occurred in the number of paid workers in other non-agricultural industries, particularly trade and services. These are industries having considerable seasonal fluctuations in employment.

Appendix III makes reference to amendments in the Unemployment Insurance Act, e.g. extension of coverage to workers in lumbering and logging (it 1946, in the province of British Columbia and in 1950, in the rest of Canada) and the introduction of a scheme of supplementary benefit in 1950. The precise impact of each such amendment on the number of claims filed cannot be isolated, since, for example, employees in the lumbering and logging industry may be paid supplementary benefit, not having sufficient contributions to permit them to qualify for regular benefit.

Partially offsetting the expansion in the overall numbers of insured persons and their relatively greater exposure to the risk of seasonal fluctuations in employment are successive increases in the earnings ceiling (appendix III). Highet earnings are generally associated with a more stable employment pattern, hence inclusion of this type of worker would tend to offset the influence of the changes previously referred to (information on earnings and insured employment is contained in Reference paper no. 61, "Employment and earnings under the Unemployment Insurance Act, D.B.S." ${ }^{\prime \prime}$.

Initial claims constitute from two-thirds to three-quarters of claims filed each year and they manifest a greater degree of seasonality than is shown for renewal claims. This difference in seasonality is due mainly to the different purpose
served by these two types of claims. An initial claim is necessary to establish a benefit period. The general decline in the employment level which occurs during the fourth quarter each year results in large numbers of claims being received at local offices. If no benefit period is in existence for a claimant, then an initial claim is taken.

Table 2 covers the ten year period and gives the number of claimants for whom unemployment registers were in the "live flle" at each month end. It thus provides information on the number of claims active at a given time (this is in contrast to the claims received, which represents recorded separations from employment among insured persons during a period).

It is worth emphasizing here that the figures prior to October 1955 include claimants classed as short-time and on lay-off; this is in order to provide a greater measure of continuity of claimant data, there being no such distinction among claimants under the new Act, effective October 2, 1955. It is worth noting also that the majority of claimants at all times are male and that the seasonal pattern is more pronounced for men than for women.

Table. 3 gives information on the length of time that active claims have been in the live file, at quarterly intervals, for the two years 1954 and 1955. At the end of the first quarter of the year, persons on claim for at least 25 days constitute about twothirds of the "live" group; as the year progresses, however, this proportion diminishes, declining sharply with the heavy influx of claims in the last quarter. A considerably higher proportion of females than of males is in the 25 day or more category throughout the year. This behavior is a reflection of the operation of the labous market; during the winter months, when the demand for labout is at its low point, the duration on claim increases until it reaches its peak in March or April. With the opening up of job opportunities in the spring, those among the claimant group with the greatest degree of employability go off claim, resulting in a gradual but persistent decline in the general duration on claim.

Claims adjudicated during 1955 are shown in Table 4. Two out of three claims adjudicated over the year were in the category "entitled to beneft'". On a monthly basis, however, this is true only during the seasons of heavy claim, the ratio being higher at other times. The lower qualifying ratio occurring during the heavy claim seasons is attributable to the claims filed by persons not eligible for regular benefit but who are considered under the supplementary benefit provisions (December to April). Though it may be clear when a claim is flled that a claimant can qualify only for supplementary benefit, the claim is taken in the usual manner and considered for supplementary benefit only when it has been established that the claimant cannot qualify under the regular provisions. The effect of this procedure on the statistics is clear when the adjudications are examined separately for initial

CHART I


and renewal claims, the proportion shown as qualified for benefit being lower for initial than renewal paricularly during the supplementary beneflt (or peak clajm) season.

The chief reasons for non-entitlement to benefit are shown in Table 5. The marked seasonal variation in the "benefit periods not established" is associated with the low qualifying ratio referred to in the preceding paragraph. Voluntarily leaving employment ranks foremost among the reasons for disqualification throughout the perlod covered; failure to prove unemployment ranks second, with "not capable of and not available for work" coming third. Experience so far under the new Act seems to indicate that the number of claimants disqualifled under it as "not unemployed". will be relatively small. This occurs because a claimant is now required to prove unemployment on weekly rather than a daily basis. Under the Act as administered prior to October 2, 1955, the majority of the disqualifications imposed because the claimant was "not unemployed" were effective for less than a week. Under the new Act benefit may be claimed for any week in which there is some proven unemployment (the amount of benefit payable being reduced proportionately to the excess earnings but the probability of a technical disqualification being quite low).

Table 6 contains information on the total number of claimants who are new beneficiaries each month. The total claimants for the year should not be interpreted as the number of "persons", since the same person can appear in more than one month. Claimants are counted each time they commence benefit on either an initial or renewal claim, and a claimant may file and draw benefit on one or more such claims during the year.

Benefit payments, compensated weeks, amount and average weekly rate of benefit for each month of the ten-year period are shown in Table 7.

Chart No. 3 illustrates the increase in payments, from $\$ 51$ million in 1946 to approximately $\$ 200$ million during 1955 . Successive increases in the benefit rates (refer to appendix III) have contributed to this substantial rise which results in large measure also from the increasing claim rate mentioned earlier.

While the duration of unemployment compensated is shown in weeks for the entire period it should be bome in mind that the concept of a week of benefit differs for unemployment compensated before and after October 2,1955 . Commencing October 2, 1955, a benefit week is any calendas week (Sunday to Saturday) during which a benefit

CHART 3


CHART 4


payment was made, irrespective of the extent of unemployment during that week, while prior to that date individual days were compensated. For presentation here, benefit days paid under the former provisions were converted to weeks on the basis of six days equalling one week.

Seasonal variations occur in the average weekly rates which are higher during the seasons of heavy claim. This is due chiefly to a changing proportion of male claimants many of whom draw at the higher rates.

The average rates in the last quarter of 1955 are considerably below those for the balance of the year, thus reversing the usual trend to higher rates in this quarter. This is due to the new concept of weeks, commencing October 1955, which consists of full and partial weeks of benefit. The inclusion of partial weeks has a tendency to lower the average rate. (see Appendix I for explanation of full and partial weeks).

From the schedule of weekly benefit rates (Appendix III) it will be seen that rates were increased considerably as of October 2, 1955. Benefl periods established prior to October 2 and still in existence at that date continued in force with certain modifications to adapt former dally rates to the new schedule. On these benefit periods however, it was not possible to draw at a rate higher than $\$ 24.00$ if the claimant had a dependent, and $\$ 17.10$ if he had no dependent. This was true, also for henefit periods established under the new Act prior to the week commencing November 28, since a claimant was required to show at least eight
weeks of cuntributions under the new Act before becoming eligible to establish at the new rates.

Table 8 presents information concerning the number of beneficiaries each month, 1946-1955, (see also Chast No. 5).

The four tables showing a provincial distribution (Tables 9-12) deal with initial and renewal claims recelved, claimants having an unemployment register in the "live $k l e$ ", adjudications on initial and renewal claims and benefit payments. The period of reference is ten years (1946-1955) except for Table 11 which deals only with 1955.

From Table 9 it will be seen that, in general. the trend for each of the provinces is upward, minor deviations from this trend occurring infrequently, The claim load is heavily concentrated in the three provinces of Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia, which in total account for three-quarters of the natlonal total. The number of claims per 100 insured persons shows wide variations between the provinces, being highest in the Atlantic provinces and British Columbia.

The varying proportion of male claimants as between provinces (Table 10), is illustrated in Chart No. 6. In the main, Newfoundland has the highest proportion, Manitoba the lowest.

The variations shown in the annual average weekly benefit rate for the different provinces (Table 12) is due partly to different wage rates and partly to the composition of the claimant group. both as to sex and dependency status, within each province.

## Supplementary Benefit

The Unmentoyphent Insurance Aot was extonded In February 1950 to allow payment of benefit during the winter months to certain classes of claimants unable to qualify under the minimum contribution requirements of the Act. The following classes of persons are eligible:
i) those whose benefit rights have terminated since the preceding March 31 and who are unable to requality (class 1 ).
b) those who failed to qualliy on a claim filed since the preceding March 31, provided that not less than 90 days contributions have been made on their behalf since that date (class 2).
c) those who have been employed for not less than 90 days since the preceding March 31 in employment that was made insurable during the 12 months immediately preceding the date of claim, or for not less than 90 days in employment that became insurable during the preceding 12 months and any other insurable employment (class 4 not applicable since 1950).

Consideration under thest verms is automatic on any clam falling the contribution requirements for regular benefit during the period December 1 to April 8. In order to qualify for supplementary benefit, applicants must comply with all the provisions of the Unemployment Insurance Act and Regulations, with the exception of the contribution requirements, Effective January 10, 1955, supplementary benefit became payable at the same rates as regular benefit whereas previously supplementary rates averaged approximately $80 \%$ of regular benefit. A further change increased the minimum duration for which supplementary benefit is payable to 60 days, or the number of days remaining between the date a claimant establishes his supplementary benefit period and April 15, whichever is the lesser. When the days authorized on the benefit year terminated since March 31, 1955 exceeded this minimum, claimants in class 1 may draw benefit for a period equal to the number of days authorized on that benefit year. In no case, however, can benefit be paid under these provisions for unemployment occuring after April 15.

Figures shown for supplementary benefit cover initial claims only (except those for benefit payments). The number of renewal supplementary benefit claims is negligible, constituting less than $3 \%$ of the number of initial claims considered under these terms. In view of the provision that only one supplementary benefit year may be established during a season, initial claims are synonymous with persons, hence initial claims only are presented. Tables for amount of benefit paid and weeks compensated, however, give total payments on both initial and renewal claims.

In total, claims considered under these provisions constitute $42 \%$ of initial claims filed during the first four months of 1955 (see Table 1 for initial claims filed). Seventy-five out of every 100 persons considered for this type of benefit were categorized "entitled", 22 were unable to satisfy the minimum requirements and 3 had a disqualification imposed. The number of persons commencing benefit on initial claims comprised $99 \%$ of those "entitled to benefit''.

Table 14 provides information on the sex composition of the "live file". The proportion of males increased from $76 \%$ for January to $81 \%$ in March. Referring back to Table 2 for the same 3
months it will be seen that if supplementary benefit claimants are excluded, males constitute a higher proportion of regular than of supplementary benefit claimants.

In comparison with the average weekly rate of benefit paid for the same three months under the regular provisions of the Act (Table 7) average weekly rates of supplementary benefit (Table 16) are considerably lower, despite the fact that except for the first ten days, indentical rates were applicable. The two groups are not homogeneous, the main differences being:

1) that women make up a higher proportion of supplementary benefit claimants and they tend to contribute at lower rates and to contain a lower proportion with a dependent.
2) that the age composition is different, the older and younger age groups being more prominent among supplementary benefit claimants. (Information on personal characteristics of persons establishing benefit years is available in "Annual Report on Benefit Years Established and Terminated under the Unemployment Insurance Act. D.B.S.").



## TABULAR DATA

TABLE 1. Initial and Renewal Claims Received by Month, 1946-1955

| Month | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

1. Newfoundland Included commencing April 1, 1949.

Note. Commencing with March 1950. Inittal claims considered for supplementary beneflt included where applicable.

T ABLE 2. Claimants Having an Unemployment Register in the "Live File" at the End of Each Month, by Sex, 1946-55

|  | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Tosal ciamants |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January | 145,952 | 105,876 | 145, 260 | 203.417 | 313,173 | 255, $753{ }^{1}$ | 358, 091 ${ }^{1}$ | 376.338 ${ }^{1}$ | 556,008 ${ }^{1}$ | 586,768 ${ }^{1}$ |
| F'ebruary | 161,997 | 112,420 | 153.353 | 215,884 | 304, 023 | 252,533 ${ }^{1}$ | 350, $805^{1}$ | 388, $501^{1}$ | 558, 694 ${ }^{\text {² }}$ | 619.701 ${ }^{1}$ |
| March | 154,820 | 107.048 | 141.605 | 197,699 | 367.915 ${ }^{8}$ | 236, $395{ }^{1}$ | $351,628^{1}$ | $378,881^{1}$ | 561,485 ${ }^{1}$ | $605,180^{1}$ |
| April | 123.950 | 86,070 | 111,788 | 150,099 ${ }^{2}$ | 229,785 | 148,866 | 249,375 | 239,898 | 378, 945 | 353, 828 |
| May | 98,810 | 62,674 | 76,586 | 115, 361. | 165,809 | 100,650 | 181,907 | 164,520 | 293, 167 | 240,708 |
| June | 82,382 | 50,433 | 61,620 | 95,225 | 126, 643 | 100.828 | 149,436 | 142.254 | 244,944 | 186,321 |
| July | 68,535 | 43,205 | 53.023 | 94,348 | 105,683 | 100,031 | 144.427 | 134, 103 | 228,427 | 167.728 |
| August | 61, 822 | 39,070 | 47,361 | 93,879 | 111,054 | 101,123 | 125.311 | 134, 320 | 222, 844 | 152,782 |
| September | 57,682 | 38,823 | 47,013 | 95,095 | 88,893 | 108,665 | 108, 712 | 142,608 | 214,417 | 145,419 |
| October | 63,475 | 45,327 | 59,844 | 115,429 | 101,924 | 128,373 | 127.863 | 184,688 | 236, 365 | 163,100 |
| November | 66,916 | 62.468 | 87,853 | 172.374 | 138,583 | 186, 833 | 181, 554 | 283, 349 | 306, 609 | 219.786 |
| Hecuenter | 37.345 | 101,959 | 150.924 | 242.910 | 202, $345^{1}$ | 287. $819^{1}$ | 303, $831^{1}$ | 451,5011 ${ }^{1}$ | 479, 259 ${ }^{1}$ | 388, 129 ${ }^{1}$ |
| January | 116,504 | 83,318 | 117. 101 | 169,391 | 256, 545 | 204;018 ${ }^{1}$ | 273, $834^{1}$ | 312, $756^{\frac{1}{3}}$ | 457,014 ${ }^{1}$ | 476, 464 ${ }^{1}$ |
| February | 130.061 | 88, 090 | 123,120 | 178,872 | 246,523 | 203, $575^{1}$ | 272,094 ${ }^{1}$ | 328,314 ${ }^{\mathbf{1}}$ | $460,192^{1}$ | 508,611 ${ }^{1}$ |
| March | 122,506 | 83,889 | 112.293 | 161.563 | 302, $181{ }^{\text { }}$ | 192.058 ${ }^{1}$ | 280, 059 ${ }^{1}$ | 322,791 ${ }^{1}$ | 466, $500{ }^{1}$ | 498,861 ${ }^{1}$ |
| April | 94,979 | 63.881 | 83,570 | 117.801 ${ }^{2}$ | 176, 256 | 114,061 | 193, 607 | 196,970 | 306, 575 | 284,328 |
| May | 74,130 | 42.964 | 52.233 | 85,006 | 113,359 | 66,308 | 132,023 | 123,008 | 220,401 | 176,267 |
| June | 60.210 | 33,339 | 40,835 | 66,852 | 78,581 | 65.300 | 102, 842 | 101,469 | 176,961 | 125,793 |
| July | 48,864 | 27.980 | 34,591 | 67,379 | 63, 600 | 63.791 | 101, 123 | 93,486 | 162,726 | 108,034 |
| August | 44,224 | 25,185 | 30,675 | 67, 987 | 73,593 | 65,026 | 87,715 | 96,134 | 163,164 | 101,261 |
| September | 41,022 | 25, 030 | 30, 014 | 68, 683 | 53,633 | 68,873 | 74.477 | 101,962 | 155,917 | 96,434 |
| October | 45,864 | 29,635 | 40,368 | 83.542 | 64,616 | 79,802 | 91.872 | 135,016 | 172,107 | 109.132 |
| November. | 49.654 | 44,781 | 66,070 | 134,124 | 98, 203 | 127. 237 | 140,297 | 218,510 | 234, 791 | 162. 252 |
| December. | 69.871 | 81, 713 | 124,527 | 197، 908 | $159.267^{1}$ | 213,657 ${ }^{1}$ | 247.329 ${ }^{1}$ | 364, $526^{1}$ | 383, $756{ }^{\text { }}$ | 306, $988{ }^{1}$ |
| January | 29,448 | 22,558 | 28,159 | 34,026 | 56,628 | 51,735 ${ }^{1}$ | $84.257^{1}$ | 63, $582{ }^{1}$ | 98, $994{ }^{1}$ | 110,304 ${ }^{1}$ |
| February | 31,936 | 24,330 | 30, 233 | 37,012 | 57,500 | 48, $958{ }^{1}$ | $78.711^{1}$ | 60.187 ${ }^{1}$ | 98, $502{ }^{2}$ | $111.090^{1}$ |
| March | 32,314 | 23,157 | 29,312 | 36, 136 | 65, $734^{1}$ | 44, $337^{1}$ | 71,569 ${ }^{1}$ | 56, 090 ${ }^{1}$ | 94, $985^{1}$ | 106,319 ${ }^{1}$ |
| April | 28،971 | 22, 189 | 28,218 | 32, $298{ }^{2}$ | 53,529 | 34,805 | 55,768 | 42,928 | 72, 370 | 69,600 |
| May | 24.680 | 19,710 | 24,353 | 30,355 | 52,450 | 34.342 | 49,884 | 41,512 | 72, 766 | 64,441 |
| June | 22,172 | 17,094 | 20,785 | 28,373 | 48, 062 | 35,528 | 46,594 | 40,785 | 67,983 | 60.528 |
| July | 19,671 | 15,225 | 18,432 | 26.967 | 42, 083 | 36,240 | 43,304 | 40.617 | 65,701 | 59,694 |
| August | 17,598 | 13,885 | 16,686 | 25,892 | 37,461 | 36,097 | 37.596 | 38, 186 | 59,680 | 51,521 |
| September ............. | 16,660 | 13,793 | 16,999 | 26,412 | 35,260 | 39,792 | 34,235 | 40,646 | 58,500 | 48.985 |
| October | 17.611 | 15,692 | 19,476 | 31,887 | 37,308 | 48.571 | 35,991 | 49,672 | 64,258 | 53,968 |
| November... | 17, 262 | 17,687 | 21.783 | 38,250 | 40,380 | 59,596 | 41,257 | 64,839 | 71.818 | 57, 534 |
| December................ | 17,474 | 20.246 | 26,397 | 45,002 | 43,078 ${ }^{2}$ | $74.162^{1}$ | 56, $502^{\frac{1}{3}}$ | 86,975 ${ }^{1}$ | $95,503{ }^{18}$ | $81.141^{1}$ |

1. SB Included.
2. Newfoundland included, commencing April 1, 1949.

TABLE 3. Claimants ${ }^{1}$ Having an Unemployment Register in the "Live File", on Specified Dates, Showing Number of Days Continuously on the Register, By Sex, 1954 and 1955

Duration on the register (Days)


1. Prior to December 1955, excludes temporary lay-off and short time claimants.
2. Includes SB.

TABLE 4. Initial and Renewal Claims Adjudicated by Month and Their Disposition, 1955

|  | Month | Total initual and renewal |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. |  | Total | Entitled to benefit | Not entitled to benefit* |
| 1 | Total | 1, 909,901 | 1,307, 123 | 602, 778 |
|  | January |  |  |  |
| 4 | Marchary ....................................................................... | 260.158 | 161,610 | 98, 549 |
| 5 | Aprli........................................................................................ | 173, 611 | 156,417 117,599 | 96, 288 |
| ${ }_{7}^{6}$ |  | 108, 241 | 83, 953 | 24, 288 |
| 8 |  | 88.493 80.583 | 70.522 59.117 | ${ }^{17,971}$ |
| 9 | August ................................................................. | 93. 448 | 70, 464 | 21, 2884 |
| 10 | September ............................................................. |  | 68,556 | 18,602 |
| 11 | October | 90, 778 | 62, 600 | 28, 178 |
| 12 13 | November December | 133, 702 | 92, 644 | 41,058 |
|  | December | 216, 050 | 139, 672 | 76. 378 |

[^1] claims under the supplementary benefit provisions of the Act are however not included.

TABLE 3. Claimants ${ }^{1}$ Having an Unemployment Register in the "Live File" on Specified Dates, Showing Number of Days Continuously on the Register, By Sex, 1954 and 1955

Duration on the register (Days)

| 1955 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | $\begin{aligned} & 6 \text { or } \\ & \text { less } \end{aligned}$ | 7-12 | 13-24 | 25-4.8 | 49-72 | 73-96 | 97-120 | Over 121 | Percent 25 and ovet | No. |
| 563,290 | 67, 701 | 38,615 | 58,710 | 104, 511 | 106,796 | 186,957 | - | - | 70.7 | 1 |
| 157, 132 | 29,473 | 12,687 | 17,365 | 24,840 | 19,166 | 13, 122 | 10,077 | 30,402 | 62.1 | 2 |
| 130, 318 | 32,454 | 14,871 | 15,523 | 18,324 | 12,418 | 9,122 | 7,074 | 20,532 | 51.8 | 3 |
| (398, 129 | 147, 275 | 56, 912 | 62,409 | 53,120 | 23,850 | 13.967 | 8,159 | 22,437 | 31.3 | 4 |
| 433, 328 | 55,724 | 32,880 | 49,818 | 88,223 | 89,278 | 152.999 |  |  | 70.5 | 5 |
| 105.805 | 20,580 | 8,723 | 11,652 | 16,276 | 13,175 | 8,937 | 6,715 | 20,747 | 61.7 | 6 |
| $88^{5} .416$ | 23,386 | 10,882 | 10,517 | 11,332 | 7,586 | 5,340 | 4, 194 | 13, 179 | 48.2 | 7 |
| 305.288 | 122,078 | 48,041 | 51, 201 | 42,049 | 15,787 | 8,871 | 4,710 | 14, 251 | 27.9 | 8 |
| $\therefore 4.368$ | 11,977 | 5,735 | 8,892 | 16,288 | 17,518 | 33,958 | - | - | 71.8 | 9 |
| 50, 327 | 8,893 | 3,964 | 5.713 | 8,564 | 5,991 | 4,185 | 3,362 | 9,655 | 63.1 | 10 |
| 4, 4,902 | 9, 068 | 3,989 | 5,006 | 6,992 | 4,832 | 3,782 | 2,880 | 7. 353 | 58.9 | 11 |
| 81, 141 | 25,197 | 8,871 | 11, 208 | 11,071 | 8, 063 | 5,096 | 3,449 | 8,186 | 44.2 | 12 |

4. Prior to December 1955, exclufes temporary lay-off and shoft time claimants.
5. Includes Ets.
MM.E 4. Initial and Renewal Claims Adjudicated by Month and Their Disposition. 195.5

| Taitial |  |  | Renewal |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total initial | Entitled to beneflt | Not entitled to beneflit | Total renewal | Entitled to benefit | Not entitled to benefit | No. |
| 1,299,606 | 737,606 | 562,000 | 610, 295 | 569,517 | 40,778 | 1 |
| 24.4,686 | 147, 370 | 97, 316 | 80, 287 | 76, 599 | 3,688 |  |
| 211, 457 | 107, 161 | 94, 296 | 58, 702 | 54,449 | 4,253 | 3 |
| 188, 408 | 95, 337 | 93. 071 | 64, 297 | 61,080 | 3,217 | 4 |
| 124, 354 | 71, 029 | 53,325 | 49, 257 | 46, 570 | 2, 687 | 5 |
| 70, 020 | 48, 484 | 21. 536 | 38,221 | 35,469 |  | 6 |
| 51, 052 | 35, 838 | 15, 214 | 37, 441 | 34, 684 | 2, 757 | $7$ |
| 43,432 53197 | 26, 3331 | 16,499 18,466 | 37, 151 | 32, 3 , 734 | 4,967 4,518 | 8 9 |
| 53,197 511.874 | 34,731 36,085 | 18,466 15,789 | 40,251 35,284 | 35,733 32,471 | 4.518 2,613 | 9 10 |
| 55,418 | 30, 078 | 25, 340 | 35, 360 | 32,522 | 2,838 | 11 |
| 80.032 | 42, 192 | 37, 840 | 53, 670 | 50, 452 | 3,218 | 12 |
| $-135,676$ | 62, 368 | 73,308 | 80, 374 | 77, 304 | 3,070 |  |

- Intial claims consldered for supplementary benefit are included in these two columns. Subsequent adjustments on these alains under the smplementary henefit provisinns of the Act are however not included.

TABLE 5. Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement to Benefit by Month, 1955

| No. | Chief reas ons | Total | Jan. | Feb. | Mar. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Grand total non-entitlements | 695, 285 | 108,557 | 107, 569 | 107,571 |
| 2 | Benefit year not established | 473,906 | $88,831{ }^{1}$ | 84, $746{ }^{1}$ | 84, $275{ }^{\text {l }}$ |
| 3 | \% of total non-entitlements | 68.16 | 81.83 | 78.78 | 78.34 |
| 4 | Claimants disqualified ${ }^{2}$ | 221,379 | 19,726 | 22,623 | 23, 296 |
| 5 | \% of total non-entitlements | 31.84 | 18.17 | 21.22 | 21.66 |
| 6 | Not unemployed | 39.140 | 4. 789 | 4,018 | 4,425 |
| 7 | \% of total disqualifications | 17.68 | 24.28 | 17.60 | 18. 99 |
| 8 | Not capable of and not availa ble for work | 35, 360 | 2,821 | 3,309 | 3, 624 |
| 9 | \% of total disqualifications | 15.97 | 14. 30 | 14. 50 | 15. 56 |
| 10 | Loss of work due to labour dispute | 10,734 | 191 | 1,997 | 166 |
| 11 | \% of total disqualifications | 4.85 | 0.97 | 8. 75 | 0.71 |
| 12 | Refused offer and neglected opportunity to work | 14,136 | 756 | 919 | 1, 212 |
| 13 | \% of total disqualifications | 6.38 | 3.83 | 4.03 | 5. 20 |
| 14 | Discharged for misconduct | 9,512 | 780 | 911 | 1.012 |
| 15 | \% of total dis qualifications | 4.30 | 3. 95 | 3. 99 | 4. 35 |
| 16 | Voluntarily left employment without just cause .................................... | 61. 182 | 4,976 | 5,844 | 6. 202 |
| 17 | \% of total disqualifications | 27.64 | 25.23 | 25.61 | 26.62 |
| 18 | Failure to fulfil additional conditions imposed upon certain married women $\qquad$ | 15,614 | 1,549 | 1.617 | 1.554 |
| 19 | \% of total disqualifications | 7.05 | 7.85 | 7.08 | 6.67 |
| 20 | Other reasons | 35. 701 | 3, 864 | 4,208 | 5, 101 |
| 21 | \% of total disqua lifications ............................................................... | 16.13 | 19.39 | 18.44 | 21.90 |

1. Considered for supplementary benefll (see Table 13).
2. Includes disqualifications arising from revised and supplementary benefit clains.

## TABLE 6. Claimants Commencins Benefit on Initial and Renewal Claims by Month, 1955

(Excluding supplementary benefit)

| No. |  | Total | Jan. | Feb. | March | Aprll |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Claimants | 1,178,424 | 206,327 | 159.917 | 154. 738 | 103,110 |

TABLE 5. Chief Reasons for Non-entitlement to Benefit by Month, 1955

| April | May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 64,986 | 32.019 | 26,071 | 28,059 | 29,701 | 24,085 | 38,347 | 45,763 | 82.557 | 1 |
| 46,014 ${ }^{\text {l }}$ | 13.738 | 8,699 | 9.722 | 9,879 | 8,751 | 19.185 | 31,871 | $68.195^{1}$ | 2 |
| 70.81 | 42.91 | 33.37 | 34.65 | 33.26 | 36.33 | 50.03 | 69.64 | 82.60 | 3 |
| 18.972 | 18,281 | 17,372 | 18.337 | 19,822 | 15,334 | 19,162 | 13.892 | 14,362 | 4 |
| 29.19 | 57. 09 | 66.83 | 65.35 | 66.74 | 63.87 | 49.97 | 30.36 | 17. 40 | 5 |
| 3.366 | 3,160 | 2.617 | 5.881 | 5, 748 | 1,822 | 1.285 | 920 | 1.109 | 6 |
| 17.74 | 17.28 | 15.06 | 32.07 | 29.00 | 11.88 | 6.70 | 8.62 | 7.72 | 7 |
| 2,643 | 2.944 | 3.256 | 2,923 | 3,184 | 2,783 | 2,752 | 2.490 | 2,631 | 8 |
| 13.93 | 16. 10 | 18.74 | 15.94 | 16.06 | 18.15 | 14.36 | 17.92 | 18.32 | 9 |
| 171 | 96 | 38 | 346 | 199 | 881 | 5,813 | 694 | 142 | 10 |
| 0.90 | 0.53 | 0.22 | 1.88 | 1.00 | 5.75 | 30.34 | 5. 00 | 0.99 | 11 |
| 998 | 1.190 | 2,034 | 1. 395 | 1,355 | 1.184 | 1.084 | 923 | 1,086 | 12 |
| 5.26 | 6. 51 | 11.71 | 7.61 | 6.84 | 7.72 | 5.66 | 6.64 | 7. 56 | 13 |
| 844 | 831 | 726 | 636 | 825 | 751 | 644 | 792 | 760 | 14 |
| 4.45 | 4. 55 | 4. 18 | 3. 47 | 4.16 | 4.90 | 3.36 | 5. 70 | 5.29 | 15 |
| 4,979 | 5,477 | 5,134 | 4,386 | 5.229 | 4.711 | 4,874 | 4.714 | 4,856 | 16 |
| 26. 25 | 29.96 | 29.55 | 23.92 | 26.38 | 30.72 | 24.39 | 33. 93 | 33.81 | 17 |
| 1.112 | 1.256 | 1,252 | 1. 243 | 1,328 | 1,505 | 1,214 | 1.112 | 874 | 18 |
| 5. 86 | 6. 87 | 7.21 | 6. 78 | 6.69 | 9.81 | 6. 34 | 8.01 | 6.09 | 19 |
| 4.859 | 3,327 | 2.315 | 1.527 | 1,956 | 1.697 | 1,696 | 2.247 | 2,904 | 20 |
| 25.61 | 18. 20 | 13.33 | 8.33 | 9.87 | 11.07 | 8.85 | 16.18 | 20.22 | 21 |

1. Considered for supplementary benefit (see Table 13).
2. Includes disqualifications aris ing from revised and supplementary benefit claims,

TABLE 6. Claimants Commencing Benefit on Initial and Renewal Claims by Month, 1955
(Excluding supplementary be nefit)

| May | June | July | Aug. | Sept. | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. | No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 89.249 | 64,865 | 49,990 | 61,386 | 61.203 | 54,981 | 65,061 | 107,597 | 1 |

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments by Month, 1946-1955 ${ }^{1}$
(Excluding supplementary benefit)

| No. |  | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Total weeks compensated | 4,245, 081 | 2, 756, 124 | 3, 389, 818 |
| 2 | Amount .................................................................. \$ | 51, 084, 807 | 32,039,340 | 40, 268, 109 |
| 3 | Average weekdy rate.............................................. \$ | 12.03 | 11. 62 | 11. 88 |
| 4 | Jan. weeks compensated | 365,553 | 337.017 | 333, 308 |
| 5 | Amount .................................................................. \$ | 4, 493, 252 | 4,006,529 | 3,924,641 |
| 6 | Average weekly rate.,............................................. \$ | 12. 29 | 11.89 | 11. 77 |
| 7 | Feb. weeks compensated | 483,635 | 334,410 | 424,075 |
| 8 | Amount .................................................................. \$ | 5,902,879 | 3,916,634 | 5,017,492 |
| 9 | Average weekly rate.............................................. \$ | 12. 21 | 11.71 | 11.83 |
| 10 | March weeks compensated | 576,983 | 384, 152 | 560,798 |
| 11 | Amount .................................................................. \$ | 7, 205, 264 | 4,479,875 | 6,629,826 |
| 12 | Average weekly rate .............................................. \$ | 12. 49 | 11.66 | 11.82 |
| 13 | April weeks compensated | 574,378 | 323,965 | 438,661 |
| 14 | Amount ................................................................. \$ | 7,011.579 | 3,780,749 | 5,178,519 |
| 15 | Average weekly rate............................................... \$ | 12. 21 | 11.67 | 11.81 |
| 16 | May weeks compensated | 453, 216 | 264,071 | 314,548 |
| 17 | Amount ..................................................................... \$ | 5, 221,870 | 3,072,952 | 3, 666, 566 |
| 18 | Average weekly rate .............................................. \$ | 11.52 | 11.64 | 11.66 |
| 19 | June weeks compensated | 373,954 | 187, 141 | 225,122 |
| 20 | Amount ................................................................. \$ | 4, 472,995 | 2, 153,537 | 2,599,716 |
| 21 | Average weekly rate............................................. \$ | 11.96 | 11.51 | 11.55 |
| 22 | July weeks compensated | 278,442 | 169. 701 | 178, 390 |
| 23 | Amount ................................................................. \$ | 3, 304, 896 | 1,956, 722 | 2,082, 267 |
| 24 | Average weekly rate .............................................. \$ | 11.87 | 11.53 | 11.67 |
| 25 | Aug, weeks compensated | 241,400 | 131,975 | 157, 405 |
| 26 | Amount .................................................................... \$ | 2,861, 278 | 1,515, 868 | 1,835,846 |
| 27 | Average weekly rate............................................... \$ | 11.85 | 11.49 | 11. 68 |
| 28 | Sept. weeks compensated | 287, 571 | 133, 145 | 145, 328 |
| 29 | Amount ................................................................... \$ | 3,402,460 | 1,512,096 | 1,694,139 |
| 30 | Average weekly rate............................................. \$ | 11.83 | 11.36 | 11.66 |
| 31 | Oct. Weeks compensated | 208, 385 | 135,703 | 146,405 |
| 32 | Amount ................................................................. \$ | 2,463,677 | 1,544, 185 | 1,763,559 |
| 33 | Average weekly rate.............................................. \$ | 11.82 | 11.38 | 12.05 |
| 34 | Nov.weeks compensated | 190,090 | 135, 630 | 184, 477 |
| 35 | Amount .................................................................. \$ | 2, 236,541 | 1, 555, 397 | 2, 283, 383 |
| 36 | Average weekly rate.............................................. \$ | 11.77 | 11.47 | 12.38 |
| 37 | Dec. weeks compensated. | 211.474 | 219, 214 | 281, 301 |
| 38 | Amount .................................................................. \$ | 2,508,116 | 2, 544, 796 | 3, 592, 155 |
| 39 | Average weekly rate .............................................. \$ | 11.86 | 11.61 | 12.77 |

1. Newfoundland included, commencing April 1, 1949.
2. Commenclng with October 1955, total of weekly payments made in the month. Prior to that date the number of weeks was calculated by dividing the number of benefit days paid in the month by six. See Appendix I for explanation regarding "full" and "partial" weeks.

TABLE 7. Benefit Payments by Month, 1946-1955 ${ }^{1}$
(Excluding supplementary benefit)

| 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 | No. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5, 148, 256 | 6,586, 835 | 4,881,510 | 6, 873, 361 | 8, 008, 017 | 12, 040, 324 | 10, 742, 666 | 1 |
| 69,351, 039 | 94,500,207 | 72, 769, 192 | 114,200,316 | 148, 751,425 | 227, 028,976 | 199, 660, 050 | 2 |
| 13.47 | 14.35 | 14.91 | 16. 61 | 18.58 | 18. 86 | 18.59 | 3 |
| 509,403 | 820.897 | 631, 373 | 839,495 | 938,147 | 1,260,650 | 1,369,928 | 4 |
| 6,727, 221 | 11,781, 142 | 9, 367, 276 | 13,433,917 | 17,502,303 | 23,947, 213 | 26, 149,803 | 5 |
| 13. 21 | 14.35 | 14.84 | 16.00 | 18.66 | 19.00 | 19.09 | 6 |
| 622,414 | 930.889 | 642, 171 | 877,671 | 986, 442 | 1,398,665 | 1,489.875 | 7 |
| 8,158,903 | 13,605,340 | 9,589.561 | 14, 162,612 | 18,505. 590 | 26, 675, 431 | 28,576, 170 | 8 |
| 13. 11 | 14.62 | 14.93 | 16. 14 | 18.76 | 19.07 | 19. 18 | 9 |
| 776,734 | 1,077,711 | 698,762 | 922,870 | 1,102,284 | 1,687,854 | 1,770,295 | 10 |
| 10, 399, 831 | 15,747, 725 | 10.467, 147 | 14,932, 190 | 20, 796, 825 | 32, 160,928 | 33, 952,877 | 11 |
| 13. 39 | 14.61 | 14.98 | 16. 18 | 18.87 | 19.05 | 19.18 | 12 |
| 566,740 | 778,455 | 514,593 | 818,613 | 870,966 | 1,332,860 | 1.289, 211 | 13 |
| 7,605,824 | 11, 353, 188 | 7, 679, 160 | 13, 253, 537 | 16,389, 294 | 25,381,926 | 24, 598,076 | 14 |
| 13.42 | 14. 58 | 14.92 | 16. 19 | 18.82 | 19.04 | 19.08 | 15 |
| 412, 347 | 667,446 | 387, 200 | 645, 880 | 653, 210 | 1,095,834 | 1,050,351 | 16 |
| 5,511,135 | 9,586,658 | $5,660,433$ | 10,374, 007 | 12, 195, 255 | 20,709, 106 | 19,742,906 | 17 |
| 13. 37 | 14. 36 | 14.62 | 16.06 | 18.67 | 18.90 | 18.80 | 18 |
| 309, 292 | 457,034 | 246,789 | 423, 283 | 455, 315 | 841,814 | 685, 526 | 19 |
| 4,113,254 | 6,378,926 | 3, 513,733 | 6,726,957 | 8,408, 071 | 15,702, 229 | 12, 645, 439 | 20 |
| 13.30 | 13.96 | 14. 24 | 15.89 | 18.47 | 18.65 | 18.45 | 21 |
| 254, 244 | 342, 168 | 236, 116 | 385, 177 | 397, 236 | 692,855 | 493. 484 | 22 |
| 3, 371, 183 | 4, 726, 614 | 3, 427,834 | 6, 294, 669 | 7,148, 024 | 12, 760, 098 | 8,947, 552 | 23 |
| 13. 26 | 13.81 | 14.52 | 16. 34 | 17.99 | 18.42 | 18, 13 | 24 |
| 275, 166 | 320,864 | 247, 852 | 358, 361 | 356, 371 | 653, 600 | 484,483 | 25 |
| 3,717,000 | 4,412,992 | 3,674, 569 | 6, 238,800 | 6,408,827 | 12,066, 717 | 8,727, 318 | 26 |
| 13.51 | 13.75 | 14.83 | 17.41 | 17.98 | 18.46 | 18.01 | 27 |
| 268, 577 | 272, 190 | 229,724 | 322, 258 | 371,784 | 662,474 | 450,931 | 28 |
| 3,671,773 | 3,843, 797 | 3,456,965 | 5,710,886 | 6,739,427 | 12,397, 571 | 8, 180, 068 | 29 |
| 13.67 | 14. 12 | 15.05 | 17. 75 | 18. 13 | 18.71 | 18. 14 | 30 |
| 279, 169 | 256,778 | 261, 195 | 322, 166 | 417,709 | 630,008 | 438, $232{ }^{2}$ | 31 |
| 3,845, 541 | 3,570,904 | 3,901,854 | 5,710,740 | 7.603,667 | 11, 779, 296 | 7, 535, 340 | 32 |
| 13.77 | 13.91 | 14.94 | 17.73 | 18. 20 | 18. 70 | 17. 19 | 33 |
| 363,022 | 296,928 | 338,904 | 359, 820 | 556, 253 | 752,009 | 516,953 ${ }^{2}$ | 34 |
| 5,048,373 | 4, 184, 103 | 5, 107,466 | 6,435,444 | 10,172,035 | 14,020,255 | 8,661,628 | 35 |
| 13.91 | 14.09 | 15.07 | 17.89 | 18. 29 | 18. 64 | 16.76 | 36 |
| 511,148 | 365, 475 | 446,831 | 597. 767 | 902, 300 | 1,031, 701 | 703, $397{ }^{2}$ | 37 |
| 7, 181,001 | 5, 308, 818 | 6,923, 194 | 10,926, 557 | 16,882, 107 | 19.428, 206 | 11,942,873 | 38 |
| 14.05 | 14. 53 | 15.49 | 18. 28 | 18.71 | 18.83 | 16.98 | 39 |

1. Newfoundland included, commencing April 1, 1949.
2. Commencing with October 1955, total of weekly payments made in the month. Prior to that date the number of weeks was calculated by dividing the number of benefit days paid in the month by six. See Appendix I for explanation regarding "full" and "partial" weeks.

TABLE 8. Benefioiaries sy sonth, $1946-1955$
(Excluding supplementary benefit)

| Montit | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Indears | 102, 718 | 92,837 | 106, 367 | 163,643 | 218,963 | 149,816 | 216,882 | 231, 331 | 351, 173 | 387, 924 |
| Wesruary | 139, 222 | 102,972 | 138,417 | 210,681 | 232, 359 | 158,045 | 228, 121 | 249, 889 | 359, 997 | 394, $600^{3}$ |
| March | 156, 180 | 109,625 | 154,754 | 240, 088 | 219,711 | 147, 162 | 216, 251 | 211, 442 | 348,574 | 377, 000 |
| ipril | 158, 168 | 100, 285 | 139,477 | 191, 677 | 186,093 | 109, 424 | 196, 973 | 196, 315 | 375, 266 | 348,400 |
| May | 127. 866 | 83, 982 | 107,347 | 150, 747 | 132,656 | 75,914 | 132,022 | 125, 558 | 246, 269 | 251, 200 |
| $J u n e$ | 103, 231 | 62, 221 | 75, 767 | 111, 811 | 92, 827 | 57,079 | 84, 812 | 90, 859 | 168,680 | 170, 400 |
| July | 83, 838 | 51, 270 | 64, 432 | 65, 9572 | 76,840 | 57,469 | 85, 682 | 89, 747 | 163, 425 | 132, $400=$ |
| August | 73, 138 | 42,756 | 55, 035 | 62, 705 | 67, 303 | 60, 094 | 82,740 | 87, 367 | 153, 241 | 110,600- |
| Zapternber | 74, 762 | 39,541 | 49,372 | 65, 443 | 61,578 | 64, 256 | 74,309 | 92,535 | 158,923 | 109,200 $=$ |
| October | 65,441 | 41,033 | 50, 454 | 71, 838 | 65, 682 | 72, 267 | 79,406 | 118,730 | 173, 025 | 111,100 - |
| November | 61,675 | 45, 106 | 64, 960 | 104, 320 | 79,052 | 97, 511 | 112, 319 | 177, 711 | 207, 176 | 118,000 |
| December | 68,825 | 69,097 | 99,802 | 125, 225 | 101.918 | 152, 269 | 164, 159 | 218, 323 | 271, 707 | 162,600 |

1. Newfoundland included, commencing April 1, 1949.
2. Commencing with July 1949, the number of beneficiaries in a specified week in the month; prior to that date, the count of beneficharies was obtained for the whole month.
3. As of February 1955, the average weekly number of beneficiaries, estimated on the basis of number of payment documents.

TA3LF 9. Initial and Renewal Claims Received 1946-1955, by Province

| Province | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Claims Canada | 488, 667 | 442,854 | 649,090 | 933, 852 | 1, 149, 769 | 1,141, 555 | 1,388, 884 | 1, 675, 864 | 2,096, 930 | 1,921,375 |
| Nuwfoundland ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | 504 | 6,357 | 21,217 | 30,560 | 43, 616 | 48,648 |  |
| Pince Edward isl | 2,140 | 2,971 | 3,865 | 4,611 | 6.012 | 6,011 | 6,449 | 8,222 | 9,025 | 9, 298 |
| suva Scotia | 29,096 | 40,059 | 44,356 | 57, 265 | 65, 598 | 54,715 | 67, 901 | 86,473 | 97,007 | 94,677 |
| New Brunswick | 14, 277 | 18,360 | 28,694 | 44,749 | 55,622 | 44, 860 | 63, 701 | 82, 228 | 84, 158 | 86,592 |
| Quebec | 151,678 | 133, 300 | 188, 384 | 293, 330 | 378, 473 | 358,709 | 453,238 | 574,992 | 661,850 | 611,266 |
| ontario | 173, 040 | 122,452 | 196,832 | 286,038 | 320,528 | 362,891 | 442, 839 | 499,448 | 738,321 | 624, 477 |
| Manitoba | 26,651 | 29,663 | 35, 062 | 43, 198 | 63, 285 | 53, 236 | 56, 723 | 67,017 | 84,022 | 83, 697 |
| Baskatchewan | 12, 203 | 14,751 | 19,518 | 23, 221 | 31,293 | 26, 776 | 26,036 | 31, 458 | 46, 258 | 54, 120 |
| A 1 berta | 19,167 | 21,096 | 27,641 | 35, 904 | 52, 362 | 44,976 | 48, 364 | 73, 480 | 103, 199 | 101,603 |
| British Columbia | 60,415 | 60, 202 | 104, 738 | 145, 032 | 170, 239 | 168,164 | 193,073 | 208,930 | 224,442 | 205, 638 |
| Initial |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 360, 854 | 328,812 | 455, 293 | 642,398 | 802, 861 | 787,335 | 944, 414 | 1, 143, 739 | 1, 383, 418 | 1,311,607 |
| Avw foundland ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | 454 | 5,967 | 19,750 | 26,631 | 36,653 | 39,627 | 40, 749 |
| Prince Edward Is | 1,684 | 2,259 | 2,773 | 3.310 | 4,584 | 4,579 | 5,025 | 6, 461 | 7, 106 | 7,456 |
| Nova Scotia | 21,369 | 28,853 | 29,306 | 37, 267 | 44,655 | 37,895 | 46,928 | 57, 747 | 63, 142 | 62, 650 |
| New Brunswick | 11,542 | 14, 130 | 19,608 | 29, 792 | 40, 272 | 32, 200 | 45,863 | 58,397 | 61,143 | 65, 032 |
| Quebec | 113, 790 | 100,639 | 137,020 | 202,924 | 268,640 | 254, 750 | 313, 568 | 394, 268 | 446,710 | 422, 251 |
| Ontario | 123, 383 | 89, 958 | 132, 378 | 199,413 | 220, 011 | 240, 765 | 287, 720 | 332, 733 | 457, 373 | 409, 080 |
| Manito ba | 19,552 | 21, 187 | 24,768 | 30, 328 | 44, 568 | 37, 431 | 40, 490 | 48, 530 | 59, 707 | 60, 551 |
| Siskatchewan | 9,523 | 11, 396 | 14,611 | 17, 090 | 23, 903 | 20,924 | 20, 386 | 24, 875 | 35, 528 | 41,486 |
| Alberta ............ | 14,913 | 15, 615 | 21, 346 | 27, 103 | 39, 296 | 33, 437 | 36,925 | 52,076 | 69, 722 | 70,387 |
| British Columbia | 45,098 | 44,775 | 73, 483 | 94,717 | 110,965 | 105,604 | 120,878 | 131,999 | 143,360 | 131,965 |
| Renewal |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada | 127, 813 | 114, 042 | 193,797 | 291, 454 | 346,908 | 354, 220 | 444,470 | 532,125 | 713,512 | 609, 768 |
| New foundland ${ }^{1}$ |  | - | - | 50 | 390 | 1,467 | 3,929 | 6,963 | 9,021 | 9,258 |
| Prince Edward Isla | 456 | 712 | 1.092 | 1,301 | 1,428 | 1, 432 | 1,424 | 1, 761 | 1,919 | 1, 842 |
| Nova Scotia | 7,727 | 11,206 | 15,050 | 19,998 | 20, 943 | 16,820 | 20,973 | 28,726 | 33, 865 | 32, 027 |
| New Brunswick | 2.735 | 4,230 | 9,086 | 14,957 | 15, 350 | 12,660 | 17;838 | 23, 831 | 23, 015 | 21,560 |
| Quebec | 37, 888 | 32,661 | 51,364 | 90,406 | 109, 833 | 103,959 | 139,670 | 180, 724 | 215,140 | 189, 015 |
| Ontario | 49,657 | 32, 494 | 64,454 | 86,625 | 100,517 | 122, 126 | 155, 119 | 166,715 | 280,948 | 215, 397 |
| Manitoba | 7,099 | 8,476 | 10, 294 | 12, 870 | 18,717 | 15,805 | 16, 233 | 18,487 | 24,315 | 23, 146 |
| Saskatche wan | 2,680 | 3, 355 | 4,907 | 6,131 | 7,390 | 5,852 | 5,650 | 6. 583 | 10,730 | 12,634 |
| Al berts | 4,254 | 5, 481 | 6,295 | 8,801 | 13,066 | 11, 539 | 11,439 | 21, 404 | 33, 477 | 31, 216 |
| 13 ritish Columbia | 15,317 | 15,427 | 31,255 | 50,315 | 59,274 | 62,560 | 72, 195 | 76,931 | 81,082 | 73,673 |

1. Newfoundland included commencing April 1, 1949.

Note. Commencing March 1950, initial claims considered for supplementary benefits included where applicable.

TABLE 10. Claimants ${ }^{1}$ Having an Unerployment Register in the "Live File" at the End of Each Month, 1946-1955, by Sex and Province

| Province | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Claimants | 97, 804 | 71,280 | 94,685 | 149,310 | 187, 985 | 167, 322 | 219,410 | 251,745 | 358, 762 | 319,128 |
| Newfoundland 2 $\qquad$ Prince Edward Island | 461 | 532 | 717 |  | $\begin{array}{r} 677 \\ 1,030 \end{array}$ | 2,737 1,053 | 4, 777 1,110 | 7.092 1.409 | 9,337 1,680 | 9,016 1,707 |
| Nova Scotla ....... | 5,298 | 7.415 | 7, 575 | 10,076 | 11, 336 | 8. 803 | 10,430 | 13,933 | 17. 293 | 15,950 |
| New Brunswick | 2,347 | 2,815 | 4. 230 | 7,940 | 9,850 | 7,312 | 10, 521 | 13, 870 | 15.879 | 14,858 |
| Quebec. | 35,746 | 21. 755 | 29,610 | 48, 877 | 65,161 | 56,032 | 74, 753 | 90,408 | 117.761 | 106,332 |
| Ontario | 31,422 | 18,825 | 24,289 | 40, 317 | 48,589 | 47,375 | 68,648 | 67,550 | 119, 246 | 100,028 |
| Manitobe | 5, 279 | 4,875 | 5,464 | 7, 181 | 10,459 | 8, 524 | 9,232 | 10,976 | 15. 155 | 14, 477 |
| Saskatchewan | 2. 166 | 2.447 | 3,211 | 3,948 | 5,298 | 4,597 | 4,017 | 4. 823 | 7,494 | 9,529 |
| Alberta | 2. 982 | 3. 531 | 4,753 | 6,322 | 9,317 | 7,403 | 8,366 | 11,538 | 16,907 | 16, 718 |
| British Columbla | 12, 103 | 9.085 | 14,836 | 23,677 | 26, 268 | 23,486 | 27. 556 | 30.146 | 36,010 | 30,513 |
| Males | 74,821 | 52,483 | 71,283 | 116, 594 | 140,529 | 121.977 | 166,439 | 199, 578 | 280,007 | 246, 202 |
| Newfoundl ard ${ }^{\text {a }}$. | - | - | - | 42 | 657 | 2,630 | 4,588 | 6,809 | 9,005 | 8,622 |
| Prince Edward Isl | 365 | 402 | 586 | 762 | 818 | 861 | 910 | 1,167 | 1,396 | 1,409 |
| Nova Scotia | 4,577 | 6,431 | 6,397 | 8,810 | 9,728 | 7,473 | 9,092 | 12,357 | 15, 329 | 13,912 |
| New Brunswick | 2, 017 | 2, 331 | 3,406 | 6,645 | 8, 160 | 5,882 | 8,876 | 11, 894 | 13,565 | 12,563 |
| Quebec | 27,697 | 16, 163 | 22,271 | 38,036 | 48, 101 | 39, 016 | 55,482 | 70.531 | 90,452 | 81,877 |
| Ontario | 22, 738 | 12,498 | 17,360 | 30,335 | 34, 288 | 32, 293 | 48, 876 | 51. 153 | 90,402 | 72,725 |
| Man itoba | 3,802 | 3,307 | 3,596 | 4,902 | 7,003 | 5,728 | 6,413 | 7,642 | 10,819 | 10.324 |
| Saskatchewan | 1,575 | 1.820 | 2,485 | 3,038 | 4.002 | 3,576 | 3,145 | 3,951 | 6,126 | 7,719 |
| Alberta | 2,344 | 2,859 | 3,961 | 5,356 | 7, 641 | 6, 004 | 7,043 | 9,892 | 14,267 | 13.955 |
| British Columbia | 9,706 | 6,672 | 11. 221 | 18,668 | 20, 131 | 18,514 | 22,014 | 24,182 | 28, 646 | 23,096 |
| Females | 22,983 | 18,797 | 23,402 | 32. 716 | 47,456 | 45,345 | 52,971 | 52, 167 | 76, 755 | 72, 326 |
| Newfoundland ${ }^{\text {2 }}$ | - |  | - | 6 | 20 | 107 | 189 | 283 | 332 | 394 |
| Prince Edward Island ........... | 96 | 130 | 131 | 162 | 212 | 192 | 200 | 242 | 284 | 298 |
| Nova Scotla ................ | 721 | 984 | 1. 178 | 1,266 | 1,608 | 1,330 | 1,338 | 1,576 | 1.964 | 2,038 |
| New Brunswick ....................... | 330 | 484 | 824 | 1,295 | 1,690 | 1,430 | 1,645 | 1,976 | 2,314 | 2, 295 |
| Quebec. | 8, 049 | 5,592 | 7,339 | 10,841 | 17,060 | 17,016 | 19, 271 | 19,877 | 27,309 | 24,455 |
| Ontario | 8,684 | 6,327 | 6,929 | 9, 982 | 14,301 | 15, 082 | 19,772 | 16, 397 | 28,844 | 27,303 |
| Manitoba ................................ | 1,477 | 1.568 | 1,868 | 2. 279 | 3,456 | 2,796 | 2, 819 | 3,334 | 4,336 | 4,153 |
| Saskatchewan ........................ | 591 | 627 | 726 | 910 | 1,296 | 1,021 | 872 | 872 | 1,368 | 1,810 |
| Alberta | 638 | 672 | 792 | 966 | 1,676 | 1,399 | 1,323 | 1.646 | 2,640 | 2,763 |
| British Columbla | 2,397 | 2, 413 | 3,615 | 5,009 | 6,137 | 4.972 | 5,542 | 5,964 | 7,364 | 7,417 |

1. Average (mean) of month-end totals: SB included where applicable.
2. Newfoundland included, commencing April 1, 1949.

TABLE 11. Initial and Renewal Claims Adjudicated, 1955, by Province

| Province | Total claims |  |  | Initial |  |  | Renewal |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Entitled } \\ & \text { to } \\ & \text { benefit } \end{aligned}$ |  | Total | Ertitled to benefit | Not entitled to benefit | Total | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Entitled } \\ & \text { to } \\ & \text { benefit } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| Canada | 1,909,901 | 1,307, 123 | 602,778 | 1,299,606 | 737,606 | 562,000 | 610, 295 | 569,517 | 40, 778 |
| Newfoundland | 48,743 | 26,806 | 21,937 | 39,531 | 18, 136 | 21,395 | 9, 212 | 8,670 | 542 |
| Prince Edward Island........... | 8, 668 | 4,934 | 3,734 | 6,871 | 3,238 | 31,633 | 1.797 | 1,696 | 101 |
| Nova Scotia ......................... | 92.729 | 65,575 | 27, 154 | 60,753 | 35,475 | 25. 278 | 31,976 | 30,100 | 1,876 |
| New Brunswlck .................... | 83, 288 | 50,207 | 33, 081 | 61,826 | 30, 293 | 31,533 | 21,462 | 19,914 | 1,548 |
| Quebec .......... | 608, 169 | 416,624 | 191.545 | 419.238 | 241.058 | 178, 180 | 188, 931 | 175, 566 | 13,365 |
| Ontario.. | 623, 731 | 445, 349 | 178, 382 | 407,744 | 243, 228 | 164, 516 | 215,987 | 202, 121 | 13, 866 |
| Manitoba.. | 83, 268 | 53,610 | 29,658 | 60, 262 | 32, 206 | 28, 056 | 23, 006 | 21,404 | 1,602 |
| Saskatchewan $\qquad$ <br> Alberta | 54,111 | 32,659 69,190 | 21,452 32,089 | 41,442 70,022 | 20,744 39,945 | 20,698 30,077 | 12.669 31,257 73 | 11,915 29,245 | - 754 |
| British Columbla ................ | 205, 915 | 142, 169 | 63, 746 | 131,917 | 73,283 | 58, 634 | 73,998 | 68,886 | 2,112 |

- See footnote to Table 4.

TABLE 12. Benefit Payments, 1946-1955, by Province
(Excluding supplementary benefit)


1. Commencing with October 1955, total of weekly payments made in the month. Prior to that date the number of weeks was calculated by dividing the number of benefit days paid in the month by six. See Appendix I for explanation regarding "full" and "partial" weeks.
2. Newfoundland included, commencing April 1, 1949.

TABLE 12. Benefit Payments, $1946-1955$, by Province
(Excluding supplementary benefit)

| 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5,148,256 | 6,586,835 | 4,881,510 | 6,873,361 | 8,008, 017 | 12,040,324 | 10, 742,666 | 1 |
| 69,351, 039 | 94,500,20\% | 72, 769, 192 | 114,200,316 | 148, 751,425 | 227, 028,976 | 199, 660, 050 | 2 |
| 13.47 | 14.35 | 14.91 | 16. 61 | 18.58 | 18.86 | 18.59 | 3 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 1,323 \\ 20,198 \\ 15.27 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 16,169 \\ 253,877 \\ 15.70 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 74,035 \\ 1.143,421 \\ 15,44 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 143,637 \\ 2,507,055 \\ 17.45 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 215,308 \\ 4,332,728 \\ 20.12 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 308,171 \\ 6,414,456 \\ 20.81 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 304,419 \\ 6,233,167 \\ 20.48 \end{array}$ | 4 5 6 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 36,410 \\ 459,153 \\ 12.61 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 38,409 \\ 508,339 \\ 13.23 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 36,326 \\ 503,521 \\ 13.86 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 38,830 \\ 585,248 \\ 15.07 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 49,252 \\ 859,051 \\ 17.44 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 60,716 \\ 1,065,559 \\ 17.55 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 57,899 \\ 1,008,287 \\ 17.41 \end{array}$ | 7 8 9 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 331,070 \\ 4.495,395 \\ 13.58 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 387,549 \\ 5,647,794 \\ 14.57 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 259,046 \\ 3,861,830 \\ 14.91 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 311,334 \\ 5,171,795 \\ 16.61 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 429,710 \\ 8,107 ; 432 \\ 18.87 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 524,467 \\ 10,146,146 \\ 19.35 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 503,323 \\ 9.581 .153 \\ 19.00 \end{array}$ | (10 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 263,107 \\ 3.601,515 \\ 13.69 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 310,130 \\ 4,457,102 \\ 14.37 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 195,533 \\ 2.918,091 \\ 14.92 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 295,377 \\ 4,971,333 \\ 16.83 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 399,570 \\ 7,523,007 \\ 18.83 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 499,639 \\ 9,599,123 \\ 19.21 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 456,166 \\ 8,592,297 \\ 18.84 \end{array}$ | 13 14 15 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 1,756,239 \\ 23,428,116 \\ 13.34 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,351,100 \\ 33,175,978 \\ 14,11 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,663,736 \\ 24,132,098 \\ 14.50 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,376,663 \\ 38,454,808 \\ 16.18 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,924,284 \\ 53,439,736 \\ 18.27 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,063,820 \\ 74,927,952 \\ 18.44 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,636,338 \\ 66,760,343 \\ 18.36 \end{array}$ | 16 17 18 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 1,315,093 \\ 17,557,905 \\ 13.35 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,707,843 \\ 24,520,317 \\ 14.36 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,260,036 \\ 18,759,170 \\ 14,89 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,128,015 \\ 35,181,390 \\ 16.53 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 2,120,486 \\ 39,237,972 \\ 18.50 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,031,268 \\ 76,450,591 \\ 18.97 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3,379,264 \\ 62,678,907 \\ 18.55 \end{array}$ | 19 20 21 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 267,710 \\ 3.477,991 \\ 12.99 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 372,020 \\ 5,155,735 \\ 13.86 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 285,033 \\ 4,150,770 \\ 14.56 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 326,483 \\ 5,281,457 \\ 16.18 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 371,198 \\ 6,573,720 \\ 17.71 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 517,318 \\ 9,381,512 \\ 18.13 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 509,604 \\ 9.186,382 \\ 18.03 \end{array}$ | 22 23 24 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 151.636 \\ 2.019,877 \\ 13.32 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 198,997 \\ 2,825,288 \\ 14.20 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 164,843 \\ 2,439,455 \\ 14,80 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 140,259 \\ 2,283,444 \\ 16.28 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 167,133 \\ 3,077,539 \\ 18.41 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 261,077 \\ 4,867,645 \\ 18.64 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 341,056 \\ 6,342,335 \\ 18.60 \end{array}$ | 25 26 27 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 168,176 \\ 2,324,956 \\ 13.82 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 267,846 \\ 3,968,847 \\ 14.82 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 221,496 \\ 3,401,390 \\ 15,36 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 225,635 \\ 3,901,874 \\ 17.29 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 317,300 \\ 6.141,094 \\ 19.35 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 530,292 \\ 10,302,421 \\ 19.43 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 522.629 \\ 9,982,849 \\ 19.10 \end{array}$ | 28 29 30 |
| $\begin{array}{r} 857,492 \\ 11,965,933 \\ 13.95 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 936,772 \\ 13,986,930 \\ 14.93 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 721,426 \\ 11.459,446 \\ 15.88 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 887,128 \\ 15,861,912 \\ 17.88 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,013,776 \\ 19,459,146 \\ 19.19 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,243,556 \\ 23,873,571 \\ 19.20 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,031,968 \\ 19,314,330 \\ 18.72 \end{array}$ | 31 32 33 |

1. Commencing with October 1955, total of weekly.payments made in the month. Prior tothat date the number of weeks was calculated by dividing the number of benefit days paid in the month by six. See Appendix I for explanation regarding "full" and "partial" weeks.
2. Newfoundland included, commencing April 1, 1949.

TABLE 13. Initial Claims Considered for Supplementary Benefit and Their Disposition, and Persons Commencing Supplementary Benefit on Initial Claims, January to April 1955

| Month | $\begin{gathered} \text { Considered } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { supplementary } \\ \text { benefit } \end{gathered}$ | Entitled to benefit | Not entitled to benefit |  |  | Commencing benefit on initial claims |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total | Benefit year not established | Disqualified |  |
| Total | 297, 250 | 222,694 | 74,556 | 66,310 | 8,246 | 221, 019 |
| January | 88,686 | 62,097 | 26. 589 | 24,796 | 1.793 | 62,135 |
| February | 84,745 | 60,610 | 24,135 | 21,780 | 2, 355 | 52.148 |
| March | 84, 275 | 68, 202 | 16,073 | 13,633 | 2,440 | 63,962 |
| April ${ }^{1}$ | 39,544 | 31,785 | 7,759 | 6,101 | 1,658 | 42.774 |

TABLE 14. Claimants Having an Unemployment Register in the "Live File" on the Last Working Day of the Month and Benefit Payments January to April 1955

| Month | Claimants |  |  | Benefit payments |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | Male | Female | Weeks ${ }^{2}$ | Amount | Average weekly rate |
|  |  |  |  | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Total | - | - | - | 1,632,788 | 29, 205, 049 | 17.89 |
| January | 83,620 | 63,468 | 20,152 | 137.859 | 2.222,609 | 16. 12 |
| February | 130,830 | 102.817 | 28, 013 | 354,815 | 6,321,316 | 17. 82 |
| March | 156,639 | 126.488 | 30.151 | 638, 012 | 11, 484, 134 | 18.00 |
| April ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  | 502,102 | 9,176,990 | 18.28 |

TABLE 15. Initial Claims Considered for Supplementary Benefit and their Disposition, and Number of Persons Commencing Supplementary Benefit on Initial Claims, January to April ${ }^{1}$ 1955, by Province

| Province | Considered for supplementary benefit | Entitled | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Not } \\ & \text { entitled } \end{aligned}$ | Commencing benefit on initial claims |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Canada | 297, 250 | 222,694 | 74,556 | 221, 019 |
| Newfoundland | 12,733 | 8,906 | 3,827 | 7,867 |
| Prince Edward Island | 2,470 | 2,040 | 430 | 1.820 |
| Nova Scotia | 13.913 | 10,560 | 3, 353 | 9,654 |
| New Brunswick | 20.010 | 14,739 | 5, 271 | 13,820 |
| Quebec | 98,379 | 72,946 | 25,433 | 73,773 |
| Ontario | 81, 126 | 62, 043 | 19,083 | 63.183 |
| Manitoba | 14,324 | 11,403 | 2,921 | 12,637 |
| Saskatchewan | 11,406 | 8,619 | 2,787 | 8,738 |
| Alberta | 15,654 | 11,382 | 4,272 | 11,208 |
| British Columbia | 27.235 | 20,056 | 7.179 | 18,319 |

1. The period for which supplementary benefit was payable expired on April 15.
2. Calculated by dividing the number of benefit days paid in the month by six.

TABLE 16. Claimants Having an Unemployment Register in the "Live File" on the Last Working Day of the Month and Benefit Payments, January to April ${ }^{1}$ 1955, by Province

| Province | Claimants ${ }^{2}$ | Benefit payments |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Weeks ${ }^{3}$ | Amount | Average weekly rate |
|  |  | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| Canada | 123,695 | 1, 632, 788 | 29, 205, 049 | 17.89 |
| Newfoundland | 3,123 | 50,436 | 998.859 | 19.80 |
| Prince Edward Island | 1,094 | 14,005 | 231.763 | 16. 55 |
| Nova Scotia | 5,829 | 79,047 | 1,439.652 | 18. 21 |
| New Brunswick | 7.527 | 97, 126 | 1,715,338 | 17.66 |
| Quebec | 40,692 | 537.671 | 9,447,490 | 17. 57 |
| Ontario | 35,531 | 472, 724 | 8,419.168 | 17.81 |
| Manitoba | 7.376 | 92,392 | 1,636,759 | 17.72 |
| Saskatchewan | 4.752 | 60,878 | 1,107, 860 | 18. 20 |
| Alberta .......... | 6, 139 | 74,522 | 1,391,565 | 18.67 |
| British Columbia | 11,632 | 153,987 | 2.816.595 | 18. 29 |

1. April 15.
2. Averages of month-end data, January-March.
3. Calculated on the basis of one week equals six days.

## APPENDIX I

## Definitions of Tems


#### Abstract

Insured population: for purposes of this report, the insured population is taken to be the number of persons currently maintaining contact with the Unemployment Insurance Commission, either as contributors or as claimants.


Benefit period (or benefit year): a period of 52 weeks commencing with the week in which the initial claim is made, provided the qualifying conditions are fulfilled. A benefit period terminates either when the benefit authorized has been exhausted or the twelve-month period has elapsed, whichever occurs first.

Initial claim: an application for benefit from an insured person for whom there is no benefit period in existence. 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 whether of not he is eligible to establish a benefit period. When a benefit period is established the same record is used to calculate the weekly rate of benefit and maximum entitlement on that benefit period. Only one initial claim is filed for each benefit period.

Renewal claim: an application for benefit from an insured person during the currency of a benefit period. If a claimant has missed two or more consecutive report days, his next application for benefit is a renewal claim so long as his benefit period is still in existence. Thus a claimant may file a number of renewal claims during the life of one benefit period.

Revised claim: a claim, other than initial or renewal, which has to be considered by an insurance officer. This involves, usually, a reconsideration of an existing claim because of such factors as a possible disqualification, change in benefit status, finding additional contributions.

Unemployment register: a document which is completed at the time the initial claim is filed and which serves as a continuing record of actions taken with respect to the claim including payments made to the claimant during that benefit period. The upper portion of the document contains information on the personal characteristics of the claimant, 1.e., his insurance number, sex, dependency status and occupation, as well as the weekly rate of benefit authorized, total entitlement, allowable weekly earnings and the date the benefit period ends. When a weekly payment to a claimant is less than his authorized weekly rate, the reason (or reasons) is recorded on the unemployment register.

Live file: so long as a claimant reports to his local office as directed, his unemployment register is retained in the "live file" but it is removed if
the claimant is known to be back at work, if the benefit period terminates or if he has failed to report during a certain interval. In the case of a claimant who reports weekly, this interval is ten days, while for one reporting bi-weekly it is twentyone days, Claimants generally report once weekly, but the Commission has authority to vary this, as, for example, in the case of claimants for whom the return cost of ordinary transportation to the local office is excessive (postal claimants), in which case the claimant is directed to report once in two weeks. "Claimants having an unemployment register in the live file" is a count of the claimants currently reporting to local offices to prove unemployment. The bulk of these persons would be beneficiaries; however, persons whose claims were still being adjudicated or who were serving their waiting period are also included.

Duration on the register: this is the cumulative number of weeks during which the claimant has reported regularly to prove unemployment during the current period on claim. The information is recorded on the unemployment register along with the details concerning the claimant's benefit record. The count commences with the week in which the initial (or renewal) claim was filed, and continues unbroken so long as the register remains in the "live file". If, however, an unemployment register becomes dormant because the benefit period has terminated, and the claimant establishes another benefit period immediately, then the cumulative number of weeks is carried forward onto the new unemployment register and the count continued. Excluded from the cumulative count are any weeks for which the claimant reports that he was "not available" for work during the complete week. Contiguous periods on regular and seasonal benefit are considered as one period for purposes of this count.

Disability cases: an unemployment register is flagged as a disability case when, during a period in which he is otherwise qualified for benefit, a claimant has reported inability to work because of illness, injury or quarantine during 6 days or more during two consecutive claim weeks.

Not entitled to benefit: a claimant is classed as not entitled if either one of two decisions is rendered, i.e., a benefit period is not established of a disqualification is imposed.

Entitled to benefit: for purposes of this report, a claimant is classed as entitled when he has established a benefit period and has fulfilled the requirements for the receipt of benefit, i.e., no disqualification is entailed.

Benefit period not established: the minimum contribution requirements have not been fulfilled; only initial claims fall into this category. In order to establish a benefit period, a claimant is required
to prove that he had at least 30 contribution weeks during the 104 weeks immediately preceding the Sunday of the week in which he made his claim, at least eight of which must have occurred within the 52 weeks immediately preceding that day or in the period since the commencement of the preceding benefit period, whichever is the shorter perlod. When an initial claim is filed within two years of the establishment of a previous benefit period, however, any contribution weeks which were used to qualify on the preceding benefit period cannot be counted in the 30 weeks if they are now more than 52 weeks old (a contribution week is defined as a week for which contributions in respect of the earnings of an insured person during that week are are payable and have been paid; a week in which the insured person's earnings are less than nine dollars, however, is considered as a half-week). These terms are applicable as of October 2, 1955. Under the terms of the 1940 Act , the requirement was 180 days during the two immediately preceding years and of these 60 (or 45) must have been contributed within the immediately preceding year, (or 6 months) or since the commencement of the 1 m mediately preceding benefit year, whichever was the shorter period.

Disqualification: a disqualification is imposed because of circumstances which render the claimant ineligible for the receipt of benefit either for a stated period or so long as the circumstances remain unchanged. For example, an insured person may claim benefit for any week during which he does not work the full working week; however, if. during that week, there were any days for which he was not capable of nor available for work, a disqualification is imposed for each such day, and a proportionate reduction in benefit made (during periods of illness, injury or quarantine, the requirements of capability and avallability do not apply provided that the lack of availability or capability is due to this condition and the claimant is otherwise entitled to receive benefit for such periods). Where it is established that the claimant left his employment voluntarily without just cause or was dismissed because of misconduct, the maximum

[^2]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 ${ }^{1}$.

Persons commencing benefit on initial and renewal claims: the number of persons who commenced the receipt of benefit during the month as a result of having filed either an initial or renewal claim.

Weeks compensated: the total number of calendar weeks in respect of which benefit payments were made during the month. Prior to October 2 , 1955, benefit was pald on a dally basis, 6 days constituting a week.

Amount of benefit: the amount of benefit paid during the month.

Complete week: a week for which the claimant received the maximum weekly rate of benefit authorized (this is a new concept under the Act as revised October 2, 1955).

Partial week: a week for which the claimant received less than the maximum weekly rate authorized. The two principal reasons for partial weeks are: 1. excess earnings, 2. disqualification. There are instances too, in which the waiting period may extend over more than one week resulting in a partial week of benefit (this is a new concept under the Act as revised October 2, 1955).

Partial week because of excess earnings: a week in which earnings were in excess of the level of allowable earnings for his authorized weekly rate.

Allowable earnings: amount which a claimant may earn in a week without having his authorized weekly amount of benefit reduced. The Act specifies this amount for each weekly benelit rate (this concept replaces the "first day" and "subsidiary earnings" concepts under the 1940 Act).

Beneficiaries: persons in receipt of benefit payments. The estimate represents the weekly average number of beneficiaries.

## APPENDIX II

## Administrative procedures from which the statistics are derived

Exhibit A, daily report of claims and claim register, (form UIC 505). This is a daily tally of claims received at local offices which serves also to record subsequent action taken, separate records being maintained for initial, renewal and revised claims. Information for a month is obtained from the various pages constituting the claim register for that period, and transferred to sections A-F of form UIC 561, (exhibit C).

Exhibit B, unemployment register (form UIC 485). This is a basic work document which contains information provided by the claimant as he reports to claim unemployment benefit during the currency of a benefit period. At. the close of business on the last working day of the month, the unemployment registers in the "live file" are sorted according to the number of weeks they have been in this file. The number of local and postal claimants, male and female, in each group is recorded. Since the unemployment registers for claim- .
ants who show a period of illness consisting of 6 days or more in two consecutive claim weeks are indentified these registers are counted to determine the number of disability cases, male and female, local and postal. This information is transferred to Section G of the UIC 561.

Exhibit C, monthly claims report. (Form UIC 561). At the end of each month, local offices complete this form from sources indicated above, forwarding copies to regional offices where provincial and regional summaries are prepared and forwarded to the Bureau of Statistics.

Exhibits D and E are source documents for information on benefit payments. Exhibit $D$ is the stub of the payment documents and is the source of the statistics on form UIT $76^{\circ}$. The stubs are coded in local offices as payments are effected. Duplicate copies of all payment documents are forwarded to the District Treasury offices where the statistics are compiled.



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| Summarr | A | B | C | D | E |
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| Equation $1+4-(5,6,7,8,9,10)=11$ | regular initial | $\begin{aligned} & \text { REGULAR } \\ & \text { RENEWAL } \end{aligned}$ | REVISED | SEASONAL INITIAL | seasonal |
| 1. Pending at end of previous month |  |  |  | X |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| (b) Postal Claims received |  |  | ded in lte |  | X |
| 3. Withdrawn (Inc. Trans-Out NPA) |  |  |  | X |  |
| 4. Net Total Claims received |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5. Allowed or Approved. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. Disqualified .......... |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7. (a) Ben. Per. not est. N1 S45 (1) (a) |  | X | X | X | X |
| (b) Ben. Per. not est. N2 S45 (1) (b) |  | X | $\frac{x}{x}$ | $\frac{X}{x}$ | X |
| (c) Ben. Per. not est. N3 \$45 (2) |  | X | X | X | X |
| 8. Not Entitled or S.B.N............. | X | X |  |  | X |
| 9. Sent to Board of Referees | $x$ | X |  | X | X |
| 10. Sent to Umpire or Commission. | X | X |  | X | X |
| 11. Pending at end of current month. |  |  |  | X |  |

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U.I.C. 561

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Province
or Region

Month Ending
G. ACTIVE CLAIMAMTS ON LAST DAY OF MONTH

|  | 1. Reasoms for disoualifications |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1. Code Dl | 5.54 (1) 57 (2). |
| 2. Code D2 | S. 54 (2) |
| 3. Code D3 | S. 54 (2) |
| 4. Code D4 | S.54 (2) |
| 5. Code D5 | S.63 |
| 6. Code D6 | S. 59 (1) (a) |
| 7. Code D7 | S. 59 (1) (b) |
| 8. Code D8 | S. 59 (1) (c). |
| 9. Code D9 | S. 59 (1) (d). |
| 10. Code D10 | S. 60 |
| 11. Code 011 | S. 60 |
| 12. Code D12 | S.64 |
| 13. Code D13 | S.64 |
| 14. Code D14 | S. 69 (2) (a) (ii) |
| 15. Code D15 | Reg. 145 |
| 16. Code 016 | Reg. 162 |
| 17. Code D17 | S.65 |
| 18. Code 018 | Reg. 161 |
| 19. Code 019 | S.66 |
| 20. Code D20 | Reg. 172,173 |
| 21. TOTAL (agree with total of $A 6, B 6, C 6, D 6, E 6$ ) |  |

EXHIBIT C

|  | LOCAL |  | POSTAL |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Mate | Female | Male | Female |
| 1 Week or less 1 (a) |  |  |  |  |
| 2 Weeks (b) |  |  |  |  |
| $3-4$ Weeks (c). |  |  |  |  |
| 5.8 Weeks (d). |  |  |  |  |
| 9-12 Weeks (e). |  |  |  |  |
| 13.16 Weeks (f) |  |  |  |  |
| 17-20 Weeks ( B ) |  |  |  |  |
| Over 20 Weeks ( h ) |  |  |  |  |
| Total (a to h) 2 |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| LOCAL | Male | Female | Male | Female |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Seasonal <br> (b) |  |  |  |  |
| POSTAL Regular $4(a)$ |  |  |  |  |
| Seasonal <br> (b) |  |  |  |  |
| GRAND TOTAL $5(3+4)$ |  |  |  |  |

STUB OF PAYMENT DOCUMENT


EXHIBIT D
Unemployment Insurance Commission
STATISTICAL REPORT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS - BY PROVINCES
Month of

| Provinces | Initial Claims Payments 'A" | Renewal Claims Payments | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Weeks } \\ \text { Paid } \\ \text { (complete) } \end{gathered}$ | Partial Weeks |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dis- } \\ & \text { ability } \\ & \text { Days } \end{aligned}$ | Amount (in dollars) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Exclusive } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Excess Ear. } \end{aligned}$ | Excess Earnings |  |  |
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| P.E.I. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| N.S. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| N.B.................. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Que................. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ont. ................ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Man.................. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Sask. ............... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Alta. ............... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B.C |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Canada |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## APPENDIX III

## (a) Estimates of insured population

(b) Major coverage changes over the period
(c) Schedule of contribution and benefit rates
(a) Estimates of insured population.

At June 1 each year (prior to 1955, A pri! 1), unemployment insurance books are renewed. When books are exchanged, a questionnaire is completed for each person whose insurance number ends in 4 , providing the person's insurance number, name, sex,
year of birth, occupation and industry, as well as the local office concerned. In this way a ten per cent sample is obtained, from which estimates of the insured population as at June 1 are prepared.

Estimates for the period covered are as follows:


Newfoundland included as of April 1, 1949.
(b) Major coverage changes over the period:

1. August 1, 1946, "lumbering and logging" industry became insurable in the province of British Columbia.
2. October 1, 1946, "transportation by water" became insurable.
3. October 1, 1946 weekly salaried employees whose earnings amounted to $\$ 3,120$ or more excluded from coverage under the Unemployment Insurance Act.
4. January 1948 the scope of the Act further broadened by raising coiling from $\$ 2.400$ to $\$ 3.120$, with the exception that where the contractual rate of remuneration is on an hourly, daily or piece rate basis, employees in covered industries afe
insured notwithstanding the remuneration.
5. April 1, 1948 coverage extended to stevedoring.
6. April 1, 1949 Newfoundland entered Confederation.
7. February 28, 1950, supplementary benefit provisions effective.
8. April 1, 1950, "lumbering and logging" industry became insurable in all of Canada.
9. July 3, 1950 , ceiling was raised to $\$ 4,800$, with exceptions noted in (4).
10. July 14, 1952, waiting period reduced to 5 days.
11. August 3, 1953, Act was amended to provide payment of benefit in respect of days of illness, injury or quarantine suffered while on benefit.

## C. Schedules of Contribution and Benefit Rates in Effect During the Period 1946-1955, Show ing Corresponding range of Weekly Earnings



1. Abolished October 4, 1948.
2. Paid on his behalf by employer.
3. These rates effective July 3, 1951 only.
4. These benefit rates payable where average contribution rates were $4.5,5.5$ and 6.5 respectively.
5. Effective November 28,1955 , see page 11 paragraph 4.

## APPENDIX IV

## Additional Data under 1940 Act

In Tables 1, 2 and 7 in the main volume of this report statistics collected under the 1940 Act were re-arranged to coincide as closely as possible with those obtained since October 1, 1955 under the new Act. This was done because it was felt that many users of the data would be concerned with comparing historical serles with current information. It is realized however that this results in amending 9 years and 9 months of data in order to have them correspond with those for the last 3 months of the 10 -year perlod. Many who use the data may want to have the last 10 years of experience under the 1940 Act, however, and for some analytical purposes the more detalled breakdown of claimants on the live register which was avallable under that Act is very useful.

In this Appendix the data in Tables 1, 2 and 7 of the report are arranged as obtained from the
operations of the 1940 Act. In order to have a 12month period representing 1955 it was decided to take the 12 months October 1954 to September 1955. It has also been possible to show a breakdown of claimants on the live unemployment register, as given in Table 2 of the main report, under the headings of ordinary claimants, short-time claimants and temporary lay-off claimants. These are the data which were combined to provide information for the months of October, 1946 to September 1955 in Table 2.

The benefit data given in Table 7 are shown here in their original form, i.e. in terms of benefit days paid and the average daily rate for each month. In the ma in body of the report these were converted to weeks by dividing the days by six and average weekly rates were shown.

Number of Initial ${ }^{2}$ and Renewal Claims Filed for the Period October 1954 to September 1955, inclusive


Claimants Having an Unemployment Register ${ }^{2}$ in the "Live File" at the End of Each Month, October 1954 to September 1955


1. Initial claims considered for supplementary benefit ase included.
2. Supplementary benefit included.

Basic Figures Used for Table 2, Prior to October 2, 1955
Ordinary claimants


Basic Figures Used for Table 2, Prior to October 2, 1955
Short-time claimants ${ }^{1}$

| Month | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 1955 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| January |  | 1,881 | 14,462 | 5,742 | 15,935 | 8,111 | 39,554 | 17,240 | 48,202 | 38, 299 |
| February |  | 2,358 | 7,279 | 7,066 | 17,860 | 8, 736 | 34,396 | 22,011 | 39, 083 | 39,057 |
| March. |  | 3, 755 | 5,249 | 11.912 | 18,981 | 9,925 | 31,306 | 16,012 | 44.134 | 39,322 |
| April |  | 3.794 | 6,347 | 15,619 | 19,880 | 11,026 | 29,826 | 17,341 | 36,684 | 34,352 |
| May |  | 3.264 | 5,593 | 19,529 | 19,356 | 11,647 | 29,383 | 17.819 | 38,254 | 30,064 |
| June. |  | 2.616 | 5,111 | 14.834 | 17.210 | 14.244 | 26, 135 | 18,727 | 36,696 | 24.288 |
| July |  | 1,328 | 4,477 | 14,444 | 13, 163 | 16,112 | 22,308 | 15,045 | 31,108 | 19,717 |
| August. |  | 1,720 | 3,088 | 13,066 | 12,124 | 20,228 | 19,109 | 14,481 | 25, 243 | 15,376 |
| September |  | 2.157 | 2.252 | 11.570 | 9,630 | 25,525 | 13,459 | 16,535 | 23,661 | 13,028 |
| October | 6,439 | 3,102 | 4.460 | 9.492 | 11.623 | 28,576 | 10,379 | 21,118 | 23,911 | - |
| November | 3,156 | 2,913 | 4.143 | 20, 105 | 13,789 | 33, 182 | 12,077 | 30,944 | 30,136 | - |
| December | 2,971 | 7,434 | 6,866 | 20,846 | 12,244 | 40,685 | 12,931 | 35,459 | 35, 075 | - |
| January |  | 1,640 | 13,348 | 4.953 | 12.212 | 5,357 | 22,863 | 12.525 | 34.542 | 25,345 |
| February |  | 1,993 | 6,444 | 5,904 | 14,138 | 6,283 | 21.158 | 17.534 | 26,238 | 27. 242 |
| March |  | 3,438 | 4,516 | 10,127 | 14,426 | 7,970 | 20,293 | 11,791 | 31,078 | 27, 863 |
| April |  | 3.391 | 5.303 | 13,218 | 14.493 | 8,580 | 19,049 | 12.196 | 23.480 | 23.119 |
| May |  | 2.800 | 4,568 | 15,874 | 13,253 | 7.691 | 18,219 | 12.018 | 23,071 | 18,947 |
| June |  | 2.230 | 3,918 | 10.907 | 11,298 | 8, 720 | 16.022 | 12,647 | 22,876 | 14,491 |
| July |  | 1,037 | 3,583 | 11,100 | 8,434 | 9,516 | 13,638 | 10,300 | 19,860 | 11,396 |
| August |  | 1,368 | 2,561 | 10,638 | 9,215 | 12,210 | 12,348 | 9,854 | 16,351 | 9,745 |
| September |  | 1,629 | 1,688 | 9,116 | 7,643 | 16,569 | 9,573 | 11.208 | 15,133 | 8.279 |
| October | 5,907 | 2440 | 3,487 | 7.078 | 9,512 | 16,931 | 7,002 | 13.053 | 14,675 | - |
| November | 2,760 | 2.025 | 3,264 | 17,213 | 11,048 | 18,485 | 8,059 | 18,736 | 18,805 | - |
| December | 2. 519 | 6,725 | 5,849 | 17,314 | 9,184 | 22.713 | 8,467 | 21.822 | 22,290 | - |
| January |  | 241 | 1,114 | 789 | 3,723 | 2,754 | 16,691 | 4,715 | 13,660 | 12,954 |
| February |  | 365 | 835 | 1,162 | 3,722 | 2,453 | 13,238 | 4,477 | 12,845 | 11,815 |
| March. |  | 317 | 733 | 1.785 | 4,555 | 1,955 | 11,013 | 4,221 | 13,056 | 11,459 |
| April |  | 403 | 1.044 | 2.401 | 5,387 | 2.446 | 10,777 | 5,145 | 13,204 | 11,233 |
| May |  | 464 | 1,025 | 3,655 | 6,103 | 3,956 | 11,164 | 5,801 | 15,183 | 11.117 |
| June. |  | 386 | 1,193 | 3,927 | 5,912 | 5,524 | 10,113 | 6,080 | 13,820 | 9,797 |
| July |  | 291 | 894 | 3,344 | 4,729 | 6,596 | 8,670 | 4,745 | 11,248 | 8,321 |
| August. |  | 352 | 527 | 2.428 | 2,909 | 8, 018 | 6,761 | 4,627 | 8,892 | 5,631 |
| September |  | 528 | 564 | 2.454 | 1,987 | 8، 956 | 3,886 | 5.327 | 8,528 | 4.749 |
| October | 532 | 662 | 973 | 2,414 | 2.111 | 11,645 | 3,377 | 8,065 | 9,236 | - |
| November | 396 | 888 | 879 | 2,892 | 2,741 | 14,697 | 4.018 | 12,208 | 11,331 | - |
| December | 452 | 709 | 1,017 | 3,532 | 3,060 | 17,972 | 4.464 | 13,637 | 12.785 | - |

1. Prior to December 1951, this series was called "other claimants" comprising "short-time" and a very small number of "casual" claimants.

Basic Figures Used for Table 2, Prior to October 2, 1955


1. Figures for July to November 1952 refer to claimants involved in temparary mass lay-off, i.e, the lay-af involved 50 or more employees. Subsequent to November 1952, all claimants temporarily separated from employment were included, so long as there were prospects of resumption of former employment within 30 days.

Benefit Payments by Month, 1946-1955, Prior to October 2, 1955

|  |  | 1946 | 1947 | 1948 | 1949 | 1950 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Days compensated | 25,470,489 | 16, 536, 752 | 20,338, 912 | 30, 889, 540 | 39,321, 018 |
|  | Amount ..................................................... \$ | 51,084,807 | 32,039, 340 | 40,268,109 | 69,351, 039 | $94,500,207$ |
|  | Average daily rate ...................................... \$ | 2.01 | 1.94 | 1.98 | 2.25 | 2.39 |
| January | Days compensated | 2, 193,317 | 2,022,102 | 1,999,849 | 3,056,418 | 4,925,381 |
|  | Amount...................................................... \$ | 4, 493, 252 | 4,006,529 | 3.924,641 | 6,727, 221 | 11.781, 142 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 2.05 | 1.98 | 1.96 | 2.20 | 2.39 |
| February | Days compensated | 2,901,809 | 2,006,459 | 2,544,452 | 3,734,487 | 5,585,337 |
|  | Amount...................................................... \$ | 5,902,879 | 3,916,634 | 5, 017,492 | 8,158,903 | 13, 605, 340 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 2.03 | 1.95 | 1.97 | 2.18 | 2.44 |
| March | Days compensated | 3,461,900 | 2,304,914 | 3, 364,791 | 4,660,404 | 6, 466, 268 |
|  | Amount ...................................................... \$ | 7,205,264 | 4,479,875 | 6, 629, 826 | 10,399, 831 | 15, 747, 725 |
|  | Average daily pate ..................................... \$ | 2.08 | 1.94 | 1.97 | 2.23 | 2.44 |
| April | Days conpensated | 3,446, 271 | 1,943,793 | 2,631,964 | 3,400,443 | 4,670, 731 |
|  | Arnount...................................................... \$ | 7,011,579 | 3,780,749 | 5,178,519 | 7,605,824 | 11, 353, 188 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 2.03 | 1.95 | 1.97 | 2.24 | 2.43 |
| May | Days compensated | 2,719, 294 | 1,584,428 | 1,887, 287 | 2,474,080 | 4,004,678 |
|  | Ainount..................................................... \$ | 5, 221,870 | 3,072,952 | 3,666,566 | 5,511,135 | 9,586,658 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 1.92 | 1.94 | 1.94 | 2.23 | 2.39 |
| June | Days compensated | 2, 243,727 | 1,122,849 | 1,350,735 | 1,855,753 | 2,742,203 |
|  | Amount...................................................... \$ | 4,472,995 | 2, 153,537 | 2,599,716 | 4,113, 254 | 6, 378,926 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 1.99 | 1.92 | 1.92 | 2.22 | 2.33 |
| July | Days compensated | 1,670,652 | 1,018,204 | 1,070,339 | 1,525, 462 | 2,053,009 |
|  | Amount ...................................................... \$ | 3,304, 896 | 1.956, 722 | 2,082, 267 | 3, 371, 183 | 4, 726,614 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 1.98 | 1.92 | 1.95 | 2.21 | 2.30 |
| August | Days compensated | 1,448, 399 | 791,850 | 944,430 | 1,650,997 | 1.925,184 |
|  | Amount...................................................... \$ | 2,861, 278 | 1, 515,868 | 1,835,846 | 3,717,000 | 4,412,992 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 1.98 | 1.91 | 1.94 | 2.25 | 2.29 |
| September | Days compensated | 1,725,426 | 798,873 | 871,967 | 1,611,461 | 1,633, 140 |
|  | Amount ...................................................... \$ | 3,402,460 | 1,512,096 | 1,694,139 | 3,671,773 | 3, 843, 797 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 1.97 | 1.89 | 1.94 | 2.28 | 2.35 |
| October | Days compensated | 1,250,308 | 814,218 | 878,430 | 1,675, 017 | 1,540,670 |
|  | Amount..................................................... \$ | 2,463,677 | 1,544,185 | 1,763,559 | 3,845,541 | 3,570,904 |
|  | Average dally rate ..................................... \$ | 1.97 | 1.90 | 2.01 | 2.30 | 2.32 |
| November | Days compensated | 1,140,539 | 813,780 | 1, 106, 864 | 2,178,130 | 1,781,566 |
|  | Amount..................................................... \$ | 2, 236, 541 | 1,555,397 | 2, 283, 383 | 5, 048, 373 | 4, 184, 103 |
|  | Average dally rate ...................................... \$ | 1.96 | 1.91 | 2.06 | 2.32 | 2.35 |
| December | Days compensated | 1,268, 847 | 1, 315, 282 | 1,687,804 | 3,066,888 | 2, 192,851 |
|  | Amount ....................................................... \$ | 2, 508, 116 | 2, 544,796 | 3,592, 155 | 7, 181, 001 | 5, 308, 818 |
|  | Average daily rate .................................... \$ | 1.98 | 1.93 | 2.13 | 2.34 | 2.42 |

Benefit Payments by Month, 1946-1955, Prior to October 2, 1955 - Concluded

|  |  | 1951 | 1952 | 1953 | 1954 | 12 months ending Oct. 1, 1955 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total | Days compensated | 29,289,069 | 41,240,168 | 48,048, 097 | 72, 241,943 | 68, 986, 821 |
|  | Amount ..................................................... \$ | 72, 769, 192 | 114, 200,316 | 148, 751, 425 | 227,028,976 | 216, 74 7, 966 |
|  | Iverage daily rate .................................. \$ | 2.48 | 2.77 | 3.10 | 3.14 | 3.14 |
| January | Days compensated | 3,788,241 | 5,050, y71 | 628,881 | 7,563,898 | 8,219,567 |
|  | Anount ...................................................... \$ | 9,367, 276 | 13, 433, 917 | 17,502,303 | 23,947, 213 | 26, 149,803 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 2.47 | 2.67 | 3.11 | 3.17 | 3.18 |
| February | Days compensated | 3,853, 024 | 5,266, 024 | 5,918,651 | 8,391,990 | 8,939,252 |
|  | Amount ...................................................... \$ | 9,589, 561 | 14.162,612 | 18, 505, 590 | 26,675,431 | 28,576, 170 |
|  | Average daily rate .................................... \$ | 2.49 | 2.69 | 3.13 | 3.18 | 3. 20 |
| March | Days compensated | 4,192, 575 | 5, 537, 221 | 6,613,705 | 10, 127, 126 | 10,621,770 |
|  | Amount ........................................................ \$ | 10, 467, 147 | 14, 932, 190 | 20, 796, 825 | 32, 160, 928 | 33, 952,877 |
|  | Average daily rate ...................................... \$ | 2. 50 | 2.70 | 3.14 | 3.18 | 3.20 |
| April | Days compensated | 3,087,560 | 4.911,679 | 5, 225,796 | 7,997, 163 | 7,735,268 |
|  | Ainount ........................................................ \$ | 7,679, 160 | 13,253,537 | 16, 389, 294 | 25, 381,926 | 24,598,076 |
|  | A verage daily rate ..................................... \$ | 2.49 | 2. 70 | 3.14 | 3.17 | 3.18 |
| May | Days compensated | 2, 323, 200 | 3,875, 281 | 3.919, 260 | 6, 575, 003 | 6,302, 107 |
|  | Amount ....................................................... \$ | 5,660,433 | 10,374, 007 | $12,195,255$ | 20,709,106 | 19, 742,906 |
|  | Average daily rate .................................... \$ | 2.44 | 2.68 | 3.11 | 3.15 | 3.13 |
| June | Days compensated | 1,480,733 | 2,539,696 | 2,731,888 | 5,050,883 | 4, 113,157 |
|  | Ainount ..................................................... \$ | 3, 513, 733 | 6,726,957 | 8,408, 071 | 15, 702, 229 | 12,645,439 |
|  | Average daily rate .................................... \$ | 2.37 | 2.65 | 3.08 | 3.11 | 3.07 |
| July | Days compensated ................................... | 1,416,699 | 2, 311,062 | 2,383,-416 | 4, 157, 128 | 2,960,905 |
|  | Amount ...................................................... \$ | 3,427, 834 | 6,294, 669 | 7,148, 024 | 12,760,098 | 8,947,552 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 2.42 | 2.72 | 3.00 | 3.07 | 3.02 |
| August | Days compensated | 1,487, 111 | 2,150,173 | 2,138, 224 | 3,921,598 | 2,906,901 |
|  | Ainount ...................................................... \$ | 3,674,569 | $6,238,800$ | $6,408,827$ | 12,066, 717 | 8,727, 318 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 2.47 | 2.90 | 3.00 | 3.08 | 3.00 |
| Septernber | Days compensated | 1,378, 344 | 1,933,547 | 2, 230,702 | 3,974,847 | 2, 705,587 |
|  | Amount ....................................................... \$ | 3,456,965 | 5, 710, 886 | 6,739,427 | 12,397, 571 | 8,180,068 |
|  | Average daily rate ...................................... \$. | 2.51 | 2.95 | 3.02 | 3.12 | 3.02 |
| October | Days compensated | 1,567, 172 | 1,932,994 | 2, 506, 254 | 3,780,046 | 3,780,0461 |
|  | Ainount ......................................................... \$ | 3, 901,854 | 5,710,740 | 7,603,667 | 11, 779, 296 | 11,779,296 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 2.49 | 2.95 | 3.03 | 3.12 | 3.12 |
| Novernber | Days compensated | 2,033,423 | 2,158,920 | 3,337,519 | 4,512,055 | 4, 512,055 ${ }^{1}$ |
|  | Amount ....................................................... \$ | 5, 107,466 | 6, 435, 444 | 10, 172,035 | 14,020,255 | 14, 020, 255 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$ | 2.51 | 2.98 | 3.05 | 3.11 | 3.11 |
| December | Days compensated | 2,680,987 | 3,586,600 | 5,413,801 | 6, 190, 206 | 6,190,206 ${ }^{1}$ |
|  | Amount .................................................... \$ | 6, 923,194 | 10, 926, 557 | 16,882, 107 | 19, 428, 206 | 19, 428, 206 |
|  | Average daily rate ..................................... \$, | 2.58 | 3.05 | 3.12 | 3.14 | 3.14 |

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[^0]:    1. The major revision of the Act, passed in July 1955, came into operation only on October 2, 1955 and Its main repercussions on clatms and benefle experience were not apparent immediately. Essential differences in concepts under the two Acts are explained in the definitions contained in appendix 1.
[^1]:    - Initial claims considered for supplementary benefit are included in these two columns. Subsequent adjustments on these

[^2]:    1. These are examples only and do not constitute a complete summary of conditions under which claimants are disqualified which are covered under sections 59 66 of the Act.
